

## Chapter 2

# Further Results on $J_m$ -Hadamard Matrices

In Chapter 1, we generalized Marrero's construction of  $J_2$ -Hadamard matrices to  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrices,  $m = 2$  or  $m = 4k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . A Marrero's  $J_2$ -Hadamard matrix (see [46]) is a normalized Hadamard matrix of order  $2t$  of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} J & J & A \\ J & -J & B \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $J \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times 1}(\{1\})$  and  $A, B \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times (2t-2)}(\{\pm 1\})$ . By changing  $A$  into  $-A$  or  $B$  into  $-B$ , he yielded other  $2^2 - 1$  Hadamard matrices from the given one. A  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix is an Hadamard matrix of order  $mt$  of the form

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} M \otimes J & \begin{matrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_m \end{matrix} \end{array} \right),$$

where  $M$  is an Hadamard matrix of order  $m$ ,  $J \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times 1}(\{1\})$ ,  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times (mt-m)}(\{\pm 1\})$ , and  $\otimes$  is the Kronecker product (see [69], Definition 2.1). By changing  $A_i$  to  $\pm A_i$ , we constructed other  $2^m - 1$  Hadamard matrices ([69], Theorem 2.2).

In Section 2.1, by revisiting and simplifying the proof of the above result, it turns out that we can yield other  $2^m m! - 1$  Hadamard matrices by allowing permu-

tations on  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$   $\sigma \in S_m$  (Theorem 2.1.1 and Remark below). In fact, if we transform  $A_i$  mentioned above into  $\pm A_{\sigma(i)}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , where  $\sigma$  is a permutation of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , then the new matrices are still  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrices (Theorem 2.1.1). Thus we can construct other  $2^m m! - 1$  Hadamard matrices from a given  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix. Moreover, for a given Hadamard matrix of order  $4k$  and another  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix, the Kronecker product enables us to yield a  $J_{16kh}$ -Hadamard matrix (Theorem 2.1.4). Continuing this process, one easily gets a  $J_{2^{2n+2}k_1k_2\dots k_n h}$ -Hadamard matrix from given  $n$  Hadamard matrices of orders  $4k_1, 4k_2, \dots, 4k_n$ , respectively, and a  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix. On the other hand, there is another technique due to Craigen to construct a  $J_{2^l h}$ -Hadamard matrix with smaller 2-exponent  $l$  from the given Hadamard matrices: In Theorem 2.1.5, we use Craigen's construction (see [20], Theorem 1) to generate a  $J_{8kh}$ -Hadamard matrix from a given Hadamard matrix of order  $4k$  and another  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix.

In Section 2.2, we introduce the concept of  $J_m$ -classes,  $m = 2$  or  $m = 4k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , denoted by  $CJ_m$  which contains the equivalent class of  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrices. By Marrero's approach, each Hadamard matrix belongs to  $CJ_2$ . For a given Hadamard matrix, it seems difficult to determine to which  $CJ_m$  it belongs. Nevertheless, we can decide to which  $CJ_m$  it doesn't belong. Example 2.2.1 and Example 2.2.2 prove that an Hadamard matrix of order  $12h$  or  $20h$  doesn't belong to  $CJ_{4h}$ . Here the question about whether  $CJ_{n'} \subseteq CJ_n$  for  $n \mid n'$  is studied. Our initial contribution to this question is to show  $CJ_8 \subsetneq CJ_4 \subsetneq CJ_2$  (Theorem 2.2.3).

We end this chapter by leaving the question open whether for a given  $n$ ,  $CJ_{2^n} \subseteq CJ_{2^m}$  for some  $1 \neq m < n$ .

## 2.1 Some Properties of $J_m$ -Hadamard Matrices

In our previous paper [69], Theorem 2.2, for a given  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix  $H$  as in

Introduction, we show that all the matrix of the form  $\hat{H} = \left( M \otimes J \left| \begin{array}{c} \pm A_1 \\ \pm A_2 \\ \vdots \\ \pm A_m \end{array} \right. \right)$  are

$J_m$ -Hadamard matrices, generalizing Marrero's result ([46], Proposition). In the following, we will prove a stronger result where permutations are allowed:

**Theorem 2.1.1** *Let  $H$  be a  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix of the form as above. Then*

$$\hat{H} = \left( M \otimes J \left| \begin{array}{c} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \vdots \\ B_m \end{array} \right. \right)$$

is also a  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix, where  $B_i = A_{\sigma(i)}$  or  $B_i = -A_{\sigma(i)}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $\sigma \in S_m$ .

**Proof.** Write  $M = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 \\ M_2 \\ \vdots \\ M_m \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $A_i = \begin{pmatrix} A_{i1} \\ A_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ A_{it} \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B_i = \begin{pmatrix} B_{i1} \\ B_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ B_{it} \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $M_i, A_{ik}$

and  $B_{ik}$  are the row vectors of  $M, A_i$  and  $B_i$ , respectively, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots, t$ . Then

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & A_{11} \\ M_1 & A_{12} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ M_1 & A_{1t} \\ \hline M_2 & A_{21} \\ M_2 & A_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ M_2 & A_{2t} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline M_m & A_{m1} \\ M_m & A_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ M_m & A_{mt} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & B_{11} \\ M_1 & B_{12} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ M_1 & B_{1t} \\ \hline M_2 & B_{21} \\ M_2 & B_{22} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ M_2 & B_{2t} \\ \hline \vdots & \vdots \\ \hline M_m & B_{m1} \\ M_m & B_{m2} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ M_m & B_{mt} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $H$  is an Hadamard matrix, then for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $k, l = 1, 2, \dots, t$ , we have

$$M_i M_j^T + A_{ik} A_{jl}^T = \begin{cases} mt, & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } k = l, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This implies

$$A_{ik} A_{jl}^T = \begin{cases} mt - m, & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } k = l, \\ -m, & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } k \neq l, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases} \quad (2.1.1)$$

It suffices to prove that  $M_i M_j^T + B_{ik} B_{jl}^T = \begin{cases} mt, & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } k = l, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Case 1:  $i = j$  and  $k = l$ , i.e.  $\sigma(i) = \sigma(j)$ .  $M_i M_j^T + B_{ik} B_{jl}^T = M_i M_i^T + B_{ik} B_{ik}^T = m + B_{ik} B_{ik}^T = M_{\sigma(i)} M_{\sigma(i)}^T + A_{\sigma(i)k} A_{\sigma(i)k}^T = mt$ , by (2.1.1).

Case 2:  $i = j$  and  $k \neq l$ .  $M_i M_j^T + B_{ik} B_{jl}^T = M_i M_i^T + B_{ik} B_{il}^T = M_i M_i^T + A_{\sigma(i)k} A_{\sigma(i)l}^T = m + (-m) = 0$ , by (2.1.1).

Case 3:  $i \neq j$ , i.e.  $\sigma(i) \neq \sigma(j)$ .  $M_i M_j^T + B_{ik} B_{jl}^T = M_i M_j^T \pm A_{\sigma(i)k} A_{\sigma(j)l}^T = 0 + 0 = 0$ , by (2.1.1). This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark.** It seems that one gets more Hadamard matrices from the  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix above by also permuting rows inside each  $B_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . However, by these permutations, one actually gets equivalent ones. Furthermore, it fails to produce Hadamard matrices if one instead permutes rows from different  $B_i$ s.

Upon suggestions of Professor Gerard J. Chang, we can obtain Theorem 1.1.2 and Theorem 2.1.1 as direct consequences of the following Lemma:

**Lemma 2.1.2** *Suppose that  $M$  is an Hadamard matrix. Then  $\left( M \otimes J \left| \begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_m \end{array} \right. \right)$  is an Hadamard matrix if and only if  $A_i A_j^T = \delta_{i,j} (mt I_{t \times t} - m \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{t \times t})$  for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .*

By Theorem 2.1.1, we may produce  $2^m m! - 1$  other Hadamard matrices from a given  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix. In passing, we note the following further charac-

terization of Hadamard matrices which will be useful in our discussion later on  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrices (Remark at the end of Section 2.2).

**Corollary 2.1.3** *Let  $H$  be a  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix of the form as above. If  $M$  is a  $J_l$ -Hadamard matrix of the form*

$$\left( \begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{matrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \\ \vdots \\ C_l \end{matrix} \\ \hline L \otimes J' & \end{array} \right),$$

then

$$\hat{H} = \left( \left( \begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{matrix} \pm C_{\delta(1)} \\ \pm C_{\delta(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \pm C_{\delta(l)} \end{matrix} \\ \hline L \otimes J' & \end{array} \right) \otimes J \left| \begin{matrix} \pm A_{\sigma(1)} \\ \pm A_{\sigma(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \pm A_{\sigma(m)} \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

is also a  $J_l$ -Hadamard matrix, where  $\sigma \in S_m$  and  $\delta \in S_l$ . In particular,  $H$  itself is a  $J_l$ -Hadamard matrix.

**Proof.** Let  $\hat{M} = \left( \begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{matrix} \pm C_{\delta(1)} \\ \pm C_{\delta(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \pm C_{\delta(l)} \end{matrix} \\ \hline L \otimes J' & \end{array} \right)$ . By Theorem 2.1.1,  $\hat{M}$  is a  $J_l$ -Hadamard

matrix of order  $m$  and trivially  $\hat{H}$  is an Hadamard matrix. It remains to prove that  $\hat{H}$  is evidently a  $J_l$ -Hadamard matrix.

To this end, just put  $L \otimes (J' \otimes J) = L \otimes J''$ , where  $J' \in \mathbb{M}_{t' \times 1}(\{1\})$ ,  $J \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times 1}(\{1\})$  and  $J'' \in \mathbb{M}_{t't \times 1}(\{1\})$ , here  $t' = \frac{m}{t}$ , then clearly,

$$\hat{H} = \left( \left( \begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{matrix} \pm C_{\delta(1)} \otimes J \\ \pm C_{\delta(2)} \otimes J \\ \vdots \\ \pm C_{\delta(l)} \otimes J \end{matrix} \\ \hline L \otimes J'' & \end{array} \right) \left| \begin{matrix} \pm A_{\sigma(1)} \\ \pm A_{\sigma(2)} \\ \vdots \\ \pm A_{\sigma(m)} \end{matrix} \right. \right)$$

is a  $J_l$ -Hadamard matrix and the proof follows.  $\square$

Next, we start with the Kronecker product of an Hadamard matrix  $K$  of order  $4k$ , and a  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix  $H = (M \otimes J | A)$  of order  $4ht$ . In our previous

paper [69], Theorem 2.5, using combinatorial arguments, we showed that  $K \otimes H$  is equivalent to a  $J_{16kh}$ -Hadamard matrix  $(K \otimes M \otimes J | K \otimes A)$ . In the following, using only matrix multiplications and Kronecker product (see e.g. Craigen's paper [20], p. 57), we reprove the result as follows.

**Theorem 2.1.4** *Let  $K$  be an Hadamard matrix of order  $4k$ . If  $H = (M \otimes J | A)$  is a  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix of order  $4ht$ , then  $K \otimes H \sim (K \otimes M \otimes J | K \otimes A)$  and  $(K \otimes M \otimes J | K \otimes A)$  is a  $J_{16kh}$ -Hadamard matrix of order  $16kht$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\tilde{H} = (K \otimes M \otimes J | K \otimes A)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}\tilde{H}^T &= KK^T \otimes MM^T \otimes JJ^T + KK^T \otimes AA^T \\ &= KK^T \otimes (MM^T \otimes JJ^T + KK^T \otimes AA^T) \\ &= 4kI_{4k} \otimes 4htI_{4ht} = 16khtI_{16kht}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $K \otimes M$  is an Hadamard matrix of order  $16kh$ , hence  $\tilde{H}$  is a  $J_{16kh}$ -Hadamard matrix.  $\square$

With the supposedly existing Hadamard matrices  $K$  and  $H$  as in Theorem 2.1.4, using successively Sylvester's constructions, we yield a  $J_{2^{l+4}kh}$ -Hadamard matrix for  $l \geq 0$ . Now, using Craigen's technique, we shall obtain a  $J_{2^{l+4}kh}$ -Hadamard matrix with  $l = -1$ . In fact, we have the following result which is a generalization of Craigen's Theorem 1 in [20].

**Theorem 2.1.5** *If there exists a  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix  $H$  of order  $4ht$  and an Hadamard matrix  $K$  of order  $4k$ , then there is a  $J_{8hk}$ -Hadamard matrix of order  $8hkt$ .*

**Proof.** Write  $K = \begin{pmatrix} K_1 \\ K_2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $H = \left( \begin{pmatrix} H_1 & H_2 \end{pmatrix} \otimes J \mid A_1 \ A_2 \right)$ , where  $K_i \in \mathbb{M}_{2k \times 4k}(\{\pm 1\})$ ,  $H_i \in \mathbb{M}_{4h \times 2h}(\{\pm 1\})$ ,  $A_i \in \mathbb{M}_{4ht \times (2ht-2h)}(\{\pm 1\})$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $J \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times 1}(\{1\})$ . Since  $K$  and  $H$  both are Hadamard matrices, we have

$$\begin{aligned} K_1K_1^T &= K_2K_2^T = 4kI_{2k}, \quad K_1K_2^T = K_2K_1^T = O_{2k}, \\ (H_1H_1^T + H_2H_2^T) \otimes JJ^T + A_1A_1^T + A_2A_2^T &= 4htI_{4ht}. \end{aligned}$$

As in Craigen's constructions, put

$$S = \frac{1}{2}(K_1 + K_2) \otimes H_1 + \frac{1}{2}(K_1 - K_2) \otimes H_2,$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2}(K_1 + K_2) \otimes A_1 + \frac{1}{2}(K_1 - K_2) \otimes A_2.$$

Let  $\hat{H} = \left( S \otimes J \mid P \right)$ . Since by direct calculations,  $\hat{H}\hat{H}^T = SS^T \otimes JJ^T + PP^T = 8khtI_{8kht}$ , we conclude that  $\hat{H}$  is a  $J_{8kh}$ -Hadamard matrix.  $\square$

## 2.2 Hadamard Matrices in $J_m$ -Classes

In this section, we are interested in the problem to which  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix does a given Hadamard matrix belong? For convenience, we define such family as follows: The family of all Hadamard matrices equivalent to some  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix is called a  $J_m$ -class and denoted by  $CJ_m$ .

By Marrero's construction, each Hadamard matrix belongs to  $CJ_2$ . For a given Hadamard matrix, it seems difficult to determine to which  $CJ_m$  it belongs. Nevertheless, for some particular Hadamard matrices, we can decide to which  $CJ_m$  it doesn't belong. The following two results supply us criteria for this purpose which are generalizations of Example 3.1 and Example 3.2 in [69], respectively.

**Example 2.2.1** *If  $H$  is an Hadamard matrix of order  $12h$ , then  $H$  doesn't belong to  $CJ_{4h}$ .*

**Proof.** If  $H$  were equivalent to a  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix, then

$$H \sim \left( M \otimes J \mid \begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_{4h} \end{array} \right), \text{ where } M \text{ is an Hadamard matrix of order } 4h, J \in \mathbb{M}_{3 \times 1}(\{1\})$$

and  $A_i \in \mathbb{M}_{3 \times 8h}(\{\pm 1\})$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 4h$ . By multiplying  $-1$  to suitable rows or

$$\text{columns of } \left( M \otimes J \mid \begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_{4h} \end{array} \right), M \text{ can be normalized. Hence } H \text{ must be equivalent}$$

to the  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix of the form:

$$H \sim \tilde{H} = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \overbrace{J \ J \ \cdots \ J}^{4h} & A_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \right) = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \overbrace{1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1}^{4h} & A_1 \\ 1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1 & \\ 1 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 1 & \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \right).$$

By eventually multiplying columns of  $\begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_{4h} \end{pmatrix}$  by  $-1$ ,  $\tilde{H}$  can be normalized. How-

ever,  $\tilde{H}$  is not an Hadamard matrix, since there are at least  $4h$  1s at the same positions between the second row and the third row contradicting to the fact that there are exactly  $\frac{12h}{4}$  1s at the same positions in both rows except the first one (see [59], Theorem 10.9, p. 429). Thus  $\tilde{H}$  is not a  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix.  $\square$

**Example 2.2.2** *If  $H$  is an Hadamard matrix of order  $20h$ , then  $H$  doesn't belong to  $CJ_{4h}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $H$  is a normalized  $J_{20h}$ -Hadamard matrix of the form as in Example 2.2.1 with  $J \in \mathbb{M}_{5 \times 1}(\{1\})$  and  $A_i \in \mathbb{M}_{5 \times 16h}(\{\pm 1\})$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 4h$ . We will use the same argument as above to derive a contradiction by counting the number of 1s in the second, the third, the fourth and the fifth row. As before, we know that there are exactly  $10h$  1s at each row and  $\frac{20h}{4}$  1s at the same positions between any two different rows except the first one. By arranging the 1s as forward as possible, so  $H$ , with the first five rows written down, is of the following form:

$$H = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} \overbrace{J \ J \ \cdots \ J}^{4h} & A_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{array} \right)$$



$$= \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{1 & 1 & \cdots & 1}^{4h} & \overbrace{1 & 1 & \cdots & 1}^h & \overbrace{1 & 1 & \cdots & 1}^{5h} & \overbrace{1 & 1 & \cdots & 1}^{10h} \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & -1 & -1 & \cdots & -1 & & & & \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 & & & & & & & & & & & & \end{pmatrix}.$$

Looking at the  $(10h+1)^{th}$  column up to the  $(20h)^{th}$  column, to fill in the  $10h$  1s in the third row, we need  $5h$  positions in last  $10h$  columns. With the same argument, to fill in the  $10h$  1s in the fourth row, we need at least  $4h$  positions in the last  $10h$  columns differ from the positions already taken in the third row. Finally, in the fifth row, we need at least  $3h$  positions in the last  $10h$  columns differ from the positions already taken in the third and the fourth rows. This means that we need in total at least  $5h + 4h + 3h = 12h$  positions to fill in the 1s in the last ten columns which is impossible. Therefore, we conclude that every Hadamard matrix of order  $20h$  is not equivalent to a  $J_{4h}$ -Hadamard matrix.  $\square$

For  $n \mid n'$ , the natural question is whether  $CJ_{n'} \subseteq CJ_n$ . We don't know the answer even whether  $CJ_{2^{k+1}} \subseteq CJ_{2^k}$ . Our initial contribution to this question, using Theorem 2.1.4 and Example 2.2.1, is to show the following result; this works in the special case of Hadamard matrices of order 8 which is known to be unique up to equivalence.

**Theorem 2.2.3**  $CJ_8 \subsetneq CJ_4 \subsetneq CJ_2$ .

**Proof.** By Marrero's construction and Example 3.1 in [69], we obtain  $CJ_4 \subsetneq CJ_2$ . It remains to show that  $CJ_8 \subsetneq CJ_4$ .

By the uniqueness of Hadamard matrices, every  $J_8$ -Hadamard matrix of order

$8t$  is equivalent to the following normalized Hadamard matrix (see e.g. [72])

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \left( \begin{array}{cccccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \otimes J \left| \begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \\ A_4 \\ A_5 \\ A_6 \\ A_7 \\ A_8 \end{array} \right. \right) \\
&= \left( \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{array} \right. \otimes J \left| \begin{array}{c} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \\ A_4 \\ A_5 \\ A_6 \\ A_7 \\ A_8 \end{array} \right. \right) \\
&= \left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} J \\ J \end{pmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{cccc} J & J & J & J & A_1 \\ -J & -J & -J & -J & A_2 \\ J & J & -J & -J & A_3 \\ -J & -J & J & J & A_4 \\ J & -J & J & -J & A_5 \\ -J & J & -J & J & A_6 \\ J & -J & -J & J & A_7 \\ -J & J & J & -J & A_8 \end{array} \right. ,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $J \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times 1}(\{1\})$  and  $A_i \in \mathbb{M}_{t \times (8t-8)}(\{\pm 1\})$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ . This yields

$CJ_8 \subseteq CJ_4$ . Next, let  $H$  be an Hadamard matrix of order 12 of the form

$$\left( \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \otimes J \left| A \right. \right), \text{ where } J \in \mathbb{M}_{6 \times 1}(\{1\}) \text{ and } A \in \mathbb{M}_{12 \times 10}(\{\pm 1\}).$$

$$\text{Set } \hat{H} = \left( \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes J \left| \left( \begin{array}{cc} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{array} \right) \otimes A \right. \right).$$

By Theorem 2.1.4,  $\hat{H} \in CJ_4$ . Since  $\hat{H}$  is an Hadamard matrix of order 24, by

Example 2.2.1,  $\hat{H}$  doesn't belong to  $CJ_8$ , and this gives  $CJ_8 \subsetneq CJ_4$ . □

**Remark.** As a consequence of our Corollary 2.1.3, a  $J_m$ -Hadamard matrix  $H$  is a  $J_l$ -Hadamard matrix for some  $l \mid m$ , where  $l$  depends on  $m$  and  $H$ . The question whether  $l$  depends only on  $m$  is extremely difficult. However, since  $CJ_8 \subsetneq CJ_4 \subsetneq CJ_2$ , it seems likely that  $CJ_{2^n} \subseteq CJ_{2^m}$  for some  $1 \neq m < n$ .