

# Complex Hadamard matrices with a special structure II

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# Hadamard matrices $\Rightarrow$ real quantum gates

## Hadamard matrices are orthogonal (up to a rescaling)

as they consist of mutually orthogonal row and columns,

$$HH^* = N\mathbb{1} \Rightarrow H' := H/\sqrt{N} \text{ is unitary}$$

## $N = 2$ Hadamard matrix $\Rightarrow$ one-qubit Hadamard gate

$$H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ so that } H'_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is orthogonal.}$$

The most often used gate in Quantum Information Theory, as (due to rotation of the Bloch sphere by  $\pi$  along the axis intermediate between directions  $x$  and  $z$ ) it forms a **quantum superposition**

$$H_2|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$$

and

$$H_2|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle).$$

[in quantum information one denotes  $H_2$  (no primes) for unitary]

# Quantum computing

The basic building step is based on **Hadamard matrices**:

**one qubit** Hadamard matrix,  $H_2$  (of size two)

**multi-qubit** Hadamard matrix,  $H_{2^n} = H_2^{\otimes n}$  (of size  $N = 2^n$ )

**Examples:**

a) **two qubits**,  $n = 2$

Note that  $H_4|0,0\rangle = (H_2 \otimes H_2)|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \frac{1}{2}[|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle]$   
corresponds to the superposition: 0 + 1 + 2 + 3.

b)  **$n$  qubits**: consider the  $n$ -qubit state

$$|\psi\rangle = H_2^{\otimes n}|0, \dots, 0\rangle \quad (**)$$

which leads to the uniform superposition,  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{x=0}^{2^n-1} |x\rangle$

and allows to process all  $N = 2^n$  numbers **"in parallel"**.

# Complex Hadamard matrices

## Hadamard matrices of the Butson type

composed of  $q$ -th **roots of unity**;  $H \in H(N, q)$  iff

$$HH^* = N \mathbb{1} , \quad (H_{ij})^q = 1 \quad \text{for } i, j = 1, \dots, N \quad (1)$$

**Butson, 1962**

special case:  $q = 4$

$H \in H(N, 4)$  iff  $HH^* = N \mathbb{1}$  and  $H_{ij} = \pm 1, \pm i$

(also called **complex** Hadamard matrices, **Turyn, 1970**)

## Complex Hadamard matrices (*general case*)

$HH^* = N \mathbb{1}$  and  $|H_{ij}| = 1$ ,

hence  $H_{ij} = \exp(i\phi_{ij})$  with an **arbitrary complex** phase.

## Complex Hadamard matrices do exist for any $N$ !

example: the **Fourier matrix**

$$(F_N)_{jk} := \exp(ijk2\pi/N) \quad \text{with} \quad j, k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1. \quad (2)$$

special case :  $N = 4$

$$F_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & i & -1 & -i \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -i & -1 & i \end{bmatrix} \in H(4, 4) \quad (3)$$

The **Fourier matrices** are constructed of  $N$ -th root of unity, so they are of the **Butson type**,

$$F_N \in H(N, N).$$

## Equivalent Hadamard matrices

$$H' \sim H$$

iff there exist permutation matrices  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  and diagonal unitary matrices  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  such that

$$H' = D_1 P_1 H P_2 D_2 . \quad (4)$$

## Dephased form of a Hadamard matrix

$$H_{1,j} = H_{j,1} = 1 \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, N. \quad (5)$$

Any complex Hadamard matrix can be brought to the **dephased form** by an equivalence relation.

**example** for  $N = 3$ , here  $\alpha \in [0, 2\pi)$  while  $w = \exp(i \cdot 2\pi/3)$ , so  $w^3 = 1$

$$F'_3 = e^{i\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} w & 1 & w^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ w^2 & 1 & w \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 \\ 1 & w^2 & w \end{bmatrix} =: F_3 , \quad (6)$$

# Classification of **Complex Hadamard matrices** I

$N = 2$

all complex Hadamard matrices are equivalent to the **real Hadamard (Fourier)** matrix

$$H_2 = F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (7)$$

$N = 3$

all complex Hadamard matrices are equivalent to the **Fourier matrix**

$$F_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w & w^2 \\ 1 & w^2 & w \end{bmatrix}, \quad w = e^{2\pi i/3}. \quad (8)$$

**U. Haagerup**, Orthogonal maximal abelian  $*$ -subalgebras of the  $N \times N$  matrices and cyclic  $N$ -rots,  
in *Operator Algebras and Quantum Field Theory*, **1996**.

# Classification of Complex Hadamard matrices II

$N = 4$

**Lemma (Haagerup).** For  $N = 4$  all complex Hadamard matrices are equivalent to one of the matrices from the following 1-d orbit,  $w = i$

$$F_4^{(1)}(a) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & w^1 \cdot \exp(i \cdot a) & w^2 & w^3 \cdot \exp(i \cdot a) \\ 1 & w^2 & 1 & w^2 \\ 1 & w^3 \cdot \exp(i \cdot a) & w^2 & w^1 \cdot \exp(i \cdot a) \end{bmatrix}, \quad a \in [0, \pi].$$

$N = 5$

All  $N = 5$  complex Hadamard matrices are equivalent to the **Fourier matrix**  $F_5$  (Haagerup 1996).

$N \geq 6$

Several orbits of **Complex Hadamard matrices** are known, but the problem of their complete classification remains **open!**



# 1-d family by Beauchamp & Nicoara, April 2006

$$B_6^{(1)}(y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1/x & -y & y & 1/x \\ 1 & -x & 1 & y & 1/z & -1/t \\ 1 & -1/y & 1/y & -1 & -1/t & 1/t \\ 1 & 1/y & z & -t & 1 & -1/x \\ 1 & x & -t & t & -x & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $y = \exp(i s)$  is a free parameter and

$$x(y) = \frac{1 + 2y + y^2 \pm \sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 + 2y + 2y^3 + y^4}}{1 + 2y - y^2}$$

$$z(y) = \frac{1 + 2y - y^2}{y(-1 + 2y + y^2)}; \quad t(y) = xyz$$

**W. Bruzda** discovered this family independently in **May 2006**

For **Complex Hadamard matrices** of size  $N = 2, \dots, 16$

see online **Catalog** at

<http://chaos.if.uj.edu.pl/~karol/hadamard>

(improved engine by **Wojciech Bruzda**, some new data...)

If you know about **new complex Hadamard** matrices  
(*or you found a misprint in the catalogue,  
or you wrote a great paper on this topic  
which should be mentioned in the Catalogue*)

please let know **Wojtek** (and me)



**Wawel castle in Cracow**

# Composed systems & entangled states

bi-partite systems:  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

- **separable pure states:**  $|\psi\rangle = |\phi_A\rangle \otimes |\phi_B\rangle$
- **entangled pure states:** all states **not** of the above product form.

Two-qubit system:  $2 \times 2 = 4$

Maximally entangled **Bell state**  $|\varphi^+\rangle := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$  distinguished by the fact that reduced states are **maximally mixed**,

$$\text{e.g. } \rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\varphi^+\rangle\langle\varphi^+| = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{1}_2.$$

Maximally entangled states of  $d \times d$  system

Define bi-partite pure state by a matrix of coefficients,

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j=1}^d \Gamma_{ij} |i, j\rangle.$$

Then reduced state  $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \Gamma\Gamma^\dagger$ .

It represents a **maximally entangled** state if  $\rho_A = \Gamma\Gamma^\dagger = \mathbb{1}_d/d$ , which is the case if the matrix  $U = \sqrt{d}\Gamma$  of size  $d$  is **unitary**.

# Multipartite entangled states

## $k$ -uniform state of $n$ subsystems

Consider a state of  $n$  subsystems with  $d$  levels each,  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_d^{\otimes n}$ . Such a state is called  **$k$ -uniform** if for any choice of part  $X$  consisting of  $k$  subsystems out of  $n$  the partial trace over the part  $\bar{X}$  consisting of remaining  $n - k$  subsystems is maximally mixed,

$$\text{Tr}_{\bar{X}} |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| = \frac{1}{d^k} \mathbb{1}_{d^k}. \quad (9)$$

## Examples

- a) 2-qubit state  $|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle - |11\rangle$  is **1-uniform** (Bell-like)  
(as the coefficient matrix  $\Gamma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is Hadamard !)
- b) 3-qubit state  $|GHZ\rangle = (|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$  is **1-uniform**
- c) there are no **2-uniform** states of 4 qubits,  
but they exist for larger systems...

# Hadamard matrices & quantum states

A Hadamard matrix  $H_8 = H_2^{\otimes 3}$  of order  $N = 8$  implies

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

This 'orthogonal array'  
allows us to construct a **2-uniform state** of 7 qubits:

$$|\Phi_7\rangle = |1111111\rangle + |0101010\rangle + |1001100\rangle + |0011001\rangle + \\ |1110000\rangle + |0100101\rangle + |1000011\rangle + |0010110\rangle.$$

a **simplex** state  $|\Phi_7\rangle$

# Examples of 2-uniform states obtained from $H_{12}$

## 8 qubits

$$|\Phi_8\rangle = |00000000\rangle + |00011101\rangle + |10001110\rangle + |01000111\rangle + \\ |10100011\rangle + |11010001\rangle + |01101000\rangle + |10110100\rangle + \\ |11011010\rangle + |11101101\rangle + |01110110\rangle + |00111011\rangle.$$

## 9 qubits

$$|\Phi_9\rangle = |000000000\rangle + |100011101\rangle + |010001110\rangle + |101000111\rangle + \\ |110100011\rangle + |011010001\rangle + |101101000\rangle + |110110100\rangle + \\ |111011010\rangle + |011101101\rangle + |001110110\rangle + |000111011\rangle.$$

## 10 qubits *(note what Hadamard matrices are good for :)*

$$|\Phi_{10}\rangle = |0000000000\rangle + |0100011101\rangle + |1010001110\rangle + |1101000111\rangle + \\ |0110100011\rangle + |1011010001\rangle + |1101101000\rangle + |1110110100\rangle + \\ |0111011010\rangle + |0011101101\rangle + |0001110110\rangle + |1000111011\rangle,$$



## Cracow and Tatra mountains in the background



# Combinatorial designs

⇒ An introduction to "*Quantum Combinatorics*"

## A classical example:

Take 4 **aces**, 4 **kings**, 4 **queens** and 4 **jacks**  
and arrange them into an  $4 \times 4$  array, such that

- a) - in every row and column there is only a **single** card of each **suit**
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A♠	K♦	Q♥	J♣
K♥	A♣	J♠	Q♦
Q♣	J♥	A♦	K♠
J♦	Q♠	K♣	A♥

Two **mutually orthogonal Latin squares** of size  $N = 4$   
 $2 \text{ MOLS}(4) = \text{Graeco-Latin square !}$










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- ♣)  $N = 2$ . There are no orthogonal Latin Square  
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- ♡)  $N = 3, 4, 5$  (and any **power of prime**)  $\implies$  there exist  $(N - 1)$  MOLS.
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**Euler's** problem: **36** officers of six different ranks from six different units come for a **military parade** Arrange them in a square such that: in each row / each column all uniforms are different.

			?	?	?
			?	?	?
			?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?
?	?	?	?	?	?

**No solution exists** ! (conjectured by **Euler**), proof by:  
**Gaston Terry** "Le Problème de 36 Officiers". *Compte Rendu* (1901).

# Mutually ortogonal Latin Squares (MOLS)

An apparent solution of the  $N = 6$  **Euler's** problem of **36 officers**.



*a difference between math and physics: “imperfect realization”*

# highly entangled states for higher dimensions

A pair of **orthogonal Latin squares** of size 3,

A♠	K♣	Q♦	=	0, 0	1, 2	2, 1
K♦	Q♠	A♣		1, 1	2, 0	0, 2
Q♣	A♦	K♠		2, 2	0, 1	1, 0

yields a **2-uniform** state of **4 qutrits**: (Absolutely maximally entangled)

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_3^4\rangle = & |0000\rangle + |0112\rangle + |0221\rangle + \\ & |1011\rangle + |1120\rangle + |1202\rangle + \\ & |2022\rangle + |2101\rangle + |2210\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Corresponding **Quantum Code**:  $|0\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{0}\rangle := |000\rangle + |112\rangle + |221\rangle$   
 $|1\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{1}\rangle := |011\rangle + |120\rangle + |202\rangle$   
 $|2\rangle \rightarrow |\tilde{2}\rangle := |022\rangle + |101\rangle + |210\rangle$

# $k$ -uniform states and $k$ -unitary matrices

Consider a **2-uniform** state of four parties  $A, B, C, D$  with  $d$  levels each,

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i,j,l,m=1}^d \Gamma_{ijlm} |i,j,l,m\rangle$$

It is **maximally entangled** with respect to all **three** partitions:

$$AB|CD \text{ and } AC|BD \text{ and } AD|BC.$$

Let  $\rho_{ABCD} = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$ . Hence its three reductions are **maximally mixed**,  
 $\rho_{AB} = \text{Tr}_{CD}\rho_{ABCD} = \rho_{AC} = \text{Tr}_{BD}\rho_{ABCD} = \rho_{AD} = \text{Tr}_{BC}\rho_{ABCD} = \mathbb{1}_{d^2}/d^2$

Thus matrices  $U_{\mu,\nu}$  of order  $d^2$  obtained by reshaping the tensor  $d\Gamma_{ijkl}$  are **unitary** for three reorderings:

$$\text{a) } \mu, \nu = ij, lm, \quad \text{b) } \mu, \nu = im, jl, \quad \text{c) } \mu, \nu = il, jm.$$

Such a tensor  $\Gamma$  is called **perfect**.

Corresponding **unitary matrix**  $U$  of order  $d^2$  is called **two-unitary**  
if reordered matrices  $U^{R_1}$  and  $U^{R_2}$  remain **unitary**.

**Unitary matrix**  $U$  of order  $d^k$  with analogous property is called  **$k$ -unitary**

# Exemplary multiunitary matrices

Fact: there are no 2-unitary matrices of order 4 (**Higuchi, Sudbery** 2001)

**Two-unitary** permutation matrix of size  $9 = 3^2$

associated to 2 **MOLS(3)** and **2-uniform** state  $|\Psi_3^4\rangle$  of 4 qutrits

$$U = U_{ij}^{ml} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in U(9)$$

Furthermore, also two reordered matrices

(by partial transposition and reshuffling) remain **unitary**:



$$U^{T_1} = U_{il} = U_{mj} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in U(9)$$

$$U^R = U_{im} = U_{jl} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in U(9)$$

# Are there multiunitary Hadamard matrices?

no for  $d = 2$  and  $N = d^2 = 4$  (to many constraints!)

**Yes** for  $d = 3$  and  $N = d^2 = 9$  and for  $d = 2$  and  $N = d^3 = 8$

**Example: 3-unitary real Hadamard** matrix of size  $N = 2^3 = 8$   
associated to the **3-uniform** state  $|\Psi_2^6\rangle$  of 6 qubits

$$H_{lmn}^{ijk} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in H_8$$

This unitary matrix remains **unitary** after any of  $\frac{1}{2}\binom{6}{3} = 10$  reorderings related to different decomposition of the hypercube with  $8^2 = 2^6 = 64$  entries.

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## Multi-unitary Hadamard (and other unitary) matrices

Let  $H$  be a Hadamard matrix of size  $N = d^k$

It is called **multi-unitary**

if the corresponding tensor (of size  $d$  with  $2k$  indices) is **perfect**, which means that all its  $\frac{1}{2} \binom{2k}{k}$  **reorderings** also form a **Hadamard matrix**

any such Hadamard matrix generates strongly **entangled** quantum state!

## conference Hadamard Budapest 2017: Open problems

To be done: Identify and classify

- a) multi-unitary **real Hadamard matrices**  
is there a 2-unitary real Hadamard matrix  $H_{36}$  ?
- b) multi-unitary **complex Hadamard matrices**  
is there a 2-unitary complex Hadamard matrix  $H_{36}$  ?

# 2-unitary complex Hadamards of order $d^2$ , $d \geq 3$ , $d \neq 6$

## two unitary permutations $P_{d^2}$ of order $d^2$

1. Any pair of 2MOLS( $d$ ) generates such a 2-unitary permutation matrix  $P_{d^2}$
2. Take a tensor product of two Fourier matrices,  $F_d \otimes F_d \in B(d^2, d)$ , which is a Butson class matrix,
3. This represents a local unitary operation, so it does not change the entanglement of the operation,
4. Thus the matrix  $H = P_{d^2}(F_d \otimes F_d)$  does the job: it is a two-unitary **complex Hadamard** matrix and represents an **Absolutely Maximally Entangled (AME)** state in  $\mathcal{H}_d^{\otimes 4}$ .

If  $d$  is a multiple of 4 and there exist a real Hadamard  $H_d$  of size  $d$  then  $P_{d^2}(H_d \otimes H_d)$  forms a **2-unitary real** Hadamard matrix

**Bruzda, Rajchel-Mieldzióć, K.Ż (2024)**

# $d = 6$ $N = d^2 = 36$ & Entangled officers of Euler

**2021** Golden solution of the quantum version of the problem of 36 **officers of Euler**: a 2-unitary matrix  $U_{36}$  with ratio of amplitudes equal to the **golden mean** and phases multiples of  $\omega_{20} = \exp(i2\pi/20)$

**Rather, Burchardt, Bruzda, Rajchel, Lakshminarayan, K.Ż.**

**2023** alternative non-equivalent solutions by **Rather, Ramadas, Kodiyalam, and Lakshminarayan**, (computer aided search)

**2024** three solutions by **Rather** based on *biunimodular vectors* (Führ and Rzeszotnik 2015)

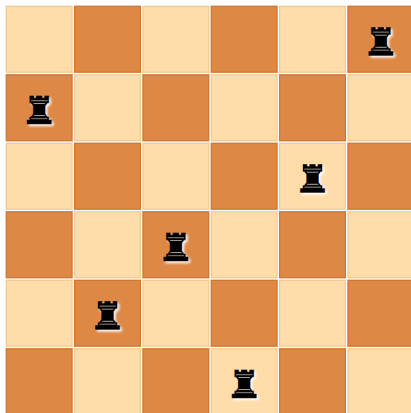
**2025** hand made, artisanal solution by **Gross and Goedicke**

**Proposition 1.** There exists a 2-unitary **complex Hadamard matrix** of order 36 of Butson-type,  $H_{36} \in B(36, 6)$  as all phases are multiples of  $\omega_6 = \exp(i2\pi/6)$ , **Bruzda, K. Ż (2024)**

# 36 officers of Euler revisited

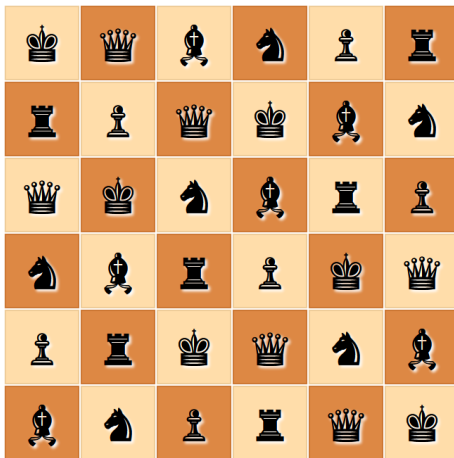
## *introductory exercise*

Step i) Place **six rooks** on a chessboard of size six,  
in such a way that no figure attacks any other:



# 36 officers of Euler, step two

Step ii) Take six pieces of five other figures and place them onto the board in an analogous way:

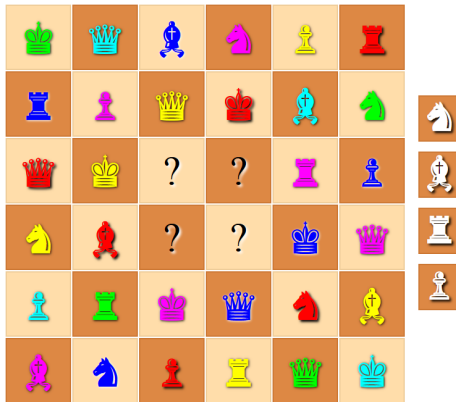


Latin Square of order six



# 36 officers of Euler, step three...

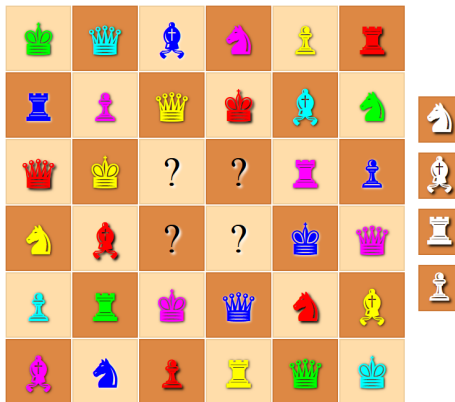
Step iii) Color them into six **colors**,  
so that all **colors**, in each row and column are different...



Place the remaining four figures, two of them in **cyan** and two in **green**,  
so that all the rules of Euler are fulfilled

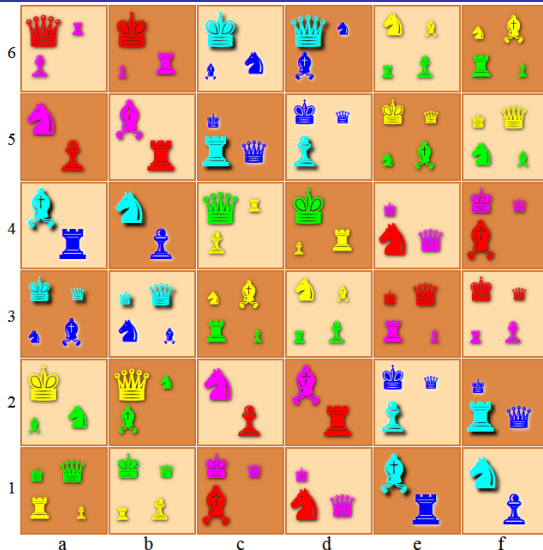
# 36 officers of Euler, step three $\Rightarrow$ no go !

Step iii) Color them into six **colors**,  $d = 6 = 2 * 3$ ,  
so that all **colors**, in each row and column are different...



Place the remaining four figures, two of them in **cyan** and two in **green**, so that all the rules of Euler are fulfilled – **this is not doable !** G. Tarry

No classical OLS(6). But a **quantum** solution exists !



Quantum solution of *36 entangled officers of Euler*. Size of the figures represents moduli of superpositions, Is field c2 equal to a5?



**Quantum** solution of 36 entangled officers of **Euler**. Size of the figures represents moduli of superpositions, index  $k$  denotes the complex phase  $\exp(i\pi k/20)$ , e.g. field c2) denotes  $|\text{Purple Knight}\rangle - |\text{Red Pawn}\rangle$  and is orthogonal to a5).

## Full solution of the problem of 36 **entangled officers of Euler**

encoded in the chessboard of size 6 looks like this...

(each state  $|\psi_{ij}\rangle$  determines a single row of a 2-unitary matrix  $U_{36}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\psi_{00}\rangle &= c|10\rangle + a\omega^3|43\rangle + b|53\rangle = c|\text{king}\rangle + a\omega^3|\text{king}\rangle + b|\text{king}\rangle \\
 |\psi_{01}\rangle &= c|00\rangle + b|43\rangle + a\omega^7|53\rangle = c|\text{king}\rangle + b|\text{king}\rangle + a\omega^7|\text{king}\rangle \\
 |\psi_{02}\rangle &= c\omega^{17}|01\rangle + b|24\rangle + a\omega^5|34\rangle = c\omega^{17}|\text{king}\rangle + b|\text{king}\rangle + a\omega^5|\text{king}\rangle \\
 |\psi_{10}\rangle &= c\omega^{10}|23\rangle + c\omega^{10}|50\rangle = c\omega^{10}|\text{king}\rangle + c\omega^{10}|\text{king}\rangle \\
 |\psi_{11}\rangle &= c\omega^6|33\rangle + c|40\rangle = c\omega^6|\text{king}\rangle + c|\text{king}\rangle \\
 |\psi_{12}\rangle &= a\omega^2|04\rangle + b\omega^5|14\rangle + c\omega^7|41\rangle = a\omega^2|\text{king}\rangle + b\omega^5|\text{king}\rangle + c\omega^7|\text{king}\rangle \\
 \dots &= \dots \\
 |\psi_{55}\rangle &= c\omega^{16}|21\rangle + c\omega^{11}|54\rangle = c\omega^{16}|\text{king}\rangle + c\omega^{11}|\text{king}\rangle,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\omega = \exp(i\pi k/20)$ , and  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2 = 1/2$ ,

while the ratio of the two sizes of the figures is equals to the

**golden mean**,  $b/a = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2 = \varphi$ .

It is easy to check that this constellation satisfies the desired conditions **a'), b'), c')** specified above and it deserves an appellation **golden square**.

# NUMERICAL SEARCH

$$U_0 \mapsto U_0^R \mapsto (U_0^R)^\Gamma := U_0^{\Gamma R} \mapsto U_1$$

$$e_p(\tilde{P}) = \frac{314}{315} \approx .9968 \quad \left| \quad e_p(\tilde{P}e^{iH\varepsilon}) \rightarrow .9991 \right.$$

$$e_p(\tilde{P}) \rightarrow \frac{419}{420} \approx .9976$$

$$e_p(\tilde{P}_s) = \frac{104}{105} \approx .9905 \quad \left| \quad e_p(\tilde{P}_s e^{iH\varepsilon}) \rightarrow 1 \right.$$

 $\tilde{P} =$ 

11	22	33	44	55	66
23	14	45	36	61	52
32	41	64	53	16	25
46	35	51	62	24	13
54	63	26	15	42	31
65	56	12	21	33	44

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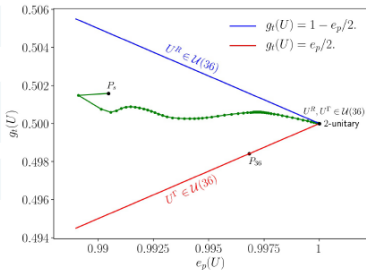
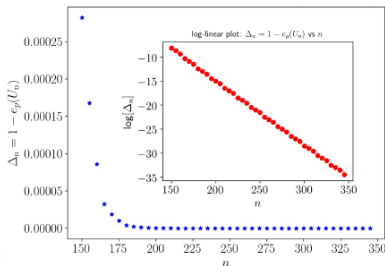
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K♦	A♥	J♠	Q*	9♣	10♣
Q♣	J♠	9♥	10♦	A*	K♠
J*	Q♠	10♣	9♣	K♥	A♦
10♥	9♦	K*	A♠	J♣	Q♣
9♠	10*	A♣	K♣	Q♦	J♥

 $\tilde{P}_s =$ 

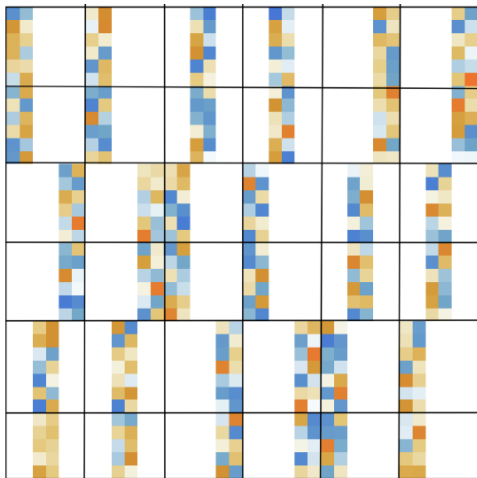
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J*	Q♠	10♣	9♣	K♥	A♦
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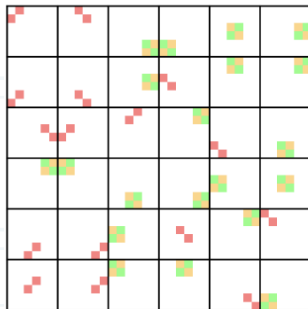
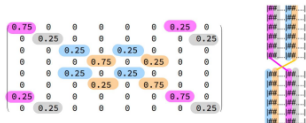


# NUMERICAL CLEANING



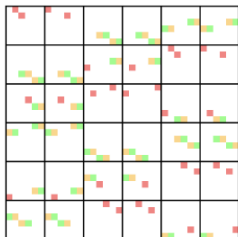
$$(u_6^{(1)} \otimes u_6^{(2)}) u_{36} (u_6^{(4)} \otimes u_6^{(3)})$$

$$(\cancel{u_6} \otimes u_2^{\otimes 3}) u_{36} (u_2^{\otimes 3} \otimes u_2^{\otimes 3})$$

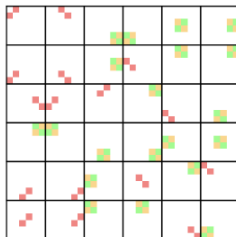


# SOLUTION FOUND

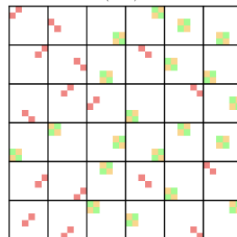
$U$



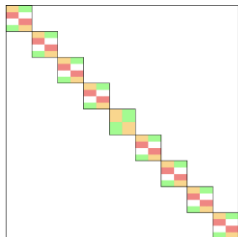
$U^R$



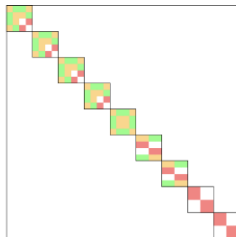
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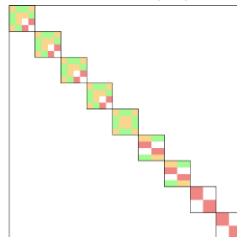
block form of  $U$



block form of  $U^R$



block form of  $(U^R)^T$





# SOLUTION FOUND

(1,1) $a \omega^{10}$	(2,2) $a$	(1,2) $b \omega^{15}$	(2,1) $b \omega^5$	(6,3)
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	(1,1)
$b \omega^{10}$	$b$	$a \omega^5$	$a \omega^{15}$	(5,6)
				(4,2)
(3,1) $a \omega^4$	(4,2) $a \omega^{10}$	(3,2) $b \omega^{17}$	(4,1) $b \omega^7$	(4,5)
$c \omega^{10}$	$c \omega^6$	$c \omega^2$	$c \omega^2$	(3,2)
$b \omega^7$	$b \omega^{13}$	$a \omega^{10}$	$a$	(2,4)
				(5,3)
(5,1) $a \omega^3$	(6,2) $a \omega^7$	(5,2) $b$	(6,1) $b$	(1,4)
$c \omega^{13}$	$c \omega^7$	$c$	$c \omega^{10}$	(2,1)
$b \omega^9$	$b \omega^{13}$	$a \omega^{16}$	$a \omega^{16}$	(3,5)
				(6,6)
(1,3) $a \omega^2$	(2,4) $a \omega^{14}$	(1,4) $b \omega$	(2,3) $b \omega^5$	(2,5)
$c \omega^{17}$	$c \omega^{19}$	$c \omega^5$	$c \omega^{19}$	(3,3)
$b \omega^{14}$	$b \omega^6$	$a \omega^3$	$a \omega^7$	(1,2)
				(6,4)
(3,3) $a$	(4,4) $a$	(3,4) $b \omega^{15}$	(4,3) $b \omega^{15}$	(4,6)
$c$	$c \omega^{10}$	$c$	$c \omega^{10}$	(6,1)
$b$	$b$	$a \omega^5$	$a \omega^5$	(5,4)
				(1,5)
(5,3) $a \omega^{12}$	(6,4) $a \omega^{14}$	(5,4) $b \omega^{15}$	(6,3) $b \omega$	(3,6)
$c \omega^7$	$c \omega^{19}$	$c \omega^{14}$	$c \omega^{10}$	(5,1)
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$b \omega^4$	$b \omega^{18}$	$a \omega^3$	$a \omega^9$	(3,4)
$b \omega^2$	$b \omega^8$	$a \omega^5$	$a \omega^{15}$	(2,6)
				(5,5)
(3,5) $a \omega^2$	(4,6) $a$	(3,6) $b \omega^{19}$	(4,5) $b \omega^{13}$	(2,3)
$c \omega^8$	$c \omega^{16}$	$c \omega^{16}$	$c$	(6,2)
$b \omega^{14}$	$b \omega^{12}$	$a \omega$	$a \omega^{15}$	(3,1)
				(1,6)
(5,5) $a \omega^{18}$	(6,6) $a \omega^{18}$	(5,6) $b \omega^3$	(6,5) $b \omega^3$	(1,3)
$c \omega$	$c \omega^{11}$	$c$	$c \omega^{10}$	(5,2)
$b \omega^{10}$	$b \omega^{10}$	$a \omega^5$	$a \omega^5$	(6,5)
				(4,4)

AME(4,6) state

$$\frac{1}{6} \sum_{i,j,k,\ell=1}^d t_{i,j,k,\ell} |i\rangle |j\rangle |k\rangle |\ell\rangle$$

$$a = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(\omega + \bar{\omega})}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5 + \sqrt{5}}}$$

$$b = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(\omega^3 + \bar{\omega}^3)}} = \sqrt{\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{20}}$$

$$c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

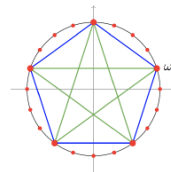
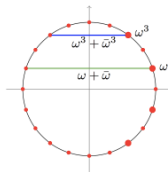
$$\omega = \exp(i \pi / 20)$$

Pythagoras theorem

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Golden ratio

$$b/c = \varphi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$





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# Quantum Euler problem: Zoo of non-equivalent solutions

no **classical solution**: no 2-unitary permutation matrix  $P_{36}$

desired **quantum solution**: find any 2-unitary matrix  $U_{36}$

**2021** original "Golden solution" based on golden mean, **RBBRLŽ**

**2023** alternative non-equivalent solutions (**Lakshminarayan** et al.)

**2024** three new solutions by **Rather**

**2025** hand made, artisanal solution by **Gross** and **Goedicke**

**2024** *complex Hadamard* solution of Butson-type,  $H_{36} \in B(36, 6)$   
yields entire 19 dimensional family

$$H_{36}(\mathbf{a}) = \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi}{6}B\right) \odot \exp\left(\frac{i2\pi}{6}A\right)$$

where  $A = A(\mathbf{a})$  denotes the matrix of 19 linear parameters

$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_1, \dots, a_{19})$ ,  $\odot$  stands for Hadamard product

and the original **complex Hadamard** solution found  
is given by the phase matrix  $B$ ,

$$B_{jm} \in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5] \text{ represent phases, } H_{jm} = \exp(i B_{jm} 2\pi/6).$$



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# Concluding Remarks

- 2-unitary matrices of order  $d^2$  (unitarity is preserved after partial transpose and reshuffling) represent state  $|AME(4, d)\rangle$
- There exist 2 – *unitary* complex Hadamard matrices of order  $d^2$  for  $d \neq 2$  and  $d \neq 6$  related to OLS( $d$ ).
- **Theorem.** Absolutely maximally entangled states  $|AME(4, 6)\rangle$  of 4 subsystems with 6 levels each **do** exist ! (2021).

This implies **existence** of

- ① solution of the quantum analogue of the 36 officers problem of **Euler**,
  - ② existence of 2-unitary gate  $U_{36}$  with maximal **entangling power**
  - ③ **perfect tensor**  $t_{ijkl}$  with 4 indices, each running from 1 to 6, to be applied for tensor networks and bulk/boundary correspondence,
  - ④ nonadditive **quantum error correction code**  $((3, 6, 2))_6$  which allows one to encode a single quhex in three quhexes
- for  $d = 6$  there exist also 2-unitary **complex Hadamard** matrix of Butson-type,  $H_{36} \in B(36, 6)$ .

**Question:** is there a **real** 2-unitary **Hadamard** matrix of order 36?



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With hard work and long practice one can develop skills to an astonishing level – enough to dazzle an audience with beautiful, yet utterly impractical feats