The Smith Normal Form of the Incidence Matrix of Skew Lines in PG(3, q)

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- V, a 4-dimensional vector space over F_q
- \mathcal{L}_r = set of subspaces of dimension *r* in *V*
- A incidence matrix of skewness between lines in $\mathbb{P}(V)$
- A is square of size $(q^2 + q + 1)(q^2 + 1)$.
- ► For any matrix *M*, let e_i(*M*) = number of invariant factors in the Smith Normal Form of *M* which are exactly divisible by pⁱ.

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Theorem
Let
$$e_i = e_i(A)$$
.
1. $e_i = e_{3t-i}$ for $0 \le i < t$.
2. $e_i = 0$ for $t < i < 2t$, $3t < i < 4t$, and $i > 4t$.
3. $\sum_{i=0}^{t} e_i = q^4 + q^2$.
4. $\sum_{i=2t}^{3t} e_i = q^3 + q^2 + q$.
5. $e_{4t} = 1$.

Thus we get all the elementary divisor multiplicities once we know *t* of the numbers e_0, \ldots, e_t (or the numbers e_{2t}, \ldots, e_{3t}).

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More notation

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$$[3]^t = \{(s_0, ..., s_{t-1}) | s_i \in \{1, 2, 3\} \text{ for all } i\}$$

▶ $\mathcal{H}(i) = \{(s_0, ..., s_{t-1}) \in [3]^t | \#\{j|s_j = 2\} = i\}$
▶ For $\vec{s} = (s_0, ..., s_{t-1}) \in [3]^t$

$$\lambda_i = p s_{i+1} - s_i,$$

(subscripts mod *t*) and

$$\vec{\lambda} = (\lambda_0, \ldots, \lambda_{t-1})$$

For an integer k, set d_k to be the coefficient of x^k in the expansion of (1 + x + · · · + x^{p−1})⁴. Set d(s) = ∏^{t−1}_{i=0} d_{λ_i}.

Theorem

Let $e_i = e_i(A)$ denote the multiplicity of p^i as an elementary divisor of A. Then, for $0 \le i \le t$,

$$e_{2t+i} = \sum_{ec{s} \in \mathcal{H}(i)} d(ec{s}).$$

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•
$$(1 + x + x^2)^4 =$$

 $1 + 4x + 10x^2 + 16x^3 + 19x^4 + 16x^5 + 10x^6 + 4x^7 + x^8$
• $\mathcal{H}(0) = \{(11), (13), (31), (33)\},$
 $\mathcal{H}(1) = \{(21), (23), (12), (32)\}, \mathcal{H}(2) = \{(22)\}.$
• $e_4 = d(11) + d(13) + d(31) + d(33) = 202$
• $e_5 = d(21) + d(23) + d(12) + d(32) = 256$
• $e_6 = d(22) = 361$

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Table: The elementary divisors of the incidence matrix of lines vs. lines in PG(3,9), where two lines are incident when skew.

Elem. Div.	1	3	3 ²	3 ⁴	3 ⁵	3 ⁶	3 ⁸
Multiplicity	361	256	6025	202	256	361	1

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Lemma

Let $\eta: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be a homomorphism of free \mathbb{R} -modules of finite rank. Then, for $i \ge 0$,

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