

Computing distance-regular graph and association scheme parameters in SageMath with `sage-drg`

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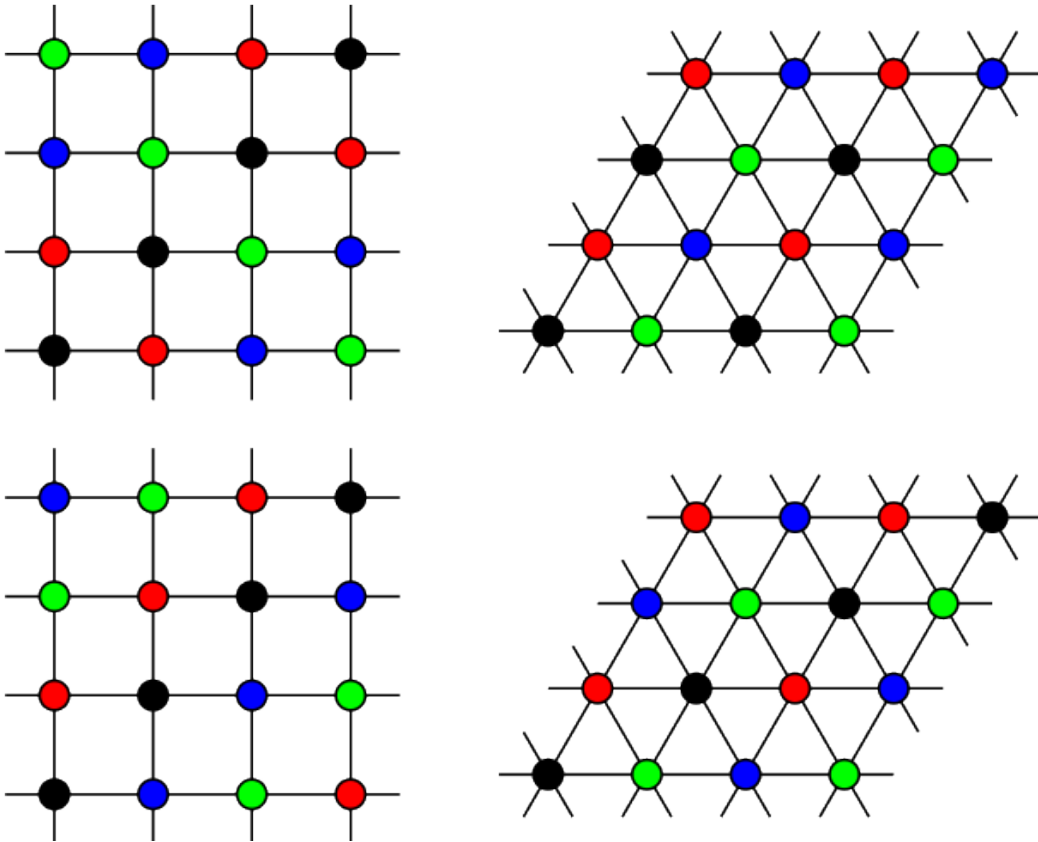
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Association schemes

- **Association schemes** were defined by [Bose](#) and [Shimamoto](#) in [1952](#) as a theory underlying **experimental design**.
- They provide a **unified approach** to many topics, such as
 - [combinatorial designs](#),
 - [coding theory](#),
 - generalizing [groups](#), and
 - [strongly regular](#) and [distance-regular graphs](#).

Examples

- Hamming schemes: $X = \mathbb{Z}_n^d$, $x R_i y \Leftrightarrow \text{weight}(x - y) = i$
- Johnson schemes: $X = \{S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n \mid |S| = d\}$ ($2d \leq n$), $x R_i y \Leftrightarrow |x \cap y| = d - i$



Definition

- Let X be a set of vertices and $\mathcal{R} = \{R_0 = \text{id}_X, R_1, \dots, R_D\}$ a set of symmetric relations partitioning X^2 .
- (X, \mathcal{R}) is said to be a D -class association scheme if there exist numbers p_{ij}^h ($0 \leq h, i, j \leq D$) such that, for any $x, y \in X$,

$$x R_h y \Rightarrow |\{z \in X \mid x R_i z R_j y\}| = p_{ij}^h$$

- We call the numbers p_{ij}^h ($0 \leq h, i, j \leq D$) intersection numbers.

Main problem

- Does an association scheme with given parameters **exist**?
 - If so, is it **unique**?
 - Can we determine **all** such schemes?
- **Lists** of feasible parameter sets have been compiled for **strongly regular** and **distance-regular graphs**.
- Recently, lists have also been compiled for some **Q-polynomial association schemes**.
- Computer software allows us to **efficiently** compute parameters and check for **existence conditions**, and also to obtain new information which would be helpful in the **construction** of new examples.

Bose-Mesner algebra

- Let A_i be the **binary matrix** corresponding to the relation R_i ($0 \leq i \leq D$).
- The vector space \mathcal{M} over \mathbb{R} spanned by A_i ($0 \leq i \leq D$) is called the **Bose-Mesner algebra**.
- \mathcal{M} has a second basis $\{E_0, E_1, \dots, E_D\}$ consisting of **projectors** to the **common eigenspaces** of A_i ($0 \leq i \leq D$).
- There exist the **eigenmatrix** P and the **dual eigenmatrix** Q such that

$$A_j = \sum_{i=0}^D P_{ij} E_i, \quad E_j = \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{i=0}^D Q_{ij} A_i.$$

- There are **nonnegative** constants q_{ij}^h , called **Krein parameters**, such that

$$E_i \circ E_j = \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{h=0}^D q_{ij}^h E_h,$$

where \circ is the **entrywise matrix product**.

Parameter computation: general association schemes

```
[2]: %display latex
import drg
p = [[[1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 6, 0, 0], [0, 0, 3, 0], [0, 0, 0, 6]],
      [[0, 1, 0, 0], [1, 2, 1, 2], [0, 1, 0, 2], [0, 2, 2, 2]],
      [[0, 0, 1, 0], [0, 2, 0, 4], [1, 0, 2, 0], [0, 4, 0, 2]],
      [[0, 0, 0, 1], [0, 2, 2, 2], [0, 2, 0, 1], [1, 2, 1, 2]]]
scheme = drg.ASParameters(p)
scheme.kreinParameters()
```

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[2]:
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$$0: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Metric and cometric schemes

- If $p_{ij}^h \neq 0$ (resp. $q_{ij}^h \neq 0$) implies $|i - j| \leq h \leq i + j$, then the association scheme is said to be **metric** (resp. **cometric**).
- The **parameters** of a **metric** (or **P-polynomial**) association scheme can be **determined** from the **intersection array**

$$\{b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{D-1}; c_1, c_2, \dots, c_D\} \quad (b_i = p_{1,i+1}^i, c_i = p_{1,i-1}^i).$$

- The **parameters** of a **cometric** (or **Q-polynomial**) association scheme can be **determined** from the **Krein array**

$$\{b_0^*, b_1^*, \dots, b_{D-1}^*; c_1^*, c_2^*, \dots, c_D^*\} \quad (b_i^* = q_{1,i+1}^i, c_i^* = q_{1,i-1}^i).$$

- **Metric** association schemes correspond to **distance-regular graphs**.

Parameter computation: metric and cometric schemes

```
[3]: from drg import DRGParameters
      syl = DRGParameters([5, 4, 2], [1, 1, 4])
      syl
```

[3]: Parameters of a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{5, 4, 2; 1, 1, 4\}$

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[4]: syl.order()
```

[4]: 36

```
[5]: from drg import QPolyParameters
      q225 = QPolyParameters([24, 20, 36/11], [1, 30/11, 24])
      q225
```

[5]: Parameters of a Q-polynomial association scheme with Krein array $\{24, 20, \frac{36}{11}; 1, \frac{30}{11}, 24\}$

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[6]: q225.order()
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[6]: 225

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[7]: syl.pTable()
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[7]:

$$0: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 20 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$1: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 8 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$2: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 11 & 6 \\ 0 & 2 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$3: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 12 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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[8]: syl.kreinParameters()
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[8]:
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$$0: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 16 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$1: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{44}{5} & \frac{22}{5} & \frac{9}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{22}{5} & 2 & \frac{18}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{9}{5} & \frac{18}{5} & \frac{18}{5} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$2: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{176}{25} & \frac{16}{5} & \frac{144}{25} \\ 1 & \frac{16}{5} & 4 & \frac{9}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{144}{25} & \frac{9}{5} & \frac{36}{25} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$3: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \frac{16}{5} & \frac{32}{5} & \frac{32}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{32}{5} & 2 & \frac{8}{5} \\ 1 & \frac{32}{5} & \frac{8}{5} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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[9]: syl.distancePartition()
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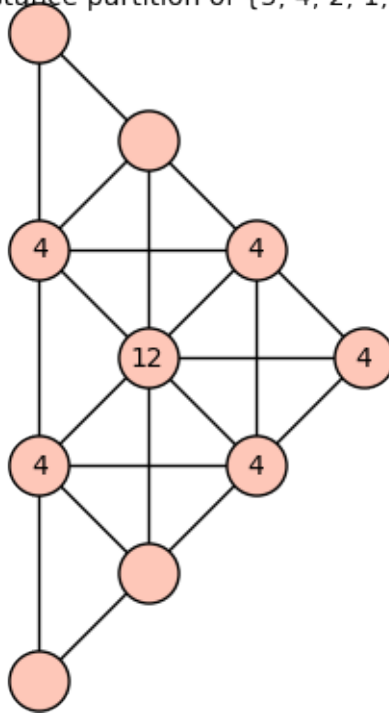
Distance partition of {5, 4, 2; 1, 1, 4}



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[11]: syl.distancePartition(3)
```

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[11]:
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3-distance partition of {5, 4, 2; 1, 1, 4}



Parameter computation: parameters with variables

Let us define a [one-parametric family](#) of [intersection arrays](#).

```
[12]: r = var("r")
f = DRGParameters([2*r^2*(2*r+1), (2*r-1)*(2*r^2+r+1), 2*r^2], [1, 2*r^2,
↪r*(4*r^2-1)])
f.order(factor=True)
```

```
[12]: (2r + 1)3r
```

```
[13]: f1 = f.subs(r == 1)
f1
```

```
[13]: Parameters of a distance-regular graph with intersection array {6,4,2;1,2,3}
```

The parameters of f1 are known to [uniquely determine](#) the [Hamming scheme](#) $H(3,3)$.

```
[14]: f2 = f.subs(r == 2)
f2
```

```
[14]: Parameters of a distance-regular graph with intersection array {40,33,8;1,8,30}
```

Feasibility checking

A parameter set is called **feasible** if it passes all known **existence conditions**.

Let us verify that $H(3,3)$ is feasible.

```
[15]: f1.check_feasible()
```

No error has occurred, since all existence conditions are met.

Let us now check whether the second member of the family is feasible.

```
[16]: f2.check_feasible()
```

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```
InfeasibleError: nonexistence by JurišićVidali12
```

In this case, **nonexistence** has been shown by **matching** the parameters against a list of **non-existent families**.

Triple intersection numbers

- In some cases, **triple intersection numbers** can be computed.

$$[h \ i \ j] = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ h & i & j \end{bmatrix} = |\{w \in X \mid w R_i x \wedge w R_j y \wedge w R_h z\}|$$

- If $x R_W y$, $x R_V z$ and $y R_U z$, then we have

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^D [\ell \ j \ h] = p_{jh}^U - [0 \ j \ h], \quad \sum_{\ell=1}^D [i \ \ell \ h] = p_{ih}^V - [i \ 0 \ h], \quad \sum_{\ell=1}^D [i \ j \ \ell] = p_{ij}^W - [i \ j \ 0],$$

where

$$[0 \ j \ h] = \delta_{jW} \delta_{hV}, \quad [i \ 0 \ h] = \delta_{iW} \delta_{hU}, \quad [i \ j \ 0] = \delta_{iV} \delta_{jU}.$$

- Additionally, $q_{ij}^h = 0$ if and only if

$$\sum_{r,s,t=0}^D Q_{ri} Q_{sj} Q_{th} \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ r & s & t \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

for all $x, y, z \in X$.

Example: parameters for a bipartite DRG of diameter 5

We will show that a distance-regular graph with intersection array $\{55, 54, 50, 35, 10; 1, 5, 20, 45, 55\}$ does not exist. The existence of such a graph would give a counterexample to a conjecture by MacLean and Terwilliger, see [Bipartite distance-regular graphs: The \$Q\$ -polynomial property and pseudo primitive idempotents](#) by M. Lang.

```
[17]: p = drg.DRGParameters([55, 54, 50, 35, 10], [1, 5, 20, 45, 55])
      p.check_feasible(skip=["sporadic"])
      p.order()
```

[17]: 3500

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[18]: p.kreinParameters()
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[18]:
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$$0: \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 132 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1617 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1617 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 132 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$1: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{50}{3} & \frac{343}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{343}{3} & \frac{2450}{3} & 686 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 686 & \frac{2450}{3} & \frac{343}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{343}{3} & \frac{50}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$2: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{28}{3} & \frac{200}{3} & 56 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{200}{3} & \frac{2380}{3} & 700 & 56 & 0 \\ 0 & 56 & 700 & \frac{2380}{3} & \frac{200}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 56 & \frac{200}{3} & \frac{28}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 56 & \frac{200}{3} & \frac{28}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 56 & 700 & \frac{2380}{3} & \frac{200}{3} & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{200}{3} & \frac{2380}{3} & 700 & 56 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{28}{3} & \frac{200}{3} & 56 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

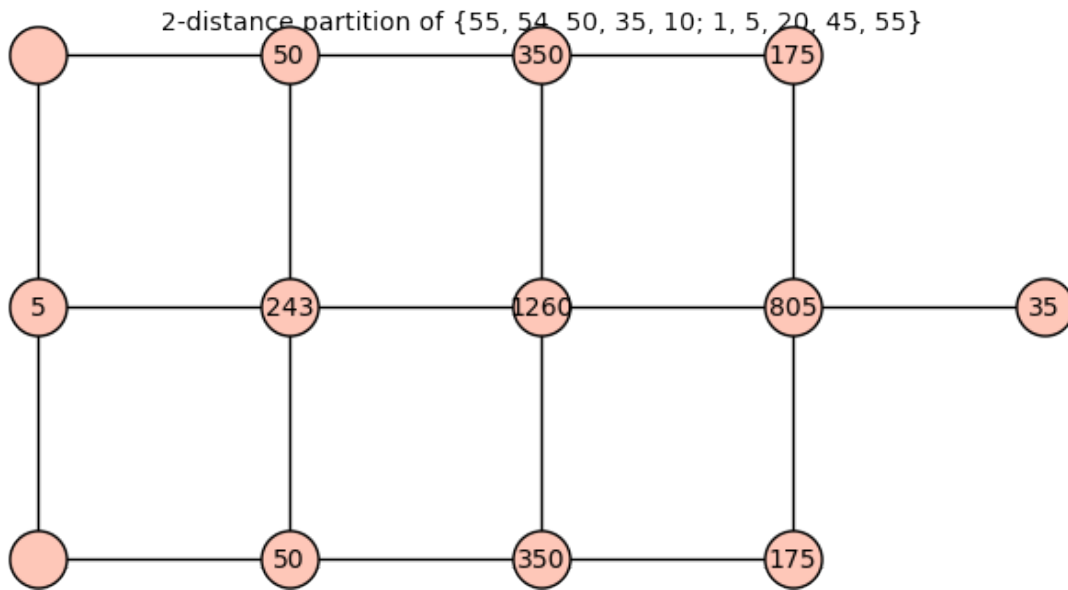
$$4: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{343}{3} & \frac{50}{3} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 686 & \frac{2450}{3} & \frac{343}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{343}{3} & \frac{2450}{3} & 686 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & \frac{50}{3} & \frac{343}{3} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$5: \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 132 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1617 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1617 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 132 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We now compute the triple intersection numbers with respect to three vertices x, y, z at mutual distances 2. Note that we have $p_{22}^2 = 243$, so such triples must exist. The parameter α will denote the number of vertices adjacent to all of x, y, z .

```
[19]: p.distancePartition(2)
```

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[19]:
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```
[20]: S222 = p.tripleEquations(2, 2, 2, params={"alpha": (1, 1, 1)})
show(S222[1, 1, 1])
show(S222[5, 5, 5])
```

α

$$-12\alpha + 20$$

Let us consider the set A of **common neighbours of x and y** , and the set B of vertices at **distance 2 from both x and y** . By the above, each vertex in B has **at most one neighbour in A** , so there are **at most 243** edges between A and B . However, each vertex in A is adjacent to both x and y , and the other **53** neighbours are in B , amounting to a total of $5 \cdot 53 = 265$ edges. We have arrived to a **contradiction**, and we must conclude that a graph with intersection array $\{55, 54, 50, 35, 10; 1, 5, 20, 45, 55\}$ **does not exist**.

Double counting

- Let $x, y \in X$ with $x R_r y$.
- Let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_u$ and $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \dots, \kappa_u$ be numbers such that there are precisely κ_ℓ vertices $z \in X$ with $x R_s z R_t y$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ h & i & j \end{bmatrix} = \alpha_\ell \quad (1 \leq \ell \leq u).$$

- Let $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_v$ and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_v$ be numbers such that there are precisely λ_ℓ vertices $w \in X$ with $x R_h w R_i y$ such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} w & x & y \\ j & s & t \end{bmatrix} = \beta_\ell \quad (1 \leq \ell \leq v).$$

- Double-counting pairs (w, z) with $w R_j z$ gives

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^u \kappa_{\ell} \alpha_{\ell} = \sum_{\ell=1}^v \lambda_{\ell} \beta_{\ell}$$

- Special case: $u = 1, \alpha_1 = 0$ implies $v = 1, \beta_1 = 0$.

Example: parameters for a 3-class Q-polynomial scheme

Nonexistence of some Q-polynomial association schemes has been proven by obtaining a contradiction in double counting with triple intersection numbers.

[21]: `q225`

[21]: Parameters of a Q-polynomial association scheme with Krein array $\{24, 20, \frac{36}{11}; 1, \frac{30}{11}, 24\}$

[22]: `q225.check_quadruples()`

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InfeasibleError: found forbidden quadruple wxyz with $d(w, x) = 2, d(w, y) = 2, \square$
 $\leftarrow d(w, z) = 2, d(x, y) = 3, d(x, z) = 3, d(y, z) = 3$

Integer linear programming has been used to find solutions to multiple systems of linear Diophantine equations, eliminating inconsistent solutions.

More results

There is no distance-regular graph with intersection array

- $\{83, 54, 21; 1, 6, 63\}$ (1080 vertices)
- $\{135, 128, 16; 1, 16, 120\}$ (1360 vertices)
- $\{104, 70, 25; 1, 7, 80\}$ (1470 vertices)
- $\{234, 165, 12; 1, 30, 198\}$ (1600 vertices)
- $\{195, 160, 28; 1, 20, 168\}$ (2016 vertices)
- $\{125, 108, 24; 1, 9, 75\}$ (2106 vertices)
- $\{126, 90, 10; 1, 6, 105\}$ (2197 vertices)
- $\{203, 160, 34; 1, 16, 170\}$ (2640 vertices)
- $\{53, 40, 28, 16; 1, 4, 10, 28\}$ (2916 vertices)

Nonexistence of Q-polynomial association schemes [GVW21] with parameters listed as feasible by Williford has been shown for

- 29 cases of 3-class primitive Q-polynomial association schemes
 - double counting has been used in two cases
- 92 cases of 4-class Q-bipartite Q-polynomial association schemes
- 11 cases of 5-class Q-bipartite Q-polynomial association schemes

Nonexistence of infinite families

Association schemes with the following parameters do not exist.

- distance-regular graphs with intersection arrays $\{(2r+1)(4r+1)(4t-1), 8r(4rt-r+2t), (r+t)(4r+1); 1, (r+t)(4r+1), 4r(2r+1)(4t-1)\}$ ($r, t \geq 1$)
- primitive Q-polynomial association schemes with Krein arrays $\{2r^2-1, 2r^2-2, r^2+1; 1, 2, r^2-1\}$ ($r \geq 3$ odd)
- Q-bipartite Q-polynomial association schemes with Krein arrays $\left\{m, m-1, \frac{m(r^2-1)}{r^2}, m-r^2+1; 1, \frac{m}{r^2}, r^2-1, m\right\}$ ($m, r \geq 3$ odd)
- Q-bipartite Q-polynomial association schemes with Krein arrays $\left\{\frac{r^2+1}{2}, \frac{r^2-1}{2}, \frac{(r^2+1)^2}{2r(r+1)}, \frac{(r-1)(r^2+1)}{4r}, \frac{r^2+1}{2r}; 1, \frac{(r-1)(r^2+1)}{2r(r+1)}, \frac{(r+1)(r^2+1)}{4r}, \frac{(r-1)(r^2+1)}{2r}, \frac{r^2+1}{2}\right\}$ ($r \geq 5, r \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$)
- Q-antipodal Q-polynomial association schemes with Krein arrays $\left\{r^2-4, r^2-9, \frac{12(s-1)}{s}, 1; 1, \frac{12}{s}, r^2-9, r^2-4\right\}$ ($r \geq 5, s \geq 4$)
 - Corollary: a tight 4-design in $H((9a^2+1)/5, 6)$ does not exist [GSV20].

Using Schönberg's theorem

- Schönberg's theorem: A polynomial $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of degree D is positive definite on S^{m-1} iff it is a nonnegative linear combination of Gegenbauer polynomials Q_ℓ^m ($0 \leq \ell \leq D$).
- Theorem (Kodalen, Martin): If (X, \mathcal{R}) is an association scheme, then

$$Q_\ell^{m_i} \left(\frac{1}{m_i} L_i^* \right) = \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{j=0}^D \theta_{\ell j} L_j^*$$

for some nonnegative constants $\theta_{\ell j}$ ($0 \leq j \leq D$), where $m_i = \text{rank}(E_i)$ and $L_i^* = (q_{ij}^h)_{h,j=0}^D$.

```
[23]: q594 = drg.QPolyParameters([9, 8, 81/11, 63/8], [1, 18/11, 9/8, 9])
q594.order()
```

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[23]: 594
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```
[24]: q594.check_schoenberg()
```

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```
InfeasibleError: Gegenbauer polynomial 4 on L*[1] not nonnegative: nonexistence_
↳by Kodalen19, Corollary 3.8.
```

The Terwilliger polynomial

- Terwilliger has observed that for a Q -polynomial distance-regular graph Γ , there exists a polynomial T of degree 4 whose coefficients can be expressed in terms of the intersection numbers of Γ such that $T(\theta) \geq 0$ for each non-principal eigenvalue θ of the local graph at a vertex of Γ .
- sage-drg can be used to compute this polynomial.

```
[25]: p750 = drg.DRGParameters([49, 40, 22], [1, 5, 28])
p750.order()
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[25]: 750

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[26]: T750 = p750.terwilligerPolynomial()
T750
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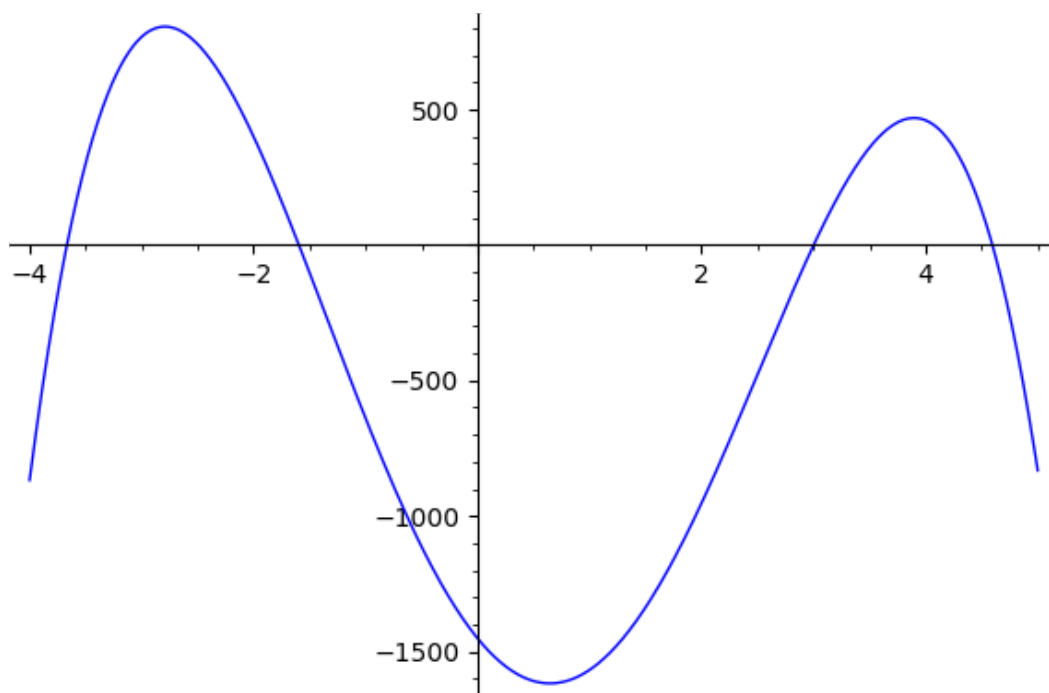
[26]: $-18x^4 + 42x^3 + 366x^2 - 506x - 1452$

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[27]: sorted(s.rhs() for s in solve(T750 == 0, x))
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[27]: $\left[-\frac{11}{3}, -\frac{1}{6}\sqrt{345} + \frac{3}{2}, 3, \frac{1}{6}\sqrt{345} + \frac{3}{2}\right]$

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[28]: plot(T750, (x, -4, 5))
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[28]:



We may now use [BCN, Thm. 4.4.4] to further restrict the possible non-principal eigenvalues of the local graphs.

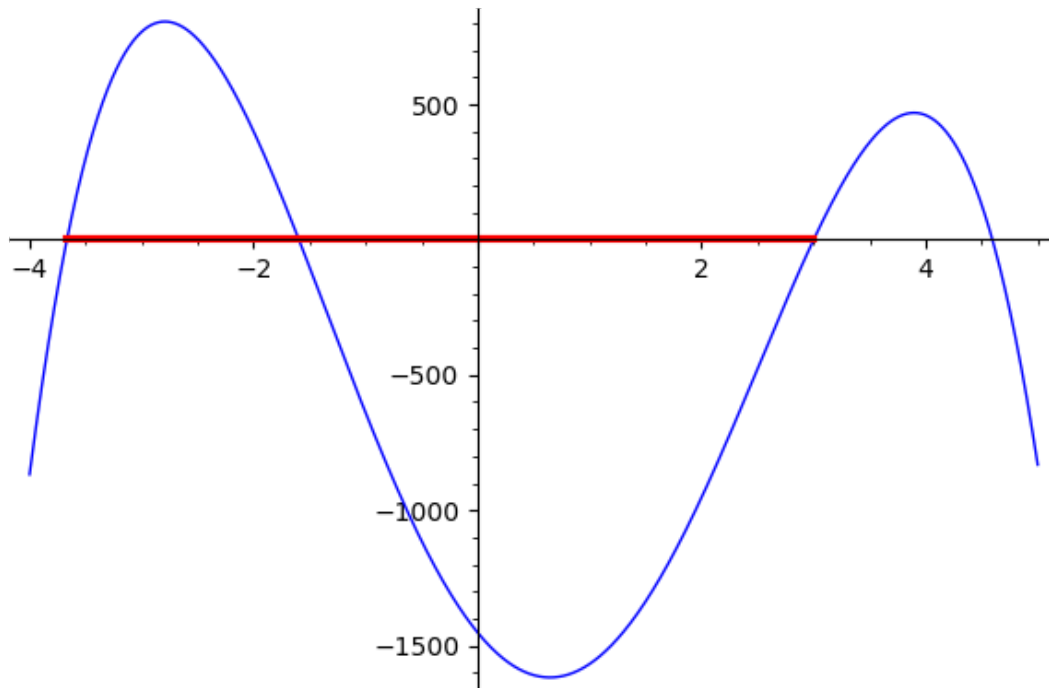
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[29]: 1, u = -1 - p750.b[1] / (p750.theta[1] + 1), -1 - p750.b[1] / (p750.theta[3] + 1)
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1, u
```

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[29]: (-11/3, 3)
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```
[30]: plot(T750, (x, -4, 5)) + line([(1, 0), (u, 0)], color="red", thickness=3)
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[30]:
```



Since graph eigenvalues are [algebraic integers](#) and all [non-integral eigenvalues](#) of the [local graph](#) lie on a subinterval of $(-4, -1)$, it can be shown that the only permissible [non-principal eigenvalues](#) are $-3, -2, 3$.

We may now set up a [system of equations](#) to determine the [multiplicities](#).

```
[31]: var("m1 m2 m3")
solve([1 + m1 + m2 + m3 == p750.k[1],
      1 * p750.a[1] + m1 * 3 + m2 * (-2) + m3 * (-3) == 0,
      1 * p750.a[1]^2 + m1 * 3^2 + m2 * (-2)^2 + m3 * (-3)^2 == p750.k[1] *
      →p750.a[1]],
      (m1, m2, m3))
```

```
[31]: [[m1 = (96/5), m2 = (104/5), m3 = 8]]
```

Since all multiplicities are not [nonnegative integers](#), we conclude that there is no [distance-regular graph](#) with intersection array

- $\{49, 40, 22; 1, 5, 28\}$ (750 vertices)
- $\{109, 80, 22; 1, 10, 88\}$ (1200 vertices)
- $\{164, 121, 33; 1, 11, 132\}$ (2420 vertices)

Distance-regular graphs with classical parameters

We use a similar technique to prove **nonexistence** of certain **distance-regular graphs** with **classical parameters** (D, b, α, β) :

- $(3, 2, 2, 9)$ (430 vertices)
- $(3, 2, 5, 21)$ (1100 vertices)
- $(6, 2, 2, 107)$ (87 725 820 468 vertices)
- $(b, \alpha) = (2, 1)$ and
 - $D = 4, \beta \in \{8, 10, 12\}$
 - $D = 5, \beta \in \{16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 28\}$
 - $D = 6, \beta \in \{32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 46, 49, 54, 60\}$
 - $D = 7, \beta \in \{64, 65, 66, 67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 79, 81, 84, 85, 92, 99, 124\}$
 - $D = 8, \beta \in \{128, 129, 130, 131, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 139, 140, 141, 151, 152, 155, 158, 160, 165, 168, 174, 175, 183, 184, 190, 202, 238, 252\}$
 - $D \geq 3, \beta \in \{2^{D-1}, 2^D - 4\}$

Local graphs with at most four eigenvalues

- **Lemma** (Van Dam): A **connected graph** on n vertices with **spectrum**

$$\theta_0^{\ell_0} \quad \theta_1^{\ell_1} \quad \theta_2^{\ell_2} \quad \theta_3^{\ell_3}$$

is **walk-regular** with precisely

$$w_r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^3 \ell_i \cdot (\theta_i)^r$$

closed r -walks ($r \geq 3$) through **each vertex**.

- If r is **odd**, w_r must be **even**.
- A **distance-regular graph** Γ with **classical parameters** $(D, 2, 1, \beta)$ has **local graphs** with
 - precisely **three distinct eigenvalues** if $\beta = 2^D - 1$, and then Γ is a **bilinear forms graph** (Gavrilyuk, Koolen)
 - precisely **four distinct eigenvalues** if $(\beta + 1) \mid (2^D - 2)(2^D - 1)$, and then $\beta = 2^D - 2$ (or w_3 is **nonintegral**)
- There is no **distance-regular graph** with **classical parameters** $(D, 2, 1, \beta)$ such that
 - $(D, \beta) \in \{(3, 5), (4, 9), (4, 13), (5, 29), (6, 41), (6, 61), (7, 125), (8, 169), (8, 253)\}$
 - $D \geq 3$ and $\beta = 2^D - 3$