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# Higher Dimensional Optical Orthogonal Codes

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In Optical code-division multiple access (OCDMA) applications, the number of codewords in an OOC corresponds to possible number of asynchronous users able to transmit information efficiently and reliably.

1D-OOCs suffer from small cardinality (need long codewords or relaxed correlations).

3D-OOCs or space/wavelength/time OOCs encode the data bits in spatial, wavelength and time domains, overcoming the 1D-OOC shortcomings.



# 3D 00Cs

We denote by  $(\Lambda \times S \times T, w, \lambda_a, \lambda_c)$  a 3D-OOC with constant weight w,  $\Lambda$  wavelengths, space spreading length S, and time-spreading length T (hence, each codeword may be considered as an  $\Lambda \times S \times T$  binary array) subject to the following properties.

- (auto-correlation property) for any codeword  $A = (a_{i,j,k})$  and for any integer  $1 \le t \le T 1$ , we have  $\sum_{i=0}^{S-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\Lambda-1} \sum_{k=1}^{T-1} a_{i,j,k} a_{i,j,k+t} \le \lambda_a,$
- (cross-correlation property) for any two distinct codewords  $A = (a_{i,j,k})$ ,  $B = (b_{i,j,k})$  and for any integer  $0 \le t \le T 1$ , we have  $\sum_{i=0}^{S-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\Lambda-1} \sum_{k=0}^{T-1} a_{i,j,k} b_{i,j,k+t} \le \lambda_c$ ,

where each subscript is reduced modulo T.



## Example





Figure: Autocorrelation  $\lambda_a = 1$ 

Figure: Autocorrelation zero!

Codes with  $\lambda_a = 0$  are called **ideal codes**.





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A codeword from an ideal 3-D OOC, black cubes indicate 1, white indicate 0. (b) Each of the  $\Lambda S$  space/wavelength sections correspond to an element from an alphabet of size T + 1.



Let  $\Phi(C)$  denote the theoretical upper bound on the capacity of C. After adapting the Johnson Bound for non-binary alphabets we obtain the following bound for ideal 3-D OOCs.

#### Theorem

[Johnson Bound for Ideal 3D OOC] Let C be an  $(\Lambda \times S \times T, w, 0, \lambda)$ -OOC, then

$$\Phi(C) \le J(\Lambda \times S \times T, w, 0, \lambda_c)$$
$$= \left\lfloor \frac{\Lambda S}{w} \left\lfloor \frac{T(\Lambda S - 1)}{w - 1} \left\lfloor \cdots \left\lfloor \frac{T(\Lambda S - \lambda)}{w - \lambda} \right\rfloor \right\rfloor \cdots \right\rfloor$$

Note that if C is an ideal 3D OOC of maximal weight  $(w = \Lambda S$  ) then  $\Phi(C) \leq T^{\lambda}.$  Codes meeting the bound will be said to be J-optimal.



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One way to achieve  $\lambda_a = 0$  is to select codes with at most one pulse per spatial plane. Such codes are referred to as *at most one pulse per plane* (AMOPP) codes. AMOPP codes of maximal weight *S* have a single pulse per spatial plane, and are referred to as SPP codes.



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Using similar methods as above we are able to establish that for fixed dimensions, weight, and correlation  $% \left( {{\left[ {{{\rm{cor}}} \right]}_{{\rm{cor}}}} \right)$ 

$$\begin{split} \Phi(SPP) &\leq \Lambda^{\lambda} T^{\lambda-1} \\ &\leq \Phi(AMOPP) \\ &\leq \left\lfloor \frac{1}{T} \left\lfloor \frac{\Lambda ST}{w} \left\lfloor \frac{\Lambda T(S-1)}{w-1} \left\lfloor \cdots \left\lfloor \frac{\Lambda T(S-\lambda)}{w-\lambda} \right\rfloor \right\rfloor \right\rfloor \right\rfloor \\ &\leq \Phi(Ideal) \\ &\leq \left\lfloor \frac{\Lambda S}{w} \left\lfloor \frac{T(\Lambda S-1)}{w-1} \left\lfloor \cdots \left\lfloor \frac{T(\Lambda S-\lambda)}{w-\lambda} \right\rfloor \right\rfloor \cdots \right\rfloor \end{split}$$



Known families of optimal ideal 3D OOC,  $\lambda_c = 1$ .

$$p$$
 a prime,  $q$  a prime power,  $\theta(k,q) = \frac{q^{k+1}-1}{q-1}$ 

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$w = S \leq p$ for all $p$ dividing $\Lambda T$	SPP	Kim,Yu,Park, (2000)
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$w=S=q+1,\Lambda=q>3,T=p>q$	SPP	Li, Fan, Shum (2012)
$w = S = 3 \Lambda \equiv T \mod 2$	SPP	Shum (2015)
$w=3$ , $\Lambda T(S-1)$ even,	AMOPP	Shum(2015)
$\Lambda T(S-1)S\equiv 0 \mod 3$ , and		
$S\equiv 0,1 \mod 4$ if		
$T \equiv 2 \mod 4$ and $\Lambda$ is odd.		



# Projective Spaces: Notation

- PG(k,q): The finite projective geometry of dimension k and order q.
- The number of points of PG(k,q):

$$\theta(k,q) = \theta(k) = \frac{q^{k+1} - 1}{q - 1}.$$

- Number of lines on PG(k,q):  $\mathcal{L}(k)$
- The number of *d*-flats in PG(k, q):

$$\left[\begin{array}{c}k+1\\d+1\end{array}\right]_q = \frac{(q^{k+1}-1)(q^{k+1}-q)\cdots(q^{k+1}-q^d)}{(q^{d+1}-1)(q^{d+1}-q)\cdots(q^{d+1}-q^d)}.$$



## Singer representation

A **Singer group** is a cyclic group acting sharply transitively on the points of PG(k,q). A generator is a **Singer cycle**. Let  $\beta$  be a primitive element of  $GF(q^{k+1})$ . Then the powers of  $\beta$ :

$$\beta^0, \beta^1, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{q^k+q^{k-1}+\dots+q^2+q(=\theta(k,q)-1)}$$

represent the projective points of  $\Sigma = PG(k,q)$ .

Denote by  $\phi$  the Singer cycle of  $\Sigma$  defined by  $\beta^i \mapsto \beta^{i+1}$ .



## Codewords from Orbits

Let  $n = \theta(k) = \Lambda \cdot S \cdot T$  where G is the Singer group of  $\Sigma = PG(k,q)$ . Since G is cyclic there exists a unique subgroup H of order T (H is the subgroup with generator  $\phi^{\Lambda S}$ ).

## Definition (Projective Incidence Array)

Let  $\Lambda, S, T$  be positive integers such that  $\theta(k, q) = \Lambda \cdot S \cdot T$ . For an arbitrary pointset  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\Sigma = PG(k, q)$  we define the  $\Lambda \times S \times T$ incidence array  $A = (a_{i,j,k}), \ 0 \le i \le \Lambda - 1, \ 0 \le j \le S - 1,$  $0 \le k \le T - 1$  where  $a_{i,j,k} = 1$  if and only if the point corresponding to  $\beta^{i+j\cdot\Lambda+k\cdot S\Lambda}$  is in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Note that a cyclic shift of the temporal planes of A is the incidence array corresponding to  $\sigma(A)$ .



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 $\beta^9$  induces a cyclic shift of the temporal planes.



If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a pointset of  $\Sigma$ , consider its orbit  $Orb_H(\mathcal{A})$  under the group H generated by  $\phi^{\Lambda S}$ .

The set A has full H-orbit if  $|Orb_H(A)| = T = \frac{n}{\Lambda S}$  and short H-orbit otherwise.

If  $\mathcal{A}$  has full H-orbit then a representative member of the orbit and corresponding 3-D codeword is chosen. The collection of all such codewords gives rise to a  $(\Lambda \times S \times T, w, \lambda_a, \lambda_c)$ -3D-OOC, where

$$\lambda_a = \max_{0 \le i < j \le T-1} \left\{ |\phi^{\Lambda S \cdot i}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \phi^{\Lambda S \cdot j}(\mathcal{A})| \right\}$$
(1)

and

$$\lambda_{c} = \max_{0 \le i, j \le T-1} \left\{ |\phi^{\Lambda S \cdot i}(\mathcal{A}) \cap \phi^{\Lambda S \cdot j}(\mathcal{A}')| \right\}$$
(2)

ranging over all  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  with full H-orbit.



## A handy Theorem

## Theorem ( Rao (1969), Drudge (2002) )

In  $\Sigma = PG(k,q)$ , there exists a short G-orbit of d-flats if and only if  $gcd(k+1,d+1) \neq 1$ . In the case that d+1 divides k+1 there is a short orbit S which partitions the points of  $\Sigma$  (i.e. constitutes a d-spread of  $\Sigma$ ). There is precisely one such orbit, and the G-stabilizer of any  $\Pi \in S$  is  $Stab_G(\Pi) = \langle \phi^{\frac{\theta(k)}{\theta(d)}} \rangle$ .



## Codes from projective lines, $\lambda_c = 1$

In PG(k,q), k odd, let S be the line spread determined by G where say  $Stab_G(\ell) = H$  for  $\ell \in S$  (so |H| = q + 1).

It follows that any pointset meeting each line of the spread in at most one point will be of full H-orbit, and moreover, that members of the orbit will be mutually disjoint.

(Consequently, if  $\Lambda S = \frac{\theta(k,q)}{q+1}$ , then the corresponding  $\Lambda \times S \times (q+1)$  incidence array will satisfies  $\lambda_a = 0$ ).





Clearly, each line  $\ell \notin \mathcal{S}$  meets each spread line in at most one point.

For each full *H*-orbit of lines, select a representative member and corresponding  $\Lambda \times S \times (q+1)$  incidence array (3D-codeword). The collection of all such codewords comprises a  $(\Lambda \times S \times (q+1), q+1, 0, \lambda_c)$ -3DOOC *C*.

As two lines intersect in at most one point we have  $\lambda_c = 1$ .



Each  $\ell \notin S$  is of full *H*-orbit, that is  $|Orb_H(\ell)| = q + 1$ , and the lines in  $Orb_H(\ell)$  are disjoint. It follows that the number of full *H*-orbits of lines is

$$\# \text{ orbits } = \frac{\mathcal{L}(k) - |\mathcal{S}|}{q+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{q+1} \cdot \left[ \frac{(q^{k+1}-1)(q^{k+1}-q)}{(q^2-1)(q^2-q)} - \frac{\theta(k)}{q+1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{q \cdot \theta(k,q) \cdot \theta(k-2,q)}{(q+1)^2}$$
(3)

Comparing this with our established bounds we see that C is in fact optimal.



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#### Theorem

Let q be a prime power and let k be odd. For any factorisation  $\Lambda ST = \theta(k,q)$  where T divides q + 1 there exists a J-optimal  $(\Lambda \times S \times T, q + 1, 0, 1)$ -OOC.





In an analogous way we may generalize whereby codewords correspond to lines that are not contained in any element of a d-spread of  $\Sigma$ .

#### Theorem

For  $d \geq 1$ , m > 1, and for any factorisation  $\Lambda ST = \theta(m-1,q^{d+1}) \cdot \theta(d,q)$  where T divides  $\theta(d,q)$ , there exists a J-optimal ( $\Lambda \times S \times T, q+1,0,1$ )-OOC.



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# Affine Analogue

There exists an affine analogue of the Singer automorphism, denoted  $\hat{G} = \langle \hat{\psi} \rangle$ . The following follows from Theorem 8 of (Bose, 1942).

## Theorem (Bose (1942))

A *d*-flat  $\Pi$  in PG(k,q) is of full  $\hat{G}$ -orbit if and only if the origin  $P_0 \notin \Pi$  and  $\Pi$  is not a subset of  $\Pi_{\infty}$ .

Utilizing this theorem we are able to contruct more 3D-OOCs.



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#### Theorem

For q a prime power, and for any factoristion  $\Lambda ST = q^k - 1$  where T divides q - 1 there exists a J-optimal ( $\Lambda \times S \times T, q, 0, 1$ )-OOC.



## New families of optimal ideal 3D OOC, $\lambda_c = 1$ .

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		TLA (2017)
$w = q, \Lambda ST = q^k - 1, T (q - 1)$		TLA 2017
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# Conclusion and further work

- Provided constructions of infinite families of optimal ideal 3-dimensional OOC's.
- Constructions involve two or more parameters that may grow without bound.
- FUTURE:
  - 1. Consider orbits of further algebraic or geometric objects (curves, arcs, subgeometries etc.) .
  - 2. If desired, construct codes without the ideal constraints (much larger families).
  - 3. Possible generalize methods to (periodic) (multidimensional) Costas Arrays.
  - 4. Complete generalizations to D-dimensional codes.



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