On resolvable packing RMP(3, 3, v) and covering RMC(3, 3, v)

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Abstract

Let $v \equiv k-1,0$ or $1 \pmod k$. An RMP (k,λ,v) (resp. RMC (k,λ,v)) is a resolvable packing (resp. covering) with maximum (resp. minimum) possible number m(v) of parallel classes which are mutually distinct, each parallel class consists of $\lfloor (v-k+1)/k \rfloor$ blocks of size k and one block of size $v-k \lfloor (v-k+1)/k \rfloor$, and its leave (resp. excess) is a simple graph. Such designs were first introduced by Fang and Yin. They have proved that these designs can be used to construct certain uniform designs which have been widely applied in industry, system engineering, pharmaceutics, and natural science. In this paper, direct and recursive constructions are discussed for such designs. The existence of an RMP(3,3,v) and an RMC(3,3,v) is proved for any admissible v.

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1 Introduction

Let v and λ be positive integers. A packing (resp. covering) $P(K, \lambda, v)$ (resp. $C(K, \lambda, v)$) is an ordered pair (V, \mathcal{B}) where V is a v-set of points, and \mathcal{B} is a collection of subsets of V with sizes from K, called blocks, such

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that each pair of points of V occurs at most (resp. at least) λ times in the blocks.

For any pair $e = \{x, y\}$ of distinct points, let m(e) be the number of blocks containing e. The *leave* (resp. *excess*) of a packing (resp. covering) $P(K, \lambda, v)$ (resp. $C(K, \lambda, v)$) is the multigraph spanned by all pairs e of distinct points with multiplicity $\lambda - m(e)$ (resp. $m(e) - \lambda$).

A packing (resp. covering) is called *resolvable* if its block set admits a partition into parallel classes, each *parallel class* being a partition of the point set V. Denote by $RP(K,\lambda;v,m)$ (resp. $RC(K,\lambda;v,m)$) a resolvable packing (resp. covering) $P(K,\lambda,v)$ (resp. $C(K,\lambda,v)$) with m parallel classes.

Let $v \equiv k-1,0$ or $1 \pmod k$. An $RMP(k,\lambda,v)$ (resp. $RMC(k,\lambda,v)$) is a resolvable packing (resp. covering) with maximum (resp. minimum) possible number m(v) of parallel classes which are mutually distinct, each parallel class consists of $\lfloor (v-k+1)/k \rfloor$ blocks of size k and one block of size $v-k\lfloor (v-k+1)/k \rfloor$, and its leave (resp. excess) is a simple graph.

Some simple computation shows:

Lemma 1.1 If there exists an $RMP(k, \lambda, v)$, then $m(v) \leq n(v)$ where

$$n(v) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{\lambda(v-1)}{k-1} \rfloor & v \equiv 0 \pmod{k} \\ \lfloor \frac{\lambda v(v-1)}{(k-1)v+k+1} \rfloor & v \equiv 1 \pmod{k} \\ \lfloor \frac{\lambda v}{k-1} \rfloor & v \equiv k-1 \pmod{k} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 1.2 If there exists an $RMC(k, \lambda, v)$, then $m(v) \ge n(v)$ where

$$n(v) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{\lambda(v-1)}{k-1} \rceil & v \equiv 0 \pmod{k} \\ \lceil \frac{\lambda v(v-1)}{(k-1)v+k+1} \rceil & v \equiv 1 \pmod{k} \\ \lceil \frac{\lambda v}{k-1} \rceil & v \equiv k-1 \pmod{k} \end{cases}$$

RMP and RMC were first studied by Fang etc in [6, 7]. They have proved that these designs can be used to construct certain uniform designs

in statistics which have been widely applied in industry, system engineering, pharmaceutics and natural science.

Theorem 1.3 ([7]) Suppose n, k, λ and m are positive integers and $n \equiv r \pmod{k}$ where $r \in \{0, 1, k-1\}$. Then the factorial design derived from an $RMP(k, \lambda, n)$ (resp. $RMC(k, \lambda, n)$) with m parallel classes is a uniform design $U_n(q^m)$, where $q = \lfloor (n-k+1)/k \rfloor + 1$.

When k=3 and $\lambda \in \{1,2\}$, the existence of an RMP $(3,\lambda,v)$ or RMC $(3,\lambda,v)$ has been solved for every positive integer v with five possible exceptions [1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21]. There are also some known results on RMP $(4,\lambda,v)$ and RMC $(4,\lambda,v)$ for $\lambda \in \{1,2\}$ [2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15].

In this paper, we shall deal with the existence of an RMP(3,3,v) and an RMC(3,3,v) for every positive integer v. Direct and recursive constructions are discussed for these designs. The existence of an RMP(3,3,v) and an RMC(3,3,v) will be proved for any integer $v \ge 5$, except for RMP(3,3,6).

Theorem 1.4 There exists an RMP(3,3,v) and an RMC(3,3,v) for each $v \geq 5$ except for an RMP(3,3,6).

2 Preliminaries

In this section we shall define some of the auxiliary designs and establish some of the fundamental results which will be used later. The reader is referred to [5] for more information on designs, and, in particular, group divisible designs and frames.

Let K be a set of positive integers. A group-divisible design (K, λ) -GDD is a triple $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$ which satisfies the following properties:

- 1. \mathcal{X} is a finite set of points,
- 2. \mathcal{G} is a partition of \mathcal{X} into subsets called groups,

- 3. \mathcal{B} is a collection of subsets of \mathcal{X} with sizes from K, called blocks, such that every pair of points from distinct groups occurs in exactly λ blocks, and
- 4. No pair of points belonging to a group occurs in any block.

A (K, λ) -GDD $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$ is resolvable if the blocks of \mathcal{B} can be partitioned into parallel classes. When $K = \{k\}$, we write (K, λ) -GDD as (k, λ) -GDD. Further, we denote (K, 1)-GDD as K-GDD and (k, 1)-GDD as k-GDD.

The type of the GDD $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$ is the multiset of sizes |G| of the $G \in \mathcal{G}$ and we usually use the "exponential" notation for its description: type $1^i 2^j 3^k \cdots$ denotes i occurrences of groups of size 1, j occurrences of groups of size 2, and so on. An RB (v, k, λ) is a resolvable (k, λ) -GDD of type 1^v . A transversal design TD(k, n) is a k-GDD of type n^k . It is well known that a TD(k, n) is equivalent to k-2 mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order n.

A (K,λ) -frame is a GDD $(\mathcal{X},\mathcal{G},\mathcal{B})$ in which the collection of blocks \mathcal{B} can be partitioned into holey parallel classes, each holey parallel class being a partition of $\mathcal{X}\setminus G_j$ for some $G_j\in\mathcal{G}$. The groups in a (K,λ) -frame are often referred to as holes. A uniform frame is a frame in which all groups are of the same size. A $(3,\lambda)$ -frame is also called a Kirkman frame with index λ . In a $(3,\lambda)$ -frame, it is not difficult to prove that to each group G_j there are exactly $\lambda|G_j|/2$ holey parallel classes that partition $\mathcal{X}\setminus G_j$.

A design is called *simple* if all its blocks are distinct. From [22], we have the following results for simple (3, 2)-frames and simple (3, 3)-frames.

Theorem 2.1 (1) There exists a simple (3,2)-frame of type t^u if and only if $u \ge 4$ and $t(u-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. (2) There exists a simple (3,3)-frame of type t^u if and only if $u \ge 4$, t is even and $t(u-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

The main technique that we will be using throughout the remainder of the article is a variant of Stinson's 'Filling in Holes' construction. To apply that construction, we will require simple (3,3)-frames in which the groups are not necessarily all of the same size. To get these, we shall use the following recursive construction.

Lemma 2.2 ([20]) Suppose that there is a K-GDD of type $g_1^{t_1}g_2^{t_2}\cdots g_m^{t_m}$ and that for each $k \in K$ there is a simple (3,3)-frame of type h^k . Then there is a simple (3,3)-frame of type $(hg_1)^{t_1}(hg_2)^{t_2}\cdots (hg_m)^{t_m}$.

In order to use the 'Filling in Holes' construction, we need the notion of an incomplete RMP (IRMP) (resp. RMC (IRMC)).

Let a = v - 2n(v)/3 and $v \equiv h \pmod{2}$, $h \geq 3$. For $h \geq a$, an IRMP(3,3;v,h) (resp. IRMC(3,3;v,h)) is defined to be a triple (V,H,\mathcal{B}) which satisfies the following properties:

- 1. V is a v-set of points, H is an h-subset of V (called "hole") and B is a collection of subsets of V (called blocks), each block having size 3 or $v 3\lfloor (v-2)/3 \rfloor$;
- 2. $|H \cap B| \leq 1$ for all $B \in \mathcal{B}$;
- 3. any two points of V appear either in H or in t blocks of \mathcal{B} , $2 \le t \le 3$ (resp. $3 \le t \le 4$);
- 4. \mathcal{B} admits a partition into 3(v-h)/2 distinct parallel classes, each consists of $\lfloor (v-2)/3 \rfloor$ blocks of size 3 and one block of size $v-3 \lfloor (v-2)/3 \rfloor$ on V, and 3(h-a)/2 (3(h-a)/2-1 for IRMP(3,3;16,4)) auxiliary parallel classes, each consists of (v-h)/3 triples on $V \setminus H$.

For later use we will construct some IRMPs and IRMCs. Instead of listing all the blocks of the parallel classes of the desired design, we only list the blocks of some initial parallel classes. We write (a,i) as a_i , IRMP(3,3;v,h) (IRMC(3,3;v,h)) as IRMP(v,h) (IRMC(v,h)) and RMP(3,3,v) (RMC(3,3,v)) as RMP(v) (RMC(v)) for brevity.

Lemma 2.3 There exists an IRMP(13,3).

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_5 \times Z_2) \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3\}$. The required 15 parallel classes will be generated from the following three initial parallel classes by $(+1 \mod 5, -)$.

It is easy to check that the leave of this IRMP(13,3) consists of $3K_3s$ based on the point set $\{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3\}$.

Lemma 2.4 There exists an IRMP(16,4).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{12} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$. The auxiliary parallel class will be generated from an initial block $\{0, 4, 8\}$ by $(+1 \ mod \ 12)$. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following six initial parallel classes by $(+4 \ mod \ 12)$.

```
P_1:
        0123
                      \infty_1 45
                                    \infty_2 67
                                                  ∞389
                                                                ∞4 10 11
        0257
                      \infty_1 1 3
                                                  \infty_3 6 11
P_2:
                                    \infty_2 48
                                                                \infty_4 9 10
P_3:
        0 2 5 11
                      \infty_1 16
                                    \infty_2 4 10
                                                  ∞3 3 9
                                                                \infty_4 78
P_4:
        0 3 5 10
                      \infty_1 26
                                    \infty_2 19
                                                  \infty_3 78
                                                                ∞4 4 11
P_5:
        0369
                      \infty_1 48
                                    \infty_2 7 11
                                                  \infty_3 \ 2 \ 10
                                                                \infty_4 15
P_6:
        07910
                      \infty_1 3 11
                                    \infty_2 16
                                                  ∞3 5 8
                                                                \infty_4 24
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Lemma 2.5 There exists an IRMP(28, 4).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{24} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$. The auxiliary parallel class will be generated from an initial block $\{0, 8, 16\}$ by $(+1 \mod 24)$. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes by $(+2 \mod 24)$ and $(+1 \mod 24)$ respectively.

```
P_1:
        0123
                      456
                                    7 8 10
                                                9 11 14
                                                            12 15 17
                                                                         \infty_1 13 18
                                                                                       \infty_2 16 21
        \infty_3 19 22
                      \infty_4 20 23
                                               3 14 20
                                    2 9 19
                                                            7 16 22
                                                                         \infty_1518
                                                                                       \infty_2 10 \ 21
P_2:
        0 4 8 12
                      1615
        \infty_311\ 17
                      ∞₄ 13 23
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Lemma 2.6 There exists an IRMP(v, 4) for each $v \in \{22, 34\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_u \times Z_2) \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$, where u = (v-4)/2. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following

two initial parallel classes by $(+1 \mod u, -)$ and $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$ respectively.

```
v = 22
              00201131
                               406051
                                              700121
                                                            \infty_1 1_0 7_1
                                                                            \infty_23_08_1
                                                                                            \infty_{3}5_{0}4_{1}
                                                                                                             \infty_48_06_1
              00208051
                               106011
                                              213161
                                                            \infty_1 3_0 4_0
                                                                            \infty_2 5_0 7_1
                                                                                            \infty_37_00_1
                                                                                                            \infty_44_18_1
v = 34
              00201131
                                 3012001
                                                   406051
                                                                     7011021
                                                                                      8010071
                                                                                                        13041101
              91111131
                                                   \infty_{2}5_{0}14_{1}
                                                                     \infty_39_012_1
                                                                                      \infty_414_08_1
                                 \infty_{1}1_{0}6_{1}
                                                   6012011
                                                                     3071101
                                                                                                        11041111
              004080131
                                 2070140
                                                                                      5091121
                                 \infty_{1}9_{0}10_{0}
                                                   \infty_2 1_0 14_1
              213181
                                                                    \infty_313_00_1
                                                                                      \infty_{4}5_{1}6_{1}
```

For each v, the required auxiliary parallel class will be generated from an initial block B by $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$ respectively, where $B = \{0_0, 3_0, 6_0\}$ for v = 22 and $B = \{0_0, 5_0, 10_0\}$ for v = 34.

Lemma 2.7 There exists an IRMP(25,7).

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_9 \times Z_2) \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_7\}$. The required 27 parallel classes will be generated from the following three initial parallel classes by $(+1 \mod 9, -)$.

```
\infty_{1}2_{0}3_{0}
P_1:
           00106031
                                                    \infty_27_08_0
                                                                        \infty_34_04_1
                                                                                           \infty_45_00_1
                                                                                                              \infty_5 1_1 7_1
            \infty_6 2_1 8_1
                                 \infty_75_16_1
                                                                        \infty_3 8_0 2_1
P_2:
           00201131
                                 \infty_{1}5_{1}7_{1}
                                                    \infty_2 4_1 8_1
                                                                                           \infty_4 1_0 5_0
                                                                                                              \infty_54_06_0
            \infty_67_06_1
                                 \infty_73_00_1
                                 \infty_{1}3_{0}3_{1}
P_3:
           00015161
                                                    \infty_26_04_1
                                                                       \infty_34_02_1
                                                                                           \infty 47181
                                                                                                              ∞58011
           \infty_{6}1_{0}7_{0}
                                 \infty_72_05_0
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The six auxiliary parallel classes will be generated from the following two auxiliary parallel classes by $(+1 \mod 9, -)$.

Lemma 2.8 There exists an IRMP(31,7).

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_{12} \times Z_2) \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \cdots, \infty_7\}$. The rth parallel class will consists of two parts Q_r and F_r , $0 \le r \le 35$. The main part Q_r will be generated from the following three initial classes Q_0 , Q_1 and Q_2 by $(+1 \mod 12, -)$. Here, $Q_{12i+j} = Q_i + j$, $0 \le i \le 2$, $0 \le j \le 11$. Let $F_{12i+j} = F_j$. We assume that the *i*th 3-frame of type 2^4 is based on

the set $\{i, 3+i, 6+i, 9+i\} \times Z_2$. Suppose $j \equiv k \pmod{3}$ $0 \le k \le 2$, then take F_j to be the holey parallel class with the hole $\{j\} \times Z_2$ in the kth 3-frame. The blocks in Q_0 , Q_1 and Q_2 are listed below.

```
Q_0:
           00102001
                              \infty_17_18_1
                                                   \infty_211_010_1
                                                                        \infty_34_02_1
                                                                                           \infty_{4}5_{0}1_{1}
                                                                                                            \infty_57_05_1
           \infty_6 8_0 4_1
                              \infty_710_011_1
Q_1:
           00012141
                              \infty_1 2_0 7_1
                                                   \infty_2 1_0 5_0
                                                                        \infty_34_011_1
                                                                                           \infty_47_08_1
                                                                                                            \infty_5 8_0 1_1
           \infty_610_05_1
                              \infty_711_010_1
Q_2:
           00404181
                              \infty_1 5_0 7_0
                                                   \infty_2 0_1 11_1
                                                                        \infty_3 1_0 2_1
                                                                                           \infty_4 2_0 7_1
                                                                                                            \infty 580101
                              \infty_710_05_1
           \infty_611_01_1
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The six auxiliary parallel classes will be generated from the following two auxiliary parallel classes by $(+1 \mod 12, -)$.

```
001050
          304080
                     6070110
                                9010020
                                            011151
                                                      314181
                                                                 6171111
                                                                            9110121
0_02_07_0
          3_05_010_0
                     608010
                                9011040
                                            0_12_17_1
                                                      3151101
                                                                 618111
                                                                            9111141
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Lemma 2.9 There exists an IRMP(v,7) for each $v \in \{37,49,61\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_u \times Z_2) \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_7\}$, where u = (v-7)/2. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes by $(+1 \mod u, -)$ and $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$ respectively.

v = 37	$0_0 2_0 1_1 3_1 \\ \infty_2 5_0 12_1$		$7_010_013_1$ $\infty_411_04_1$	$1_08_111_1$ $\infty_512_06_1$	$8_05_17_1 \\ \infty_613_010_1$	$\infty_1 3_0 0_1 \\ \infty_7 14_0 14_1$
	$0_04_08_014_0$ $\infty_23_014_1$		$2_010_04_1$ $\infty_46_06_1$	$7_013_011_1 \\ \infty_52_112_1$	$0_11_17_1 \\ \infty_68_19_1$	
v = 49	$0_0 2_0 1_1 3_1 \\ 14_0 18_0 11_1 \\ \infty_4 10_0 13_1$	$\begin{array}{c} 3_020_015_1 \\ 12_02_119_1 \\ \infty_511_020_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4_0 6_0 9_1 \\ 8_1 1 2_1 1 8 \\ \infty_6 1 5_0 0 \end{array}$		$.61 \infty_2 5_0$	
	$0_06_012_019_1 \\ 15_04_111_1 \\ \infty_44_010_1$	$\begin{array}{c} 2_0 10_0 20_0 \\ 0_1 7_1 12_1 \\ \infty_2 17_0 18_0 \end{array}$	$3_016_019_0$ $9_114_117_0$ $\infty_613_01_0$	1 ∞1809	0 ∞5705	
v = 61	$\begin{array}{c} 0_0 2_0 1_1 3_1 \\ 10_0 16_0 13_1 \\ 0_1 17_1 21_1 \\ \infty_3 15_0 22_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1_07_022_0 \\ 14_018_011_1 \\ 4_110_125_1 \\ \infty_417_08_1 \end{array}$	$3_013_021_0$ 20_024_015 $6_116_124_0$ $\infty_519_02_0$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 5_1 & 8_0 5_1 7_1 \\ 1 & \infty_1 5_0 1 \end{array}$	12_019_1 $4_1 \infty_211_0$	23 ₁ 20 ₁
	$\begin{array}{c} 0_0 8_0 16_0 25_1 \\ 15_0 18_0 26_1 \\ 14_0 10_1 20_1 \\ \infty_3 1_0 24_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5_0 12_0 21_0 \\ 24_0 25_0 14_1 \\ 0_1 15_1 22_1 \\ \infty_4 9_0 3_1 \end{array}$	$3_04_017_1$ $2_016_121_1$ $6_19_118_1$ $\infty_513_013_1$	$\infty_1 17_0$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 11_07_12 \\ 22_0 & \infty_2 19_0 \end{array}$	23 ₁ 326 ₀

The six auxiliary parallel classes will be generated from six initial blocks $B \in \{0_01_15_1, 2_06_01_1, 2_03_17_1, 0_02_07_1, 8_01_13_1, 2_04_09_1\}$ by $(+3 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$.

Note that the leave of the IRMP(v,7) for $v \in \{25,31,37,49,61\}$ constructed in Lemmas 2.7- 2.9 consists of $3K_7s$ based on the point set $\{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_7\}$. This is important for the constructions of the corresponding RMPs and RMCs.

Lemma 2.10 There exists an IRMP(34, 10).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{24} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_{10}\}$. The required 36 parallel classes will be generated from the following three initial parallel classes by $(+2 \mod 24)$.

```
P_1:
         0123
                           \infty_1 46
                                             \infty_2 57
                                                               ∞3 8 11
                                                                                 \infty_4 9 10
                                                                                                    \infty_5 12 15
         \infty_6 13 16
                           ∞7 14 20
                                             ∞8 17 21
                                                               ∞<sub>9</sub> 18 22
                                                                                 \infty_{10} 19 23
P_2:
         0 4 9 12
                           \infty_1 16
                                             \infty_2 27
                                                               \infty_3 38
                                                                                 \infty_4 5 13
                                                                                                    \infty_5 10 19
         ∞6 14 20
                           \infty_7 15 21
                                             \infty_8 11 18
                                                               ∞<sub>9</sub> 17 23
                                                                                 \infty_{10} 16 22
P_3:
         0 7 13 21
                           \infty_1 1 11
                                             \infty_2 2 12
                                                               \infty_3 \ 3 \ 16
                                                                                 \infty_4 10 20
                                                                                                    ∞5 4 19
         ∞<sub>6</sub> 5 17
                           ∞7 6 15
                                             \infty_8 14 22
                                                               ∞<sub>9</sub> 8 23
                                                                                 \infty_{10} 9 18
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For each block $B \in \{0\ 2\ 7, 1\ 3\ 8, 2\ 4\ 9, 0\ 1\ 11, 1\ 2\ 12, 2\ 3\ 13, 0\ 7\ 11, 1\ 8\ 12, 2\ 9\ 13\}$, we can generate an auxiliary parallel class from B by $(+3\ mod\ 24)$. Thus we obtain 9 auxiliary parallel classes. The last auxiliary parallel class will be generated from the block $\{0, 8, 16\}$ by $(+1\ mod\ 24)$.

Lemma 2.11 There exists an IRMP(v, 10) for each $v \in \{40, 46\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_u \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \cdots, \infty_{10}\}$, where u = v - 10. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes by $(+2 \mod u)$ and $(+1 \mod u)$ respectively.

```
v = 40
             0123
                              469
                                                5 7 26
                                                                   \infty_1 \ 8 \ 23
                                                                                    \infty_2 10 25
             \infty_3 11 16
                              ∞4 12 29
                                                ∞5 13 22
                                                                   ∞<sub>6</sub> 14 27
                                                                                    ∞7 15 18
             ∞<sub>8</sub> 17 28
                                                \infty_{10} 21 24
                              ∞<sub>9</sub> 19 20
             0 3 7 12
                                                                   ∞<sub>1</sub> 4 16
                              1511
                                                2 10 19
                                                                                    \infty_2 6 18
             \infty_3 \ 8 \ 24
                              \infty_4 9 22
                                                ∞5 13 29
                                                                   ∞6 14 28
                                                                                    ∞7 15 23
             ∞<sub>8</sub> 17 25
                              \infty_9 20 26
                                                \infty_{10} 21 27
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```
v = 46
                                                                                11 17 34
            0123
                             469
                                              578
                                                               10 13 16
            ∞<sub>1</sub> 12 29
                             \infty_2 14 33
                                               \infty_3 15 20
                                                               \infty_4 18 35
                                                                                \infty_5 19 32
                             ∞7 22 27
                                               ∞<sub>8</sub> 23 30
                                                               ∞<sub>9</sub> 24 31
                                                                                ∞<sub>10</sub> 25 28
            \infty_6 21 26
                                                                                11 24 33
            0 4 8 14
                             1 7 15
                                               2 10 19
                                                               3 12 23
            \infty_1 5 25
                             \infty_2 6 26
                                               \infty_3 9 27
                                                               ∞4 13 28
                                                                                ∞5 16 29
                                               \infty_8 20 35
                                                               ∞<sub>9</sub> 21 31
                                                                                \infty_{10} 22 34
            \infty_6 17 32
                             \infty_7 18 30
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For each block $B \in \{0\ 2\ 7, 1\ 3\ 8, 2\ 4\ 9, 0\ 1\ 11, 1\ 2\ 12, 2\ 3\ 13, 0\ 7\ 11, 1\ 8\ 12, 2\ 9\ 13\}$, we can generate an auxiliary parallel class from B by $(+3\ mod\ u)$. Thus we obtain 9 auxiliary parallel classes. The last auxiliary parallel class will be generated from the block $\{0, u/3, 2u/3\}$ by $(+1\ mod\ u)$.

Lemma 2.12 There exists an IRMP(v, 13) for each $v \in \{55, 67\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_u \times Z_2) \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_{13}\}$, where u = (v-13)/2. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes by $(+1 \mod u, -)$ and $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$ respectively.

v = 55	$0_0 2_0 0_1 1_1$ $\infty_1 1_0 1 1_1$ $\infty_6 7_0 3_1$ $\infty_{11} 17_0 4_1$	$ \begin{array}{l} 10_0 16_0 19_0 \\ \infty_2 3_0 10_1 \\ \infty_7 9_0 14_1 \\ \infty_{12} 18_0 13_1 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 13_014_06_1\\ \infty_34_07_1\\ \infty_811_02_1\\ \infty_{13}20_05_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 8_017_119_1 \\ \infty_45_020_1 \\ \infty_912_016_1 \end{array}$	$9_1 15_1 18_1 \\ \infty_5 6_0 8_1 \\ \infty_{10} 15_0 12_1$
	$0_0 2_0 4_0 1_1$ $\infty_1 3_0 6_0$ $\infty_6 10_0 6_1$ $\infty_{11} 10_1 19_1$	$\begin{array}{l} 8_0 13_0 0_1 \\ \infty_2 5_0 14_0 \\ \infty_7 12_0 14_1 \\ \infty_{12} 12_1 15_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 11_017_017_1 \\ \infty_39_016_0 \\ \infty_815_018_1 \\ \infty_{13}13_120_1 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 18_07_18_1 \\ \infty_41_03_1 \\ \infty_919_02_1 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 20_0 5_1 11_1 \\ \infty_5 7_0 16_1 \\ \infty_{10} 4_1 9_1 \end{array}$
v = 67	$\begin{array}{l} 0_0 2_0 0_1 1_1 \\ 6_0 8_1 25_1 \\ \infty_2 5_0 18_1 \\ \infty_7 17_0 11_1 \\ \infty_{12} 25_0 22_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} 3_012_020_0 \\ 22_04_19_1 \\ \infty_38_015_1 \\ \infty_818_024_1 \\ \infty_{13}26_016_1 \end{array}$	$10_015_016_0$ $23_07_126_1$ $\infty_49_014_1$ $\infty_919_023_1$	$7_014_02_1$ $3_110_112_1$ $\infty_511_021_1$ $\infty_{10}21_017_1$	$\begin{array}{c} 1_0 13_1 19_1 \\ \infty_1 4_0 20_1 \\ \infty_6 13_0 6_1 \\ \infty_{11} 24_0 5_1 \end{array}$
	$0_0 2_0 4_0 1_1$ $14_0 4_1 22_1$ $\infty_2 6_0 26_0$ $\infty_7 11_0 20_1$ $\infty_{12} 14_1 15_1$	$\begin{array}{c} 1_022_025_0 \\ 20_05_111_1 \\ \infty_312_015_0 \\ \infty_813_010_1 \\ \infty_{13}19_126_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 3_018_07_1 \\ 2_113_118_1 \\ \infty_416_021_0 \\ \infty_917_017_1 \end{array}$	$10_024_012_1 \\ 8_19_123_1 \\ \infty_57_024_1 \\ \infty_{10}19_025_1$	$\begin{array}{l} 8_06_121_1 \\ \infty_15_023_0 \\ \infty_69_03_1 \\ \infty_{11}0_116_1 \end{array}$

The fifteen auxiliary parallel classes will be generated from the following five initial blocks by $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$.

Note that the leave of the IRMP(v, 13) constructed above consists of $3K_{13}s$ based on the point set $\{\infty_1, \infty_2, \cdots, \infty_{13}\}$.

Lemma 2.13 There exists an IRMC(16,4).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{12} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$. Take a auxiliary parallel class generated from the block $\{0, 4, 8\}$ by $(+1 \bmod 12)$ and copy it. This gives the required two auxiliary parallel classes. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following six initial parallel classes by $(+4 \bmod 12)$.

```
P_1:
        0123
                         \infty_1 45
                                      \infty_2 67
                                                    00389
                                                                   ∞4 10 11
P_2:
        0257
                         \infty_1 13
                                                    ∞3 8 11
                                      \infty_2 46
                                                                   \infty_4 9 10
P_3:
        0 3 5 10
                         \infty_1 26
                                      \infty_2 \ 4 \ 11
                                                    \infty_3 19
                                                                   ∞4 7 8
                         ∞138
P_4:
        05611
                                      \infty_2 29
                                                    ∞3 7 10
                                                                   \infty_4 1 4
P_5:
        \infty_{1} 068
                         3 7 9
                                      \infty_2 1 11
                                                    ∞3 2 4
                                                                   \infty_4 5 10
P_6:
        \infty_1 1710
                         069
                                      \infty_2 58
                                                    \infty_3 \ 2 \ 11
                                                                   \infty_4 3 4
```

Lemma 2.14 There exists an IRMC(28,4).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{24} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$. Cycling the block $\{0, 8, 16\}$ twice gives the required two auxiliary parallel classes. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes by $(+2 \mod 24)$ and $(+1 \mod 24)$ respectively.

```
P_1:
        0123
                        456
                                       7 8 10
                                                       9 11 14
                                                                    12 15 17
                                                                                  \infty_1 13 18
        \infty_2 16 21
                        \infty_3 19 22
                                       ∞4 20 23
P_2:
        0 4 8 13
                        1 5 14
                                       2919
                                                       3 15 21
                                                                    10 16 23
                                                                                  ∞<sub>1</sub> 6 18
        \infty_2 7 17
                        \infty_3 11 20
                                       \infty_4 12 22
```

Lemma 2.15 There exists an IRMC(v, 4) for each $v \in \{22, 34\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_u \times Z_2) \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$, where u = (v-4)/2. Cycle the block $\{0_0, (u/3)_0, (2u/3)_0\}$ twice by $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$. This gives the required two auxiliary parallel classes. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes by $(+1 \mod u, -)$ and $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 2)$ respectively.

v = 22	$0_0 2_0 1_1 3_1 \\ \infty_3 5_0 4_1$	$4_06_05_1$ $\infty_48_06_1$	700121	$\infty_1 1_0 7_1$	$\infty_2 3_0 8_1$	
	$0_0 2_0 8_0 5_1 \\ \infty_3 0_1 4_1$	$1_0 5_0 1_1 \\ \infty_4 7_1 8_1$	402161	$\infty_16_07_0$	$\infty_23_03_1$	
v = 34	$0_0 2_0 1_1 3_1 \\ 9_1 11_1 13_1$	$3_012_00_1 \\ \infty_11_06_1$	$4_06_05_1$ $\infty_25_014_1$	$7_011_02_1\\\infty_39_012_1$	$\begin{array}{c} 8_0 10_0 7_1 \\ \infty_4 14_0 8_1 \end{array}$	13041101
	$0_04_08_013_1$ $2_13_18_1$	$5_012_012_1 \\ \infty_11_013_0$	$6_014_01_1 \\ \infty_210_011_0$	$2_00_16_1 \\ \infty_39_09_1$	$3_07_110_1 \\ \infty_44_15_1$	70111141

Lemma 2.16 There exists an IRMC(34, 10).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{24} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_{10}\}$. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following three initial parallel classes by $(+2 \mod 24)$.

$P_1:$	0123	∞1 4 6	∞_2 5 7	∞3 8 11	∞4 9 10	∞ ₅ 12 15
	∞ ₆ 13 16	∞7 14 20	∞ ₈ 17 21	∞ ₉ 18 22	∞_{10} 19 23	
P_2 :	0 4 9 12	∞_1 16	$\infty_2 27$	∞338	∞4 5 15	∞5 10 19
	∞_6 13 21	∞7 11 18	∞ ₈ 14 20	∞ ₉ 17 23	∞_{10} 16 22	
P_3 :	0 9 15 21	∞_1 1 11	∞_2 2 12	$\infty_3 \ 3 \ 14$	∞4 4 16	∞ ₅ 5 18
	∞ ₆ 6 20	$\infty_7 7 19$	∞ ₈ 8 23	∞ ₉ 10 17	∞_{10} 13 22	

For each block $B \in \{0\ 2\ 7, 1\ 3\ 8, 2\ 4\ 9, 0\ 1\ 11, 1\ 2\ 12, 2\ 3\ 13, 0\ 7\ 11, 1\ 8\ 12, 2\ 9\ 13\}$, we can generate an auxiliary parallel class from B by (+3 $mod\ 24$). Thus we obtain 9 auxiliary parallel classes. The last two auxiliary parallel classes will be generated from the block $\{0, 8, 16\}$ by (+1 $mod\ 24$).

Lemma 2.17 There exists an IRMC(82, 16).

Proof: Take the point set $V=(Z_{33}\times Z_2)\cup\{\infty_1,\infty_2,\cdots,\infty_{16}\}$. The required parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes by $(+1\ mod\ 33,\ -)$ and $(+1\ mod\ 33,\ +1\ mod\ 2)$ respectively.

$P_1: 2_06_01_13_1\\ 16_021_128_1\\ \infty_21_023_1\\ \infty_813_016_1\\ \infty_{14}25_02_1$	$3_08_020_0$ $22_08_114_1$ $\infty_34_030_1$ $\infty_915_032_1$ $\infty_{15}28_015_1$	$7_014_017_0$ $23_027_131_1$ $\infty_45_029_1$ $\infty_{10}18_020_1$ $\infty_{16}31_013_1$	$10_030_024_1$ $5_110_126_1$ $\infty_59_025_1$ $\infty_{11}19_04_1$	$\begin{array}{c} 26_0 32_0 6_1 \\ 9_1 12_1 22_1 \\ \infty_6 11_0 7_1 \\ \infty_{12} 21_0 19_1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 27_0 29_0 17_1 \\ \infty_1 0_0 11_1 \\ \infty_7 12_0 18_1 \\ \infty_{13} 24_0 0_1 \end{array}$
$P_2: 2_01_13_15_1 \\ 19_028_028_1$	$8_020_032_0\\11_011_127_1$	$\substack{1_016_022_1\\14_00_118_1}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5_0 25_0 17_1 \\ 2_1 15_1 20_1 \end{array}$	$10_024_06_1\\4_19_123_1$	$12_013_021_1\\\infty_10_027_0$

Cycle the block $\{0_0, 11_0, 22_0\}$ twice by $(+1 \mod 33, +1 \mod 2)$. This gives two auxiliary parallel classes. The other 18 auxiliary parallel classes will be generated from 6 initial blocks $B \in \{0_04_011_1, 0_010_05_1, 0_07_117_1, 0_08_016_0, 0_08_019_1, 0_026_013_1\}$ by $(+1 \mod 33, +1 \mod 2)$.

3 Direct constructions for small orders

In this section, we construct RMPs and RMCs with small orders, some of which will be used as input designs in recursive constructions of Section 4.

Lemma 3.1 There exists an RMP(7) and an RMC(7).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_7$. The required 7 parallel classes will be generated from an initial parallel class $\{0,1,2,5\}$, $\{3,4,6\}$ by $(+1 \ mod \ 7)$. Note that the leave of this RMP(7) is an empty set. So, it is also an RMC(7).

Lemma 3.2 There exists an RMP(v) for each $v \in \{10, 28\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_u \cup \{\infty\}$, where u = v - 1. Some of the required parallel classes will be generated from the following initial parallel classes by $(+3 \mod u)$.

v = 10	1248	356	∞ 07			
	1367	0 4 5	∞ 28			
	0238	157	∞ 46			
v = 28	0 3 7 10	159	2 4 8	6 11 18	12 13 20	14 23 24
	15 17 25	16 21 26	∞ 19 22			
	0 6 13 18	1814	2 7 12	3 11 22	4 16 26	5 17 19
	9 20 23	10 21 25	∞ 15 24		•	
	0125	346	789	10 11 16	12 23 24	14 22 25
	15 18 26	17 19 21	∞ 13 20			
	0 4 13 23	1 7 15	2 17 20	3 5 19	6 12 22	8 14 21
	10 16 25	11 18 24	∞ 9 26			

Other parallel classes for v = 10 and 28 are listed below.

```
v = 10:
          \infty 012
                        3 4 5
                                   678
          \infty 348
                        015
                                   267
v = 28:
          \infty 2 11 20
                        0 9 18
                                   1 10 19
                                             3 12 21
                                                        4 13 22
                                                                  5 14 23
          6 15 24
                        7 16 25
                                   8 17 26
```

Lemma 3.3 There exists an RMP(12).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{12}$. The following 5 initial parallel classes P_1, P_2, \dots, P_5 will generate 15 parallel classes by (+4 mod 12). The last parallel class contains the following 4 blocks: 0 4 8, 1 5 9, 2 6 10, 3 7 11.

```
P_1:
     012
            3 4 5
                   678
                           9 10 11
P_2:
     012
            347
                   5 8 10
                           6911
P_3:
     036
            179
                   248
                           5 10 11
P_4:
     037
            1 5 10
                   268
                           4911
                   2611
P_5:
     049
            1 7 10
                           358
```

Lemma 3.4 There exists an RMP(13).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{12} \cup \{\infty\}$. The required 15 parallel classes will be generated from the following five initial parallel classes by $(+4 \mod 12)$.

```
P_1:
      012
                3 4 5
                         678
                                 \infty 9 10 11
      012
                347
                         5 8 10
                                 \infty 6911
P_2:
                         2711
                                 \infty 410
P_3:
      0358
                169
      0359
                1610
                         2711
                                 \infty 48
P_4:
      06710
                139
                         248
                                 \infty 5 11
P_5:
```

Lemma 3.5 There exists an RMP(v) for each $v \in \{16, 22\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_u \times Z_3) \cup \{\infty\}$, where u = (v-1)/3. The required 4u parallel classes will be generated from the following four initial parallel classes by $(+1 \mod u, -)$.

```
v = 16
           103041
                          400131
                                      0_01_12_2
                                                  210232
                                                              \infty 201242
                                      200102
                                                              \infty 3_1 3_2
           0_01_03_02_2
                          401141
                                                  211242
                          1_02_02_2
                                      3_00_11_2
                                                  210242
                                                              \infty 4_01_1
           0_03_14_13_2
           01114132
                         304031
                                      0_00_24_2
                                                  101222
                                                              \infty 2_0 2_1
```

```
v = 22
          102050
                        403161
                                   001122
                                              304152
                                                         600112
                                                                                \infty 0_2 3_2 6_2
                                                                     215142
          0_02_03_00_1
                        602162
                                   400222
                                              504252
                                                          113141
                                                                     511232
                                                                                \infty 1_06_1
          00604142
                        103001
                                   205132
                                              502262
                                                         1_13_15_2
                                                                     210212
                                                                                \infty 4_06_1
          1_12_13_15_2
                        406022
                                   100102
                                              204132
                                                         505112
                                                                     004262
                                                                                \infty 3061
```

Lemma 3.6 There exists an RMP(19).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{18} \cup {\infty}$. The required 24 parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes P and Q by $(+1 \mod 18)$ and $(+3 \mod 18)$ respectively.

Lemma 3.7 There exists an RMC(v) for each $v \in \{10, 13, 16, 22\}$.

Proof: By Lemma 3.5, there exists an RMP(16) whose leave is an empty set, then it is also an RMC(16). For the other three values, we can obtain an RMC(v) by adding a new parallel class P to the RMP(v) constructed in Lemma 3.2, Lemma 3.4 and Lemma 3.5. The blocks in P are listed below.

```
012
                                  348
v = 10:
           \infty 567
           \infty 2 6 10
v = 13:
                        057
                                  4911
                                             138
v = 22:
           \infty 0_0 0_1 0_2
                        101112
                                  202122
                                             303132
                                                       404142
                                                                 505152
                                                                           606162
```

Lemma 3.8 There exists an RMC(12).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{12}$. The following 4 initial parallel classes P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 will generate 12 parallel classes by (+4 mod 12). Q_1 will generate 4 parallel classes by (+3 mod 12). The last parallel class will be generated from the block $\{0,4,8\}$ by (+3 mod 12).

```
P_1:
      012
              347
                      5 8 10
                              6911
P_2:
              278
      016
                      359
                              4 10 11
P_3:
      035
              1710
                      268
                              4911
P_4:
              127
      049
                      368
                              5 10 11
              124
Q_1:
      0 9 10
                      3 7 11
                              568
```

Lemma 3.9 There exists an RMC(19).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{18} \cup \{\infty\}$. Cycle the block $\{0,6,12\}$ by $(+1 \ mod \ 18)$ and add ∞ to the block $\{0,6,12\}$. This gives a parallel class. The other 24 parallel classes will be generated from the following 4 initial parallel classes by $(+3 \ mod \ 18)$.

```
9 12 15
P_1:
       012
                   3 4 5
                              678
                                                   10 13 16
                                                              \infty 11 14 17
P_2:
      0379
                   148
                              2 5 10
                                        6 14 16
                                                   11 12 17
                                                              \infty 13 15
                                                              ∞ 6 16
                   1 11 12
                              279
                                        3 10 17
                                                   5 14 15
P_3:
       0 4 8 13
                              2 10 16
                                        3 8 12
                                                   5914
                                                              \infty 7 15
P_4:
      0 4 11 13
                   1 6 17
```

Lemma 3.10 There exists an RMC(28).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{27} \cup \{\infty\}$. The required 38 parallel classes will be generated as follows. For each block $B \in \{0\ 1\ 2,\ 3\ 7\ 11\}$, cycle the block B by $(+3\ mod\ 27)$ and add ∞ to B to form a new block of size 4. Thus we get two parallel classes. The other 36 parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes P_1 and P_2 by $(+3\ mod\ 27)$ and $(+1\ mod\ 27)$ respectively.

```
P_1:
      039
                  1 4 15
                                2817
                                          5618
                                                    10 16 25
                                                                11 14 19
                                                                            13 21 26
      20 22 24
                  \infty 7 12 23
P_2:
      0124
                  3 6 12
                               5 13 20
                                          7 17 21
                                                    8 18 24
                                                                9 14 22
                                                                            10 19 26
      11 16 23
                  \infty 15 25
```

Lemma 3.11 There exists an RMC(v) for each $v \in \{34, 40, 58\}$.

Proof: Take the point set $V = (Z_u \times Z_3) \cup \{\infty\}$, where u = (v-1)/3. Similar to the construction in Lemma 3.10, all these required parallel classes consist of three parts. For each block $B \in Q$, cycle the block B by $(+1 \mod u, -)$. Thus we can get n(v) - 4u parallel classes by adding ∞ to B to form a new block of size 4. The other 4u parallel classes will be generated from the following two initial parallel classes P_1 and P_2 by $(+1 \mod u, -)$ and $(+1 \mod u, +1 \mod 3)$ respectively. The blocks in P_1 , P_2 and P_3 are listed below.

v = 40	$6_010_011_0$ $5_08_16_2$ $5_11_24_2$	$3_09_01_1$ $0_02_28_2$ $9_13_212_2$	$1_04_07_2$ $12_09_210_2$ $\infty 7_06_111_2$	$2_011_112_1 \\ 0_14_17_1$	$8_02_110_1 \\ 3_10_25_2$
v = 58	1014182 60101172 11013142 16001152	201 ₁ 2 ₂ 7 ₀ 8 ₁ 16 ₂ 12 ₀ 9 ₁ 13 ₂ 17 ₀ 3 ₁ 14 ₂	3 ₀ 17 ₁ 7 ₂ 8 ₀ 4 ₁ 6 ₂ 13 ₀ 11 ₁ 9 ₂ 18 ₀ 18 ₁ 5 ₂	$4_012_112_2$ $9_016_111_2$ $14_07_10_2$ $\infty 0_06_13_2$	$\begin{array}{c} 5_0 15_1 18_2 \\ 10_0 2_1 1_2 \\ 15_0 5_1 10_2 \end{array}$
P_2 :					
v = 34	$0_01_14_12_2$ $2_02_15_2$ $\infty 5_14_2$	$1_07_09_1$ $4_09_210_2$	$3_06_010_1 \\ 3_17_16_2$	$5_09_00_1$ $6_18_18_2$	$8_010_03_2$ $0_21_27_2$
v = 40	$0_01_14_12_2$ $12_06_17_1$ $10_112_13_2$	$1_02_08_1$ $3_09_111_2$ $0_26_28_2$	$5_010_05_1$ $7_04_210_2$ $\infty 11_01_2$	$4_0 8_0 5_2 \\ 9_0 7_2 9_2$	$\begin{array}{c} 6_0 2_1 11_1 \\ 0_1 3_1 12_2 \end{array}$
v = 58	$3_01_12_25_2$ $8_012_01_2$ $17_07_217_2$ $12_14_214_2$	7 ₀ 10 ₀ 11 ₀ 9 ₀ 3 ₁ 16 ₁ 2 ₁ 8 ₁ 10 ₁ 6 ₂ 8 ₂ 15 ₂	$4_05_017_1$ $13_06_118_1$ $0_113_13_2$ $9_211_216_2$	$ 2016002 150111141 71151122 \infty 0010$	$6_014_010_2\\18_05_19_1\\4_113_218_2$
Q:					
v = 34 $v = 40$ $v = 58$	$0_01_12_2$ $0_01_15_2$ $0_06_15_2$ $14_03_111_2$	$3_07_10_2$ $12_07_18_2$ $6_01_17_2$ $4_04_14_2$	$9_05_13_2 \\ 2_06_11_2 \\ 8_07_12_2$	$3_03_13_2$ $9_012_11_2$	20101132

Lemma 3.12 There exists an RMC(46).

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_{45} \cup \{\infty\}$. For each block $B \in \{0 \ 13 \ 29, 1 \ 14 \ 30, 2 \ 15 \ 31\}$, cycle the block B by $(+3 \ mod \ 45)$ and add ∞ to B to form a new block of size 4. Thus we obtain 3 parallel classes. Further, cycle the block $\{0,15,30\}$ to get 15 blocks. Add ∞ to the block $\{3,18,33\}$ or $\{6,21,36\}$ respectively. This gives 2 parallel classes. The other 60 parallel classes can be generated from the following two parallel classes P_1 and P_2 by $(+3 \ mod \ 45)$ and $(+1 \ mod \ 45)$ respectively.

P_1 :	013	2 4 5	9 10 11	12 14 15	13 16 18	17 19 21
	20 22 25	23 26 36	24 29 30	27 34 40	28 32 38	31 37 44
	33 39 43	35 41 42	∞678			
P_2 :	03711	18 23 43	1 15 29	10 22 34	6 16 32	19 37 42
	17 28 38	4 13 24	5 20 41	8 25 31	2 30 39	9 27 35
	12 26 44	21 33 40	∞ 14 36			

4 Main results

In this section, we shall prove Theorem 1.4. For our purpose we need the following constructions.

Construction 4.1 If there exists an IRMP(v,h) (resp. IRMC(v,h)) and an RMP(h) (resp. RMC(h)), then an RMP(v) (resp. RMC(v)) exists.

Lemma 4.2 There exists an RMP(v) for each $v \in \{25, 31, 34, 37, 40, 46, 49, 55, 61, 67\}$.

Proof: From Lemma 2.7 to Lemma 2.12, we know that there exists an IRMP(v,7) for each $v \in \{25,31,37,49,61\}$, an IRMP(v,10) for each $v \in \{34,40,46\}$ and an IRMP(v,13) for each $v \in \{55,67\}$. Using Construction 4.1, we obtain the required RMP. The input designs RMP(7), RMP(10), RMP(13) exist by Lemma 3.1, Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.4.

Lemma 4.3 There exists an RMC(82).

Proof: By Lemma 2.17 and Lemma 3.7, there exists an IRMC(16) and an RMC(16). Then there exists an RMC(82) by Construction 4.1.

Construction 4.4 If there exist

- 1. a(3,3)-frame of type $g_1, g_2 \cdots g_u, g_i \equiv g_j \pmod{6}, 1 \leq i < j \leq u$,
- 2. $IRMP(3,3; g_i+h, h)s$ (resp. $IRMC(3,3; g_i+h, h)s$) for $1 \le i \le u-1$,
- 3. an $RMP(3,3,g_u+h)$ (resp. $RMC(3,3,g_u+h)$).

Then an $RMP(3,3,\sum_{i=1}^{u}g_i+h)$ (resp. $RMC(3,3,\sum_{i=1}^{u}g_i+h)$) exists.

Proof: For $1 \le i < u$, there are $3g_i/2$ holey parallel classes missing the group of size g_i , and the same number of parallel classes in the IRMP(3, 3; g_i+h,h); match them up arbitrarily, placing the g_i points of the IRMP on the *i*th group of the frame and the h points in its hole on h new points.

Next, each IRMP contains 3(h-a)/2 auxiliary parallel classes of triples. From unions of these with 3(h-a)/2 parallel classes of the RMP(3, 3, g_u+h), to form 3(h-a)/2 additional parallel classes. There remain $3g_u/2$ parallel

classes of the RMP(3, 3, $g_u + h$), which can be matched arbitrarily with the $3g_u/2$ holey parallel classes of the *u*th group to complete the construction.

It is easy to check that this construction gives an RMP(3, 3, $\sum_{i=1}^{u} g_i + h$). The proof of RMC is similar to RMP.

We can also use some known results about RMP(3, 1, v)s (resp. RMC (3, 1, v)s) and simple (3,2)-frames to construct RMP(3, 3, v)s (resp. RMC (3, 3, v)s).

Construction 4.5 If there exists an RMP(3,1,3t) (resp. RMC (3,1,3t)) with $\lfloor \frac{3t-1}{2} \rfloor$ (resp. $\lfloor \frac{3t}{2} \rfloor$) parallel classes and a simple (3,2)-frame of type 3^t , then an RMP(3,3,3t) (resp. RMC (3,3,3t)) exists.

Proof: Start from an RMP(3,1,3t) with $\lfloor \frac{3t-1}{2} \rfloor$ parallel classes. Take a parallel class P from them arbitrarily and construct a simple (3,2)-frame of type 3^t whose groups are these t blocks in P. For every group, there are 3 holey parallel classes. Match them up with the corresponding hole. Thus we have 3t new parallel classes. Now we get $3t-1+\lfloor \frac{3t-1}{2} \rfloor$ parallel classes. Clearly, each pair of points occurs at most 3 times in the blocks, and the leave is the same as that in the beginning RMP(3,1,3t), so it is a simple graph. It is easy to check that these parallel classes are mutually distinct. So this construction gives an RMP(3,3,3t).

Similarly, we can get an RMC(3, 3, 3t) by using an RMC(3, 1, 3t) and a simple (3,2)-frame of type 3^t .

A resolvable 3-GDD of type 1^v is called a *Kirkman triple system* and denoted by KTS(v). Two KTS(v)s on the same set X are said to be disjoint if there is no common block. A set of v-2 pairwise disjoint KTS(v)s is called a *large set* of Kirkman triple systems, briefly an LKTS(v). LKTS(v) can also be used to construct some kinds of RMP and RMC.

Construction 4.6 Suppose $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$, if there exists an LKTS(v), then an $RMP(3, \lambda, v)$ and an $RMC(3, \lambda, v)$ exists for any $1 \le \lambda \le v - 2$.

For our main results, we also need some frames with different group sizes. To construct these frames, we need the notation of PBD. A *pairwise* balanced design (v, K)-PBD is a K-GDD of type 1^v . From [5], we have the following known results.

Lemma 4.7 There exists a $(v, \{4, 5, 6\})$ -PBD for each integer $v \ge 4$ except for $v \in \{7 - 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 47\}$.

Lemma 4.8 For each $t \ge 13$, $t \notin \{14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 47\}$, there exists a simple (3,3)-frame of type $18^a 24^b 30^c$, where v = 6(t-1) = 18a + 24b + 30c, $a, b, c \ge 0$.

Proof: By Lemma 4.7, we have a $(t, \{4, 5, 6\})$ -PBD based on \mathcal{X} for every positive integer $t \geq 13$ except for $t \in \{14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 47\}$. Deleting a point from \mathcal{X} , then we get a $\{4, 5, 6\}$ -GDD of type $3^a 4^b 5^c$ for certain $a, b, c \geq 0$. Applying Lemma 2.2 with h = 6, we get the required simple (3, 3)-frame, the input simple (3, 3)-frames of type 6^u exist by Theorem 2.1.

To get more frames we also need the following results on 4-GDD of type q^4m^1 . From Rees [11] and [17] we have:

Theorem 4.9 There exists a 4-GDD of type g^4m^1 with m > 0 if and only if $g \equiv m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $0 < m \le 3g/2$.

Lemma 4.10 If $g \equiv m \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ and $0 < m \le 3g/2$, then there exists a simple (3,3)-frame of type g^4m^1 .

Proof: Since $g \equiv m \equiv 0 \pmod 6$ and $0 < m \le 3g/2$, then $g/2 \equiv m/2 \equiv 0 \pmod 3$ and $0 < m/2 \le 3g/4$. From Theorem 4.9, there exists a 4-GDD of type $(\frac{g}{2})^4(\frac{m}{2})^1$. Applying Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 with h = 2, we get the required simple (3,3)-frame of type g^4m^1 .

Theorem 4.11 There exists an RMP(v) and an RMC(v) with n(v) parallel classes for each $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, $v \geq 9$.

Proof: By [14, 18, 19], there exists an RMP(3, 1, 3t) with $\lfloor \frac{3t-1}{2} \rfloor$ parallel classes when $t \neq 2, 4$. By Theorem 2.1, there is a simple (3,2)-frame of type 3^t when $t \geq 4$. Applying Construction 4.5, we obtain an RMP(v) for each $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, v \geq 15$. From Lemma 3.3, we get an RMP(12). From [13], we have an LKTS(9). Applying Construction 4.6 we get an RMP(9). So there is an RMP(v) for $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, v \geq 9$. The proof of RMC is similar to RMP.

Deleting a point from these designs constructed above, we get the following lemma.

Theorem 4.12 There exists an RMP(v) and an RMC(v) with n(v) parallel classes for each $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ and $v \ge 8$.

Lemma 4.13 There exists an RMP(v) and an RMC(v) for each $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$, $v \geq 79$ and $v \notin \{85, 91, 109, 115, 139, 283\}$.

Proof: Let $v_1 = v - 7$. By Lemma 4.8, there exists a simple (3,3)-frame of type $18^a 24^b 30^c$, where $v_1 = 18a + 24b + 30c \notin \{78, 84, 102, 108, 132, 276\}$. Apply Construction 4.4 with h = 7. The input designs IRMP(25, 7), IRMP(31, 7), IRMP(37, 7) and RMPs exist by Lemmas 2.7- 2.9 and 4.2. Thus we obtain the required RMP(v).

It is easy to see that the leave of the RMP(v) consists of 9 edges which form a parallel class H of the hole. Furthermore, we partition these v_1 points into $v_1/3$ triples which form an auxiliary parallel class Q. Let $P = H \cup Q$. It is a parallel class on v points. Adding P to the RMP constructed above, we obtain an RMC(v).

Lemma 4.14 There exists an RMP(v) for each $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ and $v \in \{7-73,85,91,109,115,139,283\}$.

Proof: The order v = 7, 13, 19 comes from Lemmas 3.1, 3.4, 3.6, respectively. By Lemma 4.2, there exists an RMP(v) for each $v \in \{25, 31, 37, 49,$

55,61,67}. From Theorem 2.1, we have simple (3,3)-frames of type 10^u , $u \in \{4,7,28\}$. Apply Construction 4.4 with h=3 to fill in holes using IRMP(13,3) and RMP(13) from Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 3.4. Thus we get an RMP(v) for every $v \in \{43,73,283\}$. Similarly, from Lemma 4.10, we have simple (3,3)-frames of type a^4b^1 , $a \in \{18,24,30\}$ and $b \in \{6,12\}$. Applying Construction 4.4 with h=7, we obtain an RMP(v) for $v \in \{85,91,109,115,139\}$. Here the input designs IRMP(v) and RMP(v) come from Lemmas 2.7-2.9. This completes the proof.

Lemma 4.15 There exists an RMP(v) for each $v \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$, $v \geq 76$ and $v \notin \{82, 88, 106, 112, 136, 280\}$.

Proof: Let $v_1 = v - 4$. By Lemma 4.8, there exists a simple (3,3)-frame of type $18^a 24^b 30^c$, where $v_1 = 18a + 24b + 30c \notin \{78, 84, 102, 108, 132, 276\}$. Apply Construction 4.4 with h = 4. The input designs IRMP(22, 4), IRMP(28, 4), IRMP(34, 4) and RMPs exist by Lemmas 2.5, 2.6, 3.2, 3.5 and 4.2. Thus we obtain the required RMP(v). □

Lemma 4.16 There exists an RMP(v) for each $v \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ and $v \in \{10-70, 82, 88, 106, 112, 136, 280\}.$

Proof: The order $v \in \{10, 16, 22, 28, 34, 40, 46\}$ comes from Lemmas 3.2, 3.5 and 4.2. From Theorem 2.1, we have simple (3,3)-frames of type 12^u , $u \in \{4,5\}$. Apply Construction 4.4 with h=4 to fill in holes using IRMP(16,4) and RMP(16) from Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 3.5. Then we get an RMP(v) for each $v \in \{52,64\}$. Further, we have simple (3,3)-frames of type a^4b^1 , $a \in \{12,18,24,30\}$ and $b \in \{6,12,18\}$ by Lemma 4.10. Applying Construction 4.4 with h=4, we get an RMP(v) for each $v \in \{58,70,82,88,106,112,136\}$. Here the input designs IRMP(v) for each $v \in \{58,70,82,88,106,112,136\}$. Here the input designs IRMP(v) and RMP(v) exist by Lemmas 2.4-2.6, 3.5 and 3.2. Deleting a point from a 5-GDD of type v0 for each v1 so gives a v1 so gives a v3 so give v4 and v4 so give a v4 so give a v5 so give a v6 for each v6 for each v7 so give a v8 so give a v9 so

Applying Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 with h = 6, we get a simple (3,3)-frame of type $24^{10}36^1$. Apply Construction 4.4 with h = 4 to fill in holes using IRMP(28,4) and RMP(40) from Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 4.2. Thus we get an RMP(280). The proof is complete.

Combining Lemmas 4.13- 4.16, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.17 There exists an RMP(v) with n(v) parallel classes for each $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $v \geq 7$.

Lemma 4.18 There exists an RMC(v) for each $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$, $v \in \{7 - 37, 49 - 67\}$.

Proof: An RMC(7) exists by Lemma 3.1. The order v=13,19 comes from Lemma 3.7 and Lemma 3.9 respectively. By Lemmas 2.7- 2.9 and Lemmas 2.12, there exists an IRMP(v,7) for each $v \in \{25,31,37,49,61\}$ and an IRMP(v,13) for v=55,67. Partition these points which are not in the hole arbitrarily to form an auxiliary parallel class. Add this auxiliary parallel class to the known IRMPs. Thus we get an IRMC(v,7) for each $v \in \{25,31,37,49,61\}$ and an IRMC(v,13) for v=55,67. Using Construction 4.1 to fill in holes with an RMC(7) or an RMC(13), we obtain the required RMC.

Lemma 4.19 There exists an RMC(v) for $v \in \{43, 73, 85, 91, 109, 115, 139, 283\}.$

Proof: From Theorem 2.1, we have simple (3,3)-frames of type 10^u , $u \in \{4,7,28\}$. Apply Construction 4.4 with h=3 to fill in holes using IRMP (13,3). This gives an IRMP(10u+3,13). Similar to the proof of Lemma 4.18, we get an RMC(v) for every $v \in \{43,73,283\}$. Similarly, from Lemma 4.10, we have simple (3,3)-frames of type a^4b^1 , $a \in \{18,24,30\}$ and $b \in \{6,12\}$. Applying Construction 4.4 with h=7, we obtain an IRMP(v,b+7) for $v \in \{85,91,109,115,139\}$. Here the input designs IRMP(a+7,7) come from

Lemmas 2.7- 2.9. Then we obtain an RMC(v) for $v \in \{85, 91, 109, 115, 139\}$. This completes the proof.

The proof of the following lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 4.15. Here, the input designs IRMC(22, 4), IRMC(28, 4), IRMC(34, 4) and RMCs exist by Lemmas 2.14 and 2.15, Lemmas 3.10 and 3.11 and Lemma 3.7.

Lemma 4.20 There exists an RMC(v) for each $v \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$, $v \geq 76$ and $v \notin \{82, 88, 106, 112, 136, 280\}$.

Lemma 4.21 There exists an RMC(v) for each $v \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$, $v \in \{10 - 70, 82, 88, 106, 112, 136, 280\}$.

Proof: By Lemmas 3.10-3.12 and Lemma 3.7, there exists an RMC(v) for every $v \in \{10, 16, 22, 28, 34, 40, 46, 58\}$. From Theorem 2.1, we have simple (3,3)-frames of type 12^u , $u \in \{4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 23\}$. Apply Construction 4.4 with h=4 to fill in holes with an RMC(16) and an IRMC(16,4) from Lemma 2.13. Then we get an RMC(v) for $v \in \{52, 64, 88, 112, 136, 280\}$. Similarly, start from a simple (3,3)-frame of type 24^4 . Applying Construction 4.4 with h=10 to fill in holes with an RMC(34) and an IRMC(34, 10) from Lemma 2.16, we get an RMC(106). An RMC(70) can be obtained from a simple (3,3)-frame of type 12^418^1 from Lemma 4.10. By Lemma 2.17, there exists an IRMC(82, 16). Apply Construction 4.1 with h=16 to fill in hole with an RMC(16). Then we get an RMC(82). This completes the proof.

Combining Lemma 4.18 to Lemma 4.21, we have the following theorem.

Theorem 4.22 There exists an RMC(v) with n(v) parallel classes for each $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $v \geq 7$.

It is easy to see that there doesn't exist an RMP(3, 3, v) and an RMC(3, 3, v) for v = 2, 3, 4. Now we consider the case v = 5, 6.

Lemma 4.23 There doesn't exist an RMP(6).

Proof: Let the point set $V = Z_6$. It is easy to see that $5 \le m(6) \le 7$. We distinguish 3 cases.

Case 1.
$$m(6) = 5$$
.

In this case, the RMP(6) is an RB(6, 3, 2) indeed. But by [5], this design doesn't exist, then $m(6) \neq 5$.

Case 2.
$$m(6) = 6$$
.

In this case, the leave is a 3-regular graph. Without loss of generality, suppose these three edges $\{0,2\}$, $\{0,3\}$, $\{0,4\}$ are in the leave. Now we consider these blocks which contain the point 0. Furthermore, we distinguish 2 cases as follow, the other cases must isomorphic to one of them.

- (1) If the blocks containing $\{0,1\}$ are $\{0,1,2\}$, $\{0,1,3\}$ and $\{0,1,4\}$, then the other three blocks containing the point 0 must contain the point 5 also. So, the edge $\{1,5\}$ doesn't appear in any block. That is a contradiction.
- (2) If the blocks contain $\{0,1\}$ are $\{0,1,2\}$, $\{0,1,3\}$ and $\{0,1,5\}$, since the edge $\{0,4\}$ must be contained in two of the other three blocks containing the point 0, so there is at most one block containing the edge $\{1,4\}$. This is a contradiction.

Case 3.
$$m(6) = 7$$
.

It is easy to prove that the leave in this case is a 1-factor. Suppose it consists of three edges $\{0,3\}$, $\{1,4\}$ and $\{2,5\}$. Now we consider these blocks containing the point 0. similarly to Case 2, we distinguish 2 cases as follow.

(1) If the blocks containing $\{0,1\}$ are $\{0,1,2\}$, $\{0,1,3\}$ and $\{0,1,4\}$, then in the other parallel classes 0,1 must appear in distinct blocks. Since the edge $\{0,5\}$ must be contained in three blocks, so there is at most one block containing the edge $\{1,5\}$. This is a contradiction.

(2) If the blocks containing $\{0,1\}$ are $\{0,1,2\}$, $\{0,1,4\}$ and $\{0,1,5\}$, then in the other parallel classes 0,1 must appear in distinct blocks. Since there exactly two blocks contain the edge $\{0,4\}$, so the edge $\{1,4\}$ must be contained in three blocks. But the edge $\{1,4\}$ is in the leave, this is a contradiction.

So there doesn't exist an RMP(6).

Lemma 4.24 (1) There doesn't exist an RMP(5) with n(5) = 7 parallel classes. (2) There exists an RMP(5) with 6 parallel classes.

Proof: Let $V=Z_5$. Suppose there are seven parallel classes in an RMP(5), then the leave consists of two disjoint edges. So there is a point who does not appear in the leave. Suppose this point is 0. It is not difficult to prove that the point 0 must appear in five blocks of size three and two blocks of size two. Without loss of generality, suppose these two blocks of size two are $\{0,1\}$ and $\{0,2\}$. Then each of the two edges $\{0,1\}$ and $\{0,2\}$ must be contained in the other five blocks twice. We distinguish 2 cases. (1) If these blocks are $\{0,1,x\}$, $\{0,1,y\}$, $\{0,2,z\}$ and $\{0,2,w\}$, where $x,y,z,w\in\{3,4\}$. Then there is at most one block containing the edge $\{1,2\}$, this is a contradiction. (2) If these blocks are $\{0,1,2\}$, $\{0,1,x\}$ and $\{0,2,y\}$, where $x,y\in\{3,4\}$. Then there exist two same parallel classes. This is a contradiction. So there doesn't exist an RMP(5) with 7 parallel classes.

Now we construct an RMP(5) with 6 parallel classes. The required parallel classes are listed below.

Lemma 4.25 (1) There doesn't exist an RMC(6) with n(6) = 8 parallel classes. (2) There exists an RMC(6) with 9 parallel classes.

Proof: Let the point set $V = Z_4 \cup \{a,b\}$. In this case, it is not difficult to show that the excess is a 1-factor. Suppose the excess consists of three edges $\{a,b\}$, $\{0,1\}$ and $\{2,3\}$. Since these parallel classes are distinct, we can take four parallel classes as follows:

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ab0 ab1 ab2 ab3 123 023 013 012
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In these parallel classes, the point pairs in Z_4 are all appear twice. Since the two edges $\{0,1\}$ and $\{2,3\}$ are in excess, we can fix another two parallel classes:

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a01 a23
b23 b01
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The last two parallel classes must contain the following 12 edges, $\{a, 0\}$, $\{a, 1\}$, $\{a, 2\}$, $\{a, 3\}$, $\{b, 0\}$, $\{b, 1\}$, $\{b, 2\}$, $\{b, 3\}$, $\{0, 2\}$, $\{0, 3\}$, $\{1, 2\}$, $\{1, 3\}$, and each edge is contained in exactly one block. Then the last two parallel classes is the block set of an 3-RGDD of type 2^3 , it is well known that such a design does not exist. This is a contradiction. The proof is completed.

Now we construct an RMC(6) with 9 parallel classes. The required parallel classes are listed below.

Lemma 4.26 (1) There doesn't exist an RMC(5) with n(5) = 8 parallel classes. (2) There exists an RMC(5) with 9 parallel classes.

Proof: Take the point set $V = Z_5$. Suppose there are 8 parallel classes in an RMC(5), then the excess consists of two disjoint edges. So there is a point who does not appear in the excess. Suppose this point is 0. It is easy to prove that the point 0 must appear in four blocks of size three and four blocks of size two, and these blocks of size two must be $\{0,1\}$, $\{0,2\}$, $\{0,3\}$ and $\{0,4\}$. So in the other blocks, each of the four edges must be contained in two blocks. We distinguish 2 cases. (1) If these blocks are $\{0,1,x\}$, $\{0,1,y\}$, $\{0,2,z\}$ and $\{0,2,w\}$, where $x,y,z,w \in \{3,4\}$. Then

the edge $\{1,2\}$ appears only twice in all the eight parallel classes, this is a contradiction. (2) If these blocks are $\{0,1,2\}$, $\{0,1,x\}$ and $\{0,2,y\}$, where $x,y\in\{3,4\}$. Then the edge $\{1,3\}$ or $\{1,4\}$ appears only twice in all the eight parallel classes, this is a contradiction. So there doesn't exist an RMC(5) with 8 parallel classes.

Now we construct an RMC(5) with 9 parallel classes. The required parallel classes are listed below.

$$\begin{smallmatrix} 0&1&2&0&2&3&0&1&3&0&1&4&0&2&4&0&3&4&1&2&3&1&2&4&1&3&4\\ 3&4&&1&4&&2&4&&2&3&1&3&1&2&0&4&0&3&0&2& \end{smallmatrix}$$

Combining Theorems 4.11, 4.12, 4.17, 4.22 and Lemmas 4.23-4.26, we obtain our main results.

Theorem 1.4 There exists an RMP(3,3,v) and an RMC(3,3,v) for each $v \ge 5$ except for an RMP(3,3,6).

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