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1. Introduction.

We wish to form four $(1,-1)$ matrices A, B, C, D of order m which pairwise satisfy

$$(1) \quad (i) \quad MN^T = NM^T$$

and

$$(ii) \quad AA^T + BB^T + CC^T + DD^T = 4mI_m.$$

Williamson first used such matrices and we call them *Williamson type*. The matrices Williamson originally used were both circulant and symmetric but we will show that neither the circulant nor symmetric properties are necessary in order to satisfy (1).

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Goethals and Seidel [1] found two $(1,-1)$ matrices $I+R$, S of order $\frac{1}{2}(p+1)$, $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ a prime power, which are circulant and symmetric and which satisfy

$$RR^T + SS^T = pI_{\frac{1}{2}(p+1)},$$

where I is the identity matrix.

Turyn [2] noted that $A = I+R$, $B = I-R$, $C = D = S$ satisfy the conditions (1) for $m = \frac{1}{2}(p+1)$ and hence are Williamson matrices.

Whiteman [5] provided an alternate construction for A , B , C , D of these orders.

We are going to generalize the matrices of the following example: Let J , X , Y be of order 5, J the matrix of all 1's and suppose

$$XJ = -YJ = -J, \quad XY^T = YX^T, \quad XX^T + YY^T = 12I - 2J.$$

Consider

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} J & X & X \\ X & J & X \\ X & X & J \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} X & -X & -X \\ -X & X & -X \\ -X & -X & X \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} J & Y & Y \\ Y & J & Y \\ Y & Y & J \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} Y & -Y & -Y \\ -Y & Y & -Y \\ -Y & -Y & Y \end{bmatrix},$$

and note that A , B , C , D satisfy (1).

We use the following theorem (see Section 2 for definitions):

THEOREM 1. (Baumert and Hall, see [4]). *If there are Williamson type matrices of order m and a Baumert-Hall array of order t then there exists a Hadamard matrix of order $4mt$.*

Turyn has announced [3] that he has found Baumert-Hall arrays for the orders t and $5t$

$$(2) \quad t \in \{1, 3, 5, \dots, 59\} \cup \{1 + 2^a 10^b 26^c, a, b, c \text{ non-negative integers}\}.$$

Some Baumert-Hall arrays found by Cooper and Wallis may be found in [4].

2. Basic Definitions.

A matrix with every entry +1 or -1 is called a (1,-1)-matrix. An Hadamard matrix $H = (h_{ij})$ is a square (1,-1) matrix of order n which satisfies the equation

$$HH^T = H^T H = nI_n .$$

We use J for the matrix of all 1's.

A Baumert-Hall array of order t is a $4t \times 4t$ array with entries $A, -A, B, -B, C, -C, D, -D$ and the properties that:

- (i) in any row there are exactly t entries $\pm A$, t entries $\pm B$, t entries $\pm C$, and t entries $\pm D$; and similarly for the columns
- (ii) the rows are formally orthogonal, in the sense that if $\pm A, \pm B, \pm C, \pm D$ are realized as elements of any commutative ring then the distinct rows of the array are pairwise orthogonal; and similarly for the columns.

The Baumert-Hall arrays are a generalization of the following array of Williamson:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ -B & A & -D & C \\ -C & D & A & -B \\ -D & -C & B & A \end{bmatrix} .$$

Let S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n be subsets of V , an additive abelian group of order v , containing k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n elements respectively. Write T_i for the totality of all differences between elements of S_i (with repetitions), and T for the totality of elements of all the T_i . If T contains each non-zero element a fixed number of times, λ say, then the sets S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n will be called

$n = \{v; k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n; \lambda\}$ supplementary difference sets. Henceforth we assume V is always an additive abelian group of order v with elements g_1, g_2, \dots, g_v .

The type 1 $(1, -1)$ incidence matrix $M = (m_{ij})$ of order v of a subset X of V is defined by

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} +1 & g_j - g_i \in X, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

while the type 2 $(1, -1)$ incidence matrix $N = (n_{ij})$ of order v of a subset Y of V is defined by

$$n_{ij} = \begin{cases} +1 & g_j + g_i \in Y, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is shown in [4] that if M is a type 1 $(1, -1)$ incidence matrix and N is a type 2 $(1, -1)$ incidence matrix of $2 - \{2q-1; q-1, q; q-1\}$ supplementary difference sets then

$$MN^T = NM^T,$$

and

$$(3) \quad MM^T + NN^T = 4qI - 2J.$$

If N were type 1 (3) would still be satisfied.

3. The Construction.

THEOREM 2. Suppose there exist $(1,-1)$ matrices I,R,S of order q which satisfy

$$I + RR^T + SS^T = 2qI, \quad R^T = R, \quad S^T = S, \quad RS = SR$$

and $2 - \{2q-1; q-1, q; q-1\}$ supplementary difference sets with incidence matrices X,Y which satisfy $XY^T = YX^T$. Then

$$A = I \times J + R \times X$$

$$B = S \times X$$

$$C = I \times J + R \times Y$$

$$D = S \times Y$$

are four Williamson type matrices of order $q(2q-1)$.

Proof. Choose X and Y to be both type 1 $(1,-1)$ incidence matrices if the condition $XY^T = YX^T$ can be satisfied; otherwise choose X to be a type 1 $(1,-1)$ incidence matrix and Y to be a type 2 $(1,-1)$ incidence matrix. Then $XY^T = YX^T$ (see [4; p.288]).

By lemma 1.20 of [4;p.291]

$$XX^T + YY^T = 4qI - 2J,$$

and from the size of the two supplementary difference sets

$$XJ = -J = -YJ.$$

That A, B, C, D pairwise satisfy $MN^T = NM^T$ is easily verified and

$$\begin{aligned} AA^T + BB^T + CC^T + DD^T &= I \times (2q-1)J + R^T \times JX^T + R \times XJ + SS^T \times XX^T + RR^T \times XX^T \\ &\quad + I \times (2q-1)J + R^T \times JY^T + R \times YJ + SS^T \times YY^T + RR^T \times YY^T \\ &= 2I \times (2q-1)J + (SS^T + RR^T) \times (4qI - 2J) \\ &= 4q(2q-1)I, \end{aligned}$$

as required.

Now we note that there exist $2 - \{2q-1; q-1, q; q-1\}$ supplementary difference sets for

- (i) $2q-1$ a prime power; [4;p.283],
- (ii) $4q-1$ a prime power; Szekeres, [4;p.303],
- (iii) $2q-1$ $2q$ the order of a symmetric conference matrix, see [4], and that R, S exist [4;p.391] for orders q for which $2q-1$ is a prime power $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Thus we have

COROLLARY 3. Let $2q-1 = p$ be a prime power $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$; then there exist four Williamson type matrices A, B, C, D of order $\frac{1}{2}p(p+1)$.

COROLLARY 4. Let $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ be a prime power; then using theorem 1, there is a Hadamard matrix of order $2p(p+1)t$ and $10p(p+1)t$ where t is given by (2).

We note that the matrices constructed in corollary 3 are all symmetric but not circulant. In the following construction, none of the matrices are circulant and some are not symmetric.

LEMMA 5. Let $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ be a prime power then there exist Williamson type matrices A, B, C, D of order $\frac{1}{2}p(p+1)$ which pairwise satisfy

$$MN^T = NM^T,$$

for which

$$AA^T + BB^T + CC^T + DD^T = 2p(p+1)I_{\frac{1}{2}p(p+1)},$$

but which are neither circulant nor symmetric.

Proof. We use a construction of Szekeres [4;p.321]. Let x be a primitive root of $GF(p)$ and consider the cyclotomic classes of $p = 4f+1$ (f odd) defined by

$$C_i = \{x^{4j+i} : j = 0, 1, \dots, f-1\} \quad i = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

Then

$$C_0 \cup C_1 \text{ and } \{0\} \cup C_1 \cup C_2 ,$$

are $2 - \{4f+1; 2f, 2f+1; 2f\}$ supplementary difference sets for which
(since $-1 \in C_2$)

$$a \in C_0 \cup C_1 \Rightarrow -a \notin C_0 \cup C_1 \text{ and}$$

$$b \in \{0\} \cup C_1 \cup C_2 \Rightarrow -b \notin \{0\} \cup C_1 \cup C_2, b \neq 0 .$$

We form the type 1 (1,-1) incidence matrix, X , of $C_0 \cup C_1$ and the
type 2 (1,-1) incidence matrix, Y , of $\{0\} \cup C_1 \cup C_2$. Then

$$(X+1)^T = -(X+1), \quad Y^T = Y, \quad XJ = -J = -YJ ,$$

$$XX^T + YY^T = 2(4f+2)I - 2J, \quad \text{and} \quad XY^T = YX^T .$$

We now proceed as in theorem 2 noting that A and B are not symmetric.

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