

Koper Summer School - Problem Set Day 4

Further Topics

1. Learn about “orbital association schemes”. Let $H \leq G$, then the action of G on the pairs of cosets forms an association scheme if and only if $H \leq G$ is multiplicity-free.
2. The Johnson scheme is the orbital association scheme for $G = \text{Sym}(n)$ and $H = \text{Sym}(k) \times \text{Sym}(n - k)$.
3. The **perfect matching association scheme** is the orbital association scheme for $G = \text{Sym}(2k)$ and $H = \text{Sym}(2) \wr \text{Sym}(k)$. Learn about this scheme.
4. Check out Wilson’s 1984 paper with the proof of the exact bound in the t -intersecting version of EKR.
See:
Wilson, Richard; The exact bound in the Erdős-Ko-Rado theorem. *Combinatorica* 4 (1984), no.2-3, 247–257.
5. Check out Frankl and Wilson’s paper with the proof of the exact bound in the t -intersecting version of EKR for the q -Kneser graphs.
See:
P. Frankl and R. M. Wilson. The Erdős-Ko-Rado theorem for vector spaces. *J. Combin. Theory Ser. A*, 43(2):228–236, 1986.
(Note how the calculations are easier for the q -Kneser than the Kneser.)
6. Check out Godsil and Guo’s paper describing Wilson’s matrix:
Using the existence of t -designs to prove Erdős-Ko-Rado
7. Learn about the complete EKR theorem - this result describes the largest collect of t -intersecting sets when n is small relative to k and t . These were proven by Ahlswede and Khatachatrian, and I don’t know if there is an algebraic proof!
See:
Ahlswede, Rudolf; Khachatrian, Levon H. The complete intersection theorem for systems of finite sets. *European J. Combin.*18(1997), no.2, 125–136.