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# The intersection problem for kite-GDDs

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**Abstract.** In this paper the intersection problem for a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^u$  is investigated. The intersection problem for kite-GDDs is the determination of all pairs (T, s) such that there exists a pair of kite-GDDs  $(X, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B}_1)$  and  $(X, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B}_2)$  of the same type T and  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2| = s$ . Let  $J(u) = \{s : \exists a \text{ pair of kite-GDDs} \text{ of type } 4^u \text{ intersecting in } s \text{ blocks}\}$ ;  $I(u) = \{0, 1, \dots, b_u - 2, b_u\}$ , where  $b_u = 2u(u - 1)$  is the number of blocks of a kite-GDD of type  $4^u$ . We show that for any positive integer  $u \ge 3$ , J(u) = I(u).

## 1. Introduction

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  $1 \le i \le m$ . 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 G be a subgraph of  $K_{n_1,n_2,\dots,n_m}$ . A *holey* G-design is a triple  $(X, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B})$  such that  $(X, \mathcal{B})$  is a  $(K_{n_1,n_2,\dots,n_m}, G)$ -design. The *hole type* (or *type*) of the holey G-design is  $\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m\}$ . We use an "exponential" notation to describe hole types: the hole type  $g_1^{u_1}g_2^{u_2}\cdots g_r^{u_r}$  denotes  $u_i$  occurrences of  $g_i$  for  $1 \le i \le r$ . Obviously if G is the complete graph  $K_k$ , a holey  $K_k$ -design is just a k-GDD. A holey  $K_k$ -design with the hole type  $1^v$  is called a *Steiner system* S(2, k, v). If G is the graph with vertices a, b, c, d and edges ab, ac, bc, cd (such a graph is called a kite) a holey G-design is said to be a *kite-GDD*.

A pair of holey *G*-designs  $(X, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B}_1)$  and  $(X, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{B}_2)$  of the same type is said to *intersect in s blocks* if  $|\mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_2| = s$ . The intersection problem for S(2, k, v)'s was first introduced by Kramer and Mesner in [12]. The intersection problem for S(2, 4, v)'s was dealt with by Colbourn et al. [10], apart from three undecided values for v = 25, 28 and 37. Chang et al. has completely solved the triangle intersection problem for S(2, 4, v) designs and a pair of disjoint S(2, 4, v)s [7, 8]. Butler and Hoffman [2] completely solved the intersection problem for 4-GDDs of type  $3^u$  [16] and the intersection problem for 4-GDDs of type  $4^u$  [17]. The intersection problem is also considered for many other types of combinatorial structures. The interested reader may refer to [1, 3–6, 9, 13–15]

In this paper we focus on the intersection problem for kite-GDDs. Let  $J(u) = \{s : \exists a \text{ pair of kite-GDD of type } 4^u \text{ intersecting in } s \text{ blocks}\}$ . Throughout this paper we always assume that  $I(u) = \{0, 1, \dots, b_u - 2, b_u\}$  for  $u \ge 3$ , where  $b_u = 2u(u - 1)$  is the number of blocks of a kite-GDD of type  $4^u$ .

As the main result of the present paper, we are to prove the following theorem.

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**Theorem 1.1.** J(u) = I(u) for any integer  $u \ge 3$ .

Obviously  $J(u) \subseteq I(u)$ . We need to show that  $I(u) \subseteq J(u)$ .

## 2. Basic design constructions

**Construction 2.1.** ([4])(Weighting Construction) Suppose that  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A})$  is a K-GDD, and let  $\omega : X \mapsto Z^+ \cup \{0\}$  be a weight function. For every block  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , suppose that there is a pair of holey G-designs of type  $\{\omega(x) : x \in A\}$ , which intersect in  $b_A$  blocks. Then there exists a pair of holey G-designs of type  $\{\sum_{x \in H} \omega(x) : H \in \mathcal{G}\}$ , which intersect in  $\sum_{A \in \mathcal{A}} b_A$  blocks.

**Construction 2.2.** (Filling Construction) Let *m* be nonnegative integers and  $g_i, a \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  for  $1 \le i \le s$ . Suppose that there exists a pair of holey G-designs of type  $\{g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_s\}$ , which intersect in *b* blocks. If there is a pair of holey G-designs of type  $m^{g_i/m}a^1$ , which intersect in  $b_i$  blocks for  $1 \le i \le s - 1$ , and there is a pair of holey G-designs of type  $m^{(g_s+a)/m}$  which intersect in  $b_s$  blocks, then there exists a pair of holey G-designs of type  $m^{(\sum_{i=1}^s g_i+a)/m}$  intersecting in  $b + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i$  blocks.

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A})$  and  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$  be two holey *G*-designs of type  $\{g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_s\}$  satisfying  $|\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}| = b$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_s\}$  with  $|G_i| = g_i, 1 \le i \le s$  and *Y* be any given set of length *a* such that  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ . For  $1 \le i \le s-1$ , construct a pair of holey *G*-designs  $(G_i \cup Y, \mathcal{G}_i \cup \{Y\}, C_i)$  and  $(G_i \cup Y, \mathcal{G}_i \cup \{Y\}, \mathcal{D}_i)$  of type  $m^{g_i/m}a^1$  satisfying  $|C_i \cap \mathcal{D}_i| = b_i$  and construct a pair of holey *G*-designs  $(G_s \cup Y, \mathcal{G}_s, C_s)$  and  $(G_s \cup Y, \mathcal{G}_s, \mathcal{D}_s)$  of type  $m^{(g_s+a)/m}$  satisfying  $|C_s \cap \mathcal{D}_s| = b_s$ . Then  $(X \cup Y, (\bigcup_{i=1}^s \mathcal{G}_i) \cup \{Y\}, \mathcal{A} \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^s C_i))$  and  $(X \cup Y, (\bigcup_{i=1}^s \mathcal{G}_i) \cup \{Y\}, \mathcal{B} \cup (\bigcup_{i=1}^s \mathcal{D}_i)))$  are two holey *G*-designs of type  $m^{(\sum_{i=1}^s g_i+a)/m}$ . Obviously, the two holey *G*-designs have  $b + \sum_{i=1}^s b_i$  common blocks.

We quote the following result for later use.

## Lemma 2.3. [11]

(1) *A* 4-GDD of type  $g^u$  exists if and only if  $u \ge 4$ ,  $(u - 1)g \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , and  $u(u - 1)g^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$ , with the exception of  $(g, u) \in \{(2, 4), (6, 4)\}$ .

(2) A 3-GDD of type  $g^u$  exists if and only if  $u \ge 3$ ,  $(u - 1)g \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $u(u - 1)g^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [18] There is a pair of kite-GDD of type  $2^4$  intersecting in s blocks, then  $s \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$ .

## 3. Ingredients

**Lemma 3.1.** J(3) = I(3).

*Proof.* Take the vertex set  $X = \{0, 1, ..., 11\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{0, 1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5, 10, 11\}, \{6, 7, 8, 9\}\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_1 = \{[9, 3, 10 - 7], [8, 2, 10 - 6], [2, 4, 6 - 3], [6, 5, 1 - 10], [11, 7, 1 - 8], [0, 6, 11 - 8], [4, 8, 3 - 11], [5, 8, 0 - 10], [1, 4, 9 - 5], [7, 4, 0 - 9], [3, 7, 5 - 2], [9, 11, 2 - 7]\}$ .  $\mathcal{B}_2 = (\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus \{[9, 3, 10 - 7], [8, 2, 10 - 6]\}) \cup \{[9, 3, 10 - 6], [8, 2, 10 - 7]\}, \mathcal{B}_3 = (\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus \{[9, 3, 10 - 7], [8, 2, 10 - 6]\}) \cup \{[9, 3, 10 - 6], [8, 2, 10 - 7]\}, \mathcal{B}_3 = (\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus \{[9, 3, 10 - 7], [8, 2, 10 - 6], [2, 4, 6 - 3]\}\}) \cup \{[6, 5, 1 - 8], [11, 7, 1 - 10]\}, \mathcal{B}_5 = (\mathcal{B}_3 \setminus \{[6, 5, 1 - 10], [11, 7, 1 - 8]\}) \cup \{[6, 5, 1 - 8], [11, 7, 1 - 10]\}$ . Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}_i)$  is a kite-GDD of type  $4^3$  for i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Consider the following permutations on X.

 $\begin{array}{ll} \pi_0 = (2\ 3)(4\ 11\ 5)(6\ 8\ 9\ 7), & \pi_1 = (0\ 1\ 2\ 3)(4\ 11)(6\ 7)(8\ 9), & \pi_2 = (0\ 3)(1\ 2)(4\ 5)(6\ 9\ 7)(10\ 11), \\ \pi_3 = (6\ 8)(10\ 11), & \pi_4 = (0\ 2)(1\ 3)(4\ 5)(6\ 8)(10\ 11), & \pi_5 = (4\ 5), \\ \pi_6 = (5\ 10), & \pi_7 = \pi_8 = \pi_9 = \pi_{10} = \pi_{12} = (1). \end{array}$ 

We have that for each  $s \in I(3) \setminus \{7, 8, 9, 10\}$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ . For each  $s \in \{7, 8, 9, 10\}$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_{12-s} \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.2.** J(4) = I(4).

*Proof.* Take the vertex set  $X = \{0, 1, ..., 15\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{0, 1, 2, 15\}, \{3, 4, 13, 14\}, \{5, 6, 11, 12\}, \{7, 8, 9, 10\}\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_1 = [14, 15, 7-3], [6, 0, 7-2], [5, 13, 7-11], [4, 1, 7-12], [10, 4, 11-13], [2, 3, 11-14], [9, 1, 11-0], [4, 5, 15-3], [13, 6, 15-8], [12, 14, 8-11], [6, 1, 8-4], [12, 3, 10-0], [2, 12, 13-8], [0, 5, 14-1], [4, 2, 6-10], [5, 2, 10-14], [3, 6, 9-4], [9, 12, 15-11], [13, 0, 9-5], [1, 13, 10-15], [9, 2, 14-6], [0, 3, 8-2], [1, 3, 5-8], [0, 4, 12-1].$ 

Table 1. The blocks of kite-GDD of type  $4^4$ 

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i	$A_i$	$C_i$
1	[14,15,7-3],[6,0,7-2]	[14,15,7-2],[6,0,7-3]
2	[14,15,7-3],[6,0,7-2],[5,13,7-11]	[14,15,7-11],[6,0,7-3],[5,13,7-2]
3	[10,4,11-13],[2,3,11-14]	[10,4,11-14],[2,3,11-13]
4	[4,5,15-3],[13,6,15-8]	[4,5,15-8],[13,6,15-3]
5	[12,14,8-11],[6,1,8-4]	[12,14,8-4],[6,1,8-11]

Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}_i)$  is a kite-GDD of type 4<sup>4</sup> for i = 1, 2, ..., 8, where  $\mathcal{B}_2 = (\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus A_1) \cup C_1$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_3 = (\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus A_2) \cup C_2$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_4 = (\mathcal{B}_2 \setminus A_3) \cup C_3$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_5 = (\mathcal{B}_3 \setminus A_3) \cup C_3$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_6 = (\mathcal{B}_4 \setminus A_4) \cup C_4$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_7 = (\mathcal{B}_5 \setminus A_4) \cup C_4$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_8 = (\mathcal{B}_6 \setminus A_5) \cup C_5$ . Consider the following permutations on *X*.

$\pi_0 = (215)(3144)(511126)(7810),$	$\pi_1 = (015)(12)(313144)(5126)(71089)$
$\pi_3 = (115)(414)(5116),$	$\pi_2 = (3144)(51112)(89),$
$\pi_4 = (215)(612)(810),$	$\pi_5 = (313)(512),$
$\pi_8 = (115)(79),$	$\pi_6 = (314)(1112),$
$\pi_7 = (115)(89),$	$\pi_{12} = (215),$
$\pi_{14} = (78),$	$\pi_{13} = (810),$
$\pi_{11} = (313),$	$\pi_9 = (51112),$
$\pi_{10} = (12),$	$\pi_{15} = (79),$
$\pi_{16} = \pi_{17} = \pi_{18} = \pi_{19} = (1)$	$\pi_{20} = \pi_{21} = \pi_{22} = \pi_{24} = (1).$

We have that for each  $s \in I(4) \setminus \{16, \ldots, 22\}$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ . For each  $s \in \{16, \ldots, 22\}$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_{24-s} \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.3.** J(5) = I(5).

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*Proof.* Take the vertex set  $X = \{0, 1, ..., 19\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{0, 1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5, 18, 19\}, \{6, 7, 16, 17\}, \{8, 9, 14, 15\}, \{10, 11, 12, 13\}\}$ . Let

[5,16,15-1],[17,4,15-2]

$\mathcal{B}_1$ :	[0,19,10 -	· 6],	[9, 1, 10 – 5],	[2,4,10	) – 14],	[16, 18, 10 - 12	7], [5	,0,7-1],
	[14, 11, 7 -	· 10],	[9,4,7-2],	[17, 18,	8-2],	[6,1,8-5],	[1	1,16,8-13],
	[0, 4, 8 - 12]	2],	[5, 16, 15 – 1],	[17,4,1	15 – 2],	[13, 4, 14 - 18]	], [8	,19,7 – 3],
	[5,6,14 - 3	19],	[3, 4, 12 – 6],	[0, 18, 9	9 – 6],	[17, 19, 9 - 3],	[1	6,3,14 – 1],
	[13, 15, 6 -	· 2],	[14, 12, 2 – 16],	[9,2,1]	l – 5],	[8, 3, 10 - 15],	[6	,4,11 – 0],
	[3,5,13 - 3	18],	[1, 19, 11 – 18],	[19, 13,	2 – 18],	[1, 12, 18 - 6],	[1	6,19,12-7],
	[16,0,13-	· 9],	[12, 0, 15 – 19],	[12, 5, 9	9 – 16],	[3, 19, 6 – 0],	[2	, 5, 17 – 3],
	[0,14,17 -	· 12],	[15,7,18-3],	[1,17,1	l3 – 7],	[15, 3, 11 - 17]	], [4	, 16, 1 – 5].
			Table 1. The bl	ocks of l	cite-GDD	of type 4 <sup>5</sup>		
	i		$A_i$			$C_i$		
	1		0,19,10-6],[9,1,10	-5]	[0,1	9,10-5],[9,1,10-6	6]	
	2	[5,0,2	7-1],[14,11,7-10],[9	9,4,7-2]	[5,0,7-2]	,[14,11,7-1],[9,4	,7-10]	
	3	[2	,4,10-14],[16,18,10	)-17]	[2,4,1	0-17],[16,18,10-	14]	
	4		[17,18,8-2],[6,1,8-	5]	[17]	,18,8-5],[6,1,8-2	]	
	5	[	11,16,8-13],[0,4,8-	12]	[11,1	6,8-12],[0,4,8-1	3]	

Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}_i)$  is a kite-GDD of type  $4^5$  for i = 1, 2, ..., 10, where  $\mathcal{B}_2 = (\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus A_1) \cup C_1$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_3 = (\mathcal{B}_1 \setminus A_2) \cup C_2$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_4 = (\mathcal{B}_2 \setminus A_3) \cup C_3$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_5 = (\mathcal{B}_3 \setminus A_3) \cup C_3$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_6 = (\mathcal{B}_4 \setminus A_4) \cup C_4$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_7 = (\mathcal{B}_5 \setminus A_4) \cup C_4$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_8 = (\mathcal{B}_6 \setminus A_5) \cup C_5$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_9 = (\mathcal{B}_7 \setminus A_5) \cup C_5$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{10} = (\mathcal{B}_8 \setminus A_6) \cup C_6$  Consider the following permutations on *X*.

[5,16,15-2],[17,4,15-1]

$\pi_0 = (23)(4195)(616177)(8915)(1012)(1113),$	$\pi_1 = (0132)(418195)(717)(814)(10121113),$
$\pi_2 = (021)(45)(617167)(914)(1113)(1819),$	$\pi_3 = (4185)(61617)(1113),$
$\pi_4 = (013)(716)(815)(1112),$	$\pi_5 = (518)(716)(8914)(1012),$
$\pi_6 = (03)(617)(815)(1012),$	$\pi_7 = (41819)(89)(1013),$
$\pi_8 = (71617)(915)(1113),$	$\pi_9 = (815)(10121113),$
$\pi_{10} = (81514)(101213),$	$\pi_{11} = (02)(716),$
$\pi_{12} = (419)(716),$	$\pi_{13} = (914)(101213),$
$\pi_{14} = (717)(8159),$	$\pi_{15} = (45)(915),$
$\pi_{16} = (419)(1011),$	$\pi_{17} = (716)(1011),$
$\pi_{18} = (914)(1013),$	$\pi_{19} = (814)(1012),$
$\pi_{20} = (111312),$	$\pi_{21} = (101211),$
$\pi_{22} = (02),$	$\pi_{23} = (419),$
$ \pi_{24} = (1819), $	$\pi_{25} = (716),$
$ \pi_{26} = (717), $	$\pi_{27} = (814),$
$ \pi_{28} = (815), $	$\pi_{29} = (1011),$
$\pi_{30} = \pi_{31} = \pi_{32} = \pi_{33} = \pi_{34} = (1),$	$\pi_{35} = \pi_{36} = \pi_{37} = \pi_{38} = \pi_{40} = (1).$

We have that for each  $s \in I(5) \setminus \{30, \ldots, 38\}$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ . For each  $s \in \{30, \ldots, 38\}$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_{40-s} \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\Box$ 

## 4. Input designs

For counting J(u) for  $6 \le u \le 14$ , we may search for a large number of instances of kite-GDDs. However, to reduce the computation, when  $6 \le u \le 14$ , we shall first determine the intersection numbers of a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $a^m b^1$  with the same group set.

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $M_1 = \{0, 1, ..., 26, 36\}$  and  $s \in M_1$ . Then there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^38^1$  with the same group set, which intersect in s blocks.

*Proof.* Take the vertex set  $X = \{0, 1, ..., 19\}$  and the group set  $G = \{\{8, 9, 18, 19\}, \{10, 11, 16, 17\}, \{12, 13, 14, 15\}, \{0, 1, ..., 7\}\}$ . Let

 $\mathcal{B}_1$ :, [19, 10, 0 - 16], [17, 18, 7 - 19], [15, 16, 6 - 19], [1, 11, 12 - 7],[9, 10, 2 - 17],[8, 16, 7 – 14], [0,18,11 – 7], [17, 19, 5 - 16], [16, 4, 18 - 3],[15, 17, 3 - 19], [16, 2, 14 - 0],[11, 2, 13 - 17], [12, 10, 3 - 8],[9,4,11-6], [10, 14, 8 - 0],[9, 15, 7 – 13], [8,6,13 – 18], [1, 19, 13 – 0], [1, 18, 10 - 7], [17, 9, 0 - 15],[17, 4, 14 – 5], [16, 3, 13 – 4], [18, 5, 15 – 1], [14, 19, 11 - 5], [10, 5, 13 - 9],[12,9,6-17], [19, 16, 12 - 5], [1,17,8-5], [8, 15, 11 – 3], [2, 18, 12 - 0],[19, 15, 2 - 8],[4, 8, 12 - 17], [15, 10, 4 - 19], [18, 14, 6 - 10], [1,16,9-5], [3,9,14-1].

Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}_1)$  is a kite-GDD of type  $4^{3}8^{1}$ . Consider the following permutations on *X*.

$\pi_0 = (0 \ 3)(1$	2)(8 9)(10 17 11)(18 19),	$\pi_1 = (0\ 1\ 2\ 3)(8\ 18\ 19)(10\ 16\ 11\ 17),$
$\pi_2 = (2 \ 3)(8$	19 9)(10 16 17 11),	$\pi_3 = (1\ 2)(8\ 9\ 18)(10\ 17\ 11),$
$\pi_4 = (0 \ 1)(2$	3)(8 9)(11 17),	$\pi_5 = (0\ 3)(1\ 2)(10\ 16)(18\ 19),$
$\pi_6 = (0\ 3)(8$	9 19),	$\pi_7 = (8 \ 19 \ 18)(11 \ 16),$
$\pi_8 = (0\ 2)(9$	18 19),	$\pi_9 = (2\ 3)(8\ 18\ 9),$
$\pi_{10} = (0\ 3\ 1$	2)(10 11),	$\pi_{11} = (8 \ 19)(11 \ 16),$
$\pi_{12} = (0\ 3\ 1)$	(10 11),	$\pi_{13} = (0\ 3\ 2)(10\ 11),$
$\pi_{14} = (0\ 1\ 2)$	(10 11),	$\pi_{15} = (0\ 1\ 2\ 3),$
$\pi_{16} = (0 \ 1)(1 \ 1)$	10 11),	$\pi_{17} = (0\ 2)(10\ 11),$
$\pi_{18} = (16\ 17$	),	$\pi_{19} = (1 \ 3 \ 2),$
$\pi_{20} = (0.3.2)$	,	$\pi_{21} = (11\ 16),$
$\pi_{22} = (10\ 11$	),	$\pi_{23} = (0 \ 3),$
$\pi_{24} = (1 \ 2),$		$\pi_{25} = (2 \ 3),$
$\pi_{26} = (0 \ 2),$		$\pi_{36} = (1).$

We have that for each  $s \in M_1$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $M_2 = \{0, 1, ..., 35, 48\}$  and  $s \in M_2$ . Then there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^3 12^1$  with the same group set, which intersect in s blocks.

*Proof.* Take the vertex set  $X = \{0, 1, ..., 23\}$  and the group set  $G = \{\{12, 13, 22, 23\}, \{14, 15, 20, 21\}, \{16, 17, 18, 19\}, \{0, 1, ..., 11\}\}$ . Let

$\mathcal{B}_1$ :	[0, 14, 23 – 5],	[22, 11, 21 – 8],	[20, 10, 19 – 0],	[1, 16, 15 – 11],	[13, 2, 14 – 8],
	[11,20,12-8],	[23,9,21-6],	[22, 8, 20 - 0],	[19,7,21 – 3],	[18, 6, 20 – 1],
	[17, 3, 15 – 10],	[16, 5, 14 - 6],	[13, 0, 15 – 9],	[12, 1, 14 - 4],	[11, 19, 13 – 10],
	[10, 21, 12 – 7],	[1,23,17-5],	[0, 16, 22 – 7],	[0, 21, 17 - 6],	[23, 2, 20 – 5],
	[22, 1, 19 – 6],	[2, 18, 21 – 5],	[20, 4, 17 – 9],	[18, 4, 15 – 8],	[16,7,13-6],
	[15, 6, 12 – 5],	[14, 11, 18 – 8],	[12,9,16-8],	[14,7,17 – 11],	[15, 5, 19 – 8],
	[20, 3, 16 – 2],	[17, 10, 22 – 5],	[22, 9, 18 – 7],	[19, 3, 23 – 11],	[1,21,13-4],
	[2, 15, 22 – 6],	[3, 14, 22 – 4],	[4,21,16 – 11],	[5, 18, 13 – 3],	[6,23,16-10],
	[7, 15, 23 – 4],	[17, 13, 8 – 23],	[9, 19, 14 – 10],	[9, 13, 20 – 7],	[12, 0, 18 – 3],
	[4, 19, 12 – 3],	[23, 10, 18 – 1],	[17, 12, 2 – 19].		

Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}_1)$  is a kite-GDD of type  $4^3 12^1$ . Consider the following permutations on X.

$\pi_0 = (12132223)(142021)(16181719),$	$\pi_1 = (1322)(1420)(1521)(161819),$
$\pi_2 = (142115)(16181917)(2223),$	$\pi_3 = (122223)(152120)(171819),$
$\pi_4 = (1223)(1322)(1618)(2021),$	$\pi_5 = (122322)(171918)(2021),$
$\pi_6 = (1420)(161918)(2223),$	$\pi_7 = (1323)(152120)(1819),$
$\pi_8 = (279510)(811),$	$\pi_9 = (0101125)(89),$
$\pi_{10} = (071110892),$	$\pi_{11} = (08)(510117),$
$\pi_{12} = (28)(511)(910),$	$\pi_{13} = (210811)(79),$
$\pi_{14} = (0782911),$	$\pi_{15} = (097)(81011),$
$\pi_{16} = (081195),$	$\pi_{17} = (21011)(58),$
$\pi_{18} = (052811),$	$\pi_{19} = (011)(59),$
$\pi_{20} = (08510),$	$\pi_{21} = (211510),$
$\pi_{22} = (0257),$	$\pi_{23} = (02)(89),$
$\pi_{24} = (0972),$	$\pi_{25} = (598),$
$\pi_{26} = (0810),$	$\pi_{27} = (0105),$
$\pi_{28} = (2910),$	$\pi_{29} = (025),$
$\pi_{30} = (097),$	$\pi_{31} = (511),$
$\pi_{32} = (510),$	$\pi_{33} = (911),$
$\pi_{34} = (27),$	$\pi_{35} = (29),$
$\pi_{48} = (1).$	

We have that for each  $s \in M_2$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $M_3 = \{0, 1, ..., 53, 64\}$  and  $s \in M_3$ . Then there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $8^2 12^1$  with the same group set, which intersect in s blocks.

*Proof.* Take the vertex set  $X = \{0, 1, ..., 27\}$  and the group set  $\mathcal{G} = \{\{0, ..., 11\}, \{12, ..., 19\}, \{20, ..., 27\}\}$ . Let

$\mathcal{B}_1$ :	[0, 27, 14 - 5],	[0, 26, 13 – 4],	[0,25,12-6],	[24, 12, 1 – 26],	[27, 15, 1 – 25]
	[2, 14, 23 – 11],	[19, 22, 3 – 26],	[3,21,18-5],	[2,22,18-1],	[23, 19, 4 – 27],
	[26, 17, 4 – 25],	[25, 16, 5 – 26],	[17,24,5 – 23],	[6,23,15-5],	[6,22,16-1],
	[12, 27, 7 – 21],	[13, 25, 7 – 15],	[12, 21, 8 – 23],	[13, 24, 8 – 22],	[16,21,9-17],
	[15,22,9-12],	[14, 24, 10 - 23],	[13, 20, 11 – 21],	[14, 26, 11 – 22],	[27, 19, 5 – 21],
	[26, 6, 18 – 0],	[25, 17, 8 – 16],	[24, 16, 2 – 17],	[25, 15, 10 – 21],	[23, 18, 7 – 24],
	[22, 17, 10 – 19],	[21, 19, 2 – 13],	[20, 18, 4 - 24],	[20, 17, 6 – 27],	[21, 17, 0 – 15],
	[24, 0, 19 – 6],	[16,7,20-0],	[20, 15, 2 – 25],	[20, 14, 3 – 25],	[23, 17, 1 – 22],
	[24, 18, 9 – 27],	[23, 16, 0 – 22],	[21, 15, 4 – 16],	[25, 19, 9 – 26],	[25, 18, 11 – 17],
	[22, 14, 7 – 17],	[26,7,19-1],	[21, 14, 1 – 20],	[22, 13, 5 – 20],	[27, 18, 8 – 14],
	[24, 15, 11 – 19],	[16, 27, 11 – 12],	[19, 8, 20 – 9],	[13, 23, 9 – 14],	[10, 27, 13 – 3],
	[26, 16, 10 – 18],	[21, 6, 13 – 1],	[26, 12, 2 – 27],	[8, 26, 15 – 3],	[10, 20, 12 – 5],
	[25, 14, 6 – 24],	[12, 22, 4 – 14],	[27, 17, 3 – 24],	[12, 23, 3 – 16].	

Then  $(X, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B}_1)$  is a kite-GDD of type  $8^2 12^1$ . Consider the following permutations on *X*.

 $\pi_0 = (0\ 10\ 8\ 4)(2\ 9\ 6\ 7\ 3)(5\ 11)(13\ 16\ 14)(18\ 19)(20\ 22\ 25)(24\ 27)$  $\pi_1 = (0\ 2\ 3)(1\ 6\ 10\ 9\ 5)(4\ 11)(12\ 15\ 14\ 19\ 13\ 18\ 16\ 17)(20\ 22\ 24\ 26\ 23\ 21\ 27)$  $\pi_2 = (0\ 11\ 5\ 3\ 1\ 7\ 2)(4\ 10)(12\ 17\ 13\ 14\ 19\ 16)(15\ 18)(20\ 25\ 22\ 21)(23\ 26\ 27)$  $\pi_3 = (0\ 10\ 11\ 9\ 7\ 5\ 3\ 8)(1\ 4)(2\ 6)(12\ 14\ 13\ 19\ 17)(15\ 16\ 18)(20\ 22\ 23\ 27\ 24\ 21\ 26\ 25)$  $\pi_4 = (0\ 7\ 10\ 3\ 11\ 6)(1\ 5\ 8\ 2\ 4)(12\ 13\ 15\ 16\ 14\ 17\ 18\ 19)(20\ 22\ 27\ 26)(21\ 23\ 24)$  $\pi_5 = (1\ 11\ 4\ 3\ 7\ 2\ 9)(14\ 16\ 17)(20\ 21)$  $\pi_6 = (0\ 2\ 9\ 10)(1\ 3\ 6)(8\ 11)(12\ 16\ 14)(13\ 19\ 18\ 15\ 17)(20\ 21\ 23)(22\ 27\ 24)$  $\pi_7 = (2 4 3 5)(12 15 14 13)(24 25 27 26)$  $\pi_8 = (4\ 5)(12\ 13\ 14\ 15)(24\ 26)(25\ 27)$  $\pi_9 = (2\ 3\ 4\ 5)(12\ 14\ 15)(24\ 26\ 25\ 27),$  $\pi_{10} = (2\ 5)(3\ 4)(12\ 13)(14\ 15)(24\ 27\ 25)$  $\pi_{11} = (4\ 5)(12\ 15\ 13)(24\ 26\ 27\ 25)$  $\pi_{12} = (2\ 5)(13\ 15)(24\ 25\ 26\ 27)$  $\pi_{13} = (2\ 5\ 3\ 4)(13\ 14\ 15)(26\ 27)$  $\pi_{14} = (2\ 5\ 4)(12\ 15\ 13\ 14)(24\ 27)$  $\pi_{16} = (2\ 5)(3\ 4)(14\ 15)(24\ 26)$  $\pi_{15} = (2\ 3\ 5)(12\ 13)(24\ 25\ 27)$  $\pi_{17} = (2\ 3\ 4\ 5)(12\ 14\ 13\ 15)$  $\pi_{18} = (3\ 5\ 4)(12\ 15\ 13)(24\ 27)$  $\pi_{20} = (3\ 5)(24\ 26\ 27\ 25)$  $\pi_{19} = (2\ 5\ 4\ 3)(24\ 25\ 26)$  $\pi_{21} = (2\ 5)(14\ 15)(24\ 25)$  $\pi_{22} = (2 \ 4)(12 \ 15)(24 \ 26)$  $\pi_{23} = (2\ 5)(12\ 14)(24\ 27)$  $\pi_{24} = (3\ 5\ 4)(12\ 15)(25\ 27)$  $\pi_{26} = (2\ 3\ 5\ 4)(26\ 27)$  $\pi_{25} = (12\ 15\ 14)(25\ 26)$  $\pi_{28} = (12\ 15)(13\ 14)$  $\pi_{27} = (2\ 5\ 3)(24\ 25)$  $\pi_{29} = (2\ 5)(12\ 13\ 15)$  $\pi_{30} = (2 \ 4)(13 \ 14 \ 15)$  $\pi_{31} = (3 4 5)(13 14)$  $\pi_{32} = (12\ 15)(25\ 26)$  $\pi_{33} = (4\ 5)(14\ 15)$  $\pi_{34} = (2\ 5)(12\ 14)$  $\pi_{35} = (3\ 5)(12\ 15)$  $\pi_{36} = (2\ 3)(12\ 13)$  $\pi_{38} = (2\ 3\ 4\ 5)$  $\pi_{37} = (3 \ 4)(13 \ 15)$  $\pi_{39} = (3 4 9 7)$  $\pi_{40} = (22\ 25)$  $\pi_{42} = (24\ 27)$  $\pi_{41} = (26\ 27)$  $\pi_{43} = (25\ 26)$  $\pi_{44} = (2\ 5\ 4)$  $\pi_{45} = (2 4 3)$  $\pi_{46} = (13\ 15)$  $\pi_{47} = (798)$  $\pi_{48} = (0\ 1)$  $\pi_{49} = (0.3)$  $\pi_{50} = (0.2)$  $\pi_{51} = (1\ 2)$  $\pi_{52} = (4.7)$  $\pi_{53} = (8.9)$  $\pi_{64} = (1).$ 

We have that for each  $s \in M_3$ ,  $|\pi_s \mathcal{B}_1 \cap \mathcal{B}_1| = s$  and  $\pi_s \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$ .  $\Box$ 

## 5. For $6 \le u \le 14$

**Lemma 5.1.** J(6) = I(6).

*Proof.* Take the same set  $M_2$  as in Lemma 4.2. Let  $\alpha \in M_2$ . Then there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^312^1$  (X,  $\mathcal{B}_1$ ) and (X,  $\mathcal{B}_2$ ) with the same group set, which intersect in  $\alpha$  blocks. Here the subgraph  $K_{12}$  is constructed on  $Y \subset X$ . Let  $\beta \in I(3)$ , By Lemma 3.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^3$  (Y,  $\mathcal{B}'_1$ ) and (Y,  $\mathcal{B}'_2$ ) intersecting in  $\beta$  common blocks. Then (X,  $\mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}'_1$ ) and (X,  $\mathcal{B}_2 \cup \mathcal{B}'_2$ ) are a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^6$  with  $\alpha + \beta$  common blocks. Thus we have

$$J(6) \supseteq \{ \alpha + \beta : \alpha \in M_2, \beta \in I(3) \} = M_2 + I(3) = I(6).$$

**Lemma 5.2.** J(8) = I(8).

*Proof.* Take the same set  $M_3$  as in Lemma 4.3. Let  $\alpha \in M_3$ . Then there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $8^2 12^1$  with the same group set, which intersect in  $\alpha$  blocks. Let  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in I(3)$ . By Lemma 3.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^3$  intersecting in  $\gamma_i$  common blocks for each i = 1, 2. Let  $\gamma_3 \in I(4)$ . By Lemma 3.2, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^4$  with  $\gamma_3$  common blocks. Now applying Construction 2.2, we obtain a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^8$  with  $\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{3} \gamma_i$  common blocks. Thus we have

$$J(8) \supseteq \{ \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{3} \gamma_{i} : \alpha \in M_{3}, \gamma_{1}, \gamma_{2} \in I(3), \gamma_{3} \in I(4) \} = I(8)$$

**Lemma 5.3.** J(u) = I(u) for u = 7, 10, 13.

*Proof.* Start from a 4-GDD of type  $2^u$ , u = 7, 10, 13, by Lemma 2.3. Give each point of the GDD weight 2. By Lemma 2.4, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $2^4$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$ . Then apply Construction 2.1 to obtain a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^u$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i$  common blocks, where b = u(u - 1)/3 is the number of blocks of the 4-GDD of type  $2^u$  and  $\alpha_i \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$  for  $1 \le i \le b$ . Which implies, for u = 7, 10, 13

$$J(u) \supseteq \{\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i : \alpha_i \in \{0, \dots, 4, 6\}, 1 \le i \le b\} = b * \{0, \dots, 4, 6\} = I(u)$$

**Lemma 5.4.** J(u) = I(u) for u = 9, 11.

*Proof.* Start from a 3-GDD of type  $3^3$  by Lemma 2.3. Give each point of the GDD weight 4. By Lemma 3.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^3$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in I(3)$ . Then apply Construction 2.1 to obtain a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $12^3$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_i$  common blocks, where b = 9 is the number of blocks of the 3-GDD of type  $3^3$  and  $\alpha_i \in I(3)$  for  $1 \le i \le 9$ .

Let u = 9. By Lemma 3.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^3$  with  $\beta_j$  common blocks, where  $\beta_j \in I(3)$ ,  $1 \le j \le 3$ . By Construction 2.2, we have a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^9$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \beta_j$  common blocks, which implies

$$J(9) \supseteq \{\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \beta_j : \alpha_i \in I(3), \beta_j \in I(3), 1 \le i \le 9, 1 \le j \le 3\}$$
  
= 9 \* {0, ..., 10, 12} + 3 \* {0, ..., 10, 12} = I(9).

Let u = 11. By Lemma 4.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{3}8^{1}$  with  $\beta_{j}$  common blocks, where  $\beta_{j} \in M_{1}$ ,  $1 \le j \le 2$ . By Lemma 3.3, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{5}$  with  $\gamma$  common blocks. By

Construction 2.2, we have a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{11}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{2} \beta_j + \gamma$  common blocks, which implies

$$J(11) \supseteq \{\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{2} \beta_{j} + \gamma : \alpha_{i} \in I(3), \beta_{j} \in M_{1}, \gamma \in I(5), 1 \le i \le 9, 1 \le j \le 2\}$$
  
= 9 \* {0, ..., 10, 12} + 2 \* {0, ..., 24, 36} + {0, ..., 38, 40} = I(11).

**Lemma 5.5.** J(u) = I(u) for u = 12, 14.

*Proof.* Start from a 4-GDD of type  $3^4$  by Lemma 2.3. Give each point of the GDD weight 4. By Lemma 3.2, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^4$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in I(4)$ . Then apply Construction 2.1 to obtain a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $12^4$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_i$  common blocks, where b = 9 is the number of blocks of the 4-GDD of type  $3^4$  and  $\alpha_i \in I(4)$  for  $1 \le i \le 9$ .

Let u = 12. By Lemma 3.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^3$  with  $\beta_j$  common blocks, where  $\beta_j \in I(3)$ ,  $1 \le j \le 4$ . By Construction 2.2, we have a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{12}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{4} \beta_j$  common blocks, which implies

$$J(12) \supseteq \{\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{4} \beta_j : \alpha_i \in I(4), \beta_j \in I(3), 1 \le i \le 9, 1 \le j \le 4\}$$
  
= 9 \* {0, ..., 22, 24} + 4 \* {0, ..., 10, 12} = I(12).

Let u = 14. By Lemma 4.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{3}8^{1}$  with  $\beta_{j}$  common blocks, where  $\beta_{j} \in M_{1}$ ,  $1 \le j \le 3$ . By Lemma 3.3, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{5}$  with  $\gamma$  common blocks, where  $\gamma \in I(5)$ . By Construction 2.2, we have a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{14}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \beta_{j} + \gamma$  common blocks, which implies

$$J(14) \supseteq \{\sum_{i=1}^{9} \alpha_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{3} \beta_{j} + \gamma : \alpha_{i} \in I(4), \beta_{j} \in M_{1}, \gamma \in I(5), 1 \le i \le 9, 1 \le j \le 3\}$$
  
= 9 \* {0,..., 22, 24} + 3 \* {0,..., 24, 36} + {0,..., 38, 40} = I(14).

#### 6. Proof of Theorem 1.1

First we need the following definition. Let  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  be two non-negative integers. If X and Y are two sets of pairs of non-negative integers, then X + Y denotes the set  $\{s_1 + s_2 : s_1 \in X, s_2 \in Y\}$ . If X is a set of pairs of non-negative integers and h is some positive integer, then h \* X denotes the set of all pairs of non-negative integers which can be obtained by adding any h elements of X together (repetitions of elements of X allowed).

**Lemma 6.1.** For any integer  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $u \ge 15$ , J(u) = I(u).

*Proof.* Let u = 3t and  $t \ge 5$ . Start from a 4-GDD of type  $6^t$  by Lemma 2.3. Give each point of the GDD weight 2. By Lemma 2.4, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $2^4$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$ . Then apply Construction 2.1 to obtain a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $12^t$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i$  common blocks, where b = 3t(t-1) is the number of blocks of the 4-GDD of type  $6^t$  and  $\alpha_i \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$  for  $1 \le i \le b$ .

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By Lemma 3.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^3$  with  $\beta_j$  common blocks, where  $\beta_j \in I(3)$ ,  $1 \le j \le t$ . By Construction 2.2, we have a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{3t}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{t} \beta_j$  common blocks, which implies

$$J(u) = J(3t) \supseteq \{ \sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{t} \beta_j : \alpha_i \in \{0, \dots, 4, 6\}, \beta_j \in I(3), 1 \le i \le b, 1 \le j \le t \}$$
  
=  $b * \{0, \dots, 4, 6\} + t * \{0, \dots, 10, 12\}$   
=  $I(3t) = I(u).$ 

**Lemma 6.2.** For any integer  $u \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $u \ge 16$ , J(u) = I(u).

*Proof.* Let u = 3t + 1 and  $t \ge 5$ . Start from a 4-GDD of type  $6^t$  by Lemma 2.3. Give each point of the GDD weight 2. By Lemma 2.4, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $2^4$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$ . Then apply Construction 2.1 to obtain a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $12^t$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i$  common blocks, where b = 3t(t - 1) is the number of blocks of the 4-GDD of type  $6^t$  and  $\alpha_i \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$  for  $1 \le i \le b$ .

By Lemma 3.2, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^4$  with  $\beta_j$  common blocks, where  $\beta_j \in I(4)$ ,  $1 \le j \le t$ . By Construction 2.2, we have a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{3t+1}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{t} \beta_j$  common blocks, which implies

$$J(u) = J(3t+1) \supseteq \{ \sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{t} \beta_j : \alpha_i \in \{0, \dots, 4, 6\}, \beta_j \in I(4), 1 \le i \le b, 1 \le j \le t \}$$
  
= b \* {0, ..., 4, 6} + t \* {0, ..., 22, 24}  
= I(3t+1) = I(u).

**Lemma 6.3.** For any integer  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $u \ge 17$ , J(u) = I(u).

*Proof.* Let u = 3t + 2 and  $t \ge 5$ . Start from a 4-GDD of type  $6^t$  by Lemma 2.3. Give each point of the GDD weight 2. By Lemma 2.4, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $2^4$  with  $\alpha$  common blocks,  $\alpha \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$ . Then apply Construction 2.1 to obtain a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $12^t$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i$  common blocks, where b = 3t(t - 1) is the number of blocks of the 4-GDD of type  $6^t$  and  $\alpha_i \in \{0, ..., 4, 6\}$  for  $1 \le i \le b$ .

By Lemma 4.1, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{3}8^{1}$  with  $\beta_{j}$  common blocks, where  $\beta_{j} \in M_{1}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq t - 1$ . By Lemma 3.3, there is a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{5}$  with  $\gamma$  common blocks, where  $\gamma \in I_{5}$ . By Construction 2.2, we have a pair of kite-GDDs of type  $4^{3t+2}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \beta_{j} + \gamma$  common blocks, which implies

$$J(u) = J(3t+2) \supseteq \{ \sum_{i=1}^{b} \alpha_i + \sum_{j=1}^{t-1} \beta_j + \gamma : \alpha_i \in \{0, \dots, 4, 6\}, \beta_j \in M_1, \gamma \in I_5, 1 \le i \le b, 1 \le j \le t \}$$
  
= b \* {0, ..., 4, 6} + (t - 1) \* {0, ..., 24, 36} + {0, ..., 38, 40}  
= I(3t + 2) = I(u).

**Proof of Theorem 1.1:** When  $u \in \{3, 4, ..., 14\}$ , the conclusion follows from Lemmas 3.1-3.3, and Lemmas 5.1-5.5. When  $u \ge 15$ , combining the results of Lemmas 6.1-6.3, we complete the proof.  $\Box$ 

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