# NON-EXISTENCE OF SOME NEARLY PERFECT SEQUENCES, NEAR BUTSON-HADAMARD MATRICES, AND NEAR CONFERENCE MATRICES 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we study the non-existence problem of (nearly) perfect (almost) m-ary sequences via their connection to (near) Butson-Hadamard (BH) matrices and (near) conference matrices. Firstly, we apply a result on vanishing sums of roots of unity and a result of Brock on the unsolvability of certain equations over a cyclotomic number field to derive non-existence results for near BH matrices and near conference matrices. Secondly, we refine the idea of Brock in the case of cyclotomic number fields whose ring of integers is not a principal ideal domains and get many new non-existence results.


## 1. Introduction

For an integer $m \geq 2$ let $\zeta_{m}$ denote a primitive complex $m$-th root of unity. We call a $v$-periodic sequence $\underline{a}=\left(a_{0}, a_{1}, \ldots, a_{v-1}, \ldots\right)$ an m-ary sequence if $a_{0}, a_{1}, \ldots, a_{v-1} \in \mathcal{E}_{m}=$ $\left\{1, \zeta_{m}, \zeta_{m}^{2}, \ldots, \zeta_{m}^{m-1}\right\}$ and an almost m-ary sequence if $a_{0}=0$ and $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{v-1} \in \mathcal{E}_{m}$.

For $0 \leq t \leq v-1$, the autocorrelation function $C_{\underline{a}}(t)$ is defined by

$$
C_{\underline{a}}(t)=\sum_{i=0}^{v-1} a_{i} \overline{a_{i+t}},
$$

where $\bar{a}$ is the complex conjugate of $a$.
An $m$-ary or almost $m$-ary sequence $\underline{a}$ of period $v$ is called a perfect sequence (PS) if $C_{\underline{a}}(t)=0$ for all $1 \leq t \leq v-1$. Similarly, an almost $m$-ary sequence $\underline{a}$ of period $v$ is called a nearly perfect sequence (NPS) of type $\gamma \in\{-1,+1\}$ if $C_{\underline{a}}(t)=\gamma$ for all $1 \leq t \leq v-1$. We extend this definition to any $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right] \cap \mathbb{R}$ with "small" absolute value with respect to $n$.

PS and NPS have several applications such as signal processing and radar, see for example [1, 4] and references therein.

PS and NPS can be identified with circulant near Butson-Hadamard matrices and conference matrices. A square matrix $H$ of order $v$ with entries in $\mathcal{E}_{m}$ is called a near Butson-Hadamard matrix $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ of type $\gamma$ if $H \bar{H}^{T}=(v-\gamma) I+\gamma J$ for a $\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right] . \mathrm{A}_{0}(v, m)$ is called Butson-Hadamard matrix and a $\mathrm{BH}_{0}(v, 2)$ is a Hadamard matrix. A square matrix $C$ of order $v$ with 0 on the diagonal and all off-diagonal entries in $\mathcal{E}_{m}$ is called a near conference matrix $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ of type $\gamma$ if $C \bar{C}^{T}=(v-1-\gamma) I+\gamma J$ for a $\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \cap \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$. A $\mathrm{C}_{0}(v, m)$ is called conference matrix. A square matrix $H=\left(h_{i j}\right)$ of order $v$ is called circulant if $h_{i+1} \bmod v, j+1 \bmod v=h_{i, j}$ for all $0 \leq i, j<v$.

In this paper we prove several new non-existence results on $B H_{\gamma}(v, m)$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ which can be interpreted as non-existence results for PS and NPS. For earlier non-existence results on PS and NPS see [3, 6, 7] and on Butson-Hadamard matrices [2, 4].

First, in Section 2 and 3 we derive some new non-existence results on $B H_{\gamma}(v, m)$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ using well-known methods. However, in Section 4 we present a new idea which works for all $m$ such that $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ is not a principal ideal domain (e.g. $m=23,29,31,37,39,41,43,46,47,49, \ldots$ ) and obtain some non-existence results which could not be obtained by the other methods before.

In the last section we interpret the results on $B H_{\gamma}(v, m)$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ as results on PS and NPS and complete earlier tables for non-existence parameters.

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## 2. A Result based on vanishing sums of roots of unity

In this section we present a non-existence result on $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ based on the following result on vanishing sums of roots of unity due to Lam and Leung [5].

Proposition 2.1. Let $m$ be an integer with prime factorization $m=p_{1}^{a_{1}} p_{2}^{a_{2}} \ldots p_{\ell}^{a_{\ell}}$. If there are $m$-th roots of unity $\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}, \ldots, \xi_{v}$ with $\xi_{1}+\xi_{2}+\ldots+\xi_{v}=0$, then $v=p_{1} t_{1}+p_{2} t_{2}+\ldots+p_{\ell} t_{\ell}$ with non-negative integers $t_{1}, t_{2}, \ldots, t_{\ell}$.

Remark. For the case that $m=p^{a}$ is the power of a prime $p$ see also [9]. In this case, if there is a vanishing sum of $v m$-th roots of unity, $v$ must be divisible by $p$ and infinitely many $v$ are excluded. However, if $m$ is divisible by at least two primes $p_{1} \neq p_{2}$, any sufficiently large $v$ is of the form $v=t_{1} p_{1}+t_{2} p_{2}$ with non-negative integers $t_{1}$ and $t_{2}$ and Proposition 2.1 excludes only a finite number of small $v$. In particular, if $m$ is divisible by 6 only $v=1$ is excluded.

An immediate consequence of Proposition 2.1 is the following corollary.
Corollary 2.2. Let $m$ be a positive integer with prime factorization $m=p_{1}^{a_{1}} p_{2}^{a_{2}} \ldots p_{\ell}^{a_{\ell}}$ and $-\gamma$ be a sum of $g$ m-th roots of unity. (Note that $g$ is not unique.) Then a $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ exists only if $v+g=p_{1} t_{1}+p_{2} t_{2}+\ldots+p_{\ell} t_{\ell}$ for some non-negative integers $t_{1}, t_{2}, \ldots, t_{\ell}$ and $a \mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ exists only if $v-2+g=p_{1} t_{1}+p_{2} t_{2}+\ldots+p_{\ell} t_{\ell}$ for some non-negative integers $t_{1}, t_{2}, \ldots, t_{\ell}$. If $\gamma$ is an integer, then we can choose $g=-\gamma+m \frac{\gamma+|\gamma|}{2}$.
Proof. Suppose that $H=\left(h_{i, j}\right)$ is a $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)\left(\right.$ resp. $\left.\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)\right)$, then

$$
\sum_{i=0}^{v-1} h_{i, j} \overline{h_{k, i}}-\gamma=0, \quad k \neq j
$$

So, by Proposition 2.1] we get the first part of the theorem. For the second part let $\gamma$ be an integer. If $\gamma \leq 0$, we can choose $g=-\gamma$. If $\gamma>0$, then we use $-1=\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} \zeta_{m}^{i}$, where $\zeta_{m}$ is any primitive $m$-th root of unity, and can choose $g=(m-1) \gamma$.

Example. We performed an exhaustive search on all $4 \times 45$-ary circulant matrices for checking the existence of a circulant $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(4,5)$. We obtain that a circulant $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(4,5)$ exists only for $\gamma \in$ $\left\{-1,-\zeta_{5}^{3}-\zeta_{5}^{2}+1, \zeta_{5}^{3}+\zeta_{5}^{2}+2,4\right\}$. We note that for these circulant $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(4,5)$ we can choose values of $g$ in $\{1,6,16,16\}$. Obviously, $v+g$ is always divisible by 5 . In addition, we note that $\left|\zeta_{5}^{3}+\zeta_{5}^{2}+2\right| \approx 0.38$, hence one can obtain a circulant $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(4,5)$ for a nonzero $\gamma$ such that $|\gamma|<1$.

## 3. A Result based on a self-Conjugacy condition

In this section we present non-existence results on $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ based on results of Brock [2].

Let $p$ be a prime and $m$ a positive integer with $\operatorname{gcd}(p, m)=1$. We say that $p$ is self-conjugate modulo $m$ if the order $f$ of $p$ modulo $m$ is even and $p^{f / 2} \equiv-1 \bmod m$. Corollary 3.1 below is based on the fact that for a positive integer $w$ there exists no solution $\alpha$ to the equation $\alpha \bar{\alpha}=w$ over $\mathbb{Q}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ if the square-free part of $w$ is divisible by a prime which is self-conjugate modulo $m$, see [2, Theorem 3.1]. More precisely, [2, Theorem 2.5] implies:

- If there is a $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$, there is $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ with

$$
\alpha \bar{\alpha}=w_{1},
$$

where

$$
w_{1}= \begin{cases}(\gamma+1) v-\gamma, & v \text { odd }  \tag{1}\\ ((\gamma+1) v-\gamma)(v-\gamma), & v \text { even }\end{cases}
$$

- If there is a $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$, there is $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ with

$$
\alpha \bar{\alpha}=w_{2},
$$

where

$$
w_{2}= \begin{cases}(v-1)(\gamma+1), & v \text { odd } \\ (v-1)(\gamma+1)(v-1-\gamma), & v \text { even }\end{cases}
$$

Now [2, Theorem 3.1] immediately implies the following result.
Corollary 3.1. Let $v, m$ be positive integers and $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $v_{1}$ (resp. $v_{2}$ ) be the square-free part of $w_{1}$ (resp. $w_{2}$ ) defined by (11) (resp. (2)). If there is a prime divisor $p$ of $v_{1}$ (resp. $v_{2}$ ) such that $p$ is self-conjugate modulo $m$, then there exists no $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ (resp. $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ ).

Remark. (i) If $\gamma<-1$, there is neither a $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ nor a $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ since $w_{1}$ and $w_{2}$ are negative but $\alpha \bar{\alpha}$ is non-negative.
(ii) For $\mathrm{BH}_{0}(v, m)$ Corollary 3.1 is [2, Theorem 4.2 (i)].
(iii) Let $p$ be a prime and $m=q^{r}$ or $m=2 q^{r}$ for a prime $q \equiv 3 \bmod 4$ with $\operatorname{gcd}(p, q)=1$ (that is $\varphi(m) / 2$ is odd, where $\varphi$ denotes Euler's totient function). If $p$ is a quadratic non-residue modulo $q$, then $p$ is self-conjugate modulo $m$. Hence, Corollary 3.1 generalizes [9. Theorem 5] which deals with $\mathrm{BH}_{0}\left(v, q^{r}\right)$ and $\mathrm{BH}_{0}\left(v, 2 q^{r}\right)$ with a prime $q \equiv 3 \bmod 4$.

## 4. Results using prime ideal decomposition over cyclotomic fields

In this section we refine the idea of Brock [2]. We use the ideal decomposition of the principal ideal of a rational integer over the cyclotomic number field $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ to find more values $w$ for which the equation $\alpha \bar{\alpha}=w$ has no solution in $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ which excludes the existence of several $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ and $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$.

More precisely, let $H$ be a $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ for some integer $\gamma$. Then, $H \bar{H}^{T}=(v-\gamma) I+\gamma J$, $\operatorname{det}(H) \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ and $\operatorname{det}\left(H \bar{H}^{T}\right)=\operatorname{det}(H) \overline{\operatorname{det}(H)}=((\gamma+1) v-\gamma)(v-\gamma)^{v-1}$. Therefore, we want to find criteria for the unsolvability of the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha \bar{\alpha}=((\gamma+1) v-\gamma)(v-\gamma)^{v-1} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

over $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$. Analogously, there is no $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ for some integer $\gamma$ if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha \bar{\alpha}=(\gamma+1)(v-1)(v-1-\gamma)^{v-1} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

has no solution $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$.
Note that Brock [2] studied such equations over $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ instead of $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$, where it was allowed to cancel squares. The following example shows that $\alpha \bar{\alpha}=w$ for some positive integer $w$ may have a solution $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ even if there is none in $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$.

Example. We have $\alpha \bar{\alpha}=2$ with $\alpha=\frac{3+\sqrt{-23}}{4} \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23}) \leq \mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{23}\right)$. However, there is no solution $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{23}\right]$ since $(2)=\left(2, \frac{1+\sqrt{-23}}{2}\right)\left(2, \frac{1-\sqrt{-23}}{2}\right)$ is product of two non-principal prime ideals in $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{23}\right]$.

We now present a simple criterion for the unsolvability of $\alpha \bar{\alpha}=w$ over $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ if $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ is not a principal ideal domain. We denote by $h_{m}$ the class number of the cyclotomic number field $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ (and assume $h_{m} \geq 2$ in the following).

Theorem 4.1. Let $t \geq 1$ and $e \geq 0$ be rational integers and $q$ be a rational prime such that $q \nmid t$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{ord}_{m}(q)=\varphi(m) / 2 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\operatorname{gcd}\left(2 e+1-2 k, h_{m}\right)=1$ for all integers $0 \leq k \leq e-1$. Then the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha \bar{\alpha}=t q^{2 e+1} \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

has no solution over $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$, provided that every prime ideal $\mathfrak{t} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ with $\mathfrak{t} \mid(t)$ is principal and every prime ideal $\mathfrak{q} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ with $\mathfrak{q} \mid(q)$ is non-principal.

Table 1. The class number $h_{m}$ of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ for $m \leq 70$ [8].

| $m$ | $h_{m}$ | $m$ | $h_{m}$ | $m$ | $h_{m}$ | $m$ | $h_{m}$ | $m$ | $h_{m}$ | $m$ | $h_{m}$ | $m$ | $h_{m}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 21 | 1 | 31 | 9 | 41 | 121 | 51 | 5 | 61 | 76301 |
| 2 | 1 | 12 | 1 | 22 | 1 | 32 | 1 | 42 | 1 | 52 | 3 | 62 | 9 |
| 3 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 23 | 3 | 33 | 1 | 43 | 211 | 53 | 48891 | 63 | 7 |
| 4 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 24 | 1 | 34 | 1 | 44 | 1 | 54 | 1 | 64 | 17 |
| 5 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 45 | 1 | 55 | 10 | 65 | 64 |
| 6 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 36 | 1 | 46 | 3 | 56 | 2 | 66 | 1 |
| 7 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 27 | 1 | 37 | 37 | 47 | 695 | 57 | 9 | 67 | 853513 |
| 8 | 1 | 18 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 38 | 1 | 48 | 1 | 58 | 8 | 68 | 8 |
| 9 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 29 | 8 | 39 | 2 | 49 | 43 | 59 | 41421 | 69 | 69 |
| 10 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 40 | 1 | 50 | 1 | 60 | 1 | 70 | 1 |

Proof. Assume that there exists a solution $\alpha$ to (6). We consider the prime ideal decomposition over $\mathbb{Q}\left(\zeta_{m}\right)$ of the right hand side of (6). According to [8, Theorem 2.13] we have $(q)=\mathfrak{q}_{1} \ldots \mathfrak{q}_{g}$, where $g=\varphi(m) / \operatorname{ord}_{m}(q)$ and $g=2$ by (5).

We may assume that

$$
\begin{equation*}
(\alpha)=\mathfrak{t q}_{1}^{2 e+1-k} \mathfrak{q}_{2}^{k}=\mathfrak{t q}_{1}^{2 e+1-2 k}\left(\mathfrak{q}_{1} \mathfrak{q}_{2}\right)^{k} \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathfrak{t} \mid(t)$ is a principal ideal and $k$ is some integer with $0 \leq k \leq e-1$. Since $\left(\mathfrak{q}_{1} \mathfrak{q}_{2}\right)=(q)$ is principal, the right hand side of (7) is principal only if $\mathfrak{q}_{1}^{2 e+1-2 k}$ is principal. Then, the order of $\mathfrak{q}_{1}$ is a divisor of $\operatorname{gcd}\left(2 e+1-2 k, h_{m}\right)=1$, contradicting that $\mathfrak{q}_{1}$ is non-principal.

Example. - $\alpha \bar{\alpha}=73$ has no solution $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{23}\right]$ since $(73)=(73,(1+\sqrt{-73}) / 2)(73,(1-$ $\sqrt{-73}) / 2)$ over $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{23}\right]$ and $\operatorname{ord}_{23}(73)=11=\varphi(23) / 2$.

- $\alpha \bar{\alpha}=3^{3}$ has no solution $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{47}\right]$ since $(3)=(3,(1+\sqrt{-47}) / 2)(3,(1-\sqrt{-47}) / 2)$ is a product of two non-principal prime ideals in $\mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{47}\right]$ and $h_{47}=695$ is not divisible by 3 .

Applying Theorem 4.1 to (3), we get a criterion for the non-existence of $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ :
Corollary 4.2. Let $v, m$ be positive integers and $\gamma \geq-1$ be an integer such that $((\gamma+1) v-$ $\gamma)(v-\gamma)^{v-1}=t q^{2 e+1}$ with integers $t \geq 1$ and $e \geq 0$ such that $\operatorname{gcd}\left(2 e+1-2 k, h_{m}\right)=1$ for all integers $0 \leq k \leq e-1$, a prime $q$ with $\operatorname{gcd}(t, q)=1$ and $\operatorname{ord}_{m}(q)=\varphi(m) / 2$. Let every prime ideal $\mathfrak{t} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ with $\mathfrak{t} \mid(t)$ be principal and every prime ideal $\mathfrak{q} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ with $\mathfrak{q} \mid(q)$ be non-principal. Then there exists no $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$.

Remark. (i) If $m=p^{f}$ is a prime power and $\operatorname{ord}_{m}(q)$ is even, then $q$ is self conjugate modulo $m$ and a $\mathrm{BH}(v, m)$ does not exist due to Brock [2] (cf. Corollary 3.1). Thus in the prime power case we consider only $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ such that $\operatorname{ord}_{m}(q)=\varphi(m) / 2$ is odd, i.e. $p \equiv 3$ $\bmod 4$.
(ii) We know by Corollary 2.2 that if a $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}\left(v, p^{f}\right)$ exists, then $p \mid v-\gamma$, and if a $\mathrm{BH}_{\gamma}\left(v, 2 p^{f}\right)$ exists then $v-\gamma=2 t_{1}+p t_{2}$ for some non-negative integers $t_{1}$ and $t_{2}$.

Example. $\mathrm{BH}_{2}(25,23), \mathrm{BH}_{2}(117,23), \mathrm{BH}_{2}(163,23), \mathrm{BH}_{1}(32,31)$ do not exist by Corollary 4.2 , The existence of $\mathrm{BH}_{2}(v, 46)$ for $v \in\{25,51,55,109,111,117,163,183,193,201,213,225,247$, $315,363,385,433,477\}$ such that $v \leq 500$ are excluded by Corollary 4.2 Similarly, $\mathrm{BH}_{2}(v, 72)$ for $v \in\{35,141,181,183,221,231,243,245,251,395,431,475\}$ such that $v \leq 500$ are excluded by Corollary 4.2. These matrices are the smallest examples whose existence cannot be excluded by Corollary 2.2 or Corollary 3.1] Finally, the existence of $\mathrm{BH}_{2}(115,94)$ can be excluded by Corollary 4.2, but not by Corollary 2.2 or Corollary 3.1.

Similarly to Corollary 4.2, applying Theorem 4.1 to (4), we get a criterion for the non-existence of $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$ :

Corollary 4.3. Let $v, m$ be positive integers and $\gamma \geq-1$ be an integer such that $(\gamma+1)(v-$ 1) $(v-1-\gamma)^{v-1}=t q^{2 e+1}$ with integers $t \geq 1$ and $e \geq 0$ such that $\operatorname{gcd}\left(2 e+1-2 k, h_{m}\right)=1$ for all
integers $0 \leq k \leq e-1$, a prime $q$ with $\operatorname{gcd}(t, q)=1$ and $\operatorname{ord}_{m}(q)=\varphi(m) / 2$. Let every prime ideal $\mathfrak{t} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ with $\mathfrak{t} \mid(t)$ be principal and every prime ideal $\mathfrak{q} \triangleleft \mathbb{Z}\left[\zeta_{m}\right]$ with $\mathfrak{q} \mid(q)$ be non-principal. Then there exists no $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}(v, m)$.

Remark. (i) In the cases $\gamma=0$ and $h_{m} \mid v$ or $2 \mid v$, or $\gamma=-1$, Corollary 4.3 does not yield a non-existence result for near conference matrices.
(ii) We know by Corollary 2.2 that if a $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}\left(v, p^{f}\right)$ exists, then $p \mid v-2-\gamma$, and if $\mathrm{C}_{\gamma}\left(v, 2 p^{f}\right)$ exists, then $v-2-\gamma=2 t_{1}+p t_{2}$ for some nonnegative integers $t_{1}$ and $t_{2}$.

Example. $\mathrm{C}_{2}(3362,23), \mathrm{C}_{2}(26,46), \mathrm{C}_{2}(124,72)$ do not exist by using Corollary 4.3. These matrices are the smallest examples whose existence cannot be excluded by Corollary 2.2 or Corollary 3.1 .

## 5. Application to sequences

In this section we apply the results of the previous sections on matrices to sequences. We note that a NPS of type $\gamma=0$ refers to a PS.

We start with the new results on the non-existence of $m$-ary NPS by using Corollary 3.1. We list in Table 2 all periods $v \leq 100$ such that no $m$-ary NPS exists for $m \leq 100$. We list only the new non-existence results. The pairs $(v, m)$ listed in [6] such that an $m$-ary NPS of period $v$ does not exist are not listed again in Table 2. In other words, we extend the tables in [6] for composite values of $m \leq 100$.

We note that a 21-ary PS of period 105 does not exist by using Corollary 3.1. It differs from the other pairs in the first row of Table 2 as 21 is product of distinct primes. One of the smallest undecided cases is whether a 6 -ary NPS of period $11,12,13$ for $\gamma=-1,0,1$, respectively, exists.

Similarly, we present non-existence results of almost $m$-ary NPS by using Corollary 3.1. We list in Table 3 all periods $v \leq 100$ such that an almost $m$-ary NPS does not exist for $m \leq 100$. We only list new non-existence results. The pairs $(v, m)$ listed in 3 such that an almost $m$-ary NPS of period $v$ does not exist are not listed again in Table 3. In particular, we extend the tables in [3] to composite $m \leq 100$. We note that Corollary 3.1 does not yield any non-existence result for $\gamma=-1$ as the determinant vanishes. Finally, let us note that one of the smallest open cases is whether an almost 6 -ary NPS of period $13,14,15$ for $\gamma=-1,0,1$ respectively, exists.

In addition, by using Corollary 4.2 we conclude that a 23 -ary NPS of periods 25,117 and 163 for $\gamma=2$ and a 31-ary NPS of period 32 for $\gamma=1$ do not exist. Similarly, by using Corollary 4.3, no almost 23 -ary NPS of period 3362 for $\gamma=2$ exists.

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TABLE 2. Periods $v \leq 100$ such that an $m$-ary NPS does not exist.

|  | $(v, m)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\gamma=0$ | $(45,9),(75,25),(99,9)$ |
| $\gamma=-1$ | $(44,9),(74,25),(98,9)$ |
| $\gamma=1$ | $(11,10),(17,4),(26,25),(28,9),(28,27),(29,4),(29,14),(29,28),(35,34)$, |
|  | $(43,6),(43,14),(43,21),(43,42),(46,9),(53,4),(53,26),(59,58),(65,4)$, |
|  | $(67,22),(71,10),(71,14),(73,6),(73,9),(73,18),(76,25),(81,4),(81,8)$, |
|  | $(81,10),(83,82),(89,4),(93,46),(94,93),(100,9)$ |

Table 3. Periods $v \leq 100$ such that an almost $m$-ary NPS does not exist.

|  | ( $v, m$ ) |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\gamma=0$ | $\begin{aligned} & (11,9),(27,25),(35,33),(47,9),(59,57),(67,65),(71,69),(77,25),(79,77), \\ & (83,9),(83,27),(83,81), \end{aligned}$ |
| $\gamma=1$ |  |

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