

Some Classes of Extended Mendelsohn Triple Systems and Numbers of Common Blocks

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Abstract

An extended Mendelsohn triple system of the order v with a idempotent element (EMTS(v, a)) is a collection of cyclically ordered triples of the type $[x, y, z]$, $[x, x, y]$ or $[x, x, x]$ chosen from a v -set, such that every ordered pair (not necessarily distinct) belongs to only one triple and there are a triples of the type $\{x, x, x\}$. If such a design with parameters v and a exist, then they will have $b_{v,a}$ blocks, where $b_{v,a} = (v^2 + 2a)/3$. A necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of EMTS($v, 0$) and EMTS($v, 1$) are $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, respectively. In this paper, we have constructed two EMTS($v, 0$)'s such that the number of common triples is in the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, b_{v,0} - 3, b_{v,0}\}$, for $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Secondly, we have constructed two EMTS($v, 1$)'s such that the number of common triples is in the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, b_{v,1} - 2, b_{v,1}\}$, for $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

1 Introduction

A Mendelsohn triple system of the order v , MTS(v), is a pair (V, B) , where V is a v -set and B is a collection of cyclically ordered triples of distinct elements of V , such that every ordered pair of distinct elements of V is contained in only one member of B . This concept was introduced in [9] by N.S. Mendelsohn, who proved that a MTS(v) exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{3}$, $v \neq 6$. In [1] F.E. Bennett introduced the concept of a system, similar to an MTS, in which a triple may have repeated elements.

An extended Mendelsohn triple system of the order v is a pair (V, B) , where V is a v -set and B is a collection of cyclically ordered triples of elements of V , where each triple may have repeated elements and will be called a block, such that every ordered pair of elements of V , not necessarily distinct, is contained in only one block of B . It has been well established that an extended Mendelsohn triple system is co-extensive with the variety of quasigroup satisfying the identity $x(yx) = y$. (It is called a semi-symmetric quasigroup). There are three types of blocks: $[x, x, x]$, $[x, x, y]$, $[x, y, z]$ and we call them directed triangle, lollipop and idempotent, respectively. Observe that $[x, x, x]$ contains only the pair (x, x) ; $[x, x, y] = [x, y, x] = [y, x, x]$ contains the pairs (x, x) , (x, y) , (y, x) ; and $[x, y, z] = [y, z, x] = [z, x, y]$ contains (x, y) , (y, z) , (z, x) . An extended Mendelsohn triple system of order v which has a idempotents will be denoted by $\text{EMTS}(v, a)$. We define $\mathcal{EMTS}(v, a)$ as the class of all extended Mendelsohn triple systems on v element and having a idempotents. If (V, B) is an extended Mendelsohn triple system with parameters v and a , we say B is an $\text{EMTS}(v, a)$ and write $B \in \mathcal{EMTS}(v, a)$. We say $\mathcal{EMTS}(v, a)$ exists if there exists an extended Mendelsohn triple system with parameters v and a . For $B \in \mathcal{EMTS}(v, a)$, $|B| = b_{v,a} = (v^2 + 2a)/3$.

In [1] it was shown that the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of an $\text{EMTS}(v, a)$, with $0 \leq a \leq v$, are:

- (i) if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, then $a \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$;
- (ii) if $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, then $a \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$;
- (iii) if $v = 6$, then $a \leq 3$.

Recently, some papers investigated the possible number of common blocks with two generalized triple systems with the same parameters, based on the same v -set. G. Lo Faro [7] considered this problem for extended triple systems without idempotent; W. -C. Huang [5, 6] for extended triple systems and C. M. Fu, Y. H. Gwo and F. C. Wu [2] for semi-symmetric latin squares.

In this paper, we have considered the intersection problems for the class $\mathcal{EMTS}(v, 0)$ and $\mathcal{EMTS}(v, 1)$. Let $J[v, a]$ be the set of non-negative integers k such that there is a pair of $\text{EMTS}(v, a)$ with k common blocks, let $I[v, a] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, b_{v,a} - k_a, b_{v,a}\}$, where $k_a = 2$ if $a = 1$ and $k_a = 3$ if $a = 0$.

Main Theorem $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$, for $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, and $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$, for $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

Let A and B be two sets of integers and k a positive integer. We define $A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$, $k + A = \{k\} + A$, and $kA = \{k \cdot a \mid a \in A\}$.

For convenience, we denote the k -triple $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$ by $\{\{v_1, v_1, v_2\}, [v_2, v_2, v_3], \dots, [v_{k-1}, v_{k-1}, v_k], [v_k, v_k, v_k]\}$ where $v_i \neq v_j$ for all $i \neq j$. And $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_1 \rangle = \{\{v_1, v_1, v_2\}, [v_2, v_2, v_3], \dots, [v_{k-1}, v_{k-1}, v_k], [v_k, v_k, v_1]\}$. From this notation, we have the following lemma which makes it easy to construct another system such that it has small different blocks in the original system.

Lemma 1.1 *Let (V, B) be an EMTS(v, a) and $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle \subset B$. Then $b_{v,a} - \{k - 1\} \in J[v, a]$, if $v_1 = v_k$; and $b_{v,a} - i \in J[v, a]$, $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$, if $v_1 \neq v_k$.*

Proof. For $v_1 = v_k$, we can replace the blocks $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$ by $\langle v_k, v_{k-1}, \dots, v_1 \rangle$. Thus, $b_{v,a} - \{k - 1\} \in J[v, a]$. For $v_1 \neq v_k$, we can replace the blocks $\langle v_{k-i}, v_{k-i+1}, \dots, v_k \rangle$ by $\langle v_k, v_{k-1}, \dots, v_{k-i} \rangle$, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$. Thus, $b_{v,a} - j \in J[v, a]$, for $j = 2, 3, \dots, k$.

2 Auxiliary constructions of EMTS

As usual, K_v is the complete graph on v vertices. An r -cycle is an elementary cycle of length r and is denoted by the sequence of its vertices (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) . In [3], if v is even then K_v can be decomposed into $v - 1$ 1-factors and if v is odd then K_v can be decomposed into $(v - 1)/2$ edge-disjoint spanning cycles. In each case, we can construct directed triangles as follows:

Method 1. Let F be a 1-factor of K_v on V and a be any vertex not in V . $\mathcal{T}(F, a) = \{[a, x, y], [a, y, x] \mid \{x, y\} \in F\}$.

Method 2. Let $C = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_v)$ be a spanning cycle of K_v on V and a and b be any two different vertices not in V . $\mathcal{T}(C, a, b) = \{[a, c_1, c_2], [a, c_2, c_3], \dots, [a, c_v, c_1], [b, c_v, c_{v-1}], [b, c_{v-1}, c_{v-2}], \dots, [b, c_1, c_v]\}$.

In order to count the number of common blocks of the two extended Mendelsohn triple systems, we need some special embedding constructions. Let (V_1, B_1) be an METS(v, a), where $V_1 = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_v\}$.

(1) v to $2v$, v even

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{F_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, v - 1\}$ be a 1-factorization of K_v on $V_2 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_v\}$. Let $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $B = B_1 \cup T \cup L$, where $T = \cup\{\mathcal{T}(F_i, a_i) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, v - 1\}$ and $L = \{a_v x x \mid x \in V_2\}$. Then (V, B) is an EMTS($2v, a$).

(2) v to $2v$, v odd

Let $C = \{C_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, (v-1)/2\}$ be the edge-disjoint spanning cycles of K_v on $V_2 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_v\}$. Let $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $B = B_1 \cup T \cup L$, where $T = \cup \{T(C_i, a_{2i-1}, a_{2i}) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, (v-1)/2\}$ and $L = \{a_v x x \mid x \in V_2\}$. Then (V, B) is an EMTS($2v, a$).

(3) v to $2v+3$, v even

Let $C = \{C_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, v/2 + 1\}$ be the edge-disjoint spanning cycles of K_{v+3} on $V_2 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{v+3}\}$. Let $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $B = B_1 \cup T \cup L$, where $T = \cup \{T(C_i, a_{2i-1}, a_{2i}) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, v/2\}$ and $L = \langle x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_{v+3}}, x_{i_1} \rangle$ for the last spanning cycle $C_{v/2+1} = (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_{v+3}})$. Then (V, B) is an EMTS($2v+3, a$).

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{F_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, 2v-1\}$ be a 1-factorization of K_{2v} on $N = \{1, 2, \dots, 2v\}$. If $F_a, F_b \in \mathcal{F}$, the notation $F_a \cdot F_b$ [7] will denote the following set of blocks: $\langle 1, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, \dots, x_{i_r}, 1 \rangle \cup \langle x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, x_{j_3}, \dots, x_{j_s}, x_{j_1} \rangle \cup \dots \cup \langle x_{p_1}, x_{p_2}, x_{p_3}, \dots, x_{p_t}, x_{p_1} \rangle \cup \langle x_{q_1}, x_{q_2}, x_{q_3}, \dots, x_{q_m}, x_{q_1} \rangle$ where $x_{j_1} = \min(N \setminus \{1, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, \dots, x_{i_r}\})$, \dots , $x_{q_1} = \min(N \setminus \{1, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, \dots, x_{i_r}, x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, x_{j_3}, \dots, x_{j_s}, \dots, x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, x_{t_3}, \dots, x_{t_m}\})$; $F_a = \{1x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}x_{i_4}, \dots, x_{i_{r-1}}x_{i_r}, x_{j_1}x_{j_2}, x_{j_3}x_{j_4}, \dots, x_{j_{s-1}}x_{j_s}, \dots, x_{p_1}x_{p_2}, x_{p_3}x_{p_4}, \dots, x_{p_{t-1}}x_{p_t}, x_{q_1}x_{q_2}, x_{q_3}x_{q_4}, \dots, x_{q_{m-1}}x_{q_m}\}$ and $F_b = \{x_{i_2}x_{i_3}, x_{i_4}x_{i_5}, \dots, x_{i_r}1, x_{j_2}x_{j_3}, x_{j_4}x_{j_5}, \dots, x_{j_s}x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{p_2}x_{p_3}, x_{p_4}x_{p_5}, \dots, x_{p_t}x_{p_1}, x_{q_2}x_{q_3}, x_{q_4}x_{q_5}, \dots, x_{q_m}x_{q_1}\}$.

(4) v to $2v+3$, v odd

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{F_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, v+2\}$ be a 1-factorization of K_{v+3} on $V_2 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{v+3}\}$. Let $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ and $B = B_1 \cup T \cup L$, where $T = \cup \{T(F_i, a_i) \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, v\}$ and $L = F_{v+1} \cdot F_{v+2}$. Then (V, B) is an EMTS($2v+3, a$).

3 For the Class of EMTS($v, 0$)

The spectrum of EMTS($v, 0$) is $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Since the smallest possible mutually balanced subsets of an EMTS($v, 0$) are $\langle x, y, z, x \rangle$ (which can be changed to $\langle x, z, y, x \rangle$), it follows that $J[v, 0] \subseteq I[v, 0]$.

Lemma 3.1 *If $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$ and v is an integer ≥ 9 then $J[2v, 0] = I[2v, 0]$.*

Proof. By using constructions 1 and 2, we can embed an $\text{EMTS}(v,0)$ in an $\text{EMTS}(2v,0)$. By replacing an $\text{EMTS}(v,0)$ and interchanging any two vertices of V corresponding to different 1-factors or spanning cycles to form different directed triangles or lollipops, we obtain $J[2v, 0] \supseteq J[v, 0] + \{0, v, 2v, \dots, (v-2)v, v^2\}$. If $v \geq 9$ and $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$ then $J[2v, 0] \supseteq I[2v, 0]$. Therefore $J[2v, 0] = I[2v, 0]$.

Lemma 3.2 *If $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$ and v is an integer ≥ 6 then $J[2v + 3, 0] = I[2v + 3, 0]$.*

Proof. By using constructions 3 and 4, we can embed an $\text{EMTS}(v,0)$ in an $\text{EMTS}(2v + 3,0)$. By replacing an $\text{EMTS}(v,0)$ and interchanging any two vertices of V corresponding to different 1-factors or spanning cycles to form different directed triangles or lollipops, we obtain $J[2v + 3, 0] \supseteq J[v, 0] + \{0, v + 3, 2(v + 3), \dots, (v-2)(v + 3), v(v + 3)\}$. If $v \geq 9$ and $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$ then $J[2v + 3, 0] \supseteq I[2v + 3, 0]$. Therefore $J[2v + 3, 0] = I[2v + 3, 0]$.

Lemma 3.3 *$J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$, for $v = 3, 6, 9, 12$.*

Proof. There are precisely two $\text{EMTS}(3,0)$: $\{[1, 1, 2], [2, 2, 3], [3, 3, 1]\}$ and $\{[1, 1, 3], [3, 3, 2], [2, 2, 1]\}$. So, we have $J[3, 0] = \{0, 3\} = I[3, 0]$.

For $v = 6$, using a similiar argment to Lemma 3.1, we obtain $\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\} \subseteq J[6, 0]$. Let $T_1 = \{[1, 1, 2], [2, 2, 6], [3, 3, 1], [4, 4, 1], [5, 5, 1], [6, 6, 1], [2, 3, 5], [2, 4, 3], [2, 5, 4], [3, 4, 6], [3, 6, 5], [4, 5, 6]\}$ and $T_2 = \{[1, 1, 2], [3, 3, 1], [4, 4, 1], [6, 6, 2], [1, 5, 6], [1, 6, 5], [3, 4, 5], [3, 6, 4]\} \cup A$, where $A = \{[2, 2, 3], [2, 4, 5], [2, 5, 4], [5, 5, 3]\}$. Now, N_1 comes from T_2 by removing the blocks A and replacing them with $\{[2, 2, 4], [2, 3, 5], [2, 5, 3], [5, 5, 4]\}$. Then, $|T_2 \cap N_1| = 8$. Using the isomorphic designs obtained from T_1 by permuting elements in Table 1, we have $J[6, 0] = I[6, 0]$.

Table 1

Intersection	Size	Intersection	Size
$T_1 \cap (123)(56)T_1$	1	$T_1 \cap (23)(45)T_1$	5
$T_1 \cap (12)(456)T_1$	2	$T_1 \cap (456)T_1$	7
$T_1 \cap (23)T_1$	4		

For $v = 9$, using a similiar argment to Lemma 3.2, we obtain $\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27\} \subseteq J[9, 0]$. Let $T_1 = \{[1, 1, 2], [2, 2, 3], [3, 3, 1], [4, 4, 8], [8, 8, 5], [5, 5, 6], [6, 6, 7], [7, 7, 9], [9, 9, 4], [1, 4, 5], [1, 5, 4], [1, 6, 9], [1, 9, 6], [1, 7, 8], [1, 8, 7], [2, 4, 6], [2, 6, 4], [2, 5, 7], [2, 7, 5], [2, 8, 9], [2, 9, 8], [3, 4, 7], [3, 7, 4], [3, 5, 9], [3, 9, 5], [3, 6, 8], [3, 8, 6]\}$. $T_2 = \{[1, 1, 2], [2, 2, 3], [3, 3, 1],$

$[4, 4, 6], [6, 6, 5], [5, 5, 4], [7, 7, 8], [8, 8, 9], [9, 9, 7], [1, 4, 7], [1, 7, 4], [1, 5, 9],$
 $[1, 9, 5], [1, 6, 8], [1, 8, 6], [2, 4, 9], [2, 9, 4], [2, 5, 8], [2, 8, 5], [2, 6, 7], [2, 7, 6],$
 $[3, 4, 8], [3, 8, 4], [3, 5, 7], [3, 7, 5], [3, 6, 9], [3, 9, 6]\}. T_3 = \{[1, 1, 2], [2, 2, 3],$
 $[3, 3, 4], [4, 4, 5], [5, 5, 1], [6, 6, 1], [7, 7, 2], [8, 8, 3], [9, 9, 4], [1, 3, 7], [1, 4, 8],$
 $[1, 7, 4], [1, 8, 9], [1, 9, 3], [2, 4, 6], [2, 5, 8], [2, 6, 9], [2, 8, 4], [2, 9, 5], [3, 5, 7],$
 $[3, 6, 5], [3, 9, 6], [4, 7, 6], [5, 6, 8], [5, 9, 7], [6, 7, 8], [7, 9, 8]\}. T_4 = \{[1, 1, 2],$
 $[2, 2, 3], [3, 3, 4], [4, 4, 1], [5, 5, 1], [6, 6, 2], [7, 7, 3], [8, 8, 4], [9, 9, 4], [1, 3, 6],$
 $[1, 6, 8], [1, 7, 9], [1, 8, 3], [1, 9, 7], [2, 4, 5], [2, 5, 7], [2, 7, 4], [2, 8, 9], [2, 9, 8],$
 $[3, 5, 9], [3, 8, 5], [3, 9, 6], [4, 6, 5], [4, 7, 6], [5, 6, 9], [5, 8, 7], [6, 7, 8]\}. T_5 =$
 $\{[1, 1, 2], [2, 2, 3], [3, 3, 4], [4, 4, 5], [5, 5, 6], [6, 6, 7], [7, 7, 1], [8, 8, 1], [9, 9, 1],$
 $[1, 3, 5], [1, 4, 6], [1, 5, 3], [1, 6, 4], [2, 4, 7], [2, 5, 8], [2, 6, 9], [2, 7, 4], [2, 8, 6],$
 $[2, 9, 5], [3, 6, 8], [3, 7, 9], [3, 8, 7], [3, 9, 6], [4, 8, 9], [4, 9, 8], [5, 7, 8], [5, 9, 7]\}.$
 Now, N_1 comes from T_1 with $\{[1, 4, 5], [1, 5, 4], [1, 6, 9], [1, 7, 8], [1, 8, 7],$
 $[1, 9, 6], [5, 5, 6], [6, 6, 7], [8, 8, 5], [9, 9, 4]\}$ replaced by $\{[1, 4, 9], [1, 5, 8], [1, 6,$
 $7], [1, 7, 6], [1, 8, 5], [1, 9, 4], [5, 5, 4], [6, 6, 5], [8, 8, 7], [9, 9, 6]\}.$ N_2 comes from
 T_2 with $\{[3, 4, 8], [3, 6, 9], [3, 8, 4], [3, 9, 6], [4, 4, 6], [7, 7, 8], [8, 8, 9], [9, 9, 7]\}$
 replaced by $\{[3, 4, 6], [3, 6, 4], [3, 8, 9], [3, 9, 8], [4, 4, 8], [7, 7, 9], [8, 8, 7], [9, 9,$
 $6]\}.$ By $\langle 1, 2, 3, 1 \rangle \subseteq T_1, \langle 1, 2, 3, 4, 1 \rangle \subseteq T_4, \langle 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1 \rangle \subseteq T_3, \langle 4, 8, 5, 6, 7,$
 $9, 4 \rangle \subseteq T_1,$ and $\langle 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1 \rangle \subseteq T_5,$ we have $20, 21, 22, 23, 24 \in J[9, 0].$
 From $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 17, |T_2 \cap N_2| = 19$ and Table 2, we have $J[9, 0] = I[9, 0].$

Table 2

Intersection	Size	Intersection	Size
$T_1 \cap (34)(678)T_1$	1	$T_1 \cap (6798)T_1$	10
$T_1 \cap (34)(789)T_1$	2	$T_1 \cap (67)(89)T_1$	11
$T_1 \cap (56)(79)T_1$	4	$T_1 \cap (23)(6798)T_1$	13
$T_1 \cap (6789)T_1$	5	$T_1 \cap (24)(35)T_1$	14
$T_1 \cap (57)(689)T_1$	7	$T_1 \cap (45)(6798)T_1$	16
$T_1 \cap (789)T_1$	8		

For $v = 12,$ using a similiar argment to Lemma 3.1, we obtain $J[12, 0] \supseteq$
 $I[12, 0] \setminus \{34, 35\}.$ $T_1 = B \cup C \cup D \cup \{[1, 6, 10], [1, 10, 6], [1, 7, 11], [1, 11, 7],$
 $[1, 8, 12], [1, 12, 8], [2, 5, 10], [2, 10, 5], [2, 8, 11], [2, 11, 8], [3, 8, 10], [3, 10, 8],$
 $[4, 7, 10], [4, 10, 7], [4, 8, 9], [4, 9, 8], [1, 1, 5], [5, 5, 9], [9, 9, 1], [6, 6, 5], [7, 7, 6],$
 $[8, 8, 6], [5, 7, 8], [5, 8, 7], [10, 10, 9], [11, 11, 10], [12, 12, 10], [9, 11, 12], [9, 12,$
 $11]\},$ where $B = \{[2, 6, 12], [2, 12, 6], [2, 7, 9], [2, 9, 7], [3, 6, 9], [3, 9, 6], [3, 7,$
 $12], [3, 12, 7]\}, C = \{[3, 5, 11], [3, 11, 5], [4, 5, 12], [4, 12, 5], [4, 6, 11], [4, 11, 6]\}$
 and $D = \{[2, 2, 1], [3, 3, 2], [4, 4, 2], [1, 3, 4], [1, 4, 3]\}.$ Now, N_1 comes from
 T_1 by removing the blocks $B \cup C$ and replacing them with $\{[2, 6, 9], [2, 9, 6],$
 $[2, 7, 12], [2, 12, 7], [3, 5, 12], [3, 12, 5], [3, 6, 11], [3, 11, 6], [3, 7, 9], [3, 9, 7],$
 $[4, 5, 11], [4, 11, 5], [4, 6, 12], [4, 12, 6]\}.$ N_2 comes from T_1 by removing the
 blocks $B \cup D$ and replacing them with $\{[2, 6, 9], [2, 9, 6], [2, 7, 12], [2, 12, 7],$
 $[3, 6, 12], [3, 12, 6], [3, 7, 9], [3, 9, 7], [3, 3, 1], [2, 2, 3], [4, 4, 3], [1, 2, 4], [1, 4, 2]\}.$
 Then $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 34$ and $|T_1 \cap N_2| = 35.$ Thus, $J[12, 0] = I[12, 0].$

Combining the above Lemmas 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, we obtained the following results:

Theorem 3.4 $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$, for $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

4 For the Class of EMTS($v, 1$)

The spectrum of EMTS($v, 1$) is $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Since the smallest possible mutually balanced subsets of an EMTS($v, 1$) are $\langle x, y \rangle$ (which can be changed to $\langle y, x \rangle$), it follows that $J[v, 1] \subseteq I[v, 1]$.

By using a similar proof to Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 and replacing EMTS($n, 0$), $I[n, 0]$ and $J[v, 0]$ by EMTS($n, 1$), $I[n, 1]$ and $J[v, 1]$, respectively, for each $n = v, 2v, 2v + 3$, we have

Lemma 4.1 If $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$ and v is an integer ≥ 7 then $J[2v, 1] = I[2v, 1]$.

Lemma 4.2 If $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$ and v is an integer ≥ 5 then $J[2v + 3, 1] = I[2v + 3, 1]$.

Hoffman and Lindner [4] proved that there exist two MTS(v) intersecting in r triples if and only if $r \in S_v = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, v(v-1)/3 - 6, v(v-1)/3 - 4, v(v-1)/3\}$, for $v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3}$, $v \neq 6$. If $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $v \neq 7$, there exist two MTS($v-1$), say (V, B_1) and (V, B_2) , intersecting in r triples, where $r \in S_{v-1}$ and $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, v-1\}$. Let $V^* = V \cup \{v\}$, $N = \{\{2, 2, v\}, \{3, 3, v\}, \dots, \{v-1, v-1, v\}, \{v, v, 1\}, \{1, 1, 1\}\}$, $B_1^* = B_1 \cup N$ and $B_2^* = B_2 \cup N$. Then (V^*, B_1^*) and (V^*, B_2^*) are EMTS($v, 1$) and they have $r + v$ common triples. So,

$$v + S_{v-1} = \{v, v+1, \dots, b_{v,1} - 6, b_{v,1} - 4, b_{v,1}\} \subseteq J[v, 1]. \quad (1)$$

By $\langle 2, v, 1 \rangle \subseteq B_1^*$, we have $b_{v,1} - 2, b_{v,1} - 3 \in J[v, 1]$. Thus we have

$$\{v, v+1, \dots, b_{v,1} - 6, b_{v,1} - 4, b_{v,1} - 3, b_{v,1} - 2, b_{v,1}\} \subseteq J[v, 1] \quad (2)$$

, for $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $v \neq 7$.

Lemma 4.3 $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$, for $v = 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11$.

Proof. For $v = 4$, let $T_1 = \{\{3, 3, 2\}, \{2, 2, 1\}, \{1, 1, 1\}, \{4, 4, 2\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{1, 4, 3\}\}$. Now, N_1 comes from T_1 with $\{\{3, 3, 2\}, \{4, 4, 2\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{1, 4, 3\}\}$ replaced by

$\{[3, 3, 1], [4, 4, 1], [2, 3, 4], [2, 4, 3]\}$. $3, 2 \in J[4, 1]$ follow by $(3, 2, 1) \subset T_1$. From $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 2$, $|T_1 \cap (23)T_1| = 1$ and $|T_1 \cap (12)T_1| = 0$, we have $J[4, 1] = I[4, 1]$.

For $v = 5$, let $T_1 = \{[2, 2, 1], [3, 3, 1], [5, 5, 1], [1, 1, 4], [4, 4, 4], [2, 3, 5], [2, 4, 3], [2, 5, 4], [3, 4, 5]\}$. and let N_1 comes from T_1 with $\{[4, 2, 5], [4, 5, 3], [4, 3, 2], [2, 2, 1], [3, 3, 1], [5, 5, 1]\}$ replaced by $\{[1, 2, 5], [1, 5, 3], [1, 3, 5], [2, 2, 4], [3, 3, 4], [5, 5, 4]\}$. $5, 6, 7 \in J[5, 1]$ follow by the equation (2). By $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 4$, $|T_1 \cap (12)(45)T_1| = 0$, $|T_1 \cap (12)(345)T_1| = 1$ and $|T_1 \cap (45)T_1| = 2$, we have $J[5, 1] = I[5, 1]$.

For $v = 7$, let $T_1 = \{[1, 1, 1], [2, 2, 1], [3, 3, 2], [4, 4, 2], [5, 5, 2], [6, 6, 3], [7, 7, 4], [1, 3, 7], [1, 4, 3], [1, 5, 6], [1, 6, 4], [1, 7, 5], [2, 6, 7], [2, 7, 6], [3, 4, 5], [3, 5, 7], [4, 6, 5]\}$ and $T_2 = \{[1, 1, 1], [2, 2, 7], [7, 7, 4], [4, 4, 3], [3, 3, 6], [6, 6, 5], [5, 5, 2], [1, 2, 3], [1, 3, 2], [1, 4, 5], [1, 5, 4], [1, 6, 7], [1, 7, 6], [2, 4, 6], [2, 6, 4], [3, 5, 7], [3, 7, 5]\}$. By $(2, 7, 4, 3, 6, 5, 2) \subseteq T_2$ and $(6, 3, 2, 1) \subseteq T_1$, we have $11, 13, 14, 15 \in J[7, 1]$. From Table 3, we obtain $J[7, 1] = I[7, 1]$.

Table 3

Intersection	Size	Intersection	Size
$T_1 \cap (12)(45)(67)T_1$	0	$T_1 \cap (567)T_1$	6
$T_1 \cap (23)(67)T_1$	1	$T_1 \cap (56)T_1$	7
$T_1 \cap (23)(57)T_1$	2	$T_1 \cap (345)T_1$	8
$T_1 \cap (46)(57)T_1$	3	$T_1 \cap (69)T_1$	9
$T_1 \cap (467)T_1$	4	$T_1 \cap (35476)T_1$	10
$T_1 \cap (4567)T_1$	5	$T_1 \cap (345)(67)T_1$	12

Using a similar argument to Lemma 4.1 and 4.2, for $v = 8, 10$ or 11 , we obtain $J[8, 1] = I[8, 1] \setminus \{13, 15\}$, $J[10, 1] = I[10, 1] \setminus \{23\}$ and $J[11, 1] = I[11, 1] \setminus \{5, 12, 19, 26, 33\}$. From equation (2), we have $13, 15 \in J[8, 1]$, $23 \in J[10, 1]$ and $12, 19, 26, 33 \in J[11, 1]$. For the remaining data 5 in the case of $v = 11$, let $T_1 = \{[1, 1, 5], [1, 2, 7], [1, 3, 4], [1, 4, 3], [1, 6, 9], [1, 7, 2], [1, 8, 11], [1, 9, 6], [1, 11, 8], [2, 2, 11], [2, 3, 6], [2, 4, 10], [2, 5, 9], [2, 6, 3], [2, 9, 5], [2, 10, 4], [3, 3, 8], [3, 5, 10], [3, 7, 9], [3, 9, 7], [3, 10, 5], [4, 4, 7], [4, 5, 8], [4, 8, 5], [4, 9, 11], [4, 11, 9], [5, 5, 6], [5, 7, 11], [5, 11, 7], [6, 6, 4], [6, 7, 8], [6, 8, 7], [6, 10, 11], [6, 11, 10], [7, 7, 10], [8, 8, 2], [8, 9, 10], [8, 10, 9], [9, 9, 9], [10, 10, 1], [11, 11, 3]\}$. We can obtain $|T_1 \cap (6, 7)(8, 10) (9, 11)T_1| = 5$. Thus $J[i, 1] = I[i, 1]$, for $i = 8, 10, 11$.

Combining the above Lemmas 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3, we obtained the following results:

Theorem 4.4 $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$, for $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

5 Conclusions.

From Theorems 3.4 and 4.4, we obtained the following results:

Main Theorem $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$, for $v \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3)$, and $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$, for $v \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 3)$.

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