

Optimal $(24u, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ Optical Orthogonal Codes

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Abstract Variable-weight optical orthogonal codes (OOCs) were introduced by G. C. YANG for multimedia optical CDMA systems with multiple quality of service (QoS) requirements. In this paper, some infinite classes of optimal cyclic packing are presented. Optimal $(24u, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ -OOCs for any positive integer $u > 1$ are established.

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1. Introduction

Optical orthogonal codes (OOCs) were introduced by Salehi, as signature sequences to facilitate multiple access in optical fibre networks [1,2]. OOCs had been found wide ranges of applications such as mobile radio, frequency-hopping spread-spectrum communications, radar, sonar, collision channel without feedback, and neuromorphic networks [3–7].

Most existing works on OOCs have assumed that all codewords have the same weight, see [3,8–27] for the examples. In general, the code size of OOCs depends upon the weights of codewords, the variable-weight OOCs can generate larger code size than that of constant-weight OOCs [28]. In 1996, Yang introduced multimedia optical CDMA communication system employing variable-weight OOCs [29]. In this CDMA system, the subscribers with different code weights will have different bit error rate (BER) performance. The codewords of low code weight can be assigned to the low-QoS (Quality of Services) applications and high code weight codewords can be assigned to high-QoS requirement applications [28]. Hence, the multi-weight property of the OOCs enables the system to meet multiple QoS requirements. The interested reader may refer to [28–40] for recent results on variable-weight OOCs.

Based on the notations of [29], throughout this paper, let W , L , and Q denote the sets $\{w_0, w_1, \dots, w_p\}$, $\{\lambda_a^0, \lambda_a^1, \dots, \lambda_a^p\}$ and $\{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_p\}$, respectively. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $w_0 < w_1 < \dots < w_p$.

A (v, W, L, λ_c, Q) variable-weight optical orthogonal code C , or (v, W, L, λ_c, Q) -OOC, is a collection of binary v -tuples such that the following three properties hold:

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(1) Weight Distribution: Every v -tuple in C has a Hamming weight contained in the set W ; furthermore, there are exactly $q_i|C|$ codewords of weight w_i , *i.e.*, q_i indicates the fraction of codewords of weight w_i . It is clear that $\sum_{i=0}^p q_i = 1$.

(2) Periodic Auto-correlation: For any $X = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{v-1}) \in C$ with Hamming weight $w_i \in W$, and any integer τ , $0 < \tau < v$,

$$\sum_{t=0}^{v-1} x_t x_{t \oplus \tau} \leq \lambda_a^i,$$

where the summation is carried out by treating binary symbols as reals.

(3) Periodic Cross-correlation: Similarly, for $\mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{v-1}) \in C, \mathbf{y} = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{v-1}) \in C$, and any integer τ ,

$$\sum_{t=0}^{v-1} x_t y_{t \oplus \tau} \leq \lambda_c.$$

The notation (v, W, λ, Q) -OOC is used to denote a (v, W, L, λ_c, Q) -OOC with the property that $\lambda_a^0 = \lambda_a^1 = \dots = \lambda_a^p = \lambda_c = \lambda$. The term variable-weight optical orthogonal code, or variable-weight OOC, is also used if there is no need to list the parameters.

The number of codewords of an OOC is called its size. For fixed v, W, λ , and Q , the largest size among all (v, W, λ, Q) -OOCs is denoted by $\Phi(v, W, \lambda, Q)$. Typically, when $W = \{3, 4\}, \lambda = 1$, and $Q = \{2/3, 1/3\}$, we get the following upper bound for the value of $\Phi(v, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ from Lemma 1 of [30].

Lemma 1.1 ([30]) *It holds that $\Phi(v, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}) \leq 3 \lfloor \frac{v-1}{24} \rfloor$ for any positive integer v .*

In view of Lemma 1.1, a $(v, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ -OOC is said to be optimal if its size reaches the bound of $3 \lfloor \frac{v-1}{24} \rfloor$.

Optimal optical orthogonal codes are closely related to some combinatorial configurations. For example, Yin [27] showed that an optimal $(v, k, 1)$ -OOC is equivalent to an optimal cyclic packing $CP(k, 1; v)$. In [36], a $CP(W, 1; v)$ was also called 2 - $CP(W, 1; v)$, and optimal 2 - $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$ s were introduced to construct optimal $(v, W, 1, Q)$ -OOCs. Throughout this paper, we always denote by Z_v the additive group of integers modulo v .

For $B \subset Z_v$, the list differences from B is defined to be $\Delta B = \{x - y \pmod v : x, y \in B, x \neq y\}$. Suppose that \mathcal{F} is a set of subsets (base blocks) of Z_v , and for each $B \in \mathcal{F}, |B| \in W$. Then \mathcal{F} is called a cyclic packing $CP(W, 1; v)$ if it satisfies that $\Delta \mathcal{F} = \bigcup_{B \in \mathcal{F}} \Delta B$ covers each nonzero element of Z_v at most once, and for each $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{|B|}\} \in \mathcal{F}, B + i, 0 \leq i \leq v - 1$, are pairwise distinct, where $B + i = \{b_1 + i, b_2 + i, \dots, b_{|B|} + i\} \subset Z_v$. A $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$ is defined to be a $CP(W, 1; v)$ with the property that the fraction of number of blocks of size w_i is $q_i, 0 \leq i \leq p$. From the definition, it is not difficult to see that the largest possible number of base blocks of a $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; v)$ is $3 \lfloor \frac{v-1}{24} \rfloor$. A $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; v)$ is called optimal if the number of its base blocks reaches this bound.

Example 1.2 There exists an optimal $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; v)$ for $v \in \{48, 72\}$.

Proof For $v = 48$, the $3\lfloor \frac{v-1}{24} \rfloor = 3$ base blocks of an optimal $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48)$ are $\{0, 1, 3, 7\}, \{0, 5, 13\}, \{0, 9, 19\}$.

For $v = 72$, the $3\lfloor \frac{v-1}{24} \rfloor = 6$ base blocks of an optimal $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72)$ are $\{0, 1, 3, 7\}, \{0, 5, 13, 22\}, \{0, 10, 21\}, \{0, 12, 26\}, \{0, 15, 31\}, \{0, 18, 37\}$. \square

Suppose that \mathcal{F} is a $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$. The difference leave of \mathcal{F} , denoted by $DL(\mathcal{F})$, is defined to be the set of all nonzero integers in Z_v which are not covered by $\Delta\mathcal{F}$. A $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$ \mathcal{F} is called g -regular if the difference leave $DL(\mathcal{F})$ along with zero forms an additive subgroup of Z_v having order g , which must be generated by the integer v/g .

Example 1.3 There exists a $3h$ -regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 9h \times 3)$ for $h \in \{1, 2\}$.

Proof For $h = 1$, the 3 base blocks of a 3-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 9 \times 3)$ are $\{0, 1, 4, 17\}, \{0, 2, 8\}, \{0, 5, 12\}$.

For $h = 2$, the 6 base blocks of a 6-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 18 \times 3)$ are $\{0, 1, 3, 31\}, \{0, 4, 10, 47\}, \{0, 5, 21\}, \{0, 8, 20\}, \{0, 13, 32\}, \{0, 14, 29\}$. \square

The following results were stated in [36].

Lemma 1.4 ([36]) *An optimal $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$ is equivalent to an optimal $(v, W, 1, Q)$ -OOC.*

Lemma 1.5 ([36]) *If $1 \leq g \leq 24$, then a g -regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; v)$ is optimal.*

Some results of optimal $(v, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ -OOCs were obtained in [32,35]. The following results come from Theorem 4 in [32].

Lemma 1.6 ([32]) *If $v \equiv 24, 120 \pmod{144}$ is an integer, and $v > 24$, then there exists an optimal $(v, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ -OOC.*

The following existence results of cyclic packings were induced by checking the proof of Theorem 4 in [32]. We quote the lemma for later use.

Lemma 1.7 ([32]) *If u is an integer such that $\gcd(6, u) = 1, u > 1$, then there exists a 24 -regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24u)$.*

In this paper, we shall investigate the existence of an optimal $(v, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ -OOC. As the main result of the paper, we are to extend Lemma 1.6 to the following theorem.

Theorem 1.8 *There exists an optimal $(24u, \{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\})$ -OOC for any positive integer $u > 1$.*

2. Direct constructions

In this section, we will describe two new direct constructions, which make use of skew starters, for g -regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; v)$ s. Let $(G, +)$ be an Abelian group of order $u > 1$. A skew starter in G is a set of unordered pairs

$$S = \{\{x_i, y_i\} : 1 \leq i \leq (u - 1)/2\}$$

which satisfies the following three properties:

- (1) $\{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq (u-1)/2\} \cup \{y_i : 1 \leq i \leq (u-1)/2\} = G \setminus \{0\}$;
- (2) $\{\pm(x_i - y_i) : 1 \leq i \leq (u-1)/2\} = G \setminus \{0\}$;
- (3) $\{\pm(x_i + y_i) : 1 \leq i \leq (u-1)/2\} = G \setminus \{0\}$.

According to the definition, a skew starter in G can exist only if u is odd. Furthermore, if we write $X = \{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq (u-1)/2\}$ and $Y = \{y_i : 1 \leq i \leq (u-1)/2\}$, then we may assume, without loss of generality, that $X = -Y$, and hence we have $X \cup (-X) = Y \cup (-Y) = X \cup Y = G \setminus \{0\}$. Skew starters have been extensively investigated. We summarize the existence results on skew starters in Z_u in the following lemma.

Lemma 2.1 ([14]) *There exists a skew starter in Z_u for each positive integer u such that $\gcd(u, 150) = 1$ or 25 . There does not exist any skew starter in Z_u if $u \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.*

In what follows, suppose that \mathcal{B} is a set of subsets of $Z_u \times Z_h$, define the list of differences

$$D_j = \{d : (d, j) \text{ is a difference from } \mathcal{B}\}.$$

Lemma 2.2 *Let u be a positive integer such that $\gcd(u, 150) = 1$ or 25 . Then there exists a 48-regular CP($\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48u$).*

Proof By Lemma 2.1, there exists a skew starter $S = \{\{x_i, y_i\} : 1 \leq i \leq t\}$ in Z_u , where $t = (u-1)/2$. Since $\gcd(u, 48) = 1$, $Z_u \times Z_{48}$ is isomorphic to Z_{48u} . The $6(u-1)$ base blocks of a 48-regular CP($\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48u$) on $Z_u \times Z_{48}$ are listed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} A_i^1 &= \{(x_i, 0), (y_i, 0), (x_i + y_i, 1), (0, 25)\}, & A_i^2 &= \{(x_i, 0), (-y_i, 2), (-x_i, 10), (y_i, 28)\}, \\ A_i^3 &= \{(-x_i, 0), (y_i, 2), (x_i, 10), (-y_i, 28)\}, & A_i^4 &= \{(x_i, 0), (-y_i, 3), (-x_i, 12), (y_i, 39)\}, \\ A_i^5 &= \{(0, 0), (x_i + y_i, 3), (-x_i - y_i, 14)\}, & A_i^6 &= \{(y_i, 0), (0, 4), (-x_i, 17)\}, \\ A_i^7 &= \{(-x_i - y_i, 0), (0, 5), (x_i + y_i, 11)\}, & A_i^8 &= \{(y_i, 0), (-x_i, 6), (0, 19)\}, \\ A_i^9 &= \{(-x_i, 0), (y_i - x_i, 7), (y_i, 14)\}, & A_i^{10} &= \{(x_i, 0), (-y_i, 15), (0, 19)\}, \\ A_i^{11} &= \{(0, 0), (2x_i + 2y_i, 16), (x_i + y_i, 21)\}, & A_i^{12} &= \{(-x_i - y_i, 0), (0, 17), (x_i + y_i, 32)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $1 \leq i \leq t$. Since $D_s = -D_{48-s}$ for $25 \leq s \leq 47$, we only need to consider the differences D_s for $0 \leq s \leq 24$. Then we get

$$D_s = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm(x_i - y_i)\}, & \text{if } s \in \{0, 8, 9, 20\}, \\ \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm(x_i + y_i)\}, & \text{if } s \in \{2, 3, 5, 6, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24\}, \\ \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{x_i, y_i\}, & \text{if } s \in \{1, 7, 23\}, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_4 &= \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm y_i\}, & D_{10} &= \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm 2x_i\}, & D_{11} &= D_{16} = \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm(2x_i + 2y_i)\}, \\ D_{12} &= \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{-2x_i, -2y_i\}, & D_{13} &= \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm x_i\}, & D_{19} &= \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{-x_i, -y_i\}, \\ D_{22} &= \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm 2y_i\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{A_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq 12\}$. Then $\Delta\mathcal{F}$ covers each element of $(Z_u \times Z_{48}) \setminus (\{0\} \times Z_{48})$ exactly once, while any element of the additive subgroup $\{0\} \times Z_{48}$ is not covered at all. Therefore, \mathcal{F} forms the desired 48-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48u)$. \square

Lemma 2.3 *Let u be a positive integer such that $\gcd(u, 150) = 1$ or 25 . Then there exists a 72-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72u)$.*

Proof By Lemma 2.1, there exists a skew starter $S = \{(x_i, y_i) : 1 \leq i \leq t\}$ in Z_u , where $t = (u - 1)/2$. Since $\gcd(u, 72) = 1$, $Z_u \times Z_{72}$ is isomorphic to Z_{72u} . The $9(u - 1)$ base blocks of a 72-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72u)$ on $Z_u \times Z_{72}$ are listed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} A_i^1 &= \{(x_i, 0), (y_i, 0), (0, 1), (x_i + y_i, 37)\}, & A_i^2 &= \{(-x_i, 0), (y_i, 2), (x_i, 25), (-y_i, 40)\}, \\ A_i^3 &= \{(x_i, 0), (-y_i, 2), (-x_i, 25), (y_i, 40)\}, & A_i^4 &= \{(-x_i, 0), (y_i, 3), (x_i, 27), (-y_i, 44)\}, \\ A_i^5 &= \{(x_i, 0), (-y_i, 3), (-x_i, 27), (y_i, 44)\}, & A_i^6 &= \{(-x_i, 0), (-y_i, 4), (0, 26), (-x_i - y_i, 46)\}, \\ A_i^7 &= \{(x_i, 0), (y_i, 4), (x_i + y_i, 33)\}, & A_i^8 &= \{(x_i + y_i, 0), (-x_i - y_i, 5), (0, 56)\}, \\ A_i^9 &= \{(0, 0), (2x_i + 2y_i, 6), (x_i + y_i, 58)\}, & A_i^{10} &= \{(0, 0), (x_i, 7), (-y_i, 65)\}, \\ A_i^{11} &= \{(x_i + y_i, 0), (0, 8), (-x_i - y_i, 67)\}, & A_i^{12} &= \{(-y_i, 0), (0, 9), (x_i, 62)\}, \\ A_i^{13} &= \{(-x_i - y_i, 0), (0, 10), (x_i + y_i, 66)\}, & A_i^{14} &= \{(y_i, 0), (0, 11), (-x_i, 64)\}, \\ A_i^{15} &= \{(0, 0), (y_i, 12), (-x_i, 30)\}, & A_i^{16} &= \{(0, 0), (-y_i - x_i, 13), (-x_i, 63)\}, \\ A_i^{17} &= \{(-y_i, 0), (x_i, 18), (0, 29)\}, & A_i^{18} &= \{(-x_i, 0), (y_i, 21), (0, 33)\}, \end{aligned}$$

where $1 \leq i \leq t$. Note that $D_s = -D_{72-s}$ for $37 \leq s \leq 71$, we only need to consider the differences D_s for $0 \leq s \leq 36$. We have

$$D_s = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm(x_i - y_i)\}, & \text{if } s \in \{0, 4, 23, 24, 28, 32\}, \\ \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm(x_i + y_i)\}, & \text{if } s \in \{2, 3, 8, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 36\}, \\ \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{x_i, y_i\}, & \text{if } s \in \{7, 9, 26, 29, 33\}, \\ \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{-x_i, -y_i\}, & \text{if } s \in \{1, 11, 35\}, \end{cases}$$

$$D_5 = D_6 = \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm(2x_i + 2y_i)\}, \quad D_{12} = D_{22} = \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm y_i\}, \quad D_{19} = D_{30} = \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm x_i\},$$

$$D_{25} = D_{27} = \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm 2x_i\}, \quad D_{31} = D_{34} = \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{\pm 2y_i\}.$$

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{A_i^j : 1 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq 18\}$. Then it is readily checked that $\Delta\mathcal{F} = (Z_q \times Z_{72}) \setminus (\{0\} \times Z_{72})$. Therefore, \mathcal{F} forms the desired 72-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72u)$. \square

3. Recursive constructions

Let (G, \cdot) be a finite group of order v and H a subgroup of order h in G . An H -regular $(v, k; \lambda)$ -incomplete difference matrix in G is a $k \times \lambda(v - h)$ matrix $D = (d_{ij})$, $0 \leq i \leq k - 1, 1 \leq j \leq \lambda(v - h)$, with entries from G , such that for any $0 \leq i < j \leq k - 1$, the multiset $\{d_{il} \cdot d_{jl}^{-1} :$

$1 \leq l \leq \lambda(v - h)$ contains every element of $G \setminus H$ exactly λ times. When G is an abelian group, typically additive notation is used, so that the difference $d_{il} - d_{jl}$ is employed. In what follows, we assume that $G = Z_v$, and H is a subgroup of order h in Z_v . Then $H = \{i \cdot v/h : 0 \leq i \leq h-1\}$. We usually denote an H -regular $(v, k; \lambda)$ -incomplete difference matrix over Z_v by h -regular $(v, k; \lambda)$ -ICDM if $|H| = h$. When $H = \emptyset$ or $h = 0$, an H -regular $(v, k; \lambda)$ -incomplete difference matrix over Z_v is termed as $(v, k; \lambda)$ -CDM.

Lemma 3.1 ([41]) *If $m \geq 5$ is odd and $\gcd(m, 27) \neq 9$, then there exists an $(m, 4; 1)$ -CDM.*

Lemma 3.2 ([13]) *There exists a 2-regular $(m, 4; 1)$ -ICDM for $m \in \{12, 18\}$, or $m = 2^n$ and $n \geq 3$.*

The following two constructions were stated with Theorems 11 and 12 in [36], which were similar to the constructions in [27].

Construction 3.3 ([36]) *Suppose that both a g -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$ and an optimal $CP(W, 1, Q; g)$ exist, then an optimal $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$ exists. Moreover, if the given $CP(W, 1, Q; g)$ is r -regular, then so is the derived $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$.*

Construction 3.4 ([36]) *Suppose that there exist a g -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$, an $(m, w_p; 1)$ -CDM, and an optimal $CP(W, 1, Q; gm)$. Then there exists an optimal $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$. Moreover, if the given $CP(W, 1, Q; gm)$ is r -regular, then so is the derived $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$.*

Similar to the constructions in [13] and [40], the following results of Constructions 3.5 and 3.7 are obtained.

Construction 3.5 *Let v and m be positive integers such that $\gcd(m, v) = 1$. Suppose that there exist a g -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$, an h -regular $(m, w_p; 1)$ -ICDM, and an hg -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; hv)$ (or a gh -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; gm)$, respectively). Then there exists a gm -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$ (or an hv -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$, respectively).*

Proof Suppose that \mathcal{F}_1 is the family of base blocks of the given g -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$, whose difference leave plus the singleton $\{0\}$ consists of the additive subgroup $U = \{0, v/g, 2v/g, \dots, (g-1)v/g\}$ of Z_v . Let $D = (d_{ij})$ be an h -regular $(m, w_p; 1)$ -ICDM, where $d_{ij} \in Z_m$ for $0 \leq i \leq w_p - 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq m - h$. Then for $0 \leq i \neq j \leq w_p - 1$, the multiset $\{d_{il} - d_{jl} : 1 \leq l \leq m - h\} = Z_m \setminus H$, where $H = \{0, m/h, \dots, (h-1)m/h\}$.

Let $G = Z_v \times Z_m$, $H_1 = U \times Z_m$, and $H_2 = Z_v \times H$. Since $\gcd(m, v) = 1$, G is isomorphic to Z_{mv} . Similarly, $H_1 \cong Z_{gm}$ and $H_2 \cong Z_{hv}$. Let \mathcal{F}_2 be the family of base blocks of the given hg -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; hv)$ (or a gh -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; gm)$, respectively) in H_2 (or H_1 , respectively) whose difference leave plus the singleton $\{(0, 0)\}$ is $U \times H$. Next, construct a gm -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$ (or an hv -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$, respectively) in G so that its difference leave plus the singleton $\{(0, 0)\}$ is H_1 (or H_2 , respectively) as follows:

For each base block $B = \{b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{w_r-1}\} \in \mathcal{F}_1$, where $w_r \in W$, $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$, we take

$m - h$ base blocks

$$B_j = \{(b_0, d_{0j}), (b_1, d_{1j}), \dots, (b_{w_r-1}, d_{w_r-1,j})\},$$

for $1 \leq j \leq m - h$.

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{B_j : B \in \mathcal{F}_1, 1 \leq j \leq m - h\} \cup \mathcal{F}_2$. It is readily checked that $\Delta\mathcal{F}$ covers each integer in $G \setminus H_1$ (or $G \setminus H_2$, respectively) exactly once. \square

Let g be a divisor of v such that $v = gv_0$. Suppose that $\mathcal{F} = \{B_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, t\}$ is the family of base blocks of an hg -regular $\text{CP}(W, 1, Q; hv)$, where $B_i = \{0, b_{1i}, b_{2i}, \dots, b_{w_r-1,i}\}$ for $w_r \in W$, $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$, and $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$. Define

$$\text{ele}(\mathcal{F}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^t \{b_{1i}, b_{2i}, \dots, b_{w_r-1,i}\}.$$

The hg -regular $\text{CP}(W, 1, Q; hv)$ is said to be h -perfect, denoted by hg -regular h -perfect $\text{CP}(W, 1, Q; hv)$, if

$$\text{ele}(\mathcal{F}) \subseteq \{a + bv : 0 \leq a \leq \lfloor \frac{v}{2} \rfloor, a \neq 0, v_0, 2v_0, \dots, (g - 1)v_0; b = 0, 1, \dots, h - 1\}.$$

Some useful examples of hg -regular h -perfect $\text{CP}(W, 1, Q; hv)$ are exhibited in the following example.

Example 3.6 There exists an hg -regular h -perfect $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; hv)$ for $h \in \{1, 2\}$ and $(v, g) \in \{(32, 8), (108, 12), (96, 24), (144, 24)\}$.

Proof The base blocks of an hg -regular h -perfect $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; hv)$ are listed below.

$(h, v, g) = (1, 32, 8):$

$\{0, 1, 6, 15\}, \quad \{0, 2, 13\}, \quad \{0, 3, 10\}.$

$(h, v, g) = (2, 32, 8):$

$\{0, 1, 3, 10\}, \quad \{0, 13, 34, 39\}, \quad \{0, 14, 33\}, \quad \{0, 15, 37\}, \quad \{0, 35, 46\}, \quad \{0, 41, 47\}.$

$(h, v, g) = (1, 108, 12):$

$\{0, 1, 3, 29\}, \quad \{0, 4, 10, 34\}, \quad \{0, 5, 21, 52\}, \quad \{0, 7, 39, 53\}, \quad \{0, 8, 48\}, \quad \{0, 11, 44\},$
 $\{0, 12, 49\}, \quad \{0, 13, 51\}, \quad \{0, 15, 50\}, \quad \{0, 17, 42\}, \quad \{0, 19, 41\}, \quad \{0, 20, 43\}.$

$(h, v, g) = (2, 108, 12):$

$\{0, 1, 40, 110\}, \quad \{0, 2, 43, 114\}, \quad \{0, 3, 47, 116\}, \quad \{0, 4, 132, 156\}, \quad \{0, 5, 51, 129\},$
 $\{0, 6, 148, 155\}, \quad \{0, 10, 131, 160\}, \quad \{0, 25, 111, 143\}, \quad \{0, 11, 134\}, \quad \{0, 17, 154\},$
 $\{0, 19, 52\}, \quad \{0, 12, 49\}, \quad \{0, 13, 48\}, \quad \{0, 14, 133\}, \quad \{0, 15, 151\},$
 $\{0, 16, 157\}, \quad \{0, 20, 159\}, \quad \{0, 21, 161\}, \quad \{0, 23, 53\}, \quad \{0, 26, 115\},$
 $\{0, 28, 50\}, \quad \{0, 31, 122\}, \quad \{0, 34, 42\}, \quad \{0, 38, 158\}.$

$(h, v, g) = (1, 96, 24):$

$\{0, 1, 3, 26\}, \quad \{0, 5, 22, 43\}, \quad \{0, 6, 35, 45\}, \quad \{0, 7, 41\}, \quad \{0, 9, 46\}, \quad \{0, 11, 30\},$
 $\{0, 13, 31\}, \quad \{0, 14, 47\}, \quad \{0, 15, 42\}.$

$(h, v, g) = (2, 96, 24):$

$\{0, 1, 34, 99\}, \quad \{0, 2, 43, 109\}, \quad \{0, 5, 42, 111\}, \quad \{0, 6, 101, 131\}, \quad \{0, 7, 110, 129\},$
 $\{0, 18, 47, 137\}, \quad \{0, 9, 114\}, \quad \{0, 10, 143\}, \quad \{0, 11, 141\}, \quad \{0, 13, 134\},$
 $\{0, 15, 46\}, \quad \{0, 17, 135\}, \quad \{0, 21, 138\}, \quad \{0, 22, 45\}, \quad \{0, 25, 39\},$
 $\{0, 26, 139\}, \quad \{0, 27, 142\}, \quad \{0, 35, 38\}.$

$(h, v, g) = (1, 144, 24):$

$\{0, 1, 32, 51\}, \quad \{0, 2, 35, 55\}, \quad \{0, 3, 37, 52\}, \quad \{0, 4, 43, 65\}, \quad \{0, 5, 62, 69\},$
 $\{0, 8, 71\}, \quad \{0, 9, 38\}, \quad \{0, 10, 68\}, \quad \{0, 11, 67\}, \quad \{0, 13, 59\},$
 $\{0, 14, 41\}, \quad \{0, 16, 44\}, \quad \{0, 17, 40\}, \quad \{0, 21, 47\}, \quad \{0, 25, 70\}.$

$(h, v, g) = (2, 144, 24):$

$\{0, 14, 51, 145\}, \quad \{0, 15, 53, 148\}, \quad \{0, 16, 55, 146\}, \quad \{0, 17, 52, 151\}, \quad \{0, 19, 59, 147\},$
 $\{0, 20, 61, 159\}, \quad \{0, 21, 64, 173\}, \quad \{0, 22, 56, 175\}, \quad \{0, 23, 67, 184\}, \quad \{0, 25, 70, 188\},$
 $\{0, 27, 191\}, \quad \{0, 28, 195\}, \quad \{0, 29, 62\}, \quad \{0, 32, 208\}, \quad \{0, 46, 211\},$
 $\{0, 47, 58\}, \quad \{0, 196, 203\}, \quad \{0, 49, 215\}, \quad \{0, 50, 63\}, \quad \{0, 65, 68\},$
 $\{0, 69, 172\}, \quad \{0, 71, 177\}, \quad \{0, 178, 187\}, \quad \{0, 181, 183\}, \quad \{0, 26, 57\},$
 $\{0, 199, 207\}, \quad \{0, 201, 206\}, \quad \{0, 202, 212\}, \quad \{0, 205, 209\}, \quad \{0, 213, 214\}. \quad \square$

Construction 3.7 Suppose that there exist a g -regular 1-perfect $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$, an hg -regular h -perfect $CP(W, 1, Q; hv)$, and an h -regular $(m, w_p; 1)$ -ICDM, then there exists an mg -regular m -perfect $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$.

Proof Suppose that $\mathcal{A} = \{A_i = \{0, x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \dots, x_{w_r-1,i}\} : i = 1, 2, \dots, t\}$, $w_r \in W$, $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$ is a g -regular 1-perfect $CP(W, 1, Q; v)$. Let $\mathcal{B} = \{B_j = \{0, a_{1j} + vb_{1j}, a_{2j} + vb_{2j}, \dots, a_{w_r-1,j} + vb_{w_r-1,j}\} : j = 1, 2, \dots, s\}$, $w_r \in W$, $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, p\}$ be an hg -regular h -perfect $CP(W, 1, Q; hv)$, where $a_{1j}, a_{2j}, \dots, a_{w_r-1,j} \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lfloor v/2 \rfloor\} \setminus \{0, v/g, 2v/g, \dots, (g-1)v/g\}$, and $b_{1j}, b_{2j}, \dots, b_{w_r-1,j} \in \{0, 1, \dots, h-1\}$ for $1 \leq j \leq s$.

Let $D = (d_{ij})$ be an h -regular $(m, w_p; 1)$ -ICDM, where $d_{ij} \in Z_m$ for $0 \leq i \leq w_p - 1$ and $1 \leq j \leq m-h$ such that the multiset $\{d_{il} - d_{jl} : 1 \leq l \leq m-h\} = Z_m \setminus \{0, m/h, 2m/h, \dots, (h-1)m/h\}$. Now the desired mg -regular $CP(W, 1, Q; mv)$ will be based on Z_{mv} whose difference leave plus the singleton $\{0\}$ forms the subgroup $H = \{i+jv : i = 0, v/g, 2v/g, \dots, (g-1)v/g; j = 0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$. The required base blocks come from the following two parts:

Part 1: For each base block $A_i = \{0, x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \dots, x_{w_r-1,i}\} \in \mathcal{A}$, we take $m-h$ base blocks

$$A_{il} = \{0, x_{1i} + (d_{1l} - d_{0l}) \cdot v, x_{2i} + (d_{2l} - d_{0l}) \cdot v, \dots, x_{w_r-1,i} + (d_{w_r-1,l} - d_{0l}) \cdot v\},$$

for $l = 1, 2, \dots, m-h$, where the additive operation is performed in Z_{mv} . Let $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{A_{il} : 1 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq l \leq m-h\}$. Then, by noting that $x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \dots, x_{w_r-1,i} \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \lfloor v/2 \rfloor\} \setminus \{0, v/g, 2v/g, \dots, (g-1)v/g\}$ so that $-\lfloor v/2 \rfloor \leq x_{ei} - x_{fi} \leq \lfloor v/2 \rfloor$ for $1 \leq e \neq f \leq w_r - 1$ and $1 \leq i \leq t$, it is readily checked from the property of the h -regular $(m, w_p; 1)$ -ICDM that

$$\Delta \mathcal{F}_1 = \pm\{a + bv : 0 \leq a \leq \lfloor v/2 \rfloor, a \neq 0, v/g, 2v/g, \dots, (g-1)v/g, b \in M\},$$

where $M = \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\} \setminus \{0, m/h, \dots, (h-1)m/h\}$.

Part 2: For each base block $B_j = \{0, a_{1j} + vb_{1j}, a_{2j} + vb_{2j}, \dots, a_{w_r-1,j} + vb_{w_r-1,j}\} \in \mathcal{B}$, we

take a base block

$$B'_j = \{0, a_{1j} + b_{1j} \cdot mv/h, a_{2j} + b_{2j} \cdot mv/h, \dots, a_{w_r-1,j} + b_{w_r-1,j} \cdot mv/h\}.$$

Let $\mathcal{F}_2 = \{B'_j : 1 \leq j \leq s\}$. Then similarly it can be readily checked that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{F}_2 = \pm\{a + bv : 0 \leq a \leq \lfloor v/2 \rfloor, a \neq 0, v/g, 2v/g, \dots, (g-1)v/g; \\ b = 0, m/h, \dots, (h-1)m/h\}. \end{aligned}$$

The differences arising from these base blocks $\mathcal{F}_1 \cup \mathcal{F}_2$ cover each element in $Z_{mv} \setminus \{i \cdot v/g : 0 \leq i \leq gm - 1\}$ exactly once. Therefore, this construction produces an mg -regular $\text{CP}(W, 1, Q; mv)$. It is straightforward to check that it is m -perfect. \square

4. Proof of Theorem 1.8

Lemma 4.1 *There exists a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^i)$ for any integer $i \geq 2$.*

Proof For $i = 2$, a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^2)$ comes from Example 3.6. For $i = 3$, the 78 base blocks of a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^3)$ are listed as follows.

- $\{0, 51, 181, 325\}, \{0, 52, 185, 327\}, \{0, 53, 190, 326\}, \{0, 55, 182, 335\}, \{0, 56, 196, 372\},$
- $\{0, 57, 202, 328\}, \{0, 58, 197, 404\}, \{0, 59, 205, 397\}, \{0, 66, 204, 383\}, \{0, 67, 210, 403\},$
- $\{0, 68, 223, 337\}, \{0, 69, 226, 384\}, \{0, 70, 201, 435\}, \{0, 71, 225, 620\}, \{0, 72, 231, 411\},$
- $\{0, 73, 233, 357\}, \{0, 74, 235, 418\}, \{0, 75, 198, 361\}, \{0, 76, 240, 424\}, \{0, 77, 199, 426\},$
- $\{0, 60, 194, 341\}, \{0, 61, 209, 329\}, \{0, 62, 211, 340\}, \{0, 63, 195, 345\}, \{0, 64, 215, 330\},$
- $\{0, 65, 217, 342\}, \{0, 100, 206\}, \{0, 101, 208\}, \{0, 102, 212\}, \{0, 109, 220\},$
- $\{0, 113, 232\}, \{0, 116, 285\}, \{0, 117, 238\}, \{0, 118, 288\}, \{0, 172, 173\},$
- $\{0, 175, 177\}, \{0, 247, 256\}, \{0, 249, 261\}, \{0, 250, 263\}, \{0, 252, 267\},$
- $\{0, 254, 289\}, \{0, 619, 623\}, \{0, 255, 292\}, \{0, 257, 290\}, \{0, 258, 294\},$
- $\{0, 259, 293\}, \{0, 260, 298\}, \{0, 78, 165\}, \{0, 79, 167\}, \{0, 80, 166\},$
- $\{0, 82, 171\}, \{0, 83, 168\}, \{0, 84, 174\}, \{0, 91, 186\}, \{0, 92, 188\},$
- $\{0, 93, 187\}, \{0, 97, 200\}, \{0, 98, 141\}, \{0, 104, 295\}, \{0, 105, 334\},$
- $\{0, 112, 156\}, \{0, 128, 178\}, \{0, 203, 214\}, \{0, 218, 221\}, \{0, 219, 236\},$
- $\{0, 228, 242\}, \{0, 239, 246\}, \{0, 241, 262\}, \{0, 248, 272\}, \{0, 279, 301\},$
- $\{0, 296, 343\}, \{0, 599, 617\}, \{0, 600, 606\}, \{0, 602, 607\}, \{0, 603, 622\},$
- $\{0, 608, 616\}, \{0, 618, 628\}, \{0, 609, 625\}.$

Now we deal with $i = 4$. Applying Construction 3.7, we get a 24×9 -regular 18-perfect $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^4)$, where the needed 12-regular 1-perfect $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 12 \times 3^2)$, 24-regular 2-perfect $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^2)$ and 2-regular $(18, 4; 1)$ -ICDM come from Example 3.6 and Lemma 3.2. Start from this 24×9 -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^4)$, and apply Construction 3.3 with a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^2)$ to obtain a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^4)$.

For $i \geq 5$, start from a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^t)$ from above with $t \equiv i \pmod{3}$ and $t \in \{2, 3, 4\}$. Apply, recursively, Construction 3.4 with a $(3^3, 4; 1)$ -CDM from Lemma 3.1. This gives a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^i)$ for $i \geq 5$. \square

Lemma 4.2 *There exists a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^i)$ for any integer $i \geq 1$.*

Proof For $i = 1$, the 15 base blocks of a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} &\{0, 1, 3, 76\}, \quad \{0, 4, 41, 81\}, \quad \{0, 5, 43, 87\}, \quad \{0, 7, 46, 93\}, \quad \{0, 8, 53, 88\}, \\ &\{0, 9, 61\}, \quad \{0, 10, 122\}, \quad \{0, 11, 127\}, \quad \{0, 13, 123\}, \quad \{0, 14, 125\}, \\ &\{0, 15, 128\}, \quad \{0, 20, 79\}, \quad \{0, 23, 50\}, \quad \{0, 26, 55\}, \quad \{0, 25, 74\}. \end{aligned}$$

For $i = 2$, the 51 base blocks of a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^2)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} &\{0, 1, 3, 221\}, \quad \{0, 4, 129, 223\}, \quad \{0, 5, 135, 222\}, \quad \{0, 6, 137, 230\}, \quad \{0, 7, 139, 235\}, \\ &\{0, 8, 141, 233\}, \quad \{0, 9, 143, 238\}, \quad \{0, 10, 146, 237\}, \quad \{0, 11, 149, 247\}, \quad \{0, 12, 152, 254\}, \\ &\{0, 13, 155, 239\}, \quad \{0, 14, 159, 245\}, \quad \{0, 15, 163, 263\}, \quad \{0, 16, 166, 265\}, \quad \{0, 17, 164, 267\}, \\ &\{0, 19, 170, 259\}, \quad \{0, 20, 176, 264\}, \quad \{0, 21, 175\}, \quad \{0, 22, 179\}, \quad \{0, 23, 200\}, \\ &\{0, 42, 321\}, \quad \{0, 24, 347\}, \quad \{0, 25, 186\}, \quad \{0, 26, 351\}, \quad \{0, 27, 402\}, \\ &\{0, 28, 359\}, \quad \{0, 31, 350\}, \quad \{0, 29, 189\}, \quad \{0, 32, 352\}, \quad \{0, 33, 355\}, \\ &\{0, 34, 362\}, \quad \{0, 35, 389\}, \quad \{0, 39, 366\}, \quad \{0, 37, 363\}, \quad \{0, 41, 394\}, \\ &\{0, 45, 305\}, \quad \{0, 46, 174\}, \quad \{0, 47, 364\}, \quad \{0, 60, 251\}, \quad \{0, 48, 356\}, \\ &\{0, 65, 374\}, \quad \{0, 44, 379\}, \quad \{0, 49, 171\}, \quad \{0, 50, 361\}, \quad \{0, 52, 368\}, \\ &\{0, 51, 365\}, \quad \{0, 55, 370\}, \quad \{0, 56, 369\}, \quad \{0, 61, 373\}, \quad \{0, 40, 358\}, \\ &\{0, 75, 349\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we deal with $i = 3$. Applying Construction 3.7, we get a 12×12 -regular 12-perfect $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^3)$, where the needed 12-regular 1-perfect $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 12 \times 3^2)$, 24-regular 2-perfect $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^2)$ and 2-regular $(12, 4; 1)$ -ICDM comes from Example 3.6 and Lemma 3.2. Start from this 12×12 -regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^3)$, and apply Construction 3.3 with a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3)$ to obtain a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^3)$.

For $i \geq 4$, write $i = 3s + t$ where $s \geq 1$ and $t = 1, 2, 3$. Take a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^t)$ from above. Apply Construction 3.4 with $g = 24$, $m = 3^{3s}$, and $v = 48 \times 3^t$ to obtain a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^i)$ for $i \geq 4$, where the needed 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^{3s})$ and $(3^{3s}, 4; 1)$ -CDM exist by Lemmas 4.1 and 3.1. \square

Lemma 4.3 *If $u > 1$ is an integer such that $\gcd(6, u) = 1$, then there exists a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; gu \times 3^i)$ for $g = 48, 72$ and $i \geq 1$.*

Proof For $i \geq 1$, there exists a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; g \times 3^i)$ for $g = 48, 72$ by Lemmas 4.2 and 4.1, respectively. Take a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24u)$ for $\gcd(6, u) = 1$ and $u > 1$ from Lemma 1.7. Then apply Construction 3.4 with a $(u, 4; 1)$ -CDM from Lemma 3.1 to obtain a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; gu \times 3^i)$. \square

Lemma 4.4 *There exists a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i)$ for any integer $i \geq 2$.*

Proof For $i = 2$, a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^2)$ exists by Example 3.6. For $i = 3, 4$, the base blocks of the desired CPs are listed as follows.

$i = 3$: $\{0, 1, 60, 101\}, \{0, 2, 63, 105\}, \{0, 3, 65, 102\}, \{0, 4, 70, 113\}, \{0, 5, 73, 111\},$
 $\{0, 6, 116, 123\}, \{0, 10, 94, 145\}, \{0, 11, 177\}, \{0, 12, 67\}, \{0, 14, 167\},$
 $\{0, 17, 165\}, \{0, 18, 95\}, \{0, 19, 159\}, \{0, 21, 179\}, \{0, 28, 74\},$
 $\{0, 29, 78\}, \{0, 30, 172\}, \{0, 31, 170\}, \{0, 35, 169\}, \{0, 36, 107\},$
 $\{0, 45, 183\}.$

$i = 4$:

$\{0, 21, 150, 221\}, \{0, 22, 152, 225\}, \{0, 23, 154, 222\}, \{0, 24, 151, 226\}, \{0, 25, 157, 223\},$
 $\{0, 26, 164, 231\}, \{0, 27, 166, 228\}, \{0, 28, 165, 235\}, \{0, 29, 155, 238\}, \{0, 34, 270, 273\},$
 $\{0, 35, 169, 278\}, \{0, 36, 287, 295\}, \{0, 30, 170, 242\}, \{0, 31, 167, 241\}, \{0, 33, 168, 237\},$
 $\{0, 45, 319\}, \{0, 46, 323\}, \{0, 47, 326\}, \{0, 49, 325\}, \{0, 50, 321\},$
 $\{0, 51, 171\}, \{0, 52, 344\}, \{0, 53, 346\}, \{0, 56, 345\}, \{0, 57, 347\},$
 $\{0, 76, 178\}, \{0, 77, 193\}, \{0, 84, 187\}, \{0, 85, 189\}, \{0, 86, 371\},$
 $\{0, 87, 283\}, \{0, 41, 302\}, \{0, 42, 305\}, \{0, 43, 303\}, \{0, 44, 330\},$
 $\{0, 55, 379\}, \{0, 78, 369\}, \{0, 88, 382\}, \{0, 100, 365\}, \{0, 115, 377\},$
 $\{0, 117, 383\}, \{0, 173, 190\}, \{0, 364, 373\}, \{0, 366, 372\}, \{0, 370, 374\}.$

Now we deal with the case of $i \geq 5$. Start from a 24-regular 1-perfect $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^2)$ and a 48-regular 2-perfect $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 2^2)$ by Example 3.6. Take a 2-regular $(2^{i-2}, 4; 1)$ -ICDM from Lemma 3.2. Then apply Construction 3.7 with $g = 24, m = 2^{i-2}, h = 2$ and $v = 24 \times 2^2$ to obtain a $24 \times 2^{i-2}$ -regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i)$. Combine with a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^3)$ and a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^4)$ from above, we apply Construction 3.3 inductively on i to get a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i)$ for any integer $i \geq 5$. \square

Lemma 4.5 *There exists a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2^i)$ for any integer $i \geq 1$.*

Proof For $i = 1$, a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2)$ exists by Example 3.6. For $i = 2$, the 33 base blocks of a 24-regular $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2^2)$ are listed as follows.

$\{0, 1, 115, 164\}, \{0, 2, 112, 167\}, \{0, 3, 119, 162\}, \{0, 4, 122, 185\}, \{0, 5, 136, 187\},$
 $\{0, 6, 139, 189\}, \{0, 7, 141, 186\}, \{0, 8, 143, 196\}, \{0, 9, 146, 193\}, \{0, 10, 148, 205\},$
 $\{0, 11, 209, 232\}, \{0, 13, 130\}, \{0, 14, 127\}, \{0, 15, 215\}, \{0, 16, 217\},$
 $\{0, 17, 128\}, \{0, 18, 220\}, \{0, 19, 222\}, \{0, 20, 227\}, \{0, 21, 234\},$
 $\{0, 22, 236\}, \{0, 25, 94\}, \{0, 26, 91\}, \{0, 27, 253\}, \{0, 28, 98\},$
 $\{0, 29, 258\}, \{0, 31, 230\}, \{0, 32, 242\}, \{0, 33, 97\}, \{0, 34, 246\},$
 $\{0, 37, 248\}, \{0, 39, 247\}, \{0, 38, 244\}.$

There exist a 8-regular 1-perfect $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 32)$, a 16-regular 2-perfect $CP(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 64)$ and a 2-regular $(18, 4; 1)$ -ICDM from Example 3.6 and Lemma 3.2. Then

apply Construction 3.7 with $g = 8$, $m = 18$, $h = 2$ and $v = 32$ to obtain a 72×2 -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2^3)$. Combine with the existence of a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2)$, then a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2^3)$ follows from Construction 3.3.

For $i \geq 4$, start from a 24-regular 1-perfect $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 6)$ and a 48-regular 2-perfect $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 6)$, which exist by Example 3.6. Then take a 2-regular $(2^{i-1}, 4; 1)$ -ICDM from Lemma 3.2, and apply Construction 3.7 with $g = 24$, $m = 2^{i-1}$, $h = 2$, $v = 24 \times 6$, to obtain a $24 \times 2^{i-1}$ -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2^i)$. By Lemma 4.4 there is a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^{i-1})$. Then apply Construction 3.3 to obtain a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 2^i)$. \square

Lemma 4.6 *There exists a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i 3^j)$ for any integer $i, j \geq 2$.*

Proof When $i \geq 2$ and $j = 2$. Start from a 3-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 9 \times 3)$ and a 6-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 18 \times 3)$, which exist by Example 1.3. Take a 2-regular $(2^{i+3}, 4; 1)$ -ICDM from Lemma 3.2. Then apply Construction 3.5 with $g = 3$, $m = 2^{i+3}$, $h = 2$, $v = 9 \times 3$, to obtain a 24×2^i -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i 3^2)$. There exists a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i)$ by Lemma 4.4. We apply Construction 3.3 to obtain a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i 3^2)$.

When $i \geq 2$ and $j \geq 3$. Start from a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i)$, a $(3^j, 4; 1)$ -ICDM, and a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^j)$, which exist by Lemmas 4.4, 3.1 and 4.1, respectively. Then apply Construction 3.4 with $v = 24 \times 2^i$, $g = 24$, and $m = 3^j$, to obtain a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i 3^j)$. \square

Lemma 4.7 *There exists a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; g \times 5^i)$ for $g = 48, 72$ and $i \geq 1$.*

Proof For $(g, i) = (48, 1)$, the 24 base blocks of a 48-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 5)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} &\{0, 1, 77, 128\}, & \{0, 2, 81, 133\}, & \{0, 3, 86, 129\}, & \{0, 4, 78, 136\}, & \{0, 6, 88, 144\}, \\ &\{0, 7, 91, 148\}, & \{0, 8, 97, 214\}, & \{0, 9, 103, 201\}, & \{0, 11, 224\}, & \{0, 12, 118\}, \\ &\{0, 13, 181\}, & \{0, 14, 186\}, & \{0, 17, 193\}, & \{0, 18, 87\}, & \{0, 21, 194\}, \\ &\{0, 22, 221\}, & \{0, 23, 124\}, & \{0, 29, 198\}, & \{0, 32, 209\}, & \{0, 33, 212\}, \\ &\{0, 37, 204\}, & \{0, 38, 216\}, & \{0, 44, 93\}, & \{0, 53, 119\}. \end{aligned}$$

For $(g, i) = (72, 1)$, the 36 base blocks of a 72-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72 \times 5)$ are

$$\begin{aligned} &\{0, 31, 122, 183\}, & \{0, 32, 121, 188\}, & \{0, 33, 126, 184\}, & \{0, 34, 131, 182\}, & \{0, 36, 123, 189\}, \\ &\{0, 37, 129, 181\}, & \{0, 38, 124, 187\}, & \{0, 39, 147, 201\}, & \{0, 41, 139, 332\}, & \{0, 43, 137, 186\}, \\ &\{0, 44, 127, 243\}, & \{0, 46, 128, 264\}, & \{0, 62, 133\}, & \{0, 64, 132\}, & \{0, 72, 146\}, \\ &\{0, 73, 154\}, & \{0, 76, 164\}, & \{0, 77, 134\}, & \{0, 78, 157\}, & \{0, 84, 333\}, \\ &\{0, 99, 358\}, & \{0, 102, 158\}, & \{0, 103, 222\}, & \{0, 104, 351\}, & \{0, 106, 352\}, \\ &\{0, 109, 301\}, & \{0, 141, 253\}, & \{0, 118, 166\}, & \{0, 163, 169\}, & \{0, 307, 318\}, \\ &\{0, 313, 331\}, & \{0, 334, 346\}, & \{0, 336, 343\}, & \{0, 337, 341\}, & \{0, 338, 339\}, \\ &\{0, 344, 347\}. \end{aligned}$$

For $i > 1$, start from a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; g \times 5)$, then apply Construction 3.4 inductively with a $(5, 4; 1)$ -CDM from Lemma 3.1 to obtain a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; g \times 5^i)$. \square

Lemma 4.8 *If $u > 1$ is an integer such that $\gcd(6, u) = 1$, then there exists a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; gu)$ for $g = 48, 72$.*

Proof For $u > 1$ such that $\gcd(6, u) = 1$, write $u = 5^i u'$ where $i \geq 0$ and $5 \nmid u'$. If $u' = 1$, then $i \geq 1$, the conclusion follows from Lemma 4.7. If $u' > 1$, then $\gcd(u', 30) = 1$. When $i = 0$ and $u' > 1$, there exists a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; gu')$ by Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3. When $i \geq 1$ and $u' > 1$, take a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; gu')$, a $(5^i, 4; 1)$ -CDM from Lemma 3.1, and a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; g \times 5^i)$ from Lemma 4.7, then apply Construction 3.4 to obtain a g -regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; gu)$. \square

Lemma 4.9 *There exists an optimal $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24u)$ for any positive integer $u > 1$.*

Proof Let $u = 2^i 3^j u'$, where $\gcd(6, u') = 1$. We have the following two cases.

Case 1 When $u' = 1$, then $24u = 24 \times 2^i 3^j$.

If $i = 0$, then $j \geq 1$. When $j = 1$, there is an optimal $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72)$ by Example 1.2. When $j \geq 2$, there is a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^j)$ by Lemma 4.1. If $i = 1$, then $j \geq 0$. When $j = 0$, there is an optimal $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48)$ by Example 1.2. When $j \geq 1$, there is a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^j)$ by Lemma 4.2. If $i \geq 2$, then $j \geq 0$, there exists a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i 3^j)$ by Lemmas 4.4–4.6.

Case 2 When $u' > 1$, then $24u = 24 \times 2^i 3^j u'$.

Case 2.1 If $i = 0$, then $j \geq 0$. When $j = 0$, there is a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24u)$ by Lemma 1.7. When $j = 1$, start from a 72-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72u')$ from Lemma 4.8, then apply Construction 3.3 to get an optimal $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72u')$, where the needed optimal $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 72)$ comes from Example 1.2. When $j \geq 2$, there is a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 3^j u')$ by Lemma 4.3.

Case 2.2 If $i = 1$, then $j \geq 0$. When $j = 0$, there exist a 48-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48u')$, and an optimal $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48)$, which come from Lemma 4.8 and Example 1.2, respectively. Then apply Construction 3.3 to obtain an optimal $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48u')$. When $j \geq 1$, there is a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 48 \times 3^j)$ by Lemma 4.3.

Case 2.3 If $i \geq 2$, then $j \geq 0$. Start from a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i 3^j)$, which exists by Lemmas 4.4–4.6. Take a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24u')$ from Lemma 1.7. Then apply Construction 3.4 with a $(u', 4; 1)$ -CDM from Lemma 3.1, to obtain a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24 \times 2^i 3^j u')$. That is a 24-regular $\text{CP}(\{3, 4\}, 1, \{2/3, 1/3\}; 24u)$.

By Lemma 1.5, the resulting 24-regular CPs from above are also optimal. \square

Combine the results of Lemmas 1.4 and 4.9, we complete the proof of Theorem 1.8.

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