

## THE EXISTENCE OF A CLASS OF KIRKMAN SQUARES OF INDEX 2

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### Abstract

A Kirkman square with index  $\lambda$ , latinicity  $\mu$ , block size  $k$  and  $v$  points,  $KS_k(v; \mu, \lambda)$ , is a  $t \times t$  array ( $t = \lambda(v - 1)/\mu(k - 1)$ ) defined on a  $v$ -set  $V$  such that (1) each point of  $V$  is contained in precisely  $\mu$  cells of each row and column, (2) each cell of the array is either empty or contains a  $k$ -subset of  $V$ , and (3) the collection of blocks obtained from the nonempty cells of the array is a  $(v, k, \lambda)$ -BIBD. For  $\mu = 1$ , the existence of a  $KS_k(v; \mu, \lambda)$  is equivalent to the existence of a doubly resolvable  $(v, k, \lambda)$ -BIBD. In this case the only complete results are for  $k = 2$ . The case  $k = 3, \lambda = 1$  appears to be quite difficult although some existence results are available. For  $k = 3, \lambda = 2$  the problem seems to be more tractable. In this paper we prove the existence of a  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  for all  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{12}$ .

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### 1. Introduction

A Kirkman square with index  $\lambda$ , latinicity  $\mu$ , block size  $k$  and  $v$  points,  $KS_k(v; \mu, \lambda)$ , is a  $t \times t$  ( $t = \lambda(v - 1)/\mu(k - 1)$ ) array defined on a  $v$ -set  $V$  such that

- (1) each point of  $V$  is contained in precisely  $\mu$  cells of each row and column,
- (2) each cell of the array is either empty or contains a  $k$ -subset of  $V$ , and
- (3) the collection of blocks obtained from the nonempty cells of the array is a  $(v, k, \lambda)$ -BIBD.

The existence question for  $KS_2(v; \mu, \lambda)$  has been completely settled [5]. For  $\mu = 1$ , the existence of a  $KS_k(v; \mu, \lambda)$  is equivalent to the existence of a doubly resolvable  $(v, k, \lambda)$ -BIBD. A doubly resolvable  $(v, k, \lambda)$ -BIBD is denoted by

$DR(v, k, \lambda)$ -BIBD. The existence question for  $DR(v, k, \lambda)$ -BIBDs with  $k \geq 3$  is open. Of particular interest to us is the case  $k = 3$ . A necessary condition for the existence of a  $KS_3(v; 1, 1)$  is  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ . The best result, thus far, for  $KS_3(v; 1, 1)$ s is asymptotic.

**THEOREM 1.1** [8]. *There exists a constant  $v_1$  such that for all  $v \geq v_1$  and  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  there exists a  $KS_3(v; 1, 1)$ .*

In this paper, we consider the next case  $k = 3$  and  $\lambda = 2$ .  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ s are equivalent to  $DR(v, 3, 2)$ -BIBDs and have been called doubly resolvable twofold triple systems of order  $v$  ( $DRTTS(v)$ ) ([1]). A necessary condition for the existence of a  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  is  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . A  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  defined on  $\{\infty, 0, 1\}$  is

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It is known that there do not exist  $KS_3(6; 1, 2)$  and  $KS_3(9; 1, 2)$  [6]. The next smallest design has recently been constructed. A  $KS_3(12; 1, 2)$  appears in [4].  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ s are also known to exist for  $v = 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30$  and  $33$ . These designs were constructed using starters and adders ([1], for  $v = 33$ , Lemma 3.6). In the next section, we give some recursive constructions for  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ s. In the last section, we apply these constructions to prove the existence of  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ s for  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{12}$ .

## 2. Constructions

Let  $V$  be a set of  $v$  elements. Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$  be a partition of  $V$  into  $m$  sets. A  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m\}$ -frame  $F$  with block size  $k$ , index  $\lambda$  and latinicity  $\mu$  is a square array of side  $v$  which satisfies the properties listed below. We index the rows and columns of  $F$  by the elements of  $V$ .

- (1) Each cell is either empty or contains a  $k$ -subset of  $V$ .
- (2) Let  $F_i$  be the subsquare of  $F$  indexed by the elements of  $G_i$ .  $F_i$  is empty for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .
- (3) Let  $j \in G_i$ . Row  $j$  of  $F$  contains each element of  $V - G_i$   $\mu$  times and column  $j$  of  $F$  contains each element of  $V - G_i$   $\mu$  times.
- (4) The collection of blocks obtained from the nonempty cells of  $F$  is a  $GDD(v; k; G_1G_2, \dots, G_m; 0, \lambda)$  (see [14] for  $GDD$  notation).

If  $|G_i| = h$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we call  $F$  a  $(\mu, \lambda; k, m, h)$ -frame.

We will use frames to provide some product constructions for  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ s. The first result uses a  $(1, 2, 3; m, 1)$ -frame.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *If there exists a  $(1, 2, 3, m, 1)$ -frame, a  $KS_3(n + 1; 1, 2)$  and three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side  $n$ , then there is a  $KS_3(mn + 1; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(n + 1; 1, 2)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and let  $V_i = V \times \{i\}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Let  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$  be a set of three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side  $n$  defined on  $V$ .  $L$  will denote the array of triples formed by the superposition of  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$ .  $L_{ijk}$  is the  $n \times n$  array of triples formed by replacing each triple  $(a, b, c)$  in  $L$  with the triple  $(a_i, b_j, c_k)$  where  $a_i \in V_i, b_j \in V_j$  and  $c_k \in V_k$ .

Let  $K_i$  be a  $KS_3(n + 1; 1, 2)$  defined on  $V_i \cup \{\infty\}$ . Let  $F$  be a  $(1, 2, 3, m, 1)$ -frame defined on  $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that  $i$  is missing from cell  $(i, i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

We construct a  $KS_3(mn + 1; 1, 2)$  on  $(V \times \{1, 2, \dots, m\}) \cup \{\infty\}$  as follows. Replace each triple  $(i, j, k)$  in  $F$  with the  $n \times n$  array  $L_{ijk}$ . In each cell  $(i, i)$  of  $F$ , place the  $n \times n$  array  $K_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . The resulting array  $A$  has size  $mn \times mn$ . Each distinct pair in  $(V \times \{1, 2, \dots, m\}) \cup \{\infty\}$  occurs twice in  $A$ . Each element in  $(V \times \{1, 2, \dots, m\}) \cup \{\infty\}$  occurs once in each row and each column of  $A$ . Thus,  $A$  is a  $KS_3(mn + 1; 1, 2)$ .

The next result will be used for  $(1, 2, 3, m, h)$ -frames with  $h = 1, 3$  and  $6$ . This construction also appears in [2].

**THEOREM 2.2.** *If there exists a  $(1, 2, 3, m, h)$ -frame, a  $KS_3(hn + w; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(w; 1, 2)$  ( $w \geq 3$ ) and three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side  $n$ , then there is a  $KS_3(hmn + w; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(w; 1, 2)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $V = \{x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_h^i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and let  $G_i = \{x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_h^i\}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Let  $W = \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_w\}$  and let  $N = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

Let  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$  be a set of three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side  $n$  defined on  $N$ .  $L$  will denote the array of triples formed by the superposition of  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$ .  $L_{ijk}$  is the  $n \times n$  array of triples formed by replacing each triple  $(a, b, c)$  in  $L$  with the triple  $(a_i, b_j, c_k)$  where  $a_i \in N \times \{i\}, b_j \in N \times \{j\}$  and  $c_k \in N \times \{k\}$ .

Let  $F$  be a  $(1, 2, 3; m, h)$ -frame defined on  $V$ .  $F$  is a  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m\}$ -frame. Construct an  $hmn \times hmn$  array  $H$  from  $F$  by replacing each triple  $(x, y, z)$  in  $F$  with the  $n \times n$  array  $L_{xyz}$ .  $H$  contains a diagonal of  $m$   $hn \times hn$  empty arrays.

Let  $K_i$  denote a  $KS_3(hn + w; 1, 2)$  defined on  $(N \times G_i) \cup W$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(w; 1, 2)$  defined on  $W$ . Let  $A$  denote the subarray defined on  $W$ .  $K_i$  can be partitioned as follows.

$$K_i = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline A & B_i \\ \hline C_i & D_i \\ \hline \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \vphantom{K_i} \\ \vphantom{K_i} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} w - 1 \\ hn \end{array}$$

where  $A$  and  $D_i$  are square arrays of side  $w - 1$  and  $h$  respectively.

We now construct a new array  $K$  from  $H$  and the  $K_i$ 's for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .  $K$  is defined on  $(N \times V) \cup W$ .

$$K = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline A & B_1 & B_2 & \dots & B_m \\ C_1 & D_1 & & H & \\ C_2 & & D_2 & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ C_n & & & & D_m \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$K$  is a square array of side  $hnm + w - 1$ . Each element of  $(N \times V) \cup W$  occurs precisely once in each row and each column of  $K$ . Every distinct pair in  $(N \times V) \cup W$  occurs twice in  $K$ . Thus,  $K$  is a  $KS_3(hnm + w; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(w; 1, 2)(A)$ .

The last construction in this section is an indirect product for  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ s. Before describing the construction, we recall the definition of an  $IA(n, k, s)$ . Let  $V$  be a finite set of size  $n$ . Let  $K$  be a subset of size  $k$  of  $V$ . An incomplete orthogonal array  $IA(n, k, s)$  is an  $n^2 - k^2 \times s$  array written on the symbol set  $V$  such that every ordered pair of symbols in  $V \times V - (K \times K)$  occurs in any ordered pair of columns from the array. We may think of an  $IA(n, k, s)$  as a set of  $s - 2$  mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order  $n$  which are missing a subsquare of order  $k$ . We need not be able to fill in the  $k \times k$  missing subsquares with Latin squares of side  $k$ .

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $u, v$  and  $w$  be non-negative integers such that  $0 \leq u < w < v$ . Suppose that  $v - u \equiv 0 \pmod{h}$  and  $w - u \equiv 0 \pmod{h}$ . If there exists a  $(1, 2, 3; m, h)$ -frame, and  $IA((v - u)/h, (w - u)/h, 5)$ , a  $KS_3(v + 1; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(w + 1; 1, 2)$ , and a  $KS_3(m(w - u) + u + 1; 1, 2)$ , then there exists a  $KS_3(m(v - u) + u + 1; 1, 2)$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $V = \{x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_h^i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ ,  $W = \{1, 2, \dots, (v - u)/yh\}$ ,  $W_1 = \{1, 2, \dots, (w - u)/h\}$  and  $U = \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \dots, \infty_{u+1}\}$ . Let  $G_i = \{x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_h^i\}$ .

Let  $F$  be a  $(1, 2; 3, m, h)$ -frame defined on  $V$  such that  $F$  is a  $\{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m\}$ -frame.

We construct a set of three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of order  $(v - u)/h$  defined on  $W$  which are missing subsquares of order  $(w - u)/h$  defined on  $W_1$  in the upper left hand corners of the arrays from the  $IA((v - u)/h, (w - u)/h, 5)$ . Let  $I$  be the  $(v - u)/h \times (v - u)/h$  array of triples formed from the superposition of these three squares. The array  $I_{ijk}$  will be the array of triples formed by replacing each triple  $(a, b, c)$  in  $I$  with the triple  $(a_i, b_j, c_k)$  where  $a_i \in W \times \{i\}$ ,  $b_j \in W \times \{j\}$  and  $c_k \in W \times \{k\}$ .

Next we construct an  $m(v - u) \times m(v - u)$  array from  $F$  by replacing each triple  $(i, j, k)$  in  $F$  by the  $(v - u)/h \times (v - u)/h$  array  $I_{ijk}$ . (Empty cells in  $F$  are replaced by  $(v - u)/h \times (v - u)/h$  empty arrays.) Call the resulting array  $H'$ .  $H'$  contains a diagonal of  $m(v - u) \times (v - u)$  empty arrays. We can partition  $H'$  into  $m^2(v - u) \times (v - u)$  arrays. Denote these subarrays by  $H'_{ij}$  for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . We can permute the rows and columns of  $H'$  so that each subarray  $H'_{ij}$  contains an empty  $(w - u) \times (w - u)$  array in the upper left hand corner. Call this array  $H$ .  $H$  also contains a diagonal of  $m(v - u) \times v - u$  empty arrays.  $H$  is defined on  $W \times V$ .

Let  $A_i$  be a  $KS_3(v + 1; 1, 2)$  on  $(W \times G_i) \cup U$  such that the subarray  $KS_3(w + 1; 1, 2)$  is defined on  $(W_1 \times G_i) \cup U$ . We can partition  $A_i$  as follows.

$$A_i = \begin{matrix} & & w & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u \\ \vdots \\ v - w \end{array} \right. & \left\{ \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline & & R_i \\ \hline & & S_i \\ \hline C_i & T_i & K_i \\ \hline \end{array} \right. & \left. \right\} v - u \end{matrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{v - u}$

We now construct a square array of side  $m(v - u) + u$  using the  $A_i$  and  $H$ . This array will be called  $B_1$  and has the following form.

$E$	$E$	$R_1$	$E$	$R_2$	$E$	$E$	$R_m$
$E$	$E$	$S_1$	$E$		$E$	$E$	
$C_1$	$T_1$	$K_1$					$H$
$E$	$E$		$E$	$S_2$			
$C_2$			$T_2$	$K_2$			
$E$	$E$					$E$	$S_m$
$C_m$						$T_m$	$K_m$

The arrays labelled  $E$  in  $B_1$  are empty. They form an  $m(w - u) + u \times m(u - u) + u$  array. Place a  $KS_3(m(w - u) + u + 1; 1, 2)$  defined on  $(W_1 \times V) \cup U$  in this array. The resulting array  $B$  is a  $KS_3(m(v - u) + u + 1; 1, 2)$  on  $(W \times V) \cup U$ . Every pair of distinct elements in  $(W \times V) \cup U$  occurs precisely twice in  $B$  since  $F$  and the Kirkman squares used to construct  $B$  had index  $\lambda = 2$ . It can be verified that each element in  $(W \times V) \cup U$  occurs once in each row and each column of  $B$ .

### 3. Applications

In order to apply the constructions from the previous section, we will need the following results on frames from [2].

**THEOREM 3.1.** [2] *There exist  $(1, 2; 3, m, 3)$ -frames for  $m \geq 5$  except possibly for  $m \in \{6, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 38, 39, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 51, 52, 59, 118, 123\}$ .*

**THEOREM 3.2.** [2] *There exist  $(1, 2; 3, m, 6)$ -frames for  $m \geq 5$  except possibly for  $m \in \{10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 32, 34, 39\}$ .*

We note that one more value can be deleted from the list of exceptions to Theorem 3.1.

**LEMMA 3.3.** *There exists a  $(1, 2; 3, 48, 3)$ -frame.*

**PROOF.** Apply the frame singular direct product [2] using a  $(1, 2; 3, 6, 6)$ -frame, three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side 4 and a  $(1, 2; 3, 8, 3)$ -frame.

The constructions also require the existence of some  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ s which contain as subarrays  $KS_3(w; 1, 2)$ s where  $w \geq 3$ .

**LEMMA 3.4.** *There exists a  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  for  $v = 15, 21, 27, 39, 51, 63$  and 81. Furthermore, there exists a  $KS_3(63; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(15; 1, 2)$ .*

**PROOF.** A  $KS_3(15; 1, 2)$  is displayed in Figure 1. A starter and adder for a  $KS_3(21; 1, 2)$  are listed in [1]. Since there exist  $KS_3(v; 1, 1)$  for  $v = 27, 39, 51, 63$  and 81 ([3], [9], [11], [12]), there exists  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  which contain as subarrays  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  for  $v = 27, 39, 51, 63$  and 81. To construct a  $KS_3(63; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(15; 1, 2)$ , we apply Theorem 2.2 using a  $(1, 2; 3, 5, 3)$ -frame, a  $KS_3(15; 1, 2)$  which contains a  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  and 3 mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side 4.

$\infty 0\bar{0}$	$2\bar{4}5$	$4\bar{2}\bar{1}$		$1\bar{6}\bar{2}$			$356$						
	$\infty 1\bar{1}$	$35\bar{6}$	$5\bar{4}\bar{2}$		$2\bar{0}\bar{2}$			$460$					
		$\infty 2\bar{2}$	$4\bar{6}\bar{0}$	$6\bar{5}\bar{2}$		$2\bar{1}\bar{4}$			$501$				
$4\bar{2}5$			$\infty 2\bar{2}$	$5\bar{0}\bar{1}$	$0\bar{6}\bar{4}$					$612$			
	$5\bar{2}\bar{6}$			$\infty 4\bar{4}$	$6\bar{1}\bar{2}$	$1\bar{0}\bar{5}$					$023$		
$2\bar{1}\bar{6}$		$6\bar{4}\bar{0}$			$\infty 5\bar{5}$	$0\bar{2}\bar{3}$						$134$	
$1\bar{2}\bar{4}$	$3\bar{2}\bar{0}$		$0\bar{5}\bar{1}$			$\infty 6\bar{6}$						$245$	
$356$							$\infty 0\bar{0}$	$245$	$4\bar{3}\bar{1}$		$1\bar{6}\bar{2}$		
	$460$							$\infty 1\bar{1}$	$35\bar{6}$	$5\bar{4}\bar{2}$		$2\bar{0}\bar{3}$	
		$501$							$\infty 2\bar{2}$	$4\bar{6}\bar{0}$	$6\bar{5}\bar{3}$	$2\bar{1}\bar{4}$	
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				$023$				$5\bar{3}\bar{6}$			$\infty 4\bar{4}$	$6\bar{1}\bar{2}$	$1\bar{0}\bar{5}$
					$1324$		$2\bar{1}\bar{6}$		$6\bar{4}\bar{0}$			$\infty 5\bar{5}$	$0\bar{2}\bar{3}$
						$245$	$1\bar{3}\bar{4}$	$3\bar{2}\bar{0}$		$0\bar{5}\bar{1}$			$\infty 6\bar{6}$

FIGURE 1.  
A  $KS_3(15; 1, 2)$  which contains a  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$ .

Finally, we require three designs which we constructed directly using starters and adders and the following result. For definitions and results on 1-rotational  $(v, 3, 1)$ -BIBDs, see [7].

LEMMA 3.5. Let  $k = (v - 3)/6$ . Let  $(B_0, B_1, \dots, B_k)$  be a starter for a 1-rotational  $(v, 3, 1)$ -BIBD defined on  $Z_{v-1} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Let  $A = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k)$  be an adder for  $S$ . Suppose  $S$  and  $A$  have the following properties.

- (1)  $B_0 = \{\infty, 0, (v - 1)/2\}$  and  $a_0 = 0$ .
  - (2) If  $b \in B_i$  for some  $i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , then  $-b \notin B_j$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ .
  - (3) For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k, a_i \neq 0$  or  $(v - 1)/2$ .
  - (4)  $a_i + a_j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{v - 1}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq k$ .
- Then there exists a  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$ .

PROOF. If  $B_i = \{x, y, z\}$ , define  $-B_i = \{-x, -y, -z\} = (v - 1 - x, v - 1 - y, v - 1 - z)$ . A starter for a  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  is  $S \cup \{-B_1, -B_2, \dots, -B_k\}$  and a corresponding adder is  $A \cup \{-a_1, -a_2, \dots, -a_k\}$ .

It is known that 1-rotational  $(v, 3, 1)$ -BIBDs exist if and only if  $v \equiv 3$  or  $9 \pmod{24}$ , [7].

LEMMA 3.6. There exist  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  for  $v = 33, 57$  and  $75$ .

PROOF. In Table 3, we list the starters and adders required to apply Lemma 3.5.

We are now in a position to prove our main result.

**THEOREM 3.7.** *There exist a  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  which contains a subarray  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  for  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{12}$ .*

**TABLE 3**  
Starters and adders for  $KS_3(v; 1, 2)$  for  $v = 33, 57$  and  $75$

$v = 33$						
Starter	$\infty$ 0 16	1 2 8	7 9 21	3 6 14	15 19 28	5 10 20
Adder	0	4	22	1	27	14
$v = 57$						
Starter	$\infty$ 0 28	1 2 14	3 5 27	4 7 22	44 48 13	30 35 46
Adder	0	1	2	13	42	35
		19 25 45	33 40 50	9 17 36	15 24 38	
		19	12	7	51	
$v = 75$						
Starter	$\infty$ 0 37	1 2 17	3 5 34	4 7 24	6 10 38	8 13 31
Adder		1	2	4	10	11
		16 22 49	44 51 65	54 62 14	33 42 55	18 28 53
		35	8	47	7	52
		15 26 45	27 39 63			
		15	56			

**PROOF.** Let  $v = 12m + 3$ . By Lemma 3.4, there exist  $KS_3(12m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m = 0, 1, 2, 3$  and  $4$ . All of these arrays contain a  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  as a subarray.

Let  $N_1 = \{10, 14, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46\}$ ,  $N_2 = \{24, 39, 51, 123\}$ ,  $N_3 = \{20, 28, 32, 44, 52\}$  and  $N_4 = \{6, 43, 47, 59, 118\}$ . Let  $N = \cup_{i=1}^4 N_i$ .

Since there exist  $(1, 2; 3, m, 3)$ -frames for  $m \geq 5$ ,  $m \notin N$  (Theorem 3.1, Lemma 3.3), we can apply Theorem 2.2. We first use it with  $h = 3$ ,  $w = 3$  and  $n = 4$ . Since there exist three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side 4 and a  $KS_3(15; 1, 2)$  with a  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  as a subarray, there exist  $KS_3(12m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m \geq 5$  and  $m \notin N$ .

Since there exists a  $KS_3(27; 1, 2)$  with a  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$  as a subarray and three mutually orthogonal Latin squares of side 8, we apply Theorem 2.2 with  $h = 3$ ,  $w = 3$  and  $n = 8$  to construct  $KS_3(24m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m \geq 5$ ,  $m \notin N$ . This will construct  $KS_3(12m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m \in N_1$ . Similarly, we can apply Theorem 2.2 with  $h = 3$ ,  $w = 3$  and  $n = 12$  to construct  $KS_3(36m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m \geq 5$ ,  $m \notin N$ . This will construct  $KS_3(12m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m \in N_2$ . Applying Theorem 2.2 again with  $h = w = 3$  and  $n = 16$  will construct  $KS_3(48m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m \geq 5$ ,  $m \notin N$ . This will provide  $KS_3(12m + 3; 1, 2)$  for  $m \in N_3$ .

There are now five values of  $m$  left to consider,  $m \in N_4 = \{6, 43, 47, 59, 118\}$ . By Lemma 3.6, there exists a  $KS_3(12 \cdot 6 + 3; 1, 2)$ . We construct a  $KS_3(12 \cdot 43 + 3; 1, 2)$  by applying Theorem 2.1 with  $m = 37$  and  $n = 14$  since  $12 \cdot 43 + 3 = 37 \cdot 14 + 1$ . (A  $(1, 2; 3, 37, 1)$ -frame is constructed in [13].) A



$KS_3(12 \cdot 118 + 3; 1, 2)$  can be constructed by applying Theorem 2.2 with  $m = 59$ ,  $h = 6$ ,  $w = 3$  and  $n = 4$ .

We use the indirect product (Theorem 2.3) for the two remaining values of  $m$ . There exist a  $(1, 2; 3, 10, 1)$ -frame [1], a  $KS(63; 1, 2)$  which contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(87; 1, 2)$  and an  $IA(56, 8, 5)$ . By applying Theorem 2.3 with the parameters  $v = 62$ ,  $w = 14$ ,  $u = 6$ ,  $h = 1$  and  $m = 10$ , we construct a  $KS_3(12 \cdot 47 + 3; 1, 2)$ . Since there exists a  $(1, 2; 3, 13, 6)$ -frame (Theorem 3.2), a  $KS_3(63; 1, 2)$  which contains a  $KS_3(15; 1, 2)$ , a  $KS_3(87; 1, 2)$  and an  $IA(9, 1, 5)$ , we can apply Theorem 2.3 again with  $m = 13$ ,  $h = 6$ ,  $v = 62$ ,  $w = 14$  and  $u = 8$  to construct a  $KS_3(13(54) + 9; 1, 2)$ . This is a  $KS_3(12 \cdot 59 + 3; 1, 2)$ .

Note that each of the arrays that we have constructed contains as a subarray a  $KS_3(3; 1, 2)$ .  $\square$

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