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# New Kinds of Blocking sets in a Projective Plane PG(2,q) 

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#### Abstract

In this work, new kinds of blocking sets in a projective plane over Galois field PG(2,q) can be obtained. These kinds are called the complete blocking set and maximum blocking set. Some results can be obtained about them.


## Introduction

Let $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ denotes the 2 -dimensional projective plane over Galois field GF(q). A blocking set in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ is a set of points that nonempty intersection with every line in PG(2,q), (1).

This paper is divided into two sections, section one consists of standard basic, theorems and definitions of projective plane, blocking set, minimal, trivial, $t$-fold, maximal, complete, and committee blocking sets. Section two consists of the relation between ( $\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{n}$ )-arc and blocking sets.

## Section One

## Definition "Projective Plane" (1)

A projective plane $\mathrm{PG}(2, \mathrm{q})$ over Galois field $\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{q})$ is a two-dimensional projective space, which consists of points and lines with relation between them, in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ there are $q^{2}+$ $\mathrm{q}+1$ points, and $\mathrm{q}^{2}+\mathrm{q}+1$ lines, every line contains $1+\mathrm{q}$ points and every point is on $1+\mathrm{q}$ lines, any point in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ has the form of a triple $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right)$ where $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3} \in \operatorname{GF}(q)$; such that $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right) \neq(0,0,0)$. Two points $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right)$ and $\left(b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}\right)$ represent the same point if there exists $\lambda \in \operatorname{GF}(\mathrm{q}) \backslash\{0\}$, such that $\left(\mathrm{b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}\right)=\lambda\left(\mathrm{a}_{1}, \mathrm{a}_{2}, \mathrm{a}_{3}\right)$. Similarly any line in $\operatorname{PG}(2, \mathrm{q})$ has the form of a triple $\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]$, where $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3} \in \operatorname{GF}(q)$; such that $\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right] \neq[0,0,0]$. Two lines $\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]$ and $\left[\mathrm{b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}\right]$ represent the same line if there exists $\lambda \in \mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{q}) \backslash\{0\}$, such that $\left[\mathrm{b}_{1}, \mathrm{~b}_{2}, \mathrm{~b}_{3}\right]=\lambda$ $\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]$.

There exists one point of the form $(1,0,0)$. There exists $q$ points of the form $(x, 1,0)$. There exists $q^{2}$ points of the form ( $x, y, 1$ ). A points $p\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right)$ is incident with the line $L\left[a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right]$ if and only if $a_{1} x_{1}+a_{2} x_{2}+a_{3} x_{3}=0$, i.e.
a point represented by $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right)$ and the line represented by $\left(\begin{array}{l}a_{1} \\ a_{2} \\ a_{3}\end{array}\right)$, then
$\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right)\left(\begin{array}{l}a_{1} \\ a_{2} \\ a_{3}\end{array}\right)=0 \Leftrightarrow a_{1} x_{1}+a_{2} x_{2}+a_{3} x_{3}=0$.
Any projective plane $\mathrm{PG}(2, \mathrm{q})$ satisfies the following axioms:

1. Any two distinct lines intersected in a unique point.
2. Any two distinct points are contained in a unique line.
3. There exists at least four points such that no three of them are collinear.

## Definition "Blocking Set"(1)

A blocking set B of $\mathrm{PG}(2, q)$ is a set of points intersecting every line of $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ in at least one point, so $B$ is blocking set if and only if $\operatorname{PG}(2, q) \backslash B$ is blocking set.

## Definition "Minimal Blocking Set" (1)

A Blocking set $B$ is called minimal in $P G(2, q)$ when no proper subset of it is still a blocking set such that, $\forall \mathrm{p} \in \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{B} \backslash\{\mathrm{p}\}$ is not a blocking set.

## Example

In $\mathrm{PG}(2,3)$, there exists 13 points $1,2, \ldots, 13$ and 13 lines $\mathrm{L}_{1}, \mathrm{~L}_{2}, \ldots, \mathrm{~L}_{\mathrm{n}}$, table (1), such that every point is on four lines and every line contains four points, let $\mathrm{B}=\{1,2,4,5,6,7\}$. $B$ is a minimal blocking set of $\operatorname{PG}(2,3)$.

## Definition "Trivial Blocking Set"(2)

A blocking set in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ is called trivial when contains a line.
Definition "Committe Blocking Set"(2)
A blocking set $B$ of $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ is committee if and only if $B$ contains a minimum value of humber of points.

Now the definition of complete blocking set can be given

## Definition "Complete Blocking Set"

A Blocking set $B$ of $P G(2, q)$ is called complete blocking set if for every $p$ in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q) \backslash B$, $B \cup\{p\}$ is not blocking set or $B \cup\{p\}$ is trivial blocking set. i.e.
$B$ is complete blocking set if $\forall \mathrm{p} \notin \mathrm{B}, \exists \mathrm{L} \in \mathrm{PG}(2, \mathrm{q})$ and $\mathrm{p} \in \mathrm{L}$ such that $(B \cup\{p\})=L$.
$B$ is incomplete blocking set of $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ if there exists at least one point $p \in \operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ such that $B \cup\{p\}$ is still blocking set.

## Example

In PG(2,q), there exists 13 points and 13 lines showed in the table (1), such that in the projective plane $\operatorname{PG}(2,3)$ in the above example.
Let $\mathrm{B}_{1}=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$.
$B_{1}$ is a blocking set of $\operatorname{PG}(2,3)$, since it intersects every line in at least one point.
$\operatorname{PG}(2,3) \backslash \mathrm{B}_{1}=\{7,8,9,10,11,12,13\}$ is also blocking set.
$B_{1}$ is incomplete blocking set, since $7 \in \operatorname{PG}(2,3) \backslash B_{1}$ and $B_{1} \cup\{7\}$ is still blocking set.
Let $\mathrm{B}_{2}=\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$.
$B_{2}$ is a blocking set of $\operatorname{PG}(2,3)$
Since $\mathrm{L}_{1} \subset \mathrm{~B}_{2} \cup\{8\}, \mathrm{L}_{2} \subset \mathrm{~B}_{2} \cup\{9\}, \mathrm{L}_{3} \subset \mathrm{~B}_{2} \cup\{10\}, \mathrm{L}_{4} \subset \mathrm{~B}_{2} \cup\{11\}, \quad \mathrm{L}_{5} \subset$ $B_{2} \cup\{12\}, L_{6} \subset B_{2} \cup\{13\}$. Then $B_{2} \cup\{8\}, B_{2} \cup\{9\}, B_{2} \cup\{10\}, \quad B_{2} \cup\{11\}, B_{2} \cup$ $\{12\}$ and $B_{2} \cup\{13\}$ are not blocking sets and hence $B_{2}$ is a complete blocking set.

## Definition "New" "Maximum Blocking Set"

A blocking set $B$ of $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ is maximum if and only if $P G(2, q) \backslash B$ is committee blocking set.

## Example

In $\operatorname{PG}(2,5)$ there exists 31 points $\{1,2, \ldots, 31\}$ and 31 lines $\left\{\mathrm{L}_{1}, \mathrm{~L}_{2}, \ldots, \mathrm{~L}_{31}\right\}$, in table (2), such that every point is on six lines and every line contains six points. Let $\mathrm{B}_{1}=(1,2,3,4,5,7,10,17,21,27\}$, is a committee blocking set, and Let $\mathrm{B}_{2}=$ $\operatorname{PG}(2,5) \backslash \mathrm{B}_{1}=\{6,8,9,11,12,13,14,15,16,18,19,20,22,23,24,25,26,28,29,30,31\}$ is a blocking set and it is maximum blocking in $\operatorname{PG}(2,5)$. Since it does not exist a blocking set $B$ in $\operatorname{PG}(2,5)$ such that $\mathrm{B}_{2} \subset \mathrm{~B}$.
Definition "A (k,n)-arc" (2)
A (k,n)-arc in $P G(2, q)$ is a set $S$ of $k$ points with property that every line contains at most n points of $S, a(k, n)$-arc $S$ is called complete arc if it is not contained in a $(k+1, n)$-arc.
Definition "t-Fold Blocking Set" (2)

A $t$-fold blocking set $B$ in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ is a set of points in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ that intersects every line in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ in at least $t$ points.

## Theorem (1)

A blocking set $B$ is minimal if and only if for every point $p \in B$, there is some line $L$ such that $\mathrm{B} \cap \mathrm{L}=\mathrm{p}$.

## Proof:

Let $B$ satisfies the condition that $p$ is a point such that $B \cap L=\{P\}$ for some line $L$, then $\mathrm{B} \backslash\{\mathrm{p}\}$ does not intersect L and so is not a blocking set and that is a contradiction. Thus B is minimal.

Conversely suppose that $B$ is minimal, so $B \backslash\{p\}$ is not a blocking set i.e. for if the condition is not satisfied there is some point $p$ in $B$ such that all lines through $p$ contain another point of $B$ so $B /\{p\}$ is a blocking set and $B$ is not minimal point $p \in B$ there exists some line $L \in P G(2, q)$ such that $p=L \cap B$.

## Theorem (1)

If $B$ is a blocking set in $P G(2, q)$, and $|B|=b$, then
(i) No line of $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ contains more that $b-q$ points of $B$,
(ii) If a line contains $n$ points of $B$, then $b \geq n+q$,
(iii) There is some line containing at least three points of B ,
(iv) $\mathrm{b} \geq \mathrm{q}+3$.

## Definition "Subgeometry"

Let $\operatorname{PG}(2, q), q$ is square be a projective plane, then $\operatorname{PG}(2, \sqrt{q})$ is a subgeometry of $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ and contains $q+\sqrt{q}+1$ points and lines, every line contain $\sqrt{q}+1$ point and every points is on $\sqrt{q}+1$ lines.
Theorem (1), (3)
In $P G(2, q), q$ is square, then
(i) If $|B|=q+\sqrt{q}+1, B$ is blocking set, then $B$ is subgeometry of $\operatorname{PG}(2, \sqrt{q})$,
(ii) If $|B|=q^{2}-\sqrt{q}$, $B$ is blocking set, then $B$ is complement of a subgeometry $\operatorname{PG}(2, \sqrt{q})$.

Theorem (1)
In $\mathrm{PG}(2, \mathrm{q}), \mathrm{q}$ is square and let $|\mathrm{B}|=\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{B}$ is blocking set. Then $\mathrm{q}+\sqrt{\mathrm{q}}+1 \leq \mathrm{b} \leq \mathrm{q}^{2}-$ $\sqrt{9}$.

## Proof

Suppose $|\mathrm{b}|=\mathrm{q}+\sqrt{\mathrm{q}}+1-\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{n}>0$. By theorem (1.14) no line in $\operatorname{PG}(2, \mathrm{q})$ contains more than $\sqrt{q}+1-n$ points of $B$.

Let $S$ be any set of $n$ points such that $S \cap B=\phi$ and $S^{\prime}=S \cup B$ is not subgeomety of $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$, then $S^{\prime}$ is a blocking set since no line contains more than $(\sqrt{q}+1-n)+n=\sqrt{q}+$ 1 of its point. So by theorem (1.16) $\mathrm{S}^{\prime}$ is a subgeomety, contradicting the choice of S .
If $|\mathrm{B}|>\mathrm{q}^{2}-\sqrt{\mathrm{q}}$, then $|\pi \backslash \mathrm{B}|<\mathrm{q}+\sqrt{\mathrm{q}}+1$, where $\pi=\mathrm{PG}(2, \mathrm{q})$.

## Theorem

Let B be a blocking set in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$, then $B$ is a minimal blocking set if and only if $B^{*}$ is complete blocking set. $\left(B^{*}=P G(2, q) \backslash B\right)$

## Proof:

Suppose that B is minimal blocking set, then B* is blocking set. (by definition 1.2).
Now, we must prove B* is complete suppose that $\mathrm{B}^{*}$ is not complete blocking set. Then there exists $p \notin B^{*}$ such that $B^{*} \cup\{p\}$ is blocking set.
Hence $\mathrm{PG}(2, \mathrm{q}) \backslash\left(\mathrm{B}^{*} \cup\{\mathrm{P}\}\right)$ is blocking set (by definition 1.2), but PG $(2, q)$ $\backslash\left(B^{*} \cup\{P\}\right)=B \backslash\{p\}$ that contradiction, since $B$ is minimal, then $B^{*}$ is complete blocking set.
Conversely, suppose that $B^{*}$ is a complete blocking set, to prove that $B$ is a minimal blocking set. Suppose that $B$ is not minimal, then there exists $P \in B$ such that $B \backslash\{p\}$ is blocking set, then $\operatorname{PG}(2, q) \backslash(B \backslash\{p\})$ is a blocking set (by definition 1.2) but $\operatorname{PG}(2, q) \backslash(B \backslash\{p\})=B^{*} \cup\{p\}$, and that is a contradiction, since $\mathrm{B}^{*}$ is a complete blocking set.
Then B is a minimal blocking set.

## Section Two

## Blocking Sets and (k,n)-arcs (4)

A $(k, n)$-arc in $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$ is a set $S$ of $k$ points with property that every line contains at most $n$ points of S , most authers add the condition, that there should be some line meeting S in exactly $n$ points, there is an obvious relation between $(k, n)$-arcs and blocking sets, the complement of $(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{n})$-arc is a $(\mathrm{q}-\mathrm{n})$-fold blocking set of size q .

## Theorem (5)

In $\operatorname{PG}(2, q)$. $A(k, n)-\operatorname{arc} K$ is complete if and only if $B=P G(2, q) \backslash K$ is
$-\mathrm{n})$-fold minimal blocking set.

## Proof:

suppose that $K$ is a complete $(k, n)$-arc, it is clear that $B$ is $(q+1-n)$-fold blocking set and $|B|=q^{2}+q+1-k$, to prove that $B$ is minimal blocking set, suppose $B$ is not minimal, then there exists $p \in B$ such that $B \backslash\{p\}$ is blocking set, but $B$ is $(q+1-n)$-fold blocking set and $|\mathrm{B}|=\mathrm{q}^{2}+\mathrm{q}+1-\mathrm{k}$, then $\mathrm{K} \cup\{\mathrm{p}\}$ is a $(\mathrm{k}+1, \mathrm{n})$-arc, and $\mathrm{k} \subseteq(\mathrm{k}+1, \mathrm{n})$-arc (contradiction), since K is complete, then B is minimal.
Conversely suppose that $B$ is $(q+1-n)$-fold minimal blocking set and $|B|=q^{2}+q+1-k$, it is clear that $K$ is $(k, n)$-arc, to prove $K$ is complete suppose that $K$ is not complete arc, then there exists $p \notin K$ such that $K \cup\{p\}$ is a $(k+1, n)$-arc but $P G(2 q) \backslash K \cup\{p\}=B \backslash\{p\}$ is blocking set and that is contradiction, since $B$ is minimal blocking, then $K$ is complete arc.

## Open Problem (5)

In Simeon Ball (6), he gives an open problem which says that, there exists a $t$-fold blocking set of $\mathrm{PG}(2, \mathrm{q})$ of size less than $(\mathrm{t}+1) \mathrm{p} \mathrm{p}^{\prime}$. And he found the answer is no if $\mathrm{q}=3,5$ and 7 . And we check this problem if $q=4,5,8$.

1. In $\operatorname{PG}(2,4)$, there is no 2 -fold blocking set of size less than 12 points, and the all 2 -fold blocking set we found exactly 12 points, for example, $\mathrm{B}=\{1,2,4,5,6,7,9,10,12,13,17,19\}$, and the all 2 -fold blocking set of size less than 12 points that we found it is trivial blocking set.
2. In $\operatorname{PG}(2,5)$, there is no 3 -fold blocking set of size less than 20 points, and the only 3 -fold blocking set that we found tis exactly size is 20 points, for example $\mathrm{B}=\{1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,14,16,20,24,27,28,29,30,31\}$, in $\mathrm{PG}(2,5)$, the all 3-fold blocking set of size is less than 20 points that we found which is trivial blocking set.
3. In $\operatorname{PG}(2,8)$, there is no 3 -fold blocking set of size less than 33 points, for example $B=\{1,2,3,5,7,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,19,20,27,29,33,34,35,37,45,46,47$, $50,56,58,60,61,67,69,70,72,73\}$, and the all 3 -fold blocking set of size 33 points that we found which is trivial blocking set.

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Table (1)The Points and Lines of PG(2,3)

| i | $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{i}}$ | $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $(1,0,0)$ | 1 | 2 | 4 | 10 |
| 2 | $(0,1,0)$ | 2 | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| 3 | $(1,1,0)$ | 3 | 4 | 6 | 12 |
| 4 | $(2,1,0)$ | 4 | 5 | 7 | 13 |
| 5 | $(0,0,1)$ | 5 | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| 6 | $(1,0,1)$ | 6 | 7 | 9 | 2 |
| 7 | $(2,0,1)$ | 7 | 8 | 10 | 3 |
| 8 | $(0,1,1)$ | 8 | 9 | 11 | 4 |
| 9 | $(1,1,1)$ | 9 | 10 | 12 | 5 |
| 10 | $(2,1,1)$ | 10 | 11 | 13 | 6 |
| 11 | $(0,2,1)$ | 11 | 12 | 1 | 7 |
| 12 | $(1,2,1)$ | 12 | 13 | 2 | 8 |
| 13 | $(2,2,1)$ | 13 | 1 | 3 | 9 |

Table (2)The Points and Lines of PG(2,5)

| i | $\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |  | $\mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{i}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 27 |
| 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 28 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 23 | 30 |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 18 | 26 | 29 |
| 6 | 4 | 1 | 0 |  | 3 | 7 | 13 | 19 | 25 |
| 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 16 | 21 | 26 | 31 |
| 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 29 |
| 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| 11 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 18 | 23 | 28 |
| 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 19 | 23 | 27 |
| 14 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 18 | 25 | 27 |
| 15 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 13 | 21 | 24 | 27 |
| 16 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 27 |
| 17 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 18 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 25 | 28 |
| 19 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 26 | 30 |
| 20 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 17 | 23 | 29 |
| 21 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 17 | 24 | 31 |
| 22 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 23 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 20 | 22 | 29 |
| 24 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 15 | 21 | 22 | 28 |
| 25 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 31 |
| 26 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 19 | 22 | 30 |
| 27 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 28 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 |
| 29 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 20 | 23 | 31 |
| 30 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 19 | 26 | 28 |
| 31 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 21 | 25 | 29 |

