

## EXTENDED DIRECTED TRIPLE SYSTEMS WITH A GIVEN AUTOMORPHISM

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**ABSTRACT.** An *extended directed triple system of order  $v$* , denoted by  $EDTS(v)$ , is a pair  $(V, \mathfrak{B})$  where  $V$  is a  $v$ -set and  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a set of transitive triples of elements of  $V$  such that every ordered pair of elements of  $V$  is contained in exactly one member of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . We obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of cyclic  $EDTS(v)$ s, and when  $k = 1$  or  $2$ , we also obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $k$ -rotational  $EDTS(v)$ s.

### 1. Introduction

A collection of (not necessarily distinct) three objects  $a, b, c, \{a, b, c\}$  in order, is called a *transitive triple (triple or cyclic triple)* if it is a collection of three ordered pairs  $(a, b), (b, c), (a, c)$  (three unordered pairs  $\{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}$  or three ordered pairs  $(a, b), (b, c), (c, a)$ , respectively). A *directed (Steiner or Mendelsohn) triple system of order  $v$*  is a pair  $(V, \mathfrak{B})$  where  $V$  is a  $v$ -set of elements and  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a set of transitive triples (triples or cyclic triples, respectively) of distinct elements of  $V$ , called *blocks*, such that every ordered pair (unordered pair or ordered pair, respectively) of distinct elements of  $V$  is contained in exactly one block of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . A system is said to be *extended* if both the blocks and the pairs are allowed repeated elements.

In an extended system, each block is one of three types: it consists of (i) three same elements, (ii) two same elements and one different element, or (iii) three distinct elements. An element  $a$  is called an *idempotent* if there is a block consisting of three  $a$ 's; and a *nonidempotent* if there is a block consisting of two  $a$ 's and one another element. We denote by  $ESTS(v, \rho)$  (or  $EMTS(v, \rho)$ ) an extended Steiner (Mendelsohn) triple system of order  $v$  with  $\rho$  idempotents.

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THEOREM 1.1 [5]. *There exists an ESTS( $v, \rho$ ) if and only if*

- (i)  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $\rho \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  or
- (ii)  $v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $\rho \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , but
- (iii) when  $v$  is even,  $\rho \leq \frac{v}{2}$  and
- (iv) when  $\rho = v - 1$ ,  $v = 2$ .

THEOREM 1.2 [1]. *There exists an EMTS( $v, \rho$ ) if and only if*

- (i)  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $\rho \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $(v, \rho) \neq (6, 6)$ , or
- (ii)  $v \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $\rho \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

If a collection of three objects  $a, b, c$ ,  $\{a, b, c\}$  in order, is a transitive triple, we denote it by  $[a, b, c]$  which consists of three ordered pairs  $(a, b)$ ,  $(b, c)$  and  $(a, c)$ . In an extended directed triple system, there are five types of blocks:

$$[a, a, a], [a, a, b], [a, b, a], [b, a, a], [a, b, c]$$

where  $a, b, c$  are distinct elements. We always deem that each block of the form  $[a, a, a]$  contains only one ordered pair  $(a, a)$ , and each block of the form  $[a, a, b]$  (or  $[b, a, a]$ ) with  $a \neq b$  contains just two ordered pairs  $(a, a)$ ,  $(a, b)$  ( $(a, a)$ ,  $(b, a)$ ). If  $[a, a, b]$  ( $[a, b, a]$  or  $[b, a, a]$ ) is a block, then we say that  $a$  is a nonidempotent of *type 1* (*type 2* or *type 3*, respectively). We denote by  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  an extended directed triple system of order  $v$  with  $\rho$  idempotents,  $\eta_1$  nonidempotents of type 1,  $\eta_2$  nonidempotents of type 2, and  $\eta_3$  nonidempotents of type 3. Obviously, we have

$$0 \leq \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3 \leq v \text{ and } \rho + \eta_1 + \eta_2 + \eta_3 = v.$$

In general, the existence of  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ s is in doubt. In this paper, we deal with the existence of special classes of  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ s, so-called, one is *cyclic* and the other is *rotational* systems. We obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of cyclic extended directed triple systems, and when  $k = 1$  or  $2$ , we also obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of  $k$ -rotational extended directed triple systems.

## 2. Cyclic extended directed triple systems

An *automorphism* of an  $EDTS(v)$ ,  $(V, \mathfrak{B})$ , is a permutation  $\alpha$  of  $V$ , which maps the block-set  $\mathfrak{B}$  onto itself, and  $\alpha$  is said to be *cyclic* if it consists of a single cycle of length  $v$ . A *cyclic EDTS( $v$ )* is one which admits a cyclic automorphism.

Suppose that  $(V, \mathfrak{B})$  is a cyclic  $EDTS(v)$  with  $\alpha$  as a cyclic automorphism. Then the block-set  $\mathfrak{B}$  is partitioned into disjoint orbits under the group  $\langle \alpha \rangle$  which is generated by  $\alpha$ . We say that a set of blocks which are taken exactly one, called a *starter block*, from each of the orbits is called a *set of starter blocks* for the cyclic  $EDTS(v)$ . The *length* of a starter block is the number of blocks of the orbit containing the starter block. It is easy to see that the length of each starter block of a cyclic  $EDTS(v)$  is equal to  $v$ . Thus, in a cyclic  $EDTS(v)$ , if there is an idempotent then each element must be an idempotent, or if there is a nonidempotent then each element should be a nonidempotent. Therefore, if there exists a cyclic  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ , it is one of the systems

$$EDTS(v, v, 0, 0, 0), EDTS(v, 0, v, 0, 0), \\ EDTS(v, 0, 0, v, 0), EDTS(v, 0, 0, 0, v).$$

REMARK 2.1. We see that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a set of blocks for an  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  if and only if  $\{[c, b, a] \mid [a, b, c] \in \mathfrak{B}\}$  is a set of blocks for an  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_3, \eta_2, \eta_1)$ . Therefore, there exists an  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  if and only if there exists an  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_3, \eta_2, \eta_1)$ .

By Remark 2.1 and the above observation, it is enough to consider the existence of cyclic  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  for the three cases (i)  $\rho = v$ , (ii)  $\eta_1 = v$  (or  $\eta_3 = v$ ), and (iii)  $\eta_2 = v$  with others zero in each case.

REMARK 2.2. Suppose there exists a cyclic  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  and let  $n$  be the number of blocks consisting of three distinct elements. By counting the number of ordered pairs which occur in the system, we have the following relations:

- (i) if  $\rho = v$ , then  $v + 3n = v^2$ ; so  $v \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{3}$ ,
- (ii) if  $\eta_1 = v$ , then  $2v + 3n = v^2$ ; so  $v \equiv 0$  or  $2 \pmod{3}$ ,
- (iii) if  $\eta_2 = v$ , then  $3v + 3n = v^2$ ; so  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

It is easy to see that there exists a cyclic  $EDTS(v, v, 0, 0, 0)$  if and only if there exists a cyclic directed triple system of order  $v$ , which is equivalent to  $v \equiv 1, 4$  or  $7 \pmod{12}$  for the existence [4]. Thus we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.3. *There exists a cyclic  $EDTS(v, v, 0, 0, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 1, 4$  or  $7 \pmod{12}$ .*

LEMMA 2.4. *If there exists a cyclic  $EDTS(v, 0, v, 0, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .*

PROOF. Since each starter block must have length  $v$ , the total number of blocks is divisible by  $v$ , but there are  $\frac{v^2+v}{3}$  blocks and this should be divided by  $v$ ; so  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .  $\square$

Hereafter, we assume that our cyclic  $EDTS(v)$  has the element-set  $V = Z_v$ , the additive abelian group of residue classes,  $0, 1, \dots, v-1$ , of integers modulo  $v$  and the permutation  $\alpha = (0, 1, \dots, v-1)$  as a cyclic automorphism, unless other stated.

REMARK 2.5. Let we have a cyclic  $EDTS(v, 0, v, 0, 0)$  or a cyclic  $EDTS(v, 0, 0, v, 0)$ . With each orbit which contains a block  $[a, b, c]$ , we associate a unique *difference triple*  $(x, y, z)$  defined by

$$x \equiv b - a, y \equiv c - b, z \equiv c - a \pmod{v}$$

which satisfy the equation  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{v}$ . With each difference triple  $(x, y, z)$  where all  $x, y, z$  are nonzero, we associate the orbit containing the block  $[0, x, x+y]$ . If  $(x, -x, 0)$  is a difference triple, we correspond the orbit containing the block  $[0, x, 0]$ , and if  $(0, x, x)$  is a difference triple, we correspond the orbit containing the block  $[0, 0, x]$ .

We see that the existence of a cyclic  $EDTS(v, 0, 0, v, 0)$  is equivalent to the existence of a set of difference triples  $(x, y, z)$  with  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{v}$ , which is a partition of  $Z_v$ , and the existence of a cyclic  $EDTS(v, 0, v, 0, 0)$  is equivalent to the existence of a set of difference triples  $(x, y, z)$  with  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{v}$ , which is a partition of  $Z_v \setminus \{0, x\}$  for some  $x$ . For the differences  $0, x$ , we correspond the orbit containing the block  $[0, 0, x]$ .

LEMMA 2.6. *If  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then there exists a cyclic*

$$EDTS(v, 0, v, 0, 0).$$

PROOF. If  $v = 6t - 1$  and  $t \geq 1$ , then the following ordered triples

$$\begin{aligned} (2r, 3t - 1 - r, 3t - 1 + r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, t - 1, \\ (2r - 1, 5t - 1 - r, 5t - 2 + r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, t \end{aligned}$$

form a partition of the set  $Z_{6t-1} \setminus \{0, 3t-1\}$  with  $2t-1$  difference triples  $(x, y, z)$  so that  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{6t-1}$ .

Let  $v = 6t + 2$  and  $t \geq 0$ . If  $t = 0$ ,  $[0, 0, 1], [1, 1, 0]$  form a cyclic  $EDTS(2, 0, 2, 0, 0)$ . If  $t \geq 1$ , then the following ordered triples

$$\begin{aligned} (2r, 3t + 1 - r, 3t + 1 + r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, t, \\ (2r - 1, 5t + 2 - r, 5t + 1 + r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, t \end{aligned}$$

form a partition of the set  $Z_{6t+2} \setminus \{0, 3t + 1\}$  with  $2t$  difference triples  $(x, y, z)$  so that  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{6t + 2}$ .  $\square$

Now, Lemmas 2.4 and 2.6 together yield the following theorem.

**THEOREM 2.7.** *There exists a cyclic  $EDTS(v, 0, v, 0, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .*

**REMARK 2.8.** For  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , we see that there exists a partition of the set  $Z_v$  into difference triples  $(x, y, z)$  with  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{v}$  if and only if there exists a partition of the set  $Z_v \setminus \{a, b, 0\}$  into difference triples  $(x, y, z)$  with  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{v}$  and  $a + b = v$  for some  $a, b$ . If  $v = 6t$ , then the later is equivalent to exist a set of ordered pairs  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1\}$  with the property that

$$\{a_r, b_r | r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1\} = Z_{6t} \setminus \{0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2t-1}, x, y\}$$

where  $0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2t-1}, x, y$  are distinct such that

$$b_r - a_r = x_r \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1 \text{ and } x + y = 6t.$$

If such a set of ordered pairs exists, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^{2t-1} (a_r + b_r) &= \frac{6t(6t - 1)}{2} - (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2t-1} + x + y), \\ \sum_{r=1}^{2t-1} (b_r - a_r) &= x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{2t-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Adding both sides, respectively, we have

$$2 \sum_{r=1}^{2t-1} b_r = 3t(6t - 1) - 6t$$

since  $x + y = 6t$ . Thus  $3t(6t - 1) - 6t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ; so  $t$  must be even.

From Remarks 2.2 and 2.8, we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 2.9. *If there exists a cyclic EDTS( $v, 0, 0, v, 0$ ), then  $v \equiv 0, 3$  or  $9 \pmod{12}$ .*

LEMMA 2.10. *If  $v \equiv 0, 3, 9 \pmod{12}$ , then there exists a cyclic EDTS( $v, 0, 0, v, 0$ ).*

PROOF. Let  $v = 6t + 3$ . Then a set of starter blocks for a cyclic EDTS( $v, 0, 0, v, 0$ ):

$$v = 3: [0, 1, 0].$$

$$v = 9: [0, 1, 3], [3, 1, 0], [0, 4, 0].$$

For  $t \geq 2$ , there exists a cyclic STS( $6t + 3$ ) based on  $Z_{6t+3}$  [6] and if  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a set of its starter blocks, then it must contain the starter block  $\{0, 2t + 1, 4t + 2\}$ . For each  $\{a, b, c\} \in \mathfrak{B} \setminus \{\{0, 2t + 1, 4t + 2\}\}$ , we define

$$[a, b, c], [c, b, a]$$

which form a set of starter blocks for a cyclic EDTS( $6t + 3, 0, 0, 6t + 3, 0$ ) together with  $[0, 2t + 1, 0]$ .

If  $v = 12t$ , then the following ordered triples

$$\begin{array}{ll} (3t, 6t, 9t) & (2t, 10t, 0), \\ (2r, 3t - r, 3t + r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, t - 1, \\ (2r - 1, 5t - r, 5t - 1 + r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, t, \\ (12t - 2r, 9t + r, 9t - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, t - 1, \\ (12t + 1 - 2r, 7t + r, 7t + 1 - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, t \end{array}$$

form a partition of the set  $Z_{12t}$  with  $4t$  difference triples  $(x, y, z)$  so that  $x + y \equiv z \pmod{12t}$ .  $\square$

Lemmas 2.9 and 2.10 together yield the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.11. *There exists a cyclic EDTS( $v, 0, 0, v, 0$ ) if and only if  $v \equiv 0, 3$  or  $9 \pmod{12}$ .*

Now, we can conclude the following theorem.

THEOREM 2.12. *There exists a cyclic EDTS( $v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3$ ) if and only if*

- (i)  $\rho = v \equiv 1, 4, \text{ or } 7 \pmod{12}$  and  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (ii)  $\eta_1 = v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $\rho = \eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (iii)  $\eta_2 = v \equiv 0, 3 \text{ or } 9 \pmod{12}$  and  $\rho = \eta_1 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (iv)  $\eta_3 = v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $\rho = \eta_1 = \eta_2 = 0$ .

### 3. 1-rotational extended directed triple systems

An  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  is said to be  $k$ -rotational if it admits an automorphism  $\alpha$  consisting of a single fixed element and  $k$  disjoint cycles of length  $\frac{v-1}{k}$ . In a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ , each orbit of a block has length either 1 or  $v - 1$ , and hence  $\rho$  must be either 1 or  $v$ . Thus if there exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ , then we have (i)  $\eta_1 = v - 1$ , (ii)  $\eta_2 = v - 1$ , or (iii)  $\eta_3 = v - 1$ , with others zero. By Remark 2.1, it is enough to consider the existence of 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  for the two cases (i) and (ii).

LEMMA 3.1. (i) *If there exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .*

(ii) *If there exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, 0, v - 1, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $n$  be the number of blocks consisting of three distinct elements. By counting the number of ordered pairs which appear in the system, if it is (i), we have

$$1 + 2(v - 1) + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = (v - 1)^2$  and hence  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ; if it is (ii), we have

$$1 + 3(v - 1) + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = (v - 2)(v - 1)$  and hence  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  since  $(v - 2)(v - 1)$  must be divisible by both 3 and  $v - 1$ . □

LEMMA 3.2. *If  $v \equiv 2, 5$  or  $8 \pmod{12}$ , then there exists a 1-rotational*

$$EDTS(v, 1, 0, v - 1, 0).$$

PROOF. It comes from the existence of cyclic  $DTS(v - 1)$  [3]. Let  $(V, \mathfrak{B})$  be a cyclic  $DTS(v - 1)$  and let  $\infty$  be a new element. Then  $(V \cup \{\infty\}, \{[\infty, \infty, \infty], [x, \infty, x] | x \in V\} \cup \mathfrak{B})$  is a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, 0, v - 1, 0)$  which fixes  $\infty$ . □

A  $(S_1, 4t - 2)$ -system is a set of ordered pairs  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 4t - 2\}$  such that  $\{a_r, b_r | r = 1, 2, \dots, 4t - 2\} = \{4t, 4t + 1, \dots, 6t - 2, 6t, \dots, 12t - 4\}$  and  $b_r - a_r = r + 1$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 4t - 2$ .

LEMMA 3.3. *For each positive integer  $t$ , there exists a  $(S_1, 4t - 2)$ -system.*

PROOF. The following ordered pairs form a  $(S_1, 4t - 2)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} &(6t, 10t - 2), \\ &(4t - 1 + r, 8t - r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1, \\ &(8t - 1 + r, 12t - 3 - r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 2. \end{aligned}$$

□

Throughout, we assume that our 1-rotational  $EDTS(v)$  has the element-set  $V = Z_{v-1} \cup \{\infty\}$  and the permutation  $\alpha = (\infty)(0, 1, \dots, v - 1)$  as a 1-rotational automorphism.

LEMMA 3.4. *If  $v \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$ , then there exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, 0, v - 1, 0)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $v = 12t - 1$  and let  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 4t - 2\}$  be a  $(S_1, 4t - 2)$ -system. Then the following transitive triples

$$\begin{aligned} &[\infty, \infty, \infty], [0, \infty, 6t - 1], [0, 1, 0], \\ &[0, r + 1, b_r], \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 4t - 2 \end{aligned}$$

form a set of starter blocks for a 1-rotational  $EDTS(12t - 1, 1, 0, 12t - 2, 0)$ . □

Lemmas 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 together yield the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.5. *There exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, 0, v - 1, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .*

A  $(S_2, 2t - 1)$ -system is a set of ordered pairs  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1\}$  such that  $\{a_r, b_r | r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1\} = \{2t + 1, 2t + 2, \dots, 3t - 1, 3t + 1, \dots, 6t - 1\}$  and  $b_r - a_r = r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1$ .

LEMMA 3.6. *For each positive integer  $t$ , there exists a  $(S_2, 2t - 1)$ -system.*

PROOF. The following ordered pairs form a  $(S_2, 2t - 1)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} &(3t - r, 3t + r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, t - 1, \\ &(4t - 1 + r, 6t - r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, t. \end{aligned}$$

□



LEMMA 3.7. *If  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ , then there exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $v = 6t + 1$  and let  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1\}$  be a  $(S_2, 2t - 1)$ -system. Then the following transitive triples

$$[\infty, \infty, \infty], [0, \infty, 3t], [0, 0, 2t],$$

$$[0, r, b_r], \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 2t - 1$$

form a set of starter blocks for a 1-rotational  $EDTS(6t + 1, 1, 6t, 0, 0)$ .  $\square$

LEMMA 3.8. *If  $v \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ , then there exists a cyclic  $EDTS(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$ .*

PROOF. Let  $v = 6t + 4$ . Then a set of starter blocks for a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$ :

$$v = 4: [\infty, \infty, \infty], [0, \infty, 1], [0, 0, 2].$$

$$v = 9: [\infty, \infty, \infty], [0, \infty, 4], [0, 1, 3], [3, 1, 0], [0, 0, 5].$$

For  $t \geq 2$ , there exists a cyclic  $STS(6t + 3)$  based on  $Z_{6t+3}$  [4] and if  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a set of its starter blocks, then we may say that it contains the starter block  $\{0, 2t + 1, 4t + 2\}$ . For each  $\{a, b, c\} \in \mathfrak{B} \setminus \{\{0, 2t + 1, 4t + 2\}\}$ , we define

$$[a, b, c], [c, b, a]$$

which form a set of starter blocks for a cyclic  $EDTS(6t + 3, 0, 0, 6t + 3, 0)$  together with  $[\infty, \infty, \infty], [0, \infty, 4t + 2], [0, 0, 2t + 1]$ .  $\square$

Lemmas 3.1, 3.7 and 3.8 together yield the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.9. *There exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .*

The following theorem is a consequence of the existence of a 1-rotational  $DTS(v)$  [3].

THEOREM 3.10. *There exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, v, 0, 0, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .*

Now, we can conclude the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.11. *There exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  if and only if*

- (i)  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $\rho = v$  and  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (ii)  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_1 = v - 1$  and  $\eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (iii)  $v \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_2 = v - 1$  and  $\eta_1 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (iv)  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_3 = v - 1$  and  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 0$ .

#### 4. 2-rotational extended directed triple systems

In a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ ,  $\rho$  must be  $1, \frac{v+1}{2}$  or  $v$ . The following theorem is a consequence of the existence of a 2-rotational  $DTS(v)$  [3].

**THEOREM 4.1.** *There exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, v, 0, 0, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

In a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ , we have (i)  $\eta_1 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , (ii)  $\eta_2 = \frac{v-1}{2}$  or (iii)  $\eta_3 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , with others zero. By Remark 2.1, it is enough to consider the existence of 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  for the two cases (i) and (ii).

**LEMMA 4.2.** (i) *If there exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .*

(ii) *If there exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

**PROOF.** First of all,  $v$  must be odd. Let  $n$  be the number of blocks consisting of three distinct elements. By counting the number of ordered pairs which appear in the system, if it is (i), we have

$$\frac{v+1}{2} + (v-1) + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = \frac{(2v-1)(v-1)}{2}$  and hence  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  since  $v$  is odd; and if it is (ii), we have

$$\frac{v+1}{2} + \frac{3(v-1)}{2} + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = (v-1)^2$  and hence  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  since  $v$  is odd.  $\square$

**LEMMA 4.3.** *There exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$  for  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

**PROOF.** If  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ , there exists a 2-rotational  $ESTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2})$  [2]. If we replace each block of a 2-rotational  $ESTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2})$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \{a, a, a\} &\text{ by } [a, a, a], \\ \{a, b, c\} &\text{ by } [a, b, c] \text{ and } [c, b, a], \\ \{a, a, b\} &\text{ by } [a, b, a] \end{aligned}$$

the resulting transitive triples form a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$ .  $\square$

From Lemmas 4.2 and 4.3, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.4.** *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

**LEMMA 4.5.** *There exist a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0)$  for  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $v = 6t + 5$  and  $t \geq 0$ . Then the following transitive triples

$$\begin{array}{lll} [\infty, \infty, \infty], & [0, \infty, 5t + 1], & [1, \infty, 5t + 2], \\ [0, 0, 0], & [1, 1, 6t + 3], & [0, 6t + 3, 6t + 2], \\ [0, 2r - 1, 3t + r], & [0, 2r, 5t + 1 + r], & r = 1, 2, \dots, t, \\ [1, 2r, 3t + 1 + r], & [1, 2r + 1, 5t + 2 + r], & r = 1, 2, \dots, t \end{array}$$

are a set of starter blocks for a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0)$  based on  $Z_{v-1} \cup \{\infty\}$  with

$$\alpha = \left(0, 2, \dots, \frac{v}{2} - 2\right) \left(1, 3, \dots, \frac{v}{2} - 1\right)$$

as a 2-rotational automorphism. □

From Lemmas 4.2 and 4.5, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.6.** *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, \frac{v+1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .*

Now, In a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$ , we have (i)  $\eta_1 = v - 1$ , (ii)  $\eta_2 = v - 1$ , (iii)  $\eta_3 = v - 1$ , (iv)  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , (v)  $\eta_1 = \eta_3 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , or (vi)  $\eta_2 = \eta_3 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , with others zero. Also, by Remark 2.1, it is enough to consider the existence of 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  for the two cases (i), (ii), (iv) and (v).

**LEMMA 4.7.** (i) *If there exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

(ii) *If there exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, 0, v - 1, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .*

**PROOF.** First of all, since  $\frac{v-1}{2}$  is an integer,  $v$  must be odd. Let  $n$  be the number of blocks consisting of three distinct elements. By counting the number of ordered pairs which appear in the system, if it is (i), we have

$$1 + 2(v - 1) + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = (v - 1)^2$  and hence  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ; so  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  since  $v$  is odd; if it is (ii), we have

$$1 + 3(v - 1) + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = (v - 2)(v - 1)$  and hence  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  since  $(v - 2)(v - 1)$  must be divisible by both 3 and  $\frac{v-1}{2}$ , and  $v$  is odd.  $\square$

It is easy to see that if there exists a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  with  $\alpha$  as a 1-rotational automorphism, then it is also a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  with  $\alpha^2$  as a 2-rotational automorphism, provided  $v$  is odd. Thus the following theorem follows from Theorems 3.5 and 3.9 together with Lemma 4.7.

**THEOREM 4.8.** (i) *There exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

(ii) *There exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, 0, v - 1, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .*

**LEMMA 4.9.** *If there exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2})$ , then  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

**PROOF.** First of all,  $v$  is odd. Let  $n$  be the number of blocks consisting of three distinct elements. Then we have

$$1 + 2(v - 1) + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = (v - 1)^2$  which is divisible by  $\frac{v-1}{2}$  and hence  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Since  $v$  is odd,  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 4.10.** *There exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2})$  for  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $v = 6t + 1$  and let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the set of blocks for a 1-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, v - 1, 0, 0)$  constructed in Lemma 3.7, with

$$\alpha = (\infty)(0, 1, \dots, v - 2)$$

as a 1-rotational automorphism. if we replace the blocks

$$[1, 1, 2t + 1], [3, 3, 2t + 3], \dots, [6t - 1, 6t - 1, 2t - 1]$$

in  $\mathfrak{B}$  by

$$[1, 2t + 1, 2t + 1], [3, 2t + 3, 2t + 3], \dots, [6t - 1, 2t - 1, 2t - 1],$$

then the resulting blocks form a set of blocks for a 2-rotational *EDTS*  $(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2})$  with

$$\alpha^2 = (\infty)(0, 2, \dots, 6t - 2)(1, 3, \dots, 6t - 1)$$

as a 2-rotational automorphism. □

From Lemmas 4.9 and 4.10, we have the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.11.** *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, \frac{v-1}{2})$  if and only if  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

**LEMMA 4.12.** *If there exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$ , then  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ .*

**PROOF.** First of all,  $v$  is odd. Let  $n$  be the number of blocks consisting of three distinct elements. Then we have

$$1 + (v - 1) + \frac{3(v - 1)}{2} + 3n = v^2;$$

so  $3n = \frac{(2v-3)(v-1)}{2}$  which is divisible by  $\frac{v-1}{2}$  and hence  $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Since  $v$  is odd,  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ . □

**REMARK 4.13.** It is easy to see that there is no 2-rotational *EDTS*(3, 1, 1, 1, 0).

We assume that our 2-rotational *EDTS*( $v$ ) has the element-set  $V = Z_{\frac{v-1}{2}} \times Z_2 \cup \{\infty\}$  and the permutation  $\alpha = (\infty)(0_0, 1_0, \dots, (\frac{v-1}{2} - 1)_0)(0_1, 1_1, \dots, (\frac{v-1}{2} - 1)_1)$  as a 2-rotational automorphism. For brevity, we write  $x_i$  for the ordered pair  $(x, i) \in Z_{\frac{v-1}{2}} \times Z_2$ .

A  $(S_3, 3t+1)$ -system is a set of ordered pairs  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t+1\}$  such that  $\{a_r, b_r | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t+1\} = \{0, 1, \dots, 6t+1\}$  and  $b_r - a_r = r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t+1$ .

**LEMMA 4.14.** *If  $t \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ , then there exists a  $(S_3, 3t+1)$ -system.*

PROOF. Obviously,  $\{(0, 1)\}$  is a  $(S_3, 1)$ -system. If  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $t \geq 4$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_3, 3t + 1)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} &(3t + r, 6t + 2 - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t}{2}, \\ &(r - 1, 3t - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t}{4}, \\ &\left(\frac{3t + 4}{4} + r, \frac{9t}{4} - r\right), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 8}{4}, \\ &\left(\frac{3t}{4}, \frac{3t + 4}{4}\right), \left(\frac{3t}{2}, \frac{9t + 2}{2}\right), \left(\frac{3t + 2}{2}, 3t\right). \end{aligned}$$

$\{(0, 1), (4, 6), (2, 5), (3, 7)\}$  is a  $(S_3, 4)$ -system. If  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $t \geq 5$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_3, 3t + 1)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} &(3t - 1 + r, 6t + 2 - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t + 1}{2}, \\ &(r - 1, 3t - 1 - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 3}{4}, \\ &\left(\frac{3t + 1}{4} + r, \frac{9t - 1}{4} - r\right), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 7}{4}, \\ &\left(\frac{3t - 3}{4}, \frac{3t + 1}{4}\right), \left(\frac{3t - 1}{2}, 3t - 1\right), \left(\frac{3t + 1}{2}, \frac{9t + 1}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

□

LEMMA 4.15. *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS( $v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0$ ) for  $v \equiv 9$  or  $21 \pmod{48}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $v = 12t + 9$ ,  $t \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ , and let  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t + 1\}$  be a  $(S_3, 3t + 1)$ -system. Then the following transitive triples

$$\begin{aligned} &[\infty, \infty, \infty], [0_0, 0_0, (3t + 2)_0], [\infty, (6t + 2)_1, 0_0], [0_0, (6t + 2)_1, \infty], \\ &[0_0, r_0, (b_r)_1], [(b_r)_1, r_0, 0_0] \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t + 1, \\ &[(6t + 3)_1, 0_0, (6t + 3)_1] \end{aligned}$$

together with a set of starter blocks for a cyclic DTS( $6t + 4$ ) based on  $Z_{6t+4} \times \{1\}$  form a set of starter blocks for a 2-rotational EDTS( $v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0$ ). □

A  $(S_4, 3t + 1)$ -system is a set of ordered pairs  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t + 1\}$  such that  $\{a_r, b_r | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t + 1\} = \{0, 1, \dots, 6t, 6t + 2\}$  and  $b_r - a_r = r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t + 1$ .

LEMMA 4.16. *If  $t \equiv 2$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ , then there exists a  $(S_4, 3t + 1)$ -system.*

PROOF. If  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_4, 3t + 1)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} &(3t + 1 + r, 6t + 1 - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 2}{2}, \\ &(r - 1, 3t - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 2}{4}, \\ &\left(\frac{3t + 2}{4} + r, \frac{9t + 2}{4} - r\right), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 6}{4}, \quad (t > 2), \\ &\left(\frac{3t - 2}{4}, \frac{3t + 2}{4}\right), \left(\frac{3t}{2}, 3t\right), \left(\frac{3t + 2}{2}, \frac{9t + 2}{2}\right), & (3t + 1, 6t + 2). \end{aligned}$$

If  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_4, 3t + 1)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} &(3t + 1 + r, 6t + 1 - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 5}{4}, \\ &(r - 1, 3t - r), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 1}{2}, \\ &\left(\frac{15t - 1}{4} + r, \frac{21t + 1}{4} - r\right), & r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 5}{4}, \\ &\left(\frac{3t - 1}{2}, \frac{9t - 1}{2}\right), \left(3t, \frac{9t + 1}{2}\right), \left(\frac{21t + 1}{4}, \frac{21t + 5}{4}\right), & (3t + 1, 6t + 2). \end{aligned}$$

□

LEMMA 4.17. *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$  for  $v \equiv 33$  or  $45 \pmod{48}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $v = 12t + 9$ ,  $t \equiv 2$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ , and let  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t + 1\}$  be a  $(S_4, 3t + 1)$ -system. Then the following transitive triples

$$\begin{aligned} &[\infty, \infty, \infty], [0_0, 0_0, (3t + 2)_0], [\infty, (6t + 1)_1, 0_0], [0_0, (6t + 1)_1, \infty], \\ &[0_0, r_0, (b_r)_1], [(b_r)_1, r_0, 0_0] \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t + 1, \\ &[(6t + 3)_1, 0_0, (6t + 3)_1] \end{aligned}$$

together with a set of starter blocks for a cyclic  $DTS(6t+4)$  based on  $Z_{6t+4} \times \{1\}$  form a set of starter blocks for a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0)$ .  $\square$

A  $(S_5, 3t)$ -system is a set of ordered pairs  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t\}$  such that  $\{a_r, b_r | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t+1\} = \{0, 1, \dots, 6t-1\}$  and  $b_r - a_r = r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t$ .

LEMMA 4.18. *If  $t \equiv 0$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ , then there exists a  $(S_5, 3t)$ -system.*

PROOF. If  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_5, 3t)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} (3t-2+r, 6t-r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t}{2}, \\ (r-1, 3t-2-r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t-4}{4}, \\ \left(\frac{3t}{4}+r, \frac{9t-4}{4}-r\right), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t-8}{4}, \\ \left(\frac{3t-4}{4}, \frac{3t}{4}\right), \left(\frac{3t-2}{2}, 3t-2\right), & \quad \left(\frac{3t}{2}, \frac{9t-2}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

If  $t \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_5, 3t)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} (3t-1+r, 6t-r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t-1}{2}, \\ (r-1, 3t-1-r), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t-1}{4}, \\ \left(\frac{3t+3}{4}+r, \frac{9t-3}{4}-r\right), & \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t-9}{4}, \quad (t > 3), \\ \left(\frac{3t-1}{4}, \frac{3t+3}{4}\right), \left(\frac{3t-1}{2}, \frac{9t-1}{2}\right), & \quad \left(\frac{3t+1}{2}, 3t-1\right). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

LEMMA 4.19. *If  $v \equiv 3$  or  $39 \pmod{48}$  and  $v \neq 3$ , then there exists a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$ .*



PROOF. Let  $v = 12t + 3$ ,  $t \equiv 0$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $t > 0$ , and let  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t\}$  be a  $(S_5, 3t)$ -system. Then the following transitive triples

$$\begin{aligned} & [\infty, \infty, \infty], [0_0, 0_0, (3t)_0], [\infty, (b_{3t})_1, 0_0], [(3t)_1, 0_0, \infty], \\ & [0_0, r_0, (b_r)_1], [(b_r)_1, r_0, 0_0] \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t - 1, \\ & [(3t)_0, 0_0, (b_{3t})_1], [(6t)_1, 0_0, (6t)_1] \end{aligned}$$

together with a set of starter blocks for a cyclic  $DTS(6t + 4)$  based on  $Z_{6t+1} \times \{1\}$  form a set of starter blocks for a 2-rotational  $EDTS(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0)$ .  $\square$

A  $(S_6, 3t)$ -system is a set of ordered pairs  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t\}$  such that  $\{a_r, b_r | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t+1\} = \{0, 1, \dots, 6t-2, 6t\}$  and  $b_r - a_r = r$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t$

LEMMA 4.20. *If  $t \equiv 1$  or  $2 \pmod{4}$ , then there exists a  $(S_6, 3t + 1)$ -system.*

PROOF.  $\{(0, 1), (2, 4), (3, 6)\}$  is a  $(S_6, 3t)$ -system. If  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $t > 1$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_6, 3t)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} & (3t + r, 6t - 1 - r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 3}{2}, \\ & (r - 1, 3t - 1 - r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 3}{4}, \\ & \left( \frac{3t + 1}{4} + r, \frac{9t - 1}{4} - r \right), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 7}{4}, \\ & \left( \frac{3t + 1}{4}, \frac{3t + 5}{4} \right), \left( \frac{3t - 1}{2}, 3t - 1 \right), \left( \frac{3t + 1}{2}, \frac{9t - 1}{2} \right), (3t, 6t). \end{aligned}$$

If  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $t > 1$ , then the following ordered pairs form a  $(S_6, 3t)$ -system:

$$\begin{aligned} & (3t + r, 6t - 1 - r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 6}{4}, \quad (t > 2), \\ & (r - 1, 3t - 1 - r), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 2}{2}, \\ & \left( \frac{15t - 6}{4} + r, \frac{21t - 6}{4} - r \right), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{3t - 6}{4}, \quad (t > 2), \\ & \left( \frac{3t - 2}{2}, \frac{9t - 4}{2} \right), \left( 3t - 1, \frac{9t - 2}{2} \right), \left( \frac{21t - 6}{4}, \frac{21t - 2}{4} \right), (3t, 6t). \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

LEMMA 4.21. *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS  $(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$  for  $v \equiv 15$  or  $27 \pmod{48}$ .*

PROOF. Let  $v = 12t + 3$ ,  $t \equiv 1$  or  $2 \pmod{4}$ , and let  $\{(a_r, b_r) | r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t\}$  be a  $(S_6, 3t)$ -system. Then the following transitive triples

$$\begin{aligned} & [\infty, \infty, \infty], [0_0, 0_0, (3t)_0], [\infty, (b_{3t})_1, 0_0], [(3t)_1, 0_0, \infty], \\ & [0_0, r_0, (b_r)_1], [(b_r)_1, r_0, 0_0] \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, 3t - 1, \\ & [(3t)_0, 0_0, (b_{3t})_1], [(6t - 1)_1, 0_0, (6t - 1)_1] \end{aligned}$$

together with a set of starter blocks for a cyclic DTS $(6t + 4)$  based on  $Z_{6t+1} \times \{1\}$  form a set of starter blocks for a 2-rotational EDTS $(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0, 0)$ .  $\square$

From Lemmas 4.12, 4.15, 4.19 and 4.21, we have the following theorem.

THEOREM 4.22. *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS $(v, 1, \frac{v-1}{2}, \frac{v-1}{2}, 0)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ ,  $v \neq 3$ .*

Now, we can conclude the following theorem

THEOREM 4.23. *There exists a 2-rotational EDTS $(v, \rho, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3)$  if and only if*

- (i)  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = v$ , and  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (ii)  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{v+1}{2}$ ,  $\eta_1 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , and  $\eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (iii)  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{v+1}{2}$ ,  $\eta_2 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , and  $\eta_1 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (iv)  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = \frac{v+1}{2}$ ,  $\eta_3 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , and  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 0$ , or
- (v)  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_1 = v - 1$ , and  $\eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (vi)  $v \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_2 = v - 1$ , and  $\eta_1 = \eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (vii)  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_3 = v - 1$ , and  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 0$ , or
- (viii)  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_1 = \eta_3 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , and  $\eta_2 = 0$ , or
- (ix)  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ ,  $v \neq 3$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , and  $\eta_3 = 0$ , or
- (x)  $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ ,  $v \neq 3$ ,  $\rho = 1$ ,  $\eta_2 = \eta_3 = \frac{v-1}{2}$ , and  $\eta_1 = 0$ .

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