

On the Existence of $(v, 4, 1)$ -PMD

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ABSTRACT. F.E. Bennett has proved that a $(v, 4, 1)$ -RPMD exists for every positive integer $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ with the possible exception of $v = 33, 57, 93$ and 133 . In this paper, we shall first introduce the concept of an incomplete PMD and use it to establish some construction methods for Mendelsohn designs; then we shall give the following results: (1) a $(v, 4, 1)$ -PMD exists for every positive integer $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ with the exception of $v = 4$ and the possible exception of $v = 8, 12$; (2) a $(v, 4, 1)$ -PMD exists if $v = 57, 93$ or 133 .

1. Introduction

The concept of a perfect cyclic design was introduced by N.S. Mendelsohn [9] and further studied in a subsequent paper [3]. These designs were also called Mendelsohn designs by Hsu and Keedwell in [8]. The following are some definitions on Mendelsohn designs.

Definition 1.1: A set of k distinct elements $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$ is said to be cyclically ordered by $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_k < a_1$ and the pair a_i, a_{i+t} are said to be t -apart in a cyclic k -tuple (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) where $i + t$ is taken modulo k .

Definition 1.2: Let v, k and λ be positive integers. A (v, k, λ) -Mendelsohn design (briefly (v, k, λ) -MD) is a pair (X, \mathbf{B}) where X is a v -set (of points) and \mathbf{B} is a collection of cyclically ordered subsets of X (called blocks) with size k such that every ordered pair of points of X are consecutive in exactly λ blocks of \mathbf{B} .

Definition 1.3: Let (X, \mathbf{B}) be a (v, k, λ) -MD. The design is called perfect and denoted by (v, k, λ) -PMD if each ordered pair (x, y) of points of X appears t -apart in exactly λ of the blocks of \mathbf{B} for all $t = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$.

It is known [2] that a necessary condition for the existence of a (v, k, λ) -MD is $\lambda v(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$. We next define the notion of resolvability of a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD where $v(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$.

Definition 1.4: If the blocks of a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD for which $v \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$ can be partitioned into v sets each containing $(v-1)/k$ blocks which are pairwise disjoint (as sets), we say that the $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD is resolvable (briefly $(v, k, 1)$ -RPMD).

Definition 1.5: If the blocks of a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD for which $v \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$ can be partitioned into $v - 1$ sets each containing v/k blocks which are pairwise disjoint (as sets), we shall also say that the $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD is resolvable (briefly $(v, k, 1)$ -RPMD).

The following are the known results on $(v, k, 1)$ -PMDs, of which a survey can be found in [2].

Theorem 1.1. *A $(v, 3, 1)$ -RPMD exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{3}$, $v \neq 6$.*

Theorem 1.2. *A $(v, 4, 1)$ -RPMD exists for every positive integer $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ with the possible exception of $v = 33, 57, 93$ and 133 [1, Theorem 4.2].*

Theorem 1.3. *Let p be an odd prime and $r \geq 1$, then there exists a $(p^r, p, 1)$ -PMD.*

Theorem 1.4. *Let $v = p^r$ be any prime power and $k > 2$ be such that $k|(v - 1)$, then there exists a $(v, k, 1)$ -RPMD.*

Theorem 1.5. *A $(v, k, 1)$ -RPMD exists for all sufficiently large v with $k \geq 3$ and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$.*

Theorem 1.6. *A $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD exists with $v(v - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$ for the case when k is an odd prime and v is sufficiently large.*

In this paper, we shall introduce in section 2 the concept of an incomplete PMD and use it to establish some construction methods for PMDs, and further obtain in section 3 the following result: A $(v, 4, 1)$ -PMD exists for every positive integer $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{4}$ with the exception of $v = 4$ and the possible exception of $v = 8, 12, 33$.

We mention some definitions and known facts on PBDs and related designs for later use.

Definition 1.6: Let X be a set of v points. Let A be a collection of some subsets (called blocks) of X . A pair (X, A) is called a pairwise balanced design (briefly PBD) of index 1 if any two distinct points of X are contained in exactly one block of A , and denoted by $(v, K, 1)$ -PBD where K is a set of some integers containing all the block sizes of A . Let $D \subset A$. D is called a parallel class of a PBD (X, A) if D forms a partition of X . The PBD is called resolvable if A can be partitioned into some disjoint parallel classes. If a $(v, K, 1)$ -PBD is resolvable, we denote it by $(v, K, 1)$ -RPBD.

A transversal design $TD[k, 1; n]$ of (X, G, B) can be viewed as a $(kn, \{k, n\}, 1)$ -PBD of $(X, G \cup B)$ where G forms a parallel class of k blocks (called groups) of size n and B consists of blocks of size k . If B can be partitioned into some disjoint parallel classes, the transversal design $TD[k, 1; n]$ is called resolvable.

Let $N(n)$ denote the maximum number of mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order n . The following results are well known (see [6,7]).

Lemma 1.1. *The existence of a $TD[k, 1; n]$ is equivalent to $N(n) \geq k - 2$.*

Lemma 1.2. *The existence of a $TD[k + 1, 1; n]$ implies the existence of a resolvable $TD[k, 1; n]$.*

Lemma 1.3. Let $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ be the factorization of n into powers of distinct primes p_i , then $N(n) \geq \min_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{p_i^{\alpha_i}\} - 1$.

Lemma 1.4. If $n > 10632$, then $N(n) \geq 14$ (see [5]).

Lemma 1.5. If $n \notin \{2, 6\}$, then $N(n) \geq 2$ (see [4]).

2. IPMD and construction methods

We first introduce the concept of an incomplete PMD.

Definition 2.1: Let v, k and n be positive integers. A $(v, k, 1)$ -incomplete PMD with emptiness n (briefly IPMD $[v, k, n]$) is a triple (X, Y, \mathbf{B}) where X is a v -set (of points), $Y \subset X$ is a n -set (of points) and \mathbf{B} is a collection of cyclically ordered subsets of X (called blocks) with block size k such that (1) every ordered pair (x, y) of points of X with $\{x, y\} \not\subset Y$ appears t -apart in a unique block of \mathbf{B} for $t = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$; (2) every ordered pair (x, y) of points of X with $\{x, y\} \subset Y$ appears in no block of \mathbf{B} .

We now establish several constructions for Mendelsohn design.

Theorem 2.1. Suppose there exists an IPMD $[v, k, n]$ and a $(n, k, 1)$ -PMD. Then there exists a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD.

Proof: Let (X, Y, \mathbf{B}_1) be an IPMD $[v, k, n]$ and (Y, \mathbf{B}_2) be a $(n, k, 1)$ -PMD. It is easy to see that $(X, \mathbf{B}_1 \cup \mathbf{B}_2)$ is a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD.

Theorem 2.2. Suppose there exists: (1) a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD, (2) a $(u+l, k, 1)$ -PMD, (3) a TD $[k, 1; u]$, (4) an IPMD $[u+l, k, l]$, where v, k and u are positive integers and l is a nonnegative integer. Then there exists a $(vu+l, k, 1)$ -PMD.

Proof: Let X, Y and Z be three disjoint sets of points where $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_v\}$, $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_u\}$ and $|Z| = l$. From condition (1), we can let (X, \mathbf{A}) be a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD. Let $M_A = \{x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}\}$ for any $A = (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \in \mathbf{A}$. From condition (3), we can let $(M_A \times Y, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{B}_A)$ be a TD $[k, 1; u]$. Let $\bar{B} = ((x_{i_1}, y_{j_1}), (x_{i_2}, y_{j_2}), \dots, (x_{i_k}, y_{j_k}))$ for every $B = \{(x_{i_1}, y_{j_1}), (x_{i_2}, y_{j_2}), \dots, (x_{i_k}, y_{j_k})\} \in \mathbf{B}_A$ and $\bar{\mathbf{B}}_A = \cup_{B \in \mathbf{B}_A} \bar{B}$. From condition (2) we can let $((\{x_1\} \times Y) \cup Z, \mathbf{C}_1)$ be a $(u+l, k, 1)$ -PMD. From condition (4) we can let $((\{x_i\} \times Y) \cup Z, \mathbf{C}_i)$ be an IPMD $[u+l, k, l]$ where $i = 2, 3, \dots, v$. We are to prove that $((X \times Y) \cup Z, (\cup_{A \in \mathbf{A}} \bar{\mathbf{B}}_A) \cup (\cup_{i=1}^v \mathbf{C}_i))$ is a $(vu+l, k, 1)$ -PMD. Let (w_1, w_2) be an ordered pair of points of $(X \times Y) \cup Z$. We consider the following cases.

- If $w_1, w_2 \in (\{x_i\} \times Y) \cup Z$ and $\{w_1, w_2\} \not\subset Z$, then (w_1, w_2) appears t -apart in a unique block of \mathbf{C}_i for any $t = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$.
- If $\{w_1, w_2\} \subset Z$, then (w_1, w_2) appears t -apart in a unique block of \mathbf{C}_1 for any $t = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$.

- (c) If $w_1 \in \{x_i\} \times Y$ and $w_2 \in \{x_j\} \times Y$ with $i \neq j$, then the ordered pair (x_i, x_j) appears t -apart in a unique block A of \mathbf{A} for any $t = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$. Therefore the ordered pair (w_1, w_2) appears t -apart in a unique block of $\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_A$ for any $t = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$.

The three cases described above are mutually exclusive and cover all possibilities.

Theorem 2.3. *Suppose there exist: (1) a $(v, k, 1)$ -PMD, (2) a resolvable TD $[k, 1; u]$, (3) an IPMD $[u + l, k, l]$, (4) an IPMD $[v + m, k, m]$, (5) a $(l + m, k, 1)$ -PMD, where v, k and u are positive integers, l and m are nonnegative integers. Then there exists a $(vu + l + m, k, 1)$ -PMD.*

Proof: We adapt the notations in the proof of Theorem 2.2. Let S be a m -set with $S \cap X = S \cap Y = S \cap (X \times Y) = \emptyset$. For every $A = (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \in \mathbf{A}$, since there exists a resolvable TD $[k, 1; u]$, we can let $\mathbf{D}_A = \{((x_{i_1}, y_j), (x_{i_2}, y_j), \dots, (x_{i_k}, y_j)) \mid j = 1, 2, \dots, u\} \subset \tilde{\mathbf{B}}_A$. From condition (4) we can let $((X \times \{y_i\}) \cup S, S, \mathbf{E}_1)$ be an IPMD $[v + m, k, m]$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, u$. From condition (3) we can let $(\{x_i\} \times Y \cup Z, Z, \mathbf{D}_1)$ be an IPMD $[u + l, k, l]$. From condition (5) we can let $(S \cup Z, \mathbf{F})$ be a $(m + l, k, 1)$ -PMD. It is easy to see that

$$\left((X \times Y) \cup Z \cup S, \left(\bigcup_{A \in \mathbf{A}} (\tilde{\mathbf{B}}_A \setminus \mathbf{D}_A) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=2}^u \mathbf{C}_i \right) \cup \mathbf{D}_1 \cup \mathbf{F} \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^u \mathbf{E}_i \right) \right)$$

is a $(vu + l + m, k, 1)$ -PMD.

Theorem 2.4. *Suppose there exist:*

- (1) a $(v, k, 1)$ -RPBD of (X, \mathbf{A}) where \mathbf{A} can be partitioned into s parallel classes $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_s$,
- (2) an IPMD $[|A| + l_i, k, l_i]$ for every $A \in \mathbf{A}_i$ where $l_i \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq s$,
- (3) a $(\sum_{i=1}^s l_i, k, 1)$ -PMD.

Then there exists a $(v + \sum_{i=1}^s l_i, k, 1)$ -PMD.

Proof: Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_s be s sets of points where $|Y_i| = l_i$ and $Y_i \cap X = \emptyset$ for $1 \leq i \leq s$ and $Y_i \cap Y_j = \emptyset$ if $i \neq j$. Let $Y = \bigcup_{i=1}^s Y_i$. From condition (2) we can let $(A \cup Y_i, Y_i, \mathbf{C}_A^i)$ be an IPMD $[|A| + l_i, k, l_i]$ where $A \in \mathbf{A}_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Let $\mathbf{C}^i = \bigcup_{A \in \mathbf{A}_i} \mathbf{C}_A^i$. From condition (3) we can let (Y, \mathbf{B}) be a $(\sum_{i=1}^s l_i, k, 1)$ -PMD. We now prove that $(X \cup Y, (\bigcup_{i=1}^s \mathbf{C}^i) \cup \mathbf{B})$ is a $(v + \sum_{i=1}^s l_i, k, 1)$ -PMD. Let (w_1, w_2) be an ordered pair of points of $X \cup Y$.

(a) If $w_1 \in X, w_2 \in Y_i$ where $1 \leq i \leq s$, then there exists a unique block A of \mathbf{A}_i such that $w_1 \in A$, therefore (w_1, w_2) appears t -apart in a unique block of \mathbf{C}_A^i for $t = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$. If $w_1 \in Y_i, w_2 \in X$, the proof is similar.

(b) If $\{w_1, w_2\} \subset Y$, then (w_1, w_2) appears t -apart in a unique block of \mathbf{B} for $t = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$.

(c) If $\{w_1, w_2\} \subset X$, then the pair $\{w_1, w_2\}$ appears in a unique block A of A_i where $1 \leq i \leq s$ from condition (1). Therefore, the ordered pair (w_1, w_2) appears t -apart in a unique block of C_A^i for $t = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$.

The three cases described above are mutually exclusive and cover all possibilities.

3. New results for $(v, 4, 1)$ -PMD

In this section, we need the following notations:

$\text{PMD} = \{v \mid \text{there exists a } (v, 4, 1)\text{-PMD}\}$

$\text{IPMD}[n] = \{v \mid \text{there exists an IPMD}[v, 4, n]\}$

The following facts are obvious.

- (1) The existence of a $(v, 4, 1)$ -RPMD implies the existence of a $(v, 4, 1)$ -PMD.
- (2) There does not exist any $(4, 4, 1)$ -PMD.
- (3) A $(v, 4, 1)$ -MD is perfect if any ordered pair of points appears t -apart in a unique block for $t = 1, 2$.

Lemma 3.1. *Let $2s + 1$ be a prime power where s is odd and $s > 1$, then $3s + 1 \in \text{IPMD}[s]$.*

Proof: Let w be a primitive root of $GF(2s + 1)$. Let $A_i = (\infty_i, 0, w^{2i}, w^{2i}(1 + w))$ be base blocks where $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, s - 1$. It is readily checked that 1-apart difference $D_1 = \cup_{i=0}^{s-1} \{w^{2i}, w^{2i+1}\} = GF(2s + 1) \setminus \{0\}$. Since s is odd and $s > 1$, we have 2-apart difference $D_2 = \cup_{i=0}^{s-1} \{w^{2i}(1 + w), -w^{2i}(1 + w)\} = GF(2s + 1) \setminus \{0\}$. Therefore, $3s + 1 \in \text{IPMD}[s]$.

Lemma 3.2.

$$\begin{aligned} \{13, 17\} &\subset \text{IPMD}[4], & \{20, 24, 36\} &\subset \text{IPMD}[5], & 25 &\in \text{IPMD}[8], \\ 32 &\in \text{IPMD}[9], & \{44, 48\} &\subset \text{IPMD}[13], & \{52, 56\} &\subset \text{IPMD}[17], \\ \{68, 72\} &\subset \text{IPMD}[21], & 84 &\in \text{IPMD}[25], & 92 &\in \text{IPMD}[29], \\ 132 &\in \text{IPMD}[41]. \end{aligned}$$

Proof: Here, we always take the additive group of integers mod $(v - n)$. Let

$A_i = (\infty_i, 0, a_i, b_i)$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and

$B_j = (0, c_j, d_j, e_j)$ where $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ (s is a nonnegative integer)

be base blocks. For brevity we denote these blocks by

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & & c_1 & c_2 & \dots & c_s \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n & d_1 & d_2 & \dots & d_s \\ b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n & e_1 & e_2 & \dots & e_s \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is easy to see that $v \in \text{IPMD}[n]$ whenever

$$D_1 = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \{b_i - a_i, a_i\} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^s \{c_i, d_i - c_i, e_i - d_i, -e_i\} \right) = Z_{v-n} \setminus \{0\} \text{ and}$$

$$D_2 = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n \{\pm b_i\} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^s \{\pm d_i, \pm(e_i - c_i)\} \right) = Z_{v-n} \setminus \{0\}.$$

It is readily checked that the following parameters all satisfy the condition $D_1 = D_2 = Z_{v-n} \setminus \{0\}$.

$$Z_{13-4} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & -4 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_{17-4} \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 4 & -2 & 3 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 4 & -5 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{20-5} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & 5 & -7 & -4 & 3 & 1 \\ -4 & 1 & 2 & 7 & -6 & 6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z_{24-5} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 4 & 8 & 9 & -5 & 3 & -7 & 1 & 5 \\ -1 & -4 & 6 & 8 & -9 & 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{36-5} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -13 & -10 & 9 & 5 & 15 & 7 & 3 & 1 & 14 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 15 & 6 \\ 5 & 9 & 10 & -11 & -13 & 7 & 1 & 15 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{25-8} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 8 & -2 & 4 & 6 & -7 & 3 & -4 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 & -4 & 5 & -6 & -7 & 8 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{32-9} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 9 & -2 & -10 & -1 & 11 & -4 & 10 & 7 & 3 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 & 5 & -7 & 8 & -9 & -10 & -11 & 7 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{44-13} \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 8 & 13 & 1 & -2 & -8 & -10 & 3 & 4 & 9 & -3 & -5 & 5 & 8 & 2 \\ -2 & -3 & -4 & -5 & -6 & 7 & 9 & -10 & 11 & -12 & 13 & -14 & -15 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{48-13} \begin{bmatrix} -15 & -16 & 17 & 11 & -12 & -13 & 12 & 9 & -10 & -3 & -5 & -6 & 14 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & -9 & 12 & 13 & -15 & -16 & 17 & -4 & -7 & -10 & -14 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 8 \\ 7 & 14 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{52-17} \begin{bmatrix} 14 & 13 & 11 & 3 & -1 & -6 & 6 & -9 & -10 & 2 & 7 & -3 & -5 & -2 & 5 \\ -1 & 2 & -3 & -4 & -5 & 6 & -7 & 8 & 9 & -10 & 11 & 12 & -13 & 14 & 15 \\ 1 & 8 \\ -16 & 17 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{68-21} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 18 & -2 & -8 & -15 & -7 & -1 & -13 & -5 & 6 & 16 & -10 & -3 & 10 \\ -1 & -2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & -11 & -12 & 13 & -14 & -15 \\ -4 & 2 & 4 & -6 & 1 & -9 & 9 & 10 & 3 \\ -16 & -17 & -19 & -20 & -21 & 22 & -23 & 21 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{56-17} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -13 & -1 & -17 & -15 & -19 & -12 & 12 & 1 & -2 & -3 & -6 & -4 & -9 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & -5 & -6 & 7 & -9 & 10 & 12 & 13 & -14 & -15 & 16 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 3 \\ -7 & 7 & 2 & 11 & & & & & & & & & & & \\ -17 & 18 & 19 & -5 & & & & & & & & & & & \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{72-21} \begin{bmatrix} -17 & -24 & 22 & 11 & 9 & 15 & -15 & -13 & 10 & 13 & 17 & 20 & -12 \\ 1 & 2 & -5 & -9 & -12 & -13 & 14 & 15 & -16 & -17 & -18 & -19 & -20 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 1 & 3 \\ -18 & -19 & 19 & -16 & -3 & -5 & -6 & 14 & 3 & 8 & & & & & & \\ 22 & 23 & -24 & 25 & -4 & -7 & -10 & 21 & 7 & 14 & & & & & & \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{84-25} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -25 & 26 & -13 & -8 & -16 & -23 & 23 & -15 & -24 & -21 & -11 & -12 \\ -1 & 2 & -5 & 9 & 12 & 13 & 14 & -15 & 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 & 20 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 1 & 3 \\ 19 & -17 & -26 & 24 & 25 & 12 & 11 & 16 & -3 & -5 & -6 & 14 & 3 & 8 & & & \\ -22 & 23 & 24 & -25 & -26 & 27 & 28 & 29 & -4 & -7 & -10 & 21 & 7 & 14 & & & \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{92-29} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 26 & -5 & 27 & -8 & -3 & 12 & -20 & -25 & 18 & -21 & -16 & 14 \\ -1 & -2 & 4 & -7 & 9 & 10 & -11 & 12 & 14 & -15 & 16 & 17 & -18 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 1 \\ -15 & 19 & 22 & -4 & -6 & 6 & -27 & -22 & 23 & -13 & 15 & -10 & -19 \\ 19 & -20 & -21 & -5 & -8 & 13 & 22 & 23 & -24 & -25 & 26 & -27 & -28 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 1 \\ 21 & 25 & 28 & 3 & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 3 \\ 29 & 30 & 31 & 7 & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 7 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$Z_{132-41} \begin{bmatrix} -37 & -41 & -27 & 12 & 35 & 11 & -17 & -38 & 38 & 33 & 10 & 26 \\ -1 & 2 & 5 & -9 & -12 & -13 & 14 & -15 & -16 & -17 & -18 & -19 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 1 \\ 15 & -40 & -19 & 9 & -9 & -26 & -34 & -32 & 22 & -25 & -18 & 20 \\ -20 & 22 & 23 & -24 & -25 & 26 & 27 & 28 & -29 & 30 & -31 & -32 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 1 \\ -15 & -23 & -44 & 34 & -8 & 8 & -42 & 27 & 25 & -22 & 24 & 29 & 28 & -3 \\ 33 & -34 & 35 & -36 & 37 & 38 & 39 & 40 & 41 & -42 & 43 & -44 & 45 & -4 \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 3 \\ -5 & -6 & 14 & 3 & 8 & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 3 \\ -7 & -10 & 21 & 7 & 14 & & & & & & & & & & & & & & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Lemma 3.3. *Suppose*

- (1) $N(u) \geq v - 1$,
- (2) $u + m \in \text{IPMD}[m]$ and $v + l_i \in \text{IPMD}[l_i]$ where $i = 1, 2, \dots, u$,
- (3) $m + \sum_{i=1}^u l_i \in \text{PMD}$.

Then $uv + m + \sum_{i=1}^u l_i \in \text{PMD}$.

Proof: Since $N(u) \geq v - 1$, we have a resolvable TD[$v, 1; u$] of (X, G, B) and then a $(uv, \{u, v\}, 1)$ -RPMD of $(X, G \cup B)$. Therefore, we have $uv + m + \sum_{i=1}^u l_i \in \text{PMD}$ by Theorem 2.4.

Since $v \in \text{PMD}$, $v \in \text{IPMD}[0]$ and $v \in \text{IPMD}[1]$ are pairwise equivalent, we have from Lemma 3.3 the following Corollaries.

Corollary 3.4. *Suppose*

- (1) $N(u) \geq v - 1$,
- (2) $v \in \text{PMD}$, $v + l \in \text{IPMD}[l]$ and $u + m \in \text{IPMD}[m]$,
- (3) $m + sl \in \text{PMD}$ where $0 \leq s \leq u$.

Then $uv + m + sl \in \text{PMD}$.

Corollary 3.5. *Suppose*

- (1) $N(u) \geq v - 1$,
- (2) $v + 1 \in \text{PMD}$, $v + 5 \in \text{IPMD}[5]$ and $u \in \text{PMD}$,
- (3) $u + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ where $0 \leq s \leq u$.

Then $uv + u + 4s \in \text{PMD}$.

Theorem 3.6. (1) If $16 \leq v \leq 272$ and $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then $v \in \text{PMD}$. (2) $\{57, 93, 133\} \subset \text{PMD}$.

Proof: (a) Taking $s = 5, 9, 13, 21, 29$ in Lemma 3.1 and using Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 2.1, we have $\{16, 28, 40, 64, 88\} \subset \text{PMD}$. By using Lemma 3.2, Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 2.1, we obtain $\{20, 24, 32, 36, 44, 48, 52, 56, 68, 72, 84, 92, 132\} \subset \text{PMD}$.

(b) We have $\{5, 9, 13, 17, 25, 16, 20, 24, 32\} \subset \text{PMD}$ from (a) and Theorem 1.2. We also have $\{17, 13\} \subset \text{IPMD}[4]$ and $25 \in \text{IPMD}[8]$ from Lemma 3.2 and $16 \in \text{IPMD}[5]$ from Lemma 3.1. Since

$$\begin{aligned} 60 &= 5 \times 11 + 5, & 76 &= 5 \times 15 + 1, & 80 &= 5 \times 16, & 96 &= 5 \times 19 + 1, \\ 100 &= 20 \times 5, & 156 &= 5 \times 31 + 1, & 212 &= 16 \times 13 + 4, & 216 &= 24 \times 9, \\ 220 &= 24 \times 9 + 4, & 93 &= 5 \times 17 + 8, \end{aligned}$$

it is easy to see by using Theorem 2.2 that $\{60, 76, 80, 96, 100, 156, 212, 216, 220, 93\} \subset \text{PMD}$.

(c) Since $N(11) \geq 3$, $16 \in \text{IPMD}[5]$, $17 \in \text{IPMD}[4]$ and $13, 9 \in \text{PMD}$, we have $152 = 13 \times 11 + 5 + 4 \in \text{PMD}$ by using Theorem 2.3. Since $N(4) \geq 3$, $13, 5 \in \text{PMD}$ and $17 \in \text{IPMD}[4]$, we have $57 = 13 \times 4 + 1 + 4 \in \text{PMD}$ by using Theorem 2.3. Take $u = 13$, $v = 9$, $l = 4$, $m = 0$, and $s = 4$ in Corollary 3.4, since $16 \in \text{PMD}$ from (a), we have $133 = 13 \times 9 + 16 \in \text{PMD}$.

(d) Take $0 \leq s \leq 11$ and $s \neq 7$. We have $5 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ from Theorem 1.2, and then $11 \times 9 + 5 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ by Corollary 3.4. We also have $132 \in$

PMD from (a), therefore, $\{v|104 \leq v \leq 148 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$. For $4 \leq s \leq 16$ we have $4s \in \text{PMD}$ from (a) and (b). Using Corollary 3.4 we obtain $16 \times 9 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ and $16 \times 13 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \{v|160 \leq v \leq 208 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} &\subset \text{PMD and} \\ \{v|224 \leq v \leq 272 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} &\subset \text{PMD.} \end{aligned}$$

The proof is now complete.

The following corollary is straightforward by combining Theorem 1.2 and Theorem 3.6.

Corollary 3.7. *If $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $v \neq 33$, then $v \in \text{PMD}$.*

Corollary 3.8. *If (1) $N(u) \geq 14$, and (2) $u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $u + 4s \neq 33$ where $0 \leq s \leq u$. Then $16u + 4s \in \text{PMD}$.*

Proof: Take $v = 15$ in Corollary 3.5. Since $16 \in \text{PMD}$ from Theorem 3.6, $20 \in \text{IPMD}[5]$ from Lemma 3.2 and $\{u, u + 4s\} \subset \text{PMD}$ from Corollary 3.7, we then have $16u + 4s \in \text{PMD}$.

Theorem 3.9. *If $v \geq 276$ and $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then $v \in \text{PMD}$.*

Proof: (a) Taking $5 \leq s \leq 8$, $u = 16$ and $v = 15$ in Corollary 3.5, we have $16 \times 15 + 16 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$, that is, $\{v|276 \leq v \leq 288 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$. By using Corollary 3.4 and Corollary 3.7, we have $23 \times 13 + 1 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ for $10 \leq s \leq 23$, i.e., $\{v|340 \leq v \leq 392 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$, $27 \times 13 + 1 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ for $10 \leq s \leq 27$, i.e., $\{v|392 \leq v \leq 460 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$, $43 \times 13 + 21 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ for $0 \leq s \leq 2$, i.e., $\{v|580 \leq v \leq 588 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$. By using Corollary 3.8, we have $17 \times 15 + 17 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ for $5 \leq s \leq 17$, i.e., $\{v|292 \leq v \leq 340 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$, $25 \times 15 + 25 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ for $15 \leq s \leq 25$, i.e., $\{v|460 \leq v \leq 500 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$, $29 \times 15 + 29 + 4s \in \text{PMD}$ for $9 \leq s \leq 29$, i.e., $\{v|500 \leq v \leq 580 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$. Now, we have proved that $\{v|276 \leq v \leq 588 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$.

(b) Let $t_1 = 37, t_2 = 41, t_3 = 49, t_4 = 61, t_5 = 73, t_6 = 81, t_7 = 97, t_8 = 101, t_9 = 113, t_{10} = 137, t_{11} = 149, t_{12} = 181, t_{13} = 197, t_{14} = 229, t_{15} = 277, t_{16} = 337, t_{17} = 409, t_{18} = 509, t_{19} = 617, t_{20} = 761$. It is clear that t_i is prime power and $t_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ for $1 \leq i \leq 20$. Then $N(t_i) \geq 14$ and $N(25t_i) \geq 14$ for $1 \leq i \leq 20$ from Lemma 1.3. By using Corollary 3.8 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \{v|16t_i \leq v \leq 16t_i + 4t_i \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} &\subset \text{PMD and} \\ \{v|16 \cdot 25t_i \leq v \leq 16 \cdot 25t_i + 4 + 25t_i \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} &\subset \text{PMD} \end{aligned}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq 20$. It is readily checked that $4(t_{i+1} - t_i) \leq t_i$, that is, $16t_i + 4t_i \geq 16t_{i+1}$ and $16 \cdot 25t_i + 4 \cdot 25t_i \geq 16 \cdot 25t_{i+1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq 19$. Since $16t_1 =$

592, $16t_{20} + 4t_{20} = 15220$, $16 \cdot 25t_1 = 14800$, $16 \cdot 25t_{20} + 4 \cdot 25t_{20} = 380500$, we have obtained that $\{v | 592 \leq v \leq 380500 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$.

(c) Let $t_0 = 2700$, $t_i = t_0 + i$ for $i \geq 1$.

It is easy to see that $4t_i + 1 > 10632$ for $i \geq 0$. Therefore, we have $N(4t_i + 1) \geq 14$ from Lemma 1.4. Taking $0 \leq s \leq 16$ in Corollary 3.8, we have $\{v | 16(4t_i + 1) \leq v \leq 16(4t_i + 1) + 64 \text{ and } v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\} \subset \text{PMD}$. Since $16(4t_i + 1) + 64 = 16(4t_{i+1} + 1)$, we have that $v \in \text{PMD}$ if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ and $v \geq 16(4t_0 + 1) = 172816$.

Combining (a), (b) and (c) completes the proof.

From Theorem 1.2, Theorem 3.6 and Theorem 3.9 we conclude with the following theorem.

Theorem 3.10. *A $(v, 4, 1)$ -PMD exists for every positive integer $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{4}$ with the exception of $v = 4$ and the possible exception of $v = 8, 12, 33$.*

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