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## HADAMARD MATRICES OF COMPOSITE ORDERS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give a method for the constructions of Hadamard matrices of composite orders by using suitable  $T$ -matrices and known Hadamard matrices. We establish a formula for  $T$ -matrices and Hadamard matrices and discuss under what condition we can get  $T$ -matrices from the known Hadamard matrices.

### 1. Introduction

A  $(1, -1)$  matrix  $H$  of order  $n$  is called a Hadamard matrix if

$$HH^T = nI_n,$$

where  $H^T$  is the transpose of  $H$ ,  $I_n$  is the identity matrix of order  $n$ . It is well known that when  $n > 2$ , if  $H$  is a Hadamard matrix, then  $n$  must be divisible by 4. It is conjectured that the condition  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  is also sufficient for the existence of a Hadamard matrix of order  $n$ . But this problem is still open (see [3]).

Hadamard matrices can be constructed from Abelian Hadamard difference sets (see [1]), or Williamson matrices (see [4, 7]), or supplementary difference sets (see [5]).

Let  $E$  be a subset of an abelian group  $G$  of order  $t$ . Write

$$\chi_E(g) = 1 \text{ or } 0$$

according to  $g \in E$  or not. Denote  $I(E) = (e_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq t}$ , where

$$e_{i,j} = \chi_E(g_j g_i^{-1})$$

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and the elements of  $G$  are arranged for any order:  $g_1, \dots, g_t$ . We call  $I(E)$  is a matrix of type 1. If  $G = Z_t$  and the elements of  $G$  are arranged for natural order:  $0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ , then  $I(E)$  is circulant. When  $G = GF(t)$ , for  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , put

$$F = aE + b = \{ag + b : g \in E\} \text{ and } I(F) = (f_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq t},$$

where

$$f_{ij} = \chi_F(g_j g_i^{-1}),$$

then  $I(F)$  is of type 1 too.

Obviously, the following facts are true:

- (1) If a matrix  $A$  is of type 1, so is  $A^T$ .
- (2) If the matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are of type 1, then  $A + B$  and  $A - B$  are of type 1.
- (3) If matrices  $A$  and  $B$  are of type 1, then  $AB = BA$ , i.e., they are commutative.

Four circulant or type 1  $(0, \pm 1)$  matrices  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  of order  $t$  are called  $T$ -matrices if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $T_i * T_j = 0$ , for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$ ,  $i \neq j$ ,
- (2)  $\sum_{i=1}^4 T_i T_i^T = tI_t$ ,

where  $*$  denotes Hadamard product.

$T$ -matrices play a significant role in constructing a Hadamard matrix of composite order (See [6, 10, 11, 12]). There is another conjecture: there exist  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$  for all integer  $t > 0$ .

Let  $G$  be an Abelian group of order  $t$ . It is convenient to use the group ring  $Z[G]$  of the group  $G$  over the ring  $Z$  of rational integers with the addition and multiplication. Here the elements of  $Z[G]$  are of the form

$$a_1 g_1 + a_2 g_2 + \dots + a_t g_t, \quad a_i \in Z, \quad g_i \in G, \quad 1 \leq i \leq t.$$

In  $Z[G]$ , the addition  $+$  is defined by

$$\left(\sum_g a(g)g\right) + \left(\sum_g b(g)g\right) = \sum_g (a(g) + b(g))g.$$

The multiplication in  $Z[G]$  is defined by

$$\left(\sum_g a(g)g\right)\left(\sum_h b(h)h\right) = \sum_k \left(\sum_{gh=k} a(g)b(h)\right)k.$$

For any subset  $A$  of  $G$ , we define an element by

$$A = \sum_{g \in A} g \in Z[G].$$

From [6] we know that if subsets  $F_1, \dots, F_8$  of  $G$  form a  $C$ -partition of  $G$ , i.e.,

$$F_i \cap F_j = \phi \text{ for } i \neq j, \quad \cup_{i=1}^8 F_i = G,$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^8 F_i F_i^{-1} - \sum_{j=1}^4 (F_j F_{j+4}^{-1} + F_{j+4} F_j^{-1}) = t.$$

Then there are  $T$ -matrices  $T_1, \dots, T_4$  of order  $t$  with

$$T_i = I(F_i) - I(F_{i+4}), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Instead of  $F_1, \dots, F_8$ , we consider

$$Q_i = F_i - F_{i+4}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

$T_i$  is called the incidence matrix of  $Q_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Thus  $T_1, \dots, T_4$  are  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$  if and only if  $\sum_{i=1}^4 Q_i Q_i^{-1} = t$ . From this point of view the problem “looking for  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$ ” becomes another equivalent problem “looking for  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^4 Q_i Q_i^{-1} = t$ ”. If  $G$  is a finite field of order  $t$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^4 Q_i Q_i^{-1} = t$  if and only if  $\sum_{i=1}^4 R_i R_i^{-1} = t$  for any  $a, b \in G$  and  $a \neq 0$ , where  $R_i = aQ_i + b = \{ag + b : g \in Q_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

## 2. Main results

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  be  $T$ -matrices, if

$$(T_1 + T_2) * (T_3 + T_4)^T = 0,$$

we call the matrices are strongly disjoint.

Let  $T_i$  be the incidence matrix of  $Q_i$ . Write

$$S(Q_i) = \{g : g \in Q_i\}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Then  $T_1, \dots, T_4$  are strongly disjoint if and only if

$$S(Q_1) \cup S(Q_2) = S(Q_1)^{-1} \cup S(Q_2)^{-1}.$$

In other words,  $T_1, \dots, T_4$  are strongly disjoint if and only if  $S(Q_1) \cup S(Q_2)$  is symmetric. If  $G = Z_t$ , then  $T_1, \dots, T_4$  are strongly disjoint if and only if  $k(S(Q_1) \cup S(Q_2))$  is symmetric for every  $k \in G$  and  $k \neq 0$ , if  $G = Z_t$  provided the greatest common divisor  $(k, t) = 1$ , where  $kS = \{kg : g \in S\}$ . In [11] we proved that if there exist base sequences of lengths  $m + p, m + p, m, m$  ( $p$  odd), then there exist strongly disjoint  $T$ -matrices of order  $2m + p$ . For  $t = 73, 79, 113$ , using cyclotomic classes we constructed strongly disjoint  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$ . Thus, there exist strongly disjoint  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$  for  $t \in S_1$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \{2m + 1 : 0 < m < 36\} \cup \{6m - 1 : 12 < m < 19\} \\ &\cup \{2^i 10^j 26^k + 1 : i, j, k \geq 0\} \cup \{73, 79, 113\}. \end{aligned}$$

(see [2] for the details of base sequences.)

**Example 2.2.** In  $G = Z_{19}$  let  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  be as follows:

$$0, \quad \{0\}, \quad \{1, 2, 3, 7, 11, 14\} - \{4, 6, 9\}, \quad \{8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18\} - \{5, 16, 17\}.$$

It is easy to see that they are strongly disjoint matrices of order 19.

**Definition 2.3.** If  $T$ -matrices  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  satisfy

$$T_1T_4 - T_2T_3 = (T_1T_4 - T_2T_3)^T,$$

we call they are suitable  $T$ -matrices.

Suitable  $T$ -matrices can be used to construct weighing matrices [8], orthogonal designs [9] and Hadamard matrices [11]. Similarly, if  $G = Z_t$ , we have  $T_1, \dots, T_4$  are suitable if and only if  $k(Q_1Q_4 - Q_2Q_3)$  is symmetric for every  $k$  provided the greatest common divisor  $(k, t) = 1$ .

**Example 2.4.** In  $G = Z_{11}$ , let  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  be as follows:

$$\{0, 1\} - \{3, 7\}, \{2\}, \{4, 5, 8, 10\} - \{9\}, \{6\}.$$

It is easy to verify that the corresponding incidence matrices are suitable [10]. But clearly, they are not strongly disjoint. Now take  $R_i = Q_i + 4, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , we have

$$\{4, 5\} - \{0, 7\}, \{6\}, \{1, 3, 8, 9\} - \{2\}, \{10\}.$$

The quadruple above is strongly disjoint.

Example 2.4 shows that the “strongly disjoint” may be obtained from “suitable” by adding some appropriate element of  $G$ .

**Example 2.5.** In  $G = Z_{11}$ , let  $Q_1, \dots, Q_4$  be the follows:

$$\{0, 1, 2\}, \{3, 9\} - \{8\}, \{6\}, \{4, 7\} - \{5, 10\}.$$

It is easy to verify that they are suitable but not strongly disjoint by adding any number to  $Q$ 's.

From [10, 11] we know that there are suitable  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$  for  $t \in S_2$ , where

$$S_2 = \{2m + 1 : 0 < m < 13, m \neq 11\}.$$

(see appendix for suitable  $T$ -matrices). Without proof, we quote the following theorem from [11].

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $T$ -matrices  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4$  of order  $t_1$  be strongly disjoint and  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$  be suitable  $T$ -matrices of order  $t_2$ , set

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= A_1 \otimes B_1 + A_2^T \otimes B_2 + A_3 \otimes B_3^T + A_4^T \otimes B_4^T, \\ C_2 &= A_1 \otimes B_3 + A_2^T \otimes B_4 - A_3 \otimes B_1^T - A_4^T \otimes B_2^T, \\ C_3 &= A_2 \otimes B_1 - A_1^T \otimes B_2 - A_4 \otimes B_3^T + A_3^T \otimes B_4^T, \\ C_4 &= A_2 \otimes B_3 - A_1^T \otimes B_4 + A_4 \otimes B_1^T - A_3^T \otimes B_2^T, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\otimes$  denotes Kronecker product. Then  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4$  are  $T$ -matrices of order  $t_1t_2$ .

**Example 2.7.** Let  $t_1 = 3, t_2 = 5$ .

$$0, \{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}$$

and

$$0, \{0, 1\}, \{2\}, \{3\} - \{4\}$$

are  $Q$ 's corresponding strongly disjoint  $T$ -matrices of order 3 and the corresponding suitable  $T$ -matrices of order 5 respectively [10]. From (2.1) we get  $Q$ 's in  $Z_{15}$  as follows:

$$\{0, 6, 7, 13\} - \{1\}, \quad \{3\} - \{4, 9, 10\}, \quad \{2\} - \{8, 11\}, \quad \{12\} - \{5, 14\}.$$

The resulting  $Q$ 's will give us  $T$ -matrices of order 15.

**Remark 2.8.** Let us recall the construction of composite Hadamard matrices. If there are  $T$ -matrices  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  of order  $t$  and  $(1, -1)$  amicable set of matrices  $A_1, \dots, A_4$  of order  $m$  (type 1), i.e.,

$$A_1 A_2^T - A_3 A_4^T = (A_1 A_2^T - A_3 A_4^T)^T,$$

such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 A_i A_i^T = 4mI_m,$$

then there is a Hadamard matrix of order  $4tm$  with the components

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= T_1 \otimes A_1 + T_2 \otimes A_2 + T_3 \otimes A_3^T + T_4 \otimes A_4^T, \\ B_2 &= T_1 \otimes A_2 - T_2 \otimes A_1 + T_3 \otimes A_4^T - T_4 \otimes A_3^T, \\ B_3 &= T_1 \otimes A_3 - T_2 \otimes A_4 - T_3 \otimes A_1^T + T_4 \otimes A_2^T, \\ B_4 &= T_1 \otimes A_4 + T_2 \otimes A_3 - T_3 \otimes A_2^T - T_4 \otimes A_1^T, \end{aligned}$$

suitable for use in Goethals-Seidel array. (see Seberry and Yamada [3]).

**Theorem 2.9.** Suppose  $A, B, C, D$  are commutative and symmetric  $(1, -1)$  matrices of order  $n$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad A^2 + B^2 + C^2 + D^2 = 4nI_n, \quad AB + CD = 0.$$

Let  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  be suitable  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$ . Then there is a Hadamard matrix of order  $4ntr$ , where  $r$  is an order of  $T$ -matrices.

*Proof.* Put

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= T_1 \otimes A + T_2 \otimes C - T_3 \otimes D + T_4 \otimes B, \\ W_2 &= T_1 \otimes B + T_2 \otimes D - T_3 \otimes C + T_4 \otimes A, \\ W_3 &= T_1 \otimes C - T_2 \otimes A + T_3 \otimes B + T_4 \otimes D, \\ W_4 &= T_1 \otimes D - T_2 \otimes B + T_3 \otimes A + T_4 \otimes C. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that  $W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4$  are commuting  $(1, -1)$  matrices and satisfy

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 W_i W_i^T = 4ntI_{nt}.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 W_2 + W_3 W_4 &= (T_1^2 + T_2^2 + T_3^2 + T_4^2) \otimes (AB + CD) + 4n(T_1 T_4 - T_2 T_3) \otimes I_n \\ &= 4n(T_1 T_4 - T_2 T_3) \otimes I_n. \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$(2.3) \quad H = (H_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4} = \begin{pmatrix} W_1 & W_2^T & W_3 & W_4^T \\ -W_2^T & W_1 & -W_4^T & W_3 \\ -W_3^T & W_4 & W_1^T & -W_2 \\ -W_4 & W_3^T & W_2 & W_1^T \end{pmatrix}.$$

We have

$$\sum_{k=1}^4 H_{ik} H_{jk}^T = \delta_{ij} 4nt I_{nt},$$

where  $\delta_{ij} = 0$  or  $1$  according to  $i \neq j$  or  $i = j$ . Hence  $H$  is a Hadamard matrix of order  $4nt$  with 16 commuting blocks of size  $nt \otimes nt$ . Let  $K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4$  be  $T$ -matrices of order  $r$ . Take

$$M_i = \sum_{j=1}^4 K_j \otimes H_{ij}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 M_i M_i^T = 4ntr I_{ntr}.$$

Note that  $M_1, \dots, M_4$  are all of type 1. Using Goethals-Seidel array, we can form a Hadamard matrix of order  $4ntr$ . The proof is complete. □

In (2.3) we write

$$K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} W_1 & W_2^T \\ -W_2^T & W_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} W_3 & W_4^T \\ -W_4^T & W_3 \end{pmatrix},$$

then the Hadamard matrix of order  $4nt$  has the following form:

$$(2.4) \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ -K_2^T & K_1^T \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Corollary 2.10.** *There is a Hadamard matrix of order  $4tn$  with form (2.4) for  $n \in S$  and  $t \in S_2$ , where*

$$S = \{9^a m^4 : a = 0 \text{ or } 1, m \text{ integer}\},$$

(see [1, 4, 7] for the details of  $S$ ).

**Corollary 2.11.** *There exists a Hadamard matrix of order  $4nqt^2$  for  $n \in S, q \in S_1, t \in S_2$ .*

In Theorem 2.9 we deal with  $t$  and  $qt$  instead of  $t$  and  $r$ , respectively.

**Corollary 2.12.** *If there exist both strongly disjoint  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$ , and suitable  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$ , then there exists a Hadamard matrix of order  $4nt^b$  for  $n \in S$  and integer  $b \geq 0$ . Especially, there is a Hadamard matrix of order  $4n3^a t^b$  for  $a \geq 0, b \geq 0, n \in S$ , and  $t = 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $n3^{2m} t^{4k} \in S$ , for any integer  $m \geq 0, k \geq 0$ , it is enough to consider the case  $a = 0, 1$  and  $b = 1, 2, 3$ . From Theorem 2.9 the conclusion of the first part of the corollary follows. Since there are suitable and strongly disjoint  $T$ -matrices of corresponding orders, the statement of the rest of the Corollary holds too. □

**Corollary 2.13.** *There exists a Hadamard matrix of order  $4ntv$  for  $n \in S$ ,  $t \in S_2$ ,  $v \in S_3$ , where*

$$S_3 = \{q^2 : q \text{ prime power } \equiv 3 \pmod{8}\}.$$

(see [6] for the details of  $S_3$ ).

Note that if a quadruple of  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$  for  $t$  odd is suitable, it is not strongly disjoint. Conversely, if it is strongly disjoint, it can not be suitable. (see [12] for the proof).

**Remark 2.14.** *For any odd integer  $v$  there is a factorization:*

$$\begin{aligned} v &= pq^2u, \\ p &= p_1p_2 \cdots p_k, \\ q &= q_1q_2 \cdots q_l, \\ u &= 9^am^4, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_i, q_j$  are odd primes,  $q_j > 3$ ,  $a = 0$  or  $1$ ,  $m$  integer. If we have strongly disjoint  $T$ -matrices of order  $p$  and suitable  $T$ -matrices of order  $q$ , from theorem above we can construct a Hadamard matrix of order  $v$ . So, it is enough to deal with the case that the order  $t$  is a product of finite distinct primes.

It is known there are special Williamson matrices of order  $n$  for  $n \in S$  that satisfying

$$(2.5) \quad AB + CD = AC + BD = AD + BC = 0.$$

Naturally, there is a question: Are there exist 4 symmetric  $(1, -1)$  matrices of order  $n$ , satisfying (2.2) only, but not (2.5)?

Let  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  be  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$ . Put

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} W_1 &= T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + T_4, \\ W_2 &= T_1 - T_2 - T_3 + T_4, \\ W_3 &= T_1 - T_2 + T_3 - T_4, \\ W_4 &= -T_1 - T_2 + T_3 + T_4. \end{aligned}$$

$W_1, W_2, W_3$  and  $W_4$  are commuting  $(1, -1)$  matrices and satisfy

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{i=1}^4 W_i W_i^T = 4tI_t.$$

Moreover,

$$(2.8) \quad W_1 W_2 + W_3 W_4 = 4(T_1 T_4 - T_2 T_3),$$

$$(2.9) \quad W_1 * W_2 * W_3 * W_4 = -J,$$

where  $J$  is a matrix of order  $t$  with all entries 1. From (2.6) it follows that

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} T_1 &= \frac{W_1 + W_2 + W_3 - W_4}{4}, \\ T_2 &= \frac{W_1 - W_2 - W_3 - W_4}{4}, \\ T_3 &= \frac{W_1 - W_2 + W_3 + W_4}{4}, \\ T_4 &= \frac{W_1 + W_2 - W_3 + W_4}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.15.** Suppose  $W_1, W_2, W_3, W_4$  are circulant or type 1  $(1, -1)$  matrices of order  $t$ , satisfying (2.7) and (2.9). Then  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  obtained from (2.10) are  $T$ -matrices of order  $t$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to know that  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$  are  $(0, \pm 1)$  matrices of order  $t$ . Let  $\{i, j, k, l\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . We have

$$(W_i * W_j + W_k * W_l) * (W_i * W_j + W_k * W_l) = J - J - J + J = 0,$$

so,

$$W_i * W_j + W_k * W_l = 0.$$

Since

$$T_1 * T_2 = -\frac{W_1 * W_4 + W_2 * W_3}{8} = 0 = -T_3 * T_4,$$

$$T_1 * T_3 = \frac{W_1 * W_3 + W_2 * W_4}{8} = 0 = -T_2 * T_4,$$

$$T_1 * T_4 = \frac{W_1 * W_2 + W_3 * W_4}{8} = 0 = -T_2 * T_3.$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 T_i T_i^T = tI_t.$$

The proof is complete. □

Obviously, (2.8) holds by (2.10). Thus we establish the relationship between  $T$ -matrices and some components that satisfying (2.9) of Goethals-Seidel type Hadamard matrix by (2.10).

**Corollary 2.16.** The assumptions are as in Theorem 2.15.  $T_1 T_4 - T_2 T_3$  is symmetric if and only if  $W_1 W_2 + W_3 W_4$  is symmetric too.

**Example 2.17.** In  $Z_7$ , the first rows of  $W$ 's are as follows:

$$- - + + + + +, \quad - - - + - - +, \quad - - - - - + +, \quad + + - + - + - ,$$

where  $+, -$  denote  $1, -1$ , respectively. It is easy to verify that

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 W_i W_i^T = 28I_7 \text{ and } W_1 * W_2 * W_3 * W_4 = -J.$$

From (2.10) we get 4 matrices, say  $T_1, T_2, T_3$  and  $T_4$ , their first rows are as follows:

$$- - 0000+, \quad 00 + 0 + 00, \quad 00000 + 0, \quad 000 + 000.$$

It is easy to verify that they are suitable  $T$ -matrices of order 7.

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### Appendix

A list of suitable  $T$ -matrices are listed below. We write  $Q$ 's in the order:  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$ , and assume that  $G$  is the set of all residues modulo  $t$ , except 25.

$n$	$Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$	References
$3 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$	$\{0\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, 0.$	[10]
$5 = 2^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2$	$0, \{0, 1\}, \{2\}, \{3\} - \{4\}.$	[10]
$7 = 2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2$	$\{6\} - \{0, 1\}, \{2, 4\}, \{5\}, \{3\}.$	[10]
$9 = 3^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2$	$0, \{0\} - \{1\}, \{2\} - \{6\}, \{3, 4, 5, 8\} - \{7\}.$	[11]
$9 = 2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$	$0, \{0, 1\}, \{2, 6\}, \{3, 5\} - \{4, 7, 8\}.$	[10]
$11 = 3^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$	$\{0, 1, 2\}, \{3, 9\} - \{8\}, \{6\}, \{4, 7\} - \{5, 10\}.$ $\{0, 1\} - \{2, 7\}, \{6, 9\} - \{3\}, \{4, 8, 10\}, \{5\}.$ $\{0, 1\} - \{3, 7\}, \{2\}, \{4, 5, 8, 10\} - \{9\}, \{6\}.$	[10]
$13 = 3^2 + 2^2 + 0^2 + 0^2$	$0, \{0\} - E_0, E_3, E_1 - E_2$ , where $E_i = \{2^{4j+i} : j = 0, 1, 2\}, i = 0, 1, 2, 3.$ $0, \{0, 1, 2, 12\} - \{3, 11\}, \{4, 6, 8\}, \{5, 9\} - \{7, 10\}.$ $\{0\} - \{1\}, \{2, 9\}, \{5, 6, 7, 10\} - \{12\}, \{3, 8\} - \{4, 11\}.$ $\{0, 1, 6\}, \{3, 10\} - \{9, 12\}, \{4, 8\}, \{5, 7\} - \{2, 11\}.$	[10]
$13 = 2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2 + 1^2$	$\{0, 1\}, \{2, 7\}, \{8, 9\} - \{12\}, \{4, 11\} - \{3, 5, 6, 10\}.$ $\{0, 1\}, \{4, 9\} - \{11\}, \{6, 10, 12\} - \{5\}, \{2, 3, 8\} - \{7\}.$ $\{0, 1\} - \{3\}, \{5, 9, 11\} - \{10\}, \{7, 8\}, \{2, 4, 12\} - \{6\}.$ $\{0, 1, 4\} - \{6\}, \{2, 12\} - \{9\}, \{5, 11\}, \{3, 8, 10\} - \{7\}.$ $\{0, 1, 5\} - \{7, 10\}, \{2, 8\}, \{4, 6, 12\} - \{11\}, \{3, 9\}.$ $\{0, 1, 6\} - \{2\}, \{3\} - \{7, 9, 11\}, \{5, 12\}, \{4, 8\} - \{10\}.$ $\{0, 1, 12\} - \{2\}, \{5, 9\}, \{6, 11\} - \{10\}, \{4, 7, 8\} - \{3\}.$ $\{0, 1, 3, 9\} - \{10, 11\}, \{2, 12\}, \{4, 5\}, \{7\} - \{6, 8\}.$ $\{0, 1, 5, 8\} - \{4, 6\}, \{7, 11\} - \{12\}, \{9, 10\}, \{2, 3\}.$	[11]
$15 = 3^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2$	$\{0, 3\} - \{4, 9, 10, 12, 13\}, \{1, 5\}, \{2, 7\} - \{6\}, \{8, 14\} - \{11\}.$ $\{0, 1, 2\} - \{6\}, \{3, 8, 9, 14\} - \{10\}, \{4\} - \{5, 13\}, \{7, 11\} - \{12\}.$ $\{0, 1, 5\} - \{10\}, \{2, 7, 8, 13\} - \{4, 12, 14\}, \{3, 6, 9\}, \{11\}.$ $\{0, 1, 3, 10\} - \{6, 9, 13\}, \{4, 14\} - \{12\}, \{5, 7\}, \{2, 8, 11\}.$ $\{0, 1, 6, 13\} - \{5\}, \{2, 3, 10, 12\} - \{4, 8\}, \{9\}, \{14\} - \{7, 11\}.$ $\{0, 1, 6, 13\} - \{3, 7, 9\}, \{2, 10\} - \{12\}, -4, 14\}, \{5, 8, 11\}.$ $\{0, 1, 3, 7, 13\} - \{6, 9\}, \{2, 10\} - \{12\}, \{4, 14\}, \{5, 11\} - \{8\}.$	[10]
$17 = 4^2 + 1^2 + 0^2 + 0^2$	$\{0, 1\} - \{3, 7, 11, 13, 14, 16\}, \{2, 15\} - \{6, 10\}, \{4, 9\} - \{5\}, \{12\} - \{8\}.$ $\{0, 1, 8\} - \{9, 10, 14\}, \{2, 14\} - \{5, 7\}, \{11\} - \{13, 16\}, \{3, 6, 12, 15\}.$ $\{0, 1, 3, 4, 11\} - \{8\}, \{2, 7\} - \{5, 9\}, \{12, 13, 15\} - \{6, 14, 16\}, \{10\}.$ $\{0, 1, 3, 4, 11\} - \{8\}, \{2, 7, 16\} - \{5, 6, 10\}, \{14\} - \{9, 15\}, \{12\} - \{13\}.$	[11]
$17 = 3^2 + 2^2 + 2^2 + 0^2$	$0, \{2, 6, 12\} - \{7\}, \{5, 8, 9, 13, 14\} - \{10, 16\}, \{0, 1, 3, 15\} - \{4, 11\}.$ $\{0, 1, 2\} - \{7\}, \{3\} - \{4, 12, 15\}, \{5, 6, 16\}, \{8, 11, 13\} - \{9, 10, 14\}.$ $\{0, 1, 3\} - \{5\}, \{2, 8\} - \{9, 13\}, \{4, 11, 12, 16\} - \{7\}, \{6, 10, 15\} - \{14\}.$ $\{0, 1, 5\} - \{14\}, \{2, 6, 7, 8, 11\} - \{3, 13\}, \{9\} - \{10\}, \{4, 12, 15\} - \{16\}.$	[11]
$19 = 3^2 + 3^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$	$\{0\}, E_0, E_1 - E_3, E_2 + E_5 - E_4$ , where $E_i = \{2^{6j+i} : j = 0, 1, 2\}, i = 0, \dots, 5.$ $\{0, 1, 2, 9, 16\} - \{4, 10\}, \{3, 13\} - \{15, 17\}, \{7, 14, 18\} - \{6, 11\}, \{5, 8, 12\}.$	[11]
$19 = 4^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2$	$\{0, 1, 3, 7, 12\} - \{4\}, \{5, 11\} - \{10, 15, 18\}, \{6, 16\} - \{14\}, \{2, 13, 17\} - \{8, 9\}.$	[11]
$21 = 4^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$	$0, \{0, 1, 2, 5\} - \{19, 20\}, \{6, 8, 10\} - \{7, 12\}, \{3, 9, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18\} - \{4, 11, 14\}.$	[11]
$25 = 5^2 + 0^2 + 0^2 + 0^2$	$0, \{0\} - E_0 - E_1, E_3 - E_6, E_2 + E_4 - E_5 - E_7$ , where $E_i = \{g^{8j+i} : j = 0, 1, 2\}, i = 0, \dots, 7, g = x + 1 \pmod{x^2 - 3, \text{mod } 5}.$	[11]

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