Maximal 2-distance sets containing the regular simplex

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Abstract

A finite subset X of the Euclidean space is called an s-distance set if the number of the distances of two distinct vectors in X is equal to s. An s-distance set X is said to be maximal if any vector cannot be added to X while maintaining s-distance. We investigate a necessary and sufficient condition for vectors to be added to the regular simplex such that the set has only 2 distances. We construct several maximal 2-distance sets that contain the regular simplex. In particular, there exist infinitely many maximal non-spherical 2-distance sets that contain both the regular simplex and the representation of a strongly resolvable design. The maximal 2-distance set has size $2k^2(k+1)$, and the dimension is $d = (k-1)(k+1)^2 - 1$, where k is a prime power.