

## Usage of (multiple) code invariant to find the symmetric $W(23, 16)$

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Hadamard and weighing matrices  $W(n, w)$ ,  $1 \leq w \leq n$ , have applications in communications, chemistry and quantum computation.

Given two matrices  $A, B$ , they are Hadamard equivalent if  $B$  is obtained from  $A$  by permuting rows or columns or by multiplying rows or columns by  $-1$ .

Given  $(n, w)$ , the number of Hadamard equivalence classes of  $W(n, w)$  is an open problem. In particular the question if this number is different than zero (existence) is an open question.

Another open problem is given  $(n, w)$  to find  $W(n, w)$  which is (anti)symmetric.

Given a matrix  $R$  we define  $ci(R)$ , the code invariant of  $R$ .  $R$  and  $S$  are Hadamard equivalent if and only if  $ci(R) = ci(S)$ . However the complexity to calculate  $ci(R)$  increases with the length and with the width of  $R$ , and  $ci(R)$  becomes uncomputable for large  $R$ .

Therefore we proceed to define the multiple code invariant  $mci(R)$  of a matrix  $R$ . It is a weaker invariant based on all rectangular submatrices of  $R$ . If  $R$  and  $S$  are Hadamard equivalent then  $mci(R) = mci(S)$ . Thus  $mci(R) \neq mci(S)$  implies that  $R$  and  $S$  are not Hadamard equivalent.

Given that  $mci(R) = mci(S)$  we have, under mild restrictions, an efficient algorithm that either finds a Hadamard equivalence between them or determines that  $R$  and  $S$  are not Hadamard equivalent.

Therefore we are able to find (under those restrictions)  $Aut(R)$ , the group of all Hadamard equivalences of  $R$ .

After  $Aut(R)$  is calculated, it is used to find if there exists  $S$  which is equivalent to  $R$  and is (anti)symmetric.

We were able to implement the above procedure to the  $W(23, 16)$  that was found using the shadow geometry method and to find a symmetric  $W(23, 16)$ . We also applied this method to the matrices  $W(n, 16)$ ,  $n = 23, 25, 27, 29$  that were found using the tiling method and found that there is not an (anti)symmetric  $W$  that is Hadamard equivalent any of them.

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