

# Construct pooling designs from Hermitian forms graphs

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## $b$ -disjunct matrix

**Definition 0.1.** An  $n \times t$  matrix  $M$  over  $\{0, 1\}$  is  $b$ -disjunct if  $b < t$  and for any one column  $j$  and any other  $b$  columns  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_b$ , there exists a row  $i$  such that  $M_{ij} = 1$  and  $M_{ij_s} = 0$  for  $s = 1, 2, \dots, b$ .

**Example 0.2.** A 2-disjunct matrix  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

# Relation to Pooling Design

A  $4 \times 6$  1-disjunct matrix to detect the infected item **C** from  $\{A, B, \mathbf{C}, D, E, F\}$  :

Tests/Items	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<b>C</b>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>		Output
One	1	1	1	0	0	0	→	1
Two	1	0	0	1	1	0	→	0
Three	0	1	0	1	0	1	→	0
Four	0	0	1	0	1	1	→	1

## Relation to Pooling Design (conti.)

If the size of defected items at most  $b$ , then a  $b$ -disjunct matrix works for finding the defected items.

Why?

**Reason 1.** All the subsets of the set of items with size at most  $b$  have different outputs.

**Reason 2.** The tests with  $0$  outputs determine all the non-infected items.

**Reason 3.** The infected columns of are exactly those columns contained in the output vector (view vectors as subsets of  $[n]$ ).

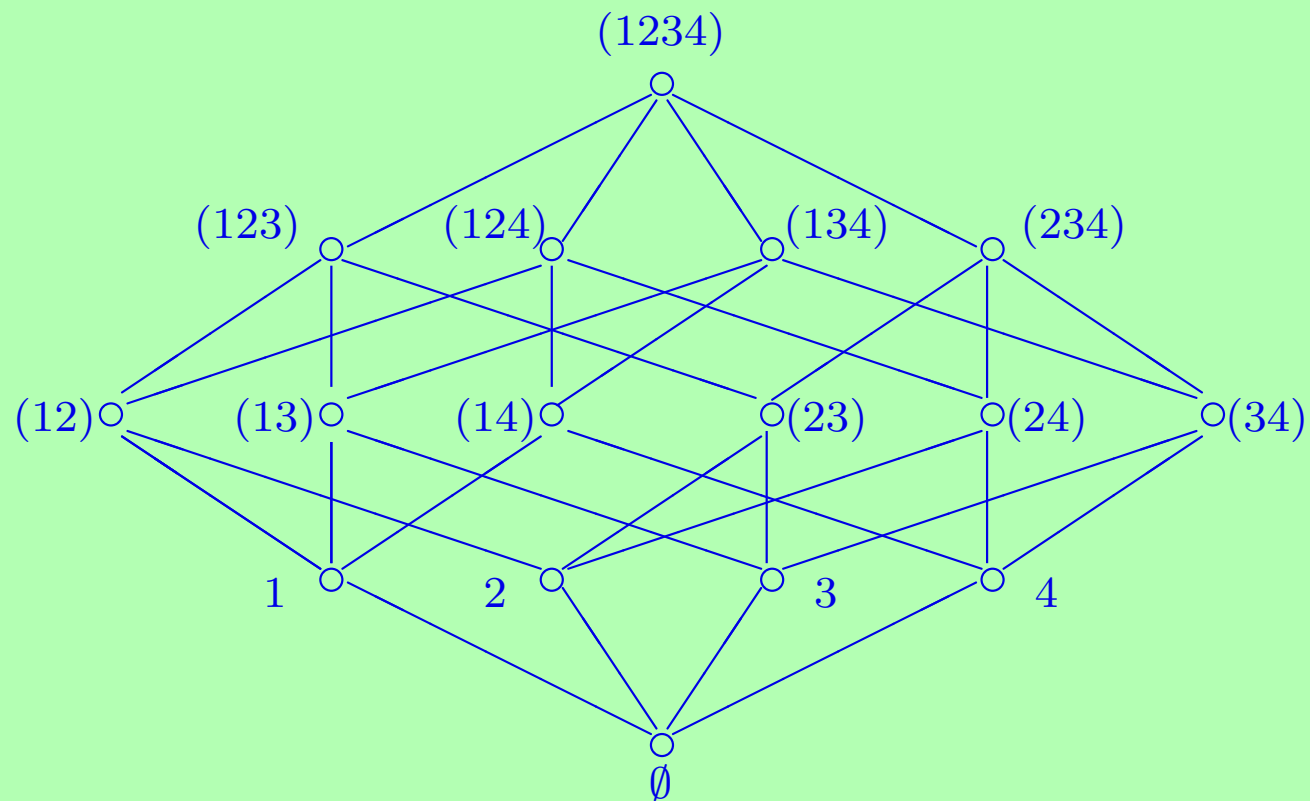
## Construct $b$ -disjunct matrices

**Theorem 0.3.** (Macula 1996) Let  $[m] := \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .

The incident matrix  $W_{bk}$  of  $b$ -subsets and  $k$ -subsets of  $[m]$

is an  $\binom{m}{b} \times \binom{m}{k}$   $b$ -disjunct matrix.

The subsets of  $[m]$  when  $m = 4$



$W_{1,2}$  when  $m = 4$

$\frac{2\text{-subsets}}{1\text{-subsets}}$	(12)	(13)	(14)	(23)	(24)	(34)
(1)	1	1	1	0	0	0
(2)	1	0	0	1	1	0
(3)	0	1	0	1	0	1
(4)	0	0	1	0	1	1

## $(b; d)$ -disjunct matrix

**Definition 0.4.** An  $n \times t$  matrix  $M$  over  $\{0, 1\}$  is  $(b; d)$ -disjunct if  $b < t$  and for any one column  $j$  and any other  $b$  columns  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_b$ , there exist  $d$  rows  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_d$  such that  $M_{i_u j} = 1$  and  $M_{i_u j_v} = 0$  for  $u = 1, 2, \dots, d$  and  $v = 1, 2, \dots, b$ .

A  $(b; d)$ -disjunct matrix can be used to construct a pooling design that can find the set of defected item of size at most  $b$  with  $\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$  errors allowed in the output.



## Example of $(b; d)$ -disjunct matrix

**Theorem 0.5.** *(Huang and Weng 2004) Macula's  $b$ -disjunct matrix  $W_{bk}$  is  $(b - 1; k - b + 1)$ -disjunct.*

# Posets

**Definition 0.6.** A poset  $P$  is **ranked** if there exists a function  $\text{rank} : P \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  such that for all elements  $x, y \in P$ ,

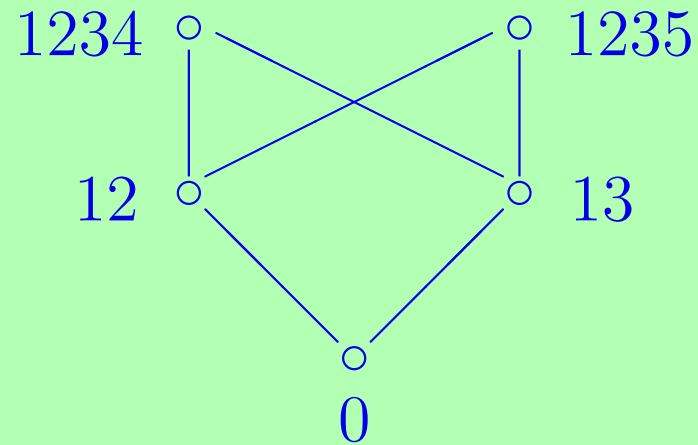
$$y \text{ covers } x \Rightarrow \text{rank}(x) - \text{rank}(y) = 1.$$

Let  $P_i$  denote the elements of rank  $i$  in  $P$ .  $P$  is **atomic** if each elements  $w$  is the least upper bound of the set  $P_1 \cap \{y \leq w \mid y \in P\}$ .

# Pooling Spaces

**Definition 0.7.** (Huang and Weng 2004) A **pooling space** is a ranked poset  $P$  that for each element  $w \in P$  the subposet induced on  $w^+ := \{y \geq w \mid y \in P\}$  is atomic.

# A Nonexample of Pooling Spaces



Every interval in  $P$  is atomic, but  $P$  is not a pooling space.

## $b$ -Disjunct Matrices in Pooling Spaces

**Theorem 0.8.** *(Huang and Weng 2004) Let  $P$  be a pooling space. Then the incident matrix  $M_{bk}$  of rank  $b$  elements  $P_b$  and rank  $k$  elements  $P_k$  is a  $b$ -disjunct matrix. In fact,  $M_{bk}$  is  $(b'; d_{b'})$ -disjunct matrix for some large integer  $d_{b'}$  depending on  $b' \leq b$  and  $P$ . (We can reduce the disjunct value  $b$  to increase the error-correctable value  $d$ )*

# Examples of Pooling Spaces

Hamming matroids, the attenuated spaces, quadratic polar spaces, alternating polar spaces, quadratic polar spaces (two types), Hermitian polar spaces (two types). These are called **quantum matroids**. More generally, projective and affine geometries, contraction lattices of a graph are also pooling spaces. All these are called **geometric lattices**.

# Hermitian Forms Graphs

Let  $q$  denote a prime power, and let  $H$  denote the set of  $D \times D$  Hermitian matrices over the field  $GF(q^2)$ . The **Hermitian forms graph**  $Her_q(D) = (X, R)$  is the graph with vertex set  $X = H$  and vertices  $x, y \in R$  iff  $\text{rk}(x - y) = 1$  for  $x, y \in X$ .

# Properties

It is well known that  $Her_q(D)$  is distance-regular with diameter  $D$  and intersection numbers

$$c_i = \frac{q^{i-1}(q^i - (-1)^i)}{q + 1},$$
$$b_i = \frac{q^{2D} - q^{2i}}{q + 1}$$

for  $0 \leq i \leq D$ . Note that

$$|X| = |H| = q^{D^2}.$$



# Many Hermitian Forms Graphs

Let  $\Gamma = (X, R)$  be the Hermitian forms graph  $Her_q(D)$ .

Then for two vertices  $x, y \in X$  with distance  $t$ , there exists a subgraph  $\Delta(x, y)$  such that  $\Delta(x, y)$  is isomorphic to the Hermitian forms graph  $Her_q(t)$ .

## The Poset $P$

Fix a Hermitian forms graph  $\Gamma = Her_q(D)$ , and let  $P = P(Her_q(D))$  denote the poset consisting of  $\Delta(x, y)$  for any  $x, y \in X$ , and  $\Delta \leq \Delta'$  in  $P$  iff  $\Delta \supseteq \Delta'$  for  $\Delta, \Delta' \in P$ . Note that  $\Delta$  is isomorphic to  $Her_q(t)$  iff  $\Delta$  had rank  $D - t$  for  $\Delta \in P$ .

# The Binary Matrix $M_q(D, k, r)$

Let  $P_r$  and  $P_k$  denote the rank  $r$  elements and rank  $k$  elements of  $P = P(\text{Her}_q(D))$ .

Let  $M = M_q(D, k, r)$  denote the incidence matrix of  $P_r$  and  $P_k$ , i.e.  $M$  is a binary matrix with rows and columns indexed by  $P_r$  and  $P_k$  respectively such that

$$M_{\Omega\Delta} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \Omega \not\leq \Delta, \text{ (i.e. } \Delta \not\subseteq \Omega); \\ 1, & \text{if } \Omega \leq \Delta, \text{ (i.e. } \Delta \subseteq \Omega). \end{cases}$$

# Main Result

Suppose  $k - r \geq 2$  and set  $p := \frac{q^2(q^{2k-2} - 1)}{q^{2k-2r} - 1} + 1$ . Then  $M_q(D, k, r)$  is  $(b; d)$ -disjunct of size

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \\ r \end{bmatrix}_{q^2} q^{r(2D-r)} \times \begin{bmatrix} D \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q^2} q^{k(2D-k)},$$

for any  $1 \leq b < p$  and

$$d = q^{2k-2r} \begin{bmatrix} k-1 \\ r-1 \end{bmatrix}_{q^2} - (b-1)q^{2k-2r-2} \begin{bmatrix} k-2 \\ r-1 \end{bmatrix}_{q^2}.$$

## A Special Case

Suppose  $D \geq k \geq 2$ . Then  $M_q(D, k, 1)$  is  $(q^2; q^{2k-4})$ -disjunct matrix of size

$$\begin{bmatrix} D \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{q^2} q^{(2D-1)} \times \begin{bmatrix} D \\ k \end{bmatrix}_{q^2} q^{k(2D-k)}.$$

# The Transpose of $M_q(D, k, r)$

Suppose  $k - r \geq 2$ . Then the transpose of  $M_q(D, k, r)$  is  $(b; d)$ -disjunct of size

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} D \\ k \end{array} \right]_{q^2}^{q^{k(2D-k)}} \times \left[ \begin{array}{c} D \\ r \end{array} \right]_{q^2}^{q^{r(2D-r)}},$$

where  $b, d$  are defined in the next page.

# The Transpose of $M_q(D, k, r)$ (conti.)

$b$  is any positive integer such that

$$d = q^{(k-r)(2D-k-r)} \begin{bmatrix} D - r \\ k - r \end{bmatrix}_{q^2} \\ -bq^{(k-r-1)(2D-k-r-1)} \begin{bmatrix} D - r - 1 \\ k - r - 1 \end{bmatrix}_{q^2}$$

is positive.

## Another Special Case

The transpose of  $M_q(D, D, D - 1)$  is  $(q - s; s)$ -disjunct of size

$$q^{D^2} \times \left[ \begin{array}{c} D \\ 1 \end{array} \right]_{q^2} q^{D^2-1},$$

where  $1 \leq s \leq q - 1$ .



Thank You!