

# On the Shadow Geometries of $W(23, 16)$

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## Definition

A **weighing matrix**  $W$  of size  $n$  and weight  $k$  is a  $\{0, 1, -1\}$  matrix that satisfies

$$WW^T = W^T W = kI_n.$$

We say that  $W$  is a  $W(n, k)$  matrix.

Examples:

- Hadamard matrices are  $W(n, n)$ .
- Conference matrices are  $W(n, n - 1)$ .
- Signed permutation matrices are  $W(n, 1)$ .

# Examples and questions

- The following are  $W(3, k), 1 \leq k \leq 3$

$$(I_3 \mid \phi \mid \phi)$$

- The following are  $W(4, k), 1 \leq k \leq 4$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc|cccc|cccc|cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

- For which  $n$  and  $k$   $W(n, k) \neq \emptyset$  is an **open question**.
- **Hadamard conjecture**:  $W(n, n) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $n = 4k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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# Steps of $W(23, 16)$ construction

- Let  $W = (w_{i,j})$  be any weighing matrix. Let  $S$ , the associated **shadow matrix**, be defined by  $S = (1 - w_{i,j}^2)$ .
- Then

$$SS^T \equiv S^T S \equiv nJ_n + kl_n \pmod{2}.$$

where  $J_n = (1)_{n \times n}$ .

- Our method:
  - 1 **Geometrizing** (=Finding  $W \pmod{2}$ , s.t.  $WW^T \equiv W^T W \equiv kl_n \pmod{2}$ )
  - 2 **Coloring** (= Signing  $J_n - S$ )

# Shadow Geometry of $W(4, 2)$

- $W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & - & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & - \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_2 & 0_2 \\ 0_2 & H_2 \end{pmatrix}$

- $S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0_2 & J_2 \\ J_2 & 0_2 \end{pmatrix}$

- $SS^T = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = 2W^s.$

- The shadow geometry of  $W(23, 16)$  was introduced in A. Goldberger, On the finite geometry of  $W(23, 16)$ , <http://arxiv.org/abs/1507.02063>.
- Necessary conditions for the existence of the shadow geometry of  $W(23, 16)$  were given, alluding its non existence.
- It is a nice twist that those conditions serve to construct the shadow geometry.
- We used the shadow geometry to color it.



## Definition

A **shadow geometry** with parameters  $(n, k)$  is a finite set  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $|\mathcal{P}| = n$  of elements called **points** together with a family  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $|\mathcal{L}| = n$  of subsets of  $\mathcal{P}$  called **lines**, such that

- L Each line contains  $n - k$  points.
  - P Each pair of distinct lines intersects at  $n \bmod 2$  points.
  - LD Each point lies in  $n - k$  lines.
  - PD Each pair of distinct points lies in  $n \bmod 2$  lines.
- Remark: Two members of  $\mathcal{L}$  may have an equal underlying set.

# Geometry of $W(n, k)$

Given  $W(n, k)$ , the conditions  $WW^T = W^T W = kI_n$  imply that  $S$  defined above is an associated shadow geometry such that:

**Point** Each column of  $S$  corresponds to a point.

**Line** Each row of  $S$  corresponds to a line.

**In** The  $j^{\text{th}}$  point lies on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  line if and only if  $S_{i,j} = 1$ .

Differently stated:  $S$  is the incidence matrix of the geometry.

# Weighing matrices equivalence

- The following operations are well known to preserve weighing matrices.
  - ① rows swap.
  - ② columns swap.
  - ③ multiplying any row by  $-1$ .
  - ④ multiplying any column by  $-1$ .
- Swaps extend naturally to the associated shadow matrix  $S$ .
- One can use those equivalence operation to bring  $W$  and  $S$  to a normal form.
- Different normal forms have been used by different authors.

# Top and base lines

- We normalize the associated shadow matrix  $S$  such that all the 1 digits of the top row live on the first  $n - k$  columns.  $(1, 1, \dots, 1_{n-k}, 0, 0, \dots, 0_k)$ .
- We refer to the top row as the **baseline**.
- We will write ahead a set of equalities concerning the baseline.
- By symmetry, the same equalities hold with respect to any line.

# Induced local geometry

- A choice of a baseline determines an associated local geometry with respect to this baseline.
- The local geometry is the part of the geometry that interacts with the baseline.
- The associated incidence matrix is a submatrix of  $S$ .
- Dually choosing a basepoint there exists an associated dual local geometry with respect to this basepoint.
- Let  $m \in \{0, 1\}$  be so that  $n \equiv m \pmod{2}$ . Define  $t = \lfloor \frac{n-k-m}{2} \rfloor$ . The number of intersection points between any two lines may be  $m + 2i, \forall 0 \leq i \leq t$ .

- Let  $z_{m+2i}$  denote the number of lines intersecting the baseline with  $m + 2i$  points.
- The following equations hold

$$\sum_{i=0}^t z_{m+2i} = n - 1$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^t (m + 2i)z_{m+2i} = (n - k)(n - k - 1)$$

- There are finitely many  $t + 1$ -tuples  $(z_i)$  that solve the equations.
- Any such  $t + 1$ -tuple is called a **a type** for  $W(n, k)$ .

# Reduction to projective geometries

Suppose given  $q \in \mathbb{N}$ , set  $n = q^2 + q + 1$ ,  $k = q^2$ . Then  $n - k = q + 1$ ,  $m = 1$  and the above equalities become:

$$z_1 + z_3 + \cdots + z_{2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1} = q^2 + q$$

$$z_1 + 3z_3 + \cdots + (2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1)z_{2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1} = (q + 1)q$$

Subtracting the equation gives:

$$2z_3 + \cdots + 2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor z_{2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1} = 0$$

Which implies that  $z_3 = z_5 = \cdots = z_{2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1} = 0$ ,  $z_1 = q^2 + q$  so that the shadow geometry becomes the well known projective geometry.

# Non existence of weighing matrices

Suppose given  $q \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $n = q^2 + q + 1$  is an **odd** number and  $k > q^2$ . Then  $n - k < q + 1$ ,  $m = 1$  and the above equalities become:

$$z_1 + z_3 + \cdots + z_{2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1} = q^2 + q$$

$$z_1 + 3z_3 + \cdots + (2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1)z_{2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1} < (q + 1)q$$

Subtracting the equation gives:

$$2z_3 + \cdots + 2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor z_{2\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor + 1} < 0$$

This implies that some of  $z_3, z_5, \cdots$  must be negative, which is a contradiction, implying a well known result that there are no weighing matrices with such  $n$  and  $k$ .



# Constructing candidates for local geometry matrices

- Given  $n, k$  and a corresponding type  $(z_{m+2t}, z_{m-2+2t}, \dots, z_m)$  there are matrices  $LG_{n \times n-k}$  whose incidence relations correspond to the type.
- We will row normalize  $LG$  by descending order of the weights (i.e. decreasing  $z_i$ ).
- Within a fixed  $z_i$  we normalize by increasing order of binary value.
- Any such matrix has to satisfy a parity condition discussed ahead.

# The parity conditions

- Given a geometry matrix  $S$  every two distinct points (columns) lie on a  $n \bmod 2$  number of mutual lines (rows). (parity conditions).
- This must hold for the submatrices  $LG$  discussed above.
- Any matrix  $LG_{n \times n-k}$  needs to satisfy  $\binom{n-k}{2}$  parity condition.
- The parity conditions are equivalent to  $LG^T LG = n \bmod 2$ .
- The parity conditions are necessary for  $LG$  to be a submatrix of a full geometry matrix  $S$ .

# Reducing $LG$ matrices

- For the case  $n = 18$ ,  $k = 14$  and the type  $(z_4, z_2, z_0) = (0, 6, 11)$  there are 462 normalized  $LG$  matrices, but none of them satisfy all the parity conditions, as explained in the next slide.
- For the case  $n = 18$ ,  $k = 14$  and the type  $(z_4, z_2, z_0) = (1, 4, 12)$  there are 126 normalized  $LG$  matrices, and 21 of them satisfy the parity conditions.
- For the case  $n = 23$ ,  $k = 16$  and the type  $(z_7, z_5, z_3, z_1) = (3, 0, 1, 18)$  it can be shown that any  $LG$  matrix can not satisfy the parity conditions.

# Explanation for the first type of $(n, k) = (18, 14)$

- There are  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  ways fill two digits in 4 places.
- Index the fillings by  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} = \mathbb{Z}_6$ .
- Those can be ordered arbitrarily say in a non decreasing order.
- The type  $(z_4, z_2, z_0) = (0, 6, 17)$  indicates that we need to fill in 6 positions elements from  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .
- After normalization the matrices  $LG$  correspond to non decreasing sequences of functions  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_6$ .
- There are  $\binom{11}{5} = 462$  such functions.

# Explanation for the first type of $(n, k) = (18, 14)$ continued

- For example the baseline and the sequence  $(1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4)$  corresponds the matrix  $LG_{18,4} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{7,4} \\ 0_{11,4} \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

- $LG^T LG = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \neq 0 \pmod{2}$ .

# The hook (reish) matrix

- Once a  $LG$  submatrix which satisfies the parity conditions has been established, it is of the following form  $\begin{pmatrix} X_{n-k \times n-k} \\ Z_{k \times n-k} \end{pmatrix}$ .

- The matrix  $X$  and the dual local geometry can be used to complete the data to the following hook type matrix.

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_{n-k \times n-k} & Y_{n-k \times k} \\ Z_{k \times n-k} & ??_{k \times k} \end{pmatrix}$$

- We remark that in principle the types of the local and the local dual geometries need not be the same.
- But for all the 7 geometries we happened to find for  $(n, 16)$ ,  $n = 23, 25, 27, 29$  it came out that  $X$  was symmetric,  $Y = Z^T$  and the local and dual local types were the same.

# Our reish matrix for $n = 23$ and $k = 16$

For the case  $n = 23$   $k = 16$  we got the following reish matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_{7 \times 7} & Y_{7 \times 16} \\ Z_{16 \times 7} & C_{16 \times 16} \end{pmatrix}$$

With

$$X = \left( \begin{array}{ccc|cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} J_3 & J_{3 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 3} & 0_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

and both the  $LG$  and the dual  $LG$  have the type

$$(z_7, z_5, z_3, z_1) = (2, 0, 4, 16).$$

# Our reish matrix for $n = 23$ and $k = 16$ , the matrix $Y$

The matrix  $Y_{7 \times 16}$  is composed of eight matrices

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} \\ K_1 & K_2 & K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad K_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For us the matrix  $Z$  was equal to  $Y^T$ .





# The tiling of the core matrix

The core matrix  $C_{16 \times 16}$  has the following form:

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} t_{1,1} & t_{1,2} & t_{1,3} & t_{1,4} \\ t_{2,1} & t_{2,2} & t_{2,3} & t_{2,4} \\ t_{3,1} & t_{3,2} & t_{3,3} & t_{3,4} \\ t_{4,1} & t_{4,2} & t_{4,3} & t_{4,4} \end{pmatrix}$$

where each  $t_{i,j}$  is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix. Thus  $C$  is a  $4 \times 4$  block matrix of  $4 \times 4$  matrices (tiles), and there is a **tiling** process (finding the tiles) needed to be completed.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> row of the core matrix must intersect the 4<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>) row of the whole matrix by one or three points.
- This can be indicated on the matrix on page 24.
- The total weight of this row must be 6.
- 6 must be partitioned as  $1 + 1 + 1 + 3$ , (up to ordering).
- The same is true for all rows and columns in the core matrix.

# Normalization within a tile

- Each row in each tile has either 1 or 3 digits so altogether there are  $2^i$  digits  $\forall 2 \leq i \leq 6$ .
- In the core matrix one can permute the rows 1-4 with any permutation, and similarly for columns 1-4.
- These permutations allow to normalize the top left tile, but not necessarily the tiles in the same row and column tile.
- There are  $2^9$  (non normalized) possible tiles.
- There are 7 normalized tiles.

# The normalized tiles ordered by weight

$$T_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_{6_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$T_{6_2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

And the other normalized tiles are defined by

$$T_{10_i} = J - T_{6_i}, i = 1, 2 \text{ and } T_{12} = J - T_4.$$

# Normalizing the tiling

- As each row has weight 6, then each layer of tiles has total weight 24.
- After reordering the tiles this allows only few sequences of tiles in each layer.
- $(T_{12}, T_4, T_4, T_4), (T_{10_i}, T_{6_j}, T_4, T_4)$
- $(T_8, T_8, T_4, T_4), (T_8, T_{6_i}, T_{6_j}, T_4)$
- $(T_{6_i}, T_{6_j}, T_{6_k}, T_{6_l})$
- The above list carries 14 ordered sequences.

# Normalizing the core reish

- By reordering the tiles we may bring the heaviest tile to the top left position.
- We may further make sure that the row and column of the reish of the core matrix are normalized as above.
- We may further make sure that tiles of the reish themselves are normalized.

# The second layer of the inner core

- Choosing the sequence  $T12N, T4N, T4N, T4N$  and plugging it in the reish of the core gives the matrix

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_3 & J_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 3} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 3} & K1^T & T12N & T4N & T4N & T4N \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K2^T & T4N & ? & ? & ? \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K3^T & T4N & ? & ? & ? \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K4^T & T4N & ? & ? & ? \end{array} \right)$$



## The second layer of the inner core, continued

- Each of the 4 lines in the second layer should intersect each of the 4 lines in the first layer by an odd number of points.
- There are 16 orthogonality conditions on  $2^{27}$  fillings. If they were in general position we would be left with  $2^{11}$  fillings.
- Unfortunately there are  $2^{18}$  solutions for the second layer.
- There are  $\binom{4}{2}$  parity conditions and also the condition that the 3 digits in each tile can not occur in the same line. This reduces the solutions to only 1224 cases.
- Each solution is a second layer completing the first layer.

# The third layer of the inner core

- Any solution for the second layer is by symmetry also a solution for the third layer.
- A double loop on the solutions for the second later is run, and each pair of solutions has to satisfy orthogonality and the  $(1, 1, 1, 3)$  conditions.
- This leaves only 1008 solutions for the second and third layers.

# The fourth layer of the inner core

- For any of the 1008 solution above we try the fourth layer.
- Each solution has to satisfy orthogonality, the  $(1, 1, 1, 3)$  and parity conditions, both horizontally and vertically.
- This leaves only 576 solutions for all the core matrix.
- On any full matrix check the equation  $SS^T$  has odd elements. This leaves 144 'kosher' geometries.

# Our first normalized geometry for $(n, k) = (23, 16)$

- Some of the geometry matrices found can be normalized to the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_3 & J_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 3} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 3} & K1^T & T12N & T4N & T4N & T4N \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K2^T & T4N & T12 & T4 & T4 \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K3^T & T4N & T4 & T12 & T4 \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K4^T & T4N & T4 & T4 & T12 \end{array} \right)$$

- Observe that the reish of the core is symmetric.
- The  $3 \times 3$  inner core is not symmetric.



# Our specific $W$ in $W(23, 16)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & - & - & - & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & 1 & 1 & - & - & 1 & - & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & - & - & 1 & 1 & 1 & - & - & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & 1 & - & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & - & 1 & - & 1 & - & 1 & - & - & 1 & - & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & - & 1 & 1 & - & - & 1 & 1 & - & 1 & - & - & 1 & - & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & - & - & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & - & - & 0 & - & - & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & - & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & - & 0 & - & 1 & 1 & 0 & - & - & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & - & - & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & - & 0 & - & - & 1 & 0 & - & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & - & - & 1 & 0 & - & - & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & - & 1 & 0 & - & 1 & 0 & - & 1 & - & 0 & 0 & 1 & - & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & - \\ 1 & 1 & - & - & 0 & 1 & - & 1 & 0 & - & - & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & - \\ 1 & 1 & - & - & 0 & - & - & - & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & - & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & 1 & - & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & - & 0 & 1 & - \\ 1 & - & - & - & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & - & 1 & 0 & - & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & 1 \\ 1 & - & - & 1 & - & 0 & - & - & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & - & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & - & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & - & - & - & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 1 & 0 & - & - & 1 & 0 & - & 0 & 0 & - \\ 1 & - & - & 1 & - & 0 & - & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 1 & 0 & - & - & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & - & 1 & - & - & 1 & 0 & 0 & - & 1 & - & 1 & 0 & 1 & - & 1 & - & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & - & 1 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 1 & 0 & - & - & 0 & - & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & - & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & - & - & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 \\ 1 & - & 1 & - & - & - & 0 & - & 1 & - & 0 & - & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & - & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

<http://www.emba.uvm.edu/jdinitz/hcd/W2316.txt>

# Our second normalized geometry for $(n, k) = (23, 16)$

- The rest of the geometry matrices found can be normalized to the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_3 & J_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} & 0_{3 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 3} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 3} & K1^T & T12N & T4N & T4N & T4N \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K2^T & T4N & T8 & T8 & T4 \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K3^T & T4N & T8 & T4 & T8 \\ 0_{4 \times 3} & K4^T & T4N & T4 & T8 & T8 \end{array} \right)$$

- Observe that the reish of the core is symmetric.
- The  $3 \times 3$  inner core is not symmetric.
- All the geometries containing a  $T12$  could be normalized to one of the two forms above.





# the type and tiling for $n = 25$ and $k = 16$

- The geometry we found had the type  $(z_9, z_7, z_5, z_3, z_1) = (4, 0, 4, 0, 16)$  for both the local and the dual local geometry.
- Again the core of  $16 \times 16$  is divided to  $4 \times 4$  tiles each of which is  $4 \times 4$  matrix.
- Again each line and point intersect each tile with 1 or 3 digits.
- now  $n - k = 9$  so we need to present 8 digits and this is possible only as  $3 + 3 + 1 + 1$ .
- This time the sum of the digits along one layer and column layer equals 32.

# Our geometry for $n = 25$ , $k = 16$

the reish matrix is of the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_5 & J_{5 \times 4} & 0_{5 \times 4} & 0_{5 \times 4} & 0_{5 \times 4} & 0_{5 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 5} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 5} & K1^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 5} & K2^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 5} & K3^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 5} & K4^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \end{array} \right)$$

and is symmetric.

Observe the tiling of the core matrix

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} T12N & T12 & T4N & T4N \\ T12 & T4 & T4 & T12N \\ T4N & T4 & T12 & T12 \\ T4N & T12N & T12 & T4 \end{array} \right)$$



# Our geometry for $n = 27$ , $k = 16$

Our reish for the matrix is:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_7 & J_{7 \times 4} & 0_{7 \times 4} & 0_{7 \times 4} & 0_{7 \times 4} & 0_{7 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 7} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 7} & K1^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 7} & K2^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 7} & K3^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 7} & K4^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \end{array} \right)$$

and it corresponds to the type

$$(z_{11}, z_9, z_7, z_5, z_3, z_1) = (6, 0, 4, 0, 0, 16)$$

# A property of tiles

- If  $T$  is a tile then  $J-T$  is a tile and both have 1 or 3 digits in each row and column
- Therefore

$$(J - T_1)(J - T_2)^T = JJ^T - JT_2^T - T_1J^T + T_1T_2^T.$$

- It follows that  $(J - T_1)(J - T_2)^T$  and  $T_1T_2^T$  have the corresponding terms equal mod 2.

# The core of our $(n, k) = (27, 16)$ geometry

- As  $n - k = 11$ , the 10 core digits should be partitioned as  $3 + 3 + 3 + 1$ .
- replacing each core tile  $T$  in  $(n, k) = (23, 16)$  with  $J - T$  changes  $1 + 1 + 1 + 3$  to  $3 + 3 + 3 + 1$ .
- This change replaces  $T_1 T_2^T$  by  $(J - T_1)(J - T_2)^T$  which has the same parity in all terms.
- This gives the following core
$$\begin{pmatrix} T_4 N & T_{12} N & T_{12} N & T_{12} N \\ T_{12} N & T_4 & T_{12} & T_{12} \\ T_{12} N & T_{12} & T_4 & T_{12} \\ T_{12} N & T_{12} & T_{12} & T_4 \end{pmatrix}$$
- This gives a full Shaddow geometry.

# Our geometry for $n=29, k=16$

- Our reish for the matrix is:

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_9 & J_{9 \times 4} & 0_{9 \times 4} & 0_{9 \times 4} & 0_{9 \times 4} & 0_{9 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 9} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 9} & K1^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 9} & K2^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 9} & K3^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 9} & K4^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \end{array} \right).$$

- It corresponds to the type  $(z_{13}, z_{11}, z_9, z_7, z_5, z_3, z_1) = (8, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 16)$ .
- The core is obtained from that of  $n = 21, k = 16$  by adjoining each tile  $T$  to becomes  $J - T$ .
- This gives a full geometry.

# The geometry for $(n, k) = (21, 16)$

- The reish matrix is

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_1 & J_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 1} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 1} & K1^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 1} & K2^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 1} & K3^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \\ 0_{4 \times 1} & K4^T & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} & 0_{4 \times 4} \end{array} \right)$$

- Each line and point intersect each tile in a single digit,
- It holds that  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = n - k - 1 = 21 - 16 - 1$ .
- As in any projective geometry of order  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , it holds that  $z_1 = q^2 + q = 20$ .



# The reish of the core

- The reish of the inner core can be normalized so that it will include only  $I_4$  matrices.
- After this normalization  $S$  becomes

$$\left( \begin{array}{cc|cccc} J_1 & J_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} & 0_{1 \times 4} \\ J_{4 \times 1} & 0_{4 \times 4} & K1 & K2 & K3 & K4 \\ \hline 0_{4 \times 1} & K1^T & I_4 & I_4 & I_4 & I_4 \\ 0_{4 \times 1} & K2^T & I_4 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0_{4 \times 1} & K3^T & I_4 & ? & ? & ? \\ 0_{4 \times 1} & K4^T & I_4 & ? & ? & ? \end{array} \right)$$

- All the matrices denoted with question marks are permutation matrices.
- The well known projective geometry  $\mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{F}_4)$  has a matrix of this form.

# The inner core

- The 4 permutation matrices on each of rows and columns of the core must sum up to  $J$ .
- Each row 10-21 determines a permutation  $\sigma = (i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4)$  where  $i_j$  is the position of the digit 1 in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  tile.
- Thus each layer gives a  $4 \times 4$  latin square.

# Multiple Latin Squares

- Denote  $\mathcal{F} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .
- The latin square defined by rows 10-13 can be presented as a function  $l_s : \mathcal{F}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  each of which partial functions are 1-1.
- Similarly rows 14-17 and 18-21 give latin squares.
- All those latin squares can be put together in a function  $3l_s : \mathcal{F}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^3$  such that each coordinate projection of  $3l_s$  into  $\mathcal{F}$  is a latin square.

# Mutually orthogonal Latin Squares

- The above  $3/5$  is a subgraph of  $\mathcal{F}^5$  with the property that any projection into coordinates  $\mathcal{F}^2$  is 1-1 and onto.
- This object is known as a triple of Mutually Orthogonal Latin Squares (MOLS).
- For a given number  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , there exists at most  $q - 1$ -uple of MOLS.
- For a given number  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , (there exists a  $q - 1$ -uple of  $q \times q$  MOLS)  $\iff$  (There exists a planar projective geometry of order  $q$ ).
- It is conjectured that the above condition holds  $\iff$   $q$  is a prime power.