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# Property and Representation of $n$ -Order Pythagorean Matrix

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Here we study the character and expression of  $n$ -order Pythagorean matrix using number theory. Theories of Pythagorean matrix are obtained. Using related algebra skills, we prove that the set which constitutes all  $n$ -order Pythagorean matrices is a finitely generated group of matrix multiplication and gives a generated tuple of this finitely generated group ( $n \leq 10$ ) simultaneously.

## 1. Introduction and Theme

If integers  $a, b$ , and  $c$  satisfy  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , then we call  $\{a, b, c\}$  a Pythagorean array; if Pythagorean array is written in vector form, then we call it a Pythagorean vector [1]. A Pythagorean vector is called primitive [2] if and only if  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are coprime.

It is well known that every Pythagorean vector is either of the form  $((k(m^2 - n^2))2kmn(k(m^2 + n^2)))$  or of the form  $(2kmn(k(m^2 - n^2))(k(m^2 + n^2)))$  with  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Frisch and Vaserstein [3] pointed that there exists a parametrization of Pythagorean vectors by a single triple of integer-valued polynomials.

Estimates for the number of Pythagorean vectors with a given constraint are studied in [4–6]. Benito and Varona [4] found asymptotic estimates for the number of Pythagorean vectors with legs less than  $n$ . Omland [5] obtained the number of Pythagorean vectors with a given inradius. Okagbue et al. [6] gave statistical and algebraic properties of primitive Pythagorean vectors from the first 331 primitive Pythagorean vectors.

For any fixed primitive Pythagorean vector  $(a, b, c)$  such that  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , Jesmanowicz' [7] studied the Diophantine equation  $a^x + b^y = c^z$  and conjectured the equation has a unique solution. The authors of [8–11] obtained some conclusions on Jesmanowicz's conjecture.

The authors of [12–14] constructed the following three interesting matrices and obtained the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.** If  $F_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $F_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $F_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $(a, b, c)$  is a 3-dimensional Pythagorean vector, and the vector satisfies  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , then  $(a, b, c)F_1$ ,  $(a, b, c)F_2$ , and  $(a, b, c)F_3$  are still 3-dimensional Pythagorean vectors.

Start with  $(3, 4, 5)$  or  $(4, 3, 5)$  and multiply  $F_1, F_2$ , or  $F_3$  by it in any order any number of times. This yields another primitive Pythagorean vector  $(x, y, z)$ , that is, a triple of positive integers without a common factor satisfying  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 0$ . Furthermore, every primitive Pythagorean vector can be obtained uniquely this way. In other words, all primitive Pythagorean vectors can be given a tree-order structure with each edge representing a multiplication by  $F_j$ . Cha et al. [15] studied such trees that are applicable to any integral quadratic form.

Generally, 3-order integral square matrix  $A$  satisfies the following condition:

- (i)  $\alpha = (a, b, c)$  is a 3-dimensional Pythagorean vector, then  $\beta = (a, b, c)A$  still is a Pythagorean vector
- (ii)  $|A|^2 = 1$ , then square matrix  $A$  is a 3-order Pythagorean matrix [16]

Let  $T_3$  be a set which is constituted by all 3-order Pythagorean matrices, namely,  $T_3 = \{F \mid F \in \mathbb{Z}^{3 \times 3}, F \text{ is a}$

three-order Pythagorean matrix}. Hence, we can calculate that the determinant values of  $F_1, F_2,$  and  $F_3$  are 1; in other words,  $F_1, F_2,$  and  $F_3$  are Pythagorean matrices, namely,  $F_1 \in T_3, F_2 \in T_3,$  and  $F_3 \in T_3$ .

Niu [17] researched algebraic properties of the set  $T_3$  and proposed the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.**  $T_3$  constitutes a group about the matrix multiplication.

In this paper, we further study algebraic properties and number-theoretic properties of the set  $T_3$ . Is  $T_3$  a finitely generated group? If  $T_3$  is a finitely generated group, then what are the generators of the finitely generated group? We prove our main theorem (Theorem 12). The theorem shows that  $T_3$  is a finitely generated group, and the generators of the finitely generated group  $T_3$  are given.

Furthermore, we also attempt to extend the Pythagorean vector and 3-order Pythagorean matrices to higher-order case and research algebraic properties and number-theoretic properties of the set formed from all  $n$ -order Pythagorean matrices ( $n > 3$ ). Then, we get Theorem 20.

This paper is organized as follows. The goal of Section 2 is to give some lemmas needed to prove the main conclusion of this paper. After we give some algebraic properties and number-theoretic properties of the set  $T_3$  in Section 3, we prove our main theorem (Theorem 12) in Sections 4 and 5. Section 6 is devoted to the study of properties on  $n$ -order Pythagorean matrices ( $4 < n$ ). Building on this, we prove our another main theorem (Theorem 20) in Section 7. Finally, in Section 8, we briefly discuss future work and prospects.

## 2. Some Preparations

*Definition 1.* If  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  and  $a, b,$  and  $c$  are coprime numbers, then we call  $\{a, b, c\}$  a 3-dimensional primitive Pythagorean array and we call the correspondent vector a 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector [2].

**Lemma 1.** If  $\alpha = (a, b, c)$  is a 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector, then there exist an odd integer and even integer between  $a$  and  $b$ , where  $c$  must be odd.

**Lemma 2.** The necessary and sufficient conditions of 3-order integral square matrix  $A \in T_3$  are as follows:

(i) If  $\alpha = (a, b, c)$  is a 3-order Pythagorean vector, then  $\beta = (a, b, c)A$  is still a 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector

(ii)  $|A|^2 = 1$

**Lemma 3** (see [17]). Given  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ , then the necessary and sufficient condition of 3-order integral square matrix  $A \in T_3$  is  $ABA' = B$ .

**Lemma 4** (see [17]). The necessary and sufficient condition of matrix  $A \in T_3$  is  $A' \in T_3$ .

Hence, we can get Lemma 5 as follows from Lemma 3.

**Lemma 5.** Given  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{3 \times 3}$ , then the necessary and sufficient condition of matrix  $A \in T_3$  is the following equations exist integer solutions  $a_{ij}$ :

$$a_{11}^2 + a_{21}^2 - a_{31}^2 = 1, \quad (1)$$

$$a_{12}^2 + a_{22}^2 - a_{32}^2 = 1, \quad (2)$$

$$-a_{13}^2 - a_{23}^2 + a_{33}^2 = 1, \quad (3)$$

$$a_{11}a_{12} + a_{21}a_{22} = a_{31}a_{32}, \quad (4)$$

$$a_{11}a_{13} + a_{21}a_{23} = a_{31}a_{33}, \quad (5)$$

$$a_{12}a_{13} + a_{22}a_{23} = a_{32}a_{33}. \quad (6)$$

## 3. Property of $T_3$

Let  $G$  be a set of 3-order integer square matrix  $A$  and satisfy the following two conditions:

- (i)  $A \in T_3$
- (ii) If any  $a, b$  is even in 3-dimensional primitive Pythagorean vector, then  $(a', b', c') = (a, b, c)A$  is still a 3-dimensional primitive Pythagorean [2] vector and  $b'$  is even.

Thus,  $G \subset T_3$ .

For clearer expression, we use some signs. Let

$G_t = \{A \mid A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{3 \times 3}, \text{ and } A \in G, \max |a_{ij}| = t\}$ .  $D_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ) are the following diagonal matrices:  $D_1 = \text{diag}[1, 1, 1]$ ,  $D_2 = \text{diag}[-1, 1, 1]$ ,  $D_3 = \text{diag}[1, -1, 1]$ ,  $D_4 = \text{diag}[1, 1, -1]$ ,  $D_5 = \text{diag}[-1, -1, 1]$ ,  $D_6 = \text{diag}[-1, 1, -1]$ ,  $D_7 = \text{diag}[1, -1, -1]$ ,  $D_8 = \text{diag}[-1, -1, -1]$ , and  $D_9 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $F_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $L(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$

express a finite group [18] about matrix multiplication, and  $Z^{n \times n}$  express a set with all integer elements of  $n$ -order square matrix.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{3 \times 3}$  and  $A \in G$ , then  $|a_{33}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ .

*Proof.* Because  $G \subset T_3$  and  $A \in G, A \in T_3$ . From Lemma 5, the above equalities (1)~(6) are tenable.

From equality (3), we can get the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{33}| &\geq |a_{13}|, \\ |a_{33}| &\geq |a_{23}|, \\ |a_{33}| &\geq 1, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

and if  $A \in T_3$ , then  $A' \in T_3$ ; therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{33}| &\geq |a_{31}|, \\ |a_{33}| &\geq |a_{32}|. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

When  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}$ , and  $a_{22}$  are not equal to zero, we can obtain the following inequalities from equality (1):

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{31}| &\geq |a_{11}|, \\ |a_{31}| &\geq |a_{21}|. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

From equality (2), we can obtain the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{32}| &\geq |a_{12}|, \\ |a_{32}| &\geq |a_{22}|. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

From (7)–(10), we know that equality  $|a_{33}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$  is tenable.

When at least one of the numbers in  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{21}$  is equal to zero but all of the two numbers in  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{22}$  are not equal to zero, we can infer from equality (2) that inequality (10) is true.

When at least one of the numbers in  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{21}$  is equal to zero, we can get equality  $\max_i |a_{i1}| = 1$ , where  $|a_{33}| \geq 1$ , so  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i1}|$ ; from inequalities (7), (8), (10), and  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i1}|$ , we know that  $|a_{33}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$  is tenable.

When at least one of the numbers in  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{22}$  is equal to zero but all of the two numbers in  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{21}$  are not equal to zero, we can infer from equality (1) that inequality (9) is true.

When at least one of the numbers in  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{22}$  is equal to zero, we can get equality  $\max_i |a_{i2}| = 1$ , where  $|a_{33}| \geq 1$ , so  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i2}|$ ; from the inequalities (7)–(9), and  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i2}|$ , we know that  $|a_{33}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$  is tenable.

When at least one of the numbers in  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{22}$  is equal to zero and at least one of the numbers in  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{21}$  is equal to zero, we get  $\max_i |a_{i1}| = 1$ , where  $|a_{33}| \geq 1$ , so  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i1}|$ ; moreover, we also get  $\max_i |a_{i2}| = 1$ , where  $|a_{33}| \geq 1$ , so  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i2}|$ . From inequalities (7),  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i1}|$  and  $|a_{33}| \geq \max_i |a_{i2}|$ , we know that  $|a_{33}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$  is tenable.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** If  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{3 \times 3}$  and  $A \in G$ , then  $a_{ii} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $a_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  ( $i \neq j; i = 1, 2, 3; j = 1, 2, 3$ ).

*Proof.* Because  $A \in G$ , the above equalities (1)~(3) are tenable.

From equality  $-a_{13}^2 - a_{23}^2 + a_{33}^2 = 1$ , we get  $a_{33} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $a_{13} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $a_{23} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . From  $A \in T_3$ , we know  $A' \in T_3$ . So,  $a_{31} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $a_{32} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  are tenable. Given  $\alpha = (a, b, c)$  is an arbitrary primitive Pythagorean vector with even integer  $b$ , by Lemma 1, we know  $a$  and  $c$  are odd integers. Since  $A \in G$ ,  $(a', b', c') = (a, b, c)A$  is still a 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector with a even integer  $b'$ . By Lemma 1, we know  $a'$  and  $c'$  are odd integers. Since  $b$  is an even integer,  $a$  is an odd integer,  $a_{31} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $a' = aa_{11} + ba_{21} + ca_{31}$ , we get  $a_{11} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . From  $a_{11} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $a_{31} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and equality (1), we know  $a_{21} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Since  $a$  is an odd integer,  $b$  is an even integer,  $a_{32} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $b' = aa_{12} + ba_{22} + ca_{32}$ , we get  $a_{12} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . From  $a_{12} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $a_{32} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and equality (2), we obtain the equality  $a_{22} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . From

above, we know  $a_{ii} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $a_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  ( $i \neq j; i = 1, 2, 3; j = 1, 2, 3$ ) are tenable.  $\square$

*Inference 1.* (1)  $G$  constitutes a group on matrix multiplication; (2)  $G$  is a subgroup of  $T_3$ .

*Proof*

(1) Since any  $A$  or  $B \in G$ ,  $A$  or  $B \in T_3$ , so  $A * B \in T_3$ . Given  $\alpha = (a, b, c)$  is an arbitrary 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector with even integer  $b$  because  $A \in G$ , so  $(a, b, c)A$  is also a 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector with second element which is an even integer, and  $B \in G$ , so  $(a, b, c)AB$  is a 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector with second element which is an even integer; thus,  $A * B \in G$ , that is,  $G$  is a closed operator of matrix multiplication. Matrix multiplication is clear to meet the combination of law, and 3-order unitary matrix is a unit element in  $G$ . Now, we prove that  $G$  is closed for inverse matrix. Arbitrary  $A \in G$ , where  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{3 \times 3}$ ; we know  $a_{ii} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $a_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  ( $i \neq j; i = 1, 2, 3; j = 1, 2, 3$ ) are tenable by Theorem 4. Given  $\alpha = (a, b, c)$  is an arbitrary 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector with even integer  $b$ , let  $(a', b', c') = (a, b, c)A^{-1}$ ; since  $A \in T_3$ ,  $T_3$  constitutes a group on matrix multiplication, so  $A^{-1} \in T_3$ ; accordingly,  $(a', b', c')$  is a primitive Pythagorean vector. One is an odd integer between  $a'$  and  $b'$  and another is an even integer by Lemma 1. Since  $(a, b, c)$  is an arbitrary 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector with even integer  $b$ , we know that  $a$  is an odd integer by Lemma 1. We obtain  $(a, b, c) = (a', b', c')A$  from the equality  $(a', b', c') = (a, b, c)A^{-1}$ . We can conclude that  $a = a'a_{11} + b'a_{21} + c'a_{31}$  because  $a$  is an odd integer and both  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{31}$  are even integer, so  $a'$  is an odd integer while  $b'$  must be an even integer. Accordingly,  $(a', b', c') = (a, b, c)A^{-1}$  is a 3-order primitive Pythagorean vector with second element which is an even integer; hence,  $A^{-1} \in G$ .

From above,  $G$  constitutes a group on matrix multiplication. And that is what we wanted to prove.

(2) We can conclude that  $G$  is a subgroup of  $T_3$  by  $G \subset T_3$  and  $G$  constitutes a group on matrix multiplication.  $\square$

#### 4. Expression of $G_1$ and $G_3$

**Theorem 5.**  $G_1 = \{D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4, D_5, D_6, D_7, D_8\}$ .

*Proof.* From Theorems 3 and 4, if  $A \in G$  and  $\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| = 1$ , then  $A$  must be one of  $D_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ).  $D_i \in G_1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ , is easy to verify, so Theorem 5 is tenable.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** If  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{3 \times 3}$ ,  $A \in G$ , and  $\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| = 3$ , then  $|a_{33}| = 3$ ,  $|a_{31}| = |a_{32}| = |a_{13}| = |a_{23}| = |a_{12}| = |a_{21}| = 2$ , and  $|a_{11}| = |a_{22}| = 1$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 4 we know, if  $A \in G$  and  $\max_{i,j}|a_{ij}| = 3$ , then  $|a_{33}| = \max_{i,j}|a_{ij}| = 3$ . By  $A \in G$ , the former equations (1)~(3) are tenable. By equation (3), equalities  $|a_{13}| = |a_{23}| = 2$  are true. From  $A \in T_3$ , we get  $A' \in T_3$ ; hence,  $|a_{31}| = |a_{32}| = 2$  are true. From Theorem 3, we know that  $|a_{11}|$  and  $|a_{22}|$  only possibly are 1 or 3, while from  $|a_{13}| = |a_{23}| = |a_{31}| = |a_{32}| = 2$  and from equalities (1) and (2), we can conclude that  $|a_{11}| = |a_{22}| = 1$  are true. Then, equalities  $|a_{12}| = |a_{21}| = 2$  are also true. From above, Theorem 6 is tenable, and that is what we wanted to prove.  $\square$

**Theorem 7.**  $G_3 = \{A \mid A = D_i F_1 D_j, D_i \in G_1, D_j \in G_1\}$ .

*Proof.* Both arbitrary  $D_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ) and  $D_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ) also  $\in G$  by Theorem 5. It is easy to prove that  $F_1 \in G$ . We obtain from Inference 1 (1) that  $D_i F_1 D_j \in G$ . Also, it is easy to verify that the maximum absolute value of elements of matrix  $D_i F_1 D_j$  is equal to 3. So, we get that  $D_i F_1 D_j \in G_3$  for arbitrary  $D_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ) and  $D_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ ).

On the other hand, if  $A \in G_3$ , then  $|a_{33}| = 3$ ,  $|a_{11}| = |a_{22}| = 1$ , and  $|a_{31}| = |a_{32}| = |a_{13}| = |a_{23}| = |a_{12}| = |a_{21}| = 2$ .

For  $A$ , there must be  $D_i$  and  $D_j$ , these three matrices produce a new matrix  $C = D_i A D_j$ , let  $C = (c_{ij})$ , among six elements of column 1 and column 2 in matrix  $C$ , there are two elements at most less than zero, and these less than zero elements are not in the same row. Since  $D_i, D_j$ , and  $F_1$  belong to  $G$ ,  $C = D_i A D_j \in G$ ; thus,  $C \in G_3$ . Hence  $|c_{33}| = 3$ ,  $|c_{31}| = |c_{32}| = |c_{13}| = |c_{23}| = |c_{12}| = |c_{21}| = 2$ , and  $|c_{11}| = |c_{22}| = 1$ . We obtain  $c_{11}c_{12} + c_{21}c_{22} = c_{31}c_{32}$  by  $C \in G$  and Lemma 5, so  $c_{ij} > 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3; j = 1, 2$ ).

For  $C$ , there must be  $D_k$ ; they produce a new matrix  $H = C D_k$ . Let  $H = (h_{ij})$ . Column vectors 1 and 2 of  $H$  are exactly the same as column vectors 1 and 2 of  $C$ , and one element at most in column vector 3 of  $H$  is less than zero. So, we get  $|h_{33}| = 3$ ,  $|h_{31}| = |h_{32}| = |h_{13}| = |h_{23}| = |h_{12}| = |h_{21}| = 2$ ,  $|h_{11}| = |h_{22}| = 1$ , and  $h_{11}h_{13} + h_{21}h_{23} = h_{31}h_{33}$ . Note that  $h_{i1} = c_{i1} > 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ), so  $h_{i3} > 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ); hence,  $H = F_1$ .

So, there exist  $D_i, D_j$ , and  $D_k$ , they generate a new matrix  $F_1 = D_i A D_j D_k$ . Let  $P_1 = D_i^{-1}$  and  $P_2 = (D_j D_k)^{-1}$ . It is easy to verify that both  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  belong to  $G_1$ , and  $A = P_1 F_1 P_2$ .

From above,  $G_3 = \{A \mid A = D_i F_1 D_j, D_i \in G_1, D_j \in G_1\}$  is obtained.

The following theorem is obtained by direct verification.  $\square$

**Theorem 8.**  $D_1 = F_1 * F_1^{-1}$ ,  $D_2 = F_1 * F_2^{-1}$ ,  $D_3 = F_1 * F_3^{-1}$ ,  $D_4 = F_1 * F_4^{-1}$ ,  $D_5 = F_2 * F_3^{-1}$ ,  $D_6 = F_2 * F_4^{-1}$ ,  $D_7 = F_3 * F_4^{-1}$ , and  $D_8 = F_2 * F_3^{-1} * F_1 * F_4^{-1}$ .

We can get Theorem 9 by Theorems 7 and 8.

**Theorem 9.** (1)  $G_3 \subset L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$ ; (2)  $G_1 \subset L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$ .

## 5. Representation of $G$ and $T_3$

**Theorem 10.** Arbitrary  $A = (a_{ij}) \in G$  if the maximum absolute value of elements of matrix  $A$  is equal to  $y$  and  $y > 3$ ; let

$H_i = A F_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), then there must exist a matrix  $H_i$ , its maximum absolute values of elements are less than  $y$ .

*Proof.* Since  $F_i \in G$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) and  $A \in G$ ,  $H_i = A F_i \in G$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ). So, we get that the maximum absolute value of elements of matrix  $A$  is  $y = |a_{33}|$  by Theorem 3, while the maximum absolute value of elements of matrix  $H_i$  is  $|2a_{31} + 2a_{32} + 3a_{33}|$ , matrix  $H_2$  is  $|-2a_{31} + 2a_{32} + 3a_{33}|$ , matrix  $H_3$  is  $|2a_{31} - 2a_{32} + 3a_{33}|$ , and  $H_4$  is  $|2a_{31} + 2a_{32} - 3a_{33}|$ .

Cases of  $a_{31} \geq 0$ ,  $a_{32} \geq 0$ , and  $a_{33} > 0$  are considered firstly. Since  $A \in G$ , we get  $A' \in G$ ; thus, equality  $-a_{31}^2 - a_{32}^2 + a_{33}^2 = 1$  is tenable consequently. Also, because  $|a_{33}| > 3$ ,  $a_{31} \neq 0$  and  $a_{32} \neq 0$ ; hence, it follows that  $a_{31} > 0$  and  $a_{32} > 0$ ; thus,  $a_{33} > a_{31}$  and  $a_{33} > a_{32}$ . Finally, the inequality  $2a_{31} + 2a_{32} - 3a_{33} < a_{33}$  is true as a consequence.

We obtain  $a_{33} - a_{31} = (1 + a_{32}^2)/(a_{33} + a_{31})$  from  $-a_{31}^2 - a_{32}^2 + a_{33}^2 = 1$ , while  $(1 + a_{32}^2)/(a_{33} + a_{31}) < (a_{32}a_{31} + a_{32}a_{33})/(a_{33} + a_{31}) = a_{32}$ , so  $a_{33} - a_{31} < a_{32}$  or  $a_{33} < a_{32} + a_{31}$ ; thus,  $-a_{33} < 2a_{31} + 2a_{32} - 3a_{33}$  is true.

By inequalities  $2a_{31} + 2a_{32} - 3a_{33} < a_{33}$  and  $-a_{33} < 2a_{31} + 2a_{32} - 3a_{33}$ , we get  $|2a_{31} + 2a_{32} - 3a_{33}| < y$ ; in other words, the maximum absolute value of elements of matrix  $H_4$  is less than  $y$ , and that is Theorem 10 which we wanted to prove.

In the same way, we can prove that, under the cases  $a_{31} \geq 0$ ,  $a_{32} \leq 0$ , and  $a_{33} > 0$ , Theorem 10 is still valid.  $\square$

**Theorem 11.**  $G = L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$ , namely,  $G$  is a finitely generated group.

*Proof.* It can be seen that  $L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4) \subset G$ .

Given arbitrary  $A = (a_{ij}) \in G$ ; if  $|a_{33}| \leq 3$ , then  $|a_{33}| = 1$  or  $|a_{33}| = 3$  by Theorem 4. When  $|a_{33}| = 1$ , there must be  $A \in G_1$ ; hence, it follows that  $A \in L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$  by Theorem 9. When  $|a_{33}| = 3$ , there must be  $A \in G_3$ ; hence, it follows that  $A \in L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$  by Theorem 9.

If  $|a_{33}| > 3$ , from Theorem 10, we know that there exist  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$ , these matrices satisfy that  $P_i \in \{F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ) and they produce a new matrix  $A * P_1 * P_2 * \dots * P_k$  by multiplication of matrices, and the maximum absolute value of elements of the new matrix is less than or equal to 3. Indeed, the new matrix  $A * P_1 * P_2 * \dots * P_k \in G$ , so  $A * P_1 * P_2 * \dots * P_k \in L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$ ; hence,  $A \in L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$  and then  $G \subset L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$ .

From above, we get  $G = L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$ .  $\square$

*Inference 2.* (1)  $G = L(F_1, D_2, D_3, D_4)$ ; (2)  $G = L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_5)$ ; (3)  $G = L(F_i, D_2, D_3, D_4)$  ( $i = 2, 3, 4$ ).

*Proof.* We only prove that equality (1) is tenable, and others may prove similarly.

It is obvious that  $L(F_1, D_2, D_3, D_4) \subset G$ . Arbitrary  $A = (a_{ij}) \in G$ ; we get  $A \in L(F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4)$  by Theorem 11 and  $D_2 = F_1 * F_2^{-1}$ ,  $D_3 = F_1 * F_3^{-1}$ , and  $D_4 = F_1 * F_4^{-1}$  by Theorem 8; hence,  $F_2 = D_2^{-1} * F_1$ ,  $F_3 = D_3^{-1} * F_1$ , and  $F_4 = D_4^{-1} * F_1$ , so  $A \in L(F_1, D_2, D_3, D_4)$ .

From above,  $G = L(F_1, D_2, D_3, D_4)$  is tenable.  $\square$

*Definition 2.* If  $H$  is a finitely generated group and  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  satisfy  $H = L(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ , then we call

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a generated tuple of  $H$ . If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a generated tuple of  $H$  with least element, then we call  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a minimum generated tuple of  $H$  and we call  $n$  is cardinality of  $H$ , expressed as  $n = d(H)$ .

**Theorem 12.**  $T_3 = L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ . In other words,  $T_3$  is a finitely generated group; furthermore,  $d(T_3) = 4$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to verify that  $D_9 \in T_3$ ; hence,  $L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9) \subset T_3$ .

Owing to  $D_3 = D_9 D_2 D_9$ ,  $G = L(F_1, D_2, D_3, D_4) \subset L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ . Now, let arbitrary  $A = (a_{ij}) \in T_3$  and  $(x, y, z) = (3, 4, 5)A$  such that one in  $x, y$  is an even and another is an odd.

(1) First, consider  $x$  is odd and  $y$  is even.

Equality  $y = 3a_{12} + 4a_{22} + 5a_{32}$  is obtained from  $(x, y, z) = (3, 4, 5)A$ . Because  $y$  is an even integer, both  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{32}$  are either even integer or odd integer.

Given  $(a, b, c)$  is an arbitrary three-order primitive Pythagorean vector with an even integer  $b$ ; note  $(a', b', c') = (a, b, c)$ , so that  $(a', b', c')$  is also a three-order primitive Pythagorean vector and  $a, c$  are odd integer. Thanks to  $b' = aa_{12} + ba_{22} + ca_{32}$ , where  $b$  is an even integer and  $a_{12}$  and  $a_{32}$  are either odd integers or even integers simultaneously. From the previous reason, we know that  $b'$  is an even integer. So,  $A \in G$ ; hence,  $A \in (F_1, D_2, D_3, D_4)$ . In addition,  $L(F_1, D_2, D_3, D_4) \subset L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ ; therefore,  $A \in (F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ .

(2) Now, consider  $x$  is even and  $y$  is odd.

Let  $(x', y', z') = (x, y, z)D_9 = (3, 4, 5)AD_9$ , then  $x'$  is an odd integer and  $y'$  is an even integer. From  $A \in T_3$  and  $D_9 \in T_3$ , we have  $AD_9 \in T_3$ . Thus,  $AD_9 \in L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ ; consequently,  $A \in L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ .

From above, we get  $T_3 \subset L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ ; on this account,  $T_3 \subset L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$  and  $d(T_3) = 4$  are tenable.  $\square$

*Inference 3.*  $T_3 = L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9) = L(F_1, D_3, D_4, D_9) = L(F_1, F_2, F_4, D_9) = L(F_1, F_3, F_4, D_9) = L(F_2, F_3, F_4, D_9)$ .

## 6. Property of $n$ -Order Pythagorean Matrix ( $n \geq 4$ )

*Definition 3.* If integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  satisfy  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k^2 = a_n^2$ , then  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  is designated as an  $n$ -order Pythagorean array, while vector-style expression  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is named as an  $n$ -order Pythagorean vector.

*Definition 4.* If an  $n$ -order square matrix  $A$  meets the following two conditions, then we name  $A$  as  $n$ -order Pythagorean matrix.

- (1) If  $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is an arbitrary  $n$ -order Pythagorean vector and  $\beta = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)A$  is still a Pythagorean vector
- (2) If  $|A|^2 = 1$

*Definition 5.* Among an  $n$ -order Pythagorean vector  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are coprime numbers; then  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is named as an  $n$ -order primitive Pythagorean vector.

Let  $T_n = \{F | F \in Z^{n \times n}, F \text{ is a } n\text{-order Pythagorean matrix}\}$  and  $B = \text{diag}[1, 1, \dots, 1, -1]$  in this chapter. Then, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 13.**  $A$  is an  $n$ -order integer matrix, and the necessary and sufficient condition of  $A \in T_n$  is  $ABA' = B$ .

*Proof* Sufficiency condition.

If  $A$  satisfies  $ABA' = B$ , then we can easily check that  $|A|^2 = 1$ . Let  $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  be an arbitrary  $n$ -order Pythagorean vector. In the expression of  $\beta = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)A$ , we can simplify it. Let  $\beta = (a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n})$ . Clearly,  $a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n}$  are all integers. Since  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}^2 - a_{1n}^2 = \beta B \beta' = \alpha A B A' \alpha' = \alpha B \alpha' = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i^2 - a_n^2 = 0$ ,  $\beta$  is an  $n$ -order Pythagorean vector. Thereby,  $A \in T_n$ .

Necessary condition.

If  $A = (a_{ij}) \in T_n$  and  $\alpha = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  is an  $n$ -order Pythagorean vector, then  $\beta = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)A$  is still an  $n$ -order Pythagorean vector, that is to say  $\beta B \beta' = \alpha A B A' \alpha' = 0$ .

Hence, we can get the following equality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}^2 - a_{1n}^2 \right] c_1^2 + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}^2 - a_{2n}^2 \right] c_2^2 + \dots + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nn}^2 \right] c_n^2 + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i} a_{2i} - a_{1n} a_{2n} \right] c_1 c_2 \\ & + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i} a_{3i} - a_{1n} a_{3n} \right] c_1 c_3 + \dots + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i} a_{ni} - a_{1n} a_{nn} \right] c_1 c_n + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i} a_{3i} - a_{2n} a_{3n} \right] c_2 c_3 \\ & + \dots + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i} a_{ni} - a_{2n} a_{nn} \right] c_2 c_n + \dots + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1,i} a_{ni} - a_{n-1,n} a_{nn} \right] c_{n-1} c_n = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Let  $\alpha = (1, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$ , then substitute it in equality (11), and we can get the following equality:

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}^2 - a_{1n}^2 \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right] + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{ni} - a_{1n}a_{nm} \right] = 0. \quad (12)$$

Let  $\alpha = (1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$ , then substitute it in equality (11), and we can get the following equality:

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}^2 - a_{1n}^2 \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right] - 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{ni} - a_{1n}a_{nm} \right] = 0. \quad (13)$$

Let  $\alpha = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 1)$  and  $\alpha = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, -1)$ , then substitute it in equality (11) Then, we can get

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}^2 - a_{2n}^2 \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right] + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{ni} - a_{2n}a_{nm} \right] = 0, \quad (14)$$

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}^2 - a_{2n}^2 \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right] - 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{ni} - a_{2n}a_{nm} \right] = 0. \quad (15)$$

Let  $\alpha = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 1)$ , then substitute it in equality (11), and we obtain the following equation:

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1i}^2 - a_{n-1n}^2 \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right] + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1,i}a_{ni} - a_{n-1,n}a_{nm} \right] = 0. \quad (16)$$

Let  $\alpha = (0, \dots, 0, 1, -1)$ , then substitute it in equality (11), and we obtain the following equation:

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1i}^2 - a_{n-1n}^2 \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right] - 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1,i}a_{ni} - a_{n-1,n}a_{nm} \right] = 0. \quad (17)$$

From equations (12) and (13), we obtain

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}^2 - a_{1n}^2 \right] = - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right], \quad (18)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{ni} - a_{1n}a_{nm} = 0.$$

From equations (14) and (15), we get

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}^2 - a_{2n}^2 \right] = - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right], \quad (19)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{ni} - a_{2n}a_{nm} = 0,$$

$$\vdots$$

From equations (16) and (17), we get

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1i}^2 - a_{n-1n}^2 \right] = - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2 \right], \quad (20)$$

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1,i}a_{ni} - a_{n-1,n}a_{nm} \right] = 0.$$

Also, from equalities (18), (19),  $\dots$ , (20), we obtain the following equations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}^2 - a_{1n}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}^2 - a_{2n}^2 = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1,i}^2 - a_{n-1,n}^2 = - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ni}^2 - a_{nm}^2, \quad (21)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{ni} - a_{1n}a_{nm} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{ni} - a_{2n}a_{nm} = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-1,i}a_{ni} - a_{n-1,n}a_{nm} = 0. \quad (22)$$

Substituting equalities (21) and (22) into equality (11), we can get the following equality:

$$2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{2i} - a_{1n}a_{2n} \right] c_1 c_2 + \dots + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{n-1,i} - a_{1n}a_{n-1,n} \right] \\ \cdot c_1 c_{n-1} + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{3i} - a_{2n}a_{3n} \right] c_2 c_3 + \dots \\ + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{n-1,i} - a_{2n}a_{n-1,n} \right] c_2 c_n + \dots \\ + 2 \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-2,i}a_{n-1,i} - a_{n-2,n}a_{n-1,n} \right] c_{n-2} c_{n-1} = 0. \quad (23)$$

Hence, we can get equation (24) by randomness of  $\alpha = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  and equality (23):

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{2i} - a_{1n}a_{2n} = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}a_{n-1,i} - a_{1n}a_{n-1,n} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{3i} - a_{2n}a_{3n} \\ = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{2i}a_{n-1,i} - a_{2n}a_{n-1,n} = \dots = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{n-2,i}a_{n-1,i} - a_{n-2,n}a_{n-1,n} = 0. \quad (24)$$

For given  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1i}^2 - a_{1n}^2 = k$ , we know equality (25) is valid by equalities (21), (22), and (24):

$$ABA' = kB. \tag{25}$$

Thanks to  $|ABA'| = |A|^2|B| = |B| = |kB| = k^n|B|$ , where  $k$  is an integer,  $k = 1$  or  $k = -1$  when  $n$  is an even integer, but  $k = 1$  when  $n$  is an odd integer. Also, because matrices  $B$  and  $kB$  are congruence relationship from (6.15),  $k = -1$  is inappropriate while  $k = 1$  is tenable; as a result,  $ABA' = B$ .

It is easy to get Theorem 14 by Theorem 13.  $\square$

**Theorem 14.** Given  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{n \times n}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition of  $A \in T_n$  is that  $a_{ij}$  is integer solution of the following equations:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ik}^2 - a_{nk}^2 = 1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \tag{26}$$

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{in}^2 + a_{nn}^2 = 1, \tag{27}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{ip}a_{iq} = a_{np}a_{nq}, \quad 1 \leq p < q \leq n; p, q \in Z. \tag{28}$$

**Lemma 6.** Given  $A$  is an  $n$ -order integer square matrix, the necessary and sufficient condition of  $A \in T_n$  is  $A$  meets the following two cases:

- (1) If  $\alpha = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  is an arbitrary  $n$ -order primitive Pythagorean vector, then  $\beta = \alpha A$  is still an  $n$ -order primitive Pythagorean vector
- (2)  $|A|^2 = 1$

**Lemma 7.** If  $A \in T_n$ , then  $A^{-1} \in T_n$ .

*Proof.* Because  $A \in T_n$ ,  $ABA' = B$ ; therefore,  $A^{-1}B(A^{-1})' = B$ . Consequently,  $A^{-1} \in T_n$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 8.** Given  $A \in T_n$  and  $C \in T_n$ , then  $AC \in T_n$ .

*Proof.* Because  $A \in T_n$  and  $C \in T_n$ ,  $(AC)B(AC)' = ACBC'A' = ABA' = B$ ; as a result,  $AC \in T_n$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 9.** The necessary and sufficient condition of  $A \in T_n$  is  $A' \in T_n$ .

*Proof.* If we want to prove Lemma 9 is proper, we need to prove only that if  $A \in T_n$ , then  $A' \in T_n$ .

Given  $A \in T_n$ ,  $ABA' = B$ ; hence,  $A' = B^{-1}A^{-1}B$ . Because both  $B$  and  $B^{-1}$  belong to  $T_n$ , we can get  $A^{-1} \in T_n$  by Lemma 7 and we can conclude that  $A' \in T_n$  from Lemma 8.

We can easily get the following theorem by using the above lemmas.  $\square$

**Theorem 15.**  $T_n$  compose a group about matrix multiplication.

**Theorem 16.** If  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{n \times n}$  and  $A \in T_n$ , then  $|a_{nm}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$ .

*Proof.* Since  $A \in T_n$ , equations (6.16), (6.17), and (6.18) are tenable by Theorem 14.

From equality (27), we know  $|a_{in}| \leq |a_{nm}|$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ) and  $1 \leq |a_{nm}|$  are true.

From  $A \in T_n$ , we get  $A' \in T_n$ , so

$$|a_{ni}| \leq |a_{nm}|, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1. \tag{29}$$

For arbitrary  $j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ), if  $\max(|a_{1j}|, |a_{2j}|, \dots, |a_{n-1,j}|) \leq |a_{nj}|$ , then we get  $|a_{ij}| \leq |a_{nm}|$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ) by (29); if  $\max(|a_{1j}|, |a_{2j}|, \dots, |a_{n-1,j}|) > |a_{nj}|$ , then we can conclude that  $\max(|a_{1j}|, |a_{2j}|, \dots, |a_{n-1,j}|) \leq 1$  by (26). Because  $1 \leq |a_{nm}|$ ,  $|a_{ij}| \leq |a_{nm}|$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ). Hence, we get

$$|a_{ij}| \leq |a_{nm}|, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, n). \tag{30}$$

That is to say  $|a_{nm}| = \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}|$  is tenable.  $\square$

### 7. Expression of $n$ -Order Pythagorean Matrix ( $4 \leq n \leq 10$ )

Given  $T_n^P = \{A \mid A = (a_{ij}) \in T_n \text{ and } \max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| = p\}$ ,  $F_4^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $F_n^2 = \begin{pmatrix} E_{n-4} & 0 \\ 0 & F_4^2 \end{pmatrix}$  when  $5 \leq n \leq 10$ .

Clearly  $F_n^2 \in T_n^2$ . Now, we designate  $W_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n-1$ ) as the following  $n$ -order square matrix,  $W_1 = \text{diag}[1, 1, \dots, 1]$ ,  $W_2 = \text{diag}[-1, 1, \dots, 1]$ ,  $W_3 = \text{diag}[1, 1, \dots, 1, -1]$ ,  $W_4 = E_n(1, 2)$ ,  $W_5 = E_n(1, 3), \dots$ ,  $W_{n+1} = E_n(1, n-1)$ ,  $W_{n+2} = \text{diag}[1, -1, 1, \dots, 1]$ ,  $W_{n+3} = \text{diag}[1, 1, -1, 1, \dots, 1], \dots$  and  $W_{2n-1} = \text{diag}[1, \dots, 1, -1, 1]$ . Here,  $E_n(i, j)$  is an  $n$ -order square matrix produced by unitary matrix exchange row  $i$  and  $j$ .  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$  represents the finitely generated group about matrix multiplication produced by  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1}$ ;  $L(W_1, W_2, W_3, W_{n+2}, W_{n+3}, \dots, W_{2n-1})$  represents the finitely generated group about matrix multiplication produced by  $W_1, W_2, W_3, W_{n+2}, W_{n+3}, \dots, W_{2n-1}$ ;  $L(W_4, W_5, \dots, W_{n+1})$  represents the finitely generated group about matrix multiplication produced by  $W_4, W_5, \dots, W_{n+1}$ ;  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{n+1})$  represents the finitely generated group about matrix multiplication produced by  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{n+1}$ . It is easy to know that  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1}) = L(W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ .

**Theorem 17.**  $T_n^1 = L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{n+1})$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to validate that  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{n+1}$  belong to  $T_n^1$ . So, we can conclude that  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{n+1}) \subset T_n^1$  by Theorem 15.

Considering  $A = (a_{ij}) \in Z^{n \times n}$  and  $A \in T_n^1$ , equation  $|a_{nm}| = 1$  becomes true by Theorem 16. We can infer that  $a_{in} = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ) from equation (27) and  $|a_{nm}| = 1$ , and we can conclude that  $A' \in T_n^1$  by  $A \in T_n^1$ , thereby  $a_{ni} = 0$

( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ) are tenable. Thus, we can obtain the following conclusion by equation (26) and  $a_{ni} = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ).

There exists only one 1 among  $|a_{11}|, |a_{21}|, \dots, |a_{n-1,1}|$ .  
 There exists only one 1 among  $|a_{12}|, |a_{22}|, \dots, |a_{n-1,2}|$ .  
 $\vdots$   
 There exists only one 1 among  $|a_{1,n-1}|, |a_{2,n-1}|, \dots, |a_{n-1,n-1}|$ .  
 We can get the other conclusion by  $A' \in T_n^1$ .  
 There exists only one 1 among  $|a_{11}|, |a_{12}|, \dots, |a_{1,n-1}|$ .  
 There exists only one 1 among  $|a_{21}|, |a_{22}|, \dots, |a_{2,n-1}|$ .  
 $\vdots$   
 There exists only one 1 among  $|a_{n-1,1}|, |a_{n-1,2}|, \dots, |a_{n-1,n-1}|$ .

Accordingly, there exist  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-2}$  ( $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-2} \in \{W_1, W_4, W_5, \dots, W_{n+1}\}$ ), and they cause  $C \triangleq AX_1X_2 \cdots X_{n-2} \triangleq (c_{ij})$  and satisfy that  $c_{ij} = 0$  ( $i \neq j$ ) and  $|c_{ii}| = 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ). For  $C$ , there exist  $X_{n-1}, X_n, \dots, X_{2n-1}$  ( $X_{n-1}, X_n, \dots, X_{2n-1} \in \{W_1, W_2, W_3, W_{n+2}, W_{n+3}, \dots, W_{2n-1}\}$ ), and they make  $CX_{n-1}X_n \cdots X_{2n-1} = E_n$ . So,  $AX_1X_2 \cdots X_{n-2}X_{n-1}X_n \cdots X_{2n-1} = E_n$ . Consequently,  $A = X_{2n-1}^{-1} \cdots X_2^{-1}X_1^{-1}$ . Hence,  $A \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{n+1})$  is true. From above,  $T_n^1 = L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{n+1})$  is tenable.

All  $n$  which are mentioned hereinafter satisfy the condition of  $4 \leq n \leq 10$ , and no longer explained.  $\square$

**Theorem 18.**  $T_n^2 = \{A \mid A = XF_n^2Y, \text{ both } X \text{ and } Y \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})\}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $A = XF_n^2Y$  and  $X, Y \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$ , then we get  $A \in T_n$  because  $F_n^2 \in T_n^2$  and  $W_i \in T_n$ . If we express  $A = (a_{ij})$ , then it is easy to check  $\max_{i,j} |a_{ij}| = 2$ . Therefore,  $A \in T_n^2$ , namely,  $\{A \mid A = XF_n^2Y, \text{ both } X \text{ and } Y \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})\} \subset T_n^2$ .

If  $A \in T_n^2$ , then  $A$  can left or right multiply by matrix in  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$ ; hence, matrix  $P_1 \triangleq (p_{ij})_{n \times n}$  is obtained, and it makes equations  $p_{22} = 2, |p_{n,n-1}| = |p_{n,n-2}| = |p_{n,n-3}| = 1 = |p_{n-1,n}| = |p_{n-2,n}| = |p_{n-3,n}|$ , and  $p_{nj} = p_{jn} = 0$  ( $j < n-3$ ) tenable.

If  $P_1$  is partitioned into  $P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ , in which  $P_{11}$  is  $(n-4)$ -th-order square matrix and  $P_{22}$  is 4-th-order square matrix, then there exists only one number which absolute value is equal to 1 in the former  $(n-4)$  column (include no.  $(n-4)$  column) of  $P_1$  from equation (26). In a similar way, there exists only one number which absolute value is equal to 1 in the former  $(n-4)$  row (include no.  $(n-4)$  row) of  $P_1$  from equation (26). Use equation (28) and reductio ad absurdum, we can get  $P_{12} = 0$  and  $P_{21} = 0$ , that is to say  $P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & P_{22} \end{pmatrix}$ .

For matrix  $P_2$ , it can be obtained by matrix  $P_1$  which left or right multiply by matrix in  $L(W_4, W_5, \dots, W_{n+1})$ . It

causes  $P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} R_2 & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{pmatrix}$ , in which  $R_2$  is a diagonal matrix and the absolute value of diagonal elements is equal to 1.

For matrix  $P_3$ , it can be obtained by matrix  $P_2$  which left or right multiply by matrix in  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$ . It causes  $P_3 = \begin{pmatrix} E_{n-4} & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{pmatrix}$ .

For matrix  $P_4$ , it can be obtained by matrix  $P_3$  which left or right multiply by matrix in  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$ . It causes  $P_4 = \begin{pmatrix} E_{n-4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & U & \beta \\ 0 & \alpha & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , in which  $\alpha = (1, 1, 1)$  and

$\beta = (1, 1, 1)^T$ . We know that only two elements' absolute values are equal to 1 in every row (column) of  $U$  by equation (26), and only two elements in every row (column) of  $U$  are equal to 1 by equation (28). For matrix  $P_4$ , it can left or right multiply by matrix of  $L(W_4, W_5, \dots, W_{n+1})$ . The result is matrix  $F_n^2$ .

From above, matrix  $F_n^2$  can be obtained by  $A$  which left or right multiply by matrix in  $L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$ . In other words, there exist  $X_1, Y_1 \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$ ; they cause  $X_1AY_1 = F_n^2$ . The other form is  $A = (X_1)^{-1}F_n^2(Y_1)^{-1}$ . Let  $X = (X_1)^{-1}$  and  $Y = (Y_1)^{-1}$ , then  $X, Y \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$ ; so,  $A = XF_n^2Y$ . Therefore,  $T_n^2 \subset \{A \mid A = XF_n^2Y, X \text{ and } Y \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})\}$ ; it follows that  $T_n^2 = \{A \mid A = XF_n^2Y, X \text{ and } Y \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})\}$ .  $\square$

*Inference 4.*  $T_n^2 \subset L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, \dots, W_{n+1})$ .

**Theorem 19.** Arbitrary  $A = (a_{ij}) \in T_n$ , if maximum absolute value of  $A$ 's element is  $y$ ; furthermore,  $y > 2$ , and then there exist  $Q_i \in L(W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) which make maximum absolute value of elements of matrix  $H = AQ_1Q_2 \cdots Q_nF_n^2$  be less than  $y$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, there exist  $Q_1 \in L(W_2, W_3, W_4, W_5, \dots, W_{n+1})$  which make the former  $(n-1)$  elements of last row in matrix  $AQ_1$  be nonnegative, and the last element of last row in matrix  $AQ_1$  is equal to  $-y$ ; there exist  $Q_2, Q_3, \dots, Q_n \in L(W_2, W_3, W_4, W_5, \dots, W_{n+1})$  which make  $Q \triangleq AQ_1Q_2 \cdots Q_n \triangleq (q_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , of which  $q_{nn} = -y, q_{ni} \geq 0$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ) and  $q_{n1} \leq q_{n2} \leq \dots \leq q_{n,n-1}$ . Let  $H = QF_n^2 = (h_{ij})_{n \times n}$ , and then we get  $h_{nn} = q_{n,n-3} \cdot 1 + q_{n,n-2} \cdot 1 + q_{n,n-1} \cdot 1 - 2y$ . Obviously,  $q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1} < 3y$ .

Now we must prove that  $q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1} > y$  is tenable when  $4 \leq n \leq 10$ .

When  $q_{n,n-3} = 0, q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} q_{ni} > y$  is true. Now we must prove that  $q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1} > y$  is still true when  $4 \leq n \leq 10$  and  $q_{n,n-3} > 0$ . Otherwise, from  $q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1} \leq y$  we can get  $(q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1})^2 \leq y^2$ . From  $1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} q_{ni}^2 = q_{nn}^2 = y^2$ , we can get  $1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} q_{ni}^2 + q_{n,n-3}^2 + q_{n,n-2}^2 + q_{n,n-1}^2 - (\sum_{i=n-3}^{n-1} q_{ni})^2 = y^2 - (\sum_{i=n-3}^{n-1} q_{ni})^2 \geq 0$ . Hence,  $1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} q_{ni}^2 \geq 2(q_{n,n-3}q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-3}q_{n,n-1} + q_{n,n-2}q_{n,n-1}) \geq 6q_{n,n-3}^2$ . If  $q_{n,n-3} > 1$ , then  $n-4 \geq 6$ ; from previous agreement  $n \leq 10$ , we know that  $n-4 = 6$ ; then from  $1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} q_{ni}^2 \geq 6q_{n,n-3}^2$  we get



$q_{n1} = q_{n2} = \dots = q_{n,n-1}$ , so  $9q_{n1}^2 = q_{nm}^2 - 1$ . But, it is out of question.

If  $q_{n,n-3} = 1$  and  $q_{n,n-1} \geq 2$ , then we get  $1 + (n - 4) \geq 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} q_{ni}^2 \geq 2(2 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1) = 8$ , so  $n \geq 11$ ; it contradicts with previous agreement  $n \leq 10$ ; if  $q_{n,n-3} = 1$  and  $q_{n,n-1} = 1$ , then  $|q_{ni}| \leq 1$  is true of arbitrary  $i \leq n - 1$ ; from  $1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-4} q_{ni}^2 \geq 6q_{n,n-3}^2$  we know that  $n - 3 \geq 6$ , namely,  $n \geq 9$  and  $q_{n,n-4} = 1$ ; hence, matrix  $H$  can be expressed as the form of  $H = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \alpha_3 & \alpha_4 & H_{16} \\ H_{21} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -y \end{pmatrix}$ .

From equation (27), we know that only two elements' absolute value of the former  $n - 1$  rows of  $n - i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) columns in matrix  $H$  is equal to 1, and the rest elements are equal to zero. And this conclusion is incompatible with equation (6.18).

From above,  $y < q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1} < 3y$  is true; in other words,  $|q_{n,n-3} + q_{n,n-2} + q_{n,n-1} - 2y| < |y|$  is true, namely,  $|h_{nm}| < |y|$  is tenable. Hence, Theorem 19 is established.  $\square$

**Theorem 20.**  $T_n = L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ . In other words,  $T_n$  is a finitely generated group, and  $F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1}$  is a generated tuple of  $T_n$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1}) \subset T_n$ . Arbitrary  $A \in T_n$ , and it can be written as  $A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n}$ . If  $|a_{nm}| > 2$ , then  $\exists Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n \in L(W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ , which make  $H_1 = AQ_1Q_2 \dots Q_n F_n^2 \triangleq (h_{ij}^1)_{n \times n}$  and  $|h_{nm}^1| < |a_{nm}|$  by Theorem 19. In other words,  $\exists X_1 \in L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ , which make  $H_1 = AX_1 \triangleq (h_{ij}^1)_{n \times n}$ , of which  $|h_{nm}^1| < |a_{nm}|$ ; if  $|h_{nm}^1| > 2$ , then we can apply the theorem time after time; hence, we get  $\exists X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k \in L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ , which make  $H_{m+1} = H_m X_{m+1}$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ )  $\triangleq (h_{ij}^m)_{n \times n}$  and  $|h_{nm}^k| < |h_{nm}^{k-1}| < \dots < |h_{nm}^1| < |a_{nm}|$ . Because lower bound of  $|h_{nm}^k|$  is 1 or 2, which is to say there exist  $k$ , which make  $|h_{nm}^k| = 2$  or  $|h_{nm}^k| = 1$ . If  $|h_{nm}^k| = 2$ , then  $H_k \in T_n^2$ ;  $T_n^2 \subset L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$  is true by Theorem 18, so  $A \in L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ . If  $|h_{nm}^k| = 1$ , then  $H_k \in L(W_1, W_2, \dots, W_{2n-1})$  is true by Theorem 17, so  $H_k \in L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ .

From above,  $T_n \subset L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$  is true, accordingly  $T_n = L(F_n^2, W_2, W_3, W_4, \dots, W_{n+1})$ . This is what we want to prove.

We suppose that  $T_n$  ( $n \geq 11$ ) still is a finitely generated group, but the presentation of  $T_n$  need to be further studied.  $\square$

### 8. Future Work and Prospects

Let  $W_n = \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \mid (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \text{ is } n\text{-order primitive Pythagorean vector}\}$ .

Start with (3, 4, 5) or (4, 3, 5) and multiply  $F_1, F_2$ , or  $F_3$  by it in any order any number of times, and all 3-dimensional primitive Pythagorean vectors can be formed trees which Cha et al. [15] call Berggren trees.

Since  $F_1 \in T_3, F_2 \in T_3, F_3 \in T_3, D_i \in T_3$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 9$ ), and  $T_3 = L(F_1, D_2, D_4, D_9)$ , we get that every 3-order primitive

Pythagorean vector can be obtained from multiplying  $F_1, D_2, D_4$ , or  $D_9$  by (3, 4, 5) in any order any number of times. Can all 3-dimensional primitive Pythagorean vectors be formed a Berggren tree starting with a primitive Pythagorean vector?

Using the definition and properties of  $T_3$ , we can obtain the another representation of  $W_3$ ; that is, we have that  $W_3 = \{(a, b, c) \mid (a, b, c) = (3, 4, 5) * F, \forall F \in T_3\}$ . Does  $W_n$  ( $n \geq 4$ ) have a similar representation?

In this paper, we have given the generators of the finitely generated group  $T_n$  ( $n \leq 10$ ). Is  $T_n$  ( $n > 10$ ) a finitely generated group? If  $T_n$  ( $n > 10$ ) is a finitely generated group, what are the generators of  $T_n$  ( $n > 10$ )?

These appear to be interesting questions, which we hope to take up in the near future.

### Data Availability

All data used to support the findings of this study are included within the article.

### Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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