# 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 $\left(C_{1}, \ldots, C_{k}\right)$ of $V(G)$ is an equitable partition with quotient matrix $S=\left(S_{i j}\right)_{i, j=1}^{k}$ iff every element of $C_{i}$ is adjacent with exactly $S_{i j}$ elements of $C_{j}$.

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



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$A$ - adjacency matrix of the graph; $\bar{C}$ - incidence matrix of an equitable partition with quotient matrix $S$.

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A \bar{C}=\bar{C} S
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## Equitable partitions in coding theory

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- Distance partition of a completely regular code is an equitable partition (with 3-diagonal quotient matrix). E.g., perfect codes, nearly perfect codes.

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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 $\bar{x} \in C_{i}$ depend only on $i$ (do not depend on the choice of $\bar{x}$ in $C_{i}$ ).

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S=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
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- ! recursively (combinatorial arguments)
- ? direct formula (algebraic and combinatorial arguments ?)


## Spectrum, multi-neighborhood

- For given partition $C=\left(C_{1}, \ldots, C_{k}\right)$, the spectrum of a vertex set $X$ is the $k$-tuple $\operatorname{Sp}(X)=\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right)$, where $x_{i}=\left|X \cap C_{i}\right|$.
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and

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\overline{\Omega X} \cdot \bar{C} & =\bar{X} \cdot \bar{C} \cdot S \\
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- Let $H^{w}$ be the set of weight- $w$ vertices of the $n$-cube, $w=0,1, \ldots, n$. Let $C$ be an equitable partition with quotient matrix $S$. Then

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It is known that

$$
\Pi^{w}(\cdot)=P_{w}\left(P_{1}^{-1}(\cdot)\right)
$$

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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- $d(v, x)=r_{1}+r_{2}, d(v, y)=r_{1}+r_{3}, d(x, y)=r_{2}+r_{3}$,
- $v \in C_{i}, x \in C_{j}, y \in C_{k}$.


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

$$
W_{i j k}^{r_{2}+r_{3}, r_{1}+r_{3}, r_{1}+r_{2}}=\frac{T_{i j k}^{r_{1}, r_{2}, r_{3}}}{\left|C_{i}\right|}
$$

## Theorem

Let $C=\left(C_{1}, \ldots, C_{m}\right)$ be an equitable partition of the $n$-cube with quotient matrix $S$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
T^{r_{1}, r_{2}, r_{3}} \bullet_{1} S= & \left(r_{2}+1\right) T^{r_{1}, r_{2}+1, r_{3}-1}+\left(r_{3}+1\right) T^{r_{1}, r_{2}-1, r_{3}+1} \\
& +\left(n-r_{1}-r_{2}-r_{3}+1\right) T^{r_{1}-1, r_{2}, r_{3}}+\underline{\left(r_{1}+1\right) T^{r_{1}+1, r_{2}, r_{3}}}, \\
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where $T \bullet_{1} S, T \bullet_{2} S$, and $T \bullet_{3} S$ denote the arrays with entries $\sum_{t=1}^{m} T_{t j k} S_{t i}, \sum_{t=1}^{m} T_{i t k} S_{t j}$, and $\sum_{t=1}^{m} T_{i j t} S_{t k}$, respectively.

| $x$ | $\left[r_{1}+r_{2}, 0,1\right]$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\left[r_{1}+r_{2}, 0, r_{3}\right]$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $v+\overline{1}$ |
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## Thank you!

Thank you for your attention! May The Force be with you!

