

# Symmetries of discrete structures

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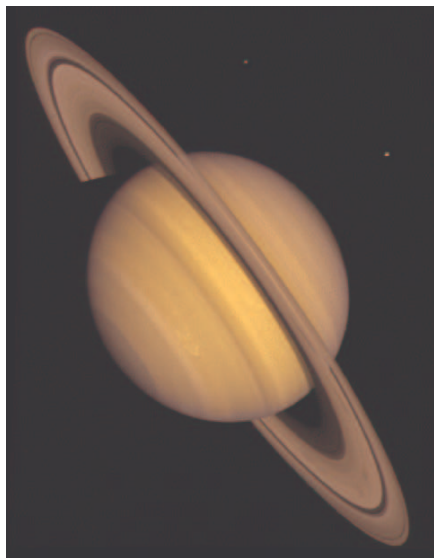
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- ▶ even unimodular lattices
- ▶ Why ?

## Voyager 1981



distance Saturn-Earth  
more than  
1 billion kilometers

power of transmitter:  
less than 60 Watt

error correction with  
Golay Code  $QR(23)$   
of length 23

The best known codes  
of small length  
are self-dual  
and doubly-even.

# Doubly-even self-dual codes

- ▶ **code**  $C \leq \mathbb{F}_2^n$  (linear binary code of length  $n$ )
- ▶  $C^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid x \cdot c := \sum_{i=1}^n x_i c_i = 0 \text{ for all } c \in C\}$  **dual code**
- ▶ **self-dual**  $C = C^\perp$
- ▶  $\text{wt}(c) := |\{i \mid c_i \neq 0\}|$  **weight**
- ▶  $d(C) := \min\{\text{wt}(c) \mid 0 \neq c \in C\}$  **minimum distance**
- ▶ **Clear:**  $c \cdot c \equiv \text{wt}(c) \pmod{2}$
- ▶  $C$  **doubly-even** if  $\text{wt}(C) \subseteq 4\mathbb{Z}$
- ▶  $C$  doubly-even  $\Rightarrow C \subseteq C^\perp$
- ▶  $C$  doubly-even self-dual  $\Leftrightarrow C/\langle \mathbf{1} \rangle \leq (\langle \mathbf{1} \rangle^\perp / \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle, q)$  maximal isotropic of dimension  $(n-2)/2$ ,

$$q(c + \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle) = \frac{1}{2} \text{wt}(c) + 2\mathbb{Z} \in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{F}_2.$$

- ▶ **Fact:**  $C = C^\perp \leq \mathbb{F}_2^n$  doubly-even  $\Rightarrow n \in 8\mathbb{Z}$  and

$$\text{Aut}(C) = \{\sigma \in S_n \mid \sigma(C) = C\} \leq \text{Alt}_n.$$

# Extended Quadratic Residue Codes

## Extended QR Codes, $p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$

$$X^p - 1 = (X - 1)g(X)h(X) \in \mathbb{F}_2[X], \deg(g) = \deg(h) = \frac{p-1}{2}.$$

$$\text{QR}(p) := (\overline{g(X)}) \leq \mathbb{F}_2[X]/(X^p - 1) \cong \mathbb{F}_2^p$$

is a code of length  $p$  and dimension  $\frac{p+1}{2}$ .

**extended QR-Code**

$$\hat{\text{Q}}(p) := \{(c, \text{wt}(c) + 2\mathbb{Z}) \mid c \in \text{QR}(p)\} \leq \mathbb{F}_2^{p+1}$$

is a self-dual doubly-even code of length  $p + 1$ .

$\text{QR}(p)$  is a **cyclic code** of length  $p$  ( $p \mid |\text{Aut}(\text{QR}(p))|$ ).

Cyclic codes have good provable error correcting properties and fast encoding and decoding algorithms.

$$\text{Aut}(\hat{\text{Q}}(7)) = 2^3 : \text{PSL}_3(2), \text{ of order } 8 \cdot 168 = 2^6 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$$

$$\text{Aut}(\hat{\text{Q}}(23)) = M_{24}, \text{ of order } 2^{10} \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 23$$

$$\text{Aut}(\hat{\text{Q}}(p)) = \text{PSL}_2(p) \text{ for } p > 23, \text{ of order } (p-1)p(p+1)/2 \text{ (conj.).}$$

## Examples for self-dual doubly-even codes

weight enumerator  $p_C := \sum_{c \in C} x^{n-\text{wt}(c)} y^{\text{wt}(c)} \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]_n$ .

$$\hat{Q}(7) : \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the unique doubly-even self-dual code of length 8,

$$p_{\hat{Q}(7)}(x, y) = x^8 + 14x^4y^4 + y^8$$

$\hat{Q}(23)$  (extended Golay code) unique doubly-even self-dual code of length 24 with minimum distance  $\geq 8$ .

$$p_{\hat{Q}(23)} = x^{24} + 759x^{16}y^8 + 2576x^{12}y^{12} + 759x^8y^{16} + y^{24}$$

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- ▶  $G_{192} := \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$ .
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## Proposition

$b_m < 0$  for all  $m \geq 494$  so there is no extremal code of length  $\geq 3952$ .

# Self-dual codes and Invariant Theory

Gleason 1970, N., Rains, Sloane 2006

Codes

$C$

$\mapsto p_C$

Polynomials

properties of  $C$   
(self-duality, doubly-even)

$\rightarrow$  symmetries of  $p_C$   
 $p_C \in \text{Inv}(G)$

unstructured set

finitely generated ring

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extremal code

$\Leftarrow \text{Inv}(G) = \mathbb{C}[p_1, \dots, p_s]$   
 $\rightarrow$  extremal weight enumerator

# Automorphism groups of extremal codes

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- ▶ There is no beautiful (72, 36, 16) self-dual code.

# The Type of an automorphism

## Definition (Conway, Pless, Huffman 1982)

Let  $\sigma \in S_n$  of prime order  $p$ . Then  $\sigma$  is of **Type  $(z, f)$** , if  $\sigma$  has  $z$   $p$ -cycles and  $f$  fixed points.  $zp + f = n$ .

- ▶ Let  $p$  be odd,  $\sigma = (1, 2, \dots, p)(p + 1, \dots, 2p) \dots ((z - 1)p + 1, \dots, zp)$ .
- ▶  $\mathbb{F}_2^n = \text{Fix}(\sigma) \perp E(\sigma) \cong \mathbb{F}_2^{z+f} \perp \mathbb{F}_2^{z(p-1)}$  with

$$\text{Fix}(\sigma) = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 \dots 1 & 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 0 \dots 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & 1 \dots 1 & \dots & 0 \dots 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 1 \dots 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 0 \dots 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 \dots 0 & 0 \dots 0 & \dots & 0 \dots 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_p & \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_p & \dots & \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_p & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

$$E(\sigma) = \text{Fix}(\sigma)^\perp = \left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_p, x_{p+1}, \dots, x_{2p}, \dots, x_{(z-1)p+1}, \dots, x_{zp}, 0, \dots, 0) \mid x_1 + \dots + x_p = x_{p+1} + \dots + x_{2p} = \dots = x_{(z-1)p+1} + \dots + x_{zp} = 0 \right\}$$

## Two self-dual codes of smaller length

- ▶ Let  $C \leq \mathbb{F}_2^n$  and  $p$  an odd prime,
- ▶  $\sigma = (1, 2, \dots, p)(p+1, \dots, 2p) \dots ((z-1)p+1, \dots, zp) \in \text{Aut}(C)$ .
- ▶ Then  $C = C \cap \text{Fix}(\sigma) \oplus C \cap E(\sigma) =: \text{Fix}_C(\sigma) \oplus E_C(\sigma)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Fix}_C(\sigma) &= \{(\underbrace{c_p \dots c_p}_p \underbrace{c_{2p} \dots c_{2p}}_p \dots \underbrace{c_{zp} \dots c_{zp}}_p c_{zp+1} \dots c_n) \in C\} \cong \\ \pi(\text{Fix}_C(\sigma)) &= \{(c_p c_{2p} \dots c_{zp} c_{zp+1} \dots c_n) \in \mathbb{F}_2^{z+f} \mid c \in \text{Fix}_C(\sigma)\}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ and  $C^\perp = C^\perp \cap \text{Fix}(\sigma) \oplus C^\perp \cap E(\sigma)$ .

### Theorem

If  $C = C^\perp$  then  $\pi(\text{Fix}_C(\sigma)) \leq \mathbb{F}_2^{z+f}$  is self-dual and  $E_C(\sigma)$  is (Hermitian) self-dual in  $E(\sigma)$ .

Method: Classify possibilities for  $\pi(\text{Fix}_C(\sigma))$  and  $E_C(\sigma)$  and check if  $C = \text{Fix}_C(\sigma) \oplus E_C(\sigma)$  is extremal.

$C = C^\perp \leq \mathbb{F}_2^{72}$  extremal,  $G = \text{Aut}(C)$ .

Theorem (Conway, Huffmann, Pless, Bouyuklieva, O'Brien, Willems, Feulner, Borello, Yorgov, N., ..)

Let  $C \leq \mathbb{F}_2^{72}$  be an extremal doubly even code,  
 $G := \text{Aut}(C) := \{\sigma \in S_{72} \mid \sigma(C) = C\}$ ,  $\sigma \in G$  of prime order  $p$ .

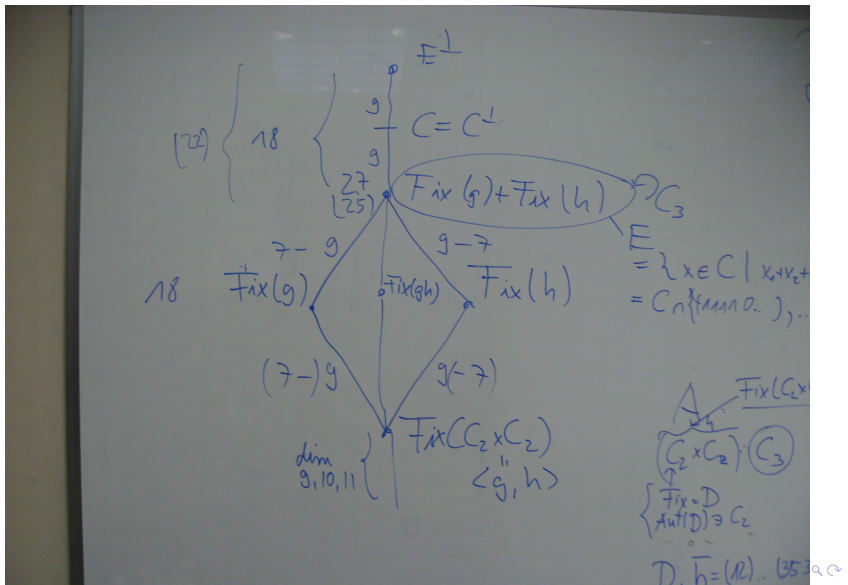
- ▶ If  $p = 2$  or  $p = 3$  then  $\sigma$  has no fixed points. (B)
- ▶ If  $p = 5$  or  $p = 7$  then  $\sigma$  has 2 fixed points. (CHPB)
- ▶  $G$  contains no element of prime order  $\geq 7$ . (BYFN)
- ▶  $G$  has no subgroup  $S_3, D_{10}, C_3 \times C_3$ . (BFN)
- ▶ If  $p = 2$  then  $C$  is a free  $\mathbb{F}_2\langle\sigma\rangle$ -module. (N)
- ▶  $G$  has no subgroup  $C_{10}, C_4 \times C_2, Q_8$ . (N)
- ▶  $G \not\cong \text{Alt}_4, G \not\cong D_8, G \not\cong C_2 \times C_2 \times C_2$  (BN)
- ▶  $G$  contains no element of order 6. (Borello)
- ▶ and hence  $|G| \leq 5$ .
- ▶  $G$  contains no element of order 4. (YY)

Existence of an extremal code of length 72 is still open.



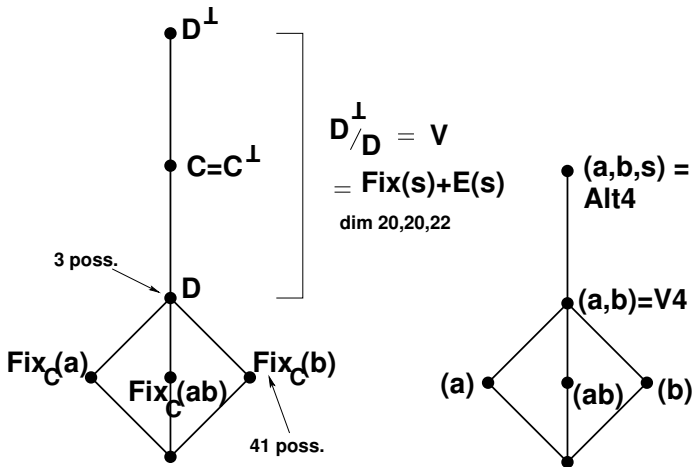
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# Extremal binary codes: Summary

- ▶  $C = C^\perp \leq \mathbb{F}_2^n$  doubly-even  $\Rightarrow 8 \mid n$  and  $d(C) \leq 4 + 4\lfloor \frac{n}{24} \rfloor$
- ▶ all known extremal codes of length  $n = 24m$ :

$n$	$C$	$\text{Aut}(C)$	$d(C)$
24	$\hat{Q}(23)$	$M_{24}$	8
48	$\hat{Q}(47)$	$\text{PSL}_2(47)$	12
72	?	$\leq 5$	16

- ▶ minimum distance of extended QR-Codes:

$n$	72	80	104	128	152	168
$d$	12	16	20	20	20	24
$d_{ext}$	16	16	20	24	28	32

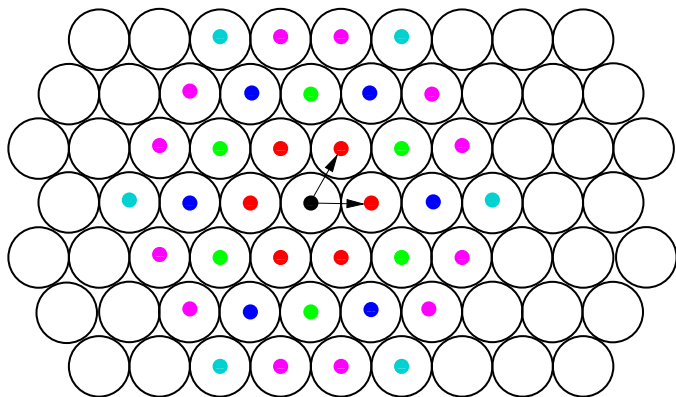
# Extremal ternary codes

- ▶  $C = C^\perp \leq \mathbb{F}_3^n \Rightarrow 4 \mid n$  and  $d(C) \leq 3 + 3\lfloor \frac{n}{12} \rfloor$
- ▶ all known extremal codes of length  $n = 12m$ :

$n$	$C$	$\text{Aut}(C)$	$d(C)$
12	$Q_{12}$	$2.M_{12}$	6
24	$Q_{24}$	$C_2 \times \text{PSL}_2(23)$	9
24	$P_{24}$	$(C_2 \times \text{SL}_2(11)).2$	9
36	$P_{36}$	$(C_4 \times \text{PSL}_2(17)).2$	12
48	$Q_{48}$	$C_2 \times \text{PSL}_2(47)$	15
48	$P_{48}$	$(C_2 \times \text{SL}_2(23)).2$	15
60	$Q_{60}$	$C_2 \times \text{PSL}_2(59)$	18
60	$P_{60}$	$(C_4 \times \text{PSL}_2(29)).2$	18
60	$V_{60}$	$\text{SL}_2(29)$	18

- ▶ length 12, 24: all classified
- ▶ length 36: all other codes have  $\text{Aut}(C) = C_4$  or trivial
- ▶ length 48: all other codes have  $|\text{Aut}(C)|$  divides 48
- ▶ length 72: extremal weight enumerator has negative coefficient

# Lattices and sphere packings



**Hexagonal Circle Packing**

$$\theta = 1 + 6q + 6q^3 + 6q^4 + 12q^7 + 6q^9 + \dots$$

# Dense sphere packings

- ▶ Classical problem to find densest sphere packings:
- ▶ Dimension 2: **Gauß** (lattices), **Fejes Tóth** (general)
- ▶ Dimension 3: Kepler conjecture, proven by **T.C. Hales**
- ▶ Dimension 8 and 24: **Maryna Viazovska et al.** (2016):
- ▶  **$E_8$ -lattice packing and Leech lattice packing are the densest sphere packings in dimension 8 and 24**
- ▶ Other dimensions: open

**$E_8$  and Leech are even unimodular lattices**

# Even unimodular lattices

## Definition

- ▶ A **lattice**  $L$  in Euclidean  $n$ -space  $(\mathbb{R}^n, (\cdot, \cdot))$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of an  $\mathbb{R}$ -basis

$$L = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

- ▶  $Q : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $Q(x) := \frac{1}{2}(x, x)$  **associated quadratic form**
- ▶  $L$  is called **even** if  $Q(\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $\ell \in L$ .
- ▶  $\min(L) := \min\{Q(\ell) \mid 0 \neq \ell \in L\}$  **minimum** of  $L$ .
- ▶ The **dual lattice** is

$$L^\# := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n \mid (x, \ell) \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ for all } \ell \in L\}$$

- ▶  $L$  is called **unimodular** if  $L = L^\#$ .

Even unimodular lattices  $L$  correspond to regular positive definite integral quadratic forms  $Q : L \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

# Even lattices and Modular forms

... Hecke, Hilbert, Siegel (1900-1970)  
Quebbemann (1995)

Lattices

$L \mapsto \Theta_L$  (Theta series)

Holomorphic functions

properties of  $L$   
(even, unimodular)

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$\rightarrow$  extremal modular forms



# Extremal lattices and extremal modular forms

$$L \text{ extremal} \Leftrightarrow \min(L) = 1 + \lfloor \frac{n}{24} \rfloor$$

$$f^{(8)} = 1 + 240q + \dots = \theta_{E_8}.$$

$$f^{(24)} = 1 + 196,560q^2 + \dots = \theta_{\Lambda_{24}}.$$

$$f^{(32)} = 1 + 146,880q^2 + \dots = \theta_L.$$

$$f^{(40)} = 1 + 39,600q^2 + \dots = \theta_L.$$

$$f^{(48)} = 1 + 52,416,000q^3 + \dots = \theta_{P_{48pqnm}}.$$

$$f^{(72)} = 1 + 6,218,175,600q^4 + \dots = \theta_{\Gamma_{72}}.$$

$$f^{(80)} = 1 + 1,250,172,000q^4 + \dots = \theta_{M_{80}}.$$

## Extremal even unimodular lattices $L \leq \mathbb{R}^n$

$n$	8	24	32	40	48	72	80	$\geq 163,264$
$\min(L)$	1	2	2	2	3	4	4	
number extremal lattices	1	1	$\geq 10^7$	$\geq 10^{51}$	$\geq 4$	$\geq 1$	$\geq 4$	0

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- ▶ Small equivalence class  $\sim$  big stabiliser
- ▶ Interesting objects have large automorphism groups ?

# Extremal even unimodular lattices in jump dimensions

## The extremal theta series

$$f^{(24)} = 1 + 196,560q^2 + \dots = \theta_{\Lambda_{24}}.$$

$$f^{(48)} = 1 + 52,416,000q^3 + \dots = \theta_{P_{48pqnm}}.$$

$$f^{(72)} = 1 + 6,218,175,600q^4 + \dots = \theta_{\Gamma_{72}}.$$

## The automorphism groups

$\text{Aut}(\Lambda_{24}) \cong 2.C_{01}$	order	8315553613086720000
	=	$2^{22}3^95^47^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 23$
$\text{Aut}(P_{48p}) \cong (\text{SL}_2(23) \times S_3) : 2$	order	$72864 = 2^53^211 \cdot 23$
$\text{Aut}(P_{48q}) \cong \text{SL}_2(47)$	order	$103776 = 2^53 \cdot 23 \cdot 47$
$\text{Aut}(P_{48n}) \cong (\text{SL}_2(13) \text{Y} \text{SL}_2(5)).2^2$	order	$524160 = 2^73^25 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$
$\text{Aut}(P_{48m}) \cong (C_5 \times C_{15}) : (D_8 \text{Y} C_4)$	order	$1200 = 2^43 \cdot 5^2$
$\text{Aut}(\Gamma_{72}) \cong (\text{SL}_2(25) \times \text{PSL}_2(7)) : 2$	order	$5241600 = 2^83^25^27 \cdot 13$

# The Type of an automorphism.

## How many extremal lattices in dimension 48?

Use automorphisms to classify extremal even unimodular lattices of dimension 48 and 72.

Let  $L \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be some even unimodular lattice and  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L)$  of prime order  $p$ . The fixed lattice

$$F := \text{Fix}_L(\sigma) := \{v \in L \mid \sigma v = v\} \subseteq L$$

has dimension  $d$ , and  $\sigma$  acts on  $M := E_L(\sigma) := F^\perp$  as a  $p$ th root of unity, so  $n = d + z(p - 1)$ .

$$F^\# \perp M^\# \supseteq L = L^\# \supseteq F \perp M \supseteq pL$$

with  $\det(F) = |F^\# / F| = |M^\# / M| = \det(M) = p^s$

**Definition:**  $p - (z, d) - s$  is called the **Type** of  $\sigma$ .

**Proposition:**  $s \leq \min(d, z)$  and  $z - s$  is even.



# 48-dimensional extremal lattices

## Theorem (Kirschmer, N. 2013-2017)

Let  $L$  be an extremal even unimodular lattice of dimension 48 and  $p$  be a prime dividing  $|\text{Aut}(L)|$ . Then  $p = 47, 23$  or  $p \leq 13$ .

Type	$\text{Fix}(\sigma)$	$E(\sigma)$	example	class.
47-(1,2)-1	unique	unique	$P_{48q}$	yes
23-(2,4)-2	unique	2	$P_{48q}, P_{48p}$	yes
13-(4,0)-0	$\{0\}$	at least 1	$P_{48n}$	
11-(4,8)-4	unique	at least 1	$P_{48p}$	
7-(8,0)-0	$\{0\}$	at least 1	$P_{48n}$	
7-(7,6)-5	$\sqrt{7}A_6^\#$	not known	not known	
5-(12,0)-0	$\{0\}$	at least 2	$P_{48n}, P_{48m}$	
5-(10,8)-8	$\sqrt{5}E_8$	at least 1	$P_{48m}$	
5-(8,16)-8	$[2. \text{Alt}_{10}]_{16}$	$\Lambda_{32}$	$P_{48m}$	yes
p=3	6 possible types			
2-(24,24)-24	$\sqrt{2}\Lambda_{24}$	$\sqrt{2}\Lambda_{24}$	$P_{48n}$	
2-(24,24)-24	$\sqrt{2}O_{24}$	$\sqrt{2}O_{24}$	$P_{48n}, P_{48p}, P_{48m}$	

# Large automorphisms of extremal lattices

## Definition

$\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L)$  is called **large**, if  $\mu_\sigma$  has an irreducible factor  $\Phi_a$  of degree  $d = \varphi(a) > \frac{1}{2} \dim(L)$ .

## Remark

Let  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\Lambda_{24})$  be large. Then

a	23	33	35	39	40	52	56	60	84
d	22	20	24	24	16	24	24	16	24

## Theorem (N. 2013-2014)

Let  $L$  be an extremal unimodular lattice of dimension  $n = 48$  or  $n = 72$ ,  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(L)$  large.

Then  $n = 48$  and

a	120	132	69	47	65	104
d	32	40	44	46	48	48
L	$P_{48n}$	$P_{48p}$	$P_{48p}$	$P_{48q}$	$P_{48n}$	$P_{48n}$

or  $n = 72$ ,  $L = \Gamma_{72}$  and either  $a = 91$  ( $d = 72$ ) or  $a = 168$  ( $d = 48$ ).

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- ▶ Random even lattice  $L \leq \mathbb{R}^{100}$  given by Gram matrix.  
Cannot determine its minimum, nor use it for error correction.
- ▶ Exists hardcoded decoding for the Leech lattice.
- ▶ Might be extended to  $\Gamma_{72}$ .