

# On $q$ -analogs of $3$ -( $v, k, \lambda_3$ ) designs

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## Theorem (Krčadinac, Nakić, Pavčević, 2014)

Let  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{B})$  be a  $t$ -( $v, k, \lambda_t$ ) design with tactical decomposition

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{P}_m, \quad \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{B}_n.$$

Then the coefficients of  $\mathcal{R} = [\rho_{ij}]$  and  $\mathcal{K} = [\kappa_{ij}]$  satisfy

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{i_1 j} \kappa_{i_1 j}^{m_1-1} \kappa_{i_2 j}^{m_2} \cdots \kappa_{i_s j}^{m_s} = \sum_{\omega_1=1}^{m_1} \sum_{\omega_2=1}^{m_2} \cdots \sum_{\omega_s=1}^{m_s} \lambda_{\omega_1+\cdots+\omega_s} \left\{ \begin{matrix} m_1 \\ \omega_1 \end{matrix} \right\} (|\mathcal{P}_{i_1}| - 1)_{\omega_1-1} \prod_{j=2}^s \left\{ \begin{matrix} m_j \\ \omega_j \end{matrix} \right\} (|\mathcal{P}_{i_j}|)_{\omega_j}.$$

**Question:** can this theorem be  $q$ -analogized?

## Definition

A  $t$ -( $v, k, \lambda_t$ ) *design* is a finite incidence structure  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{B})$ , where

- ▶  $\mathcal{P}$  is a set of  $v$  elements called *points*,
  - ▶  $\mathcal{B}$  is a set of  $k$ -subsets of  $\mathcal{P}$  called *blocks*,
  - ▶ every set of  $t$  points is contained in precisely  $\lambda_t$  blocks.
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- ▶  $t$ -( $v, k, \lambda_t$ ) design  $\Rightarrow$   $s$ -( $v, k, \lambda_s$ ) design with  $s < t$  and  $\lambda_s = \lambda_t \binom{v-s}{t-s} / \binom{k-s}{t-s}$ .

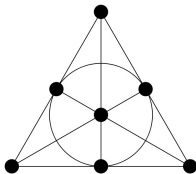


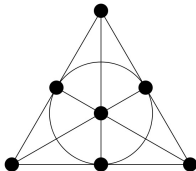
Figure: The Fano plane. 2-(7, 3, 1) design.

## Definition

A  $t$ -( $v, k, \lambda_t$ ) $_q$  design is finite set  $\mathcal{B}$ , where

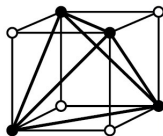
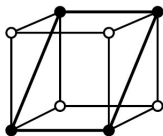
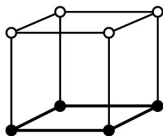
- ▶  $\mathcal{B}$  is a set of  $k$ -subspaces of vector space  $\mathbb{F}_q^v$  called *blocks*,
- ▶ every  $t$ -subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^v$  is contained in precisely  $\lambda_t$  blocks.

- ▶  $t$ -( $v, k, \lambda_t$ ) $_q$  design  $\Rightarrow$   $s$ -( $v, k, \lambda_s$ ) $_q$  design with  $s < t$  and  $\lambda_s = \lambda_t \begin{bmatrix} v-s \\ t-s \end{bmatrix}_q / \begin{bmatrix} k-s \\ t-s \end{bmatrix}_q$ .



**Question:** does a  $q$ -analog of the Fano plane exist? (Braun, Kiermaier, Nakić, 2015)

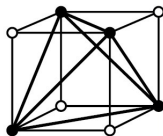
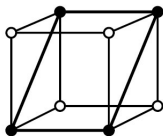
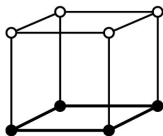
# Example: 3-(8, 4, 1) design



## ► Incidence matrix

	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$B_5$	$B_6$	$B_7$	$B_8$	$B_9$	$B_{10}$	$B_{11}$	$B_{12}$	$B_{13}$	$B_{14}$
$p_1$	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
$p_2$	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
$p_3$	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
$p_4$	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
$p_5$	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
$p_6$	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
$p_7$	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
$p_8$	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0

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$p_7$	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
$p_8$	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0

$$[\rho_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[\kappa_{ij}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Definition

A *tactical decomposition* of a design  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{B})$  is any partition

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{P}_m, \quad \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{B}_n$$

with the property that there exist nonnegative integers  $\rho_{ij}$  and  $\kappa_{ij}$  such that

- ▶ each point of  $\mathcal{P}_i$  lies in precisely  $\rho_{ij}$  blocks of  $\mathcal{B}_j$ ,
- ▶ and each block of  $\mathcal{B}_j$  contains precisely  $\kappa_{ij}$  points from  $\mathcal{P}_i$ .

Matrices  $\mathcal{R} = [\rho_{ij}]$  and  $\mathcal{K} = [\kappa_{ij}]$  are called *tactical decomposition matrices*.

- ▶ Orbits of  $\mathcal{P}$  and orbits of  $\mathcal{B}$  under an action of  $G \leq \text{Aut } \mathcal{D}$  form a tactical decomposition of  $\mathcal{D}$ .

- $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $2-(v, k, \lambda_2)$  design with tactical decomposition

$$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{P}_m, \quad \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{B}_n.$$

1.  $\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij} = \lambda_1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \kappa_{ij} = k$
2.  $\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{lj} \kappa_{rj} = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 & + \quad (|\mathcal{P}_r| - 1) \cdot \lambda_2, & l = r, \\ & |\mathcal{P}_r| \cdot \lambda_2, & l \neq r. \end{cases}$

$[\rho_{ij}]$	$\mathcal{B}_1$	$\cdots$	$\mathcal{B}_n$
$\vdots$			
$\mathcal{P}_l$	$\rho_{l1}$	$\cdots$	$\rho_{ln}$
$\vdots$			
$\vdots$			

$[\kappa_{ij}]$	$\mathcal{B}_1$	$\cdots$	$\mathcal{B}_n$
$\vdots$			
$\vdots$			
$\mathcal{P}_r$	$\kappa_{r1}$	$\cdots$	$\kappa_{rn}$
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## Theorem (Nakić, 2015)

*If a  $3$ -( $16, 7, 5$ ) design exists, then it is either rigid or its full automorphism group is a  $2$ -group.*

- ▶  $\Psi$  - the set of 1-spaces of  $\mathbb{F}_q^v$

## Definition

A *tactical decomposition* of a design  $\mathcal{B}$  over finite field with parameters  $t-(v, k, \lambda_t)_q$  is any partition

$$\Psi = \Psi_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \Psi_m, \quad \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{B}_n$$

with the property that there exist nonnegative integers  $\rho_{ij}$  and  $\kappa_{ij}$  such that

- ▶ each point of  $\Psi_i$  lies in precisely  $\rho_{ij}$  blocks of  $\mathcal{B}_j$ ,
- ▶ and each block of  $\mathcal{B}_j$  contains precisely  $\kappa_{ij}$  points from  $\Psi_i$ .

Matrices  $\mathcal{R} = [\rho_{ij}]$  and  $\mathcal{K} = [\kappa_{ij}]$  are called *tactical decomposition matrices*.

- ▶ Orbits of  $\Psi$  and orbits of  $\mathcal{B}$  under an action of  $G \leq \text{Aut } \mathcal{B}$  form a tactical decomposition of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

# Tactical decomposition of designs over finite fields for $t = 2$

- ▶ (Nakić, Pavčević, 2014)
- ▶  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $2-(v, k, \lambda_2)_q$  design with tactical decomposition

$$\Psi = \Psi_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \Psi_m, \quad \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{B}_n.$$

1.  $\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{ij} = \lambda_1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m \kappa_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} k \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_q$
2.  $\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{lj} \kappa_{rj} = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 & + & (|\Psi_r| - 1) \cdot \lambda_2, & l = r, \\ & |\Psi_r| \cdot \lambda_2, & l \neq r. \end{cases}$

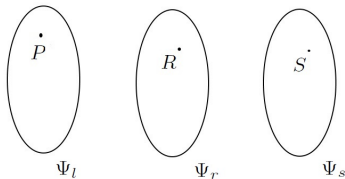
$[\rho_{ij}]$	$\mathcal{B}_1$	$\cdots$	$\mathcal{B}_n$
$\Psi_1$			
$\vdots$			
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$\vdots$			
$\vdots$			
$\Psi_m$			

$[\kappa_{ij}]$	$\mathcal{B}_1$	$\cdots$	$\mathcal{B}_n$
$\Psi_1$			
$\vdots$			
$\vdots$			
$\Psi_r$	$\kappa_{r1}$	$\cdots$	$\kappa_{rn}$
$\vdots$			
$\Psi_m$			

- $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $3\text{--}(v, k, \lambda_3)_q$  design with tactical decomposition

$$\Psi = \Psi_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \Psi_m, \quad \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{B}_n.$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{lj} \kappa_{rj} \kappa_{sj} = \Lambda_{lrs}^1 \cdot \lambda_1 + \Lambda_{lrs}^2 \cdot \lambda_2 + \Lambda_{lrs}^3 \cdot \lambda_3.$$



$$\Lambda_{lrs}^i = \#\{(P, R, S) : \text{fixed } P \in \Psi_l, (R, S) \in \Psi_r \times \Psi_s, \dim \langle P, R, S \rangle = i\}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

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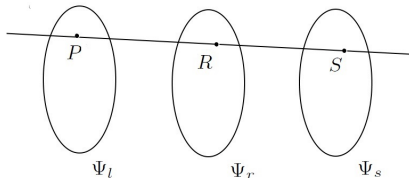
$$\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{lj} \kappa_{rj} \kappa_{sj} = \Lambda_{lrs}^1 \cdot \lambda_1 + \Lambda_{lrs}^2 \cdot \lambda_2 + \Lambda_{lrs}^3 \cdot \lambda_3.$$

Theorem (Krčadinac, Nakić, Pavčević, 2014)

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{lj} \kappa_{rj} \kappa_{sj} = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + 3(|\mathcal{P}_l| - 1) \cdot \lambda_2 + (|\mathcal{P}_l| - 1) \cdot (|\mathcal{P}_l| - 2) \cdot \lambda_3, & \text{for } l = r = s, \\ |\mathcal{P}_r| \cdot |\mathcal{P}_s| \cdot \lambda_3, & \text{for } l \neq r \neq s \neq l, \\ |\mathcal{P}_s| \cdot \lambda_2 + (|\mathcal{P}_r| - 1) \cdot |\mathcal{P}_s| \cdot \lambda_3, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## Theorem (De Boeck, Nakić)

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \rho_{lj} \kappa_{rj} \kappa_{sj} = \begin{cases} \lambda_1 + \Lambda_{lrs}^2 \cdot \lambda_2 + (|\Psi_r| \cdot |\Psi_s| - \Lambda_{lrs}^2 - 1) \cdot \lambda_3, & \text{for } l = r = s, \\ \Lambda_{lrs}^2 \cdot \lambda_2 + (|\Psi_r| \cdot |\Psi_s| - \Lambda_{lrs}^2) \cdot \lambda_3, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



$$\Lambda_{lrs}^2 = \#\{(P, R, S) : \text{fixed } P \in \mathcal{P}_l, (R, S) \in \mathcal{P}_r \times \mathcal{P}_s, \#\{P, R, S\} = 2\}$$

## Lemma

$$1. \quad \Lambda_{rs}^2 = \Lambda_{lr}^2$$

$$2. \quad |\Psi_l| \cdot \Lambda_{rs}^2 = |\Psi_r| \cdot \Lambda_{rl}^2$$

$$3. \quad \sum_{s=1}^m \Lambda_{rs}^2 = \begin{cases} |\Psi_r| \cdot (q+1) + \frac{q^v - q^2}{q-1} - 1, & l = r, \\ |\Psi_r| \cdot (q+1), & l \neq r. \end{cases}$$

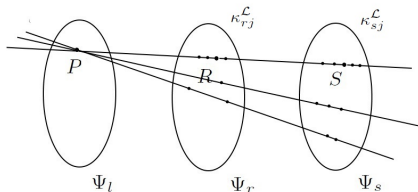
## Lemma

The set of 2-subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_q^v$  is a  $2 - (v, 2, 1)_q$  design  $\mathcal{L}$ . Group  $G \leq P\Gamma L(\mathbb{F}_q^v)$  acts on  $\mathcal{L}$  inducing tactical decomposition

$$\Psi = \Psi_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \Psi_m, \quad \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \mathcal{L}_\omega$$

with tactical decomposition matrices  $[\rho_{ij}^{\mathcal{L}}]$  and  $[\kappa_{ij}^{\mathcal{L}}]$ . Then

$$\Lambda_{lrs}^2 = \begin{cases} \sum_{j=1}^{\omega} \rho_{lj}^{\mathcal{L}} \kappa_{rj}^{\mathcal{L}} \kappa_{sj}^{\mathcal{L}} - \lambda_1, & \text{for } l = r = s, \\ \sum_{j=1}^{\omega} \rho_{lj}^{\mathcal{L}} \kappa_{rj}^{\mathcal{L}} \kappa_{sj}^{\mathcal{L}}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



Thank you for your attention!