On calculation of the interweight distribution of an equitable partition

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Let
$$G = (V(G), E(G))$$
 be a graph.

Definition

A partition (C_1, \ldots, C_k) of V(G) is an equitable partition with quotient matrix $S = (S_{ij})_{i,j=1}^k$ iff every element of C_i is adjacent with exactly S_{ij} elements of C_i .

Equitable partitions \sim regular partitions \sim partition designs \sim perfect colorings $\sim \ldots$

Example: Equitable partition





Incidence matrix of an equitable partition





Adjacency matrix



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Matrix equation for equitable partition

A – adjacency matrix of the graph; \overline{C} – incidence matrix of an equitable partition with quotient matrix S.

$A\overline{C} = \overline{C}S$



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Distance invariance of equitable partitions

Equitable partitions of distance-regular graph are distance invariant:

Distance invariance (equitable partition)

The weight distributions of the cells C_1, \ldots, C_k with respect to a vertex $\overline{x} \in C_i$ depend only on *i* (do not depend on the choice of \overline{x} in C_i).

Interweight distribution

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- For a fixed vertex v from C_i, let W^{abc}_{ijk} denotes the number of the pairs (x, y) such that d(x, y) = a, d(v, y) = b, d(v, x) = c, x ∈ C_j, and y ∈ C_k.
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How to calculate the interweight distribution?

- ! recursively (combinatorial arguments)
- ? direct formula (algebraic and combinatorial arguments ?)

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It is known that

$$\Pi^w(\cdot) = P_w(P_1^{-1}(\cdot))$$

where P_w is the Krawtchouk polynomial

$$P_w(x) = P_w(x; n) = \sum_{j=0}^w (-1)^j \binom{x}{j} \binom{n-x}{w-j}.$$

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Integral interweight distribution

Let, for integer r_1 , r_2 , r_3 , the (i, j, k)-entry of the 3-dimensional array $T^{r_1, r_2, r_3} = (T^{r_1, r_2, r_3}_{ijk})_{i,j,k}$ denotes the number of triples (v, x, y) of vertices such that

d(v,x) = r₁ + r₂, d(v,y) = r₁ + r₃, d(x,y) = r₂ + r₃,
v ∈ C_i, x ∈ C_j, y ∈ C_k.



Int. interweight distribution \sim interweight distribution

If C as an equitable partition of the *n*-cube, then, because of the strong distance invariance,

$$W_{ijk}^{r_2+r_3,r_1+r_3,r_1+r_2} = \frac{T_{ijk}^{r_1,r_2,r_3}}{|C_i|}$$

Theorem

Let $C = (C_1, ..., C_m)$ be an equitable partition of the n-cube with quotient matrix S. Then

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where $T \bullet_1 S$, $T \bullet_2 S$, and $T \bullet_3 S$ denote the arrays with entries $\sum_{t=1}^{m} T_{tjk}S_{ti}$, $\sum_{t=1}^{m} T_{itk}S_{tj}$, and $\sum_{t=1}^{m} T_{ijt}S_{tk}$, respectively.

| x | $[r_1+r_2,0,1]$ | | $[r_1+r_2,0,r_3]$ | | $v+\overline{1}$ |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| $[r_1+r_2-1,1,0]$ | | | | | |
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| | | | $[r_1 - 1, r_2 + 1, r_3]$ | | |
| ••• | | | | | |
| $[1,r_1+r_2-1,0]$ | | | | | |
| v | $[0,r_1+r_2,1]$ | | $[0,r_1+r_2,r_3]$ | | $x+\overline{1}$ |

 $\Omega[r_1, r_2, r_3] = (r_1+1) \cdot [r_1+1, r_2-1, r_3] + (r_2+1) \cdot [r_1-1, r_2+1, r_3]$ $+ (n-r_1-r_2-r_3+1) \cdot [r_1, r_2, r_3-1] + (r_3+1) \cdot [r_1, r_2, r_3+1]$

Recursions for the integral interweight distribution

$$T^{r_1,r_2,r_3} \bullet_1 S = (r_2+1)T^{r_1,r_2+1,r_3-1} + (r_3+1)T^{r_1,r_2-1,r_3+1} + (n-r_1-r_2-r_3+1)T^{r_1-1,r_2,r_3} + \underline{(r_1+1)T^{r_1+1,r_2,r_3}},$$

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Corollary

$$T^{r_1,r_2,r_3} = T^{0,0,0} \cdot \Pi^{r_1,r_2,r_3}(\bullet_1 S, \bullet_2 S, \bullet_3 S)$$

where Π^{r_1,r_2,r_3} is a polynomial of degree $r_1 + r_2 + r_3$ in three variables.

- Starting: $T_{iii}^{0,0,0} = |C_i|$, all other elements of $T^{0,0,0}$ are 0.
- **Problem.** To find an explicit formula for Π^{r_1, r_2, r_3} .

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