

The Triangle Intersection Problem for Kite Systems

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Abstract

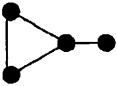
The graph  is called a kite and the decomposition of

K_n into kites is called a kite system. Such systems exist precisely when $n \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{8}$. In 1975 C. C. Lindner and A. Rosa solved the intersection problem for Steiner triple systems. The object of this paper is to give a complete solution to the triangle intersection problem for kite systems (= how many triangles can two kite systems of order n have in common). We show that if $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n(n-1)/8\}$, then there exists a pair of kite systems of order n having exactly x triangles in common.

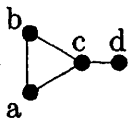
1 Introduction

A Steiner triple system (or simply triple system) of order n is a pair (X, T) , where T is a collection of edge disjoint triangles (or triples) which partitions the edge set of K_n (= the complete graph on n vertices) with vertex set X . It is well-known [3] that the spectrum for triple systems (=the set of all n such that a triple system of order n exists) is precisely the set of all $n \equiv 1$ or $3 \pmod{6}$ and that if (X, T) is a triple system of order n , $|T| = n(n-1)/6$.

The Intersection problem for triple systems asks for which pairs (n, k) does there exist two triple systems of order n having exactly k triples in common. A complete solution to this problem was given in 1975 by C.C. Lindner and A.Rosa [5] who showed that, $J(3) = \{1\}$, $J(7) = \{0, 1, 3, 7\}$, $J(9) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12\}$ and $J(n) = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, x = n(n-1)/6\} \setminus \{x-1, x-2, x-3, x-5\}$ for all $n \geq 13$; where $J(n)$ denotes the set of all intersection numbers for triple systems of order n .

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system of order n is a pair (X, K) , where K is a collection of edge disjoint kites which partitions the edge set of K_n with vertex set X . In this case $|K| = n(n-1)/8$. The spectrum for kite system was determined in 1977 by J.C Bermont and J Schönheim [1]who showed that a kite system exists if and only if $n \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{8}$.

In what follows we'll denote the kite  by $(a,b,c)-d$ or $(b,a,c)-d$.

Example 1.1 (kite system of order 8) $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$, $K = \{(1, 2, 4) - 5, (2, 3, 5) - 6, (3, 4, 6) - 7, (4, 5, 7) - 8, (8, 5, 6) - 1, (1, 6, 7) - 3, (8, 2, 7) - 3\}$.

Now given a kite system (X, K) of order n , if we delete the "tails" the result is a collection of edge disjoint triples $T(K)$, and of course $(X, T(K))$ is a partial triple system. For example if we delete the tails in Example 1.1 the resulting collection of triples is $T(K) = \{(1, 2, 4), (2, 3, 5), (3, 4, 6), (4, 5, 7), (8, 5, 6), (1, 6, 7), (8, 2, 7)\}$. We remark that the partial triple system $(X, T(K))$ does not necessarily have order n . For example, if $K = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (2, 3, 5)-8, (3, 4, 6)-8, (4, 5, 7)-8, (5, 6, 1)-8, (6, 7, 2)-8, (7, 1, 3)-8\}$, $(X \setminus \{8\}, T(K))$ is a partial triple system of order 7.

The triple intersection problem for kite systems asks for which pairs (n, k) does there exist a pair of kite systems (X, K_1) and (X, K_2) of order n such that $|T(K_1) \cap T(K_2)| = k$. The object of this paper is a complete solution of this problem. In particular we show that $J(n) =$

$\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n(n-1)/8\}$ for all $n \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{8}$, without any exceptions, where $J(n)$ denotes the set of triple intersection numbers for kite systems of order n .

It is worth noting here that E. J. Billington and D. L. Kreher solved the intersection problem for kites [2]. What we are doing here is totally different.

We will break the construction into two sections: a section giving five examples followed by a section giving a recursive construction for all $n \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{8} \geq 24$.

2 Examples

In this section we give solutions of the triple intersection problem for kite systems for orders $n = 8, 9, 16$ and 17 , followed by an example necessary for the recursive construction in Section 3.

Example 2.1 ($n=8$) Define 8 kite systems of order 8 as follows :

$K_0 = \{(3, 4, 1)-5, (4, 5, 2)-6, (5, 6, 3)-7, (6, 7, 4)-8, (5, 7, 8)-2, (1, 6, 8)-3, (1, 7, 2)-3\}$, $K_1 = \{(2, 4, 1)-5, (5, 6, 3)-7, (6, 7, 4)-3, (6, 8, 1)-3, (2, 5, 7)-1, (4, 5, 8)-7, (3, 8, 2)-6\}$, $K_2 = \{(2, 4, 1)-5, (3, 5, 2)-6, (4, 6, 7)-2, (7, 8, 5)-4, (1, 8, 6)-5, (1, 7, 3)-6, (3, 4, 8)-2\}$, $K_3 = \{(2, 4, 1)-5, (3, 5, 2)-8, (3, 6, 4)-8, (7, 8, 5)-4, (1, 6, 8)-3, (1, 3, 7)-4, (2, 7, 6)-5\}$, $K_4 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (2, 3, 5)-8, (3, 4, 6)-8, (4, 5, 7)-1, (5, 6, 1)-8, (6, 7, 2)-8, (7, 8, 3)-1\}$ $K_5 = \{(2, 4, 1)-5, (2, 7, 3)-5, (7, 4, 5)-2, (5, 6, 8)-2, (1, 7, 6)-2, (1, 3, 8)-7, (3, 6, 4)-8\}$, $K_6 = \{(2, 4, 1)-5, (3, 5, 2)-6, (4, 6, 3)-7, (5, 7, 4)-8, (5, 6, 8)-7, (1, 6, 7)-2, (1, 3, 8)-2\}$, and $K_7 = \{(2, 4, 1)-5, (3, 5, 2)-6, (4, 6, 3)-7, (5, 7, 4)-8, (5, 6, 8)-1, (6, 7, 1)-3, (2, 7, 8)-3\}$.

Then $|T(K_7) \cap T(K_i)| = i$, for all $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$, and so $J(8) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

Example 2.2 ($n=9$). Define 10 kite systems of order 9 as follows:

$K_0 = \{(1, 3, 4)-8, (2, 4, 5)-9, (3, 5, 6)-1, (4, 6, 7)-2, (5, 7, 8)-3, (6, 8, 9)-4, (7, 9, 1)-5, (1, 8, 2)-6, (2, 9, 3)-7\}$, $K_1 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (3, 5, 6)-1, (4, 6, 7)-2, (5, 7, 8)-2, (8, 9, 6)-2, (7, 9, 1)-5, (2, 9, 3)-7, (4, 9, 5)-2, (1, 8, 3)-4\}$, $K_2 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (2, 3, 5)-9, (4, 7, 6)-2, (5, 8, 7)-2, (6, 9, 8)-2, (1, 7, 9)-2, (4, 9, 3)-6, (1, 8, 3)-7, (1, 6, 5)-4\}$, $K_3 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (2, 3, 5)-6, (3, 4, 6)-1, 2-(5, 7, 8)-2, (6, 8, 9)-2, (7, 9, 1)-5, (5, 9, 4)-7, (2, 6, 7)-3, (1, 8, 3)-9\}$, $K_4 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (2, 3, 5)-9, (3, 4, 6)-1, 9-(5, 7, 4)-9, (6, 8, 9)-2, (7, 9, 1)-3, (1, 5, 8)-2, (7, 8, 3)-9, (2, 7, 6)-5\}$, $K_5 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (2, 3, 5)-9, (3, 4, 6)-1, (4, 5, 7)-3, (5, 6, 8)-7, (7, 9, 1)-5, (1, 8, 3)-9, (2, 8, 9)-4, (2, 7, 6)-9\}$, $K_6 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (3, 5, 2)-6, (3, 4, 6)-1, (5, 7, 4)-9, (5, 6, 8)-3, (6, 7, 9)-2, (1, 7, 3)-9, (5, 9, 1)-8, (2, 7, 8)-9\}$, $K_7 = \{(1, 2, 4)-8, (3, 5, 2)-6, (3, 4, 6)-1, (4, 5, 7)-2, (5, 6, 8)-2, (6, 7, 9)-4, (1, 8, 7)-3, (3, 8, 9)-$

2, (5, 9, 1)–3}, $K_8 = \{(1, 2, 4)–8, (2, 5, 3)–7, (3, 4, 6)–1, (4, 5, 7)–2, (5, 6, 8)–3, (6, 7, 9)–4, (7, 8, 1)–3, (8, 9, 2)–6, (1, 5, 9)–3\}$, and $K_9 = \{(1, 2, 4)–8, (2, 3, 5)–9, (3, 4, 6)–1, (4, 5, 7)–2, (5, 6, 8)–3, (6, 7, 9)–4, (7, 8, 1)–5, (8, 9, 2)–6, (1, 9, 3)–7\}$.

Then $|T(K_9) \cap T(K_i)| = i$, for all $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9$, and so $J(9) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

We will need the following definition before giving the next example. A trade of partial kite systems is a pair (B_1, B_2) where B_1 and B_2 are partial kite systems using exactly the same edges. Clearly if (X, K) is a kite system (or partial system) and (B_1, B_2) is a trade with $B_1 \subseteq K$, then $(X, (K \setminus B_1) \cup B_2)$ is a kite system (or a partial kite system).

Example 2.3 ($n=16$) Define 6 non-intersecting trades $C_i = (B_i, B_i^*)$, $1 \leq i \leq 6$, as follows:

$B_1 = \{(13, 2, 14)–16, (4, 3, 7)–16, (7, 14, 8)–16\}$ $B_1^* = \{(13, 2, 14)–8, (4, 3, 7)–8, (7, 14, 16)–8\}$ $B_2 = \{(3, 6, 5)–16, (3, 13, 15)–16, (5, 15, 11)–16\}$ $B_2^* = \{(3, 6, 5)–11, (3, 13, 15)–11, (5, 15, 16)–11\}$ $B_3 = \{(6, 14, 9)–16, (4, 15, 10)–16, (9, 10, 3)–16\}$ $B_3^* = \{(6, 14, 9)–3, (4, 15, 10)–3, (9, 10, 16)–3\}$ $B_4 = \{(8, 12, 4)–16, (1, 7, 6)–16, (4, 6, 2)–16\}$ $B_4^* = \{(8, 12, 4)–2, (1, 7, 6)–2, (4, 6, 16)–2\}$ $B_5 = \{(2, 15, 12)–16, (6, 11, 13)–16, (12, 13, 1)–16\}$ $B_5^* = \{(2, 15, 12)–1, (6, 11, 13)–1, (12, 13, 16)–1\}$ $B_6 = \{(2, 3, 1)–14, (5, 10, 14)–15, (9, 7, 15)–1, (1, 4, 5)–7, (8, 10, 2)–5, (11, 12, 7)–2, (2, 9, 11)–3, (12, 14, 3)–8, (5, 13, 8)–11, (1, 8, 9)–13, (11, 14, 4)–9, (7, 10, 13)–4, (1, 11, 10)–12, (5, 9, 12)–6, (8, 15, 6)–10\}$ $B_6^* = \{(14, 15, 1)–2, (14, 10, 5)–9, (9, 15, 7)–11, (1, 4, 5)–13, (2, 10, 8)–13, (2, 5, 7)–12, (8, 11, 3)–1, (9, 11, 2)–3, (3, 14, 12)–11, (4, 13, 9)–12, (8, 9, 1)–11, (4, 14, 11)–1, (7, 13, 10)–11, (6, 15, 8)–5, (6, 10, 12)–5\}$.

Observe that $|T(B_6) \cap T(B_6^*)| = 10$ and $|T(B_i) \cap T(B_i^*)| = 2$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. Now define $K_{30} = \cup_{i=1}^6 B_i$, $K_{29} = B_1^* \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup B_4 \cup B_5 \cup B_6$, $K_{28} = B_1^* \cup B_2^* \cup B_3 \cup B_4 \cup B_5 \cup B_6$, $K_{27} = B_1^* \cup B_2^* \cup B_3^* \cup B_4 \cup B_5 \cup B_6$, $K_{26} = B_1^* \cup B_2^* \cup B_3^* \cup B_4^* \cup B_5 \cup B_6$, $K_{25} = B_1^* \cup B_2^* \cup B_3^* \cup B_4^* \cup B_5^* \cup B_6$, $K_{24} = B_1^* \cup B_2 \cup B_3 \cup B_4 \cup B_5 \cup B_6^*$, $K_{23} = B_1^* \cup B_2^* \cup B_3 \cup B_4 \cup B_5 \cup B_6^*$, $K_{22} = B_1^* \cup B_2^* \cup B_3^* \cup B_4 \cup B_5 \cup B_6^*$, $K_{21} = B_1^* \cup B_2^* \cup B_3^* \cup B_4^* \cup B_5 \cup B_6^*$, $K_{20} = \cup_{i=1}^6 B_i^*$

Let $(X, K)\alpha_i$ be the kite system obtained from (X, K) by applying the permutation α_i to each block of K where:

$\alpha_1 = (1\ 12)$, $\alpha_2 = (8\ 9\ 10)$, $\alpha_3 = (1\ 9\ 10)$, $\alpha_4 = (6\ 7)(8\ 9)(10\ 11)(12\ 13)$, $\alpha_5 = (1\ 9\ 10\ 12)$, $\alpha_6 = (1\ 5\ 9\ 10\ 12)$, $\alpha_7 = (1\ 5\ 6\ 9\ 10\ 11)$, $\alpha_8 = (1\ 2\ 3)(4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9\ 10\ 11\ 12\ 13\ 14\ 15)$, $\alpha_9 = (1\ 5\ 6\ 9\ 10\ 11\ 12)$, $\alpha_{10} = (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6\ 7\ 8\ 9\ 10\ 11\ 12\ 13\ 14\ 15)$, $\alpha_{11} = (2\ 16)\alpha_{10}$, $\alpha_{12} = (14\ 16)\alpha_{10}$

Define $K_{19} = (K_{29})\alpha_1$, $K_{18} = (K_{28})\alpha_1$, $K_{17} = (K_{27})\alpha_1$, $K_{16} = (K_{27})\alpha_2$, $K_{15} = (K_{30})\alpha_3$, $K_{14} = (K_{29})\alpha_3$, $K_{13} = (K_{28})\alpha_3$, $K_{12} = (K_{30})\alpha_4$, $K_{11} = (K_{30})\alpha_5$, $K_{10} = (K_{29})\alpha_5$, $K_9 = (K_{28})\alpha_5$, $K_8 = (K_{30})\alpha_6$, $K_7 =$

$(K_{30})\alpha_7, K_6 = (K_{29})\alpha_7, K_5 = (K_{30})\alpha_8, K_4 = (K_{30})\alpha_9, K_3 = (K_{29})\alpha_9$
 $K_2 = (K_{30})\alpha_{10}, K_1 = (K_{30})\alpha_{11}, K_0 = (K_{30})\alpha_{12}.$

Then $|T(K_{30}) \cap T(K_i)| = i$, for all $0 \leq i \leq 30$, and so $J(16) = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 30\}.$

Example 2.4 ($n=17$)

A kite system of order 17 has 34 kites. Let $C = \{(5 + i, 11 + i, 1 + i) - (6 + i) | 1 \leq i \leq 17\}$, $C^* = \{(5 + i, 11 + i, 1 + i) - (6 + i) | 1 \leq i \leq 17\}$ and $E = \{(2 + i, 4 + i, 1 + i) - (9 + i) | 1 \leq i \leq 17\}$ (sums are computed modulo 17 and 17 = 0). Then (C, C^*) is a trade and $|T(C) \cap T(C^*)| = 0$. Moreover each of the following E_j forms a trade with E such that $|T(E) \cap T(E_j)| = j$.

$E_0 = \{(3 + i, 4 + i, 1 + i) - (9 + i), | 1 \leq i \leq 17\}$, $E_1 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 16, (5, 6, 3) - 11, (4, 6, 7) - 16, (5, 7, 8) - 16, (8, 9, 6) - 14, (7, 10, 9) - 1, (8, 11, 10) - 2, (11, 12, 9) - 17, (12, 13, 10) - 1, (13, 14, 11) - 2, (12, 14, 15) - 7, (13, 15, 16) - 2, (16, 17, 14) - 5, (17, 1, 15) - 6, (2, 3, 17) - 8, (4, 13, 5) - 2, (4, 12, 3) - 1\}$,
 $E_2 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 9, 10 - (3, 11, 2) - 10, (2, 16, 17) - 3, (5, 7, 8) - 17, (8, 9, 6) - 3, (9, 10, 7) - 4, (10, 11, 8) - 16, (11, 12, 9) - 17, (12, 13, 10) - 1, (11, 13, 14) - 16, (12, 15, 14) - 17, (13, 15, 16) - 7, (15, 17, 1) - 16, (4, 12, 3) - 1, (4, 13, 5) - 2, (6, 14, 5) - 3, (7, 15, 6) - 4\}$, $E_3 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 9, (3, 5, 2) - 16, (4, 6, 3) - 1, (5, 8, 7) - 16, (6, 8, 9) - 17, (7, 9, 10) - 1, (8, 10, 11) - 2, (9, 11, 12) - 3, (12, 13, 10) - 2, (13, 14, 11) - 3, (12, 15, 14) - 17, (13, 15, 16) - 1, (1, 15, 17) - 2, (5, 13, 4) - 12, (5, 6, 14) - 16, (6, 15, 7) - 4, (8, 16, 17) - 3\}$, $E_4 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 10, (2, 5, 3) - 17, (4, 6, 3) - 1, (4, 7, 5) - 8, (7, 9, 10) - 2, (8, 10, 11) - 3, (9, 11, 12) - 4, (10, 12, 13) - 5, (13, 14, 11) - 2, (14, 15, 12) - 3, (15, 16, 13) - 4, (14, 16, 17) - 2, (15, 17, 1) - 16, (5, 14, 6) - 9, (7, 15, 6) - 8, (7, 8, 16) - 2, (8, 17, 9) - 1\}$, $E_5 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 9, (3, 5, 2) - 10, (4, 6, 3) - 11, (5, 7, 4) - 12, (6, 8, 5) - 13, (7, 9, 10) - 1, (8, 10, 11) - 2, (9, 11, 12) - 3, (10, 12, 13) - 4, (11, 13, 14) - 5, (12, 15, 14) - 6, (13, 15, 16) - 2, (14, 16, 17) - 2, (15, 17, 1) - 3, (7, 15, 6) - 9, (7, 8, 16) - 1, (8, 9, 17) - 3\}$, $E_6 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 16, (3, 5, 2) - 10, (4, 6, 3) - 11, (5, 7, 4) - 12, (6, 8, 5) - 13, (7, 9, 6) - 14, (8, 11, 10) - 7, (9, 12, 11) - 2, (10, 13, 12) - 3, (11, 14, 13) - 4, (12, 15, 14) - 5, (13, 16, 15) - 6, (14, 17, 16) - 2, (1, 15, 17) - 2, (8, 16, 7) - 15, (9, 8, 17) - 3, (9, 10, 1) - 3\}$, $E_7 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 16, (3, 5, 2) - 16, (4, 6, 3) - 11, (5, 7, 4) - 12, (6, 8, 5) - 13, (7, 9, 6) - 14, (8, 10, 7) - 15, (9, 11, 12) - 3, (10, 12, 13) - 4, (11, 13, 14) - 5, (12, 14, 15) - 6, (13, 15, 16) - 7, (14, 16, 17) - 2, (1, 15, 17) - 3, (9, 17, 8) - 16, (9, 10, 1) - 3, (2, 10, 11) - 8\}$, $E_8 = \{(2, 4, 1) - 16, (3, 5, 2) - 16, (3, 6, 4) - 12, (4, 7, 5) - 13, (5, 8, 6) - 14, (6, 9, 7) - 15, (7, 10, 8) - 16, (8, 11, 9) - 17, (10, 12, 13) - 4, (11, 13, 14) - 5, (12, 14, 15) - 6, (13, 15, 16) - 7, (14, 16, 17) - 8, (1, 15, 17) - 3, (9, 10, 1) - 3, (10, 11, 2) - 17, (3, 11, 12) - 9\}$.

Define $K_{34} = E \cup C$, $K_i = E_i \cup C^*$ and $K_{17+i} = E_i \cup C$ for all $0 \leq i \leq 8$.

Now consider the following 8 mutually disjoint trade pairs (A_i, A_i^*) and 8 mutually disjoint trade pairs (B_i, B_i^*) for $0 \leq i \leq 7$. First of all $A_i \subseteq K_{34}$ and $|T(A_i^*) \cap T(K_{34})| = 2$. Also $B_i \subseteq K_{17}$, $|T(B_i) \cap T(K_{34})| = 2$ and $|T(B_i^*) \cap T(K_{34})| = 1$.

$A_i = \{(2+i, 4+i, 1+i) - (9+i), (17+i, 6+i, 13+i) - (1+i), (13+i, 2+i, 9+i) - (14+i)\}$, $A_i^* = \{(1+i, 4+i, 2+i) - (9+i), (17+i, 6+i, 13+i) - (2+i), (1+i, 13+i, 9+i) - (14+i)\}$, $A_{i+4} = \{(11+i, 13+i, 10+i) - (1+i), (9+i, 15+i, 5+i) - (10+i), (5+i, 11+i, 1+i) - (6+i)\}$ and $A_{i+4}^* = \{(10+i, 13+i, 11+i) - (1+i), (9+i, 15+i, 5+i) - (11+i), (5+i, 10+i, 1+i) - (6+i)\}$, for $0 \leq i \leq 3$.

$B_i = \{(16+i, 2+i, 1+i) - (9+i), (17+i, 6+i, 13+i) - (1+i), (13+i, 2+i, 9+i) - (14+i)\}$, $B_i^* = \{(1+i, 16+i, 2+i) - (9+i), (17+i, 6+i, 13+i) - (2+i), (1+i, 13+i, 9+i) - (14+i)\}$, $B_{i+4} = \{(8+i, 11+i, 10+i) - (1+i), (9+i, 15+i, 5+i) - (10+i), (5+i, 11+i, 1+i) - (6+i)\}$ and $B_{i+4}^* = \{(10+i, 8+i, 11+i) - (1+i), (9+i, 15+i, 5+i) - (11+i), (5+i, 10+i, 1+i) - (6+i)\}$ for $0 \leq i \leq 3$.

We can define the remaining K_j 's by interchanging the blocks of the trades as follows: $K_{34-j} = K_{34} \cup \{A_0^*, \dots, A_{j-1}^*\} \setminus \{A_0, \dots, A_{j-1}\}$ and $K_{17-j} = K_{17} \cup \{B_0^*, \dots, B_{j-1}^*\} \setminus \{B_0, \dots, B_{j-1}\}$ for each $1 \leq j \leq 8$

Then $|T(K_{34}) \cap T(K_i)| = i$, for all $0 \leq i \leq 34$, and so $J(17) = \{0, 1, \dots, 34\}$

Denote by $X(1, 2, 3)$ the set $\{X \times \{1\}, X \times \{2\}, X \times \{3\}\}$. A tripartite kite system of order n is a pair $(X(1, 2, 3), K)$, where K is an edge disjoint collection of kites which partition the edge set of $K_{n,n,n}$ with vertex set $X(1, 2, 3)$.

Example 2.5 (tripartite kite systems of order 4 intersecting in 0 and 12 triples).

Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ and define K_1 and K_2 as follows:

$K_1 = \{((2, 2), (4, 3), (1, 1)) - (1, 2), ((1, 2), (3, 3), (2, 1)) - (2, 2), ((4, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1)) - (3, 2), ((3, 2), (1, 3), (4, 1)) - (4, 2), ((1, 1), (2, 3), (3, 2)) - (3, 3), ((2, 1), (1, 3), (4, 2)) - (4, 3), ((3, 1), (4, 3), (1, 2)) - (1, 3), ((4, 1), (3, 3), (2, 2)) - (2, 3), ((1, 1), (4, 2), (3, 3)) - (3, 1), ((2, 1), (3, 2), (4, 3)) - (4, 1), ((3, 1), (2, 2), (1, 3)) - (1, 1), ((4, 1), (1, 2), (2, 3)) - (2, 1)\}$

$K_2 = \{((2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 1)) - (1, 2), ((1, 2), (4, 3), (2, 1)) - (2, 2), ((4, 2), (1, 3), (3, 1)) - (3, 2), ((3, 2), (2, 3), (4, 1)) - (4, 2), ((1, 1), (4, 3), (3, 2)) - (3, 3), ((2, 1), (3, 3), (4, 2)) - (4, 3), ((3, 1), (2, 3), (1, 2)) - (1, 3), ((4, 1), (1, 3), (2, 2)) - (2, 3), ((4, 1), (1, 2), (3, 3)) - (3, 1), ((3, 1), (2, 2), (4, 3)) - (4, 1), ((2, 1), (3, 2), (1, 3)) - (1, 1), ((1, 1), (4, 2), (2, 3)) - (2, 1)\}$

Then $|T(K_1) \cap T(K_2)| = 12$, and $|T(K_1) \cap T(K_2)| = 0$

3 The $8n(8n+1)$ -Construction

Let $2n \geq 6$, $X = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$, and H a partition of X in sets of size 2 if $2n \equiv 0$ or $2 \pmod{6}$ and of size 2 and 4 with one set of size 4 if $2n \equiv 4$

(mod 6). The sets in H are called holes. Let (X, H, T) be a group divisible design (GDD) with groups H and blocks T of size 3 (see[4]).

Let $S = X \times \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ or $\{\infty\} \cup (X \cup \{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ and define a collection of kites K on S follows:

(1) If H contains a hole h of size 4 define a copy of Example 2.3 or 2.4 on $h \times \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ or $\{\infty\} \cup (h \times \{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ and put these kites in K .

(2) For each hole h of size 2 define a copy of Example 2.1 or 2.2 on $h \times \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ or $\{\infty\} \cup (h \times \{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ and put these kites in K .

(3) For each triple $\{a, b, c\} \in T$ define a copy of Example 2.5 on $K_{4,4,4}$ with parts $X \times \{a\}$, $X \times \{b\}$, and $X \times \{c\}$ and put these kites in K .

Then (S, K) is a kite system of order $8n$ or $8n + 1$, as the case maybe.

Now let (S, K_1) and (S, K_2) be a pair of kite systems of order $N = 8n$ or $8n + 1$ constructed using the $8n$ or $8n + 1$ Construction. Since we can use any kite system in (1) and (2) and any tripartite kite system in (3) we can write any $N \in J(n)$ as $x + (n - 1)J(8 \text{ or } 9) + 4\binom{n}{2}\{0, 12\}$, where $x \in J(8), J(9), J(16)$, or $J(17)$ as the case may be. We have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1 $J(n) = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n(n - 1)/8\}$ for all $n \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{8} \geq 8$.

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