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# Computer search in projective planes for the sizes of complete arcs 

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#### Abstract

The spectrum of possible sizes $k$ of complete $k$-arcs in finite projective planes $P G(2, q)$ is investigated by computer search. Backtracking algorithms that try to construct complete arcs joining the orbits of some subgroup of collineation group $P \Gamma L(3, q)$ and randomized greedy algorithms are applied. New upper bounds on the smallest size of a complete arc are given for $q=41,43,47,49,53,59,64,71 \leq q \leq 809, q \neq 529,625,729$, and $q=821$. New lower bounds on the second largest size of a complete arc are given for $q=31,41,43,47,53,125$. Also, many new sizes of complete arcs are obtained for $31 \leq q \leq 167$.


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## 1. Introduction

Let $P G(2, q)$ be the projective plane over the Galois field $G F(q)$. A $k$-arc in $P G(2, q)$ is a set of $k$ points, no three of which are collinear. A $k$-arc in $P G(2, q)$ is called complete if it is not contained in a $(k+1)$-arc of $P G(2, q)$. For an introduction to these geometric objects, see [8]. A complete arc in a plane $P G(2, q)$, points of which are treated as 3-dimensional $q$-ary columns, defines a parity check matrix of a $q$-ary linear code with codimension 3 , Hamming distance 4 , and covering radius 2 [9, Section 1.3]. For information on the covering radius of a code, see [2].

It can be shown that arcs and linear maximum distance separable codes (MDS codes) are equivalent objects, see [9]. Indeed, it was the coding theory problem which provided the initial motivation for our study on the spectrum of values of $k$ for which a complete arc exists

We use the following notation in $P G(2, q): m_{2}(2, q)$ is the size of the largest complete arc, $m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ is the size of the second largest complete arc, and $t_{2}(2, q)$ is the size of the smallest complete arc. The corresponding best known values are denoted by $\bar{m}_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ and $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$.

In this work a number of new values of $\bar{m}_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ and $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ are obtained by computer search. Many new sizes $k$ for which a complete $k$-arc in $P G(2, q)$ exists are also obtained. In particular, new upper bounds on the smallest size $t_{2}(2, q)$ of a complete arc are obtained
for $q=41,43,47,49,53,59,64,71 \leq q \leq 809, q \neq 529,625,729$, and $q=821$. These new upper bounds give

$$
\begin{equation*}
t_{2}(2, q)<4 \sqrt{q} \text { for } 3 \leq q \leq 809 \text { and } q=821 . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

New lower bounds on the second largest size $m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ of a complete arc are obtained for $q=31,41,43,47,53,125$. These new lower bounds are as follows:

$$
\begin{gather*}
m_{2}^{\prime}(2,31) \geq 22, m_{2}^{\prime}(2,41) \geq 30, m_{2}^{\prime}(2,43) \geq 28, m_{2}^{\prime}(2,47) \geq 32, \\
m_{2}^{\prime}(2,53) \geq 42, m_{2}^{\prime}(2,125) \geq 66 . \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
$$

For previously known results concerning the values of $m_{2}(2, q), m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$, and $t_{2}(2, q)$, see [4], [5], [9], [14], [15], [18] and the references therein. As examples of such references we mention the works [12], [13].

In Section 2 we outline the computer search approach used. In Section 3 we give the sizes of the known complete arcs with $25 \leq q \leq 167$ and in Section 4 the minimal known sizes of the complete arcs with $3 \leq q \leq 809$ and $q=821$ are mentioned. Here, for $q \leq 128$, several new small complete $k$-arcs with $k=\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ are obtained; the new complete arcs are listed in the Appendix.

## 2. Approaches to computer search

Computer search for complete arcs and caps is considered in many works; see, for example, from [12] to [17]. In this paper for computer search we used two distinct approaches.
One of the ways is based on randomized greedy algorithms that are convenient for relatively large $q$ and for obtaining examples of different sizes of complete caps. At every step an algorithm minimizes or maximizes an objective function $f$ but some steps are executed in a random manner. The number of these steps and their ordinal numbers have been taken intuitively. Also, if the same extremum of $f$ can be obtained in distinct ways, one way is chosen randomly.

We begin to construct a complete arc by using a starting set of points $S_{0}$. At every step one point is added to the set. As the value of the objective function $f$ we consider the number of points in the projective space that lie on bisecants of the set obtained. As $S_{0}$ we can use a subset of points of an arc obtained in previous stages of the search. A generator of random numbers is used for a random choice. To get arcs with distinct sizes, starting conditions of the generator are changed for the same set $S_{0}$. In this way the algorithm works in a convenient limited region of the search space to obtain examples improving the size of the arc from which the fixed points have been taken.

In [16] another approach has been used, constructing complete arcs with the constraint of being stabilized by some particular group. In this paper a similar approach has been used trying to construct complete arcs joining the orbits of some subgroup of $P \Gamma L(3, q)$. This algorithm has been implemented using MAGMA, a system for symbolic computation developed at the University of Sydney. The algorithm starts by fixing a subgroup $S$ of $P \Gamma L(3, q)$ and calculating the set $O$ consisting of the orbits of $S$ that are arcs. Then it performs a backtracking process joining the orbits contained in $O$. Utilizing this procedure the search is more effective as backtracking considers a whole orbit of points at each step; besides, it allows us to find interesting arcs with non-trivial stabilizers.

## 3. On the spectrum of sizes of complete arcs in $P G(2, q)$

We repeat here Table 2.1 from [4] as the upper part of Table 1.

| $k$ | Conditions on q | Reference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(q+3) / 2$, | $q \equiv 1$ or $3(\bmod 4)$ | $[4]$ |
| $(q+5) / 2$ |  | $[4]$ |
| $(q+7) / 2$ | $q=4 t-1, t \neq 2^{r}$, or $q=2 p-1$, |  |
|  | $p$ an odd prime | $[4]$ |
| $(q+6) / 2$ | $q=2^{h}, h \geq 4$ | $[4]$ |
| $(q+8) / 3$ | $q=2^{2 i}, i \geq 3$ | $[4]$ |
| $q-\sqrt{q}+1$ | $q=p^{2 i}>4$ | $[6]$ |
| $4(\sqrt{q}-1)$ | $q=p^{2}, p$ is odd, $q \leq 1681$ or $q=2401$ |  |

Table 1. Infinite sequences of non-oval complete $k$-arcs in $P G(2, q)$

The values $m_{2}(2, q)$ are achieved by ovals or hyperovals. Bounds on $t_{2}(2, q)$ and $m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ are taken from [4, Tables 2.3, 2.4], [5, Table 2], and [9, Table 2.3]. The following bound comes from [4], [5], and [19]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
t_{2}(2, q)>\sqrt{2 q}+1 \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

In $P G(2, q)$ if $K$ is a complete $k$-arc, then

$$
\begin{align*}
& k(k-1)(q+1) / 2-(k-2)(2 k-3) \geq|P G(2, q)|  \tag{4}\\
& t_{2}(2, q)>\sqrt{3 q}+1 / 2 \text { if } q=p^{i}, i=1,2,3, p \text { is prime. } \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Table 2 gives sizes of the known complete arcs in $P G(2, q)$. Values of the cardinality of complete arcs come from [1], [4, Table 2.4], [5, Tables 2,6], [13], and Table 1. New sizes of arcs are obtained by computer. Note that some sizes are obtained by using both approaches at the same time, as described in Section 2; for example, for $k=34$ in $P G(2,53)$ and $k=28$ in $P G(2,47)$.

Table 2 gives new lower bounds for the second largest size $m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ of a complete arc for $q=31,41,43,47,53,125$. These new lower bounds are $m_{2}^{\prime}(2,31) \geq 22, m_{2}^{\prime}(2,41) \geq 30$, $m_{2}^{\prime}(2,43) \geq 28, m_{2}^{\prime}(2,47) \geq 32, m_{2}^{\prime}(2,53) \geq 42$, and $m_{2}^{\prime}(2,125) \geq 66$.

| $q$ | $t_{2}(2, q)$ | Sizes k of the known complete arcs with $t_{2}(2, q) \leq k \leq m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ | $m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ | $m_{2}(2, q)$ | References |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | 12 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \hline 12 \leq k \leq 18=(q+11) / 2, \\ k=21 \end{gathered}$ | 21 | 26 | [4], [5], [14] |
| 27 | 12 | $\begin{gathered} 12 \leq k \leq 19=(q+11) / 2, \\ k=22 \end{gathered}$ | 22 | 28 | [4], [5], [15] |
| 29 | 13 | $\begin{gathered} 13 \leq k \leq 20=(q+11) / 2 \\ k=24 \end{gathered}$ | 24 | 30 | [4], [15] |
| 31 | $\geq 11$ | $14 \leq k \leq 22=(q+13) / 2$ | $\leq 30$ | 32 | [4], [13] |
| 32 | $\geq 10$ | $14 \leq k \leq 24=(q+16) / 2$ | $\leq 26$ | 34 | [3], [4] |
| 37 | $\geq 12$ | $15 \leq k \leq 23=(q+9) / 2$ | $\leq 36$ | 38 | [3], [4], [11] |
| 41 | $\geq 12$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \leq k \leq 26, k=28, \\ & k=30=(q+19) / 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\leq 40$ | 42 | [4], [13] |
| 43 | $\geq 12$ | $\begin{gathered} 16 \leq k \leq 25 \\ k=28=(q+13) / 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 42$ | 44 | $\begin{gathered} {[4],[5],} \\ {[13]} \end{gathered}$ |
| 47 | $\geq 13$ | $\begin{gathered} 18 \leq k \leq 28, \\ k=32=(q+17) / 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 46$ | 48 | $\begin{gathered} {[1],[4],} \\ {[13]} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 49 | $\geq 13$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \leq k \leq 30, k=36, \\ & k=43=(q+37) / 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\leq 48$ | 50 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline[4],[6], \\ & {[7],[13]} \end{aligned}$ |
| 53 | $\geq 14$ | $\begin{gathered} k=18,20 \leq k \leq 30, \\ k=34,42=(q+31) / 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 51$ | 54 | [4], [13] |
| 59 | $\geq 14$ | $20 \leq k \leq 33=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 57$ | 60 | [3], [4], [13] |
| 61 | $\geq 15$ | $20 \leq k \leq 34=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 59$ | 62 | [3], [4], [11] |
| 64 | $\geq 13$ | $\begin{gathered} 22 \leq k \leq 35=(q+6) / 2 \\ k=57 \end{gathered}$ | 57 | 66 | [1], [4] |

Table 2. The sizes of the known complete $k$ - $\operatorname{arcs}$ in $P G(2, q)$

| $q$ | $t_{2}(2, q)$ | Sizes $k$ of the known complete arcs with $t_{2}(2, q) \leq k \leq m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ | $m_{2}^{\prime}(2, q)$ | $m_{2}(2, q)$ | References |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 67 | $\geq 15$ | $23 \leq k \leq 37=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 65$ | 68 | [3], [4], [17] |
| 71 | $\geq 16$ | $22 \leq k \leq 39=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 69$ | 72 | [3], [4], [11] |
| 73 | $\geq 16$ | $24 \leq k \leq 40=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 71$ | 74 | [3], [4] |
| 79 | $\geq 16$ | $26 \leq k \leq 43=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 77$ | 80 | [3], [4] |
| 81 | $\geq 14$ | $\begin{gathered} 26 \leq k \leq 44=(q+7) / 2, \\ k=73 \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 79$ | 82 | $\begin{gathered} {[3],[4],} \\ {[6]} \end{gathered}$ |
| 83 | $\geq 17$ | $27 \leq k \leq 45=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 81$ | 84 | [3], [4] |
| 89 | $\geq 17$ | $28 \leq k \leq 47=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 87$ | 90 | [3], [4] |
| 97 | $\geq 18$ | $30 \leq k \leq 51=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 94$ | 98 | [3], [4] |
| 101 | $\geq 18$ | $30 \leq k \leq 53=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 98$ | 102 | [3], [4] |
| 103 | $\geq 19$ | $31 \leq k \leq 55=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 100$ | 104 | [3], [4] |
| 107 | $\geq 19$ | $32 \leq k \leq 57=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 104$ | 108 | [3], [4] |
| 109 | $\geq 19$ | $32 \leq k \leq 57=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 106$ | 110 | [3], [4] |
| 113 | $\geq 19$ | $33 \leq k \leq 59=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 110$ | 114 | [3], [4] |
| 121 | $\geq 20$ | $\begin{gathered} 34 \leq k \leq 64=(q+7) / 2, \\ k=111 \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 119$ | 122 | $\begin{gathered} {[1],[3],[4],} \\ {[6],[7]} \end{gathered}$ |
| 125 | $\geq 20$ | $35 \leq k \leq 66=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 124$ | 126 | [3], [4] |
| 127 | $\geq 21$ | $35 \leq k \leq 66=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 124$ | 128 | [3], [4] |
| 128 | $\geq 18$ | $36 \leq k \leq 67=(q+6) / 2$ | $\leq 114$ | 130 | [3], [4] |
| 131 | $\geq 21$ | $36 \leq k \leq 69=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 128$ | 132 | [3], [4] |
| 137 | $\geq 21$ | $37 \leq k \leq 71=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 134$ | 138 | [3], [4] |
| 139 | $\geq 21$ | $37 \leq k \leq 73=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 135$ | 140 | [3], [4] |
| 149 | $\geq 22$ | $39 \leq k \leq 77=(q+5) / 2$ | $\leq 145$ | 150 | [3], [4] |
| 151 | $\geq 22$ | $39 \leq k \leq 79=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 147$ | 152 | [3], [4] |
| 157 | $\geq 23$ | $40 \leq k \leq 82=(q+7) / 2$ | $\leq 153$ | 158 | [3], [4] |
| 163 | $\geq 23$ | $\begin{gathered} 41 \leq k \leq 85=(q+7) / 2 \\ \text { and } k \neq 80,82,83 \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 160$ | 164 | [3], [4] |
| 167 | $\geq 23$ | $\begin{gathered} 42 \leq k \leq 87=(q+7) / 2 \\ \text { and } k \neq 83,84 \end{gathered}$ | $\leq 164$ | 168 | [3],[4] |

Table 2 (continued). The sizes of the known complete $k$-arcs in $P G(2, q)$
4. Small complete arcs in $P G(2, q)$

The smallest known sizes $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ of complete arcs for $3 \leq q \leq 809$ and $q=821$ in planes $P G(2, q)$ are given in Table 3 where $A_{q}=\left\lfloor 4 \sqrt{q}-\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)\right\rfloor$. The values of $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ for
$q \leq 167$ are taken from Table 2 and [4, Table 2.2]; see also references in Table 3. A dot after the entry indicates that $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)=t_{2}(2, q)$. For $169 \leq q \leq 809$ we obtained $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ by computer.

Since $t_{2}(2, q) \leq \bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$, Table 3 gives new upper bounds on the smallest size $t_{2}(2, q)$ of a complete arc for $q=41,43,47,49,53,59,64,71 \leq q \leq 809, q \neq 529,625,729$, and $q=821$.

THEOREM. In $P G(2, q)$,
(i) $t_{2}(2, q)<4 \sqrt{q}$ for $3 \leq q \leq 809$ and $q=821$;
(ii) $t_{2}(2, q) \leq 4 \sqrt{q}-8$ for $23 \leq q \leq 257$,
$t_{2}(2, q) \leq 4 \sqrt{q}-7$ for $19 \leq q \leq 317$,
$t_{2}(2, q) \leq 4 \sqrt{q}-6$ for $9 \leq q \leq 383$,
$t_{2}(2, q) \leq 4 \sqrt{q}-5$ for $8 \leq q \leq 443$,
$t_{2}(2, q) \leq 4 \sqrt{q}-4$ for $7 \leq q \leq 512$,
$t_{2}(2, q) \leq 4 \sqrt{q}-2$ for $3 \leq q \leq 601$.
From Table 3,

$$
4 \sqrt{q}-12<\bar{t}_{2}(2, q) \text { for } 3 \leq q \leq 809 \text { and } q=821
$$

but

$$
4 \sqrt{53}-11>\bar{t}_{2}(2,53)
$$

Hence

$$
\begin{equation*}
4 \sqrt{q}-B_{q} \leq t_{2}(2, q), \quad\left\lceil B_{q}\right\rceil \geq 12 \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

| $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References | $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 4. | 6.9 | 2 | $[8]$ | 8 | 6. | 11.3 | 5 | $[8]$ |
| 4 | 6. | 8 | 2 | $[8]$ | 9 | 6. | 12 | 6 | $[8]$ |
| 5 | 6. | 8.9 | 2 | $[8]$ | 11 | 7. | 13.3 | 6 | $[8]$ |
| 7 | 6. | 10.4 | 4 | $[8]$ | 13 | 8. | 14.4 | 6 | $[18]$ |

Table 3. The minimal known sizes $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ of complete arcs in planes $P G(2, q), A_{q}=\left\lfloor 4 \sqrt{q}-\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)\right\rfloor$

| $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References | $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 16 | 9 | 16 | 7 | $[18]$ | 107 | 32 | 41.4 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 17 | 10 | 16.5 | 6 | $[18]$ | 109 | 32 | 41.8 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 19 | 10 | 17.4 | 7 | $[18]$ | 113 | 33 | 42.5 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 23 | 10 | 19.2 | 9 | $[18]$ | 121 | 34 | 44 | 10 | $[1]$ |
| 25 | 12 | 20 | 8 | $[5],[14],[18]$ | 125 | 35 | 44.7 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 27 | 12 | 20.8 | 8 | $[5],[15],[18]$ | 127 | 35 | 45.1 | 10 | $[3]$ |
| 29 | 13 | 21.5 | 8 | $[15],[18]$ | 128 | 36 | 45.3 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 31 | 14 | 22.3 | 8 | $[18]$ | 131 | 36 | 45.8 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 32 | 14 | 22.6 | 8 | $[3],[18]$ | 137 | 37 | 46.8 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 37 | 15 | 24.3 | 9 | $[11]$ | 139 | 37 | 47.2 | 10 | $[3]$ |
| 41 | 16 | 25.6 | 9 | $[13]$ | 149 | 39 | 48.8 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 43 | 16 | 26.2 | 10 | $[13]$ | 151 | 39 | 49.2 | 10 | $[3]$ |
| 47 | 18 | 27.4 | 9 | $[1],[13]$ | 157 | 40 | 50.1 | 10 | $[3]$ |
| 49 | 18 | 28 | 10 | $[13]$ | 163 | 41 | 51.1 | 10 | $[3]$ |
| 53 | 18 | 29.1 | 11 | $[13]$ | 167 | 42 | 51.7 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 59 | 20 | 30.7 | 10 | $[13]$ | 169 | 43 | 52 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 61 | 20 | 31.2 | 11 | $[11]$ | 173 | 44 | 52.6 | 8 | $[3]$ |
| 64 | 22 | 32 | 10 | $[1]$ | 179 | 44 | 53.5 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 67 | 23 | 32.7 | 9 | $[17]$ | 181 | 45 | 53.8 | 8 | $[3]$ |
| 71 | 22 | 33.7 | 11 | $[11]$ | 191 | 46 | 55.3 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 73 | 24 | 34.2 | 10 | $[3]$ | 193 | 47 | 55.6 | 8 | $[3]$ |
| 79 | 26 | 35.6 | 9 | $[3]$ | 197 | 47 | 56.1 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 81 | 26 | 36 | 10 | $[3]$ | 199 | 47 | 56.4 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 83 | 27 | 36.4 | 9 | $[3]$ | 211 | 49 | 58.1 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 89 | 28 | 37.7 | 9 | $[3]$ | 223 | 51 | 59.7 | 8 | $[3]$ |
| 97 | 30 | 39.4 | 9 | $[3]$ | 227 | 51 | 60.3 | 9 | $[3]$ |
| 101 | 30 | 40.2 | 10 | $[3]$ | 229 | 52 | 60.5 | 8 | $[3]$ |
| 103 | 31 | 40.6 | 9 | $[3]$ | 233 | 52 | 61.1 | 9 | $[3]$ |

Table 3 (continued) The minimal known sizes $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ of complete arcs
in planes $P G(2, q), A_{q}=\left\lfloor 4 \sqrt{q}-\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)\right\rfloor$

| $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References | $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 239 | 53 | 61.8 | 8 | $[3]$ | 379 | 71 | 77.9 | 6 | $[3]$ |
| 241 | 53 | 62.1 | 9 | $[3]$ | 383 | 71 | 78.3 | 7 | $[3]$ |
| 243 | 54 | 62.4 | 8 | $[3]$ | 389 | 73 | 78.9 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 251 | 55 | 63.4 | 8 | $[3]$ | 397 | 73 | 79.7 | 6 | $[3]$ |
| 256 | 56 | 64 | 8 | $[3]$ | 401 | 74 | 80.1 | 6 | $[3]$ |
| 257 | 56 | 64.1 | 8 | $[3]$ | 409 | 75 | 80.9 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 263 | 57 | 64.9 | 7 | $[3]$ | 419 | 76 | 81.9 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 269 | 57 | 65.6 | 8 | $[3]$ | 421 | 77 | 82.1 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 271 | 58 | 65.8 | 7 | $[3]$ | 431 | 77 | 83.04 | 6 | $[3]$ |
| 277 | 59 | 66.6 | 7 | $[3]$ | 433 | 78 | 83.2 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 281 | 59 | 67.1 | 8 | $[3]$ | 439 | 78 | 83.8 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 283 | 60 | 67.3 | 7 | $[3]$ | 443 | 79 | 84.2 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 289 | 60 | 68 | 8 | $[3]$ | 449 | 80 | 84.8 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 293 | 61 | 68.5 | 7 | $[3]$ | 457 | 81 | 85.5 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 307 | 63 | 70.1 | 7 | $[3]$ | 461 | 81 | 85.9 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 311 | 63 | 70.5 | 7 | $[3]$ | 463 | 82 | 86.1 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 313 | 63 | 70.8 | 7 | $[3]$ | 467 | 82 | 86.4 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 317 | 64 | 71.2 | 7 | $[3]$ | 479 | 83 | 87.5 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 331 | 66 | 72.8 | 6 | $[3]$ | 487 | 84 | 88.3 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 337 | 66 | 73.4 | 7 | $[3]$ | 491 | 84 | 88.6 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 343 | 67 | 74.1 | 7 | $[3]$ | 499 | 85 | 89.4 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 347 | 67 | 74.5 | 7 | $[3]$ | 503 | 85 | 89.7 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 349 | 68 | 74.7 | 6 | $[3]$ | 509 | 85 | 90.2 | 5 | $[3]$ |
| 353 | 68 | 75.2 | 7 | $[3]$ | 512 | 86 | 90.5 | 4 | $[3]$ |
| 359 | 69 | 75.8 | 6 | $[3]$ | 521 | 88 | 91.3 | 3 | $[3]$ |
| 361 | 69 | 76 | 7 | $[3]$ | 523 | 88 | 91.5 | 3 | $[3]$ |
| 367 | 70 | 76.6 | 6 | $[3]$ | 529 | 88 | 92 | 4 | $[3],[6],[7]$ |
| 373 | 71 | 77.3 | 6 | $[3]$ | 541 | 89 | 93.04 | 4 | $[3]$ |

Table 3 (continued). The minimal known sizes $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ of complete arcs in planes $P G(2, q), A_{q}=\left\lfloor 4 \sqrt{q}-\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)\right\rfloor$

| $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References | $q$ | $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ | $4 \sqrt{q}$ | $A_{q}$ | References |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 547 | 90 | 93.6 | 3 | $[3]$ | 673 | 103 | 103.8 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 557 | 91 | 94.4 | 3 | $[3]$ | 677 | 103 | 104.1 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 563 | 92 | 94.9 | 2 | $[3]$ | 683 | 103 | 104.5 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 569 | 93 | 95.4 | 2 | $[3]$ | 691 | 104 | 105.1 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 571 | 93 | 95.5 | 2 | $[3]$ | 701 | 105 | 105.9 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 577 | 93 | 96.1 | 3 | $[3]$ | 709 | 105 | 106.5 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 587 | 94 | 96.9 | 2 | $[3]$ | 719 | 106 | 107.2 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 593 | 95 | 97.4 | 2 | $[3]$ | 727 | 106 | 107.8 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 599 | 95 | 97.9 | 2 | $[3]$ | 729 | 104 | 108 | 4 | $[6]$ |
| 601 | 96 | 98.1 | 2 | $[3]$ | 733 | 107 | 108.3 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 607 | 98 | 98.5 | 0 | $[3]$ | 739 | 108 | 108.7 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 613 | 97 | 99.04 | 2 | $[3]$ | 743 | 109 | 109.03 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 617 | 97 | 99.4 | 2 | $[3]$ | 751 | 109 | 109.6 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 619 | 98 | 99.5 | 1 | $[3]$ | 757 | 109 | 110.05 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 625 | 96 | 100 | 4 | $[6]$ | 761 | 109 | 110.3 | 1 | $[3]$ |
| 631 | 99 | 100.5 | 1 | $[3]$ | 769 | 110 | 110.9 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 641 | 100 | 101.3 | 1 | $[3]$ | 773 | 111 | 111.2 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 643 | 100 | 101.4 | 1 | $[3]$ | 787 | 112 | 112.2 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 647 | 99 | 101.7 | 2 | $[3]$ | 797 | 112 | 112.9 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 653 | 101 | 102.2 | 1 | $[3]$ | 809 | 113 | 113.8 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 659 | 100 | 102.7 | 2 | $[3]$ | 821 | 114 | 114.6 | 0 | $[3]$ |
| 661 | 101 | 102.8 | 1 | $[3]$ |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 3 (continued). The minimal known sizes $\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$ of complete arcs in planes $P G(2, q), A_{q}=\left\lfloor 4 \sqrt{q}-\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)\right\rfloor$

## Appendix

For $q \leq 128$ we give a list of new (in comparison with [4] and [5]) small complete $k$-arcs with $k=\bar{t}_{2}(2, q)$. Similarly to [17], we represent elements of a Galois field $G F(q)$ as follows:
$\{0,1, \ldots, q-1\}$ if $q$ is prime and we operate on these modulo $q$;
$\left\{0,1=\alpha^{0}, 2=\alpha^{1}, \ldots, q-1=\alpha^{q-2}\right\}$, where $\alpha$ is a primitive element, if $q=p^{n}$, p prime.

For calculation in $G F(q)$ when $q$ is not a prime, a primitive polynomial and hence a primitive element with its powers are used, as in [10],[17]. Here, the primitive polynomials are $x^{5}+x^{3}+1$ for $q=32, x^{2}+x+3$ for $q=49, x^{6}+x^{4}+x^{3}+1$ for $q=64, x^{4}+x+2$ for $q=81, x^{2}+4 x+2$ for $q=121, x^{3}+3 x+2$ for $q=125$, and $x^{7}+x+1$ for $q=128$, [10]. An arc is written as a set of points.
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,41)=16:$
$(1,27,2),(1,0,0),(1,33,22),(1,33,11),(1,28,21),(1,7,2),(1,6,39),(1,7,1)$,
$(1,22,8),(1,28,31),(1,22,16),(1,9,19),(1,1,15),(1,12,1),(1,25,17),(1,9,30)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,43)=16:$
$(1,19,32),(1,4,13),(0,0,1),(1,33,2),(1,30,19),(1,14,0),(0,1,14),(1,22,29)$,
$(1,38,4),(1,35,13),(1,40,21),(1,36,24),(1,18,19),(1,13,31),(1,2,34),(1,24,1)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,47)=18$ :
$(1,34,23),(1,7,46),(1,5,24),(1,34,20),(1,17,28),(1,43,41),(1,28,43)$,
$(1,14,32),(1,0,41),(1,25,17),(1,46,46),(1,13,19),(1,25,36),(0,1,44)$,
$(1,26,11),(1,31,10),(1,26,24),(1,10,29)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,49)=18$ :
$(1,0,0),(1,15,17),(0,0,1),(1,45,24),(1,20,45),(1,44,17),(1,5,22),(1,8,34)$,
$(1,46,42),(1,29,0),(1,43,29),(1,4,32),(1,13,6),(1,40,32),(1,28,37),(1,2,14)$,
$(1,23,14),(1,17,37)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,53)=18$ :
$(1,13,29),(1,11,13),(1,50,52),(1,50,48),(1,9,43),(1,5,11),(1,16,47),(1,0,44)$, $(1,1,36),(1,42,36),(1,5,25),(1,51,16),(1,39,32),(1,2,3),(1,13,12),(1,44,16)$, $(1,19,10),(1,4,11)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,59)=20$ :
$(1,16,37),(1,39,18),(1,13,43),(1,37,32),(1,21,40),(1,11,13),(1,53,58)$,
$(1,57,50),(1,15,13),(1,3,38),(1,24,16),(1,56,44),(1,18,25),(1,47,18)$,
$(1,20,3),(1,34,32),(1,56,6),(1,24,41),(1,47,37),(1,30,33)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,73)=25:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,2,55),(1,45,5),(1,23,57),(1,47,33),(1,5,70)$, $(1,18,26),(1,71,10),(1,72,27),(1,61,14),(1,37,30),(1,52,38),(1,69,34)$, $(1,17,29),(1,38,46),(1,28,35),(1,49,24),(1,39,18),(1,13,13),(1,62,64)$, $(1,34,22),(1,64,54),(1,48,41)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,79)=26:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,2,13),(1,48,72),(1,31,66),(1,64,7),(1,18,21)$, $(1,35,17),(1,33,48),(1,45,18),(1,38,51),(1,72,54),(1,12,75),(1,22,20)$, $(1,20,38),(1,77,6),(1,54,46),(1,69,16),(1,65,68),(1,11,43),(1,9,78)$, $(1,28,60),(1,46,5),(1,63,39),(1,19,10)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,81)=26$ :
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,1,75),(1,41,25),(1,31,65),(1,51,55),(1,71,5)$, $(1,61,35),(1,21,45),(1,11,6),(1,49,28),(1,70,63),(1,39,26),(1,48,57)$, $(1,40,11),(1,18,62),(1,63,1),(1,16,14),(1,27,15),(1,17,37),(1,64,79)$, $(1,73,18),(1,24,13),(1,5,51),(1,58,69)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,83)=27:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,1,46),(1,8,67),(1,61,43),(1,56,58),(1,53,44)$, $(1,35,60),(1,20,82),(1,54,69),(1,10,33),(1,41,61),(1,72,42),(1,71,47)$, $(1,9,55),(1,28,2),(1,16,36),(1,67,7),(1,76,65),(1,69,35),(1,81,54),(1,22,76)$, $(1,24,73),(1,39,66),(1,17,28),(1,13,37)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,89)=28:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,2,52),(1,13,7),(1,79,49),(1,84,77),(1,31,30)$, $(1,75,25),(1,77,75),(1,82,60),(1,54,46),(1,55,69),(1,59,57),(1,57,31)$, $(1,83,45),(1,32,3),(1,70,37),(1,67,40),(1,18,36),(1,64,26),(1,20,63)$,
$(1,88,64),(1,41,11),(1,85,13),(1,23,22),(1,40,58),(1,39,18)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,97)=30:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,44),(1,47,32),(1,82,8),(1,14,45),(1,19,94),(1,19,25)$,
$(1,68,86),(1,71,19),(1,39,2),(1,84,28),(1,32,30),(1,27,38),(1,86,59)$,
$(1,33,69),(1,68,4),(1,17,50),(1,1,46),(1,6,58),(1,5,39),(1,47,27)$,
$(1,14,11),(1,84,43),(1,94,11),(1,29,85),(1,92,33),(1,59,17),(1,31,30)$, $(0,1,53),(1,62,42)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,101)=30$ :
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,2,17),(1,38,10),(1,75,20),(1,4,23),(1,76,30)$, $(1,57,74),(1,9,27),(1,74,98),(1,61,40),(1,24,100),(1,73,62),(1,10,33)$, $(1,67,2),(1,13,24),(1,92,82),(1,90,19),(1,85,42),(1,91,18),(1,18,16)$, $(1,97,6),(1,12,67),(1,69,72),(1,25,65),(1,17,96),(1,3,87),(1,60,89)$, $(1,23,93)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,103)=31$ :
$(1,0,0),(0,1,44),(1,44,49),(1,77,10),(1,13,49),(1,26,0),(0,1,88),(1,2,65)$, $(1,77,43),(1,7,1),(1,43,3),(1,43,55),(1,44,102),(1,19,31),(1,21,55)$, $(1,38,73),(1,86,29),(1,49,57),(1,90,69),(1,13,71),(1,56,74),(1,100,43)$, $(1,52,91),(1,98,29),(1,68,89),(1,48,98),(1,8,76),(1,68,18),(1,65,97)$, $(1,79,85),(1,48,50)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,107)=32$ :
$(1,0,0),(0,1,86),(1,47,16),(1,22,87),(1,28,0),(1,13,17),(1,52,100)$, $(1,80,93),(1,13,81),(1,102,36),(1,96,29),(1,90,65),(1,90,30),(1,69,42)$, $(1,88,63),(1,79,4),(1,15,15),(1,59,10),(1,96,49),(1,36,97),(1,99,48)$, $(1,0,42),(1,61,8),(1,50,104),(1,82,72),(1,33,17),(1,89,12),(1,82,41)$, $(1,104,70),(1,21,37),(1,57,70),(1,57,47)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,109)=32:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,1,55),(1,2,23),(1,47,1),(1,100,70),(1,37,60)$, $(1,95,50),(1,54,87),(1,70,102),(1,52,84),(1,25,8),(1,74,83),(1,65,62)$, $(1,46,58),(1,57,24),(1,4,86),(1,29,17),(1,36,26),(1,33,21),(1,93,89)$, $(1,99,40),(1,64,45),(1,17,44),(1,21,10),(1,49,13),(1,55,64),(1,19,95)$, $(1,86,54),(1,32,82),(1,12,65)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,113)=33:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,53),(1,35,85),(1,35,102),(1,74,70),(1,0,93),(1,30,43)$, $(1,100,74),(1,60,56),(1,109,20),(1,1,47),(1,78,29),(1,58,40),(1,55,111)$, $(1,91,55),(1,13,58),(1,44,37),(1,110,96),(1,70,62),(1,6,79),(1,1,58)$, $(1,77,26),(1,14,95),(1,78,48),(1,104,91),(1,28,51),(1,55,100),(1,15,24)$, $(1,34,90),(1,100,19),(1,14,108),(1,50,105),(1,66,20)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,121)=34:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,40),(1,16,42),(1,17,113),(1,15,84),(1,80,60),(1,16,48)$,
$(1,6,26),(1,58,58),(1,70,24),(1,108,104),(1,54,88),(1,79,56),(1,7,35)$,
$(1,47,31),(1,23,111),(1,95,82),(1,117,33),(1,117,51),(1,50,116)$,
$(1,22,99),(1,8,1),(1,106,91),(1,12,104),(1,25,19),(1,49,9),(1,43,119)$,
$(1,61,13),(1,26,41),(1,105,84),(1,36,26),(1,95,19),(1,101,10),(1,4,29)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,125)=35:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,1,72),(1,6,24),(1,71,77),(1,96,93),(1,108,40)$, $(1,48,114),(1,28,28),(1,11,33),(1,24,88),(1,110,119),(1,21,42),(1,79,29)$,
$(1,36,81),(1,105,63),(1,38,19),(1,55,97),(1,97,32),(1,115,34),(1,15,87)$,
$(1,4,59),(1,13,39),(1,22,123),(1,59,12),(1,73,100),(1,32,111),(1,19,48)$,
$(1,64,98),(1,81,38),(1,29,37),(1,93,18),(1,10,26),(1,91,75)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,127)=36:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,50),(1,11,49),(1,19,102),(1,2,19),(1,43,54),(1,106,36)$,
$(1,120,55),(1,12,14),(1,68,63),(1,28,50),(1,91,111),(1,63,6),(1,37,98)$,
$(1,21,1),(1,35,116),(1,8,40),(1,25,88),(1,20,107),(1,117,47),(1,80,15)$,
$(1,94,35),(1,112,68),(1,110,81),(1,90,38),(1,54,115),(1,0,86),(1,70,24)$,
$(1,24,25),(1,67,9),(1,14,14),(1,105,27),(1,50,11),(1,41,61),(1,92,72)$,
$(1,69,71)$
$\bar{t}_{2}(2,128)=36:$
$(1,0,0),(0,1,0),(0,0,1),(1,1,88),(1,10,9),(1,119,127),(1,115,97)$,
$(1,118,107),(1,11,117),(1,14,110),(1,31,64),(1,80,74),(1,98,34),(1,49,122)$,
$(1,40,120),(1,89,81),(1,35,55),(1,94,21),(1,77,106),(1,6,80),(1,29,56)$,
$(1,28,67),(1,126,33),(1,70,58),(1,2,5),(1,30,13),(1,68,17),(1,79,125)$,
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