

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

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Abstract

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

1 Introduction

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A directed triple system of order v , $DTS(v)$, is a pair (V, T) , where T is a collection of transitive triples from a v -set V , such that every ordered pair of distinct elements of V is contained in exactly one transitive triple of T (The transitive triple $[a, b, c]$ contains the ordered pairs ab, bc, ac but not ab, bc, ca). This concept was introduced by Huang and Mendelsohn [11], who proved that a $DTS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \not\equiv 2 \pmod{3}$. In the same way, Steiner triple systems and Mendelsohn triple systems have been generalized to extended triple systems [2, 12] and extended Mendelsohn triple systems [1], respectively. The concept of such a system, similar to a DTS , is introduced in which a triple may have repeated elements. An extended directed triple system of order v , $EDTS(v)$, is a pair (V, B) , where B is a collection of ordered triples from a v -set V (each ordered triple may have repeated elements) such that every ordered pair of elements of V , not necessarily distinct, is contained in exactly one ordered triple of B . The elements of B are called blocks. There are five types of blocks: (1) $[a, b, c]$, (2) $[a, b, a]$, (3) $[a, a, b]$, (4) $[b, a, a]$ and (5) $[a, a, a]$ in which they are the set of ordered pairs $\{ab, bc, ac\}$, $\{ab, ba, aa\}$, $\{aa, ab\}$, $\{ba, aa\}$ and $\{aa\}$, respectively. For convenience, we call the transitive triple for type (1), 2-arc lollipop (2-lollipop for brevity) for type (2), 1-arc lollipop (1-lollipop for brevity) for type (3) or (4), and loop for type (5). Let b_3, b_2, b_1 , and b_0 be used to denote the number of blocks of (V, B) that are of the type (1), (2), (3) or (4), and (5), respectively. A simple counting argument shows that if (V, B) is $EDTS(v)$, then

$$b_3 = \frac{1}{3}(v(v-1) - 2b_2 - b_1) \quad (1)$$

$$b_0 = v - b_2 - b_1 \quad (2)$$

Evidently b_3 and b_0 are determined by b_2 and b_1 . Let $\{v; b_2, b_1\}$ denote the class of $EDTS(v)$ with parameters b_2 and b_1 . We say that $\{v; b_2, b_1\}$ exists if there is a design with the specified parameters.

In [7], it was shown that the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of the class $\{v; b_2, b_1\}$ are $b_1 \neq 1$, $0 \leq b_2 + b_1 \leq v$ and

$$(1) \quad b_2 \equiv b_1 \pmod{3} \text{ for } v \not\equiv 2 \pmod{3};$$

$$(2) \quad b_2 \equiv b_1 + 1 \pmod{3} \text{ for } v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}.$$

In graph notation, a $DTS(v)$ is equivalent to the decomposition of the digraph D_v into transitive triples, where D_v is the complete symmetric digraph of order v . And an $EDTS(v)$ is equivalent to the decomposition of the digraph D_v^+ into transitive triples, 2-lollipops, 1-lollipops and loops, where D_v^+ is the digraph obtained by attaching a loop to each vertex of D_v . In the following paragraphs, we consider the systems with $b_1 = 0$. An

extended directed triple system of order v with a loops and $b_1 = 0$ will be denoted by $\text{EDTS}(v, a)$. If (V, B) is an $\text{EDTS}(v, a)$, then $|B| = b_{v,a} = (v^2 + 2a)/3$.

From the results of [7], the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of an $\text{EDTS}(v, a)$, with $0 \leq a \leq v$, are:

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

Recently, some papers investigated the possible number of common blocks with two generalized triple systems with the same parameters, based on the same v -set. G. Lo Faro [14] considered this problem for extended triple systems without idempotent; W. C. Huang [6, 8] for extended triple systems; K. B. Huang, W. C. Huang, C. C. Hung and G. H. Wang [9, 10] for extended Mendelsohn triple systems; and C. M. Fu, Y. H. Gwo and F. C. Wu [4] for semi-symmetric latin squares.

In this paper, we have considered the intersection problems for the systems $\text{EDTS}(v, 0)$ and $\text{EDTS}(v, 1)$. Let $J[v, a]$ be the set of non-negative integers k such that there is a pair of $\text{EDTS}(v, a)$ with k common blocks, let $I[v, a] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, b_{v,a} - 2, b_{v,a}\}$. Since the smallest possible mutually balanced subsets of an $\text{EDTS}(v, a)$ are $\{\{x, y, z\}, [z, y, x]\}$ (which can be changed to $\{y, x, z\}, [z, x, y]\}$), it follows that $J[v, a] \subseteq I[v, a]$.

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

Let A and B be two sets of integers and k a positive integer. We define $A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$, $k + A = \{k\} + A$, and $kA = \{k \cdot a \mid a \in A\}$. For convenience, we denote the k -triple $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$ by $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_1\}, [v_2, v_3, v_2], \dots, [v_{k-1}, v_k, v_{k-1}], [v_k, v_k, v_k]\}$ where $v_i \neq v_j$ for all $i \neq j$. And $\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, v_1 \rangle = \{\{v_1, v_2, v_1\}, [v_2, v_3, v_2], \dots, [v_{k-1}, v_k, v_{k-1}], [v_k, v_1, v_k]\}$.

2 Auxiliary constructions of EDTS

As usual, K_v is the complete graph on v vertices. An r -cycle is an elementary cycle of length r and is denoted by the sequence of its vertices (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r) . In [5], if v is even then K_v can be decomposed into $v - 1$ 1-factors and if v is odd then K_v can be decomposed into $(v - 1)/2$ edge-disjoint spanning cycles. In each case, we can construct transitive triples as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{F_i \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, 2v-1\}$ be a 1-factorization of K_{2v} on $N = \{1, 2, \dots, 2v\}$. If $F_a, F_b \in \mathcal{F}$, the notation $F_a \cdot F_b$ [14] will denote the following set of blocks: $\langle 1, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, \dots, x_{i_r}, 1 \rangle \cup \langle x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, x_{j_3}, \dots, x_{j_s}, x_{j_1} \rangle \cup \dots \cup \langle x_{p_1}, x_{p_2}, x_{p_3}, \dots, x_{p_t}, x_{p_1} \rangle \cup \langle x_{q_1}, x_{q_2}, x_{q_3}, \dots, x_{q_m}, x_{q_1} \rangle$ where $x_{j_1} = \min(N \setminus \{1, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, \dots, x_{i_r}\})$, \dots , $x_{q_1} = \min(N \setminus \{1, x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}, \dots, x_{i_r}, x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, x_{j_3}, \dots, x_{j_s}, \dots, x_{p_1}, x_{p_2}, x_{p_3}, \dots, x_{p_t}\})$; $F_a = \{1x_{i_2}, x_{i_3}x_{i_4}, \dots, x_{i_{r-1}}x_{i_r}, x_{j_1}x_{j_2}, x_{j_3}x_{j_4}, \dots, x_{j_{s-1}}x_{j_s}, \dots, x_{p_1}x_{p_2}, x_{p_3}x_{p_4}, \dots, x_{p_{t-1}}x_{p_t}, x_{q_1}x_{q_2}, x_{q_3}x_{q_4}, \dots, x_{q_{m-1}}x_{q_m}\}$ and $F_b = \{x_{i_2}x_{i_3}, x_{i_4}x_{i_5}, \dots, x_{i_r}1, x_{j_2}x_{j_3}, x_{j_4}x_{j_5}, \dots,$

$x_j, x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{p_2} x_{p_3}, x_{p_4} x_{p_5}, \dots, x_{p_i} x_{p_1}, x_{q_2} x_{q_3}, x_{q_4} x_{q_5}, \dots, x_{q_m} x_{q_1}$. For example, let F_a and F_b be two 1-factors in K_{14} , where $F_a = \{\{1, 3\}, \{4, 8\}, \{2, 14\}, \{11, 13\}, \{5, 6\}, \{7, 9\}, \{10, 12\}\}$ and $F_b = \{\{3, 4\}, \{8, 1\}, \{14, 11\}, \{13, 2\}, \{6, 7\}, \{9, 10\}, \{12, 5\}\}$. Then $F_a \cdot F_b = \langle 1, 3, 4, 8, 1 \rangle \cup \langle 2, 14, 11, 13, 2 \rangle \cup \langle 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 5 \rangle$.

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

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

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

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

Proof. By using constructions 1 and 2, we can embed an EDTS($v, 0$) in an EDTS($2v, 0$). By replacing an EDTS($v, 0$) and interchanging any two vertices of V_1 corresponding to different 1-factors or spanning cycles to form different transitive triples or lollipops, we obtain $J[2v, 0] \supseteq J[v, 0] + \{0, v, 2v, \dots, (v - 2)v, v^2\}$. If $v \geq 9$ and $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$ then $J[2v, 0] \supseteq I[2v, 0]$. Therefore $J[2v, 0] = I[2v, 0]$. ■

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

Proof. By using constructions 3 and 4, we can embed an EDTS($v, 0$) in an EDTS($2v + 3, 0$). By replacing an EDTS($v, 0$) and interchanging any two vertices of V_1 corresponding to different 1-factors or spanning cycles to form different transitive triples or lollipops, we obtain $J[2v + 3, 0] \supseteq J[v, 0] + \{0, v + 3, 2(v + 3), \dots, (v - 2)(v + 3), v(v + 3)\}$. If $v \geq 6$ and $J[v, 0] = I[v, 0]$ then $J[2v + 3, 0] \supseteq I[2v + 3, 0]$. Therefore $J[2v + 3, 0] = I[2v + 3, 0]$. ■

There are precisely two EDTS($3, 0$): $\langle 1, 2, 3, 1 \rangle$ and $\langle 1, 3, 2, 1 \rangle$. So, we have $J[3, 0] = \{0, 3\} \subset I[3, 0] = \{0, 1, 3\}$.

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

Proof. For $v = 6$, using a similar argument to Lemma 3.1, we obtain $\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\} \subseteq J[6, 0]$. Let $T_1 = \langle 1, 2, 3, 1 \rangle \cup \{[4, 1, 4], [5, 3, 5], [6, 2, 6], [6, 3, 4], [4, 3, 6], [5, 4, 2], [2, 4, 5]\} \cup A$, where $A = \{[6, 1, 5], [5, 1, 6]\}$. Now, N_1 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks A and replacing them with $\{[6, 5, 1], [1, 5, 6]\}$. Then, $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 10$. Using the isomorphic designs obtained from T_1 by permuting elements in Table 1, we have $J[6, 0] = I[6, 0]$.

Table 1

Intersection	Size	Intersection	Size
$T_1 \cap (12)(456)T_1$	1	$T_1 \cap (34)T_1$	5
$T_1 \cap (256)(34)T_1$	2	$T_1 \cap (13)(45)T_1$	7
$T_1 \cap (123)(56)T_1$	4	$T_1 \cap (25)T_1$	8

For $v = 9$, using a similar argument to Lemma 3.2, we obtain $\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27\} \subseteq J[9, 0]$. Let $T_1 = \langle 4, 6, 5, 4 \rangle \cup \langle 7, 8, 9, 7 \rangle \cup \{[3, 5, 7], [7, 5, 3], [3, 4, 8], [8, 4, 3]\} \cup A \cup B \cup C$, where $A = \langle 1, 2, 3, 1 \rangle \cup \{[2, 5, 8], [8, 5, 2], [2, 6, 7], [7, 6, 2]\}$, $B = \{[1, 4, 7], [7, 4, 1], [1, 5, 9], [9, 5, 1], [1, 6, 8], [8, 6, 1], [2, 4, 9], [9, 4, 2]\}$, and $C = \{[3, 6, 9], [9, 6, 3]\}$. $T_2 = \{[5, 1, 5], [6, 2, 6], [7, 3, 7], [8, 4, 8], [9, 4, 9], [1, 3, 6], [8, 6, 1], [1, 7, 9], [3, 1, 8], [9, 7, 1], [3, 5, 9], [5, 8, 3], [6, 9, 3], [9, 5, 6], [7, 4, 6], [6, 7, 8], [6, 5, 4], [8, 5, 7]\} \cup D \cup E$, where $D = \langle 1, 2, 3, 4, 1 \rangle$ and $E = \{[2, 4, 5], [2, 8, 9], [4, 2, 7], [7, 5, 2], [9, 8, 2]\}$. Now, N_1 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks A and replacing them with $\langle 1, 3, 2, 1 \rangle \cup \{[7, 2, 6], [6, 2, 7], [8, 2, 5], [5, 2, 8]\}$. N_2 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks B and replacing them with $\{[7, 1, 4], [4, 1, 7], [5, 1, 9], [9, 1, 5], [8, 6, 1], [1, 6, 8], [4, 2, 9], [9, 4, 2]\}$. N_3 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks C and replacing them with $\{[6, 3, 9], [9, 3, 6]\}$. N_4 comes from T_2 by removing the blocks D and replacing them with $\langle 1, 4, 3, 2, 1 \rangle$. N_5 comes from T_2 by removing the blocks E and replacing them with $\{[2, 4, 7], [4, 5, 2], [7, 2, 5], [8, 2, 9], [9, 2, 8]\}$. And N_6 comes from N_2 by removing the blocks C and replacing them with $\{[6, 3, 9], [9, 3, 6]\}$. From $|T_1 \cap N_6| = 17$, $|T_1 \cap N_2| = 19$, $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 20$, $|T_2 \cap N_5| = 22$, $|T_2 \cap N_4| = 23$, $|T_1 \cap N_3| = 25$ and Table 2, we have $J[9, 0] = I[9, 0]$.

Table 2

Intersection	Size	Intersection	Size
$T_1 \cap (67)(89)T_1$	1	$T_2 \cap (789)T_2$	10
$T_1 \cap (34)(6789)T_1$	2	$T_2 \cap (56)(789)T_2$	11
$T_1 \cap (67)(89)T_1$	4	$T_1 \cap (89)T_1$	13
$T_1 \cap (6789)T_1$	5	$T_2 \cap (59)T_2$	14
$T_1 \cap (56)(79)T_1$	7	$T_2 \cap (23)(56)(78)T_2$	16
$T_1 \cap (678)T_1$	8		

For $v = 12$, using a similar argument to Lemma 3.1, we obtain $J[12, 0] \supseteq I[12, 0] \setminus \{34, 35, 46\}$. Let $T_1 = (1, 5, 9, 1) \cup \{[6, 5, 6], [7, 6, 7], [8, 6, 8], [10, 9, 10], [11, 10, 11], [12, 10, 12], [1, 7, 11], [11, 7, 1], [1, 8, 12], [12, 8, 1], [2, 5, 10], [10, 5, 2], [2, 8, 11], [11, 8, 2], [3, 8, 10], [10, 8, 3], [4, 7, 10], [10, 7, 4], [9, 8, 4], [4, 8, 9], [5, 7, 8], [8, 7, 5], [9, 11, 12], [12, 11, 9]\} \cup B \cup C \cup D \cup E$, where $B = \{[2, 6, 12], [12, 6, 2], [2, 7, 9], [9, 7, 2], [3, 6, 9], [9, 6, 3], [3, 7, 12], [12, 7, 3]\}$, $C = \{[3, 5, 11], [11, 5, 3], [4, 5, 12], [12, 5, 4], [4, 6, 11], [11, 6, 4]\}$, $D = \{[2, 1, 2], [3, 2, 3], [4, 2, 4], [1, 3, 4], [4, 3, 1]\}$ and $E = \{[1, 6, 10], [10, 6, 1]\}$. Now, N_1 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks $B \cup C$ and replacing them with $\{[2, 6, 9], [9, 6, 2], [2, 7, 12], [12, 7, 2], [3, 5, 12], [12, 5, 3], [3, 6, 11], [11, 6, 3], [3, 7, 9], [9, 7, 3], [4, 5, 11], [11, 5, 4], [4, 6, 12], [12, 6, 4]\}$. N_2 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks $B \cup D$ and replacing them with $\{[2, 6, 9], [9, 6, 2], [2, 7, 12], [12, 7, 2], [3, 6, 12], [12, 6, 3], [3, 7, 9], [9, 7, 3], [3, 1, 3], [2, 3, 2], [4, 3, 4], [1, 2, 4], [4, 2, 1]\}$. And N_3 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks E and replacing them with $\{[6, 1, 10], [10, 1, 6]\}$. From $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 34$, $|T_1 \cap N_2| = 35$ and $|T_1 \cap N_3| = 46$, we have $J[12, 0] = I[12, 0]$. ■

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

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

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

Lindner and Wallis [13] and independently Fu [3] prove that there exist two DTS(v) intersecting in s triples if and only if $s \in S_v = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, v(v-1)/3 - 2, v(v-1)/3\}$, for $v \not\equiv 2 \pmod{3}$. So, if $v \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, there exist two DTS($v-1$), (V, B_1) and (V, B_2) , with $|B_1 \cap B_2| = r \in S_{v-1}$, where $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, v-1\}$. Let $V^* = V \cup \{v\}$, $B_1^* = B_1 \cup N$ and $B_2^* = B_2 \cup N$, where $N = \{[1, v, 1], [2, v, 2], [3, v, 3], \dots, [v-1, v, v-1], [v, v, v]\}$. Then (V^*, B_1^*) and (V^*, B_2^*) are two EDTS($v, 1$) and they have $v+r$ common blocks. Therefore,

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

The missing data $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, v-1\}$ can be obtained by the following two Lemmas.

Lemma 4.1 If $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$ and v is an integer ≥ 4 then $J[2v, 1] = I[2v, 1]$.

Proof. From equation (3), the missing data are the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2v - 1\}$. By using constructions 1 and 2, we can embed an $\text{EDTS}(v, 1)$ in an $\text{EDTS}(2v, 1)$. By replacing an $\text{EDTS}(v, 1)$ and interchanging all (all but one) vertices of V_1 corresponding to different 1-factors or spanning cycles to form different transitive triples or lollipops, we obtain $J[2v, 1] \supseteq J[v, 1] + \{0, v\}$. Since and $J[v, 1] = I[v, 1]$, we have $J[2v, 1] \supseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots, b_{v,1} - 2, b_{v,1}\} + \{v, v + 1, v + 2, \dots, v + b_{v,1} - 2, v + b_{v,1}\}$.

In order to solve the missing data, we have to estimate the smallest v satisfying

$$2v - 1 \leq v + b_{v,1} - 2 \tag{4}$$

$$v \leq b_{v,1} - 1 \leq v + b_{v,1} - 2 \tag{5}$$

which is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} v^2 - 3v - 1 \geq 0 \\ v \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

The smallest positive integer v satisfied the above system is 4. Therefore, we have $J[2v, 1] = I[2v, 1]$, for $v \geq 4$. ■

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

Proof. By the same method as Lemma 4.1, we obtain $J[2v + 3, 1] \supseteq J[v, 1] + \{0, v + 3\}$. This implies that $J[2v, 1] \supseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots, b_{v,1} - 2, b_{v,1}\} + \{v + 3, v + 4, v + 5, \dots, v + b_{v,1} + 1, v + b_{v,1} + 3\}$.

In order to solve the missing data, we have to estimate the smallest v satisfying

$$2v + 2 \leq v + b_{v,1} + 1 \tag{6}$$

$$v + 3 \leq b_{v,1} - 1 \leq v + b_{v,1} + 1 \tag{7}$$

which is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} v^2 - 3v - 1 \geq 0 \\ v^2 - 3v - 10 \geq 0 \\ v \geq -2 \end{cases}$$

The smallest positive integer v satisfied the above system is 5. Therefore, we have $J[2v + 3, 1] = I[2v + 3, 1]$, for $v \geq 5$. ■

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

Proof. For $v = 4$, let $T_1 = \{[1, 1, 1], [2, 1, 2], [3, 2, 3], [4, 2, 4], [1, 3, 4], [4, 3, 1]\}$. Now, N_1 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks $\{[1, 1, 1], [2, 1, 2], [1, 3, 4], [4, 3, 1]\}$ and replacing them with $\{[2, 2, 2], [1, 2, 1], [1, 4, 3], [3, 4, 1]\}$. From $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 2$, $|T_1 \cap (12)T_1| = 0$, $|T_1 \cap (23)T_1| = 1$, $|T_1 \cap (14)T_1| = 3$ and $|T_1 \cap (34)T_1| = 4$, we have $J[4, 1] = I[4, 1]$.

For $v = 5$, let $T_1 = \{[4, 4, 4], [1, 4, 1], [2, 3, 5]\} \cup A$, where $A = \{[3, 4, 2], [2, 1, 2], [3, 1, 3], [5, 2, 4], [5, 1, 5], [4, 5, 3]\}$. Now, N_1 comes from T_1 by removing the blocks A and replacing them with $\{[2, 4, 2], [3, 4, 3], [5, 4, 5], [1, 5, 3], [3, 2, 1], [5, 1, 2]\}$. By $|T_1 \cap (12)(45)T_1| = 0$, $|T_1 \cap (12)(35)T_1| = 1$, $|T_1 \cap (45)T_1| = 2$, $|T_1 \cap N_1| = 3$ and $|T_1 \cap (234)T_1| = 4$, we have $J[5, 1] = I[5, 1]$.

For $v = 7$, let $T_1 = \{[1, 1, 1], [2, 1, 2], [3, 2, 3], [4, 2, 4], [5, 2, 5], [6, 3, 6], [7, 4, 7], [1, 3, 7], [3, 4, 1], [1, 6, 4], [6, 5, 1], [7, 1, 5], [2, 6, 7], [7, 6, 2], [4, 3, 5], [5, 7, 3], [5, 4, 6]\}$. From Table 3, we obtain $J[7, 1] = I[7, 1]$.

Table 3

Intersection	Size	Intersection	Size
$T_1 \cap (12)(45)(67)T_1$	0	$T_1 \cap (467)T_1$	4
$T_1 \cap (23)(67)T_1$	1	$T_1 \cap (45)(67)T_1$	5
$T_1 \cap (23)(57)T_1$	2	$T_1 \cap (47)T_1$	6
$T_1 \cap (46)(57)T_1$	3		

For $v = 11$, Using a similar argument to Lemma 4.2, we obtain $J[11, 1] = I[11, 1] \setminus \{5\}$. Let $T_1 = \{[9, 9, 9], [1, 5, 1], [2, 11, 2], [3, 8, 3], [4, 7, 4], [5, 6, 5], [6, 4, 6], [7, 10, 7], [8, 2, 8], [10, 1, 10], [11, 3, 11], [1, 2, 7], [7, 2, 1], [1, 3, 4], [4, 3, 1], [1, 8, 11], [11, 8, 1], [1, 9, 6], [6, 9, 1], [2, 3, 6], [6, 3, 2], [2, 4, 10], [10, 4, 2], [2, 5, 9], [9, 5, 2], [3, 5, 10], [10, 5, 3], [3, 7, 9], [9, 7, 3], [4, 5, 8], [8, 5, 4], [4, 9, 11], [11, 9, 4], [11, 7, 5], [5, 7, 11], [6, 7, 8], [8, 7, 6], [6, 10, 11], [11, 10, 6], [8, 9, 10], [10, 9, 8]\}$. Then $J[11, 1] = I[11, 1]$ follows by $|T_1 \cap (56)(78)(9t_1)T_1| = 5$, where $t_1 = 11$. ■

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

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

5 Conclusions.

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

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

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