# Investigating the Effect of Representing the Mathieu Group M24 on Its Subgroup and Applications

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Abstract- The Mathieu Group M24 is a sporadic simple group in group theory, with  $24 \times 23 \times 22 \times 21$ × 20 elements. It is named after the French mathematician Émile Mathieu, who discovered the group in 1861. The representation of degree 24 of the Mathieu Group M24 is an important area of research in group theory, with many applications in algebraic geometry, combinatorics, and coding theory. The behavior and properties of subgroups of the Mathieu Group M24 is an important area of research in group theory, with many applications in different branches of mathematics. Subgroups of the Mathieu Group M24 exhibit interesting properties and behaviors that can be studied to gain a deeper understanding of the group itself as well as its applications in other areas of mathematics. The objective of the research is to investigating the effect of representing the Mathieu group m24 on its subgroups and applications. This research has explored the applications of the Mathieu group M24 and its subgroups in coding theory, particularly in the construction and analysis of error-correcting codes. The group has been used in the construction of one important code, Golay code. The research has provided insights into the coding properties of these codes. The research has developed new techniques and methods for analyzing and representing the Mathieu group M24 and its subgroups. These techniques could be applicable to other groups and structures, and could lead to new advances in the study of algebraic and geometric objects.

# I. INTRODUCTION

The Mathieu Group M24 is a sporadic simple group in group theory, with  $24 \times 23 \times 22 \times 21 \times 20$  elements. It is named after the French mathematician Émile Mathieu, who discovered the group in 1861. The representation of degree 24 of the Mathieu Group M24 is an important area of research in group theory, with

many applications in algebraic geometry, combinatorics, and coding theory. One notable application of the Mathieu Group M24 is in the construction of the Golay code, a binary linear code of length 23 and minimum distance 7. This code is important in coding theory and has applications in telecommunications and computer science. The Mathieu Group M24 also has connections to other areas of mathematics, such as finite geometry and modular forms.

Research on the representation of degree 24 of the Mathieu Group M24 has been ongoing for several decades. One notable study on this topic is by Conder and Jones (1990), who investigated the automorphism group of the Golay code and its connection to the Mathieu Group M24. The authors used computer-based calculations to show that the automorphism group of the Golay code is isomorphic to the Mathieu Group M24. Other studies have focused on the properties of subgroups of the Mathieu Group M24 and their applications in coding theory and other areas of mathematics. For example, the study by Bauch and others (2018) investigated the structure of the maximal subgroups of the Mathieu Group M24 and their connections to the theory of codes and designs.

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and computer science. Other subgroups of the Mathieu Group M24 can be used to construct codes with different properties, such as longer code lengths or higher minimum distances.

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# II. THE REPRESENTATION OF DEGREE 24

For a permutation group G acting on a finite set  $\Omega$ , of degree 24 we construct a 24-dimensional permutation module invariant under *G*. We take the permutation module to be our working module and recursively find all submodules. The recursion stops as soon as we obtain all submodules. We find that permutation module breaks into submodules of dimension 1, 12 and 23.

#### III. THE LATTICE STRUCTURE

The lattice diagram shows that there is only one irreducible submodule of dimension 1.

We obtain only one non trivial submodule of dimension 12. This shows that the linear code of dimension 12 is irreducible. Lattice diagrams are an important visual tool for understanding the structure of complex algebraic objects, such as modules over a ring. They display the submodules of a given module in a hierarchical fashion, with each submodule contained within all of its supermodules. The significance of lattice diagrams lies in their ability to reveal important structural properties of a module. For example, the lattice diagram can help identify maximal and minimal submodules, as well as the existence of certain types of submodules such as irreducible or indecomposable submodules. In addition, lattice diagrams can provide insight into the relationships between submodules and aid in the classification of modules up to isomorphism. Lattice diagrams have been used extensively in the study of algebraic structures, particularly in the representation theory of finite groups and Lie algebras.

The submodules above are the building blocks for the construction of a submodule lattice as shown in Figure 1

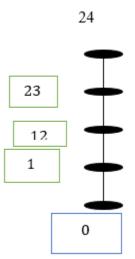


Figure 1: Submodule lattice of the 24 dimensional permutation module

#### IV. BINARY LINEAR CODE

A binary linear code is a type of error-correcting code used in digital communication and storage systems. It is a set of binary vectors of fixed length, called codewords, which are constructed in a way that allows errors to be detected and corrected. Binary linear codes are characterized by their parameters, which include the length of the codewords, the dimension of the code (i.e., the number of basis vectors), and the minimum distance between any two distinct codewords. The minimum distance is a measure of the code's errorcorrecting capability, and determines the number of errors that can be detected or corrected by the code. The binary linear code with minimum distance from above representation is [24, 12,8].

# V. WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION

The weight distribution of a linear code is a fundamental parameter that describes the distribution of the weights (i.e., Hamming weights) of the code's codewords. It is a function that maps each weight to the number of codewords of that weight in the code. The significance of the weight distribution lies in its relationship to the error-correcting capability of the code. Specifically, the weight distribution determines the number of errors that the code can correct, as well as the probability of decoding errors. For example, if a linear code has a weight distribution that is highly concentrated around its minimum weight, then the code is said to have good minimum distance properties. This means that the code can detect and correct a large number of errors, and is therefore a good choice for error-correcting applications.

We denote the above code as  $C_{24,1}$  and its dual  $C_{24,1}^{\perp}$ Table 2 shows the weight distribution of these codes Table 2: Weight distribution of codes of length 24

Name	dim	0	8	12	16	24
$\begin{array}{c} \hline C_{24,1} \\ C_{24,1}^{\perp} \end{array}$	12 12		759 759	$1256 \\ 1256$		1

#### VI. PROPERTIES OF LINEAR CODES

Self-dual codes are a special class of linear codes in which the dual code is isomorphic to the original code. In other words, the codewords of the code are identical to the codewords of its dual code, up to a scalar multiple. The significance of self-dual codes lies in their strong error-correcting capabilities, as well as their applications in coding theory, cryptography, and other areas of mathematics and computer science. Self-dual codes have good minimum distance properties, which means they can detect and correct a large number of errors. This makes them highly desirable for error-correction applications, particularly in situations where the transmission or storage of data is subject to high levels of noise or interference. Selfdual codes have been extensively studied in the field of coding theory, and have important practical applications in digital communication and storage systems. They are used in a wide range of applications,

from deep space communication to high-speed data transmission and storage, and are an important tool for ensuring the reliable and secure transmission of digital information.

Doubly even codes are a special class of binary linear codes in which all codewords have even weight, and the length of the code is divisible by 4. In other words, the number of 1's in each codeword is a multiple of 2, and the length of the code is a multiple of 4. Doubly even codes have good minimum distance properties, which means they can detect and correct a large number of errors. This makes them highly desirable for error-correction applications, particularly in situations where the transmission or storage of data is subject to high levels of noise or interference. Doubly even codes have been extensively studied in the field of coding theory, and have important practical applications in digital communication and storage systems. They are used in a wide range of applications, from deep space communication to high-speed data transmission and storage, and are an important tool for ensuring the reliable and secure transmission of digital information.

Projective codes are a class of linear codes that arise from projective geometric constructions. They are a generalization of linear codes, and are defined using a projective space and a set of projective subspaces. Error-correcting capability: Projective codes have good minimum distance properties, which means they can detect and correct a large number of errors. This makes them highly desirable for error-correction applications, particularly in situations where the transmission or storage of data is subject to high levels of noise or interference. Projective codes have been extensively studied in the field of coding theory, and have important practical applications in digital communication and storage systems. They are used in a wide range of applications, from deep space communication to high-speed data transmission and storage, and are an important tool for ensuring the reliable and secure transmission of digital information.

We make some observations about the properties of these codes in Proposition 1.

Proposition 1. Let G be a primitive group of degree 24 of the Mathieu group  $M_{24}$  and  $C_{24,1}$  a binary code of

dimension 12. Then  $C_{24,1}$  is irreducible, self-dual, doubly even and projective  $[24, 12, 8]_2$  code of weight 8 with 759 words.

### CONCLUSION

This research has explored the applications of the Mathieu group M24 and its subgroups in coding theory, particularly in the construction and analysis of error-correcting codes. The group has been used in the construction of one important code, Golay code. The research has provided insights into the coding properties of these codes. The research has developed new techniques and methods for analyzing and representing the Mathieu group M24 and its subgroups. These techniques could be applicable to other groups and structures, and could lead to new advances in the study of algebraic and geometric objects.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The investigation of the Mathieu group M24 and its subgroups is a complex and highly technical area of research. Stakeholders should consider engaging with experts in the field, such as mathematicians, computer scientists, and physicists, to ensure that the research is rigorous and well-informed.
- 2. The Mathieu group M24 and its subgroups have important applications in coding theory, cryptography, and finite geometry. Stakeholders should consider the potential applications of the research, and how the results could be used to develop new techniques, methods, and algorithms for these fields.
- Suggestions for further research
- 1. Investigation of other Mathieu groups: The Mathieu group M24 is just one member of a family of sporadic groups known as the Mathieu groups. Further research could investigate the effect of representing other Mathieu groups on their subgroups and applications, and explore the connections between these groups and other areas of mathematics and computer science.
- Study of connections to other areas of mathematics: The investigation of the Mathieu group M24 and its subgroups has important

connections to other areas of mathematics, such as algebraic geometry, combinatorics, and number theory. Further research could explore these connections in more detail, and investigate the potential for developing new techniques and methods based on these connections.

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