

# EXISTENCE OF INCOMPLETE GROUP DIVISIBLE DESIGNS

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**Abstract.** Incomplete group divisible designs (IGDDs) are the group divisible designs (GDDs) missing disjoint sub-GDDs, which need not exist. We denote by  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$  the design  $GDD[k, 1, v; uv]$  missing a sub-GDD  $[k, 1, n; un]$ . In this paper we give the necessary condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$  and prove that the necessary condition is also sufficient for  $k = 3$ .

## 1. Introduction.

We suppose that the readers are familiar with the concept of pairwise balanced design (PBD), group divisible design (GDD), mutually orthogonal Latin squares, etc. (see [4], [12]). Here is the definition of IGDD missing one sub-GDD, adapted from [9].

**Definition 1.1:** Suppose  $X$  is a finite set,  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_k\}$  is a partition of  $X$ , and  $\mathcal{A}$  is a set of some subsets of  $X$ . Suppose also that  $Y \subseteq X$ , and  $H_i = G_i \cap Y$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, \dots, H_k\}$ . Then we say that we have an incomplete GDD  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A})$ , briefly IGDD, missing a sub-GDD  $(Y, \mathcal{H}, -)$ , provided that no block  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  can contain two members of a group  $G_i$ , or two members of  $Y$ , and that every pair  $\{x, y\}$  of elements with  $\{x, y\} \not\subseteq Y$  and  $\{x, y\} \not\subseteq G_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , is contained in a unique block.

Note that the "missing" sub-GDD needs not exist.

The singular indirect product construction plays an important role in various combinatorial design problems such as mutually orthogonal Latin squares, block designs, etc., and IGDD is instrumental in this construction.

The existence of  $IGDD_u^4(v, n)$  is the same as the existence of  $IA(v, n)$ . Started from J. D. Horton [6] much work on this problem has been done by W. D. Wallis, K. Heinrich, L. Zhu ([5], [10], [13], [14]) and others. This problem is finally solved in [5]. In [9], D. R. Stinson has given a very general construction for GDDs using IGDDs. On the other hand, H. Hanani [4] and A. E. Brouwer, A. Schrijver, H. Hanani [3] have discussed the existence of GDDs for  $k = 3$  and 4. From all of these the natural and direct generalization is the existence problem of IGDDs.

By using recursive constructions of Wilson type, the direct construction of Bose's mixed differences, and other special constructions, we shall prove in this paper that the necessary condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$  is also sufficient.

Now we give necessary condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$  and  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$ .

In Definition 1.1, suppose  $x \in X - Y$  and  $y \in Y$ . Denote by  $r_x, r_y$  the numbers of blocks containing  $x, y$ , respectively. Denote by  $b$  the number of blocks of an  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$ . Let  $r_{x,k-1}$  be the number of blocks each containing  $x$  and one element in  $Y$ . Let  $r_{x,k}$  be the number of blocks each containing  $x$  and no element in  $Y$ . Then

$$\begin{cases} r_x = v(u-1)/(k-1) \\ r_y = (v-n)(u-1)/(k-1) \\ b = u(u-1)(v^2 - u^2)/k(k-1) \\ r_{x,k-1} = (u-1)n \\ r_x = r_{x,k-1} + r_{x,k} \end{cases}$$

Since  $r_{x,k} \geq 0$ , we have  $v \geq (k-1)n$ . Since  $r_x, r_y$  and  $b$  are all integers, we then have

**Theorem 1.2.** *The necessary condition for the existence of an  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$  is*

$$\begin{cases} v \geq (k-1)n \\ v(u-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{k-1} \\ (v-n)(u-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{k-1} \\ u(u-1)(v^2 - n^2) \equiv 0 \pmod{k(k-1)} \end{cases}$$

**Corollary 1.3.** *The necessary condition for the existence of an  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$  is  $v \geq 2n$ , and*

- (i)  $u \equiv 0, 4 \pmod{6}$  and  $v, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , or
- (ii)  $u \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{6}$  and  $v, n$  are any positive integers, or
- (iii)  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$  and  $\begin{cases} v \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$ , or  $\begin{cases} v \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6} \\ n \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6} \end{cases}$ , or
- (iv)  $u \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  and  $\begin{cases} v \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$ , or  $\begin{cases} v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$ .

## 2. Constructions.

First we describe some recursive constructions. Let  $Z_n$  denote the set of integers  $0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , which forms a ring of integers modulo  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose there exists a  $GDD[\{u_1, \dots, u_s\}, 1, m; mu]$  and an  $IGDD_h^k(v, n)$  for every  $h = u_i, 1 \leq i \leq s$ . Then there exists an  $IGDD_u^k(mv, mn)$ .*

**Proof:** Suppose the  $GDD[\{u_1, \dots, u_s\}, 1, m; mu]$  is defined on  $Z_m \times Z_u$  with groups  $Z_m \times \{j\}, j = 0, 1, \dots, u-1$ . For each block  $B$ , where  $|B| = u_i, 1 \leq i \leq s$ , construct an  $IGDD_{u_i}^k(v, n)$  on  $B \times Z_v$ . Then, all the blocks of these  $IGDDs$  form the block set of the required  $IGDD_u^k(mv, mn)$  based on the set

$Z_m \times Z_u \times Z_v$ . If each input IGDD has its missing sub-GDD based on  $B \times Z_n$ , then the resulting IGDD has its missing sub-GDD based on  $Z_m \times Z_u \times Z_n$ . ■

Since a  $(u, \{u_1, \dots, u_s\}, 1)$ -PBD can be regarded as a GDD with all groups of size one, we then have from Theorem 2.1 the following.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Suppose there exists a  $(u, \{u_1, \dots, u_s\}, 1)$ -PBD and an  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$  for every  $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq s$ . Then there exists an  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** *Suppose there exists a  $TD(u+1, q)$ . Suppose also there exist some non-negative integers  $t_i, 1 \leq i \leq q$ , such that for a given positive integer  $m$  and any  $1 \leq i \leq q$ , an  $IGDD_u^k(m+t_i, t_i)$  exists. Then there exists an  $IGDD_u^k(mq+r, r)$ , where  $r = t_1 + \dots + t_q$ .*

Proof: Suppose  $(Y, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $TD(u+1, q)$ , where  $u$  is a positive integer,  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_u, H_{u+1}\}$ ,  $H_{u+1} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q\}$ . We define  $u$  weight functions  $W_i: Y \rightarrow Z^+ \cup \{0\}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq u$ , such that

$$W_i(x) = \begin{cases} m & \text{if } x \in H_i, \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in H_j, j \leq u \text{ and } j \neq i, \\ t_j & \text{if } x = x_j \in H_{u+1}. \end{cases}$$

Then, (1) for each block  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ , there exists an  $IGDD_u^k(m+t_j, t_j)$ , where  $t_j = W_i(x_j)$ ,  $x_j \in B \cap H_{u+1}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq u$ ; (2) for each group  $H_i, 1 \leq i \leq u$ , there exists a trivial GDD with group size vector  $(0, \dots, 0, \frac{m}{i}, 0, \dots, 0)$  and empty block set. From the general construction for GDDs in Stinson [9], we obtain an IGDD with one missing sub-GDD, which has the group size vector  $(r, r, \dots, r)$ . The IGDD has the group size vector  $(mq+r, mq+r, \dots, mq+r)$  and is the required  $IGDD_u^k(mq+r, r)$ . ■

The following lemma is obvious and we shall use it quite often without mentioning.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Suppose there exist an  $IGDD_u^k(v, v_1)$  and an  $IGDD_u^k(v_1, n)$ . Then there exists an  $IGDD_u^k(v, n)$ .*

Next, we give some further recursive constructions.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Suppose there exists a  $GDD[k, 1, m; mt]$ . If there exist an  $IGDD_u^k(m+n, n)$  and an  $RTD(k, u)$ , then there exist an  $IGDD_u^k(tm+n, m+n)$  and an  $IGDD_u^k(tm+n, n)$ .*

Proof: Suppose the GDD is based on  $Z_m \times Z_t$ . Give each element weight  $u$  and use  $RTD(k, u)$  as input designs, we obtain a  $GDD[k, 1, mu; mtu]$ . Since the  $TD(k, u)$  is resolvable, for any block  $B$  of the initial GDD the input design contains blocks  $B \times \{i\}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq u-1$ . We break the groups of size  $mu$  by constructing  $IGDD_u^k(m+n, n)$  on each group such that for group  $Z_m \times \{j\} \times Z_u$

the IGDD has groups  $Z_m \times \{j\} \times \{i\} \cup \{\infty_i^1, \dots, \infty_i^n\}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, u-1$ . In the resulting design we delete, for each  $i \in Z_u$ , all the blocks in the set  $Z_m \times Z_t \times \{i\}$  and obtain the required  $IGDD_u^k(tm + n, n)$ . For some  $j$  if we further delete all the blocks in the set  $Z_m \times \{j\} \times Z_n$ , we obtain an  $IGDD_u^k(tm + n, m + n)$ . ■

**Theorem 2.6.** *Suppose there exists a GDD[3, 1, m; mt]. If there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(m+n, n)$ , then there exist an  $IGDD_5^3(tm+n, m+n)$  and an  $IGDD_5^3(tm+n, n)$ .*

**Proof:** It is obvious that an  $RTD(3, 5)$  exists. Then apply Theorem 2.5. ■

**Corollary 2.7.** *If an  $IGDD_5^3(m+n, n)$  exists, then an  $IGDD_5^3(3m+n, m+n)$  and an  $IGDD_5^3(3m+n, n)$  exist.*

**Proof:** The existence of a GDD[3, 1, m; 3m] is obvious, then apply Theorem 2.6. ■

The following is a generalization of Theorem 2.5.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Suppose there exists an  $IGDD_u^k(m+r, r)$ . If there exist an  $IGDD_u^k(m+r+h, r+h)$  and an  $RTD(k, u)$ , then there exists an  $IGDD_u^k(tm+tr+h, tr+h)$ .*

**Proof:** Suppose the IGDD is based on  $Z_{m+r} \times Z_t$ . Give each element weight  $u$  and use  $RTD(k, u)$  as input designs like we did in Theorem 2.5, we obtain an IGDD. Break its groups with  $IGDD_u^k(m+r+h, r+h)$ , based on  $(Z_{m+r} \times \{j\} \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^h\}) \times Z_u$ , and delete all the blocks in each set  $Z_{m+r} \times Z_t \times \{j\}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq u-1$ , we obtain the required  $IGDD_u^k(tm+tr+h, tr+h)$ , based on  $(Z_{m+r} \times Z_t \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^h\}) \times Z_u$ . ■

**Theorem 2.9.** *For any positive integer  $m$ , if there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(m+1+n, 1+n)$ , then there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(3m+3+n, 3+n)$ .*

**Proof:** Apply Theorem 2.7 with  $t = 3$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $u = 5$ ,  $r = 1$  and  $h = n$ . Since  $N(m+1) \geq 1$ , an  $IGDD_5^3(m+1, 1)$  exists. An  $RTD(3, 5)$  is obvious and the conclusion then follows. ■

**Theorem 2.10.** *If there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$ , then an  $IGDD_5^3(vm, nm)$  exists for any positive integer  $m$ .*

**Proof:** Give each point of the  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$  weight  $m$ . Since a GDD[3, 1, m; 3m] exists, we obtain the required IGDD. ■

Finally, we use Bose's mixed difference method to give some direct construction for  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$ , which will be used in Section 5 and Section 6.

Suppose  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A})$  is an IGDD missing sub-GDD  $(Y, \mathcal{H}, -)$  with  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, \dots, G_5\}$ ,  $G_i = (Z_{v-n} \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^n\}) \times \{i\}$ , where  $v - 2n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $\mathcal{H} = \{H_1, \dots, H_5\}$ ,  $H_i = \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^n\} \times \{i\}$ . For brevity we simply write

$(x)_i$ ; or  $x_i$  for  $\{x\} \times \{i\}$  and  $\infty_i^j$  for  $\{\infty^j\} \times \{i\}$ . Consider initial blocks defined on  $(Z_{v-n} \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^n\}) \times Z_5$  by filling the gaps in the following patterns:

$$\frac{v-2n}{3} \begin{cases} \{( )_0, ( )_1, ( )_3\} \\ \{( )_0, ( )_1, ( )_3\} \\ \vdots \\ \{( )_0, ( )_1, ( )_3\} \end{cases} \quad (I); \quad \frac{v-2n}{3} \begin{cases} \{( )_0, ( )_1, ( )_4\} \\ \{( )_0, ( )_1, ( )_4\} \\ \vdots \\ \{( )_0, ( )_1, ( )_4\} \end{cases} \quad (II);$$

$$2n \begin{cases} \{\infty_0^1, ( )_1, ( )_4\} \\ \{\infty_0^1, ( )_2, ( )_3\} \\ \vdots \\ \{\infty_0^n, ( )_1, ( )_4\} \\ \{\infty_0^n, ( )_2, ( )_3\} \end{cases} \quad (III).$$

We develop these initial blocks modulo  $v - n$  for the elements and modulo 5 for the indices. Then we only need to verify the  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences and  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences. Once part (I) and part (II) are constructed properly, that is, they produce different  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences and different  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences, part (III) can be constructed freely. For example, if  $d$  does not appear as a  $(4, 1)$ -mixed difference from part (I) and part (II), we can take some block  $\{\infty_0^j, (0)_1, (d)_4\}$  in part (III) in order that  $d$  does appear as a  $(4, 1)$ -mixed difference from this block. In this way we can obtain an  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$  iff the  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences from part (I) and part (II) are all different and so do  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences.

### 3. Preliminaries.

In order to prove the main necessary and sufficient condition in Section 7 we give some preliminary results here, which will be used in the subsequent sections.

By A. E. Brouwer [2], T. Beth, D. Jungnickel and H. Lenz [1], R. Roth and M. Peters [7], we have

**Lemma 3.1.** *Denote  $B = \{10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 42\}$ ,  $C = \{20, 28, 44, 52\}$ , and  $A = \{n \mid n \text{ is an integer } \geq 5\} - \{6\} - B - C$ . If  $q \in A$ , then there exists a  $TD(6, q)$ . If  $q \in B$ , then there exists a  $TD(6, \frac{1}{2}q)$ . If  $q \in C$ , then there exists a  $TD(6, \frac{1}{4}q)$ .*

**Lemma 3.2.** *There exists an  $IGDD_5^3(3k, 0)$  for any positive integer  $k$ .*

**Proof:** This  $IGDD$  is equivalent to a  $GDD[3, 1, 3k; 15k]$  and the latter exists from Theorem 6.2 of H. Hanani [4]. ■

The following theorem is essentially Theorem 2.2 in Chapter 6 of [8].

**Theorem 3.3.** *The necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  is  $v \geq 2n$ .*

In the remaining part of this section we shall show the existence of  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  for some special parameters  $v$  and  $n$ . In the following lemma we list the initial blocks for an  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  based on the set  $X = (Z_{v-n} \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^n\}) \times Z_5$ , where the element is briefly written as  $x_i$  or  $\infty_i^j$ . By  $(\text{mod } v - n, \text{mod } 5)$  we mean that the initial blocks are developed mod  $v - n$  for the elements and mod 5 for the indices. By  $(\text{---}, \text{mod } 5)$  we mean that development is done only to indices. The notation  $(\text{mod } v - n, \text{---})$  has the similar meaning. In each case the groups  $G_i$  are  $(Z_{v-n} \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^n\}) \times \{i\}$  and the missing sub-GDD has groups  $H_i = \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^n\} \times \{i\}$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** *There exists an  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$ , where  $(v, n) \in \{(5, 1), (5, 2), (7, 2), (9, 3), (21, 9), (11, 4), (16, 7), (17, 8)\}$ .*

Proof: For each case the initial blocks are listed in Appendix. ■

If  $k \notin K$ , we denote by  $(v, K \cup \{k^*\}, 1)$ -PBD the PBD containing a unique block of size  $k$ . Let  $B(K \cup \{k^*\})$  denote the set  $\{v \mid \exists (v, K \cup \{k^*\}, 1)\text{-PBD}\}$ . By R. M. Wilson [11] we have

**Lemma 3.5.** *If  $u \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , then  $u \in B(5^*, 3)$ .*

**Corollary 3.6.** *There exists an  $IGDD_3^3(2, 1)$ .*

Proof: Since  $11 \in B(5^*, 3)$ , there exists a  $(11, \{5^*, 3\}, 1)$ -PBD. Delete one point not belonging to the block of size 5, and delete also that block. This gives an  $IGDD_3^3(2, 1)$ . ■

**Lemma 3.7.** *There exists an  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) = (13, 4), (14, 5)$ .*

Proof: Apply Theorem 2.10 with the  $IGDD_3^3(2, 1)$  in Corollary 3.6, we obtain an  $IGDD_3^3(6, 3)$ . Apply Theorem 2.9 with this IGDD and the  $IGDD_3^3(5, 2)$  in Lemma 3.4, we get the required IGDDs. ■

**Lemma 3.8.** *There exists an  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) \in \{(31, 13), (13, 1), (13, 5), (11, 5), (7, 1), (19, 7), (17, 5), (25, 7), (23, 11)\}$ .*

Proof: Apply Corollary 2.7 with  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) = (13, 4), (5, 1)$  and  $(5, 2)$ , we obtain the first four IGDDs. Since  $IGDD_3^3(7, 2)$  and  $IGDD_3^3(2, 1)$  exist, we have from Lemma 2.4 and  $IGDD_3^3(7, 1)$ . Then apply Corollary 2.7, we get the sixth IGDD. Give respectively weight 2 and 3 to each point of a  $GDD[3, 1, 2; 8]$ , we have a  $GDD[3, 1, 4; 16]$  and a  $GDD[3, 1, 6; 24]$ . Applying Theorem 2.6 with  $IGDD_3^3(5, 1)$  and  $IGDD_3^3(7, 1)$  gives the next two IGDDs. Apply Corollary 2.7 with  $IGDD_3^3(11, 5)$ , we obtain the last IGDD. ■

**Lemma 3.9.** *There exists an  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) \in \{(4, 2), (6, 3), (8, 4), (12, 6), (16, 8), (24, 12), (10, 5), (10, 4), (20, 8), (18, 6), (14, 2), (22, 10), (15, 3), (28, 10), (34, 16)\}$ .*

**Proof:** Apply Theorem 2.10 with the known IGDDs shown above. ■

**Lemma 3.10.** *There exists an  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) \in \{(4, 1), (8, 2), (16, 4), (10, 1)\}$ .*

**Proof:** Apply Lemma 2.4 with  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$ , where  $(v, n) = (4, 2), (2, 1), (8, 4), (16, 8), (10, 5)$  and  $(5, 1)$ . ■

#### 4. Existence of $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$ for $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

We are now in a position to prove the existence of  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$ . In this section we deal with the case  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . By Corollary 1.3, we must now have  $v \geq 2n$  and  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $n = 3k, v - n = 3q$ . Obviously, we have  $q \geq k$ . Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be the sets in Lemma 3.1.

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $q \in A$ , then there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$ , where  $v \equiv n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $q \in A$ , we have from Lemma 3.1 a  $TD(6, q)$ . Let  $t_1 = t_2 = \dots = t_k = 3, t_{k+1} = \dots = t_q = 0$  in Theorem 2.3. By Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 3.9 there exist  $IGDD_5^3(3, 0)$  and  $IGDD_5^3(6, 3)$ , then we have from Theorem 2.3 an  $IGDD_5^3(3q + 3k, 3k)$ , that is, an  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$ , where  $v \equiv n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ . ■

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $q \in B \cup C$ , then there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(3q + 3k, 3k)$ .*

**Proof:** For  $q \in B$ , we have a  $TD(6, \frac{1}{2}q)$ . If  $k$  is even, let  $t_1 = \dots = t_{\frac{1}{2}k} = 6, t_{\frac{1}{2}k+1} = \dots = t_{\frac{1}{2}q} = 0$  in Theorem 2.3. By the existence of  $IGDD_5^3(12, 6)$  and  $IGDD_5^3(6, 0)$ , we have an  $IGDD_5^3(3q + 3k, 3k)$ . If  $k$  is odd, since  $\frac{1}{2}q \geq \frac{1}{2}(k-1) + 1$ , we can take  $t_1 = \dots = t_{\frac{1}{2}(k-1)} = 6, t_{\frac{1}{2}(k+1)} = 3, t_{\frac{1}{2}(k-1)+2} = \dots = t_{\frac{1}{2}q} = 0$  in Theorem 2.3. By the existence of an  $IGDD_5^3(9, 3)$ , there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(3q + 3k, 3k)$ .

For  $q \in C$ , we have a  $TD(6, \frac{1}{4}q)$ . Let  $t_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 12\}$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq q$ . By the lemmas in Section 3 we have an  $IGDD_5^3(12 + t_i, t_i)$  for any  $t_i$ . As  $\frac{1}{4}q \geq 3k/12$ , we could choose suitable  $t_i$  such that  $t_1 + \dots + t_{\frac{1}{4}q} = 3k$ . Then we have an  $IGDD_5^3(3q + 3k, 3k)$ . ■

**Theorem 4.3.** *When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $IGDD_5^3(v, n)$  is  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ .*

**Proof:** By Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2 we need only check the cases when  $q \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$  and  $q \geq k$ . We list these parameters  $(v, n) = (3q + 3k, 3k)$  as

follows.

$q = 1, (3, 0)$	$q = 4, (12, 0)$	$q = 6, (18, 0)$
$(6, 3)$	$(15, 3)$	$(21, 3)$
$q = 2, (6, 0)$	$(18, 6)$	$(24, 6)$
$(9, 3)$	$(21, 9)$	$(27, 9)$
$(12, 6)$	$(24, 12)$	$(30, 12)$
$q = 3, (9, 0)$		$(33, 15)$
$(12, 3)$		$(36, 18)$
$(15, 6)$		
$(18, 9)$		

The existence of  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$  for these  $v$  and  $n$  can be obtained directly from the results in Section 3 or by applying Theorem 2.10 with those known results.

### 5. Existence of $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$ for $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

According to Corollary 1.3, we have  $v \geq 2n$  and  $v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ . First, we consider the case when  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , that is,  $v - n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $n = 3k + 1$  and  $v - n = 3q$ . Since  $v \geq 2n$ , we have  $q \geq k + 1$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** *Suppose  $n \equiv v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ . Then there exists an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$ .*

*Proof:* Apply Theorem 2.3 with appropriate  $t_i$  and IGDDs. For  $q \in A$  and a  $\text{TD}(6, q)$ , take  $t_1 = \dots = t_k = 3, t_{k+1} = 1, t_{k+2} = \dots = t_q$ . Since there are  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) = (6, 3), (4, 1), (3, 0)$ , we obtain an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(3q + 3k + 1, 3k + 1)$ , that is,  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$ .

For  $q \in B$ , there exists a  $\text{TD}(6, \frac{1}{2}q)$ . Since  $\frac{1}{2}q \geq \frac{1}{2}(k + 1)$ , we have  $\frac{1}{2}q \geq k_1 + 1$  if  $k = 2k_1$  is even, and  $\frac{1}{2}q \geq k_2 + 1$  if  $k = 2k_2 + 1$  is odd. Write  $3k + 1 = k_1 \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 1$  or  $3k + 1 = k_2 \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 4$ . Then the conclusion follows from the existence of the input  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) = (12, 6), (7, 1), (6, 0), (10, 4)$ .

For  $q \in C$ , there exists a  $\text{TD}(6, \frac{1}{4}q)$ . Since  $12 \cdot \frac{1}{4}q > 3k + 1$  and  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(12 + t_i, t_i)$  exists for any  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 12\}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq \frac{1}{4}q$ , we could choose suitable  $t_i$  such that  $t_1 + \dots + t_{\frac{1}{4}q} = 3k + 1$  and get the required IGDD.

To complete the proof we need only check the cases when  $q \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$  and  $q \geq k + 1$ . This leaves the parameters  $(v, n) = (3q + 3k + 1, 3k + 1)$  as follows:

$q = 1, (4, 1)$	$q = 4, (13, 1)$	$q = 6, (19, 1)$
$q = 2, (7, 1)$	$(16, 4)$	$(22, 4)$
$(10, 4)$	$(19, 7)$	$(25, 7)$
$q = 3, (10, 1)$	$(22, 10)$	$(28, 10)$
$(13, 4)$		$(31, 13)$
$(16, 7)$		$(34, 16)$



The existence of those IGDDs can be obtained from the results in Section 3 and Lemma 2.4. ■

Next, we consider the case when  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , that is,  $v - n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $n = 3k + 1$  and  $v - n = 3q + 1$ . Since  $v \geq 2n$ , we have  $q \geq k$ .

**Lemma 5.2.** *Suppose  $k \leq q < \frac{1}{2}(5k + 1)$ . Then there exists an IGDD $^3_5(3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 1)$ .*

**Proof:** We use Bose's mixed difference method described in Section 2. We need only list the part (I) and part (II) and show that the  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences are different, and so do the  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences. Based on  $(Z_{3q+1} \cup \{\infty^i \mid 1 \leq i \leq 3k + 1\}) \times Z_5$ , the initial blocks for the first two parts are:

$$q-k \begin{cases} 0_0 (3q)_1 0_3 \\ 0_0 (3q-1)_1 1_3 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 (2q+k+1)_1 (q-k-1)_3 \end{cases} \quad (I); \quad q-k \begin{cases} (q+2k+1)_0 0_1 (q-k)_4 \\ (q+2k+3)_0 0_1 (q-k+1)_4 \\ \vdots \\ (3q-1)_0 0_1 (2q-2k-1)_4 \end{cases} \quad (II).$$

First, we consider the  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences. From the first two columns of part (I) we have differences  $2q + k + 1, 2q + k + 2, \dots, 3q$ . Part (II) yields differences  $2, 4, \dots, 2q - 2k$  and  $3k + 1, 3k + 2, \dots, q + 2k$ . Since  $k \leq q < \frac{1}{2}(5k + 1)$ , we have  $2q - 2k < 3k + 2$  and  $q + 2k < 2q + k + 1$ . This guarantees that all these differences are different.

Next, we consider the  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences. From part (I) we have  $0, 1, \dots, q - k - 1$  and  $q + 2k + 2, q + 2k + 4, \dots, 3q$ . Part (II) yields differences  $q - k, q - k + 1, \dots, 2q - 2k - 1$ . Since  $q < \frac{1}{2}(5k + 1)$ , we have  $2q - 2k - 1 < q + 2k + 2$ . Therefore, these differences are also different. This completes the proof. ■

**Lemma 5.3.** *Suppose  $\frac{1}{2}(5k + 1) < q \leq 4k$ . Then there exists an IGDD $^3_5(3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 1)$ .*

**Proof:** We construct on  $(Z_{3q+1} \cup \{\infty^i \mid 1 \leq i \leq 3k + 1\}) \times Z_5$  initial blocks similar to Lemma 5.2. The first two parts are:

$$q-k \begin{cases} 0_0 (2q-2k)_1 (3k+2)_3 \\ 0_0 (2q-2k+1)_1 (3k+4)_3 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 (3q-3k-1)_1 (2q+k)_3 \end{cases} \quad (I); \quad q-k \begin{cases} 0_0 0_1 (2q+k+1)_4 \\ 0_0 1_1 (2q+k)_4 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 (q-k-1)_1 (q+2k+2)_4 \end{cases} \quad (II).$$

For the  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences, we have from part (I) the differences  $2q - 2k, 2q - 2k + 1, \dots, 3q - 3k + 1$ , and from part (II) the differences  $0, 1, \dots, q - k - 1$  and  $q - k, q - k + 1, \dots, 2q - 2k - 1$ . These differences are obviously different.

For the  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences, we have from part (I) the differences  $3k + 2, 3k + 4, \dots, 2q + k$  and  $q - 4k - 1, q - 4k, \dots, 2q - 5k - 2$ . Part (II) yields the differences  $3k + 3, 3k + 5, \dots, 2q + k + 1$ . Here,  $q - 4k - 1 \equiv 4q - 4k \pmod{3q + 1}$ . In other words, we have differences  $3k + 2, 3k + 3, \dots, 2q + k + 1$  and  $4q - 4k, 4q - 4k + 1, \dots, 2q - 5k - 2$ . Since  $\frac{1}{2}(5k + 1) < q \leq 4k$ , we have  $2q + k + 1 < 4q - 4k$  and  $2q - 5k - 2 < 3k + 2$ . Therefore, these differences are different. And the proof is complete. ■

**Lemma 5.4.** *There exists an IGDD $_3^3(3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 1)$  for  $q = \frac{1}{2}(5k + 1)$ .*

**Proof:** The initial blocks are:

$$q-k \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0_0 \ 0_1 \ (5k + 2 - 2q)_3 \\ 0_0 \ 1_1 \ (5k + 4 - 2q)_3 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 \ (q - k - 1)_1 \ (3k)_3 \end{array} \right. \quad (I); \quad q-k \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0_0 \ (q - k)_1 \ (q + 2k + 1)_4 \\ 0_0 \ (q - k + 1)_1 \ (q + 2k)_4 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 \ (2q - 2k - 1)_1 \ (3k + 2)_4 \end{array} \right. \quad (II).$$

The  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences are:

$$\begin{aligned} &0, 1, \dots, q - k - 1; \\ &q - k, q - k + 1, \dots, 2q - 2k - 1; \\ &2q - 2k, 2q - 2k + 1, \dots, 3q - 3k - 1. \end{aligned}$$

They are obviously different. The  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences are:

$$\begin{aligned} &5k - 2q + 2, 5k - 2q + 4, \dots, 3k; \\ &q - 4k - 1, q - 4k, \dots, 2q - 5k - 2; \\ &5k - 2q + 3, 5k - 2q + 5, \dots, 3k + 1. \end{aligned}$$

The first and third lines can be combined as

$$5k - 2q + 2, 5k - 2q + 3, \dots, 3k + 1.$$

Since  $q = \frac{1}{2}(5k + 1)$  and  $q - 4k - 1 \equiv 4q - 4k \pmod{3q + 1}$ , we have  $3k + 1 < 4q - 4k$ . So, these differences are different and the proof is complete. ■

Combining Lemmas 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 gives the following.

**Lemma 5.5.** *Suppose  $k \leq q \leq 4k$ . Then there exists an IGDD $_3^3(3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 1)$ .*

**Lemma 5.6.** *If  $q \geq 4k + 1$ , then there exists an IGDD $_3^3(3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 1)$ .*

**Proof:** In the case when  $q - k \in A$ , there is a TD $(6, q - k)$ . Since  $q - k \geq 3k + 1$ , we can take  $t_1 = \dots = t_{3k+1} = 2$  and  $t_{3k+2} = \dots = t_{q-k} = 0$  in

**Theorem 2.3.** The input  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) = (3, 0), (5, 2)$  come from Section 3. Then an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(3q + 3k + 2, 6k + 2)$  exists. Applying Lemma 2.4 with  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(6k + 2, 3k + 1)$  produces the required IGDD.

For  $q - k \in B$ , there exists a  $\text{TD}(6, \frac{1}{2}(q - k))$ . Since  $q \geq 4k + 1$ , we have  $\frac{1}{2}(q - k) \geq k + 1$ . Taking  $t_1 = \dots = t_k = 6, t_{k+1} = 2, t_{k+2} = \dots = t_{q-k} = 0$ , we obtain an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(3q - 3k + 6k + 2, 6k + 2)$  and then the required  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 1)$ .

For  $q - k \in C$ , there exists a  $\text{TD}(6, \frac{1}{4}(q - k))$ . Since  $q \geq 4k + 1$ , we have  $\frac{1}{4}(q - k) \geq \frac{1}{2}(k - 1) + 1$  if  $k$  is odd and  $\frac{1}{4}(q - k) \geq \frac{1}{2}k + 1$  if  $k$  is even. Write  $6k + 2 = \frac{1}{2}(k - 1) \cdot 12 + 1 \cdot 8$  and take  $t_1 = \dots = t_{\frac{1}{2}(k-1)} = 12, t_{\frac{1}{2}(k+1)} = 8, t_{\frac{1}{2}(k-1)+2} = \dots = t_{\frac{1}{4}(q-k)} = 0$  for the former. Write  $6k + 2 = \frac{1}{2}k \cdot 12 + 2$  and take the corresponding  $t_i$  for the latter. We obtain the required IGDD.

Now, there remains the case  $q - k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$  to be considered. Since  $3k + 1 \leq q - k \leq 6$ , we have  $0 \leq k \leq 1$ . More specifically, we have  $q - k = 4, 6$  if  $k = 1$ , and  $q - k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$  if  $k = 0$ . That is, we need consider those  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$  where  $(v, n) = (20, 4), (26, 4), (5, 1), (8, 1), (11, 1), (14, 1), (20, 1)$ . All these can be handled by Theorem 2.10, Lemma 2.4 and the results in Section 3. The proof is now complete.  $\blacksquare$

Combining Theorem 5.1, Lemma 5.5 and Lemma 5.6 we obtain the main result of this section.

**Theorem 5.7.** *When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$  is  $v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ .*

## 6. Existence of $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$ for $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

By Corollary 1.3 we have in this case that  $v \geq 2n$  and  $v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ . We first consider the case when  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , that is,  $v - n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $n = 3k + 2$  and  $v - n = 3q$ . Since  $v \geq 2n$ , we know that  $q \geq k + 1$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** *Suppose  $v \equiv n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ . Then there exists an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$ .*

**Proof:** Apply Theorem 2.3 again like we did in the proof of Theorem 5.1. For  $q \in A$  and a  $\text{TD}(6, q)$ , take  $t_1 = \dots = t_k = 3, t_{k+1} = 2, t_{k+2} = \dots = t_q = 0$ . For  $q \in B$ , there exists a  $\text{TD}(6, \frac{1}{2}q)$ . Write  $3k + 2 = \frac{1}{2}(k - 1) \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 5$  if  $k$  is odd, and  $3k + 2 = \frac{1}{2}k \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 2$  if  $k$  is even. Using  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(v, n)$  for  $(v, n) = (12, 6), (11, 5), (6, 0)$  and  $(8, 2)$  we obtain the required IGDD. For  $q \in C$ , we have a  $\text{TD}(6, \frac{1}{4}q)$ . Since there exists an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(12 + t_i, t_i)$  where  $t_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 12\}, i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{1}{4}q$ , and  $\frac{1}{4}q \geq (3k + 2)/12$ , we could choose suitable  $t_i$  such that  $t_1 + \dots + t_{\frac{1}{4}q} = 3k + 2$ . Hence, an  $\text{IGDD}_3^3(3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 2)$  exists.

Now, we consider the remaining cases  $q = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$ . We list the parameters  $(v, n) = (3q + 3k + 2, 3k + 2)$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 q = 1, (5, 2) & q = 4, (14, 2) & q = 6, (20, 2) \\
 q = 2, (8, 2) & (17, 5) & (23, 5) \\
 & (11, 5) & (26, 8) \\
 q = 3, (11, 2) & (20, 8) & (29, 11) \\
 & (23, 11) & (32, 14) \\
 & (14, 5) & (35, 17) \\
 & (17, 8) & 
 \end{array}$$

All these IGDDs, except two with  $(v, n) = (29, 11)$  and  $(35, 17)$ , exist from Theorem 2.10, Lemma 2.4 and the results in Section 3. Applying Corollary 2.7 with  $m = 9$  and  $n = 2, 8$ , we get an  $\text{IGDD}_5^3(29, 11)$  and an  $\text{IGDD}_5^3(35, 17)$ . Therefore, the proof is complete. ■

We now turn to consider the case when  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , that is,  $v - n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $n = 3k + 2$  and  $v - n = 3q + 2$ . Since  $v \geq 2n$ , we have  $q \geq k$ .

**Lemma 6.2.** *Suppose  $k \leq q \leq 4k$ . Then there exists an  $\text{IGDD}_5^3(3q + 3k + 4, 3k + 2)$ .*

*Proof:* When  $q = k$ , the required IGDD comes from the  $\text{IGDD}_5^3(2, 1)$ . When  $k < q < \frac{1}{2}(5q) + 2$ , we use Bose's mixed difference method and list the first two parts of initial blocks as follows:

$$q-k \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0_0 (3q+1)_1 0_3 \\ 0_0 (3q)_1 1_3 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 (2q+k+2)_1 (q-k-1)_3 \end{array} \right. (I); \quad q-k \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (q+2k+3)_0 0_1 (q-k)_4 \\ (q+2k+5)_0 0_1 (q-k+1)_4 \\ \vdots \\ (3q+1)_0 0_1 (2q-2k-1)_4 \end{array} \right. (II).$$

When  $\frac{1}{2}(5k) + 2 \leq q \leq 4k$ , we take

$$q-k \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0_0 (2q-2k)_1 (3k+3)_3 \\ 0_0 (2q-2k+1)_1 (3k+5)_3 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 (3q-3k-1)_1 (2q+k+1)_3 \end{array} \right. (I), \quad q-k \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 0_0 0_1 (2q+k+2)_4 \\ 0_0 1_1 (2q+k+1)_4 \\ \vdots \\ 0_0 (q-k-1)_1 (q+2k+3)_4 \end{array} \right. (II).$$

It is a routine matter to verify that the  $(1, 0)$ -mixed differences in each case are different and so do the  $(4, 1)$ -mixed differences. Thus the proof is complete. ■

**Lemma 6.3.** *Suppose  $q \geq 4k + 1$ . Then there exists an  $\text{IGDD}_5^3(3q + 3k + 4, 3k + 2)$ .*

*Proof:* We mainly use Theorem 2.3. In the case when  $q - k \in A$ , a  $\text{TD}(6, q - k)$  exists. Since  $3q - 3k \geq 3(3k + 1) \geq 6k + 4$ , there exists an  $\text{IGDD}_5^3(3q - 3k + 6k + 4, 6k + 4)$ , and then an  $\text{IGDD}_5^3(3q + 3k + 4, 3k + 2)$ .

For  $q - k \in B$ , there exists a  $TD(6, \frac{1}{2}(q - k))$ . Since  $\frac{1}{2}(q - k) \cdot 6 \geq 6k + 4$ , there exists an  $IGDD_5^3(3q + 3k + 4, 3k + 2)$ . If  $q - k \in C$ , there is a  $TD(6, \frac{1}{4}(q - k))$ . Write  $6k + 4 = \frac{1}{2}(k - 1) \cdot 12 + 1 \cdot 10$  if  $k$  is odd, and  $6k + 4 = \frac{1}{2}k \cdot 12 + 1 \cdot 4$  if  $k$  is even. Since  $\frac{1}{4}(q - k) \cdot 12 \geq 6k + 4$ , we also have the required  $IGDD$ .

If  $q - k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$ , we have  $3k + 1 \leq q - k \leq 6$ , which leads to the parameters  $(v, n) = (3q + 3k + 4, 3k + 2)$  as follows,

$$(7, 2), (10, 2), (13, 2), (16, 2), (22, 2), (22, 5), (28, 5).$$

All these  $IGDD$ s exist from the result in Section 3 and Lemma 2.4 and Theorem 2.10. The proof is complete. ■

Combining Theorem 6.1, Lemma 6.2 and Lemma 6.3 we have

**Theorem 6.4.** *When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of an  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  is  $v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ .*

### 7. Existence of $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$ .

From Corollary 1.3 we know the necessary condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$ . In this section we shall prove that this necessary condition is also sufficient.

**Theorem 7.1.** *For  $u \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{6}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$  is  $v \geq 2n$ .*

**Proof:** Here  $u \in B(3)$ . The conclusion follows from Theorem 3.3, Theorem 2.2 and Corollary 1.3. ■

**Theorem 7.2.** *For  $u \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$  is  $v \geq 2n$  and*

$$\begin{cases} v \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** By Lemma 3.5, we have  $u \in B(5^*, 3)$ . From Theorem 4.3, Theorem 5.7 and Theorem 6.4 there exists an  $IGDD_3^3(v, n)$  for the given parameters  $v$  and  $n$ . Therefore, an  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$  exists from Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 3.3. This proves the sufficiency. The conclusion then follows from Corollary 1.3. ■

**Theorem 7.3.** *For  $u \equiv 0, 4 \pmod{6}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$  is  $v \geq 2n$  and  $v \equiv n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .*

**Proof:** Since  $v \equiv n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $v \geq 2n$ , there exists an  $IGDD_3^3(\frac{1}{2}v, \frac{1}{2}n)$  from Theorem 3.3. Since  $u \equiv 0, 4 \pmod{6}$ ,  $2u + 1 \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{6}$ , and then  $2u + 1 \in B(3)$ . Deleting one point from a  $(2u + 1, 3, 1)$ -BIBD, we obtain a  $GDD[3, 1, 2; 2u]$ . By Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 1.3 we have the result. ■

**Theorem 7.4.** For  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ , the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$  is  $v \geq 2n$ , and

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}, \end{array} \right. \quad \text{or} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6} \\ n \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}. \end{array} \right.$$

Proof: Here,  $2u + 1 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ . So, we have from Lemma 3.5 that  $2u + 1 \in B(5^*, 3)$ . Delete one point from a  $(2u + 1, \{5^*, 3\}, 1)$ -PBD, not belonging to the block of size 5, we obtain a  $GDD[\{5^*, 3\}, 1, 2; 2u]$ . Since an  $IGDD_5^3(\frac{1}{2}v, \frac{1}{2}n)$  exists from Theorem 7.2, and an  $IGDD_3^3(\frac{1}{2}v, \frac{1}{2}n)$  exists from Theorem 3.3, we then obtain the sufficiency from Theorem 2.2. The conclusion follows from Corollary 1.3. ■

Combining the above theorems of this section we have the main theorem of this paper.

**Theorem 7.5.** The necessary condition for the existence of an  $IGDD_u^3(v, n)$ , shown in Corollary 1.3, is also sufficient.

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### Appendix

$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(5, 1), \quad X = (Z_4 \cup \{\infty\}) \times Z_5,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \infty_0 & 0_1 & 2_4 \\ \infty_0 & 0_2 & 0_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 0_0 & 1_1 & 2_4 \\ 0_0 & 3_1 & 0_3 \end{array} \quad (\text{mod } 4, \text{ mod } 5)$$

$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(5, 2), \quad X = (Z_3 \cup \{\infty^1, \infty^2\}) \times Z_5,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \infty_0^1 & 0_1 & 2_4 \\ \infty_0^1 & 1_1 & 1_4 \\ \infty_0^1 & 2_1 & 0_4 \\ \infty_0^1 & 0_2 & 1_3 \\ \infty_0^1 & 1_2 & 0_3 \\ \infty_0^1 & 2_2 & 2_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \infty_0^2 & 0_1 & 0_4 \\ \infty_0^2 & 1_1 & 2_4 \\ \infty_0^2 & 2_1 & 1_4 \\ \infty_0^2 & 0_2 & 2_3 \\ \infty_0^2 & 1_2 & 1_3 \\ \infty_0^2 & 2_2 & 0_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 0_0 & 0_1 & 1_3 \\ 1_0 & 2_1 & 2_4 \end{array} \quad (\text{———}, \text{ mod } 5)$$

$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(7, 2), \quad X = (Z_5 \cup \{\infty^1, \infty^2\}) \times Z_5,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \infty_0^1 & 0_1 & 0_4 \\ \infty_0^1 & 0_2 & 2_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \infty_0^2 & 0_1 & 2_4 \\ \infty_0^2 & 0_2 & 1_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} 0_0 & 0_1 & 1_3 \\ 0_0 & 3_1 & 1_4 \end{array} \quad (\text{mod } 5, \text{ mod } 5)$$

$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(9, 3), \quad X = (Z_6 \cup \{\infty^1, \infty^2, \infty^3\}) \times Z_5,$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \infty_0^1 & 0_1 & 0_4 \\ \infty_0^1 & 0_2 & 0_3 \\ \infty_0^2 & 0_1 & 1_4 \\ \infty_0^2 & 0_2 & 2_3 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \infty_0^3 & 0_1 & 2_4 \\ \infty_0^3 & 0_2 & 5_3 \\ 0_0 & 1_1 & 3_3 \\ 2_0 & 0_1 & 5_4 \end{array} \quad (\text{mod } 6, \text{ mod } 5)$$

$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(21, 9), \quad X = (Z_{12} \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^9\}) \times Z_5,$$

$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	0 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>2</sub>	2 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>2</sub>	5 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	0 <sub>2</sub>	9 <sub>3</sub>
$\infty_0^2$	0 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	0 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^8$	0 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^2$	0 <sub>2</sub>	3 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	0 <sub>2</sub>	6 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^8$	2 <sub>2</sub>	10 <sub>3</sub>
$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	0 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^9$	0 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>2</sub>	4 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	0 <sub>2</sub>	8 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^9$	0 <sub>2</sub>	11 <sub>3</sub>
0 <sub>0</sub>	7 <sub>1</sub>	9 <sub>3</sub>	0 <sub>0</sub>	0 <sub>1</sub>	11 <sub>4</sub>	(mod 12, mod 5)		

$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(11, 4), \quad X = (Z_7 \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^4\}) \times Z_5,$$

$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	0 <sub>0</sub>	4 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>3</sub>
$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>2</sub>	0 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>2</sub>	2 <sub>3</sub>	0 <sub>0</sub>	5 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^2$	0 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	(mod 7, mod 5)		
$\infty_0^2$	0 <sub>2</sub>	1 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>2</sub>	3 <sub>3</sub>			

$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(16, 7), \quad X = (Z_9 \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^7\}) \times Z_5,$$

$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	0 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	0 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^6$	0 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	0 <sub>2</sub>	2 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>2</sub>	3 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>2</sub>	4 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	0 <sub>2</sub>	5 <sub>3</sub>
$\infty_0^6$	0 <sub>2</sub>	6 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	0 <sub>2</sub>	7 <sub>3</sub>	(mod 9, mod 5)								
$\infty_0^7$	0 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	1 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	2 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	3 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	4 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^7$	5 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	6 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	7 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	8 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	(mod 5)		
$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>2</sub>	1 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	1 <sub>2</sub>	0 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	2 <sub>2</sub>	2 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	3 <sub>2</sub>	4 <sub>3</sub>			
$\infty_0^1$	5 <sub>2</sub>	5 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	6 <sub>2</sub>	7 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	7 <sub>2</sub>	6 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	8 <sub>2</sub>	8 <sub>3</sub>	(mod 5)		
0 <sub>0</sub>	0 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>3</sub>	1 <sub>0</sub>	2 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	1 <sub>0</sub>	1 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>3</sub>	2 <sub>0</sub>	3 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>			
4 <sub>0</sub>	5 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	4 <sub>0</sub>	4 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>3</sub>	5 <sub>0</sub>	6 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>	6 <sub>0</sub>	6 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>3</sub>	7 <sub>0</sub>	8 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>
7 <sub>0</sub>	7 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>3</sub>	8 <sub>0</sub>	0 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	(mod 5)								



$$\text{IGDD}_5^3(17, 8), \quad X = (Z_9 \cup \{\infty^1, \dots, \infty^8\}) \times Z_5,$$

$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	1 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	2 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	3 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	4 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^1$	5 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	6 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	7 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	8 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>			
$\infty_0^2$	0 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	1 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	2 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	3 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	4 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^2$	5 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	6 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	7 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	8 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>			
$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	1 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	2 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	3 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	4 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^3$	5 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	6 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	7 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	8 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>			
$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	1 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	2 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	3 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	4 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^4$	5 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	6 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	7 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	8 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>			
$\infty_0^5$	0 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	1 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	2 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	3 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	4 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^5$	5 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	6 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	7 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	8 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>			
$\infty_0^6$	0 <sub>1</sub>	6 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	1 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	2 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	3 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	4 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>
$\infty_0^6$	5 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	6 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	7 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^6$	8 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>			
$\infty_0^7$	0 <sub>1</sub>	7 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	1 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	2 <sub>1</sub>	0 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	3 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^7$	4 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>4</sub>
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$\infty_0^8$	5 <sub>1</sub>	1 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^8$	6 <sub>1</sub>	5 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^8$	7 <sub>1</sub>	3 <sub>4</sub>	$\infty_0^8$	8 <sub>1</sub>	4 <sub>4</sub>			
$\infty_0^1$	0 <sub>2</sub>	1 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	1 <sub>2</sub>	0 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	2 <sub>2</sub>	8 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	3 <sub>2</sub>	4 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^1$	4 <sub>2</sub>	3 <sub>3</sub>
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$\infty_0^2$	5 <sub>2</sub>	6 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	6 <sub>2</sub>	8 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	7 <sub>2</sub>	7 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^2$	8 <sub>2</sub>	0 <sub>3</sub>			
$\infty_0^3$	0 <sub>2</sub>	3 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	1 <sub>2</sub>	4 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	2 <sub>2</sub>	2 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	3 <sub>2</sub>	6 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	4 <sub>2</sub>	7 <sub>3</sub>
$\infty_0^3$	5 <sub>2</sub>	5 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	6 <sub>2</sub>	0 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	7 <sub>2</sub>	1 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^3$	8 <sub>2</sub>	8 <sub>3</sub>			
$\infty_0^4$	0 <sub>2</sub>	4 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	1 <sub>2</sub>	3 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	2 <sub>2</sub>	5 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	3 <sub>2</sub>	7 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^4$	4 <sub>2</sub>	6 <sub>3</sub>
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$\infty_0^5$	5 <sub>2</sub>	7 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	6 <sub>2</sub>	2 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	7 <sub>2</sub>	3 <sub>3</sub>	$\infty_0^5$	8 <sub>2</sub>	1 <sub>3</sub>			
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7 <sub>0</sub>	8 <sub>1</sub>	8 <sub>4</sub>												

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