A Novel Sparse Orthogonal Matrix Construction over the Fields of Characteristic 2

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Definition 1.

A square matrix ${\bf A}$ of size n over the filed ${\mathcal F}$ is said to be orthogonal if

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{T}=\mathbf{I},$$

where I denotes the identity matrix of the same size, and (as usually) the notation \mathbf{M}^{T} stands for the transpose matrix of a given matrix \mathbf{M} .

Definition 2.

The ratio $\Delta(\mathbf{A}) = N/n^2$, where *N* is the number of nonzero entries of a square matrix **A** of size *n*, we call density of that matrix.

 An non-singular matrix must contain in each row/column at least one nonzero entry. Therefore, for the density of a such matrix A of size n, we have the following lower bound:

$$1/n \leq \Delta(\mathbf{A}).$$

In particular, this bound is valid for the orthogonal matrices.

• The lower bound is achieved in the set of permutation matrices, i.e.

$$\Delta(\mathbf{P})=1/n,$$

for arbitrary permutation matrix **P** of size *n*.

Let **M** be a matrix of size *n*, and **O** and **I** denote the all-zero and the identity matrix of the same size, respectively. We introduce two matrix mappings α and β involving **M**.

• α maps the matrix **M** into a matrix of size 2*n* defined as:

$$\alpha(\mathbf{M}) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{I} \end{array}\right)$$

• β maps the matrix **M** into a matrix of size 2*n* defined as:

$$\beta(\mathbf{M}) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{M}^T \\ \mathbf{M}^T & \mathbf{M} \end{array}\right)$$

Let γ be the superposition of α and β , i.e. γ maps the matrix **M** into a matrix defined as:

$$\gamma(\mathsf{M}) = \beta(\alpha(\mathsf{M})).$$

As a 4 \times 4 block structured matrix γ (**M**) looks as:

$$\gamma(\mathbf{M}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{M}^T \\ \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{M}^T & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{O} \\ \mathbf{O} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{M} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem 3.

For arbitrary orthogonal matrix **M** over a field \mathcal{F} of characteristic two, the matrix $\gamma(\mathbf{M})$ is orthogonal over \mathcal{F} too.

Starting from some initial orthogonal matrix \mathbf{A}_0 over the field \mathcal{F} , let us define $\mathbf{A}_m = \gamma(\mathbf{A}_{m-1}), m = 1, 2, ...$ By **Theorem 3**, the matrix \mathbf{A}_m will be an orthogonal matrix over \mathcal{F} of size $\mathbf{4}^m \times$ size of \mathbf{A}_0 .

Proposition 4.

For arbitrary matrix **M** of size n, it holds:

$$\Delta(\gamma(\mathbf{M})) = \frac{1}{2} * 1/n + \frac{1}{4}\Delta(\mathbf{M}).$$

Proposition 5.

Let \mathbf{A}_0 be a matrix of size n. Then for the density of matrix \mathbf{A}_m (from the iterative procedure), it holds:

$$\Delta(\mathbf{A}_m) = \frac{m}{2^{2m-1}} \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{4^m} \Delta(\mathbf{A}_0).$$

Corollary 6.

If a permutation matrix \mathbf{P}_0 is picked up as initial seed in the iterative procedure then the density of the matrix \mathbf{P}_m obtained after the *m*-th stage, $m \ge 1$, is:

$$\Delta(\mathbf{P}_m) = \frac{2m+1}{4^m} \Delta(\mathbf{P}_0).$$

Proposition 5 and the above corollary show **sub-exponential decreasing** in the density of the constructed matrices with *m*.

Examples

Example 7.

The first example is the simplest possible where the seed is: $\boldsymbol{P}_0=(1).$

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \gamma(\mathbf{P}_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let A_{16} be the tensor square of the matrix P_1 . The 16 × 32 matrix $[I_{16}|A_{16}]$ is a generator matrix of an self-dual code of length 32 whose minimum weight equals 6. But the optimal self-dual codes of length 32 have minimum weight 8, e.g. RM(2,5) is such a code.

Examples

Example 8.

Let $char(\mathcal{F}) = 2$, and $\bar{\theta} = \theta + 1$ for an arbitrary $\theta \in \mathcal{F}$. Form the orthogonal 2 × 2 matrix:

$$\mathbf{A}_{0} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta & \theta \\ \overline{\theta} & \theta \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{A}_{1} = \gamma(\mathbf{A}_{0}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \theta & \overline{\theta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \overline{\theta} & \theta \\ \theta & \overline{\theta} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \overline{\theta} & \theta & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \theta & \overline{\theta} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \overline{\theta} & \theta & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \theta & \overline{\theta} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \overline{\theta} & \theta & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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