

# $G$ -Designs Having a Prescribed Number of Blocks in Common

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## Abstract

Two  $G$ -designs  $(X, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $(X, \mathcal{A}_2)$  are said to intersect in  $m$  blocks if  $|\mathcal{A}_1 \cap \mathcal{A}_2| = m$ . In this paper, we complete the solution of intersection problem for  $G$ -designs, where  $G$  is a connected graph of size five which contains a cycle.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $H$  be a simple graph and  $G$  be a subgraph of  $H$ . A  $G$ -design of  $H$  is a pair  $(V, \mathcal{A})$ , where  $V$  is the vertex set of  $H$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a collection of the edge-disjoint decomposition of  $H$  into isomorphic copies of  $G$  (called blocks). If  $H$  is the complete graph of order  $n$ , we refer to such a  $G$ -design as one of order  $n$ . In this paper, we concentrate on a connected graph  $G$  with five edges and containing a cycle. There are six different types of graphs  $G$  (See Figure 1). We begin with some notation to describe these six graphs.

$T_1 = (\{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{ab, bc, ac, bd, ce\})$ , denote this graph by  $(a, b, c, d, e)_1$ ;

$T_2 = (\{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{ab, bc, ac, cd, ce\})$ , denote this graph by  $(a, b, c, d, e)_2$ ;

$T_3 = (\{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{ab, bc, ac, cd, de\})$ , denote this graph by  $(a, b, c, d, e)_3$ ;

$T_4 = (\{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{ab, bc, cd, da, de\})$ , denote this graph by  $(a, b, c, d, e)_4$ ;

$T_5 = (\{a, b, c, d, e\}, \{ab, bc, cd, de, ea\})$ ;

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$$T_6 = (\{a, b, c, d\}, \{ab, bc, ac, da, dc\}).$$

In fact,  $T_5$  graph is a 5-cycle  $C_5$  and  $T_6$  is called a  $K_4 - e$  graph, meaning a complete graph of order 4 with the vertex set  $\{a, b, c, d\}$  minus an edge  $bd$ .

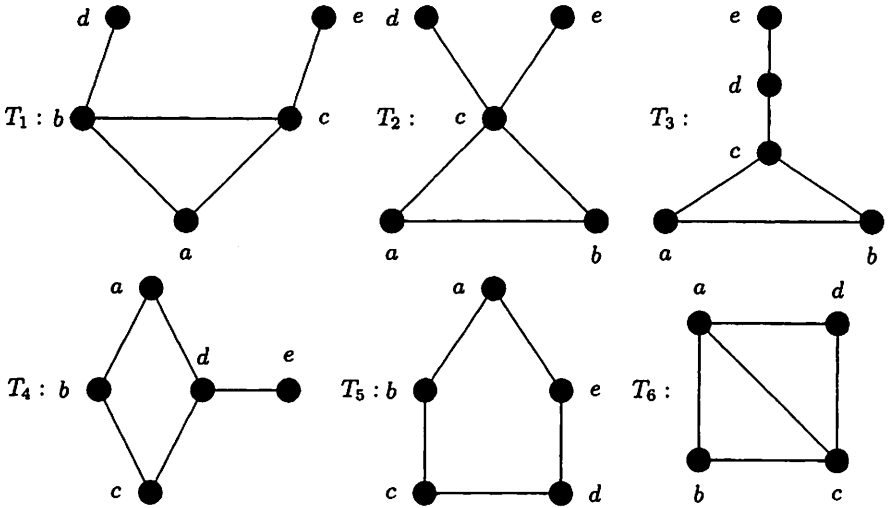


Figure 1: Graphs  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, T_5$  and  $T_6$

Two  $T_i$ -designs  $(X, \mathcal{A}_1)$  and  $(X, \mathcal{A}_2)$  of order  $n$  are said to intersect in  $m$  blocks if  $|\mathcal{A}_1 \cap \mathcal{A}_2| = m$ . Recently, many authors deal with "variations" to the classic intersection problem, such as intersection problem for triple systems in [12], disjoint intersection problem in [7] and [10], the triangle intersection in [2], [3] and [4], the fine triangle intersection in [5] and [6].

Concerning the intersection problem for  $T_5$  and  $T_6$ -designs, in 1988, C. M. Fu [9] obtained the solution for the intersection numbers of pentagon systems (i.e.  $T_5$ -designs) of order  $n$ , where  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{5}$   $n \geq 6$ :

$$\{0, 1, \dots, n(n-1)/10 - 2, n(n-1)/10\};$$

in 1997, E. J. Billington, M. Gionfriddo and C. C. Lindner [1] obtained the solution for the intersection numbers of  $K_4 - e$  designs (i.e.  $T_6$ -designs) of order  $n$ , where  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{5}$   $n \geq 6$ :

$$\{0, 1, \dots, n(n-1)/10 - 3, n(n-1)/10\}.$$

The purpose of this paper is to solve the intersection problem for  $T_i$ -designs for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

Since a necessary condition for the existence of a  $T_i$ -design of order  $n$  is that  $\binom{n}{2}/5$  is an integer,  $n \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{5}$  satisfies this requirement. In what follows, let  $I_{T_i}(n)$  denote the set of all integers  $k$  for which there exists two  $T_i$ -designs of order  $n$ ,  $(X, \mathcal{B}_1)$  and  $(X, \mathcal{B}_2)$ , such that  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2| = k$ . For  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{5}$ , let  $J_{T_i}(n) = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n(n-1)/10 - 2, n(n-1)/10\}$ . In other words,  $J_{T_i}(n)$  denotes the intersection numbers one expects to achieve with a  $T_i$ -design of order  $n$ . Modifying this notation slightly, let  $I_{T_i}(H)$  and  $J_{T_i}(H)$  denote the achievable and expected intersection numbers for  $T_i$ -design of graph  $H$ , respectively. It is clear that  $I_{T_i}(H) \subseteq J_{T_i}(H)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Here we deal with for the reverse containment.

**Main Theorem**  $I_{T_i}(n) = J_{T_i}(n)$  for  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{5}$  and  $n \geq 10$ ;  $I_{T_i}(n) = J_{T_i}(n)$  for  $(i, n) = (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 6), (3, 6)$ .

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two sets of integers and  $k$  a positive integer. Define  $A + B = \{a + b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ ,  $k + A = \{k + a \mid a \in A\}$  and  $k \cdot A = \underbrace{A + A + \dots + A}_k$ .

We quote the following known result for later use.

**Lemma 1.1** [8] *Let  $g, t$  and  $u$  be nonnegative integers. There exists a 3-GDD of type  $g^t u^1$  if and only if the following conditions are all satisfied:*

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

## 2 Ingredients

For convenience, let  $V(K_n) = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ;  $V(K_n \setminus K_v) = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , where  $V(K_v) = \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$ ;  $V(K_{i,j,k,l}) = X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X_3 \cup X_4$ , where  $X_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, i\}$ ,  $X_2 = i + \{1, 2, \dots, j\}$ ,  $X_3 = (i + j) + \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and  $X_4 = (i + j + k) + \{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ . Similarly,  $V(K_{i,j})$  and  $V(K_{i,j,k})$ . When  $T_i$ -design of graph  $H$  exists, we have  $b \in I_{T_i}(H)$ , where  $b$  is the number of blocks in the  $T_i$ -design. It is easy to see that  $T_i$ -design of order  $n$  does not exist for  $(i, n) = (2, 5), (3, 5), (4, 5), (4, 6)$ .

### 2.1 Small orders of $T_j$ -designs for $j = 1, 2, 3$

**Lemma 2.1**  $I_{T_1}(5) = J_{T_1}(5)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be two  $T_1$ -designs of order 5, where  $\mathcal{A} = \{(2, 1, 3, 5, 4)_1, (2, 5, 4, 3, 1)_1\}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \{(2, 1, 3, 4, 5)_1, (2, 5, 4, 1, 3)_1\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}| = 0$ . From the result, we obtain  $I_{T_1}(5) = J_{T_1}(5)$ . ■

**Lemma 2.2**  $I_{T_j}(6) = J_{T_j}(6)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_1$ -design of order 6, where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(3, 2, 1, 4, 5)_1, (2, 5, 6, 4, 1)_1, (6, 4, 3, 1, 5)_1\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1$ , where  $\pi_0 = (6, 5)$  and  $\pi_1 = (3, 5, 4, 6, 2)$ .

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_2$ -design of order 6, where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(6, 5, 1, 2, 3)_2, (2, 6, 4, 1, 5)_2, (2, 5, 3, 4, 6)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1$ , where  $\pi_0 = (4, 5)$  and  $\pi_1 = (6, 5)$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_3$ -design of order 6, where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(6, 3, 1, 4, 2)_3, (2, 1, 5, 3, 4)_3, (4, 5, 6, 2, 3)_3\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1$ , where  $\pi_0 = (6, 5)$  and  $\pi_1 = (5, 4)$ .

From the above results, we obtain  $I_{T_j}(6) = J_{T_j}(6)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.3**  $0, 1, 8, 9, 12, 15 \in I_{T_1}(K_{5,5,5})$  and  $0, 8, 15 \in I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5})$  for  $j = 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_1$ -design of  $K_{5,5,5}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(11, 9, 3, 14, 12)_1, (13, 9, 5, 12, 14)_1, (15, 6, 5, 4, 8)_1, (15, 7, 4, 3, 9)_1, (15, 8, 3, 2, 10)_1, (15, 9, 2, 1, 6)_1, (15, 10, 1, 5, 7)_1\} \cup \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_8\}$ ,  $b_1 = (11, 6, 1, 14, 2)_1$ ,  $b_2 = (11, 10, 2, 14, 12)_1$ ,  $b_3 = (11, 8, 4, 14, 12)_1$ ,  $b_4 = (13, 10, 4, 12, 14)_1$ ,  $b_5 = (11, 7, 5, 14, 12)_1$ ,  $b_6 = (13, 6, 3, 12, 14)_1$ ,  $b_7 = (13, 7, 2, 12, 14)_1$ ,  $b_8 = (13, 8, 1, 12, 14)_1$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 8$ , where  $\pi_0 = (14, 15)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (1, 2)(3, 4)(6, 7)$  and  $\pi_8 = (1, 2)$ . Now,  $\mathcal{B}_2$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_6, b_8\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(1, 6, 12, 11, 8)_1, (6, 3, 14, 13, 1)_1, (8, 1, 13, 11, 6)_1\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_3$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_7, b_8\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(12, 10, 2, 13, 11)_1, (14, 10, 4, 11, 13)_1, (12, 8, 4, 13, 11)_1, (14, 8, 1, 11, 13)_1, (12, 7, 5, 13, 11)_1, (14, 7, 2, 11, 13)_1\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2| = 12$  and  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_3| = 9$ .

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_2$ -design of  $K_{5,5,5}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(11, 8, 4, 12, 9)_2, (11, 7, 5, 12, 8)_2, (13, 8, 1, 14, 9)_2, (13, 10, 4, 14, 6)_2, (13, 9, 5, 14, 10)_2, (15, 1, 10, 12, 14)_2, (15, 2, 9, 12, 14)_2, (15, 3, 8, 12, 14)_2\} \cup \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_7\}$ ,  $b_1 = (11, 10, 2, 12, 6)_2$ ,  $b_2 = (13, 7, 2, 14, 8)_2$ ,  $b_3 = (11, 6, 1, 12, 7)_2$ ,  $b_4 = (15, 5, 6, 12, 14)_2$ ,  $b_5 = (15, 4, 7, 12, 14)_2$ ,  $b_6 = (11, 9, 3, 12, 10)_2$ ,  $b_7 = (13, 6, 3, 14, 7)_2$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}_1| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (13, 12)$ . Now,  $\mathcal{B}_2$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_6, b_7\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(11, 1, 6, 12, 14)_2, (5, 6, 15, 7, 4)_2, (1, 11, 7, 4, 14)_2, (11, 10, 2, 6, 8)_2, (13, 7, 2, 12, 14)_2, (11, 9, 3, 7, 10)_2, (13, 6, 3, 12, 14)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2| = 8$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_3$ -design of  $K_{5,5,5}$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(11, 8, 4, 9, 12)_3, (13, 7, 2, 14, 8)_3, (15, 1, 10, 5, 12)_3, (15, 2, 9, 1, 12)_3, (15, 3, 8, 2, 12)_3, (15, 4, 7, 3, 12)_3, (11, 6, 1, 7, 12)_3, (13, 8, 1, 14, 9)_3, (11, 10, 2, 6, 12)_3, (13, 10, 4, 14, 6)_3, (15, 5, 6, 4, 12)_3, (11, 9, 3, 10, 12)_3, (13, 6, 3, 14, 7)_3, (11, 7, 5, 8, 12)_3, (13, 9, 5, 14, 10)_3\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 8$ , where  $\pi_0 = (13, 12)$  and  $\pi_8 = (5, 4)$ .

From above results, we have  $0, 1, 8, 9, 12, 15 \in I_{T_1}(K_{5,5,5})$  and  $0, 8, 15 \in I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5})$  for  $j = 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.4**  $0, 1, 30 \in I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5,5})$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_1$ -design of  $K_{5,5,5,5}$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(10, 11, 2, 4, 20)_1, (7, 13, 2, 5, 18)_1, (8, 16, 4, 2, 20)_1, (10, 18, 4, 6, 19)_1, (9, 18, 5, 12, 19)_1, (17, 10, 13, 12, 19)_1, (14, 3, 16, 18, 10)_1, (7, 4, 17, 14, 11)_1, (16, 13, 9, 8, 3)_1, (7, 18, 15, 13, 19)_1, (10, 5, 14, 8, 9)_1, (6, 16, 15, 12, 20)_1, (15, 1, 10, 6, 19)_1, (3, 20, 7, 10, 14)_1, (5, 20, 6, 12, 19)_1, (8, 17, 12, 5, 2)_1, (11, 9, 20, 4, 8)_1, (6, 13, 3, 4, 10)_1, (9, 15, 2, 5, 17)_1, (14, 19, 1, 7, 16)_1, (3, 19, 8, 2, 15)_1, (3, 15, 17, 4, 1)_1, (13, 20, 1, 14, 18)_1, (16, 11, 7, 5, 1)_1, (4, 6, 12, 2, 1)_1, (7, 5, 12, 16, 3)_1, (1, 11, 8, 3, 2)_1, (12, 19, 9, 11, 1)_1, (8, 18, 14, 11, 2)_1, (14, 17, 6, 9, 11)_1\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1$ , where  $\pi_0 = (8, 7)(13, 12)(18, 17)(20, 19)$  and  $\pi_1 = (9, 8)(13, 12)(18, 17)(20, 19)$ .

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_2$ -design of  $K_{5,5,5,5}$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(6, 11, 1, 12, 8)_2, (10, 11, 2, 6, 18)_2, (7, 13, 2, 14, 8)_2, (8, 16, 4, 9, 20)_2, (10, 18, 4, 6, 19)_2, (9, 18, 5, 10, 19)_2, (18, 8, 11, 4, 19)_2, (19, 9, 12, 16, 5)_2, (17, 10, 13, 4, 19)_2, (14, 3, 16, 2, 10)_2, (7, 4, 17, 5, 11)_2, (16, 13, 9, 17, 3)_2, (6, 17, 14, 4, 18)_2, (7, 18, 15, 4, 19)_2, (10, 20, 14, 5, 9)_2, (6, 16, 15, 5, 20)_2, (1, 15, 10, 12, 19)_2, (3, 20, 7, 19, 14)_2, (5, 20, 6, 12, 19)_2, (3, 12, 18, 13, 6)_2, (8, 17, 12, 4, 2)_2, (11, 9, 20, 12, 8)_2, (6, 13, 3, 11, 10)_2, (15, 9, 2, 19, 20)_2, (14, 19, 1, 9, 16)_2, (3, 19, 8, 14, 15)_2, (3, 15, 17, 1, 2)_2, (13, 20, 1, 7, 18)_2, (8, 13, 5, 11, 16)_2, (16, 11, 7, 5, 12)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1$ , where  $\pi_0 = (13, 12)(15, 14)(18, 17)(20, 19)$  and  $\pi_1 = (13, 12)(15, 14)(19, 20, 18)$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_3$ -design of  $K_{5,5,5,5}$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(6, 11, 1, 7, 12)_3, (10, 11, 2, 17, 5)_3, (7, 13, 2, 14, 5)_3, (8, 16, 4, 11, 7)_3, (10, 18, 4, 20, 15)_3, (9, 5, 18, 6, 4)_3, (19, 9, 12, 2, 6)_3, (17, 10, 13, 4, 9)_3, (7, 4, 17, 1, 8)_3, (16, 13, 9, 1, 12)_3, (14, 17, 6, 12, 4)_3, (7, 18, 15, 19, 4)_3, (10, 20, 14, 18, 1)_3, (6, 16, 15, 5, 11)_3, (1, 15, 10, 3, 9)_3, (3, 20, 7, 19, 2)_3, (5, 20, 6, 19, 13)_3, (3, 18, 12, 16, 10)_3, (12, 17, 8, 14, 4)_3, (11, 9, 20, 12, 10)_3, (3, 6, 13, 18, 2)_3, (15, 9, 2, 20, 8)_3, (1, 19, 14, 9, 17)_3, (3, 19, 8, 15, 4)_3, (3, 15, 17, 11, 3)_3, (13, 20, 1, 16, 7)_3, (8, 13, 5, 7, 14)_3, (5, 10, 19, 11, 16)_3, (18,$

11, 8, 2, 16)<sub>3</sub>, (3, 14, 16, 5, 12)<sub>3</sub>}. Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1$ , where  $\pi_0 = (20, 1)(19, 2)(18, 3)(17, 4)(16, 5)(15, 6)(14, 7)(13, 8)(12, 9)(11, 10)$  and  $\pi_1 = (9, 10, 8)(15, 14)(19, 20, 18)$ .

From above results, we have  $0, 1, 30 \in I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5,5})$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.5**  $0, 7 \in I_{T_j}(K_{10} \setminus K_5)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_1$ -design of  $K_{10} \setminus K_5$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(8, 6, 1, 9, 7)_1, (2, 9, 10, 4, 7)_1, (3, 6, 10, 4, 5)_1, (4, 8, 10, 7, 1)_1, (9, 7, 3, 4, 8)_1, (8, 9, 5, 1, 6)_1, (6, 7, 2, 5, 8)_1\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (1, 2)(4, 5)$ .

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_2$ -design of  $K_{10} \setminus K_5$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(9, 10, 1, 6, 8)_2, (2, 9, 7, 10, 1)_2, (3, 10, 8, 7, 4)_2, (4, 6, 7, 3, 5)_2, (5, 6, 8, 9, 2)_2, (2, 6, 10, 4, 5)_2, (3, 6, 9, 4, 5)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}_1| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (8, 7)(10, 9)$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_3$ -design of  $K_{10} \setminus K_5$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(7, 1, 6, 3, 10)_3, (2, 8, 7, 9, 1)_3, (3, 8, 9, 5, 7)_3, (4, 9, 10, 8, 5)_3, (5, 6, 10, 1, 8)_3, (6, 9, 2, 10, 7)_3, (8, 6, 4, 7, 3)_3\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (9, 10, 8)$ .

From above results, we have  $0, 7 \in I_{T_j}(K_{10} \setminus K_5)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.6**  $0, 2, 3, 6 \in I_{T_j}(K_{10} \setminus K_6)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_1$ -design of  $K_{10} \setminus K_6$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(10, 1, 7, 9, 3)_1, (7, 2, 8, 10, 4)_1, (9, 3, 8, 10, 1)_1, (10, 4, 9, 7, 5)_1, (8, 5, 10, 7, 6)_1, (7, 6, 9, 8, 2)_1\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 2, 3$ , where  $\pi_0 = (10, 9)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (5, 6, 4)$  and  $\pi_3 = (6, 5)$ .

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_2$ -design of  $K_{10} \setminus K_6$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(6, 9, 10, 5, 4)_2, (5, 8, 9, 4, 3)_2, (4, 7, 8, 3, 6)_2, (3, 10, 7, 6, 5)_2, (10, 8, 2, 9, 7)_2, (9, 7, 1, 10, 8)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}| = i$  for  $i = 0, 2, 3$ , where  $\pi_0 = (9, 10, 8)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (10, 8)$  and  $\pi_3 = (6, 5)$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_3$ -design of  $K_{10} \setminus K_6$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(6, 9, 10, 5, 7)_3, (4, 7, 8, 3, 9)_3, (3, 10, 7, 2, 9)_3, (1, 7, 9, 4, 10)_3, (5, 9, 8, 1, 10)_3, (2, 10, 8, 6, 7)_3\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 2, 3$ , where  $\pi_0 = (10, 9)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (5, 4)$  and  $\pi_3 = (6, 5)$ .

From above results, we have  $0, 2, 3, 6 \in I_{T_j}(K_{10} \setminus K_6)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.7**  $I_{T_j}(10) = J_{T_j}(10)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{10}$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of  $K_{10} \setminus K_6$ , and a copy  $K_6$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_j}(K_{10}) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{10} \setminus K_6) + I_{T_j}(K_6) \supseteq \{0, 2, 3, 6\} + J_{T_j}(K_6) = J_{T_j}(K_{10}). \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.8**  $0, 1, 3, 4, 8 \in I_{T_j}(K_{11} \setminus K_6)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_1$ -design of  $K_{11} \setminus K_6$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(1, 10, 11, 5, 6)_1, (10, 8, 2, 3, 9)_1, (11, 9, 3, 5, 10)_1, (9, 10, 4, 6, 7)_1, (7, 8, 1, 4, 9)_1, (11, 8, 5, 9, 7)_1, (9, 7, 6, 10, 8)_1, (2, 7, 11, 3, 4)_1\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 3, 4$ , where  $\pi_0 = (6, 1)(4, 5, 3)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (4, 5, 3)$ ,  $\pi_3 = (4, 3)$  and  $\pi_4 = (4, 2)$ .

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_2$ -design of  $K_{11} \setminus K_6$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(4, 8, 9, 6, 7)_2, (11, 2, 9, 3, 1)_2, (5, 11, 7, 6, 4)_2, (8, 3, 11, 4, 1)_2, (10, 1, 8, 6, 5)_2, (2, 8, 7, 3, 1)_2, (11, 6, 10, 4, 2)_2, (9, 5, 10, 7, 3)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 3, 4$ , where  $\pi_0 = (9, 8)(11, 10)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (10, 11, 9)$ ,  $\pi_3 = (10, 9)$  and  $\pi_4 = (6, 5)$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_3$ -design of  $K_{11} \setminus K_6$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(11, 10, 6, 7, 4)_3, (10, 9, 5, 8, 6)_3, (9, 8, 4, 11, 1)_3, (11, 8, 3, 7, 1)_3, (11, 9, 2, 10, 4)_3, (10, 8, 1, 9, 3)_3, (5, 11, 7, 9, 6)_3, (2, 8, 7, 10, 3)_3\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 3, 4$ , where  $\pi_0 = (10, 11, 9)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (11, 10)$ ,  $\pi_3 = (5, 4)$  and  $\pi_4 = (3, 2)$ .

From above results, we have  $0, 1, 3, 4, 8 \in I_{T_j}(K_{11} \setminus K_6)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.9**  $I_{T_j}(11) = J_{T_j}(11)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{11}$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of  $K_{11} \setminus K_6$  and a copy of  $K_6$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_j}(K_{11}) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{11} \setminus K_6) + I_{T_j}(K_6) \supseteq \{0, 1, 3, 4, 8\} + J_{T_j}(K_6) = J_{T_j}(K_{11}). \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.10**  $0, 19 \in I_{T_j}(K_{15} \setminus K_5)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : The graph  $K_{15} \setminus K_5$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of tripartite graph  $K_{5,5,5}$  and 2 copies of  $K_5$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_1}(K_{15} \setminus K_5) \supseteq I_{T_1}(K_{5,5,5}) + 2 \cdot I_{T_1}(K_5) \supseteq \{0, 15\} + 2 \cdot \{0, 2\} \supseteq \{0, 19\}.$$

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_2$ -design of  $K_{15} \setminus K_5$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(11, 1, 6, 2, 12)_2, (6, 3, 13, 14, 11)_2, (15, 8, 3, 12, 10)_2, (12, 9, 2, 15, 14)_2, (12, 13, 15, 1, 10)_2, (6, 8, 7, 10, 9)_2, (11, 15, 14, 9, 3)_2, (4, 9, 6, 10, 14)_2, (1, 14, 12, 10, 11)_2, (11, 5, 7, 1, 12)_2, (13, 2, 7, 14, 3)_2, (11, 4, 8, 5, 12)_2, (15, 6, 5, 12, 14)_2, (15, 7, 4, 12, 14)_2, (11, 3, 9, 15, 8)_2, (13, 5, 9, 10, 1)_2, (11, 2, 10, 1, 8)_2, (13, 4, 10, 14, 5)_2, (13, 1, 8, 14, 2)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (11, 10)(14, 13)$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_3$ -design of  $K_{15} \setminus K_5$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(11, 5, 7, 1, 12)_3, (13, 4, 10, 6, 9)_3, (6, 5, 15, 11, 13)_3, (15, 7, 4, 6, 12)_3, (15, 9, 2, 8, 12)_3, (10, 1, 15, 12, 9)_3, (6, 8, 7, 9, 10)_3, (15, 14, 13, 12, 11)_3, (9, 8, 5, 14, 11)_3, (12, 5, 10, 14, 2)_3, (11, 1, 6, 2, 12)_3, (13, 3, 6, 14, 4)_3, (11, 2, 10, 3, 12)_3, (13, 2, 7, 14, 3)_3, (15, 8, 3, 7, 12)_3, (11, 4, 8, 10, 7)_3, (13, 1, 8, 14, 12)_3, (11, 3, 9, 4, 12)_3, (14, 1, 9, 13, 5)_3\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (15, 1)(14, 2)(13, 3)(12, 4)(11, 5)(10, 6)(9, 7)$ .

From above results, we have  $0, 19 \in I_{T_j}(K_{15} \setminus K_5)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.11**  $I_{T_j}(15) = J_{T_j}(15)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $j = 1$ : The graph  $K_{15}$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of  $K_{5,5,5}$  and 3 copies of  $K_5$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_1}(15) \supseteq I_{T_1}(K_{5,5,5}) + 3 \cdot I_{T_1}(K_5) \supseteq \{0, 1, 8, 9, 12, 15\} + 3 \cdot \{0, 2\} = J_{T_1}(15).$$

$j = 2$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_2$ -design of  $K_{15}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(12, 8, 5, 11, 7)_2, (13, 9, 5, 14, 10)_2, (3, 10, 1, 15, 5)_2, (8, 11, 9, 2, 15)_2, (8, 15, 3, 2, 12)_2, (12, 14, 13, 11, 15)_2, (15, 12, 11, 6, 14)_2, (1, 4, 2, 5, 15)_2, (7, 8, 10, 11, 14)_2, (6, 10, 9, 7, 14)_2\} \cup \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{11}\}$ ,  $b_1 = (7, 11, 1, 12, 6)_2$ ,  $b_2 = (13, 8, 1, 14, 9)_2$ ,  $b_3 = (15, 4, 7, 12, 14)_2$ ,  $b_4 = (14, 8, 6, 7, 12)_2$ ,  $b_5 = (5, 6, 15, 14, 10)_2$ ,  $b_6 = (12, 10, 2, 6, 11)_2$ ,  $b_7 = (13, 7, 2, 14, 8)_2$ ,  $b_8 = (4, 5, 3, 11, 9)_2$ ,  $b_9 = (13, 6, 3, 14, 7)_2$ ,  $b_{10} = (12, 9, 4, 11, 8)_2$  and  $b_{11} = (13, 10, 4, 6, 14)$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, 12$ , where  $\pi_0 = (12, 11)(15, 14)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (13, 12)(15, 14)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (12, 11)(14, 13)$ ,  $\pi_3 = (13, 15, 12)$ ,  $\pi_4 = (13, 14, 12)$ ,  $\pi_5 = (15, 14)$ ,  $\pi_6 = (14, 12)$ ,  $\pi_7 = (13, 12)$ ,  $\pi_8 = (15, 13)$ ,  $\pi_9 = (14, 13)$ ,  $\pi_{10} = (10, 9)$ ,  $\pi_{11} = (13, 10)$  and  $\pi_{12} = (13, 9)$ . Now,  $\mathcal{B}_2$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_2\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(11, 7, 1, 6, 9)_2, (13, 8, 1, 12, 14)_2\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_3$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_3, b_4, b_5\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(4, 7, 15, 5, 10)_2, (8, 6, 14, 7, 15)_2, (12, 7, 6, 5, 15)_2\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_4$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_2$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_6, b_7\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(12, 10, 2, 6, 8)_2, (13, 7, 2, 11, 14)_2\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_5$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_3$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_8, b_9\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(12, 10, 2, 6, 8)_2, (13, 7, 2, 11, 14)_2\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_6$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_4$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_8, b_9\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(4, 5, 3, 9, 7)_2, (13, 6, 3, 11, 14)_2\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_7$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_5$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_8, b_9\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(4, 5, 3, 9, 7)_2, (13, 6, 3, 11, 14)_2\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_8$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_6$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_{10}, b_{11}\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(12, 9, 4, 8, 6)_2, (13, 10, 4, 11, 14)_2\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_i| = 21 - i$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 8$ .

$j = 3$ : Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_3$ -design of  $K_{15}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(11, 10, 2, 6, 12)_3, (11, 8, 4, 9, 7)_3, (14, 4, 6, 8, 10)_3, (12, 1, 9, 2, 15)_3, (15, 4, 7, 3, 12)_3, (1, 3, 2, 4, 5)_3, (15, 14, 13, 12, 11)_3, (3, 10, 14, 12, 15)_3, (6, 10, 7, 8, 9)_3, (13, 4, 10, 9, 14)_3\} \cup \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{11}\}$ ,  $b_1 = (11, 6, 1, 7, 12)_3$ ,  $b_2 = (13, 8, 1, 14, 11)_3$ ,  $b_3 = (11, 7, 5, 8, 12)_3$ ,  $b_4 = (13, 7, 2, 14, 8)_3$ ,  $b_5 = (15, 3, 8, 2, 12)_3$ ,  $b_6 = (11, 9, 3, 5, 2)_3$ ,  $b_7 = (13, 6, 3, 4, 12)_3$ ,  $b_8 = (13, 9, 5, 1, 4)_3$ ,  $b_9 = (12, 10, 5, 14, 7)_3$ ,  $b_{10} = (1, 10, 15, 11, 13)_3$  and  $b_{11} = (5, 6, 15, 9, 6)_3$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, 11$ , where  $\pi_0 = (15, 1)(14, 2)(13, 3)(12, 4)(11, 5)(10, 6)(9, 7)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (11, 10)(13, 12)(15, 14)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (12, 11)(14, 15, 13)$ ,  $\pi_3 = (12, 11)(15, 14)$ ,  $\pi_4 = (13, 12)(15, 14)$ ,  $\pi_5 = (13, 14, 12)$ ,  $\pi_6 = (13, 12)$ ,  $\pi_7 = (14, 15, 13)$ ,  $\pi_8 = (14, 11)$ ,  $\pi_9 = (15, 13)$ ,  $\pi_{10} = (15, 14)$ , and  $\pi_{11} = (14, 13)$ . Now,  $\mathcal{B}_2$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_2\}$  and replacing them



with  $\{(11, 6, 1, 14, 11), (13, 8, 1, 7, 12)\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_3$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_3, b_4, b_5\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(12, 2, 8, 5, 7)_3, (13, 2, 7, 11, 5)_3, (15, 3, 8, 14, 2)_3\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_4$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_2$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_6, b_7\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(11, 9, 3, 4, 12)_3, (13, 6, 3, 5, 2)_3\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_5$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_3$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_2\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(11, 6, 1, 14, 11)_3, (13, 8, 1, 7, 12)_3\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_6$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_4$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_8, b_9\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(13, 9, 5, 14, 7)_3, (12, 10, 5, 1, 4)_3\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_7$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_5$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_6, b_7\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(11, 9, 3, 4, 12)_3, (13, 6, 3, 5, 2)_3\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_8$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_6$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_{10}, b_{11}\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(1, 10, 15, 9, 6)_3, (5, 6, 15, 11, 13)_3\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_9$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_7$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_8, b_9\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(13, 9, 5, 14, 7)_3, (12, 10, 5, 1, 4)_3\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_i| = 21 - i$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 9$ .

From above results, we have  $I_{T_j}(K_{15}) = J_{T_j}(K_{15})$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ . ■

**Lemma 2.12**  $0, 21 \in I_{T_j}(K_{16} \setminus K_6)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{16} \setminus K_6$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of  $K_{5,5,5}$  and 2 copies of  $K_6$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_j}(K_{16} \setminus K_6) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5}) + 2 \cdot I_{T_j}(K_6) \supseteq \{0, 15\} + 2 \cdot J_{T_j}(K_6) \supseteq \{0, 21\}. \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.13**  $I_{T_j}(16) = J_{T_j}(16)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{16}$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of  $K_{5,5,5}$  and 3 copies of  $K_6$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_j}(K_{16}) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5}) + 3 \cdot I_{T_j}(K_6) \supseteq \{0, 8, 15\} + 3 \cdot J_{T_j}(K_6) = J_{T_j}(K_{16}). \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.14**  $I_{T_j}(20) = J_{T_j}(20)$  and  $I_{T_j}(21) = J_{T_j}(21)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $I_{T_j}(K_{20}) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5}) + 2 \cdot I_{T_j}(K_{10} \setminus K_5) + I_{T_j}(K_{10}) \supseteq \{0, 15\} + 2 \cdot \{0, 7\} + J_{T_j}(K_{10}) = J_{T_j}(20)$ .

$$I_{T_j}(21) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5}) + 2 \cdot I_{T_j}(K_{11} \setminus K_6) + I_{T_j}(K_{11}) \supseteq \{0, 15\} + 2 \cdot \{0, 8\} + J_{T_j}(K_{11}) = J_{T_j}(21). \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.15**  $I_{T_j}(25) = J_{T_j}(25)$  and  $I_{T_j}(26) = J_{T_j}(26)$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Proof:**  $I_{T_j}(25) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5,5}) + 3 \cdot I_{T_j}(K_{10} \setminus K_5) + I_{T_j}(K_{10}) \supseteq \{0, 1, 30\} + 3 \cdot \{0, 7\} + J_{T_j}(K_{10}) = J_{T_j}(25)$ .

$$I_{T_j}(26) \supseteq I_{T_j}(K_{5,5,5,5}) + 3 \cdot I_{T_j}(K_{11} \setminus K_6) + I_{T_j}(K_{11}) \supseteq \{0, 30\} + 3 \cdot \{0, 8\} + J_{T_j}(K_{11}) = J_{T_j}(26). \blacksquare$$

## 2.2 Small orders of $T_4$ -design

**Lemma 2.16**  $0, 5 \in I_{T_4}(K_{5,5})$ ,  $0, 6 \in I_{T_4}(K_{5,6})$  and  $0, 15 \in I_{T_4}(K_{5,5,5})$ .

**Proof:**

[ $K_{5,5}$ ] Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_4$ -design of  $K_{5,5}$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(6, 2, 9, 3, 10)_4, (7, 3, 8, 4, 6)_4, (10, 1, 8, 2, 7)_4, (10, 4, 9, 5, 8)_4, (7, 5, 6, 1, 9)_4\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (9, 8)$ .

[ $K_{5,6}$ ] Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_4$ -design of  $K_{5,6}$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(1, 7, 2, 6, 3)_4, (3, 8, 4, 9, 1)_4, (6, 5, 7, 4, 10)_4, (11, 2, 10, 3, 7)_4, (2, 9, 5, 8, 1)_4, (1, 10, 5, 11, 4)_4\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (8, 7)(11, 10)$ .

[ $K_{5,5,5}$ ] The graph  $K_{5,5,5}$  can be regarded as a union of 3 copies of  $K_{5,5}$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_4}(K_{5,5,5}) \supseteq 3 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,5}) \supseteq 3 \cdot \{0, 5\} \supseteq \{0, 15\}. \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.17**  $0, 7 \in I_{T_4}(K_{10} \setminus K_5)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a  $T_4$ -design of  $K_{10} \setminus K_5$ , where  $\mathcal{B} = \{(6, 2, 9, 3, 10)_4, (10, 8, 3, 7, 4)_4, (10, 1, 8, 2, 7)_4, (10, 4, 9, 5, 8)_4, (7, 5, 6, 1, 9)_4, (10, 9, 7, 6, 8)_4, (4, 6, 9, 8, 7)_4\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B} \cap \pi_0 \mathcal{B}| = 0$ , where  $\pi_0 = (10, 9)$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 2.18**  $I_{T_4}(10) = J_{T_4}(10)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_4$ -design of  $K_{10}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(4, 6, 9, 5, 10)_4, (6, 8, 2, 7, 10)_4, (7, 9, 3, 8, 10)_4, (8, 1, 4, 9, 10)_4\} \cup \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_5\}$ ,  $b_1 = (1, 3, 6, 2, 10)_4$ ,  $b_2 = (2, 4, 7, 3, 10)_4$ ,  $b_3 = (3, 5, 8, 4, 10)_4$ ,  $b_4 = (5, 7, 1, 6, 10)_4$  and  $b_5 = (9, 2, 5, 1, 10)_4$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , where  $\pi_0 = (10, 9)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (8, 9, 7)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (9, 7)$  and  $\pi_3 = (9, 8)$ . Now,  $\mathcal{B}_2$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_5\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(3, 6, 2, 1, 9)_4, (5, 1, 10, 2, 9)_4\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_3$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_4, b_5\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(2, 9, 1, 6, 10)_4, (1, 7, 5, 2, 10)_4, (3, 6, 5, 1, 10)_4\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_4(\mathcal{B}_5)$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_2(\mathcal{B}_3)$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_2, b_3\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(7, 3, 10, 4, 2)_4, (5, 8, 4, 3, 2)_4\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_i| = 9 - i$  for  $i = 2, 3, 4, 5$ . From those results, we have  $I_{T_4}(10) = J_{T_4}(10)$ .  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 2.19**  $I_{T_4}(11) = J_{T_4}(11)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{B}_1$  be a  $T_4$ -design of  $K_{11}$ , where  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{(8, 10, 2, 9, 3)_4, (9, 11, 3, 10, 4)_4, (10, 1, 4, 11, 5)_4\} \cup \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_8\}$ ,  $b_1 = (1, 3, 6, 2, 7)_4$ ,  $b_2 = (2, 4, 7, 3,$

$8)_4$ ,  $b_3 = (3, 5, 8, 4, 9)_4$ ,  $b_4 = (4, 6, 9, 5, 10)_4$ ,  $b_5 = (5, 7, 10, 6, 11)_4$ ,  $b_6 = (6, 8, 11, 7, 1)_4$ ,  $b_7 = (7, 9, 1, 8, 2)_4$  and  $b_8 = (11, 2, 5, 1, 6)_4$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \pi_i \mathcal{B}_1| = i$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ , where  $\pi_0 = (8, 7)(11, 10)$ ,  $\pi_1 = (9, 8)(11, 10)$ ,  $\pi_2 = (10, 11, 9)$ ,  $\pi_3 = (11, 8)$  and  $\pi_4 = (11, 10)$ . Now,  $\mathcal{B}_2$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_5\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(3, 1, 2, 6, 11)_4, (10, 6, 5, 7, 2)_4\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_3$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_1$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_1, b_6, b_8\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(1, 3, 6, 2, 11)_4, (1, 5, 2, 7, 11)_4, (1, 11, 8, 6, 7)_4\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_4$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_2$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_2, b_6\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(4, 2, 3, 7, 1)_4, (11, 7, 6, 8, 3)_4\}$ ;  $\mathcal{B}_5(\mathcal{B}_6)$  comes from  $\mathcal{B}_3(\mathcal{B}_4)$  by removing the blocks  $\{b_3, b_7\}$  and replacing them with  $\{(5, 3, 4, 8, 2)_4, (1, 8, 7, 9, 4)_4\}$ . Then  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_i| = 11 - i$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, 6$ . From those results, we have  $I_{T_4}(11) = J_{T_4}(11)$ . ■

**Lemma 2.20**  $0, 19 \in I_{T_4}(K_{15} \setminus K_5)$  and  $0, 21 \in I_{T_4}(K_{16} \setminus K_6)$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{15} \setminus K_5$  can be regarded as a union of 2 copies of  $K_{5,5}$  and a copy of  $K_{10}$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_4}(K_{15} \setminus K_5) \supseteq 2 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,5}) + I_{T_4}(K_{10}) \supseteq 2 \cdot \{0, 5\} + \{0, 9\} \supseteq \{0, 19\}.$$

The graph  $K_{16} \setminus K_6$  can be regarded as a union of 2 copies of  $K_{5,6}$  and a copy of  $K_{10}$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_4}(K_{16} \setminus K_6) \supseteq 2 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,6}) + I_{T_4}(K_{10}) \supseteq 2 \cdot \{0, 6\} + \{0, 9\} \supseteq \{0, 21\}. \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.21**  $I_{T_4}(15) = J_{T_4}(15)$  and  $I_{T_4}(16) = J_{T_4}(16)$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{15}$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of  $K_{10} \setminus K_5$ , a copy of  $K_{5,5}$  and a copy of  $K_{10}$ . Therefore, we have  $I_{T_4}(K_{15}) \supseteq I_{T_4}(K_{5,5}) + I_{T_4}(K_{10} \setminus K_5) + I_{T_4}(K_{10}) \supseteq \{0, 5\} + \{0, 7\} + J_{T_4}(K_{10}) = J_{T_4}(K_{15})$ .

The graph  $K_{16}$  can be regarded as a union of a copy of  $K_{10} \setminus K_5$ , a copy of  $K_{5,6}$  and a copy of  $K_{11}$ . Therefore, we have  $I_{T_4}(K_{16}) \supseteq I_{T_4}(K_{5,6}) + I_{T_4}(K_{10} \setminus K_5) + I_{T_4}(K_{11}) \supseteq \{0, 6\} + \{0, 7\} + J_{T_4}(K_{11}) = J_{T_4}(K_{16})$ . ■

**Lemma 2.22**  $I_{T_4}(20) = J_{T_4}(20)$  and  $I_{T_4}(21) = J_{T_4}(21)$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{20}$  can be regarded as a union of 4 copies of  $K_{5,5}$  and 2 copies of  $K_{10}$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_4}(K_{20}) \supseteq 4 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,5}) + 2 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{10}) \supseteq 4 \cdot \{0, 5\} + 2 \cdot J_{T_4}(K_{10}) = J_{T_4}(K_{20}).$$

The graph  $K_{21}$  can be regarded as a union of 4 copies of  $K_{5,5}$  and 2 copies of  $K_{11}$ . Therefore, we have

$$I_{T_4}(K_{21}) \supseteq 4 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,5}) + 2 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{11}) \supseteq 4 \cdot \{0, 5\} + 2 \cdot J_{T_4}(K_{11}) = J_{T_4}(K_{21}). \blacksquare$$

**Lemma 2.23**  $I_{T_4}(25) = J_{T_4}(25)$  and  $I_{T_4}(26) = J_{T_4}(26)$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $K_{25}$  can be regarded as a union of 6 copies of  $K_{5,5}$ , a copy of  $K_{10}$  and a copy of  $K_{15}$ . Therefore, we have  $I_{T_4}(K_{25}) \supseteq 6 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,5}) + I_{T_4}(K_{10}) + I_{T_4}(K_{15}) \supseteq 6 \cdot \{0, 5\} + J_{T_4}(K_{10}) + J_{T_4}(K_{15}) = J_{T_4}(K_{25})$ .

The graph  $K_{26}$  can be regarded as a union of 4 copies of  $K_{5,5}$ , 2 copies of  $K_{5,6}$ , a copy of  $K_{10}$  and a copy of  $K_{16}$ . Therefore, we have  $I_{T_4}(K_{26}) \supseteq 4 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,5}) + 2 \cdot I_{T_4}(K_{5,6}) + I_{T_4}(K_{10}) + I_{T_4}(K_{16}) \supseteq 4 \cdot \{0, 5\} + 2 \cdot \{0, 6\} + J_{T_4}(K_{10}) + J_{T_4}(K_{16}) = J_{T_4}(K_{26})$ . ■

### 3 Main Results

For proving the Main Theorem, the Wilson's Fundamental Construction of GDDs is an extremely useful tool.

Let  $K$  be a set of positive integers. A group divisible design (GDD),  $K$ -GDD, is a triple  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  such that the following properties are satisfied: (1)  $\mathcal{G}$  is a partition of a finite set  $X$  into subsets (called *groups*); (2)  $\mathcal{B}$  is a set of subset of  $X$  (called *blocks*), each of cardinality from  $K$ , such that every 2-subset of  $X$  is either contained in exactly one block or in exactly one group, but not in both. If  $\mathcal{G}$  contains  $u_i$  groups of size  $g_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , then we call  $g_1^{u_1} g_2^{u_2} \dots g_r^{u_r}$  the group type of the GDD. If  $K = \{k\}$ , we write  $\{k\}$ -GDD as  $k$ -GDD.

Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_m\}$  be a partition of a finite set  $X$  into subsets (called *holes*), where  $|H_i| = n_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Let  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m}$  be the complete multipartite graph on  $X$  with the  $i$ -th part on  $H_i$ , and let  $G$  be a graph. A  $G$ -GDD is a triple  $(X, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B})$  such that  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $G$ -design of  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m}$ . The hole type of the  $G$ -GDD is  $\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m\}$ . We also use an exponential notation  $g_1^{u_1} g_2^{u_2} \dots g_r^{u_r}$  to describe hole type if there are  $u_i$  occurrences of  $g_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , in the hole type. We say a  $T_i$ -GDD if  $G$  is a  $T_i$  graph.

The following construction is a variation of Wilson's Fundamental Construction [13].

**Construction 3.1** (*Wilson's Fundamental Construction*). Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $K$ -GDD, and let  $\omega : X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^+$  be a weight function. Suppose that for each block  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  there is a  $G$ -GDD of type  $\{\omega(x) : x \in B\}$ . Then there exists a  $G$ -GDD of type  $\{\sum_{x \in G} \omega(x) : G \in \mathcal{G}\}$ .

**Theorem 3.2** For  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $I_{T_i}(n) = J_{T_i}(n)$ , where  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16 \pmod{30}$ .

**Proof:** The cases when  $n = 5, 6, 10, 11, 15$  and  $16$  follow from the small cases in Section 2. Assume that  $n \geq 30$ . Let  $n = 10u + a$  with  $u \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $u \geq 3$  and  $a \in \{0, 1, 5, 6\}$ . Start from a 3-GDD of type  $2^u$  from Lemma 1.1. Give each point of the GDD weight 5. By Lemma 2.3 and 2.16, there is a pair of  $T_i$ -GDDs of type  $5^3$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in \{0, 15\} \subset I_{T_i}(K_{5,5,5})$ . Then, apply Construction 3.1 to obtain a pair of  $T_i$ -GDDs of type  $10^u$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^x \alpha$  common blocks, where  $x = 2u(u-1)/3$  is the number of blocks of the 3-GDD of type  $2^u$ .

By Lemmas 2.7, 2.9-2.13, 2.18-2.20, we take a pair of  $T_i$ -designs of  $K_{10+a}$  with  $\beta$  common blocks,  $\beta \in J_{T_i}(K_{10+a})$ , and  $u-1$  pairs of  $T_i$ -designs of  $K_{10+a} \setminus K_a$  with  $\gamma$  common blocks,  $\gamma \in \{0, 9+2a\} \subset I_{T_i}(K_{10+a} \setminus K_a)$ . There are a pair of  $T_i$ -designs of order  $10u+a$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^x \alpha + \beta + \sum_{i=1}^{u-1} \gamma$  common blocks. Thus,  $I_{T_i}(n) \supseteq x \cdot I_{T_i}(K_{5,5,5}) + (u-1) \cdot I_{T_i}(K_{10+a} \setminus K_a) + I_{T_i}(10+a) \supseteq x \cdot \{0, 15\} + (u-1) \cdot \{0, 9+2a\} + J_{T_i}(K_{10+a}) = J_{T_i}(n)$ . This completes the proof. ■

**Theorem 3.3** For  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ,  $I_{T_i}(n) = J_{T_i}(n)$ , where  $n \equiv 20, 21, 25, 26 \pmod{30}$ .

**Proof:** The cases when  $n = 20, 21, 25$  and  $26$  follow from the small cases in Section 2. Assume that  $n \geq 50$ . Let  $n = 10u + a$  with  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $u \geq 5$  and  $a \in \{0, 1, 5, 6\}$ . Start from a 3-GDD of type  $2^{u-2}4$  from Lemma 1.1. Give each point of the GDD weight 5. By Lemma 2.3 and 2.16, there is a pair of  $T_i$ -GDDs of type  $5^3$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in \{0, 15\} \subset I_{T_i}(K_{5,5,5})$ . Then, apply Construction 3.1 to obtain a pair of  $T_i$ -GDDs of type  $10^{u-2}20$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^x \alpha$  common blocks, where  $x = 2(u+1)(u-2)/3$  is the number of blocks of the 3-GDD of type  $2^{u-2}4$ .

By Lemmas 2.7, 2.9, 2.10, 2.12, 2.14, 2.15, 2.18-2.20, 2.22, 2.23, we take a pair of  $T_i$ -designs of  $K_{20+a}$  with  $\beta$  common blocks,  $\beta \in J_{T_i}(20+a)$ , and  $u-2$  pairs of  $T_i$ -designs of  $K_{10+a} \setminus K_a$  with  $\gamma$  common blocks,  $\gamma \in \{0, 9+2a\} \subset I_{T_i}(K_{10+a} \setminus K_a)$ . There are a pair of  $T_i$ -designs of order  $10u+a$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^x \alpha + \beta + \sum_{i=1}^{u-2} \gamma$  common blocks. Thus,  $I_{T_i}(n) \supseteq x \cdot I_{T_i}(K_{5,5,5}) + (u-2) \cdot I_{T_i}(K_{10+a} \setminus K_a) + I_{T_i}(20+a) \supseteq x \cdot \{0, 15\} + (u-2) \cdot \{0, 9+2a\} + J_{T_i}(20+a) = J_{T_i}(n)$ . This completes the proof. ■

Combining the Theorems 3.2 and 3.3, the Main Theorem can be obtained as follows.

**Main Theorem**  $I_{T_i}(n) = J_{T_i}(n)$  for  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{5}$  and  $n \geq 10$ ;  $I_{T_i}(n) = J_{T_i}(n)$  for  $(i, n) = (1, 5), (1, 6), (2, 6), (3, 6)$ .

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