

# $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -group divisible designs of type $g^t u^1$ \*

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## Abstract

Necessary and sufficient conditions are given to the existence for a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -group divisible design of type  $g^t u^1$ .

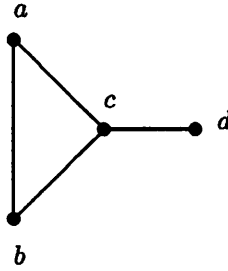
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## 1 Introduction

Let  $G$  be a simple, connected graph and  $H$  a complete multipartite graph.  $\lambda H$  denote the graph  $H$  with each of its edges replicated  $\lambda$  times. We define  $H$  to be of type  $g_1^{u_1} g_2^{u_2} \cdots g_s^{u_s}$  if it has exactly  $\sum_{i=1}^s u_i$  classes (groups) in the multipartition, and there are  $u_i$  groups of size  $g_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . Then we define  $\lambda H$  to be of the same type as  $H$ . A  $G$ -decomposition of  $\lambda H$  is a partition of  $\lambda H$  into subgraphs (blocks) so that each subgraph is isomorphic to  $G$ . We term it as a  $(G, \lambda)$ -group divisible design of type  $g_1^{u_1} g_2^{u_2} \cdots g_s^{u_s}$ , and it is often called a  $(G, \lambda)$ -GDD for short. The existence problem of  $(K_3, 1)$ -GDD with group type  $g^t u^1$  is completely settled in [1]. The existence spectrum of  $(K_4 - e, 1)$ -GDD with group type  $g^t$  is also determined in [2]. The aim of this paper is to solve the existence problem for  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for integers  $g, t, u$  and  $\lambda$ . In what follows we will denote  $(K_3 + e)$  by  $(a, b, c)$ - $d$  or  $(b, a, c)$ - $d$ , sometimes it is called a kite in [4].

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The following lemma is from [4] when  $\lambda = 1$ . It is easy to check that it still holds when  $\lambda > 1$ .

**Lemma 1.1** *Let  $g, t, u$  and  $\lambda$  be nonnegative integers. If there exists a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ , then the following conditions are all satisfied:*

- (1) *if  $g > 0$ , then  $t \geq 3$ , or  $t = 2$  and  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$ , or  $t = 1$  and  $u = 0$ , or  $t = 0$ ;*
- (2)  *$u \leq \lfloor 3g(t - 1)/2 \rfloor$  or  $gt = 0$ ;*
- (3)  *$\lambda(g^2 t(t - 1)/2 + gtu) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

First observe that when  $gt = 0$ , or  $t = 1$  and  $u = 0$ , the design is trivial, it has no blocks. Hence we assume that  $g$  and  $t$  are positive and  $t \geq 2$  in the following sections.

**Theorem 1.2** [4] *The necessary conditions as in Lemma 1.1 for the existence of a  $(K_3 + e, 1)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  are also sufficient.*

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we will introduce some recursive constructions and some useful lemmas. The following lemmas are from [4] when  $\lambda = 1$ . It is not difficult to prove that they are still true when  $\lambda > 1$ .

**Theorem 2.1** (Fundamental Construction) *Let  $(V, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  be a GDD where  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, \dots, G_m\}$ . Let each  $x \in V$  have an associated integer weight  $w(x)$ . Suppose that for each block  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$ , there is a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD with  $k$  groups, having sizes  $w(x_1), \dots, w(x_k)$ . Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD whose groups have sizes  $\sum_{x \in G_i} w(x)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .*

**Lemma 2.2** *If there exist  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDDs of types  $g^t u^1$  and  $(g/s)^s w^1$ , then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $(g/s)^{st}(w + u)^1$ .*

**Lemma 2.3** *If there exist  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDDs of types  $g^t u^1$  and  $g^s x^1$  with  $u = sg + x$ , then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^{t+s} x^1$ .*

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $(V, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  be a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD with group type  $g_1^{u_1} g_2^{u_2} \cdots g_m^{u_m}$  and  $t \geq 3$ . If there exists a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g_i^t u^1$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $(|V|)^t u^1$ .*

**Lemma 2.5** *If  $(V, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g_1^{u_1} g_2^{u_2} \cdots g_s^{u_s}$ , then there is a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $(ng_1)^{u_1} (ng_2)^{u_2} \cdots (ng_s)^{u_s}$  for any integer  $n \geq 1$ .*

Next we introduce a simple but very useful lemma.

**Lemma 2.6** *Let  $m$  and  $\lambda$  be positive integers. If there exists a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ , then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, m\lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .*

Let  $D_n = \{d : 1 \leq d \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor\}$ . The elements of  $D_n$  are called *differences* of  $Z_n$ . Let  $R = \{\infty_1^{l_1}, \dots, \infty_r^{l_r}\}$  be a multiset where  $\infty_i$  appears  $l_i$  times for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and  $R \cap Z_n = \emptyset$ . Denote by  $\langle Z_n \cup R, \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_t\} \rangle$  the graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G) = Z_n \cup R$  and edge set  $E(G) = \{(d_i) : 1 \leq i \leq t\} \cup \{\{\infty, j\} : \infty \in R, j \in Z_n\}$  where  $\langle d_i \rangle = \{(x, x + d_i) : x \in Z_n\}$  if  $d_i \neq n/2$  and  $\langle n/2 \rangle = \{(x, x + n/2) : x = 0, 1, \dots, n/2 - 1\}$ .

Let  $S$  be a set. We define  $\lambda S$  to be a multiset in which each element of  $S$  appears exactly  $\lambda$  times. Suppose that  $B = (a, b, c)$ -d and  $a, b, c, d \in Z_n$ . Define  $\Delta B = \{\pm(a - b), \pm(a - c), \pm(b - c), \pm(c - d)\}$  and  $\Delta B^+ = \{d : d \in \Delta B, 1 \leq d \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor\}$ . Note that  $\Delta B^+$  is a multiset.

A *cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$*  is a triple  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  where  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i, t + i, \dots, (g - 1)t + i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a collection of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks (called *base blocks*) of  $Z_{gt}$ , so that:

- (1)  $\Delta B^+ \cap \{0, t, \dots, (g - 1)t\} = \emptyset$  for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ;
- (2)  $\cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \Delta B^+ \subseteq \lambda D_{gt}$ ;
- (3) If  $gt$  is even, then  $gt/2 \notin \Delta B^+$  for any  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Let  $\Delta \mathcal{B} = \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \Delta B^+$  and  $E = D_{gt} \cap \{0, t, \dots, (g - 1)t\}$ . The set  $L = \lambda D_{gt} \setminus (\Delta \mathcal{B} \cup \lambda E)$  is called *difference leave* of  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$ .

**Lemma 2.7** *Let  $d \in D_n \setminus \{n/2\}$ . Then the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{d\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Proof** The graph  $\langle Z_n, \{d\} \rangle$  is regular of degree 2 and so it can be decomposed into  $r$ -cycles. Let  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{r-1})$  be such a cycle. Consider the following  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks with the subscript modulo  $r$ .

If  $r$  is odd:  $(\infty_1, x_{2i}, x_{2i+1})-\infty_2$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq (r-3)/2$ ;  $(\infty_1, x_{2i+1}, x_{2i+2})-\infty_2$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq (r-5)/2$ ;  $(x_{r-2}, x_{r-1}, \infty_1)-x_0$ ;  $(\infty_2, x_0, x_{r-1})-\infty_1$ .

If  $r$  is even:  $(\infty_1, x_{2i}, x_{2i+1})-\infty_2$ ,  $(\infty_1, x_{2i+1}, x_{2i+2})-\infty_2$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq (r-2)/2$ . ◊

**Lemma 2.8** [3] *Let  $d_1, d_2, d_3 \in D_n \setminus \{n/2\}$  such that  $d_3 = d_2 - d_1$ . Then the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty\}, \{d_1, d_2, d_3\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Lemma 2.9** [3] *Let  $n$  be even and  $d \in D_n \setminus \{n/2\}$  such that  $r = n/\gcd(n, d)$  is even. Then the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty\}, \{d\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Lemma 2.10** [3] *Let  $n$  be odd. The graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}, \{2, 4\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Lemma 2.11** [4] *Let  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n > 4$ . Then the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}, \{2\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Lemma 2.12** *Let  $n$  be even and  $d \in D_n \setminus \{n/2\}$ . Then the graphs  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{n/2, n/2\} \rangle$  and  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2\}, \{n/2, n/2, d\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Proof** For the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{n/2, n/2\} \rangle$ , consider the following  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks:  $(\infty_1, n/2+i, i)-\infty_2$ ,  $(\infty_1, i, n/2+i)-\infty_2$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n/2-1$ .

For the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2\}, \{n/2, n/2, d\} \rangle$ , consider the following  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks:  $(\infty_1, n/2+i, i)-(d+i)$ ,  $(\infty_1, i, n/2+i)-(n/2+d+i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n/2-1$ . ◊

**Lemma 2.13** *Let  $d_1, d_2 \in D_n \setminus \{n/2\}$ . Then the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2, \infty_3^2\}, \{d_1, d_2\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Proof** By Lemma 2.7 the graphs  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{d_1\} \rangle$  and  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3^2\}, \{d_2\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. ◊

**Lemma 2.14** *Let  $B = (a, b, 0)$ -d with  $n/2 \notin \Delta B^+$ . Then the graphs  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$  and  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_6^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. When  $n$  is even and there are two odd differences in  $\Delta B^+$ , or  $n$  is odd and the differences 2 and 4 are contained in  $\Delta B^+$ , the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_4^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$  can also be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.*

**Proof** Without loss of generality we can assume that  $\Delta B^+ = \{a, b, b-a, d\}$ . For the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$ , by Lemmas 2.7 and 2.8 the graphs  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{d\} \rangle$  and  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_2\}, \{a, b, b-a\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.

For the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_6^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$ , by Lemma 2.7 the graphs  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{a\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3^2\}, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_4^2, \infty_5\}, \{b-a\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_5, \infty_6^2\}, \{d\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.

When  $n$  is even, suppose that  $a, b$  are odd. By Lemmas 2.7 and 2.9 the graphs  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{b-a\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3^2\}, \{d\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_4\}, \{a\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_4\}, \{b\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.

When  $n$  is odd, we can assume that  $a = 2, d = 4$ . By Lemmas 2.7 and 2.10 the graphs  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_3\}, \{b-a\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_2^2, \infty_4\}, \{b\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_3, \infty_4\}, \{2, 4\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 2.15** *Let  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$  with difference leave  $L$  where  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i, t+i, \dots, (g-1)t+i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}$ , in which there exists  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\Delta B^+$  contains two odd differences if  $gt \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , or  $2, 4 \in \Delta B^+$  if  $gt \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . If the graph  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2l + w$  where  $0 \leq l \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$ .*

**Proof** Let  $l = 3k + j$  where  $j = 0, 1, 2$  and  $0 \leq k \leq |\mathcal{B}| - 1$  when  $j = 1, 2$ , or  $0 \leq k \leq |\mathcal{B}|$  when  $j = 0$ .

For the case of  $j = 0$ , choose  $k$  base blocks from  $\mathcal{B}$ , say  $B_1, \dots, B_k$ . By Lemma 2.14 arrange the differences of each base block  $B_l, 1 \leq l \leq k$ , with six different infinite points respectively, saying the resultant collection of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks  $K_1$ . Let  $K_2$  denote the collection of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks generated by the graph  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  and the remaining base blocks of  $\mathcal{B} \setminus \{B_1, \dots, B_k\}$  (note that the collection of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks generated by the graph  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  is empty-set if  $L = \emptyset$ ). All different infinite points form a group  $R_u = \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}$  where  $u = 6k + w = 2l + w$ . Then it is easy to verify that  $(Z_{gt} \cup R_u, \mathcal{G} \cup \{R_u\}, K_1 \cup K_2)$  is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  where  $u = 2l + w$ .

For the case of  $j = 1, 2$ , choose  $k$  base blocks from  $\mathcal{B} \setminus \{B\}$ , say  $B_1, \dots, B_k$ .

When  $j = 1$ ,  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks by Lemma 2.14. When  $j = 2$ ,  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2, \infty_3^2, \infty_4^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks by Lemma 2.14.

That is to say that we can arrange the four differences of  $B$  with  $2j$  different infinite points, and denote the obtained  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks as  $K_1$ . Then by Lemma 2.14 arrange the differences of the base blocks  $B_l$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq k$ , with six different infinite points respectively, saying the resultant collection of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks  $K_2$ . Let  $K_3$  denote the collection of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks generated by the graph  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  and the other base blocks of  $\mathcal{B} \setminus \{B, B_1, \dots, B_k\}$ . All different infinite points form a group  $R_u = \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}$  where  $u = 6k + 2j + w = 2l + w$ . Then it is easy to verify that  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup R_u, \mathcal{G} \cup \{R_u\}, K_1 \cup K_2 \cup K_3 \rangle$  is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  where  $u = 2l + w$ .  $\diamond$

### 3 The existence of a $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type $g^t u^1$

By Lemma 1.1 we know that the necessary conditions for the existence of a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  are equivalent to one of the following conditions:

**Case 1:**  $g^2 t(t-1)/2 + gtu \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ , and when  $t = 2$ ,  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$ ;

**Case 2:**  $g^2 t(t-1)/2 + gtu \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *If  $g^2 t(t-1)/2 + gtu \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ , and when  $t = 2$ ,  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$ , then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** It follows immediately from Lemma 2.6 and Theorem 1.2.  $\diamond$

Next we mainly treat Case 2. For the sake of convenience, we classify the necessary conditions in Case 2 as follows when  $g, t$  and  $u$  are all positive and  $t \geq 2$ :

(I)  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $t \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ , and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ ;

(II)  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $u \equiv 3g(t-5)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t-1)/2$ ;

$g \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t-1)/2$ .

**Lemma 3.2** *There exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^4u^1$  for  $0 \leq u \leq 4$ .*

**Proof** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \cup \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}$ , and  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i\} : 1 \leq i \leq 4\} \cup \{\{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}\}$ . A  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^4u^1$  is constructed by listing its blocks as below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1^4: & (1, 2, 3)-4 \quad (2, 4, 1)-3 \quad (2, 3, 4)-1 \\
 1^4 1^1: & (1, 2, 3)-4 \quad (1, 4, \infty_1)-2 \quad (1, 2, 4)-\infty_1 \quad (1, \infty_1, 3)-4 \\
 & (\infty_1, 3, 2)-4 \\
 1^4 2^1: & (1, 2, \infty_2)-3 \quad (3, 4, 1)-\infty_1 \quad (3, \infty_1, 2)-1 \quad (\infty_2, 2, 4)-\infty_1 \\
 & (4, 1, \infty_1)-2 \quad (1, \infty_2, 3)-\infty_1 \quad (2, 3, 4)-\infty_2 \\
 1^4 3^1: & (2, \infty_2, 1)-\infty_3 \quad (3, \infty_2, 4)-\infty_1 \quad (4, \infty_3, 2)-\infty_1 \quad (1, \infty_3, 3)-\infty_1 \\
 & (4, \infty_2, 1)-\infty_1 \quad (2, \infty_2, 3)-1 \quad (3, \infty_1, 4)-\infty_3 \quad (3, \infty_3, 2)-\infty_1 \\
 & (2, 4, 1)-\infty_1 \\
 1^4 4^1: & (2, \infty_1, 1)-\infty_2 \quad (4, \infty_1, 3)-\infty_3 \quad (2, \infty_2, 4)-\infty_3 \quad (1, \infty_3, 3)-\infty_1 \\
 & (4, \infty_4, 1)-\infty_3 \quad (3, \infty_4, 2)-\infty_3 \quad (4, \infty_3, 2)-\infty_4 \quad (2, \infty_2, 3)-4 \\
 & (1, 3, \infty_4)-4 \quad (1, 2, \infty_1)-4 \quad (1, 4, \infty_2)-3
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 3.3** *There exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^4u^1$  for  $0 \leq u \leq 13$ .*

**Proof** Let  $X = Z_{12} \cup \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i, 4+i, 8+i\} : 0 \leq i \leq 3\} \cup \{\{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = \{(3, 1, 0)-5\}$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is a partial cyclic  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^4$  with the difference leave  $L = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 6\}$ . We can arrange the differences in  $L$  with  $w$  different infinite points where  $w = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$  by Lemmas 2.7, 2.9, 2.11 and 2.12. That is to say that  $\langle Z_{12} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks for  $w = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$ . Then by Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^4u^1$  where  $u = 2j + w$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 3$ ,  $w = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$ . This handles the case of  $u \geq 3$ . For  $u = 0$ , apply Lemma 2.5 to a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^4$  from Lemma 3.2. For  $u = 1, 2$ , a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^4u^1$  is listed in Appendix B. ◊

**Lemma 3.4** *Let  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 9g/2 \rfloor$ . Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^4u^1$ .*

**Proof** The conclusion follows by Lemmas 3.2 and 3.3 when  $g = 1, 3$ . When  $g > 3$ , we treat the case of  $0 \leq u \leq 4g$  first. There exists a  $TD(5, g)$

when  $g > 3$ . Give weight 1 to the points of the first four groups of the  $TD(5, g)$  and any weight between 0 and 4 to the points of the last group. Now applying Fundamental Construction with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^4 w^1$  ( $0 \leq w \leq 4$ ) from Lemma 3.2, we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^4 u^1$  where  $0 \leq u \leq 4g$ .

Next we consider the case of  $4g < u \leq \lfloor 9g/2 \rfloor$ . We form a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^4 u^1$  on the point set  $X = Z_{4g} \cup \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}$  and group set  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i, 4 + i, \dots, (g - 1)4 + i\} : 0 \leq i \leq 3\} \cup \{\{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}\}$ . Let  $E = D_{4g} \cap \{0, 4, \dots, (g - 1)4\}$ . By Lemmas 2.12 and 2.11 we can decompose  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{2g, 2g\} \rangle$  and  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3\}, \{2\} \rangle$  into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, and say  $K_1$ . Choose  $2g - m$  odd differences from  $2(D_{4g} \setminus E)$  where  $m \in \{g + 1, \dots, 2g\}$ , and by Lemma 2.9 arrange them with one infinite point respectively and denote the resultant  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks as  $K_2$ . By Lemma 2.7 arrange others differences in  $2(D_{4g} \setminus E)$  with three infinite points respectively and denote the resultant  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks as  $K_3$ . Furthermore, it is not difficult to assure that each infinite point appears two times in all those graphs. Then we can calculate out that the total number of different infinite points is  $(5 + 3(g - 2 + m) + 2g - m)/2 = (5g - 1)/2 + m$  where  $m \in \{g + 1, \dots, 2g\}$ . It is easy to check that  $(X, \mathcal{G}, K_1 \cup K_2 \cup K_3)$  is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^4 u^1$  where  $4g < u \leq \lfloor 9g/2 \rfloor$ .  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.5** *Let  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $t \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t - 1)/2 \rfloor$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $t = 8l + 4$ . When  $l = 0$ , the conclusion follows by Lemma 3.4. Next we consider the case of  $l > 0$ . By Lemma 3.1 there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $(4g)^{2l+1} x^1$  where  $0 \leq x \leq 12gl$ . By Lemma 3.4 there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^4 w^1$  where  $0 \leq w \leq \lfloor 9g/2 \rfloor$ . Then apply Lemma 2.2 to get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  where  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t - 1)/2 \rfloor$  (since  $u = w + x$ ).  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.6** *Let  $n$  and  $s$  be positive integers such that  $n > 8s$ . Then there exists a collection  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks (base blocks) on  $Z_n$  such that  $\Delta\mathcal{B} = \cup_{B \in \mathcal{B}} \Delta B^+ = \{1, 2, \dots, 4s\}$ , in which there is a  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\{2, 4\} \in \Delta B^+$ .*

**Proof** Consider the following base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :

When  $s \geq 4$ :  $(4s - i, 2s + i + 1, 0) - (2s - 2i)$  where  $2 \leq i \leq s - 3$  (note that the number of  $(K_3 + e)$ -base blocks in this part is  $s - 4$ );



$(4s, 2s + 1, 0)$ - $3s$ ,  $(4s - 1, 2s + 2, 0)$ - $(3s + 1)$ ,  $(3s + 2, 3s - 1, 0)$ - $1$ ,  $(2s, 2s - 2, 0)$ - $4$ .

When  $s = 3$  :  $(2, 6, 0)$ - $10$ ,  $(3, 11, 0)$ - $9$ ,  $(12, 5, 0)$ - $1$ .

When  $s = 2$  :  $(2, 6, 0)$ - $7$ ,  $(3, 8, 0)$ - $1$ .

When  $s = 1$  :  $(1, 3, 0)$ - $4$ .

It is easy to check that  $\Delta\mathcal{B} = \{1, 2, \dots, 4s\}$  and that there is a  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\{2, 4\} \in \Delta B^+$ .  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.7** *Let  $t \geq 3$  be odd,  $u \equiv -(t-5)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $t = 8s + k$  where  $k = 1, 3, 5, 7$ . We repeat the base blocks in Lemma 3.6 twice and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$ . It is easy to see that  $(Z_t, \{\{i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^t$  in which there is a base block containing differences 2 and 4. The difference leave  $L$  is  $2\{4s+1, \dots, 4s+(k-1)/2\}$  (note that  $L = \emptyset$  if  $k = 1$ ).

By Lemma 2.13 arrange each two differences in  $L$  with three different infinite points. That is to say that the graph  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks where  $w = 3(k-1)/2$ . Then by Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2j + 3(k-1)/2$  where  $0 \leq j \leq 3|B|$ . This handles the case of  $u \geq 3(k-1)/2$  and  $u \equiv -(t-5)/2 \pmod{4}$ .

For  $t = 8s + 1$ , it handles all case of  $u \leq \lfloor 3(t-1)/2 \rfloor$  and  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

For  $t = 8s + 3$ , it handles the case of  $3 \leq u \leq \lfloor 3(t-1)/2 \rfloor$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . For  $u = 1$ , it follows by Lemma 3.5.

For  $t = 8s + 5$ , it handles the case of  $u \geq 6$  and  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . For  $u = 0, 4$ , by Lemma 3.1 there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8s}(5+u)^1$ . Then by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of the GDD with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^5 u^1$  from Lemma 3.2 when  $u = 0$ , or from Appendix A when  $u = 4$ .

For  $t = 8s + 7$ , it handles the case of  $u \geq 9$  and  $u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . For  $u = 3$ , by Lemma 3.1 there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8s} 10^1$  ( $s > 0$ ). Then by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of the GDD with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^7 3^1$  from Appendix C. For  $u = 7$ , by Lemma 3.1 there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8s} 14^1$  ( $s > 1$ ). Then by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of the GDD with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^7 7^1$  from Appendix C. A  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $1^{15} 7^1$  comes from Appendix C.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.8** *Let  $t \geq 3$  be odd,  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $u < 3(t-1)$ . Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $t = 4s + i$  where  $i = 1, 3$ . Then  $2t = 8s + 2i$ . We repeat each base block in Lemma 3.6 twice and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Case 1:**  $t = 4s + 1$ . When  $s > 1$ , we delete one base block  $B = (a, b, 0)$ -1 from  $\mathcal{B}$  so that  $\Delta B^+ = \{1, a, b, c\}$ , and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$  still. When  $s = 1$ , take  $\mathcal{B} = (1, 4, 0)$ -3. Then  $(Z_{2t}, \{\{i, t+i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^t$  with difference leave  $L = \{1, a, b, c\}$  if  $s > 1$ , or  $L = \{1, 2, 2, 4\}$  if  $s = 1$  (in this case let  $a = b = 2$  and  $c = 4$ ). Note that there is a base block of  $\mathcal{B}$  with two odd differences. By Lemmas 2.7 and 2.9 we can arrange the differences in  $L$  with  $w$  different infinite points where  $w = 1, 5$ .

$$w = 1 : (a, b, 0)\text{-}\infty_1, \langle Z_{2t} \cup \{\infty_1\}, \{1\} \rangle,$$

$$w = 5 : \langle Z_{2t} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle Z_{2t} \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3^2\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle Z_{2t} \cup \{\infty_4^2, \infty_5\}, \{a\} \rangle, \langle Z_{2t} \cup \{\infty_5\}, \{1\} \rangle.$$

That is to say that the graph  $\langle Z_{2t} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks where  $w \in \{1, 5\}$ . By Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2i + w$  where  $0 \leq i \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$  and  $w \in \{1, 5\}$ . It handles the case of  $u \geq 1$ .

**Case 2:**  $t = 4s + 3$ . When  $s > 1$ , we choose one base block  $(a, b, 0)$ -1 from  $\mathcal{B}$  and change it into  $(a, b, 0)$ - $(4s + 2)$ . When  $s = 1$ , change  $\mathcal{B}$  into  $(1, 3, 0)$ -4,  $(6, 4, 0)$ -3. We denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$  still. It is easy to see that  $(Z_{2t}, \{\{i, t+i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^t$  with difference leave  $L = \{1, 4s+1, 4s+1, 4s+2\}$ , in which there is a base block having two odd differences. By Lemmas 2.7 and 2.9 we can arrange the differences in  $L$  with  $w$  different infinite points where  $w = 1, 5$  as Case 1.

That is to say that the graph  $\langle Z_{2t} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks where  $w \in \{1, 5\}$ . Then by Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2i + w$  where  $0 \leq i \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$  and  $w \in \{1, 5\}$ . This handles the case  $u \geq 1$ . For  $s = 0$ , a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^3 u^1$  is listed in Appendixes A and B.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.9** *Let  $u \equiv (t-5)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq 9(t-1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^t u^1$  for  $t = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 31$ .*

**Proof** **Case 1:**  $t = 9$  and  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . Take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(3, 11, 0)$ -1,  $2(6, 13, 0)$ -5,  $2(10, 12, 0)$ -4. Then  $(Z_{27}, \{\{i, 9+i, 18+i\} : 0 \leq$

$i \leq 8\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$ ) is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^9$ . The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ . By Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^9 u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2j$  where  $0 \leq j \leq 18$ . This handles the case of  $u \leq 36$  and  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 2:**  $t = 3, 11$  and  $u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . For  $t = 3$ , take the base block  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $(1, 2, 0)$ -4. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{2, 4\}$ .

For  $t = 11$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(1, 10, 0)$ -7,  $2(3, 15, 0)$ -6,  $2(2, 16, 0)$ -4,  $(5, 13, 0)$ -8. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{5, 13\}$ .

In each case,  $(Z_{3t}, \{\{i, t + i, 2t + i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^t$  with difference leave  $L$ . By Lemma 2.13 arrange the differences in  $L$  with three different infinite points. That is to say that the graph  $(Z_{3t} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2, \infty_3^2\}, L)$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2j + 3$  where  $0 \leq j \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$ . This handles the case of  $3 \leq u \leq 9(t - 1)/2$  and  $u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 3:**  $t = 5, 13$  and  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . For  $t = 5$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $(6, 2, 0)$ -3,  $(3, 4, 0)$ -7,  $(6, 7, 0)$ -2. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

For  $t = 13$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(2, 9, 0)$ -4,  $2(15, 18, 0)$ -17,  $2(10, 11, 0)$ -12,  $(5, 19, 0)$ -6,  $(5, 19, 0)$ -16,  $(16, 8, 0)$ -6. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

In each case,  $(Z_{3t}, \{\{i, t + i, 2t + i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^t$  with difference leave  $L$ , in which there is a base block having the differences 2 and 4. By Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2j$  where  $0 \leq j \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$ . This handles the case of  $0 \leq u \leq 9(t - 1)/2$ .

**Case 4:**  $t = 7, 15, 23, 31$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . For  $t = 7$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(5, 2, 0)$ -4,  $2(9, 10, 0)$ -8. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{6, 6\}$ .

For  $t = 15$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(8, 12, 0)$ -2,  $2(1, 22, 0)$ -19,  $2(6, 20, 0)$ -18,  $2(5, 16, 0)$ -13,  $2(7, 17, 0)$ -9. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{3, 3\}$ .

For  $t = 23$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(2, 21, 0)$ -4,  $2(1, 34, 0)$ -25,  $2(10, 32, 0)$ -24,  $2(11, 27, 0)$ -6,  $2(12, 29, 0)$ -30,  $2(7, 20, 0)$ -15,  $2(8, 26, 0)$ -14,  $2(3, 31, 0)$ -9. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{5, 5\}$ .

For  $t = 31$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(4, 18, 0)$ -2,  $2(3, 23, 0)$ -36,  $2(1, 46, 0)$ -33,  $2(21, 40, 0)$ -24,  $2(16, 41, 0)$ -27,  $2(15, 43, 0)$ -44,  $2(17, 30, 0)$ -6,  $2(12, 38, 0)$ -39,  $2(7, 29, 0)$ -11,  $2(32, 37, 0)$ -10,  $2(8, 42, 0)$ -9. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{35, 35\}$ .

In each case,  $(Z_{3t}, \{\{i, t + i, 2t + i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^t$  with difference leave  $L$ , in which there is a base

block having the differences 2 and 4. By Lemma 2.13 we can arrange the differences in  $L$  with three different infinite points. That is to say that the graph  $\langle Z_{3t} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2, \infty_3^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2j + 3$  where  $0 \leq j \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$ . This handles the case of  $5 \leq u \leq 9(t - 1)/2$ . For  $u = 1$ , there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^{t-3} 10^1$  by Lemma 3.5. By Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of the GDD with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $3^3 1^1$  from Lemma 3.1.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.10** *Let  $u \equiv (t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq 21(t - 1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $7^t u^1$  for  $t = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 29, 31$ .*

**Proof Case 1:**  $t = 9, 17$  and  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ . For  $t = 9$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(2, 15, 0)$ -4,  $2(3, 29, 0)$ -20,  $2(7, 24, 0)$ -16,  $2(10, 21, 0)$ -12,  $2(1, 31, 0)$ -25,  $2(5, 28, 0)$ -19,  $2(8, 22, 0)$ -6. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

For  $t = 17$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(4, 36, 0)$ -2,  $2(3, 29, 0)$ -24,  $2(7, 52, 0)$ -49,  $2(10, 21, 0)$ -25,  $2(1, 31, 0)$ -13,  $2(5, 28, 0)$ -33,  $2(8, 22, 0)$ -35,  $2(9, 59, 0)$ -6,  $2(18, 58, 0)$ -41,  $2(20, 57, 0)$ -42,  $2(16, 55, 0)$ -43,  $2(12, 56, 0)$ -47,  $2(15, 53, 0)$ -48,  $2(19, 46, 0)$ -54. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

**Case 2:**  $t = 3, 11, 19$  and  $u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . For  $t = 3$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $(2, 7, 0)$ -4,  $(2, 10, 0)$ -1,  $(1, 8, 0)$ -4. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{5, 10\}$ .

For  $t = 11$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(2, 6, 0)$ -36,  $2(3, 35, 0)$ -25,  $2(5, 34, 0)$ -23,  $2(7, 31, 0)$ -19,  $2(8, 28, 0)$ -18,  $2(9, 30, 0)$ -16,  $2(10, 27, 0)$ -15,  $(1, 38, 0)$ -26,  $(12, 26, 0)$ -13,  $(1, 14, 0)$ -38. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{12, 37\}$ .

For  $t = 19$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(2, 14, 0)$ -4,  $2(1, 61, 0)$ -39,  $2(3, 35, 0)$ -40,  $2(5, 34, 0)$ -41,  $2(7, 31, 0)$ -42,  $2(8, 28, 0)$ -45,  $2(9, 30, 0)$ -13,  $2(10, 37, 0)$ -51,  $2(11, 66, 0)$ -36,  $2(22, 65, 0)$ -54,  $2(15, 64, 0)$ -50,  $2(16, 63, 0)$ -56,  $2(18, 62, 0)$ -58,  $2(23, 48, 0)$ -17,  $2(26, 59, 0)$ -53,  $(46, 52, 0)$ -6. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{46, 52\}$ .

**Case 3:**  $t = 5, 13, 21, 29$  and  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . For  $t = 5$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(1, 17, 0)$ -12,  $2(3, 14, 0)$ -8,  $(2, 6, 0)$ -13,  $(2, 9, 0)$ -4,  $(6, 13, 0)$ -9. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

For  $t = 13$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(1, 45, 0)$ -9,  $2(3, 43, 0)$ -17,  $2(7, 42, 0)$ -18,  $2(15, 31, 0)$ -19,  $2(8, 41, 0)$ -21,  $2(10, 38, 0)$ -22,  $2(11, 36, 0)$ -5,  $2(12, 32, 0)$ -27,  $2(14, 37, 0)$ -29,  $(2, 6, 0)$ -24,  $(4, 34, 0)$ -2,  $(6, 30, 0)$ -34. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

For  $t = 21$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $2(4, 34, 0)$ -2,  $2(1, 45, 0)$ -39,  $2(3, 43, 0)$ -47,  $2(15, 31, 0)$ -50,  $2(8, 41, 0)$ -51,  $2(10, 38, 0)$ -22,  $2(11, 36, 0)$ -24,  $2(12, 32, 0)$ -27,  $2(14, 37, 0)$ -29,  $(2, 6, 0)$ -24,  $(4, 34, 0)$ -2,  $(6, 30, 0)$ -34. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

0)-27, 2(14, 37, 0)-48, 2(5, 73, 0)-53, 2(9, 71, 0)-56, 2(7, 72, 0)-58, 2(13, 70, 0)-59, 2(17, 69, 0)-61, 2(19, 54, 0)-64, (66, 60, 0)-46, (26, 55, 0)-66, (18, 67, 0)-60, (26, 55, 0)-46, (18, 67, 0)-6. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

For  $t = 29$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ : 2(2, 6, 0)-74, 2(1, 45, 0)-75, 2(15, 31, 0)-81, 2(8, 41, 0)-82, 2(10, 38, 0)-83, 2(11, 36, 0)-84, 2(12, 32, 0)-88, 2(5, 73, 0)-42, 2(7, 72, 0)-90, 2(13, 70, 0)-59, 2(18, 67, 0)-91, 2(17, 69, 0)-61, 2(19, 54, 0)-64, 2(22, 101, 0)-92, 2(24, 100, 0)-63, 2(27, 80, 0)-94, 2(39, 89, 0)-95, 2(26, 86, 0)-96, 2(46, 93, 0)-97, 2(48, 78, 0)-98, 2(34, 85, 0)-99, 2(3, 43, 0)-55, 2(9, 71, 0)-66, (56, 77, 0)-21, (14, 37, 0)-77, (14, 37, 0)-56. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\emptyset$ .

**Case 4:**  $t = 7, 15, 23, 31$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . For  $t = 7$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ : 2(2, 15, 0)-4, 2(1, 24, 0)-10, 2(3, 22, 0)-9, 2(8, 20, 0)-6, 2(11, 16, 0)-17. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{18, 18\}$ .

For  $t = 15$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ : 2(2, 34, 0)-4, 2(1, 24, 0)-28, 2(3, 22, 0)-29, 2(8, 20, 0)-31, 2(11, 16, 0)-17, 2(9, 52, 0)-27, 2(10, 51, 0)-6, 2(7, 49, 0)-36, 2(13, 48, 0)-37, 2(14, 47, 0)-38, 2(21, 46, 0)-39, 2(18, 44, 0)-40. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{50, 50\}$ .

For  $t = 23$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ : 2(2, 64, 0)-4, 2(1, 80, 0)-68, 2(3, 22, 0)-29, 2(8, 20, 0)-54, 2(11, 16, 0)-55, 2(9, 52, 0)-53, 2(10, 51, 0)-6, 2(7, 49, 0)-65, 2(13, 48, 0)-66, 2(14, 47, 0)-38, 2(18, 44, 0)-67, 2(15, 78, 0)-70, 2(21, 77, 0)-71, 2(27, 58, 0)-72, 2(17, 57, 0)-73, 2(28, 60, 0)-74, 2(34, 59, 0)-76, (36, 75, 0)-30, 2(37, 61, 0)-45. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{50, 50\}$ .

For  $t = 31$ , take the base blocks  $\mathcal{B}$ : 2(2, 84, 0)-4, 2(1, 80, 0)-81, 2(3, 22, 0)-83, 2(8, 20, 0)-6, 2(11, 16, 0)-86, 2(9, 52, 0)-87, 2(10, 51, 0)-64, 2(7, 49, 0)-88, 2(13, 48, 0)-67, 2(14, 47, 0)-90, 2(18, 44, 0)-89, 2(15, 78, 0)-70, 2(21, 77, 0)-71, 2(17, 57, 0)-73, 2(28, 60, 0)-74, 2(34, 59, 0)-76, 2(36, 75, 0)-94, 2(37, 61, 0)-95, 2(23, 108, 0)-96, 2(30, 99, 0)-98, 2(46, 91, 0)-100, 2(29, 97, 0)-101, 2(27, 92, 0)-102, 2(53, 107, 0)-103, 2(38, 104, 0)-106, 2(50, 105, 0)-58. The difference leave  $L$  is  $\{72, 72\}$ .

In each case,  $(Z_{7t}, \{\{i, t+i, \dots, 6t+i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $7^t$  with difference leave  $L$ , in which there is a base block having the differences 2 and 4. For Cases 2 and 4, we need to deal with the differences in  $L$ . By Lemma 2.13 arrange the differences in  $L$  with three different infinite points. That is to say that the  $(Z_{7t} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2, \infty_3^2\}, L)$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $7^t u^1$ . This handles all the case except for  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $7^t 1^1$  where  $t = 7, 15, 23, 31$ . By Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $7^{t-3} 22^1$  from Lemma 3.1 with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $7^3 1^1$  from Lemma 3.1.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.11** *Let  $t \geq 3$  be odd,  $u \equiv (t-5)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t-1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for  $g = 3, 7$ .*

**Proof** The conclusion follows by Lemmas 3.9 and 3.10 when  $3 \leq t \leq 15$  if  $g = 3$ , or when  $3 \leq t \leq 23$  if  $g = 7$ . Next we consider the case of  $t \geq 17$  if  $g = 3$ , or  $t \geq 25$  if  $g = 7$ . Let  $t = 8m + i$  and  $s = gm$  where  $i = 1, 3, 5, 7$ . Then  $gt = 8s + gi$  and  $s \geq 6$ . We repeat the following base blocks twice and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$ :

$(4s - j, 2s + j + 1, 0) - (2s - 2j)$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, s - 3$ ;  $(4s, 2s + 1, 0) - 3s$ ,  
 $(4s - 1, 2s + 2, 0) - (3s + 1)$ ,  $(3s + 2, 3s - 1, 0) - 1$ ,  $(2s, 2s - 2, 0) - 4$ .

Delete the base blocks having the differences congruent to 0 (mod  $t$ ) from  $\mathcal{B}$  and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}_0$ . Noting that the last base block can not be deleted, then  $(Z_{gt}, \{\{i, t+i, \dots, (g-1)t+i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}, \mathcal{B}_0)$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$  satisfying the condition in Lemma 2.15. The difference leave  $L$  is  $D_0 \cup 2D_1$ , where  $D_0$  contains the differences not congruent to 0 (mod  $t$ ) and appearing in the deleted base blocks of  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $D_1 = \{4s + 1, \dots, 4s + (gi - 1)/2\} \setminus \{0, t, \dots, (g-1)t\}$ . Noting that  $\Delta\mathcal{B}$  contains at most  $g - 1$  differences congruent to 0 (mod  $t$ ) which appear in different base blocks, then we have  $|D_0| \leq 3(g - 1)$ . By Lemma 2.13 arrange each two differences in  $L$  with three different infinite points respectively. That is to say the graph  $(Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L)$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks where  $w \leq (3gi + 9g - 12)/2$ . Then by Lemma 2.15 we get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2n + w$  where  $0 \leq n \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$ . This handles the case of  $u \geq (3gi + 9g - 12)/2$ .

Next we prove the case of  $u^* \leq (3gi + 9g - 16)/2$  and  $u^* \equiv (t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  inductively.

**Case 1.**  $t \equiv 1, 3, 5 \pmod{8}$  if  $g = 3$ , or  $t \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$  if  $g = 7$ .

For  $g = 3$ , there are  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $g^t u^1$  for  $t = 3, 5, 9, 11, 13$  by Lemma 3.9. For  $g = 7$ , there are  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $g^t u^1$  for  $t = 3, 9, 11, 17, 19$  by Lemma 3.10.

Suppose that there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^{t-8} u^1$  for  $u \leq (3gi + 9g - 16)/2$  and  $u \equiv (t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  where  $t \geq 17$  if  $g = 3$ , or  $t \geq 25$  if  $g = 7$ . Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^{t-8} u^1$  for any integer  $u \leq 3g(t-9)/2$  and  $u \equiv (t-5)/2 \pmod{4}$ . It is not difficult but tedious to check that  $u^* + 8g < 3g(t-9)/2$  and  $u^* \leq \lfloor 21g/2 \rfloor$ . By Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^{t-8} (8g + u^*)^1$  with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^8 (u^*)^1$  from Lemma 3.1. We obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t (u^*)^1$ , as required.

**Case 2.**  $t \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$  if  $g = 3$ , or  $t \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}$  if  $g = 7$ .

For  $g = 3$ , there are  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $g^t u^1$  for  $t = 7, 15, 23, 31$  by Lemma 3.9. For  $g = 7$ , there are  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $g^t u^1$  for  $t = 5, 7, 13, 15, 21, 23, 29, 31$  by Lemma 3.10.

Suppose that there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^{t-16} u^1$  for  $u \leq (3gi + 9g - 16)/2$  and  $u \equiv (t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  where  $t \geq 37$ . Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^{t-16} u^1$  for any integer  $u \leq 3g(t - 17)/2$  and  $u \equiv (t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$ . It is not difficult but tedious to check that  $u^* + 16g \leq 3g(t - 17)/2$  and  $u^* \leq \lfloor 45g/2 \rfloor$ . By Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^{t-16}(16g + u^*)^1$  with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^{16}(u^*)^1$  from Lemma 3.1. We obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t(u^*)^1$ , as required.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.12** *Let  $t \geq 3$  be odd and  $g \equiv l \pmod{4}$  where  $l = 1, 2, 3$  and  $g \geq 5$ . Then there is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$  satisfying the conditions in Lemma 2.15 with difference leave  $L$ , in which there is an odd difference in  $L$  and  $|L| = l(t - 1)$ .*

**Proof** Let  $g = 4k + l$  where  $l = 1, 2, 3$ . Define  $\delta_i = 0$  if  $1 \leq i < (t+1)/2$ , or 2 if  $(t+1)/2 \leq i \leq t-1$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i, t+i, \dots, (g-1)t+i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}$ .

When  $k$  is even and  $t \geq 5$ , we repeat the following base blocks twice and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$ :

$(2kt - i - jt, kt + i + jt, 0) - (kt - 2i - 2jt + 1 - \delta_i)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq t-1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq (k-4)/2$  (note that the number of the base blocks in this part is  $(t-1)(k-2)/2$  if  $k \geq 4$ , or 0 if  $1 \leq k \leq 3$ );

$((3k/2 + 1)t - i, (3k/2 - 1)t + i, 0) - (2t - 2i + 1 - \delta_i)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq t-3$ ;  
 $(3kt/2 + 2, 3kt/2 - 2, 0) - 2, (2kt + 1, 2kt + 2, 0) - (3kt/2 + 1)$ .

When  $t = 3$ , let  $\mathcal{B}$  consist of the following base blocks:

$2(6k - i - 3j, 3k + i + 3j, 0) - (3k - 2i - 6j + 1 - \delta_i)$  where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $0 \leq j \leq (k-4)/2$  (note that the number of the base blocks in this part is  $k-2$  if  $k \geq 4$ , or 0 if  $1 \leq k \leq 3$ );

$(9k/2 + 2, 9k/2 - 2, 0) - 2; (9k/2 + 1, 9k/2 + 2, 0) - (9k/2 - 2); (9k/2 + 1, 9k/2 - 1, 0) - 5; (5, 4, 0) - (9k/2 - 1)$ .

Then  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$  satisfying the conditions in Lemma 2.15. When  $t \geq 5$ , the difference leave  $L$  is  $2\{3, 3kt/2 - 1, 2kt + 3, \dots, 2kt + (lt - 1)/2\} \setminus 2\{2kt + t\}$  if  $l = 1, 3$ ; or  $2\{3, 3kt/2 - 1, 2kt + 3, \dots, 2kt + t - 1\}$  if  $l = 2$ . When  $t = 3$ , the difference leave  $L$  is  $2\{6k + 1, 6k + 2\}$  if  $l = 2$ ; or  $L = 2\{6k + 1, 6k + 2, 6k + 4\}$  if  $l = 3$ ; or  $L = 2\{6k + 1\}$  if  $l = 1$ .

When  $k$  is odd and  $t \geq 5$ , we repeat the following base blocks twice and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$ :

$(2kt - i - jt, kt + i + jt, 0) - (kt - 2i - 2jt + 1 - \delta_i)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq t - 1$  and  $0 \leq j \leq (k - 3)/2$  (the number of the base blocks in this part is  $(t - 1)(k - 1)/2$  if  $k \geq 3$ , or 0 if  $k = 1, 2$ );

$((3k + 1)t/2 - i, (3k - 1)t/2 + i, 0) - (t - 2i + 1)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq (t - 5)/2$  (the number of the base blocks in this part is  $(t - 5)/2$ );

$((3kt + 3)/2, (3kt - 1)/2, 0) - 4, (2kt + 1, 2kt + 2, 0) - (3kt + 1)/2$ .

When  $t = 3$  and  $k \geq 3$ , take  $\mathcal{B}$  as the following base blocks:

$2(6k - i - 3j, 3k + i + 3j, 0) - (3k - 2i - 6j + 1 - \delta_i)$  where  $i = 1, 2$  and  $0 \leq j \leq (k - 5)/2$  (the number of the base blocks in this part is  $k - 3$  if  $k \geq 5$ , or 0 if  $1 \leq k \leq 4$ );

$2((9k + 7)/2, (9k - 7)/2, 0) - 8, ((9k + 5)/2, (9k + 1)/2, 0) - 4, ((9k - 1)/2, (9k - 5)/2, 0) - 4; ((9k + 1)/2, (9k - 1)/2, 0) - 5; ((9k + 5)/2, (9k - 5)/2, 0) - 1$ .

When  $t = 3$  and  $k = 1$ , take  $\mathcal{B} = \{(5, 4, 0) - 2, (5, 4, 0) - 2\}$ .

Then  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^l$  satisfying the conditions in Lemma 2.15. When  $t \geq 5$ , the difference leave  $L$  is  $2\{3, (3kt - 3)/2, 2kt + 3, \dots, 2kt + (lt - 1)/2\} \setminus 2\{2kt + t\}$  if  $l = 1, 3$ ; or  $2\{3, (3kt - 3)/2, 2kt + 3, \dots, 2kt + t - 1\}$  if  $l = 2$ . When  $t = 3$ , the difference leave  $L$  is  $2\{6k + 1, 6k + 2\}$  if  $l = 2$ ; or  $L = 2\{6k + 1, 6k + 2, 6k + 4\}$  if  $l = 3$ ; or  $L = 2\{6k + 1\}$  if  $l = 1$ .  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.13** *Suppose that  $t$  is odd and  $g \equiv l \pmod{4}$  where  $l = 1, 2, 3$  and  $g \geq 5$ . Let  $3l(t - 1)/2 \leq u \leq 3g(t - 1)/2$  such that  $u \equiv 3l(t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  if  $l = 1, 3$ , or  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  if  $l = 2$ . Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $g = 4k + l$  where  $l = 1, 2, 3$ . By Lemma 3.12 there is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$   $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$ , with the difference leave  $L$  such that  $|L| = l(t - 1)$  and  $L$  contains an odd difference.

When  $g = 4k + l$  and  $u \equiv 3l(t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  where  $l = 1, 3$ : by Lemma 2.13 arrange each two differences in  $L$  with three different infinite points respectively. That is to say that the graph  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks where  $w = 3l(t - 1)/2$ . Then by Lemma 2.15 we obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2i + 3l(t - 1)/2$  where  $0 \leq i \leq 3|B|$ . It handles the case of  $u \geq 3l(t - 1)/2$ .



When  $g = 4k + 2$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ : choose four differences  $d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4$  from  $L$  such that  $d_1$  is odd. By Lemmas 2.9 and 2.13 the graphs  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1\}, \{d_1\} \rangle, \langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2^2\}, \{d_2\} \rangle, \langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_3, \infty_4^2\}, \{d_3\} \rangle, \langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_3, \infty_5^2\}, \{d_4\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.13 arrange each two differences in  $L \setminus \{d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4\}$  with three different infinite points. That is to say that the graph  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks for  $w = 3t - 4$ . Then by Lemma 2.15 we obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2i + 3t - 4$  where  $0 \leq i \leq 3|\mathcal{B}|$ . This handles the case of  $u \geq 3t - 4$ .  $\diamond$

**Lemma 3.14** *Let  $g, t$  and  $u$  be positive integers satisfying Condition (II). Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** The conclusion follows when  $g = 1, 2, 3, 7$  by Lemmas 3.7, 3.8, 3.11. Next we divide the problem with  $g \geq 5$  and  $g \neq 7$  into three cases.

**Case 1:**  $g = 4k + 1, u \equiv 3(t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t - 1)/2$ . By Lemma 3.13 we can restrict our attention to  $u \leq 3(t - 1)/2 - 2$ . There are  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $2^{2k} 1^1$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) and  $2^t u^1$  by Lemmas 3.1 and 3.8. Apply Lemma 2.4 to a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^{2k} 1^1$  by using  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $2^t u^1$  and  $1^t u^1$  from Lemma 3.7. We then obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .

**Case 2:**  $g = 4k + 2, u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t - 1)/2$ . By Lemma 3.13 we can restrict attention to  $u < 3(t - 1)$ . There are  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $2^{2k} 2^1$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) by Lemma 3.1 and  $2^t u^1$  by Lemma 3.8 for any integer  $u \leq 3(t - 1)$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Apply Lemma 2.4 to a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^{2k} 2^1$  with a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $2^t u^1$ . We then get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .

**Case 3:**  $g = 4k + 3, u \equiv (t - 5)/2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t - 1)/2$ . By Lemma 3.13 we can restrict attention to  $u < 9(t - 1)/2$ . There are  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $4^k 3^1$  ( $k \geq 2$ ) and  $4^t u^1$  by Lemma 3.1. Apply Lemma 2.4 to a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $4^k 3^1$  by using  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDDs of types  $4^t u^1$  and  $3^t u^1$  from Lemma 3.11. We then get a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .  $\diamond$

From Lemmas 3.1, 3.5 and 3.14, we can obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.15** *The necessary conditions as in Lemma 1.1 for the existence of a  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  are also sufficient.*

## 4 The existence of a $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type $g^t u^1$

In this section, we will deal with the existence of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ . First by Lemma 1.1, we know that the necessary conditions for the existence of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  are equivalent to one of the following conditions:

**Case 1'**:  $g^2 t(t-1)/2 + gtu \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ , and when  $t = 2$ ,  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$ ;

**Case 2'**:  $g^2 t(t-1)/2 + gtu \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ , and when  $t = 2$ ,  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$ .

**Lemma 4.1** *Let  $g^2 t(t-1)/2 + gtu \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ , and when  $t = 2$ ,  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** It follows immediately from Lemma 2.6 and Theorem 3.15.  $\diamond$

Next we mainly deal with Case 2'. For the sake of convenience, we classify it as follows when  $g, t$  and  $u$  are all positive and  $t \geq 2$ .

(I')  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ , and when  $t = 2$ ,  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$ ;

(II')  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $u \equiv (t+1)/2 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ .

First observe that any  $(K_3 + e)$ -block contains four different points, it follows that there is not a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $1^2 1^1$  or  $1^3$  for  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

**Lemma 4.2** *Let  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $\lceil g/2 \rceil \leq u \leq \lfloor 3g/2 \rfloor$  and  $g > 1$ . Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^2 u^1$ .*

**Proof** We form the required GDD on point set  $X = Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}$  and group set  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{0, 2, \dots, 2g-2\}, \{1, 3, \dots, 2g-1\}, \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}\}$ . Let  $E = D_{2g} \cap \{0, 2, \dots, 2g-2\}$ . By Lemma 2.12 we can decompose  $\langle Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{g, g\} \rangle$  and  $\langle Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_1^2\}, \{g, g, d\} \rangle$ ,  $d \in 4(D_{2g} \setminus (E \cup \{g\}))$ , into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, and say  $K_1$ . By Lemma 2.7 we can decompose  $\langle Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_{i_1}^2, \infty_{i_2}\}, \{d_i\} \rangle$  into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, where  $d_i \in [4(D_{2g} \setminus (E \cup \{g, d\}))] \cup \{d, d, d\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2m$  where  $m \in \{0, 1, \dots, g-2\}$ , and say  $K_2$  (note that  $K_2 = \emptyset$  if  $m = 0$ ). By Lemma 2.9  $\langle Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_{j_1}\}, \{d_j\} \rangle$  can be decomposed

into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, where  $d_j$  is the remaining difference in  $4(D_{2g} \setminus E)$ , and say  $K_3$ . It is not difficult to assure that each infinite point appears four times in all those graphs. We can calculate out that the total number of different infinite points is  $m + (g + 1)/2$  where  $m \in \{0, 1, \dots, g - 2\}$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, K_1 \cup K_2 \cup K_3)$  is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^2u^1$  where  $\lceil g/2 \rceil \leq u \leq \lfloor 3g/2 \rfloor - 1$ . For  $u = \lfloor 3g/2 \rfloor$ , we only need change  $\langle Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_1^2\}, \{g, g, d\} \rangle$  into  $\langle Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}, \{g, g\} \rangle$  and  $\langle Z_{2g} \cup \{\infty_2^2, \infty_3\}, \{d\} \rangle$  and let  $m = g - 2$ , then proceed as above.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 4.3** *Let  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $4 \leq u \leq \lfloor 3(t - 1)/2 \rfloor$  and  $t > 2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $t = 8k + j$  for  $j = 2, 6$ ,  $X = Z_t$ ,  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}$ .

Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8k+j}$  with the difference leave  $L$ . For each base block  $B$ , the graphs  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_6^2\}, \Delta B^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks by Lemma 2.14. Hence for any  $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{B}$ , the graphs  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^4, \infty_2^4\}, \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$ ,  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^4, \dots, \infty_6^4\}, \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  can also be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. Similarly, if  $\Delta B_1^+$  and  $\Delta B_2^+$  contain two odd differences, the graph  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^4, \dots, \infty_4^4\}, \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. So it is not difficult to obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^t u^1$  where  $u = 2i + w$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 3\lfloor |\mathcal{B}|/2 \rfloor$ , as long as  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^4, \dots, \infty_w^4\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, too.

We repeat the following base blocks four times and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$ :  $(4k - i, 2k + i + 1, 0) - (2k - 2i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k - 1$  (note that  $\mathcal{B} = \emptyset$  if  $k = 0$ ).

When  $j = 2$ , we delete two base blocks  $B_1, B_2$  from  $\mathcal{B}$  and denote the resultant base blocks as  $\mathcal{B}$  still. Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8k+j}$  with the difference leave  $L = \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+ \cup 4\{4k + 1\}$  if  $j = 2$ , or  $L = 4\{4k + 1, 4k + 2, 4k + 3\}$  if  $j = 6$ . It is not difficult but tedious to check that  $\langle Z_t \cup \{\infty_1^4, \dots, \infty_w^4\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks where  $w = 4, 5, 6, 7$  by Lemmas 2.7, 2.9 and 2.12. From the above conclusion, we get a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^t u^1$  where  $u \geq 4$ .  $\diamond$

**Lemma 4.4** *Let  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $0 \leq u \leq \lfloor 3(t - 1)/2 \rfloor$ ,  $t > 2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Use induction on  $t$ . When  $t = 6$ , the lemma follows by Lemma 4.3 and Appendixes A and B. Suppose that the lemma is true for  $t - 4$

where  $t \geq 10$ . We then know that there is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^{t-4}(4+u)^1$  for  $u \leq 3$ . By Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of the GDD with a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^4u^1$  from Lemma 4.1. We obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^tu^1$  for  $u \leq 3$ . By Lemma 4.3 the lemma is true for integer  $t$ .  $\diamond$

**Lemma 4.5** *Let  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $0 \leq u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ , and if  $t = 2$  then  $u \geq \lceil g/2 \rceil$  where  $(g, t, u) \neq (1, 2, 1)$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^tu^1$ .*

**Proof** The conclusion follows by Lemma 4.4 when  $g = 1$ . We will deal with the case of  $g \geq 3$ .

Let  $t = 4l + 2$ . The conclusion follows by Lemma 4.2 when  $l = 0$ . Next we consider  $l > 0$ . We first deal with the case of  $\lceil g/2 \rceil \leq u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ . By Lemma 4.1 there is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $(2g)^{2l+1}x^1$  where  $0 \leq x \leq 6gl$ . By Lemma 4.2 there is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^2w^1$  where  $\lceil g/2 \rceil \leq w \leq \lfloor 3g/2 \rfloor$ . Then apply Lemma 2.2 to get a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^tu^1$  where  $\lceil g/2 \rceil \leq u \leq \lfloor 3g(t-1)/2 \rfloor$ .

Next we consider the case of  $0 \leq u^* \leq \lfloor g/2 \rfloor$ . When  $t > 6$ , there are  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDDs of types  $g^{t-4}(4g+u^*)^1$  and  $g^4(u^*)^1$  from Lemma 4.1. By Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of the first GDD with a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^4(u^*)^1$ .

When  $t = 6$  and  $g \geq 63$ , it is well known that there exists a  $TD(7, g)$  (for example, see [6]). Give weight 1 to the points of the first six groups and a weight 0 or 1 to the points of the last group. Apply Fundamental Construction to get a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^6(u^*)^1$  where  $0 \leq u^* \leq \lfloor g/2 \rfloor$ . The input  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDDs of types  $1^6$  and  $1^61^1$  are from Lemma 4.4.

When  $t = 6$  and  $g \leq 61$ , we prove it inductively. For  $g = 1$ , there is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^6(u^*)^1$  by Lemma 4.4. For  $g = 3$ , apply Lemma 2.5 to a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^6$  to get a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $3^6$ . A  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $3^61^1$  comes from Appendix B. Then there is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $3^6(u^*)^1$  for  $0 \leq u^* \leq \lfloor g/2 \rfloor$ . Suppose that the lemma is true for the case  $g < g'$ , that is to say that there is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^6x^1$  for admissible  $x$ . Next we deal with the case of group type  $(g')^6(u^*)^1$ . We can choose  $a, b, k$  so that  $g' = ak + b$  and  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDDs of types  $a^kb^1$ ,  $a^6(u^*)^1$  and  $b^6(u^*)^1$  exist by Lemma 4.1 and by induction. This can be done: when  $5 \leq g' \leq 15$ , take  $a = 2$ ,  $k = \lceil g'/2 \rceil$  and  $b = 1$ ; when  $17 \leq g' \leq 61$ , take  $a = 4$ ,  $k = \lfloor (g' - 5)/4 \rfloor$  and  $b = 5$  if  $g' \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , or  $b = 7$  if  $g' \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ). Then apply Lemma

2.4 to get a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $(g')^t(u^*)^1$ . ◊

**Lemma 4.6** *Let  $n$  be odd,  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  be  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks so that  $\Delta B_1^+ = \{a, b, 2, 4\}$  and  $n/2 \notin \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+$ . Then the graph  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^4, \infty_2^4, \dots, \infty_w^4\}, \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks for  $w = 1, 3, 5$ .*

**Proof** For  $w = 1$ , let  $\Delta B_2 = \{c, d, e, f\}$ , change  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  into  $(\infty_1, 2, 0)$ - $a$ ,  $(\infty_1, 4, 0)$ - $b$ ,  $(\infty_1, c, 0)$ - $d$ ,  $(\infty_1, e, 0)$ - $f$ .

For  $w = 3$ , by Lemma 2.10  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}, \{2, 4\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.13  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2, \infty_3^2\}, \{a, b\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.14 make a change to the infinite points of  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2^2\}, \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  so that  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3^2\}, \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. That is to say that  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^4, \infty_2^4, \infty_3^4\}, \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks.

For  $w = 5$ , by Lemma 2.10  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}, \{2, 4\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.13 make a change to the infinite points of  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_3^2, \infty_4^2, \infty_5^2\}, \{a, b\} \rangle$  so that  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_3^2, \infty_4^2, \infty_5^2, \infty_2\}, \{a, b\} \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. By Lemma 2.14 make a change to the infinite points of  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_6^2\}, \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  so that  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^3, \infty_2^2, \infty_3^2, \infty_4^2, \infty_5^3\}, \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. That is to say that  $\langle Z_n \cup \{\infty_1^4, \infty_2^4, \infty_3^4, \infty_4^4, \infty_5^4\}, \Delta B_1^+ \cup \Delta B_2^+ \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. ◊

**Lemma 4.7** *Let  $gt$  be odd,  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$  with difference leave  $L$  where  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i, t + i, \dots, (g - 1)t + i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}$ , in which there exists one base block  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $2, 4 \in \Delta B^+$ . If the graph  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^4, \dots, \infty_w^4\}, L \rangle$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2l + 1 + w$  where  $0 \leq l \leq 3\lfloor |\mathcal{B}|/2 \rfloor - 1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $l = 3k + j$  where  $j = 0, 1, 2$  and  $0 \leq k \leq \lfloor |\mathcal{B}|/2 \rfloor - 1$ . Without loss of generality, let  $\Delta B^+ = \{a, b, 2, 4\}$ .

For  $j = 0$ , choose  $2k + 2$  base blocks from  $\mathcal{B}$ , say  $B, B_1, \dots, B_{2k+1}$ . By Lemma 4.6 arrange the differences of  $B$  and  $B_1$  with 1 (or 3 if  $j = 1$ ; or 5 if  $j = 2$ ) different infinite points, saying the resultant collection of  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks,  $K_1$ . By Lemma 2.14  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_{i_1}^4, \dots, \infty_{i_6}^4\}, \Delta B_i^+ \cup \Delta B_{i+1}^+ \rangle$ ,  $i = 2, 4, \dots, 2k$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, say  $K_2$ . Denote the  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks generated by other base blocks and  $\langle Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^4, \dots, \infty_w^4\}, L \rangle$  as  $K_3$ . All infinite points form a group  $R_u$ . It is easy to see  $(Z_{gt} \cup R_u, \mathcal{G} \cup R_u, K_1 \cup K_2 \cup K_3)$  is a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2l + 1 + w$  where  $0 \leq l \leq 3\lfloor |\mathcal{B}|/2 \rfloor - 1$ . ◊

**Lemma 4.8** *Let  $gt$  be odd,  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  be a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 2)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$  with difference leave  $L$  where  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{i, t + i, \dots, (g - 1)t + i\} : 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}$ , in which there exists one base block  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $2, 4 \in \Delta B^+$ . If the graph  $(Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L)$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks, then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2l + 1 + w$  where  $0 \leq l \leq 3|\mathcal{B}| - 1$ .*

**Proof** It is easy to see that  $(Z_{gt}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B} \cup \mathcal{B})$  is a cyclic partial  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t$  with difference leave  $L \cup L$ . Since  $(Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^2, \dots, \infty_w^2\}, L)$  can be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks,  $(Z_{gt} \cup \{\infty_1^4, \dots, \infty_w^4\}, L \cup L)$  can also be decomposed into  $(K_3 + e)$ -blocks. Then by Lemma 4.7 we obtain a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for any integer  $u = 2l + 1 + w$  where  $0 \leq l \leq 3|\mathcal{B}| - 1$ .  $\diamond$

**Lemma 4.9** *Let  $t$  be odd,  $u \equiv (t + 1)/2 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq 3(t - 1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $t = 8s + i$  where  $i = 1, 3, 5, 7$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.7 and Lemma 4.8 we can handle the case of  $u \geq 3(i - 1)/2 + 1$ .

For  $t = 8s + 1$ , it handles the case of  $1 \leq u \leq 3(t - 1)/2$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

For  $t = 8s + 3$ , it handles the case of  $4 \leq u \leq 3(t - 1)/2$  and  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . For  $u = 0$ , it follows by Lemma 4.4. For  $u = 2$ , by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8s} 5^1$  from Lemma 4.1 with a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^3 2^1$  from Appendix A.

For  $t = 8s + 5$ , it handles the case of  $7 \leq u \leq 3(t - 1)/2$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . For  $u = 1$ , it follows by Lemma 4.4. For  $u = 3, 5$ , by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8s}(5 + u)^1$  from Lemma 4.1 with a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^5 u^1$  from Appendix B.

For  $t = 8s + 7$ , it handles the case of  $10 \leq u \leq 3(t - 1)/2$  and  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . For  $u = 0$ , it follows by Lemma 4.4. For  $u = 2, 4, 6, 8$ , by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^{8s}(7 + u)^1$  from Lemma 4.1 with a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $1^7 u^1$  from Appendix C.

$\diamond$

**Lemma 4.10** *Let  $u \equiv (t + 1)/2 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq 9(t - 1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $3^t u^1$  for  $t = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 31$ .*

**Proof Case 1:**  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.9 and Lemma 4.8, we can handle the case of  $u \geq 1$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

**Case 2:**  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.9 and Lemma 4.8, we can handle the case of  $u \geq 4$  and  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . For  $u = 0$ , it follows by Lemma 4.5. For  $u = 2$ , by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $3^{t-3}11^1$  from Lemma 4.1 with a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $3^3 2^1$  from Appendix B.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 4.11** *Let  $u \equiv (t+1)/2 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq 21(t-1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $7^t u^1$  for  $t = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 29, 31$ .*

**Proof Case 1:**  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.10 and Lemma 4.8, we can handle the case of  $u \geq 1$  and  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

**Case 2:**  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.10 and Lemma 4.8, we can handle the case of  $u \geq 4$  and  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . For  $u = 0$ , it follows by Lemma 4.5. For  $u = 2$ , by Lemma 2.3 fill in the long group of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $7^{t-3}23^1$  from Lemma 4.1 with a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $7^3 2^1$  from Appendix B.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 4.12** *Let  $t \geq 3$  be odd,  $u \equiv (t+1)/2 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t-1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  for  $g = 3, 7$ .*

**Proof** The conclusion follows by Lemmas 4.10 and 4.11 when  $3 \leq t \leq 15$  if  $g = 3$ , or when  $3 \leq t \leq 23$  if  $g = 7$ . Next we consider the case of  $t \geq 17$  if  $g = 3$  or  $t \geq 25$  if  $g = 7$ . Let  $t = 8m + i$  and  $s = gm$  where  $i = 1, 3, 5, 7$ . Then  $3t = 8s + gi$  and  $s \geq 6$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.11 and Lemma 4.8, it handles the case of  $u \geq (3gi + 9g - 10)/2$ . For  $u \leq (3gi + 9g - 14)/2$ , we prove it inductively as in Lemma 3.11.  $\diamond$

**Lemma 4.13** *Let  $g$  and  $t$  be odd,  $u \equiv (t+1)/2 \pmod{2}$  and  $u \leq 3g(t-1)/2$ . Then there exists a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$ .*

**Proof** Let  $g = 4k + l$  where  $l = 1, 3$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.13 and Lemma 4.8, it handles the case of  $u \geq 3l(t-1)/2 + 1$ . A similar arguments as in Lemma 3.14 can deal with the case of  $u \leq 3l(t-1)/2 - 1$ .  $\diamond$

From Lemmas 4.1, 4.5 and 4.13 we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.14** *The necessary conditions as in Lemma 1.1 for the existence of a  $(K_3 + e, 4)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  are also sufficient except  $(g, t, u) = (1, 2, 1)$  and  $(1, 3, 0)$ .*

## 5 Conclusion

By Theorems 1.2, 3.15 and 4.14, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.1** *The necessary conditions as in Lemma 1.1 for the existence of a  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  are also sufficient except  $(g, t, u, \lambda) = (1, 2, 1, \lambda)$  and  $(1, 3, 0, \lambda)$  where  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

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## Appendix A

Let  $X = \mathbb{Z}_{g^t} \cup \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \{(i, t+i, \dots, (g-1)t+i) : 0 \leq i \leq t-1\} \cup \{\{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_u\}\}$ .  
 A  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1 (X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is constructed by listing its blocks  $\mathcal{B}$  as below.

$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow$

$1^5 4^1 :$	(1, $\infty_1, 0$ )-2 (2, 3, $\infty_1$ )-4 (1, 3, $\infty_2$ )-2	(3, $\infty_1, 2$ )- $\infty_4$ (1, 3, $\infty_4$ )-0 (0, 3, $\infty_4$ )-4	(3, 4, $\infty_3$ )-0 (0, 3, $\infty_3$ )-4 (1, $\infty_3, 2$ )- $\infty_2$	(4, 2, 0)- $\infty_2$ (1, $\infty_2, 4$ )-2 (4, $\infty_1, 0$ )-1	(1, 4, $\infty_4$ )-2 (3, 4, $\infty_2$ )-0 (2, $\infty_3, 1$ )- $\infty_1$
$2^3 1^1 :$	(0, 1, 2)-3 (4, 5, $\infty_1$ )-1	(3, 5, 1)-2 ( $\infty_1, 3, 2$ )-4	(0, 2, 4)-3 ( $\infty_1, 0, 5$ )-3	(0, 4, 5)-1 (0, 1, $\infty_1$ )-2	( $\infty_1, 4, 3$ )-1
$2^3 3^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 1, 0$ )- $\infty_3$ (1, 5, $\infty_2$ )-2 (0, 5, $\infty_3$ )-4	( $\infty_2, 5, 4$ )-0 (3, $\infty_2, 1$ )- $\infty_3$ (0, $\infty_2, 4$ )-3	(3, $\infty_3, 2$ )-1 (3, 5, $\infty_3$ )-1 (3, $\infty_1, 5$ )-1	(2, $\infty_2, 0$ )-1 (4, $\infty_1, 2$ )-3 (2, $\infty_1, 1$ )-3	(4, $\infty_1, 3$ )- $\infty_2$ ( $\infty_3, 4, 2$ )-0 (0, $\infty_1, 5$ )-4

$\lambda = 4 \Rightarrow$

$1^6 :$	(1, 2, 3)-4 (2, 1, 5)-4 (1, 0, 4)-2	(3, 0, 5)-1 (4, 5, 3)-1 (2, 3, 5)-4	(4, 0, 2)-1 (2, 4, 0)-1 (5, 0, 1)-4	(1, 3, 0)-5 (1, 4, 3)-0 (3, 4, 2)-5	(1, 4, 5)-3 (5, 0, 2)-1 (3, 2, 0)-4
$1^7 :$	(2, 0, 1)-6 (2, 5, 3)-0 (5, 4, 0)-2 (0, 4, 2)-3 (1, 6, 0)-5	(3, 5, 4)-2 (2, 6, 4)-1 (1, 2, 0)-4 (0, 1, 3)-5	(3, 4, 0)-6 (0, 5, 6)-2 (3, 6, 2)-1 (1, 2, 5)-0	(2, 6, 5)-1 (1, 5, 4)-6 (1, 5, 3)-4 (3, 4, 2)-5	(3, 6, 1)-4 (0, 6, 3)-1 (1, 4, 6)-5 (4, 5, 6)-3
$1^3 2^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_2$ (1, $\infty_1, 2$ )- $\infty_2$	(0, $\infty_1, 2$ )-1 (1, $\infty_1, 0$ )-2	(1, $\infty_2, 0$ )- $\infty_1$ (2, $\infty_2, 1$ )- $\infty_1$	(0, $\infty_2, 1$ )- $\infty_1$ (0, $\infty_2, 2$ )- $\infty_1$	(2, $\infty_2, 1$ )-0

## Appendix B

A  $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  is constructed by listing its some blocks and some base blocks as below.

$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow$

$2^3 5^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 1, 0$ )- $\infty_5$ ( $\infty_4, 0, 1$ )-2	( $\infty_2, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_5$ ( $\infty_4, 2, 3$ )-4	( $\infty_3, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_4$ ( $\infty_4, 4, 5$ )-0	(mod 6)	
$3^3 1^1 :$	(1, 3, 0)- $\infty$ (0, 5, 6)-7 (0, 7, 1)-6	(5, 3, 0)- $\infty$ (2, 8, 7)-1 (1, 2, 8)-3	(mod 12) (4, 10, 9)-3 (2, 3, 9)-8	(10, 11, 5)-4 (3, 10, 4)-11	(0, 6, 11)-5
$3^4 2^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 1, 0$ )-2 (0, 3, 6)-9 (4, 7, 2)-11 (9, 0, 7)-1	( $\infty_2, 5, 0$ )-1 (1, 4, 7)-10 (8, 5, 3)-9 (10, 1, 8)-2	(mod 12) (2, 5, 8)-11 (6, 9, 4)-10 (11, 2, 9)-3	(2, 5, 0)-9 (7, 10, 5)-11 (0, 3, 10)-4	(3, 6, 1)-10 (8, 11, 6)-0 (1, 4, 11)-5

$\lambda = 4 \Rightarrow$

$1^5 3^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 1, 0$ )-2	( $\infty_1, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_3$	( $\infty_2, 1, 0$ )- $\infty_3$	( $\infty_2, 1, 0$ )-2	( $\infty_3, 2, 0$ )-1 (mod 5)
$1^5 5^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 1, 0$ )-2 ( $\infty_4, 1, 0$ )- $\infty_5$	( $\infty_2, 1, 0$ )- $\infty_4$ ( $\infty_3, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_5$	( $\infty_1, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_4$ (mod 5)	( $\infty_2, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_5$	( $\infty_3, 1, 0$ )- $\infty_5$
$1^6 2^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 2, 0$ )-1 (2, $\infty_2, 0$ )-3 (1, $\infty_2, 5$ )-0	(1, 2, 0)- $\infty_2$ (3, $\infty_2, 1$ )-2 (0, 3, 1)-4	(3, $\infty_1, 0$ )- $\infty_2$ (4, $\infty_2, 2$ )-0 (2, 3, 5)-1	(mod 6) (5, $\infty_2, 3$ )-4 (2, 5, 4)-0	(0, $\infty_2, 4$ )-1
$1^6 3^1 :$	( $\infty_1, 2, 0$ )-1 (2, $\infty_2, 0$ )-3 (1, $\infty_2, 5$ )-0	( $\infty_3, 2, 0$ )- $\infty_2$ (3, $\infty_2, 1$ )-2 (0, 3, 1)-4	( $\infty_3, 1, 0$ )- $\infty_2$ (4, $\infty_2, 2$ )-0 (2, 3, 5)-1	(3, $\infty_1, 0$ )-1 (5, $\infty_2, 3$ )-4 (2, 5, 4)-0	(mod 6) (0, $\infty_2, 4$ )-1
$3^3 2^1 :$	(4, 2, 0)- $\infty_1$	(1, 2, 0)- $\infty_2$	( $\infty_1, 4, 0$ )- $\infty_2$	( $\infty_2, 4, 0$ )- $\infty_1$	(1, 2, 0)-4 (mod 9)
$3^5 1^1 :$	(6, 7, 0)- $\infty$ (6, 7, 0)-6	(2, 4, 0)- $\infty$ (2, 8, 0)-3	(3, 4, 0)- $\infty$ (mod 15)	(3, 7, 0)- $\infty$	(1, 3, 0)-7

$3^6 1^1$ :	(7, 8, 0)-1 (5, 2, 0)-9 (0, 5, 7)-2 (7, 12, 14)-9 (4, 9, 1)-12 (9, 14, 8)-17 (14, 1, 11)-0 (1, 6, 16)-0	(2, 4, 0)-1 (∞, 9, 0)-5 (1, 6, 8)-3 (8, 15, 13)-0 (5, 10, 2)-9 (10, 15, 7)-9 (15, 2, 12)-17 (2, 7, 17)-1	(7, 8, 0)-∞ (mod 18) (11, 9, 4)-17 (14, 1, 3)-16 (6, 11, 3)-5 (11, 16, 8)-10 (16, 3, 13)-2	(7, 4, 0)-3  (5, 12, 10)-3 (4, 2, 15)-10 (7, 12, 4)-6 (17, 4, 14)-16	(8, 4, 0)-∞  (6, 13, 11)-16 (3, 8, 0)-2 (8, 13, 5)-16 (13, 0, 10)-17 (0, 5, 15)-17
$7^3 2^1$ :	(4, 2, 0)-∞ <sub>1</sub> (7, 8, 0)-4	(1, 2, 0)-∞ <sub>2</sub> (2, 10, 0)-8	(∞ <sub>1</sub> , 4, 0)-∞ <sub>2</sub> (3, 10, 0)-8	(∞ <sub>2</sub> , 4, 0)-∞ <sub>1</sub> (5, 10, 0)-7	(5, 10, 0)-7 (mod 9)

## Appendix C

( $K_3 + \epsilon, \lambda$ )-GDDs of types  $g^t u^1$  are constructed by Lemmas 2.7-2.12.

$\lambda = 2 \Rightarrow$

$1^7 3^1$ :	(1, 2, 0)-3 (mod 7) ( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}$ ), {2}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3^2\}$ ), {3}	
$1^7 7^1$ :	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}$ ), {1}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3^2\}$ ), {1}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_4^2, \infty_5\}$ ), {2}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_6, \infty_7^2\}$ ), {4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_5, \infty_6\}$ ), {2, 4}	
$1^{15} 7^1$ :	(7, 6, 0)-5 ( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}$ ), {3}	(7, 6, 0)-5 (mod 15) ( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_2, \infty_3^2\}$ ), {3}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_4^2, \infty_5\}$ ), {2}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_6, \infty_7^2\}$ ), {4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_5, \infty_6\}$ ), {2, 4}	

$\lambda = 4 \Rightarrow$

$1^7 2^1$ :	(1, 2, 0)-4 ( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$ ), {2, 4}	(1, 2, 0)-4 (mod 7) ( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}$ ), {4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_2^2, \infty_1\}$ ), {2}
$1^7 4^1$ :	(1, 2, 0)-4 (mod 7) ( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$ ), {2, 4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}$ ), {4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_2^2, \infty_1\}$ ), {2}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_3, \infty_4\}$ ), {2, 4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_3^2, \infty_4\}$ ), {1}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_4^2, \infty_3\}$ ), {1}
$1^7 6^1$ :	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$ ), {2, 4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}$ ), {4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_2^2, \infty_1\}$ ), {2}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_3, \infty_4\}$ ), {2, 4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_3^2, \infty_4\}$ ), {1}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_4^2, \infty_3\}$ ), {1}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_5, \infty_6\}$ ), {2, 4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_5^2, \infty_6\}$ ), {1}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_6^2, \infty_5\}$ ), {1}
$1^7 8^1$ :	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$ ), {2, 4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_1^2, \infty_2\}$ ), {4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_2^2, \infty_1\}$ ), {2}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_7^2, \infty_4\}$ ), {2}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_3^2, \infty_4\}$ ), {1}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_4^2, \infty_3\}$ ), {1}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_8^2, \infty_6\}$ ), {2}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_5^2, \infty_6\}$ ), {1}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_6^2, \infty_5\}$ ), {1}
	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_8^2, \infty_3\}$ ), {4}	( $Z_7 \cup \{\infty_7^2, \infty_5\}$ ), {4}	