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# Improvement of the sunflower bound

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## Definition Subspace code

- ▶ Codewords are subspaces
- ▶ Constant or mixed dimension subspace code
- ▶ Subspace distance:

$$d(U, V) = \dim(U + V) - \dim(U \cap V)$$

- ▶ Speeds up the transmission of information through a wireless network

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## Sunflower

$t$ -intersecting constant dimension subspace codes

Codewords are  $k$ -dimensional subspaces, where distinct codewords intersect in a  $t$ -dimensional subspace.

Sunflower

All codewords pass through the same  $t$ -dimensional subspace.

## 4 Sunflower Bound

### Sunflower Bound

Large  $t$ -intersecting constant dimension subspace codes are sunflowers if

$$|C| > \left( \frac{q^k - q^t}{q - 1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{q^k - q^t}{q - 1} \right) + 1$$

- This bound is probably too high.

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## Decrease the sunflower bound

- ▶ Codewords are three-dimensional subspaces, where distinct subspaces intersect in a point. ( $k = 4, t = 1$ ).
- ▶ The sunflower bound is in this case

$$\left(\frac{q^4 - q^1}{q - 1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{q^4 - q^1}{q - 1}\right) + 1 = q^6 + 2q^5 + 3q^4 + 3q^3 + 2q^2 + q + 1$$

**Purpose**

Decreasing the sunflower bound, for  $k = 4, t = 1$ , to  $q^6$ .

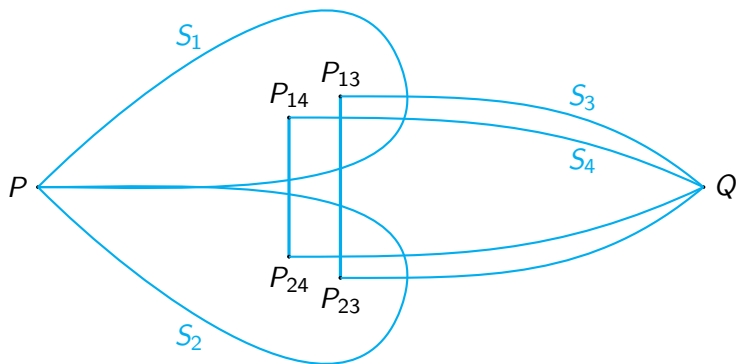
## Summary of the proof

Suppose we have a collection of  $q^6$  solids that pairwise intersect in a point, and doesn't form a sunflower.

We look for a contradiction.

- ▶ All solids are located in a 7, 8 or 9-dimensional space
- ▶ Entropy and Shearer's Lemma
- ▶ Looking for a contradiction by countings

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## Entropy and Shearer's lemma

### Entropy

The entropy  $H(X)$  of a random variable  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  measures the quantity of uncertainty in  $X$ .

### Shearer's lemma

Suppose  $n$  different points in  $\mathbb{F}^3$ , that have  $n_1$  projections on the  $XY$ -plane,  $n_2$  projections on the  $XZ$ -plane, and  $n_3$  projections on the  $YZ$ -plane. Then  $n^2 \leq n_1 n_2 n_3$ .

### Shearer's lemma in our Situation

Suppose  $L$  is a collection of lines, and  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{k+1}$  are  $k+1$  linearly independent points in  $PG(k, q)$  so that every point  $P_i$  is located on at most  $l$  lines of  $L$ . Suppose  $n$  is the number of points in  $PG(k, q)$  so that  $PP_i, \forall i \in [1, \dots, k+1]$  is a line of  $L$ . Then we find that  $n \leq l^{k/(k-1)} + l$ .



## Looking for a contradiction by countings

- ▶ Double counting of the collection of points with specific characteristics.
- ▶ An inequality in function of  $q$ .
- ▶ A contradiction when  $q$  becomes large enough.

## Theorem

Every 1-intersecting constant dimension subspace code of 4-spaces having size at least  $q^6$  is a sunflower.

## 11 Further research

- ▶ Generalisation: Decreasing the sunflower bound when the codewords are  $k$ -dimensional subspaces that pairwise intersect in a point.
- ▶ Generalisation: Decreasing the sunflower bound when the codewords are  $k$ -dimensional subspaces that pairwise intersect in  $t$ -dimensional subspace.

Thank you very much for your  
attention.