

# ON PERFECT AND EXTREME FORMS

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $f(x) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} x_i x_j$  ( $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ ) be a positive quadratic form with determinant  $D$ , and let  $M$  be the minimum of  $f$  for integral  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $f$  attains the value  $M$  for a finite number of integral  $x = \pm m_k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, s$ ) called its *minimal vectors*.

$f$  is said to be *perfect* if the  $s$  equations

$$f(m_k) = \sum_i \sum_j a_{ij} m_{ki} m_{kj} = M \quad (k = 1, \dots, s)$$

uniquely determine the  $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$  coefficients  $a_{ij}$  of  $f$ ; that is, if the equations

$$g(m_k) = \sum_i \sum_j b_{ij} m_{ki} m_{kj} = 0 \quad (k = 1, \dots, s; b_{ij} = b_{ji})$$

have only the trivial solution  $b_{ij} \equiv 0$ .

$f$  is said to be *extreme* if for all infinitesimal variations of the coefficients  $a_{ij}$ ,  $M^n/D$  is a maximum; defining  $\Delta = (2/M)^n D$ , we see that  $f$  is extreme if  $\Delta$  is a local minimum.

Let  $F(y) = \sum_i \sum_j A_{ij} y_i y_j$  be the adjoint of  $f$ ; we say that  $f$  is *eutactic* if  $F(y)$  is expressible as

$$(1.1) \quad F(y) = \sum_{k=1}^s \rho_k (m'_k y)^2 = \sum_{k=1}^s \rho_k \lambda_k^2 \quad (\rho_k > 0; k = 1, \dots, s).$$

Voronoi [9] proved

**THEOREM 1.1.** *A positive quadratic form is extreme if and only if it is perfect and eutactic.*

For forms with  $n \geq 6$ , this is often not a simple criterion to apply; in § 2 I give a useful simplification of the general relation (1.1) in terms of the group of automorphs of the form. A more specialised result of this nature has been obtained by Barnes [1].

All the perfect and extreme forms are now known for  $n \leq 6$ . In particular, Korkine and Zolotareff [8] found all the perfect forms for  $n \leq 5$ , and recently Barnes [2] has given the complete enumeration of the perfect forms for  $n = 6$ . Relatively little appears to be known about the forms for

$n > 6$ ; most of the known perfect forms are listed in Coxeter [6] and Barnes [3, I]. All others are:  $K_{12}$  given in [7];  $K_{11}$  of [3, II];  $\Phi_{10}$  of [5]; the unclassified forms given in [3, II]; and the sequences of forms of [4] and [10].

In §§ 3 and 5, I define two new classes of forms which considerably extend the list of known perfect forms. Thus for the early values of  $n$ , we find that these new forms  $R_n, S_n$  contribute:

for $n = 7$ ,	7 perfect forms;
for $n = 8$ ,	21 perfect forms;
for $n = 9$ ,	43 perfect forms.

All except four of these are new, the exceptions being  $R_7(3, 2, 2)$ ,  $R_9(5, 3, 1)$ ,  $S_7(6, 2)$  and  $S_7(5, 3)$  which appear as extensions in [3, II]. However, these forms are classified here for the first time. Tables of the forms  $R_n, S_n$  for  $n = 7, 8$  and  $9$  are given at the end of §§ 3 and 5 respectively.

Suppose the variables of the  $(n+1)$ -dimensional form  $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$  are made to satisfy the non-trivial linear relation

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_1^{n+1} p_i x_i = 0.$$

The form  $f(\mathbf{x})$  and the condition (1.2) now define a new form  $g(\mathbf{x})$  say;  $g(\mathbf{x})$  is said to be the *section* of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  by  $\sum p_i x_i = 0$ .  $g(\mathbf{x})$  is in fact an  $n$ -dimensional form; in practice, however, because of symmetry considerations, it is often more convenient to leave it expressed in  $n+1$  variables. It should be noted that the form  $g(\mathbf{x})$  (as an  $(n+1)$ -variable form) has no unique adjoint form; the adjoint  $G(\mathbf{y})$  is in fact found to be dependent on the particular  $n$  variables from  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}$ , remaining after elimination of a variable between  $f(\mathbf{x})$  and (1.2). The forms  $S_n$  of § 5 are obtained as sections of the forms  $R_{n+1}$  defined in § 3. In § 4, I obtain a number of results relating the properties of a form to those of its section. These are: (i) a necessary and sufficient condition that a section of a perfect form be perfect; (ii) formulae giving the adjoint and determinant of the section in terms of the known form. These results are then used to establish the properties of the forms  $S_n$ .

The definitions of the forms  $B_n, L_n^r, P_n$  and  $Q_n$ , referred to in this paper, are given in [3, I].

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## 2. Simplification of Voronoi's criterion for eutactic forms

As we saw in § 1, the form  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \sum a_{ij} x_i x_j$ , is eutactic if its adjoint  $F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \sum A_{ij} x_i x_j$  is expressible as

$$(2.1) \quad F = \sum_1^s \rho_k \lambda_k^2, \quad (\rho_k > 0; k = 1, \dots, s).$$

Let  $g$  be the group of automorphs of  $f$ . Then under the contragredient group  $G$ , the linear forms  $\lambda_k$  fall into the transitive systems

$$(2.2) \quad (\lambda_1^{(1)}, \dots, \lambda_{k_1}^{(1)}), \dots, (\lambda_1^{(r)}, \dots, \lambda_{k_r}^{(r)}).$$

We now rewrite (2.1) as

$$(2.3) \quad F = \sum_{i=1}^r \left( \sum_{k=1}^{k_i} \rho_k^{(i)} (\lambda_k^{(i)})^2 \right), \quad \rho_k^{(i)} > 0.$$

We now prove

LEMMA 2.1. (i) *If  $F$  can be expressed in the form (2.3) with the  $\rho_k^{(i)}$  unrestricted in sign, then there is an expression with*

$$\rho_k^{(i)} = \sigma_i \quad (k = 1, \dots, k_i, i = 1, \dots, r).$$

(ii) *The form  $f$  is eutactic if and only if there is now a solution of (2.3) with*

$$\sigma_1 > 0, \dots, \sigma_r > 0.$$

PROOF. If the group  $G$  has order  $h$ , there are precisely  $h/k_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ) elements of  $G$  which transform a form of the  $i$ th set of (2.2) into another given form of that set. Applying all the transformations of  $G$  to (2.3), and adding, we obtain

$$hF = \sum_{i=1}^r \left\{ \frac{h}{k_i} (\rho_1^{(i)} + \rho_2^{(i)} + \dots + \rho_{k_i}^{(i)}) \sum_{k=1}^{k_i} (\lambda_k^{(i)})^2 \right\}.$$

Thus

$$(2.4) \quad F = \sigma_1 \sum_{k=1}^{k_1} (\lambda_k^{(1)})^2 + \dots + \sigma_r \sum_{k=1}^{k_r} (\lambda_k^{(r)})^2,$$

where

$$(2.5) \quad \sigma_i = \frac{1}{k_i} (\rho_1^{(i)} + \rho_2^{(i)} + \dots + \rho_{k_i}^{(i)}), \quad (i = 1, \dots, r).$$

This proves (i).

If now there is a solution of (2.4) with

$$\sigma_i > 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, r),$$

clearly this is also a solution of (2.3), and  $f$  is eutactic.

If, however, for some  $i$ , necessarily  $\sigma_i \leq 0$ , then from (2.5) there is at least one value of  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq k_i$ ), for which

$$\rho_j^{(i)} \leq 0,$$

and  $f$  is not eutactic. This completes the proof.

COROLLARY 1. *If in (2.4) there is some value of  $i$  for which  $\sigma_i < 0$ , then from (2.5), there is at least one value of  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq k_i$ ) for which*

$$\rho_j^{(t)} < 0.$$

In practice, Lemma 2.1 has no great application, as a complete knowledge of the group  $G$  is required. However, we can use the lemma to obtain the following more general result.

**THEOREM 2.1.**  *$F$  has a representation of the form*

$$(2.6) \quad F = \sum_1^s \rho_k \lambda_k^2$$

with either  $\rho_k > 0$  ( $k = 1, \dots, s$ ) or  $\rho_k$  unrestricted in sign ( $k = 1, \dots, s$ ), if and only if there is a representation which also satisfies the condition that  $\rho_r = \rho_s$  whenever  $\lambda_r$  and  $\lambda_s$  are equivalent under  $G$ .

**PROOF.** The representation provided by Lemma 2.1 satisfies the condition of the theorem, since any two equivalent forms  $\lambda_r, \lambda_s$  are included in one system of transitivity under  $G$ .

### 3. The form $R_m(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$

3.1. *Definition, Minimum and Determinant.* We define  $R_m = R_m(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$  to be the form

$$(3.1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{t=1}^k A_{r_t}(x^{(t)})$$

with lattice the sublattice of the integral lattice

$$(3.2) \quad \sum_1^m x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{(r_1+1)},$$

where

$$r_1 \geq r_2 \geq \dots \geq r_k \geq 1; \sum_{t=1}^k r_t = m,$$

and  $\mathbf{x} = (x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(k)})$ ;

and  $A_r$  is the connected, reflexible form of [6], defined by

$$A_r(x) = x_1^2 - x_1 x_2 + x_2^2 - \dots - x_{r-1} x_r + x_r^2.$$

For example  $R_7(6, 1)$  is the form

$$f(x) = \{(x_1^{(1)})^2 - x_1^{(1)} x_2^{(1)} + \dots - x_6^{(1)} x_6^{(1)} + (x_6^{(1)})^2\} + (x_1^{(2)})^2$$

with lattice the sublattice of the integral lattice

$$\sum_1^7 x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{7},$$

where

$$\mathbf{x} = (x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}).$$

Since  $A_r$  has determinant  $(r+1)/2^r$ , we see that

$$D(R_m) = (r_1+1)^2 \prod_{t=1}^k \left( \frac{r_t+1}{2^{r_t}} \right) \\ = \frac{1}{2^m} (r_1+1)^2 \prod_{t=1}^k (r_t+1).$$

We shall also show that

$$M(R_m) = 2, \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta(R_m) = \frac{1}{2^m} (r_1+1)^2 \prod_{t=1}^k (r_t+1).$$

We first examine all integral vectors  $x \neq 0$  for which

$$(3.3) \quad f \leq 2.$$

Let  $e_i^{(t)}$  denote the unit vector in  $m$ -space corresponding to the coordinate  $x_i^{(t)}$ . Since

$$(3.4) \quad A_{r_t}(x^{(t)}) \begin{cases} = 0 & \text{if } x^{(t)} = 0, \\ = 1 & \text{if } \pm x^{(t)} = \sum_{i=p+1}^{p+h} e_i^{(t)}, \quad (0 \leq p < p+h \leq r_t), \\ \geq 2 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

in order to satisfy (3.3),  $A_{r_t}(x^{(t)})$  can be non-zero for at most two values of  $t$ .

(i) Suppose a single  $A_{r_t}(x^{(t)})$  is non-zero. Since no  $x^{(t)}$  for which  $A_{r_t}(x^{(t)}) = 1$  satisfies the relation (3.2), we have  $A_{r_t}(x^{(t)}) \geq 2$ .

If  $r_t \geq 3$ , there are vectors  $x^{(t)}$  satisfying (3.2) for which  $A_{r_t}(x^{(t)}) = 2$ ; for example

$$x^{(t)} = e_i^{(t)} - e_j^{(t)} \quad (j \neq i+1).$$

(ii) Suppose  $A_{r_t}(x^{(t)})$  is non-zero for just two values of  $t$ ,  $t = t_1$ , and  $t = t_2$  say. Then from (3.4),  $f \geq 2$ , equality holding when

$$A_{r_{t_1}}(x^{(t_1)}) = A_{r_{t_2}}(x^{(t_2)}) = 1.$$

In this case, we have

$$\pm(x^{(t_1)} \pm x^{(t_2)}) = \sum_{j=p_1+1}^{p_1+h_1} e_j^{(t_1)} \pm \sum_{j=p_2+1}^{p_2+h_2} e_j^{(t_2)} \quad (0 \leq p_i < p_i+h_i \leq r_{t_i}, i = 1, 2),$$

where  $x^{(t_1)}$ ,  $x^{(t_2)}$  are defined with like sign in (3.4<sub>2</sub>). Of these, only the following satisfy (3.2), and so are minimal vectors:

$$\pm(x^{(t_1)} + x^{(t_2)}) \quad \text{with} \quad h_1+h_2 = r_1+1, \\ \pm(x^{(t_1)} - x^{(t_2)}) \quad \text{with} \quad h_1 = h_2.$$

Hence the form  $R_m(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$  has minimum 2 as required, provided  $k = 1, r_1 \geq 3$ ; or  $k \geq 2$ .

We note that the forms  $B_m, L_m^*$  are special cases of  $R_m$  with

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 = r_2 = \dots = r_m = 1, \\ 2 = r_1 \geq r_2 \geq \dots \geq r_k \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. To avoid repetition, in what follows we assume  $r_1 \geq 3$ .

3.2. *Conditions for Perfection.* We shall need the following minimal vectors of  $R_m$ :

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} e_i^{(t)} - e_j^{(t)} (1 \leq i < j \leq r_t, j \neq i+1; 1 \leq t \leq k), \\ e_i^{(t_1)} - e_j^{(t_2)} (1 \leq i \leq r_{t_1}, 1 \leq j \leq r_{t_2}; 1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq k), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{aligned} e_i^{(t)} + e_{i+1}^{(t)} - e_j^{(t)} - e_{j+1}^{(t)} (1 \leq i < j \leq r_t, j > i+2; 1 \leq t \leq k), \\ e_i^{(t_1)} + e_{i+1}^{(t_1)} - e_j^{(t_2)} - e_{j+1}^{(t_2)} (1 \leq i < i+1 \leq r_{t_1}, 1 \leq j < j+1 \leq r_{t_2}; \\ 1 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq k), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.7) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{r_t} e_i^{(1)} + e_j^{(t)} (1 \leq j \leq r_t; 2 \leq t \leq k),$$

$$(3.8) \quad \left. \begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{r_t-1} e_i^{(1)} + e_j^{(t)} + e_{j+1}^{(t)} \\ \sum_{i=2}^{r_t} e_i^{(1)} + e_j^{(t)} + e_{j+1}^{(t)} \end{aligned} \right\} (1 \leq j < j+1 \leq r_t; 2 \leq t \leq k).$$

LEMMA 3.1. *If the form  $R_m$  defined by (3.1) and (3.2) is perfect, then so is the form  $R_{m+r_0}$  ( $r_0 \leq r_1$ ):*

$$f_0(x, x^{(0)}) = f(x) + A_{r_0}(x^{(0)})$$

with lattice

$$\sum_1^{m+r_0} x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{(r_1+1)}.$$

PROOF. The minimal vectors of  $R_{m+r_0}$  include

$$(3.9) \quad (i) \text{ the vectors (3.5}_1) \text{ with } t = 0; (3.5_2) \text{ with } t_2 = 0;$$

$$(3.10) \quad (ii) \text{ the vectors (3.6}_1) \text{ with } t = 0; (3.6_2) \text{ with } t_2 = 0;$$

$$(3.11) \quad (iii) \text{ the vectors (3.7) with } t = 0.$$

Suppose all the minimal vectors of  $R_{m+r_0}$  satisfy the relation

$$(3.12) \quad \sum_1^{m+r_0} \sum_1^{m+r_0} p_{ij} x_i x_j = 0 \quad (p_{ii} = p_{jj}).$$

We set

$$q_{ij} = q_{ji} = 2p_{ij} - p_{ii} - p_{jj} \quad (i \neq j).$$

Since  $R_m$  is perfect

$$(3.13) \quad p_{ij} = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq j \leq m),$$

and so

$$(3.14) \quad q_{ij} = 0 \quad (1 \leq i < j \leq m).$$

From the vectors (3.9),

$$q_{ij} = 0$$

for  $i, j$  taken over the ranges given in (3.5).

If  $r_0 \geq 2$ , from the vectors (3.10) we obtain

$$q_{i,i+1} + q_{j,j+1} = 0,$$

where  $i, j$  take values as in (3.6). Using (3.14),

$$q_{j,j+1} = 0 \quad (m+1 \leq j < j+1 \leq m+r_0),$$

and hence

$$q_{ij} \equiv 0 \quad (1 \leq i < j \leq m+r_0).$$

It follows that (3.12) must be of the form

$$\left( \sum_1^{m+r_0} x_i \right) \left( \sum_1^{m+r_0} p_{ij} x_j \right) = 0.$$

From (3.13),  $p_{jj} = 0$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m$ ); now using the vectors (3.11),

$$p_{jj} = 0 \quad (m+1 \leq j \leq m+r_0),$$

and  $R_{m+r_0}$  is perfect.

We now examine those forms which cannot be obtained in this way.

I. Forms containing three terms  $A_{r_i}$ , ( $r_1 \geq r_2 \geq r_3 \geq 2$ ).

$$f(x) = A_{r_1}(x^{(1)}) + A_{r_2}(x^{(2)}) + A_{r_3}(x^{(3)}),$$

and

$$\sum_1^m x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{(r_1+1)}.$$

We again consider a quadratic relation

$$(3.15) \quad \sum_1^m \sum_1^m p_{ij} x_i x_j = 0$$

satisfied by all the minimal vectors.

From the vectors (3.5),

$$q_{ij} = 0,$$

where  $i, j$  take the values given in (3.5) (with  $k=3$ ). Similarly, from (3.6) we have

$$q_{i,i+1} + q_{j,j+1} = 0,$$

again with the ranges of  $i, j$  as in (3.6), and since  $f$  contains three terms, it follows that

$$q_{i,i+1} = q_{i,j+1} = 0.$$

Hence (3.15) can be written

$$\left(\sum_1^m x_i\right) \left(\sum_1^m p_{jj} x_j\right) = 0.$$

Finally, from the vectors (3.8) it easily follows that

$$p_{jj} = 0 \quad (1 \leq j \leq m)$$

and  $R_m$  is perfect.

II. Forms containing just two terms  $A_{r_1}, A_{r_2} (r_1 \geq r_2 \geq 2)$ .

$$f(x) = A_{r_1}(x^{(1)}) + A_{r_2}(x^{(2)})$$

with lattice

$$\sum_1^m x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{(r_1+1)}.$$

For  $r_1 \geq 5$ , it is easy to show that  $R_m$  is perfect, using the same method as in I. However,  $R_m$  is not perfect in the following cases:

$R_5(3,2)$ : this case is trivial, since now  $s < N = \frac{1}{2}m(m+1)$ .

$R_6(3,3)$ : all minimal vectors satisfy the relation

$$(y_1+y_2+y_3)^2 - (y_4+y_5+y_6)^2 - 4(y_1y_2+y_2y_3-y_4y_5-y_5y_6) = 0.$$

$R_6(4,2)$ : we find  $s = 20 < N = 21$ .

$R_7(4,3)$ : all minimal vectors satisfy

$$-\left(\sum_1^4 y_i\right)^2 + \left(\sum_5^7 y_i\right)^2 + 5(y_1y_2+y_2y_3+y_3y_4-y_5y_6-y_6y_7) = 0.$$

$R_8(4,4)$ : all minimal vectors satisfy

$$g(y) = -\left(\sum_1^4 y_i\right)^2 + \left(\sum_5^8 y_i\right)^2 + 5(y_1y_2+y_2y_3+y_3y_4-y_5y_6-y_6y_7-y_7y_8) = 0.$$

We note here that  $R_9(4,4,1)$  is perfect. For, consider the relation

$$kg(y) + 2 \sum_{i < 9} p_{i9} y_i y_9 + p_{99} y_9^2 = 0.$$

From the minimal vectors  $e_i - e_9$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2p_{i9} &= p_{99} - k & (1 \leq i \leq 4), \\ 2p_{i9} &= p_{99} + k & (5 \leq i \leq 8). \end{aligned}$$

Now using the vectors

$$e_1 + e_2 + e_3 + e_4 + e_9, \quad e_5 + e_6 + e_7 + e_8 + e_9,$$



we obtain

$$p_{99} + k = 0, \quad p_{99} - k = 0;$$

hence  $f$  is perfect.

Similarly  $R_7(3,3,1)$  is perfect.

III. Forms containing a single term  $A_m$ .

$$f(x) = A_m(x) = x_1^2 - x_1x_2 + x_2^2 - \cdots - x_{m-1}x_m + x_m^2$$

with lattice

$$\sum_1^m x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m+1}.$$

If we apply the unimodular transformation

$$x = Ty = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdot & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix} y,$$

we obtain the form

$$2f(x) = \sum_1^m y_i^2 + \left(\sum_1^m y_i\right)^2$$

with lattice

$$\sum_1^m iy_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m+1}.$$

This is the form  $P_m$ , known to be perfect and extreme for  $m \geq 6$ . (For  $m \geq 8$ , perfection can be established as in I).

3.3. *Equivalences to Known Forms.* We have the following equivalences:

(i)  $R_7(3,3,1) \sim P_7$  under the transformation

$$y = T_1x = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 & -1 & \cdot & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & \cdot & 2 & \cdot & 2 & \cdot & -2 \\ -1 & -2 & 1 & \cdot & -1 & -2 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & \cdot & 1 & -2 & -1 \\ 2 & 4 & 2 & 4 & 2 & \cdot & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & \cdot & 2 & \cdot & 2 & \cdot & 2 \end{pmatrix} x$$

(ii)  $R_8(3,3,1,1) \sim Q_8$  under the transformation

$$y = T_2 x = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & \cdot & 1 & -2 & -1 & \cdot & 1 \\ 2 & \cdot & 2 & \cdot & -2 & \cdot & -2 & \cdot \\ \cdot & -1 & 2 & 1 & \cdot & -1 & -2 & 1 \\ -1 & \cdot & 1 & 2 & -1 & \cdot & 1 & -2 \\ \cdot & 2 & \cdot & 2 & \cdot & -2 & \cdot & -2 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 & \cdot & -1 & -2 & 1 & \cdot \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x.$$

3.4 *The Eutaxy of  $R_m(r_1, \dots, r_k)$ .* The adjoint  $F(x)$  of the form (3.1) is a multiple of

$$(3.16) \quad f^*(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k A_{r_i}^*(x^{(i)})$$

where

$$\frac{1}{2}(r_i+1)A_{r_i}^*(x^{(i)}) = \sum_{i=1}^{r_i} (x_i^{(i)})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{r_i-1} (x_i^{(i)} + x_{i+1}^{(i)})^2 + \dots + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{r_i} x_i^{(i)}\right)^2.$$

We next consider the problem of deciding when  $R_m$  is eutactic, i.e. when its adjoint  $F(x)$  is expressible as

$$(3.17) \quad F(x) = \sum_1^s \rho_k \lambda_k^2, \quad \rho_k > 0,$$

where  $\lambda_k (k = 1, \dots, s)$  are the associated linear forms.

If for some  $i, j, (1 < i < j \leq k)$  we have

$$r_i + r_j < r_i + 1,$$

then  $R_m(r_1, \dots, r_k)$  is not eutactic.

For the coefficient of  $x_1^{(i)} x_1^{(j)}$  in  $F(x)$  is zero, and now the only linear forms  $\lambda_k$  for which  $\lambda_k^2$  involves a term in  $x_1^{(i)} x_1^{(j)}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_a &\equiv x_1^{(i)} - x_1^{(j)}, \\ \lambda_b &\equiv x_1^{(i)} + x_2^{(i)} - x_1^{(j)} - x_2^{(j)}, \\ &\vdots \\ \lambda_d &\equiv \sum_{k=1}^{r_j} (x_k^{(i)} - x_k^{(j)}). \end{aligned}$$

Equating coefficients of  $2x_1^{(i)} x_1^{(j)}$  in (3.17), we obtain

$$-\rho_a - \rho_b - \dots - \rho_d = 0,$$

and so  $R_m$  cannot be eutactic.

There appears to be no completely general result for the remaining forms  $R_m$ . However, the calculations required for any particular form are greatly simplified by the use of Theorem 2.1.

For completeness, we note the following elements of the group  $G$  of automorphs of  $F(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_i &= (x_j^{(i)} \rightarrow x_{r_i+1-j}^{(i)}, (j = 1, \dots, r_i)); (i = 1, \dots, k); \\
 V_{ij} &= (x_k^{(i)} \rightarrow x_k^{(j)}, (k = 1, \dots, r_i)); \text{ provided } r_i = r_j; \\
 W &= (x_i^{(1)} \rightarrow x_{i+1}^{(1)}, (i = 1, \dots, r_1-1); x_{r_1}^{(1)} \rightarrow -\sum_{i=1}^{r_1-1} x_i^{(1)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, in view of the equivalence  $R_8(3,3,1,1) \sim Q_8$  we note that the form  $Q_8$  is not extreme, contrary to the statement made in [3, I], p. 79.

In Table 1 are listed the new forms  $R_m(r_1, \dots, r_k)$  for  $m = 7, 8, 9$ . The columns give respectively the value of  $m$ ; the values of the parameters  $r_1, \dots, r_k$  as a partition of  $m$ ; the quantity  $\Delta = (2/M)^m D$ ; the number  $s$  of pairs of opposite minimal vectors; and whether the form is extreme ( $E$ ), or perfect and not extreme ( $P$ ).

TABLE 1  
The forms  $R_m(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$  for  $m = 7, 8, 9$ .

$m$	Partition of $m$	$\Delta$	$s$	$P$ or $E$
7	6+1	$7^3/2^6$	28	$E$
	5+2	$3^4/2^4$	30	$E$
	3+2+2	$3^3/2$	32	$E$
8	7+1	4	44	$P$
	6+2	$3 \cdot 7^3/2^6$	42	$E$
	5+3	$3^3/2^3$	49	$P$
	6+1+1	$7^3/2^6$	36	$P$
	5+2+1	$3^4/2^4$	38	$P$
	4+2+2	$3^2 \cdot 5^3/2^6$	40	$P$
	3+3+2	3	52	$E$
	3+2+2+1	$3^3/2$	40	$P$
9	8+1	$3^6/2^6$	63	$E$
	7+2	3	60	$E$
	6+3	$7^3/2^7$	64	$E$
	5+4	$3^5 \cdot 5/2^8$	76	$E$
	7+1+1	4	53	$P$
	6+2+1	$3 \cdot 7^3/2^8$	51	$P$
	5+3+1	$3^3/2^3$	58	$P$
	5+2+2	$3^5/2^6$	53	$P$
	4+4+1	$5^4/2^6$	70	$E$
	4+3+2	$3 \cdot 5^3/2^7$	60	$E$
	3+3+3	2	78	$E$
	6+1+1+1	$7^3/2^6$	45	$P$
	5+2+1+1	$3^4/2^4$	47	$P$
	4+2+2+1	$3^2 \cdot 5^3/2^8$	49	$P$
	3+3+2+1	3	62	$P$
	3+2+2+2	$3^3/2^3$	56	$E$
3+3+1+1+1	4	55	$P$	
3+2+2+1+1	$3^3/2$	49	$P$	

**4. Theorems on sections of positive quadratic forms**

4.1. *The Perfection of a Section.* Let  $g(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1})$  be an arbitrary positive definite form with minimum  $M$  for integral  $x \neq 0$ , and let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be the section obtained by setting

$$(4.1) \quad \sum_1^{n+1} \alpha_i x_i = 0 \quad (\alpha_{n+1} \neq 0, \alpha_i \text{ integral}).$$

**THEOREM 4.1.** *The section  $f$  is perfect if and only if any quadratic relation*

$$(4.2) \quad \sum_1^{n+1} \sum_1^{n+1} p_{ij} x_i x_j = 0 \quad (p_{ij} = p_{ji})$$

*satisfied by all the minimal vectors common to  $f$  and  $g$ , is necessarily of the form*

$$(4.3) \quad \left( \sum_1^{n+1} p_i x_i \right) \left( \sum_1^{n+1} \alpha_i x_i \right) = 0.$$

**PROOF.** After applying a suitable integral unimodular transformation, we may take (4.1) to be

$$x_{n+1} = 0$$

in which case

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(x_1, \dots, x_n, 0),$$

and (4.3) becomes

$$(4.4) \quad \left( \sum_1^{n+1} p_i x_i \right) x_{n+1} = 0.$$

(i) If any quadratic relation satisfied by the minimal vectors common to  $f$  and  $g$  is of the form (4.4), then  $f$  is perfect, since for all such vectors,  $x_{n+1}$  is identically zero.

(ii) Assume  $f$  is perfect. Now in (4.2) we have

$$p_{ij} = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq j \leq n)$$

and the relation becomes

$$\left( 2 \sum_{i=1}^n p_{i,n+1} x_i + p_{n+1,n+1} x_{n+1} \right) x_{n+1} = 0$$

which is essentially the same as (4.4).

4.2. *The Adjoint of a Section.* Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} a_{ij} x_i x_j$ , be a positive quadratic form with inverse  $F(y_1, \dots, y_n, y_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} A_{ij} y_i y_j$ . We define  $g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to be the  $n$ -dimensional section of  $f$  obtained by the elimination of  $x_{n+1}$  using the relation

$$(4.5) \quad \sum_1^{n+1} p_i x_i = 0.$$

**THEOREM 4.2.** *The adjoint of  $g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a multiple of*

$$(4.6) \quad \omega(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \kappa F(y_1, \dots, y_n, y_{n+1}) - \left( \sum_1^{n+1} q_i y_i \right)^2$$

where  $y_{n+1} = 0$ , and

$$(4.7) \quad \kappa = F(p_1, \dots, p_n, p_{n+1}),$$

$$(4.8) \quad q_i = \sum_j A_{ij} p_j, \quad (1 \leq i \leq n+1).$$

**PROOF.** In this proof and in § 4.3 it is convenient to obtain the section of  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1})$  by eliminating the first variable. We therefore cyclically permute the variables to bring  $x_{n+1}$  into the first position and rename it  $x_0$ .

Since  $f$  is a positive definite form, there now exists a transformation  $(x_0, \dots, x_n) = T(z_0, \dots, z_n)$ , where  $T$  is a regular  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  triangular matrix with elements  $t_{ij}$  ( $0 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ ), such that

$$(4.9) \quad f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = \sum_0^n z_i^2.$$

Under this transformation (4.5) becomes

$$(4.10) \quad \sum_0^n \alpha_i z_i = 0$$

for some coefficients  $\alpha_i$ .

We now need the following result:

**LEMMA 4.1.** *In the variables  $z_i$ ,  $g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is given by*

$$(4.11) \quad g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_1^n z_i^2 + \left( \sum_1^n \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_0} z_i \right)^2,$$

obtained by eliminating  $z_0$  between (4.9) and (4.10).

**PROOF.** Under the transformation  $T$  we have

$$(4.12) \quad f(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_0^n z_i^2.$$

Let  $U = (u_{ij})$  ( $0 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ ) be the inverse of  $T$ . Now if  $A$  is the matrix of the form  $f$ ,

$$(4.13) \quad U'U = A,$$

and  $z_0, \dots, z_n$ , and  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  are related by

$$(4.14) \quad \begin{aligned} z_0 &= u_{00}x_0 + u_{01}x_1 + \cdots + u_{0n}x_n \\ z_1 &= u_{11}x_1 + \cdots + u_{1n}x_n \\ &\vdots \\ z_n &= u_{nn}x_n. \end{aligned}$$

Eliminating  $x_0$  from both sides of (4.12), using (4.14) and the relation

$$\sum_0^n p_i x_i = 0,$$

we obtain

$$g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left\{ \frac{u_{00}}{p_0} \left( \sum_1^n p_i x_i \right) - (u_{01}x_1 + \cdots + u_{0n}x_n) \right\}^2 + \sum_1^n z_i^2.$$

Eliminating  $z_0$  between (4.9) and (4.10) we obtain a form  $h$  say, where

$$h(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \left( \sum_1^n \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_0} z_i \right)^2 + \sum_1^n z_i^2.$$

We shall now prove that the forms  $g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $h(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  are identical. Clearly it will suffice to show that

$$(4.15) \quad \left\{ \frac{u_{00}}{p_0} \left( \sum_1^n p_i x_i \right) - (u_{01}x_1 + \cdots + u_{0n}x_n) \right\} = \sum_1^n \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_0} z_i.$$

From (4.5) and (4.10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_0 x_0 + \left( \sum_1^n p_i x_i \right) &= \alpha_0 z_0 + \left( \sum_1^n \alpha_i z_i \right) \\ &= \alpha_0 (u_{00}x_0 + u_{01}x_1 + \cdots + u_{0n}x_n) + \sum_1^n \alpha_i z_i. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  do not involve  $x_0$ , we have

$$(4.16) \quad p_0 = \alpha_0 u_{00},$$

$$(4.17) \quad \sum_1^n p_i x_i = \alpha_0 (u_{01}x_1 + \cdots + u_{0n}x_n) + \sum_1^n \alpha_i z_i.$$

Equation (4.15) now follows immediately from (4.16) and (4.17), and this completes the proof of the lemma.

The adjoint of the form (4.11), in variables contragredient to those in (4.11), is easily found to be

$$(4.18) \quad \begin{aligned} G(y_1, \dots, y_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ 1 + \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq i}}^n \left( \frac{\alpha_k}{\alpha_0} \right)^2 w_i^2 \right\} - 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left( \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_0} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_j}{\alpha_0} \right) w_i w_j \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\alpha_0^2} \sum_1^n \alpha_k^2 \right) \sum_1^n w_i^2 - \frac{1}{\alpha_0^2} \left( \sum_1^n \alpha_i w_i \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $\sum_0^n w_i^2$  is the inverse of the form (4.9), and (4.18) can be written

$$(4.19) \quad \alpha_0^2 G(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \left( \sum_0^n \alpha_k^2 \right) \sum_0^n w_i^2 - \left( \sum_0^n \alpha_i w_i \right)^2,$$

subject to the condition

$$(4.20) \quad w_0 = 0.$$

Finally, applying the transformation  $(w_0, \dots, w_n) = T'(y_0, \dots, y_n)$  to (4.19) and (4.20), and writing  $\omega(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \alpha_0^2 G(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ , we obtain

$$(4.21) \quad \omega(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \kappa F(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n) - \left( \sum_0^n q_i y_i \right)^2$$

where

$$y_0 = 0, \\ \kappa = \sum_0^n \alpha_k^2,$$

and  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  are coefficients to be determined.

It now only remains to prove (4.7) and (4.8).

From (4.5) and (4.10), using (4.14) we now obtain

$$(4.22) \quad p_i = \sum_{j=0}^n \alpha_j u_{ji}.$$

Similarly,  $(y_0, \dots, y_n) = U'(w_0, \dots, w_n)$ , and from (4.19) and (4.21) we have

$$(4.23) \quad \alpha_i = \sum_{j=0}^n q_j u_{ij}.$$

Substituting (4.23) in (4.22) now gives

$$p_i = \sum_j \sum_k q_k u_{jk} u_{ji} \\ = \sum_k \left( \sum_j u_{ji} u_{jk} \right) q_k \\ = \sum_k a_{ik} q_k$$

using (4.13).

Hence

$$(4.24) \quad q_i = \sum_j A_{ij} p_j$$

as required.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \sum_{i=0}^n \alpha_i^2 \\ &= \sum_i \left( \sum_j \sum_k q_j q_k u_{ij} u_{ik} \right) \end{aligned}$$

from (4.23). Changing the order of summation,

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa &= \sum_j \sum_k q_j q_k \left( \sum_i u_{ij} u_{ik} \right) \\ &= \sum_j \sum_k a_{jk} q_j q_k \quad (\text{by (4.13)}), \\ &= \sum_j \sum_k A_{jk} \phi_j \phi_k \end{aligned}$$

using the result (4.24).

4.3. *The Determinant of a Section.* In the terminology of § 4.2, the form

$$(4.25) \quad \sum_1^n z_i^2 + \left( \sum_1^n \frac{\alpha_i}{\alpha_0} z_i \right)^2$$

is easily found to have determinant  $\kappa/\alpha_0^2$ . The form  $g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is transformed into (4.25) under the transformation  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = T(z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n)$ . Since the transforming matrix consists of only the last  $n$  rows and columns of  $T$ , we have

$$D(g) = \frac{t_{00}^2}{|T|^2} \cdot \frac{\kappa}{\alpha_0^2}.$$

Substituting  $D(f) = 1/|T|^2$ ,  $\kappa = F(\mathbf{p})$  and

$$\phi_{00} = \frac{\alpha_0}{t_{00}},$$

we obtain

$$D(g) = \frac{1}{\phi_0^2} D(f) \cdot F(\mathbf{p}).$$

### 5. The form $S_n(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$

5.1. *Definition, Minimum and Conditions for Perfection.* For convenience, in this section we write  $m = n + 1$ .

We define  $S_n = S_n(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$  to be the section of  $R_m(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$  given by

$$(5.1) \quad f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k A_{r_i}(x^{(i)}), \quad (r_1 \geq r_2 \geq \dots \geq r_k \geq 1, \sum_1^k r_i = m),$$

where



$$(5.2) \quad \sum_1^m x_i = 0.$$

We shall show that

$$M(S_n) = 2, D(S_n) = \Delta(S_n) = \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^k (r_i + 1) \right) \left( \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^k r_j(r_j + 1)(r_j + 2) \right).$$

Since the values taken by  $S_n$  form a subset of the values taken by the corresponding  $R_m$ , it follows that  $M(S_n) = 2$ , and the minimal vectors of  $S_n$  are just those minimal vectors of  $R_m$  which satisfy (5.2).

We have an immediate analogue of Lemma 3.1 which we merely state.

LEMMA 5.1. *If the form  $S_n$  defined by (5.1) and (5.2) is perfect, then so is the form  $S_{n+r_0}$  ( $r_0 \leq r_1$ ):*

$$f_0(x, x^{(0)}) = f(x) + A_{r_0}(x^{(0)})$$

where

$$\sum_1^{m+r_0} x_i = 0.$$

Now we need only consider those forms which cannot be obtained in this way.

By applying Theorem 4.1 to the forms  $R_m$ , we find that the corresponding section  $S_n$  is perfect if and only if either

- (i)  $S_n$  contains a single term  $A_m$ , and  $m \geq 8$ ; or
- (ii)  $S_n$  contains just two terms  $A_{r_1}, A_{r_2}$  ( $r_1 \geq r_2 \geq 2$ ,  
 $r_1 + r_2 = m$ ) and  $r_1 \geq 5$ ; or

(iii)  $S_n$  contains three terms  $A_{r_1}, A_{r_2}, A_{r_3}$ , ( $r_1 \geq r_2 \geq r_3 \geq 2$ ,  $\sum_1^3 r_i = m$ ), (or  $S_n$  can be obtained from one of these using Lemma 5.1).

5.2. *Calculation of the Determinant of  $S_n$ .* From § 4.3 we see that the determinant  $D$  of  $S_n$  is given by

$$D = \frac{1}{p_m^2} D(f) \cdot F(p),$$

where here

$$p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) = (1, 1, \dots, 1);$$

$f$  is the form of the corresponding  $R_m$ , and  $F$  its adjoint.

Now

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=1}^k A_{r_i}^*(x^{(i)})$$

where

$$\frac{1}{2}(r+1)A_r^*(x) = \sum_1^r x_i^2 + \sum_1^{r-1} (x_i + x_{i+1})^2 + \dots + (\sum_1^r x_i)^2.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}(r+1)A_r^*(1, 1, \dots, 1) &= \sum_{i=1}^r i^2(r-i+1) \\ &= (r+1) \left\{ \frac{r(r+1)(2r+1)}{6} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{r(r+1)}{2} \right\}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{12}r(r+1)^2(r+2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$A_r^*(1, 1, \dots, 1) = \frac{1}{6}r(r+1)(r+2),$$

and

$$F(\mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^k r_j(r_j+1)(r_j+2).$$

Also, it is easily verified that

$$D(f) = \prod_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{r_i+1}{2^{r_i}} \right) = \frac{1}{2^m} \prod_{i=1}^k (r_i+1).$$

Hence

$$D = \frac{1}{2^m} \prod_{i=1}^k (r_i+1) \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^k r_j(r_j+1)(r_j+2) \right\}.$$

5.3. *Equivalences amongst the Forms  $S_n$ .* We have the following equivalences:

(i)  $S_7(4,2,2) \sim S_7(6,2)$ , under the transformation

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & \cdot & -1 & \cdot & -1 & \cdot & -1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

(ii)  $S_7(8) \sim S_7(5,3)$  under the transformation

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & -1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & \cdot & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \cdot & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & 1 & 1 & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

(iii)  $S_8(9) \sim S_8(5,4)$  under the transformation

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & 1 & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & 1 & 1 & \cdot & 1 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & -1 & 1 & \cdot \\ \cdot & -1 & -1 & \cdot & -1 & -1 & \cdot & -1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}.$$

5.4 *The Adjoint and Eutaxy of  $S_n$ .* We generally take  $S_n$  to be the form obtained by eliminating  $x_m$  between (5.1) and (5.2). Then from § 4.2, we find that the adjoint of  $S_n$  is given by a multiple of

$$\omega(y) = \kappa F(y, y_m) - \left( \sum_1^m q_i y_i \right)^2$$

where  $y_m = 0$ ,  $F(y, y_m)$  is the inverse of  $R_m(r_1, \dots, r_k)$ , and

$$\kappa = F(p) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{j=1}^k r_j(r_j+1)(r_j+2).$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} q_i &= \sum_{j=1}^m A_{ij} p_j & (1 \leq i \leq m) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m A_{ij}. \end{aligned}$$

Now the  $(i, j)$ th component of an arbitrary  $A_r^*$  from the adjoint of  $R_m$ , is found to be for  $j \geq i$

$$A_{ij} = \frac{2}{r+1} i(r-j+1).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^r A_{ij} &= \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} A_{ji} + \sum_{j=i}^r A_{ij} \\ &= \frac{2}{r+1} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} (r-i+1)j + \sum_{j=i}^r i(r-j+1) \right\} \\ &= \frac{2}{r+1} \left[ \frac{1}{2}i(i-1)(r-i+1) + i\left\{ (r+1)(r-i+1) - \left( \frac{1}{2}r(r+1) - \frac{1}{2}i(i-1) \right) \right\} \right] \\ &= i(r-i+1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the  $q_i$  corresponding to the  $i$ th variable of an arbitrary  $A_r$  is given by

$$q_i = i(r - i + 1).$$

Having identified the adjoint  $\omega_n$  of  $S_n$ , we now apply Voronoi's criterion for eutactic forms, and test whether or not  $\omega_n$  can be expressed as

$$(5.3) \quad \omega_n = \sum_1^s \rho_k \lambda_k^2, \quad (\rho_k > 0, k = 1, \dots, s).$$

This is in general difficult; we have however the following simple case. Suppose

$$(5.4) \quad r_1 > r_2 > \left\lfloor \frac{r_1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1.$$

Now, subject to (5.4), the only terms  $\lambda_k^2$  in (5.3) which give rise to the product  $y_1 y_{r_1+1}$ , contain the square of the difference  $y_1 - y_{r_1+1}$ . Thus if  $S_n$  is eutactic, the coefficient of  $y_1 y_{r_1+1}$  in  $\omega_n$  must be negative.

Hence we must have

$$\kappa \frac{2}{r_1 + 1} (r_1 - r_2) - r_1(r_2 + 1)(r_1 - r_2) < 0;$$

that is

$$(5.5) \quad 2\kappa < r_1(r_1 + 1)(r_2 + 1).$$

We find that the following forms  $S_n$  do not satisfy (5.5):

$$S_7(3, 2, 2, 1), \quad S_8(3, 2, 2, 2), \quad S_8(3, 2, 2, 1, 1), \quad S_9(4, 3, 3), \\ S_9(4, 2, 2, 2), \quad S_9(4, 2, 2, 1, 1), \quad S_9(3, 2, 2, 2, 1), \quad S_9(3, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1).$$

It follows that these forms are not eutactic, and so not extreme.

In Table 2 are listed the new forms  $S_n(r_1, \dots, r_k)$  for  $n = 7, 8, 9$ . The columns give respectively the value of  $n$ ; the values of the parameters  $r_1, \dots, r_k$  as a partition of  $n + 1$ ; the quantity  $\Delta = (2/M)^n D$ ; and the number  $s$  of pairs of opposite minimal vectors. All these forms have been shown to be perfect; those known to be non-extreme are denoted by a (P).

TABLE 2  
The forms  $S_n(r_1, \dots, r_n)$  for  $n = 7, 8, 9$ .

$n$	Partition of $m$	$\Delta$	$s$
7	6+2	$3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7/2^2$	30
	5+3	$3^3 \cdot 5/2^2$	34
	5+2+1	$3^3 \cdot 5/2^2$	28
	3+2+2+1	$3^2 \cdot 19/2^2$	29(P)
8	8+1	$3^2 \cdot 11/2^2$	42
	7+2	$3 \cdot 11/2^2$	42
	6+3	$3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11/2^2$	46
	5+4	$3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 11/2^2$	50
	6+2+1	$3 \cdot 7 \cdot 61/2^2$	38
	5+3+1	$3 \cdot 23/2^2$	42
	5+2+2	$3^3 \cdot 43/2^2$	40
	4+3+2	$3 \cdot 5 \cdot 17/2^2$	43
	3+3+3	$3 \cdot 5/2^2$	45
	5+2+1+1	$3^2 \cdot 41/2^2$	36
	4+2+2+1	$3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 29/2^2$	38
	3+2+2+2	$3^3 \cdot 11/2^2$	40(P)
	3+2+2+1+1	$3^2 \cdot 5/2^2$	37(P)
	9	10	$5 \cdot 11^2/2^2$
9+1		$5 \cdot 83/2^2$	59
8+2		$3^2 \cdot 31/2^2$	57
7+3		$47/2^2$	61
6+4		$5 \cdot 7 \cdot 19/2^2$	66
5+5		$3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7/2^2$	69
8+1+1		$3^2 \cdot 61/2^2$	51
7+2+1		$3 \cdot 89/2^2$	51
6+3+1		$7 \cdot 67/2^2$	55
6+2+2		$3^2 \cdot 7/2^2$	52
5+4+1		$3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7/2^2$	59
5+3+2		$3^2 \cdot 7^2/2^2$	56
4+4+2		$3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 11/2^2$	58
4+3+3		$5^2/2^2$	59(P)
6+2+1+1		$3 \cdot 7 \cdot 31/2^2$	47
5+3+1+1		$3 \cdot 47/2^2$	51
5+2+2+1		$3^2 \cdot 11/2^2$	49
4+3+2+1		$3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7/2^2$	52
4+2+2+2		$5 \cdot 3^2/2^2$	51(P)
3+3+3+1		$31/2$	54
3+3+2+2		$3^2 \cdot 7/2^2$	45
4+2+2+1+1	$3^2 \cdot 5^2/2^2$	47(P)	
3+3+2+1+1	$3 \cdot 13/2^2$	49	
3+2+2+2+1	$3^2 \cdot 23/2^2$	49(P)	
3+2+2+1+1+1	$3^2 \cdot 7/2^2$	46(P)	

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