

Weakly distance-regular digraphs with P -polynomial property

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Digraph

- A **digraph** Γ is a pair $(V(\Gamma), A(\Gamma))$ where $V(\Gamma)$ is a finite set of **vertices** and $A(\Gamma) \subseteq V(\Gamma) \times V(\Gamma)$ is a set of **arcs**.
- Γ is an **undirected graph** or a **graph** if $A(\Gamma)$ is a symmetric relation.

Path

- A **path** from u to v :

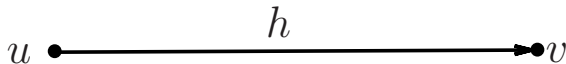
$$(u = w_0, w_1, \dots, w_r = v)$$

such that (w_{t-1}, w_t) is an arc for $t = 1, 2, \dots, r$.

- r is the **length** of the path (the number of arcs).

Distance and Diameter

- **Distance** $\partial(u, v)$: the length of a shortest path from u to v .
- If $\partial(u, v) = h$, write



- The maximum value of distance function is the **diameter** of Γ .

Circuit

- The path $(w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{r-1})$ is a **circuit** if (w_{r-1}, w_0) is an arc.
- The **girth** of Γ is the length of a shortest circuit in Γ .

Strongly connected

- A digraph (resp. graph) Γ is said to be **strongly connected** (resp. **connected**) if, for any two vertices x and y , there is a path from x to y .

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Association scheme

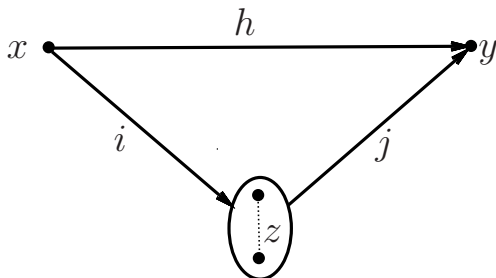
- X : finite set.
- R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d : relations, nonempty subset of $X \times X$.
- Write ${}^tR_i = \{(y, x) \mid (x, y) \in R_i\}$.
- $\mathfrak{X} = (X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$ is called an **association scheme** with d classes, if

Association scheme

- (i) $R_0 = \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}$;
- (ii) R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d is a partition of $X \times X$;
- (iii) ${}^t R_i = R_{i'}$ for some $i' \in \{0, 1, \dots, d\}$;
- (iv) For any $(x, y) \in R_h$,

$$p_{i,j}^h = |\{z \in X \mid (x, z) \in R_i, (z, y) \in R_j\}|$$

depends only on i, j, h . (**intersection numbers!**)



Association scheme

- \mathfrak{X} is **commutative** if $p_{i,j}^h = p_{j,i}^h, \forall i, j, h$.
- \mathfrak{X} is **symmetric** if each R_i is symmetric ($R_i = {}^tR_i, \forall i$) and **non-symmetric** otherwise.

Adjacency matrix

- For each R_i , let A_i be the binary matrix, whose rows and columns are indexed by the elements of X such that

$$(A_i)_{xy} = 1 \iff (x, y) \in R_i.$$

- A_i is called **i th adjacency matrix** of \mathfrak{X} .

Main topic of AS

- Main topic of AS: **Classify all AS.**
- BUT AS are too general, it is impossible!
- Which families of AS are important?

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P -polynomial scheme

- An association scheme $(X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$ is **P -polynomial** with respect to the **ordering** R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d , if for each i , there exists a complex coefficient polynomial $v_i(x)$ of degree i such that

$$A_i = v_i(A_1).$$

Distance-regular graphs

- Let $(X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$ be a **symmetric** P -polynomial association scheme with respect to the ordering R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d . Then (X, R_1) is a connected graph, called a **distance-regular graph**.
- In this talk, a graph means a connected graph.

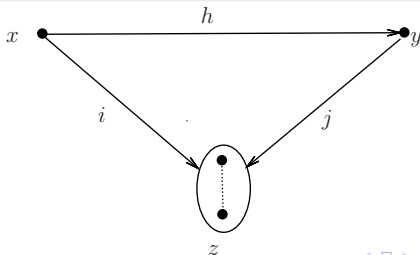
Definition of DRG

Definition (Biggs, 70's)

A graph Γ is said to be **distance-regular (DRG)**, if for x, y with $\partial(x, y) = h$,

$$p_{i,j}^h = |\{z \in V\Gamma \mid \partial(x, z) = i, \partial(y, z) = j\}|$$

depends only on i, j, h .



Remarks

- Given a DRG of diameter d , let

$$R_i = \{(x, y) \in X \times X \mid \partial(x, y) = i\}.$$

Then $(X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$ is a symmetric P -polynomial AS with respect to the ordering R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d .

- Symmetric P -polynomial AS \iff DRG.

Question

- Recall: A symmetric P -polynomial AS determines a DRG.
- How about non-symmetric case?

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Distance-regular digraphs

- Let $(X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$ be a **non-symmetric** P -polynomial AS with respect to the R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d . The (X, R_1) is a strongly connected digraph, is called a **distance-regular digraph**.
- In this talk, a digraph means a strongly connected digraph, not undirected.

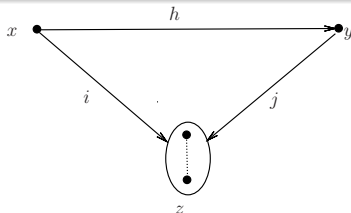
Definition of DRDG

Definition (Damerell, 1981)

A digraph Γ is said to be **distance-regular (DRDG)**, if for x, y with $\partial(x, y) = h$,

$$p_{i,j}^h = |\{z \in V\Gamma \mid \partial(x, z) = i, \partial(y, z) = j\}|$$

depends only on i, j, h .



R.M. Damerell, Distance-transitive and distance-regular digraph, J.

Combin. Theory Ser.B, 31 (1981), 46–53.

Remarks

- Note that the unique difference between the definitions of DRDG and DRG:
In DRDG, “**digraph**”; In DRG, “**graph**”.

- Given a DRDG of diameter d , let

$$R_i = \{(x, y) \mid \partial(x, y) = i\}.$$

Then $(X, \{R_i\}_{0 \leq i \leq d})$ be a non-symmetric P -polynomial AS.

- Non-symmetric P -polynomial AS \iff DRDG.

Distance-regular digraphs

- In 1981, [Damerell](#) proved that the diameter d of DRDG is $g - 1$ (**short**) or g (**long**). Moreover, a long DRDG is a coclique extension of a short DRDG.
- In 1993, [Leonard and Nomura](#) proved that except directed cycles all short DRDG have $d = g - 1 \leq 7$.
- Since then, there has been very little progress. In fact, there are very few examples of DRDG.



R.M. Damerell, Distance-transitive and distance-regular digraph, J. Combin. Theory Ser.B, 31 (1981), 46–53.



D.A. Leonard and K. Nomura, the girth of a directed distance-regular graph, J. Combin. Theory Ser. B 58 (1993), 34–39.

Directed version

- A natural directed version of DRG with unbounded girth.

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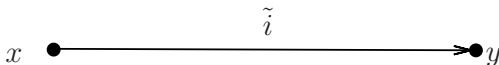
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Two way distance

- In a graph, $\partial(x, y) = \partial(y, x)$.
- In a digraph, it does not hold. In order to describe the distance between two vertices x and y in a digraph:
- **Two way distance** $\tilde{\partial}(x, y) = (\partial(x, y), \partial(y, x))$.
- If $\tilde{\partial}(x, y) = \tilde{i}$, write



Two way distance

- $\tilde{\partial}(\Gamma)$: the set of all pairs $\tilde{\partial}(x, y)$.
- $\Gamma_{\tilde{i}}$: the set of ordered pairs (x, y) with $\tilde{\partial}(x, y) = \tilde{i}$, where $\tilde{i} \in \tilde{\partial}(\Gamma)$.

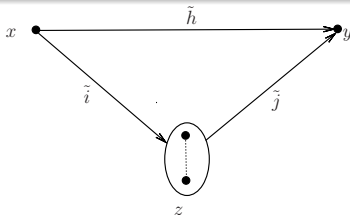
Wdrdg

Definition (Wang and Suzuki, 2003)

A digraph Γ is said to be **weakly distance-regular (wdrdg)** if, for any $\tilde{\partial}(x, y) = \tilde{h}$,

$$p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}} = |\{z \in V\Gamma \mid \tilde{\partial}(x, z) = \tilde{i} \text{ and } \tilde{\partial}(z, y) = \tilde{j}\}|$$

depends only on $\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{h}$.



K. Wang and H. Suzuki, Weakly distance-regular digraphs, Discrete Math. 264 (2003) 225-236.

The attached scheme

- $\mathfrak{X}(\Gamma) = (V\Gamma, \{\Gamma_{\tilde{i}}\}_{\tilde{i} \in \tilde{\partial}(\Gamma)})$ is an association scheme. We call $\mathfrak{X}(\Gamma)$ the **attached scheme** of Γ .
- $p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}}$: **intersection number**.
- Γ is **commutative** if the attached scheme is commutative.

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Development of wdrdgs

- Small valency.
- Small intersection numbers.
- Large intersection numbers.
- Circulant case.
- Locally semicomplete case.

Small valency: Valency 2

Theorem (Wang and Suzuki 2003)

A **commutative** wdrdg of valency 2 is isomorphic to one of the following Cayley digraphs:

- (1) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_3^2, \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\})$.
- (2) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2n}, \{1, 2\})$.
- (3) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2n}, \{1, n + 1\})$.
- (4) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_n, \{(0, 1), (1, 0)\})$.

In 2004, Suzuki proved the nonexistence of noncommutative 2-valent wdrdgs.



K. Wang and H. Suzuki, Weakly distance-regular digraphs, *Discrete Math.* 264 (2003) 225-236.



H. Suzuki, Thin weakly distance-regular digraphs, *J. Combin. Theory Ser. B* 92 (2004), 69-83.

Small valency: Valency 3

- In 2004, Wang classified wdrdg of valency 3 and girth 2.
- Suzuki, Yang, Lv and Wang classified commutative wdrdg of valency 3 and girth more than 2.



H. Suzuki, Thin weakly distance-regular digraphs, J. Combin. Theory Ser. B 92 (2004), 69-83.



K. Wang, Commutative weakly distance-regular digraphs of girth 2, Europ. J. Combin., 25(2004), 363-375.



Y. Yang, B. Lv and K. Wang, Weakly distance-regular digraphs of valency three, I, Electron. J. Combin., 23(2) (2016) Paper 2.12.



Y. Yang, B. Lv and K. Wang, Weakly distance-regular digraphs of valency three, II, J. Combin. Theory Ser. A, 160 (2018) 288–315.

Small intersection numbers: thin

A wdrdg is **thin** if all the intersection numbers are at most 1.

Theorem (Suzuki 2004)

A thin wdrdg is isomorphic to one of the following Cayley digraphs:

- (1) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \{1\})$.
- (2) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2n}, \{1, 2\})$.
- (3) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_n, \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\})$.
- (4) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2n}, \{(1, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2)\})$.



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Small intersection numbers: quasi-thin

A wdrdg is said to be **quasi-thin** if the maximum value of all intersection numbers is 2.

Small intersection numbers: quasi-thin

Theorem (Yang, Lv and Wang, 2020)

If Γ is a **commutative** quasi-thin wdrdg of valency more than 3 and vertices more than 16, then Γ is isomorphic to:

- (1) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4p}, \{1, 2, 2p + i, 2p + 1, 2p + 2\})$, $p \neq 2 - i$.
- (2) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_4, \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 2), (0, 2 + i)\})$, $q \neq 3 + i$.
- (3) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2q} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 0), (1, 1)\})$.
- (4) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4q} \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 0), (2q + 1, 0), (2q + 2, 0), (2qi, 1)\})$,
 $q \notin \{3, 3 + i\}$.
- (5) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2q} \times \mathbb{Z}_4, \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 2), (0, 2 - i), (2, 0), (2, 2)\})$,
 $q \notin \{3, 3 + i\}$.
- (6) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2q} \times \mathbb{Z}_n, \{(0, 1), (1, 0), (2, 0), (0, -1)\})$.
- (7) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2q} \times \mathbb{Z}_n, \{(0, 1), (1, (c + 1)/2), (1, (c - 1)/2), (2, c), (0, -1)\})$.
- (8) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2n} \times \mathbb{Z}_q, \{(0, 1), (1, (t + 1)/2), (-1, (1 - t)/2), (2, t), (-2, -t)\})$.

Here, $i \in \{0, 1\}$, $2 \leq p$, $3 \leq q$, $3 \leq n \leq q - (1 + (-1)^q)/2$,
 $c = n/\text{gcd}(q, n)$, $t = q/\text{gcd}(q, n)$ and c, t are both odd.



Large intersection numbers: thick

- A wdrdg is said to be **thick** if the two families of intersection numbers

$$P_{(i_1, i_2), (i_1, i_2)}^{(h_1, h_2)}, P_{(i_1, i_2), (i_2, i_1)}^{(h_1, h_2)}$$

are zero, or reach the maximum.

Thick, reduced theorem

Theorem (Yang and Wang, 2022)

Let Γ be a communicate thick wdrdg. Then there exists a subdigraph Δ (thick wdrdg) s.t. Γ/Δ is isomorphic to thick wdrdgs:

- (1) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_p, \{1\})$;
- (2) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_p, \{1\})[\overline{K}_2]$;
- (3) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2q-2}, \{1, 2\})$;
- (4) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{2q-2}, \{1, 2\})[\overline{K}_2]$;
- (5) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_\gamma \times \mathbb{Z}_\eta, \{(2^\alpha + \beta, 1), (2^\alpha - \beta, \alpha), (2^{\alpha+1}, \alpha + 1)\})$;
- (6) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_\gamma \times \mathbb{Z}_\eta, \{(2^\alpha + \beta, 1), (2^\alpha - \beta, \alpha), (2^{\alpha+1}, \alpha + 1)\})[\overline{K}_2]$.

Here, $q, p, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \eta, \dots$



Y. Yang and K. Wang, Thick weakly distance-regular digraphs, *Graphs Combin.*, 38 (2022) Paper No. 37.

Circulant case

A circulant is a Cayley digraph of a cyclic group.

Theorem (Munemasa, W, Yang, Zhu, 2024⁺)

A weakly distance-regular circulant with one type of arcs is isomorphic to

- (1) $C_l[\overline{K}_m]$;
- (2) $P(q)[\overline{K}_m]$;
- (3) $C_3 \times K_h$;
- (4) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{13}, \{1, 3, 9\})[\overline{K}_m]$.

Here, $P(q)$ is the Paley tournament of order prime q , $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $m \geq 1$, $l \geq 3$, $h, q > 3$, $3 \nmid h$.



A. Munemasa, K. Wang, Y. Yang and W. Zhu, Weakly distance-regular circulants, I, arXiv:2307.12710.

Locally semicomplete case

- A digraph Γ is **semicomplete**, if for any pair of vertices $x, y \in V(\Gamma)$, either $(x, y) \in A(\Gamma)$, or $(y, x) \in A(\Gamma)$, or both.
- A digraph Γ is **locally semicomplete**, if $\Gamma[N^+(x)]$ and $\Gamma[N^-(x)]$ are both semicomplete for every vertex x of Γ .

Locally semicomplete case

Theorem (Yang, Li and Wang, 2024⁺)

Let Γ be a commutative weakly distance-regular digraph of valency more than 3. Then Γ is locally semicomplete but not semicomplete if and only if Γ is isomorphic to one of the following digraphs:

- (1) $\Lambda \circ K_m$;
- (2) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 2\}) \circ K_n$;
- (3) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{iq}, \{1, i\}) \circ (\Sigma_x)_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_{iq}}$.

Here, $m \geq 1$, $n \geq 2$, $q \geq 4$, $i \in \{1, 2\}$, $(\Sigma_x)_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_{iq}}$ are semicomplete weakly distance-regular digraphs with $p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}}(\Sigma_0) = p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}}(\Sigma_x)$ for each x and $\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}, \tilde{h}$, and Λ is a doubly regular $(k+1, 2)$ -team tournament of type II for a positive integer k with $k \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.



Y. Yang, S. Li and K. Wang, Locally semicomplete weakly distance-regular digraphs, arXiv: 2405.03310.

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P -polynomial case

A wdrd g is P -polynomial if its attached scheme is P -polynomial.

Theorem (Z., Yang and Wang, 2023)

Let Γ be a wdrd g whose attached scheme $\mathfrak{X} = (X, \{R_i\}_{i=0}^d)$ is P -polynomial with respect to the ordering R_0, R_1, \dots, R_d . Then Γ is isomorphic to one of the following digraphs:

- (i) (X, R_1) or (X, R_{g-1}) ;
- (ii) (X, R_2) or (X, R_{g-2}) , $k_1 > k_g + 1$, $g \in \{6, 8\}$;
- (iii) $(X, R_1 \cup R_2)$ or $(X, R_{g-2} \cup R_{g-1})$, $2 \mid g$;
- (iv) $(X, R_1 \cup R_g)$ or $(X, R_{g-1} \cup R_g)$, $d = g$;
- (v) $(X, R_2 \cup R_g)$ or $(X, R_{g-2} \cup R_g)$, $k_1 > k_g + 1$, $d = g$ and $g \in \{6, 8\}$;
- (vi) $(X, R_1 \cup R_2 \cup R_g)$ or $(X, R_{g-2} \cup R_{g-1} \cup R_g)$, $d = g$, $2 \mid g$ and $g > 4$.

Here, k_i is the valency of the relation R_i for $i \in \{1, g\}$ and g is the girth of (X, R_1) .



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Underlying graph is a DRG

Wang and Suzuki proposed a question when an orientation of a distance-regular graph defines a weakly distance-regular digraph.



K. Wang and H. Suzuki, Weakly distance-regular digraphs, *Discrete Math.* 264 (2003) 225–236.

For a digraph Γ , we form the **underlying graph** of Γ with the same vertex set, and there is an edge between vertices x, y whenever (x, y) or $(y, x) \in A(\Gamma)$.

Underlying graph is a complete graph

- A digraph is **semicomplete** if its underlying graph is a complete graph.
- A semicomplete wdrdg has diameter 2 and girth $g \leq 3$.
- 2-class non-symmetric AS \iff semicomplete wdrdg of girth 3.
- 3-class non-symmetric AS \iff semicomplete wdrdg of girth 2.

Hamming graph and Cartesian product

- **Hamming graph** $H(d, q)$

Vertex set $X := F^d$, where $|F| = q$.

$x \sim y$ iff x and y differ in 1 position.

Hamming graphs also can be viewed as Cartesian products of complete graphs.

- For the digraphs Γ and Σ , the **Cartesian product** $\Gamma \square \Sigma$ is the digraph with the vertex set $V(\Gamma) \times V(\Sigma)$ such that $((u, v), (u', v'))$ is an arc if and only if $u = u'$ and $(v, v') \in A(\Sigma)$, or $(u, u') \in A(\Gamma)$ and $v = v'$.

Folded n -cube, Shrikhande graph and Doob graph

- **Folded n -cube** \square_n

The graph $H(n-1, 2)$ with a perfect matching introduced between antipodal vertices, where two vertices are called the antipodal vertices if they differ in all coordinates.

- **Shrikhande graph**

$\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4, \{(\pm 1, 0), (0, \pm 1), \pm(1, 1)\})$.

- **Doob graph** $G(d_1, d_2)$

The Cartesian product of $H(d_2, 4)$ with d_1 copies of the Shrikhande graph.

Induced subdigraph

- Γ is a commutative wdrdg with vertex set S^d .
- For each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$ and $a_j \in S$ with $1 \leq j \leq d-1$, denote $\Gamma_i(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{d-1})$ be the induced subdigraph of Γ on the set

$$\{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, b, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{d-1}) \mid b \in S\}.$$

- An arc (x, y) of Γ is of type $(1, r)$ if $\partial(y, x) = r$.

Proposition (Yang, Z. and Wang, 2024)

Let $q = 2$. If Σ is distance-transitive, then $p_{(2,2),(3,1)}^{(1,3)} \neq 0$ and each arc of Γ is of type $(1, 1)$ or $(1, 3)$. In particular, $k_{1,1} = 0$ or 1.



Y. Yang, Q. Zeng and K. Wang, Weakly distance-regular digraphs whose underlying graphs are distance-regular, I, J. Algebraic Combin., (2024).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10801-024-01312-3>

Underlying graph is a Hamming graph

Theorem (Yang, Z. and Wang, 2024)

Let Γ be a commutative wdrdg. Then Γ has a Hamming graph $H(d, q)$ as its underlying graph if and only if Γ is isomorphic to one of the following digraphs:

- (1) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4, \{1\})$;
- (2) $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2, \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\})$;
- (3) Δ^1 ;
- (4) $\Delta^1 \square \Delta^2$;
- (5) $\Gamma^1 \square \Gamma^2 \square \dots \square \Gamma^d$.

Here, $d \geq 1$, and $(\Delta^i)_{i \in \{1, 2\}}$ (resp. $(\Gamma^i)_{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}}$) are semicomplete weakly distance-regular digraphs of diameter 2 and girth 2 (resp. 3) with $p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}}(\Delta^1) = p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}}(\Delta^2)$ (resp. $p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}}(\Gamma^1) = p_{\tilde{i}, \tilde{j}}^{\tilde{h}}(\Gamma^l)$) for each l and $\tilde{h}, \tilde{i}, \tilde{j}$.



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Johnson graph and folded Johnson graph

- Johnson graph $J(n, e)$

Vertex set X : the set of all e -subsets of an n -set.

$$x \sim y \text{ iff } |x \cap y| = e - 1.$$

- folded Johnson graph $\bar{J}(2m, m)$

Vertex set X : the set of partitions of a $2m$ -set into two m -sets.

Two partitions being adjacent whenever their common refinement is a partition of X into four sets of sizes $1, m - 1, 1, m - 1$.

The type of arcs

- Γ is a commutative wdrdg whose underlying graph is Σ , where Σ is a Johnson graph $J(n, e)$ ($n \geq 2e$ and $e \geq 2$) or a folded Johnson graph $\bar{J}(2m, m)$ ($m \geq 4$).
- $T = \{q \mid (1, q-1) \in \tilde{\partial}(\Gamma)\}$.

Proposition (Z., Yang and Wang, 2024⁺)

Let $q \in T$. If $p_{(1, q-1), (1, h-1)}^{(1, q-2)} = 0$ for all $h \geq 2$, then $q \leq 4$.



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$$|T| > 1 \text{ or } |T| = 1$$

Proposition (Z., Yang and Wang, 2024⁺)

Suppose $|T| > 1$. Then $\Sigma = J(4, 2)$ and Γ is isomorphic to $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 2\})$.

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Underlying graph is a Johnson graph or folded Johnson graph

Theorem (Z., Yang and Wang, 2024⁺)

Let Γ be a commutative wdrdg and Σ a Johnson graph $J(n, e)$ with $n \geq 2e$ and $e \geq 2$. Then Γ has Σ as its underlying graph if and only if Γ is isomorphic to $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 2\})$ or $\text{Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_6, \{1, 4\})$.

Theorem (Z., Yang and Wang, 2024⁺)

Let Γ be a commutative wdrdg and Σ a folded Johnson graph $\bar{J}(2m, m)$. Then Γ does not have Σ as its underlying graph if $m \geq 4$.



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Further work

- Classify commutative wdrdgs whose underlying graphs are some other distance-regular graphs.
- Classify wdrdgs whose underlying graphs are Hamming graphs or Johnson graphs.
- Consider wdrdgs whose attached association schemes are Q -polynomial.
- Classify weakly distance-regular dihedrants.

Thank you for your attention.