## Pairwise balanced designs and periodic Golay pairs

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- Isomorphism between designs
- Automorphism of a design $\mathcal{D} ; \operatorname{Aut}(\mathcal{D})$


## The main result

- By constructing PBDs with appropriate parameters and a presumed cyclic automorphism group, we can construct PGPs.
- We completely classified PBDs with appropriate parameters and a presumed cyclic automorphism group, which correspond to $\operatorname{PGP}(v) s$ for all $v \leq 34$, and we noted that there are no periodic Golay pairs of length 36 and 38.
- We constructed a new $\operatorname{PGP}(74)$.


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By replacing each 1 with 0 and each -1 with 1 in $\left[\begin{array}{ll}A & B\end{array}\right]$, an incidence matrix $\left[\begin{array}{ll}A^{\prime} & B^{\prime}\end{array}\right]$ of a $\operatorname{PBD}\left(v,\left\{k_{a}, k_{b}\right\}, \lambda\right)$ is obtained.
If the blocks label the columns and points label the rows of $\left[\begin{array}{ll}A^{\prime} & B^{\prime}\end{array}\right]$ we have $v$ points, each incident with $r=k_{a}+k_{b}$ blocks and any pair of points is incident with $\lambda=r-\frac{v}{2}$ blocks.

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| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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| 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
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So, by constructing $\operatorname{PBD}(v, K, \lambda)$ with presumed automorphism group $C_{v}$ acting transitively on points and with two orbits on the set of blocks, we can construct the corresponding PGP.

## Construction of PBDs - tactical decomposition

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The following equalities hold:

$$
\begin{align*}
& 0 \leq \gamma_{i j} \leq \Omega_{j}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n  \tag{1}\\
& \sum_{j=1}^{n} \gamma_{i j}=r, \quad 1 \leq i \leq m  \tag{2}\\
& \sum_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\omega_{i}}{\Omega_{j}} \gamma_{i j} \in K, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n  \tag{3}\\
& \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\omega_{t}}{\Omega_{j}} \gamma_{s j} \gamma_{t j}=\lambda \omega_{t}+\delta_{s t} \cdot(r-\lambda), \quad 1 \leq s, t \leq m \tag{4}
\end{align*}
$$

A $(m \times n)$-matrix $M=\left(\gamma_{i j}\right)$ with entries satisfying conditions $(1)-(4)$ is called a point orbit matrix of a pairwise balanced design $\operatorname{PBD}(v, K, \lambda)$ with orbit length distributions $\left(\omega_{1}, \ldots, \omega_{m}\right)$ and $\left(\Omega_{1}, \ldots, \Omega_{n}\right)$.

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(2) Construction of $\operatorname{PBDs}\left(v,\left\{k_{a}, k_{b}\right\}, \lambda\right)$ for the orbit matrix $M$. A principal series $\{1\}=G_{0} \triangleleft G_{1} \triangleleft G_{2} \triangleleft \ldots \triangleleft G_{n}=G, G_{i} \cong C_{v_{1}} \times \ldots \times C_{v_{i}}$, of the group $G$ can be used to construct refinements of the matrix $M$.
In ith iteration of the refinements we construct all the orbit matrices for the group $G_{n-i}$, having in mind the action of the group G.In the last iteration we obtain the orbit matrices for the trivial group i.e. incidence matrices of $\operatorname{PBDs}\left(v,\left\{k_{a}, k_{b}\right\}, \lambda\right)$.

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- $\operatorname{PGP}(v)$ for $v>1$ can exist only if $v$ is even.
- Length $v$ of a $\operatorname{PGP}(v)$ must be a sum of two squares.
- If there exists a $\operatorname{PGP}(v)$ where $v=p^{t} u>1, p \equiv 3 \bmod 4$ is prime, and $\operatorname{gcd}(p, u)=1$, then $u \geq 2 p^{t / 2}$. (Arasu, Xiang, 1992.)
- If $(a, b) \in \operatorname{PGP}(v)$, then where $r_{a}$ and $r_{b}$ denote the sum of the entries in $a$ and $b$ respectively, it holds that $r_{a}^{2}+r_{b}^{2}=2 v$. It follows that we can limit the possible choices of $k_{a}$ and $k_{b}$ so that $2\left(k_{a}-\frac{v}{2}\right)^{2}+2\left(k_{b}-\frac{v}{2}\right)^{2}=v$.


## Isomorph rejection

For isomorph rejection we use the elements of the normalizer $N_{S}(G)$ of the group $G \cong C_{v}$ in $\operatorname{Sym}(v)$.

Given a periodic Golay pair $(a, b)$ of length $v$, we can construct a new periodic Golay pair of length $v$ by applying certain equivalence operations.

- D. Ž. Doković, Equivalence classes and representatives of Golay sequences, Discrete Math. 189 (1998), 79-93.
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## Equivalence operations on PGPs

Let $C$ be the circulant $v \times v$ matrix

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & & 0 & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right] .
$$

We define that two periodic Golay pairs $(a, b)$ and $(c, d)$ of length $v$ are equivalent if $(c, d)$ is obtained from $(a, b)$ by any combination of the following operations:
(1) Swap $a$ and $b$.
(2) Replace $a$ with $a C$.
(3) Reverse a.
(9) For any $k<v$ coprime to $v$ replace both $a$ and $b$ with $\left[a_{k i}\right]_{0 \leq i \leq v-1}$ and $\left[b_{k i}\right]_{0 \leq i \leq v-1}$ respectively (decimation of $a$ and $b$ ).
(3) Negate every odd indexed entry of both $a$ and $b$.

## Results

With the construction of PBDs using orbit matrices all equivalence classes of PGPs of length $v$ are constructed.

PBD classifications corresponding to PGPs

| $v$ | 4 | 8 | 10 | 16 | 20 | 26 | 32 | 34 | 40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Isom.classes | 3 | 4 | 8 | 62 | 448 | 816 | 10208 | 5856 | $\geq 565$ |

The number of equivalence classes of PGPs of length $v$ :

| $v$ | 2 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 16 | 20 | 26 | 32 | 34 | 40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Classes | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 11 | 34 | 53 | 838 | 373 | $\geq 323$ |

All our results:
http://www.math.uniri.hr/~ddumicic/results/PGpairs_PBDs.html

## Results on PGP of length 74

The first two noneqivalent PGP(74) were constructed by:

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A search for pairs using the orbit matrix $M=\left[\begin{array}{ll}k_{a} & k_{b}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ll}38 & 43\end{array}\right]$ of a $\operatorname{PBD}(74,\{38,43\}, 42)$ with presumed automorphism group $C_{74}$ returned a third inequivalent class represented by the pair:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[4,1^{2}, 5,1^{5}, 2,3,1^{4}, 2,3,1,2,3,2,1^{4}, 5,2^{3}, 1,2,1,2^{2}, 4,2,1^{3}, 2^{2}\right],} \\
& {\left[2^{2}, 5,2,1^{2}, 3^{2}, 1,7,5,1,2,1^{2}, 2^{2}, 1^{4}, 2^{2}, 1,2,3,4,1,5,1^{3}, 4,1^{2}\right] .}
\end{aligned}
$$

(Notation: For example the sequence $[1,1,-, 1,-,-,-, 1,-, 1,-]$ would be written as [ $\left.2,1^{2}, 3,1^{4}\right]$ ).

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We used the orbit matrices of the corresponding $\operatorname{PBD}\left(90,\left\{k_{a}, k_{b}\right\}, \lambda\right)$ under the action of the cyclic automorphism group
$G \cong C_{90} \cong C_{2} \times C_{5} \times C_{9}$ which acts with the point and block orbit lengths distributions (90) and (90, 90), respectively.
$\operatorname{PBD}(90,\{39,42\}, 36), \operatorname{PBD}(90,\{39,48\}, 42), \operatorname{PBD}(90,\{42,51\}, 48)$ and $\operatorname{PBD}(90,\{48,51\}, 54)$

$$
\{1\} \triangleleft C_{5} \triangleleft C_{2} \times C_{5} \triangleleft C_{2} \times C_{5} \times C_{9}
$$

| $r$ | 81 | 87 | 93 | 99 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \# orbit matrices for $C_{2} \times C_{5}$ | 362 | 361 | 356 | 363 |
| \# orbit matrices for $C_{5}$ | 16232 | 15331 | 16536 | 15330 |

## Thank you for your attention!

