

# The Intersection Problem for Minimum Coverings of $K_n$ by Triples

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## 1 Introduction.

A *Steiner triple system* (more simply, triple system) is a pair  $(S, T)$  where  $S$  is the vertex set of the complete undirected graph  $K_n$  on  $n$  vertices and  $T$  is a collection of edge-disjoint triangles (triples) which partition the edge set of  $K_n$ . The number  $n$  is called the *order* of the triple system  $(S, T)$  and it has been known forever (= since 1847 [2]) that the spectrum of triple systems (= set of all  $n$  such that a triple system of order  $n$  exists) is precisely the set of all  $n \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{6}$ . In this case  $|T| = n(n-1)/6$ .

In [3] C. C. Lindner and A. Rosa gave a complete solution of the *intersection problem* for triple systems by determining all pairs  $(n, k)$  such that there exists a pair of triple systems  $(S, T_1)$  and  $(S, T_2)$  of order  $n$  such that  $|T_1 \cap T_2| = k$ . In particular, if we set  $I[n] = \{k\}$  there exist a pair of triple systems of order  $n$  intersecting in  $k$  triples }, then  $I[3] = \{1\}, I[7] = \{0, 1, 3, 7\}, I[9] = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$  and for  $n \geq 13, I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n(n-1)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$ .

A *maximum packing* of  $K_n$  with triples (*MPT*) is a pair  $(S, P)$ , where  $S$  is the vertex set of  $K_n$  and  $P$  is a collection of edge-disjoint triangles (or triples) of the edge set of  $K_n$  so that  $|P|$  is a large as possible. As with triple systems, the number  $n$  is called the *order*. The collection of unused edges is called the *leave* of the *MPT*  $(S, P)$ . So, a triple system is a *MPT* with leave  $L = \emptyset$ . Just as with triple systems, nonisomorphic *MPTs* are like grains of sand on the beach. However, *MPTs* of the same order all have one thing in common; the leave! In particular if  $(S, P)$  is a *MPT* of order  $n$ , then the leave is (i) a 1-factor if  $n \equiv 0$  or

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$2 \pmod{6}$ , (ii) a 4-cycle if  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , and (iii) a *tripole* = a spanning graph with each vertex having odd degree and containing  $(n+2)/2$  edges if  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ . The intersection problem for *MPTs* is the following: Determine all pairs  $(n, k)$  such that there exists a pair of *MPTs*  $(S, P_1)$  and  $(S, P_2)$  of order  $n$  with the same leave such that  $|P_1 \cap P_2| = k$ . So, the intersection problem for triple systems is the intersection problem for *MPTs* with leave the empty set. The intersection problem for *MPTs* has been solved completely in a series of two papers [1, 4]. In particular, if (i)  $n \equiv 0$  or  $2 \pmod{6}$ ,  $I[6] = \{0, 4\}$ ,  $I[8] = \{0, 2, 8\}$ , and  $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n(n-2)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$  for  $n \geq 12$ ; (ii)  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ ,  $I[4] = \{1\}$  and  $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n^2 - 2n - 2)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$  for  $n \geq 10$ ; and (iii)  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ ,  $I[5] = \{2\}$  and  $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n^2 - n - 8)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$  for  $n \geq 11$ .

The purpose of this paper is to give a complete solution of the intersection problem for *minimum coverings* of  $K_n$  with triples. Some preliminaries are in order. Quite a few actually.

## 2 Coverings.

A *covering* of  $K_n$  (with padding  $X$ ) with triples is a pair  $(S, C)$ , where  $S$  is the vertex set of  $K_n$ , and  $C$  is a collection of edge disjoint triples which partition  $E(K_n) + X$ , where  $X \subseteq (E(\lambda K_n))$ . So that there is no confusion: an edge  $\{a, b\}$  belongs to exactly  $x+1$  triples of  $C$ , where  $x$  is the number of times  $\{a, b\}$  belongs to the padding  $X$ . If the padding  $X$  is as small as possible, then  $(S, C)$  is called a *minimum covering* of  $K_n$  with triples (*MCT*). So, a Steiner triple system is a *MCT* with padding  $X = \emptyset$ .

**Example 2.1** (*MCTs*). (1)  $n = 4$  with padding  $X = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}\}$  and  $C = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 4\}\}$ .

(2)  $n = 5$  with padding  $X = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$  and  $C = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 2, 5\}, \{3, 4, 5\}\}$ .

(3)  $n = 6$  with padding  $X = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}\}$  and  $C = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{1, 5, 6\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{2, 5, 6\}\}$ .

(4)  $n = 8$  with padding  $X = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{5, 6\}, \{7, 8\}\}$  and  $C = \{\{1, 2, 7\}, \{1, 4, 5\}, \{3, 5, 6\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 4, 8\}, \{5, 7, 8\}, \{1, 3, 8\}, \{2, 5, 6\}, \{6, 7, 8\}, \{1, 4, 6\}, \{3, 4, 7\}\}$ .

Just as the case for *MPTs*, the padding of a *MCT* is determined by its order. In particular, if  $(S, C)$  is a *MCT* of order  $n$ , then the padding is (i) a 1-factor if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ , (ii) a tripole if  $n \equiv 2$  or  $4 \pmod{6}$ , and (iii) a double edge  $= \{\{a, b\}, \{a, b\}\}$  if  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ . The intersection problem for *MCTs* is the following: Determine all pairs  $(n, k)$  such that there exists a pair of *MCTs*  $(S, C_1)$  and  $(S, C_2)$  of order  $n$  with the same padding such that  $|C_1 \cap C_2| = k$ . We will give a *complete solution* of this problem. In particular, if (i)  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ ,  $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n^2/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$ ; (ii)  $n \equiv 2$  or  $4 \pmod{6}$ ,  $I[4] = \{3\}$  and  $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n^2+2)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$  for  $n \geq 8$ ; and (iii)  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ ,  $I[5] = \{4\}$  and  $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n^2-n+4)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$  for  $n \geq 11$ . The fact that  $|C_1 \cap C_2| \in J[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n(n-2)+2|X|)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$  is trivial and is left to the reader. It's the non-trivial converse we will concern ourselves with here; i.e.,  $J[n] \subseteq I[n]$ .

Finally, as might be expected, we will handle the cases according to the padding.

### 3 $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

We begin with an example. In this section  $J[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n^2/6 = t\} \setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$ .

**Example 3.1** *MCTs* of order 6 with padding  $X = \{\{1, 2\}, \{3, 4\}, \{5, 6\}\}$ :

$$C_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad C_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad C_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then  $|C_1 \cap C_2| = 0$ ,  $|C_1 \cap C_3| = 2$ , and (of course)  $|C_1 \cap C_1| = 6$ , so that  $J[6] = \{0, 2, 6\} \subseteq I[6]$ .

With the above example in hand we can now concern ourselves with the case where  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \geq 12$ . The following lemma reduces our work considerably.

**Lemma 3.2**  $J[n] \setminus \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2\} \subseteq I[n]$ .

**Proof:** Write  $n-1 = 6m+5$  and let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\} \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{3m}\} \cup \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{3m}\}$ . Let  $(S, P_1)$  and  $(S, P_2)$  be a pair of MPTs of order  $n-1 = 6m+5$  with leave the 4-cycle  $L = (1, 2, 3, 4)$ . Now let  $T^*$  be the collection of  $3m+4$  triples defined by  $T^* = \{\{2, 3, 4\}, \{\infty, 1, 4\}, \{\infty, 1, 2\}, \{\infty, 3, 5\}, \{\infty, x_1, y_1\}, \{\infty, x_2, y_2\}, \dots, \{\infty, x_{3m}, y_{3m}\}\}$ . Then  $(S^*, P_1 \cup T^*)$  and  $(S^*, P_2 \cup T^*)$  are MCTs of order  $n$  with padding

$X = \{\{\infty, 1\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 5\}, \{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \dots, \{x_{3m}, y_{3m}\}\}$  where  $S^* = \{\infty\} \cup S$ . Then  $|P_1 \cup T^*| \cap |P_2 \cup T^*| = k + 3m + 4 = k + (n/2 + 1)$ , where  $k \in I_p[n-1] =$  the intersection spectrum for MPTs for order  $n-1$ . An easy calculation shows that  $I_p[n-1] + \{n/2 + 1\} = J[n] \setminus \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2\} \subseteq I[n]$ .  $\square$

It remains to show that  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n/2\} \subseteq I[n]$  for every  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \geq 12$ . The following constructions will do the job. But first a few preliminaries.

The *partial triple systems*  $(S, T_1)$  and  $(S, T_2)$  are said to be *mutually balanced* provided  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  cover precisely the same edges and are *disjoint* provided  $T_1 \cap T_2 = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 3.3** (Stern and Lenz [5]). *Let  $n \geq 4$  and let  $S$  be the vertex set of  $K_{2n}$ . Then there exist mutually balanced disjoint partial triple systems  $(S, T_1)$  and  $(S, T_2)$  of order  $2n$  such that  $|T_1| = |T_2| = 2n$  and such that there exists a 1-factorization  $F = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_{2n-7}\}$  of  $E(K_{2n}) \setminus T_1 = E(K_{2n}) \setminus T_2$ .*  $\square$

We will call such a 1-factorization a *Stern and Lenz 1-factorization*.

**The  $12n$  Construction.** Let  $(S, C)$  be a MCT of order  $6n$  with padding  $X$  and  $F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{6n-1}\}$  a 1-factorization of  $E(K_{6n})$  based on  $W$ , where  $S \cap W = \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a mapping from  $S$  onto  $F$ . Then  $x\alpha = y\alpha$  for exactly one 2-element subset  $\{x, y\}$  of  $S$ . Without loss in generality we can assume  $x\alpha = y\alpha = f_1$ . Define a collection of triples  $C^*$  as follows:

- (1)  $C \subseteq C^*$ , and
- (2)  $\{x, y, z\} \in C^*$  if and only if  $x\alpha = f_i$  and  $\{y, z\} \in f_i$ .

Then  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  is a MCT of order  $12n$  with padding  $X \cup f_1$ .  $\square$

**The  $12n+6$  Construction.** Let  $(S, C)$  be a MCT of order  $6n$  with padding  $X$  and  $F = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{6n-1}\} \cup T$  a Stern and Lenz 1-factorization of  $E(K_{6n+6})$  based on  $W$ , where  $S \cap W = \emptyset$ . Define  $\alpha$  as in the  $12n$  Construction and define a collection of triples  $C^*$  by:

(1)  $C \subseteq C^*$ ,

(2)  $T \subseteq C^*$ , and

(3)  $\{x, y, z\} \in C^*$  if and only if  $x\alpha = f_i$  and  $\{y, z\} \in f_i$ .

Then  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  is a *MCT* of order  $12n + 6$  with padding  $X \cup f_1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.4**  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2\} \subseteq I[n]$ .

**Proof:** The cases  $n = 12$  and  $18$  are taken care of in the appendix, so we can assume  $n \geq 24$  and that  $J[t] \subseteq I[t]$  for all  $12 \leq t < n$ . Write  $n = 12m$  or  $12m + 6$  and let  $(S, C_1)$  and  $(S, C_2)$  be a pair of *MCTs* of order  $6m$  with padding  $X$  with intersection number  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2\}$ . (Since  $6m \geq 12, (6m)^2/6 - 6 \geq 6m + 3 \geq n/2$ . Hence  $k \in I[6m]$ .) There are two cases to consider.

$n = 12m$ . Let  $F$  be a 1-factorization of  $E(K_{6m})$  based on  $W$ ,  $W \cap S = \emptyset$ , and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be defined as above with the additional property that  $x\alpha \neq x\beta$  for all  $x \in S$ . Let  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  be constructed from the  $12n$  Construction using  $\alpha$  for  $C_1^*$  and  $\beta$  for  $C_2^*$ . Then  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  are a pair of *MCTs* of order  $12m$  with padding  $X \cup f_1$  and intersection number  $k$ .

$n = 12m + 6$ . Let  $F_1 = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{6m-1}\} \cup T_1$  and  $F_2 = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{6m-1}\} \cup T_2$  be Stern and Lenz 1-factorizations of  $E(K_{6m+6})$  based on  $W$ ,  $W \cap S = \emptyset$ , where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are mutually balanced and disjoint partial triple systems. Define  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as above and let  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  be constructed from the  $12n + 6$  Construction using  $\alpha$  and  $T_1$  for  $C_1^*$  and  $\beta$  and  $T_2$  for  $C_2^*$ . Then  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  are a pair of *MCTs* of order  $12m + 6$  with padding  $X \cup f_1$  and intersection number  $k$ .

Combining the above two cases completes the proof.  $\square$

Combining Example 3.1 and Lemmas 3.2 and 3.4 gives the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.5**  $I[n] = J[n]$  for all  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .  $\square$

#### 4 $n = 2$ or $4 \pmod{6}$ .

It is trivial to see that  $I[4] = \{3\}$ . So, in what follows  $n \equiv 2$  or  $4 \pmod{6} \geq 8$  and, of course,  $J[n] = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n^2 + 2)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t - 1, t - 2, t - 3, t - 5\}$ .

**Lemma 4.1**  $J[n] \setminus \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2 - 1\} \subseteq I[n]$ .

**Proof:** The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.2. Since  $n \equiv 2$  or  $4 \pmod{6}$ ,  $n-1 \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{6}$  which is the order of a Steiner triple system. So, write  $n-1 = 3+2m$  and let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\} \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\} \cup \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m\}$ . Let  $(S, T_1)$  and  $(S, T_2)$  be a pair of Steiner triple systems of order  $n-1 = 3+2m$  and let  $T^*$  be the collection of  $m+2$  triples defined by  $T^* = \{\{\infty, 1, 2\}, \{\infty, 2, 3\}, \{\infty, x_1, y_1\}, \{\infty, x_2, y_2\}, \dots, \{\infty, x_m, y_m\}\}$ . Then  $(S^*, T_1 \cup T^*)$  and  $(S^*, T_2 \cup T^*)$  are MCTs of order  $n$  with padding the tripole  $X = \{\{2, \infty\}, \{2, 1\}, \{2, 3\}, \{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \dots, \{x_m, y_m\}\}$  where  $S^* = \{\infty\} \cup S$ . Then  $|(T_1 \cup T^*) \cap (T_2 \cup T^*)| = k + m + 2 = k + n/2$ , where  $k \in I_p[n-1]$  = the intersection spectrum for Steiner triple systems of order  $n-1$ . It is straight forward to see that  $I_p[n-1] + \{n/2\} = J[n] \setminus \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2 - 1\} \subseteq I[n]$  except for  $n = 10$ . In this case  $I_p[9] + \{5\} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\} + \{5\} = \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 17\}$ . However, the cases  $k = 10$  and  $13$  are taken care of by example in the appendix.  $\square$

**The  $12n + (4 \text{ or } 8)$  Construction.** Let  $(S, C)$  be a MCT of order  $6n+2$  or  $6n+4$  with padding the tripole  $X$ . Let  $F$  be a 1-factorization of  $E(K_{6n+2})$  or  $E(K_{6n+4})$  based on  $W$ ,  $W \cap S = \emptyset$ . If we define  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  as in the  $12n$  Construction, then  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  is a MCT of order  $12n + (4 \text{ or } 8)$  with padding the tripole  $X \cup f_1$ .  $\square$

**The  $12n + (2 \text{ or } 10)$  Construction.** Let  $(S, C)$  be a MCT of order  $6n-2$  or  $6n+2$  with padding  $X$ . Let  $F \cup T$  be a Stern and Lenz 1-factorization of  $E(K_{6n+4})$  or  $E(K_{6n+8})$  based on  $W$ ,  $W \cap S = \emptyset$ . If we define  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  as in the  $12n + 6$  Construction, then  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  is a MCT of order  $12n + (2 \text{ or } 10)$  with padding the tripole  $X \cup f_1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.2**  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2 - 1\} \subseteq I[n]$ .

**Proof:** The cases  $n = 8, 10, 14$ , and  $16$  are handled in the appendix so that we can assume  $n \geq 20$  and that  $J[t] \subseteq I[t]$  for all  $8 \leq t < n$ . There are two cases to consider.

$n = 12m + (4 \text{ or } 8)$ . Let  $(S, C_1)$  and  $(S, C_2)$  be a pair of MCTs of order  $6m + (2 \text{ or } 4)$  with padding the tripole  $X$  with intersection number  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2 - 1\}$ . (Since  $n \geq 8$ ,  $((6m+2)^2 + 2)/6 - 6 \geq 6m+3 \geq n/2 - 1$ . Hence  $k \in I[6m + (2 \text{ or } 3)]$ .) Let  $F$  be a 1-factorization of  $E(K_{6m+(2 \text{ or } 4)})$  based on  $W$ ,  $W \cap S = \emptyset$ , and let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be defined in the usual way. Let  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  be constructed from the  $12n + (4 \text{ or } 8)$

Construction using  $\alpha$  for  $C_1^*$  and  $\beta$  for  $C_2^*$ . Then  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  are a pair of  $MCTs$  of order  $12m + (4 \text{ or } 8)$  with padding the tripole  $X \cup f_1$  and intersection number  $k$ .

$n = 12m + (2 \text{ or } 10)$ . Let  $(S, C_1)$  and  $(S, C_2)$  be a pair of  $MCTs$  of order  $6m + (-2 \text{ or } 2)$  with padding the tripole  $X$  and intersection number  $k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n/2 - 1\}$ . (An argument similar to the argument in the  $12m + (4 \text{ or } 8)$  case shows this is always possible.) Let  $F \cup T_1$  and  $F \cup T_2$  be Stern and Lenz 1-factorizations of  $E(K_{6m+(4 \text{ or } 8)})$  based on  $W$ ,  $W \cap S = \emptyset$ , where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are mutually balanced and disjoint partial triple systems. Define  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as above and let  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  be constructed from the  $12n + (2 \text{ or } 10)$  Construction using  $\alpha$  and  $T_1$  for  $C_1^*$  and  $\beta$  and  $T_2^*$  for  $C_2^*$ . Then  $(S \cup W, C_1^*)$  and  $(S \cup W, C_2^*)$  are a pair of  $MCTs$  of order  $12m + (2 \text{ or } 10)$  with padding the tripole  $X \cup f_1$  and intersection number  $k$ .

Combining the above two cases completes the proof.  $\square$

Now combining Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2 gives the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.3**  $I[4] = \{3\}$  and  $I[n] = J[n]$  for all  $n \equiv 2 \text{ or } 4 \pmod{6}$ .  $\square$

## 5 $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .

There is no difficulty in showing that  $I[5] = \{4\}$  and so we will assume  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \geq 11$ . In this case  $J[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n^2 - n + 4)/6 = t\} \setminus \{t - 1, t - 2, t - 3, t - 5\}$ .

**Lemma 5.1**  $J[n] \setminus \{0, 1\} \subseteq I[n]$ .

**Proof:** Let  $(S, P_1)$  and  $(S, P_2)$  be a pair of  $MPTs$  of order  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  with leave the 4-cycle  $L = (1, 2, 3, 4)$ . Let  $T^*$  be the collection of 2 triples defined by  $T^* = \{\{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ . Then  $(S, P_1 \cup T^*)$  and  $(S, P_2 \cup T^*)$  are  $MCTs$  of order  $n$  with padding the double edge  $X = \{\{2, 4\}, \{2, 4\}\}$ . Then  $|(P_1 \cup T^*) \cap (P_2 \cup T^*)| = k + 2$ , where  $k \in I_p[n] =$  the intersection spectrum for  $MPTs$  of order  $n$ . It is less that trivial to see that  $I_p[n] + \{2\} = J[n] \setminus \{0, 1\} \subseteq I[n]$ .  $\square$

**The  $12n + (5 \text{ or } 11)$  Construction.** Let  $(S, C)$  be a  $MCT$  of order  $6n + 5$  or  $6n - 1$  with padding the double edge  $X$ . Let  $F$  ( $F \cup T$ ) be a 1-factorization (Stern and Lenz 1-factorization) of  $E(K_{6n+6})$  based on  $W$ ,  $W \cap S = \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha$  be any  $1 - 1$  mapping of  $S$  onto  $F$  and define  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  in the usual way. Then  $(S \cup W, C^*)$  is a  $MCT$  of order  $12n + (5 \text{ or } 11)$  with padding the double edge  $X$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.2**  $\{0, 1\} \subseteq I[n]$ .

**Proof:** The cases  $n = 11$  and  $17$  are handled in the appendix so that we can assume  $n \geq 23$  and that  $J[t] \subseteq I[t]$  for all  $11 \leq t < n$ . The  $12n + (5 \text{ or } 11)$  Construction incorporated into a by now familiar argument produces a pair of *MCTs* of order  $12n + (5 \text{ or } 11)$  with padding a double edge and intersection number  $0$  or  $1$ .  $\square$

Combining Lemmas 5.1 and 5.2 gives the following theorem.

**Theorem 5.3**  $I[5] = \{4\}$  and  $I[n] = J[n]$  for all  $n \equiv 2 \text{ or } 4 \pmod{6}$ .  $\square$

## 6 Conclusion.

We collect the results in Theorems 3.5, 4.3, and 5.3 in the accompanying easy to read table.

$K_n$	padding	intersection spectrum
$n \equiv 1 \text{ or } 3 \pmod{6}$ Steiner triple system	$\emptyset$	$I[3] = \{1\}, I[7] = \{0, 1, 3, 7\},$ $I[9] = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$ and $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n(n-1)/6 = t\}$ $\setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$ for $n \geq 13$ [2].
$n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$	1-factor	$I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n^2/6 = t\}$ $\setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$ for all $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .
$n \equiv 2 \text{ or } 4 \pmod{6}$	tripole	$I[4] = \{3\}$ and $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n^2+2)/6 = t\}$ $\setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$ for all $n \geq 8$ .
$n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$	double edge	$I[5] = \{4\}$ and $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (n^2-n+4)/6 = t\}$ $\setminus \{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\}$ for all $n \geq 11$

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#### APPENDIX

The following systems provide the remaining intersections of minimum coverings not produced by the constructions in the text.

##### SYSTEM 1. Order 8, intersection number 0.

1	2	7	1	2	3	1	3	8	1	4	6
1	4	5	2	4	8	2	5	6	3	4	7
3	5	6	5	7	8	6	7	8			
1	2	4	1	2	5	1	3	6	1	3	4
1	7	8	2	3	7	2	6	8	3	5	8
4	5	6	4	7	8	5	6	7			

##### SYSTEM 2. Order 8, intersection number 1.

1	2	4	*	1	2	5	1	3	4	1	3	6	
1	7	8		2	3	7	2	6	8	3	5	8	
4	5	6		4	7	8	5	6	7				
1	2	3		1	2	4	*	1	3	8	1	4	7
1	5	6		2	5	6		2	7	8	3	4	5
3	6	7		4	6	8		5	7	8			

##### SYSTEM 3. Order 8, intersection number 2.

1	2	4		1	2	5	*	1	3	4	*	1	3	8
1	6	7		2	3	6		2	7	8		3	5	7
4	5	6		4	7	8		5	6	8				
1	2	3		1	2	5	*	1	3	4	*	1	4	6
1	7	8		2	4	7		2	6	8		3	5	6
3	7	8		4	5	8		5	6	7				

## SYSTEM 4. Order 8, intersection number 3.

1	2	3	1	2	4 *	1	3	7 *	1	4	8
1	5	6	2	5	6	2	7	8	3	4	5
3	6	8	4	6	7	5	7	8 *			
1	2	4 *	1	2	5	1	3	4	1	3	7 *
1	6	8	2	3	8	2	6	7	3	5	6
4	5	6	4	7	8	5	7	8 *			

## SYSTEM 5. Order 11, intersection number 0.

1	2	5	1	2	3	1	2	10	1	4	9
1	6	8	1	7	11	2	4	8	2	6	11
2	7	9	3	4	10	3	5	7	3	6	9
3	8	11	4	5	11	4	6	7	5	6	10
5	8	9	7	8	10	9	10	11			
1	2	8	1	2	9	1	2	11	1	3	6
1	4	10	1	5	7	2	3	4	2	5	10
2	6	7	3	5	9	3	7	8	3	10	11
4	5	8	4	6	9	4	7	11	5	6	11
6	8	10	7	9	10	8	9	11			

## SYSTEM 6. Order 11, intersection number 1.

1	2	9	1	2	4	1	2	11	1	3	5
1	6	7	1	8	10	2	3	6	2	5	8 *
2	7	10	3	4	10	3	7	8	3	9	11
4	5	6	4	7	11	4	8	9	5	7	9
5	10	11	6	8	11	6	9	10			
1	2	3	1	2	7	1	2	6	1	4	10
1	5	11	1	8	9	2	4	9	2	5	8 *
2	10	11	3	4	11	3	5	9	3	6	7
3	8	10	4	5	7	4	6	8	5	6	10
6	9	11	7	8	11	7	9	10			

To each of the following systems, add the four triples.

1	2	4	1	3	5	2	5	6	3	4	6
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Since there are 4 disjoint triples that are mutually balanced with these four triples, each system produces 2 intersection numbers.

## SYSTEM 7. Order 10, intersection numbers 0 and 4.

1	2	7	1	3	10	1	4	8	1	6	9
2	3	9	2	8	10	3	7	8	4	5	7
4	9	10	5	6	10	5	8	9	6	7	8
7	9	10									
1	2	8	1	3	9	1	4	10	1	6	7
2	3	7	2	9	10	3	8	10	4	5	9
4	7	8	5	6	8	5	7	10	6	9	10
7	8	9									

## SYSTEM 8. Order 10, intersection number 1.

1	2	9	1	3	7	1	4	8	1	6	10
2	3	10	2	7	8	3	8	9	4	5	7
4	9	10	5	6	9	5	8	10 *	6	7	8
7	9	10									

1	2	7	1	3	9	1	4	10	1	6	8
2	3	8	2	9	10	3	7	10	4	5	9
4	7	8	5	6	7	5	8	10 *	6	9	10
7	8	9									

## SYSTEM 9. Order 10, intersection number 2.

1	2	3	1	4	8	1	6	10	1	7	9
2	7	8	2	9	10	3	7	8 *	3	9	10
4	5	9	4	7	10	5	6	7 *	5	8	10
6	8	9									

1	2	7	1	3	9	1	4	10	1	6	8
2	3	10	2	8	9	3	7	8 *	4	5	8
4	7	9	5	6	7 *	5	9	10	6	9	10
7	8	10									

## SYSTEM 10. Order 10, intersection number 3.

1	2	3	1	4	9 *	1	6	7	1	8	10
2	7	10	2	8	9	3	7	8 *	3	9	10
4	5	10	4	7	8	5	6	8	5	7	9
6	9	10 *									

1	2	7	1	3	10	1	4	9 *	1	6	8
2	3	9	2	8	10	3	7	8 *	4	5	8
4	7	10	5	6	7	5	9	10	6	9	10 *
7	8	9									

## SYSTEM 11. Order 10, intersection number 10.

1	2	9 *	1	3	8 *	1	4	7 *	1	6	10 *
2	3	7	2	8	10	3	9	10	4	5	10
4	8	9	5	6	9 *	5	7	8	6	7	8 *
7	9	10									

1	2	9 *	1	3	8 *	1	4	7 *	1	6	10 *
2	3	10	2	7	8	3	7	9	4	5	8
4	9	10	5	6	9 *	5	7	10	6	7	8 *
8	9	10									

## SYSTEM 12. Order 10, intersection numbers 13.

1	2	10	1	3	8	1	4	9 *	1	6	7 *
2	3	9 *	2	7	8	3	7	10	4	5	7 *
4	8	10 *	5	6	8 *	5	9	10 *	6	9	10 *
7	8	9 *									
1	2	8	1	3	10	1	4	9 *	1	6	7 *
2	3	9 *	2	7	10	3	7	8	4	5	7 *
4	8	10 *	5	6	8 *	5	9	10 *	6	9	10 *
7	8	9 *									

## SYSTEM 13. Order 12, intersection numbers 0 and 4.

1	2	10	1	6	12	1	7	8	1	9	11
2	3	7	2	8	9	2	11	12	3	4	11
3	8	10	3	9	12	4	5	7	4	8	12
4	9	10	5	6	8	5	9	10	5	11	12
6	7	9	6	10	11	7	8	11	7	10	12
1	2	8	1	6	11	1	7	10	1	9	12
2	3	9	2	7	12	2	10	11	3	4	8
3	7	11	3	10	12	4	5	10	4	7	9
4	11	12	5	6	12	5	7	8	5	9	11
6	7	8	6	9	10	8	9	10	8	11	12

## SYSTEM 14. Order 12, intersection numbers 1 and 5.

1	2	10	1	6	7	1	8	9	1	11	12
2	3	11	2	7	8	2	9	12	3	4	9
3	7	8	3	10	12	4	5	8	4	7	10
4	11	12 *	5	6	11	5	7	12	5	9	10
6	8	12	6	9	10	7	9	11	8	10	11
1	2	8	1	6	11	1	7	9	1	10	12
2	3	7	2	9	10	2	11	12	3	4	10
3	8	11	3	9	12	4	5	9	4	7	8
4	11	12 *	5	6	10	5	7	11	5	8	12
6	7	12	6	8	9	7	8	10	9	10	11

## SYSTEM 15. Order 12, intersection numbers 2 and 6.

1	2	9 *	1	6	10	1	7	12	1	8	11
2	3	12	2	7	8	2	10	11	3	4	10
3	7	8	3	9	11	4	5	8	4	7	11
4	9	12	5	6	7	5	9	10 *	5	11	12
6	8	9	6	11	12	7	9	10	8	10	12
1	2	9 *	1	6	8	1	7	11	1	10	12
2	3	7	2	8	10	2	11	12	3	4	8
3	9	12	3	10	11	4	5	11	4	7	12
4	9	10	5	6	12	5	7	8	5	9	10 *
6	7	10	6	9	11	7	8	9	8	11	12

## SYSTEM 16. Order 12, intersection number 3.

1	2	8	1	6	12	1	7	11	1	9	10 *
2	3	10	2	7	12	2	9	11	3	4	9
3	7	8	3	11	12	4	5	7	4	8	10 *
4	11	12	5	6	9	5	8	11	5	10	12
6	7	8	6	10	11	7	9	10	8	9	12 *
1	2	11	1	6	8	1	7	12	1	9	10 *
2	3	9	2	7	8	2	10	12	3	4	12
3	7	10	3	8	11	4	5	9	4	7	11
4	8	10 *	5	6	10	5	7	8	5	11	12
6	7	9	6	11	12	8	9	12 *	9	10	11

## SYSTEM 17. Order 14, intersection numbers 0 and 4.

1	2	11	1	3	9	1	4	13	1	6	14
1	7	8	1	10	12	2	3	13	2	7	10
2	8	14	2	9	12	3	7	8	3	10	14
3	11	12	4	5	10	4	7	11	4	8	9
4	12	14	5	6	8	5	7	12	5	9	11
5	13	14	6	7	13	6	9	10	6	11	12
7	9	14	8	10	11	8	12	13	9	10	13
11	13	14									

1	2	13	1	3	8	1	4	11	1	6	9
1	7	12	1	10	14	2	3	14	2	7	9
2	8	10	2	11	12	3	7	11	3	9	13
3	10	12	4	5	12	4	7	8	4	9	10
4	13	14	5	6	13	5	7	8	5	9	10
5	11	14	6	7	14	6	8	12	6	10	11
7	10	13	8	9	14	8	11	13	9	11	12
12	13	14									

## SYSTEM 18. Order 14, intersection numbers 1 and 5.

1	2	14	1	3	12	1	4	11	1	6	13
1	7	8	1	9	10	2	3	10	2	7	9
2	8	13	2	11	12	3	7	11	3	8	9
3	13	14	4	5	8	4	7	14	4	9	13
4	10	12	5	6	7	5	9	10	5	11	13
5	12	14	6	8	14	6	9	12 *	6	10	11
7	8	10	7	12	13	8	11	12	9	11	14
10	13	14									

1	2	11	1	3	9	1	4	8	1	6	7
1	10	12	1	13	14	2	3	8	2	7	10
2	9	13	2	12	14	3	7	13	3	10	14
3	11	12	4	5	12	4	7	11	4	9	14
4	10	13	5	6	10	5	7	9	5	8	11
5	13	14	6	8	13	6	9	12 *	6	11	14
7	8	12	7	8	14	8	9	10	9	10	11
11	12	13									

## SYSTEM 19. Order 14, intersection numbers 2 and 6.

1	2	7	1	3	9	1	4	13	1	6	8
1	10	14	1	11	12	2	3	13	2	8	10
2	9	14	2	11	12 *	3	7	8	3	10	12
3	11	14	4	5	7	4	8	9	4	10	11
4	12	14	5	6	14	5	8	11	5	9	10
5	12	13	6	7	11	6	9	12	6	10	13
7	8	12	7	9	10 *	7	13	14	8	13	14
9	11	13									

1	2	13	1	3	12	1	4	11	1	6	14
1	7	8	1	9	10	2	3	9	2	7	8
2	10	14	2	11	12 *	3	7	11	3	8	10
3	13	14	4	5	10	4	7	14	4	8	12
4	9	13	5	6	11	5	7	12	5	8	13
5	9	14	6	7	13	6	8	9	6	10	12
7	9	10 *	8	11	14	9	11	12	10	11	13
12	13	14									

SYSTEM 20. Order 14, intersection number 3.

1	2	7	1	3	10 *	1	4	11	1	6	14 *
1	8	9	1	12	13	2	3	8	2	9	10
2	11	13	2	12	14	3	7	13	3	9	14
3	11	12 *	4	5	10	4	7	14	4	8	12
4	9	13	5	6	9	5	7	8	5	11	12
5	13	14	6	7	11	6	8	13	6	10	12
7	8	10	7	9	12	8	11	14	9	10	11
10	13	14									

1	2	8	1	3	10 *	1	4	9	1	6	14 *
1	7	13	1	11	12	2	3	9	2	7	12
2	10	11	2	13	14	3	7	8	3	11	12 *
3	13	14	4	5	12	4	7	10	4	8	14
4	11	13	5	6	7	5	8	13	5	9	10
5	11	14	6	8	12	6	9	11	6	10	13
7	8	11	7	9	14	8	9	10	9	12	13
10	12	14									

SYSTEM 21. Order 16, intersection numbers 0 and 4.

1	2	14	1	3	9	1	4	12	1	6	11
1	7	8	1	10	15	1	13	16	2	3	10
2	7	15	2	8	16	2	9	13	2	11	12
3	7	13	3	8	14	3	11	15	3	12	16
4	5	13	4	7	9	4	8	11	4	10	14
4	15	16	5	6	9	5	7	8	5	10	11
5	12	15	5	14	16	6	7	10	6	8	12
6	13	14	6	15	16	7	11	16	7	12	14
8	9	10	8	13	15	9	10	16	9	11	12
9	14	15	10	12	13	11	13	14			

1	2	10	1	3	8	1	4	16	1	6	9
1	7	15	1	11	13	1	12	14	2	3	7
2	8	13	2	9	14	2	11	16	2	12	15
3	9	11	3	10	15	3	12	13	3	14	16
4	5	15	4	7	8	4	9	10	4	11	12
4	13	14	5	6	14	5	7	12	5	8	11
5	9	13	5	10	16	6	7	16	6	8	15
6	10	13	6	11	12	7	8	9	7	10	11
7	13	14	8	10	14	8	12	16	9	10	12
9	15	16	11	14	15	13	15	16			

## SYSTEM 22. Order 16, intersection numbers 1 and 5.

1	2	7	1	3	12	1	4	16	1	6	8
1	9	10	1	11	13	1	14	15	2	3	14
2	8	12	2	9	13	2	10	15	2	11	16
3	7	11	3	8	13	3	9	15	3	10	16
4	5	7	4	8	9	4	10	11	4	12	15
4	13	14 *	5	6	13	5	8	14	5	9	10
5	11	12	5	15	16	6	7	9	6	10	14
6	11	12	6	15	16	7	8	10	7	8	16
7	12	14	7	13	15	8	11	15	9	11	14
9	12	16	10	12	13	13	14	16			

1	2	8	1	3	7	1	4	9	1	6	11
1	10	14	1	12	13	1	15	16	2	3	9
2	7	10	2	11	14	2	12	16	2	13	15
3	8	14	3	10	15	3	11	12	3	13	16
4	5	8	4	7	12	4	10	16	4	11	15
4	13	14 *	5	6	16	5	7	15	5	9	13
5	10	11	5	12	14	6	7	8	6	9	10
6	12	15	6	13	14	7	8	9	7	11	13
7	14	16	8	10	13	8	11	12	8	15	16
9	10	12	9	11	16	9	14	15			

## SYSTEM 23. Order 16, intersection numbers 2 and 6.

1	2	13	1	3	10	1	4	14	1	6	11
1	7	12	1	8	16	1	9	15	2	3	12
2	7	8	2	9	10	2	11	14	2	15	16
3	7	9	3	8	14	3	11	16	3	13	15
4	5	7	4	8	10	4	9	12	4	11	13
4	15	16 *	5	6	14	5	8	15	5	9	11
5	10	13	5	12	16	6	7	15	6	8	12
6	9	10	6	13	16	7	8	11	7	10	16 *
7	13	14	8	9	13	9	14	16	10	11	12
10	14	15	11	12	15	12	13	14			
1	2	15	1	3	14	1	4	10	1	6	13
1	7	8	1	9	11	1	12	16	2	3	16
2	7	12	2	8	9	2	10	11	2	13	14
3	7	11	3	8	13	3	9	10	3	12	15
4	5	12	4	7	14	4	8	11	4	9	13
4	15	16 *	5	6	15	5	7	13	5	8	14
5	9	10	5	11	16	6	7	8	6	9	16
6	10	14	6	11	12	7	9	15	7	10	16 *
8	10	12	8	15	16	9	12	14	10	13	15
11	12	13	11	14	15	13	14	16			

## SYSTEM 24. Order 16, intersection numbers 3 and 7.

1	2	8	1	3	14	1	4	9 *
1	7	11	1	10	12	1	15	16
2	7	10	2	9	11	2	12	16
3	7	9	3	8	12	3	10	11
4	5	13	4	7	8	4	10	15
4	14	16	5	6	15	5	7	14
5	9	16	5	11	12	6	7	12
6	10	16	6	11	14	7	8	16
8	11	13	8	14	15	9	10	13
9	12	15	11	15	16	12	13	14
1	2	11	1	3	16	1	4	9 *
1	7	10	1	12	15	1	13	14
2	7	8	2	9	14	2	10	12
3	7	8	3	9	10	3	11	12
4	5	15	4	7	14	4	8	10
4	12	13	5	6	13	5	7	16
5	9	11	5	10	14	6	7	11
6	12	16	6	14	15	7	9	12
8	9	13	8	11	15	8	14	16
10	11	13	10	15	16	11	12	14

## SYSTEM 25. Order 18, intersection numbers 2 and 6.

1	2	16	1	6	13	1	7	9	1	8	11
1	10	14	1	12	18	1	15	17	2	3	18
2	7	15	2	8	10	2	9	13	2	11	14
2	12	17	3	4	9	3	7	8	3	10	15
3	11	12	3	13	14 *	3	16	17	4	5	18
4	7	10	4	8	14	4	11	16	4	12	15
4	13	17	5	6	9	5	7	14	5	8	15
5	10	17	5	11	12	5	13	16 *	6	7	12
6	8	17	6	10	11	6	14	18	6	15	16
7	8	16	7	11	13	7	17	18	8	9	18
8	12	13	9	10	12	9	10	16	9	11	15
9	14	17	10	13	18	11	17	18	12	14	16
13	14	15	15	16	18						

1	2	17	1	6	14	1	7	11	1	8	18
1	9	12	1	10	16	1	13	15	2	3	12
2	7	9	2	8	16	2	10	11	2	13	14
2	15	18	3	4	10	3	7	16	3	8	17
3	9	18	3	11	15	3	13	14 *	4	5	14
4	7	17	4	8	15	4	9	16	4	11	12
4	13	18	5	6	11	5	7	8	5	9	10
5	12	18	5	13	16 *	5	15	17	6	7	18
6	8	12	6	9	15	6	10	13	6	16	17
7	8	14	7	10	15	7	12	13	8	9	10
8	11	13	9	11	14	9	13	17	10	12	14
10	17	18	11	12	17	11	16	18	12	15	16
14	15	16	14	17	18						

## SYSTEM 26. Order 18, intersection numbers 3 and 7.

1	2	8	1	6	13	1	7	18	1	9	10
1	11	12	1	14	17	1	15	16	2	3	11
2	7	17	2	9	15	2	10	12	2	13	18
2	14	16	3	4	15	3	7	10	3	8	16
3	9	14	3	12	18 *	3	13	17	4	5	12
4	7	9	4	8	13	4	10	18	4	11	14
4	16	17	5	6	15	5	7	14	5	8	9
5	10	17	5	11	18	5	13	16	6	7	8
6	9	10	6	11	17	6	12	14	6	16	18
7	8	15 *	7	11	16 *	7	12	13	8	10	11
8	12	17	8	14	18	9	11	13	9	12	16
9	17	18	10	13	14	10	15	16	11	12	15
13	14	15	15	17	18						

1	2	17	1	6	16	1	7	13	1	8	12
1	9	15	1	10	11	1	14	18	2	3	7
2	8	16	2	9	14	2	10	13	2	11	18
2	12	15	3	4	8	3	9	11	3	10	14
3	12	18 *	3	13	15	3	16	17	4	5	9
4	7	10	4	11	12	4	13	14	4	15	16
4	17	18	5	6	11	5	7	12	5	8	13
5	10	16	5	14	15	5	17	18	6	7	14
6	8	17	6	9	12	6	10	15	6	13	18
7	8	18	7	8	15 *	7	9	17	7	11	16 *
8	9	10	8	11	14	9	10	18	9	13	16
10	12	17	11	12	13	11	15	17	12	14	16
13	14	17	15	16	18						

For the following two systems, in addition to the four triples listed at the beginning of the appendix, the following four triples should be added.

7 8 10            7 9 11            8 11 12            9 10 12

Again, there are 4 disjoint triples that are mutually balanced with these four triples, so each system now produces 3 intersection numbers.

## SYSTEM 27. Order 18, intersection numbers 0, 4 and 8.

1	2	14	1	6	8	1	7	13	1	9	15
1	10	18	1	11	17	1	12	16	2	3	18
2	7	8	2	9	17	2	10	11	2	12	15
2	13	16	3	4	17	3	7	14	3	8	9
3	10	15	3	11	16	3	12	13	4	5	7
4	8	15	4	9	18	4	10	16	4	11	13
4	12	14	5	6	14	5	8	16	5	9	10
5	11	15	5	12	17	5	13	18	6	7	17
6	9	16	6	10	13	6	11	12	6	15	18
7	12	18	7	15	16	8	13	14	8	17	18
9	13	14	10	14	17	11	14	18	13	15	17
14	15	16	16	17	18						

1	2	11	1	6	9	1	7	16	1	8	13
1	10	15	1	12	14	1	17	18	2	3	12
2	7	18	2	8	15	2	9	16	2	10	17
2	13	14	3	4	11	3	7	15	3	8	18
3	9	10	3	13	16	3	14	17	4	5	10
4	7	8	4	9	13	4	12	18	4	14	16
4	15	17	5	6	15	5	7	17	5	8	9
5	11	14	5	12	13	5	16	18	6	7	12
6	8	14	6	10	16	6	11	18	6	13	17
7	13	14	8	16	17	9	14	15	9	17	18
10	11	13	10	14	18	11	12	17	11	15	16
12	15	16	13	15	18						

SYSTEM 28. Order 18, intersection numbers 1,5 and 9.

1	2	17	1	6	18	1	7	8	1	9	14
1	10	16	1	11	15	1	12	13	2	3	12
2	7	15	2	8	13	2	9	18	2	10	14
2	11	16	3	4	8 *	3	7	17	3	9	15
3	10	13	3	11	18	3	14	16	4	5	16
4	7	18	4	9	10	4	11	12	4	13	14
4	15	17	5	6	15	5	7	12	5	8	9
5	10	17	5	11	14	5	13	18	6	7	16
6	8	17	6	9	13	6	10	11	6	12	14
7	13	14	8	14	15	8	16	18	9	16	17
10	15	18	11	13	17	12	15	16	12	17	18
13	15	16	14	17	18						

1	2	8	1	6	12	1	7	13	1	9	10
1	11	14	1	15	16	1	17	18	2	3	7
2	9	16	2	10	13	2	11	12	2	14	17
2	15	18	3	4	8 *	3	9	14	3	10	18
3	11	15	3	12	13	3	16	17	4	5	18
4	7	16	4	9	15	4	10	14	4	11	13
4	12	17	5	6	10	5	7	8	5	9	17
5	11	16	5	12	15	5	13	14	6	7	15
6	8	9	6	11	18	6	13	17	6	14	16
7	12	14	7	17	18	8	13	16	8	14	18
8	15	17	9	13	18	10	11	17	10	15	16
12	16	18	13	14	15						

SYSTEM 29. Order 17, intersection number 0.

1	2	8	1	2	12	1	6	7	1	9	14
1	10	11	1	13	15	1	16	17	2	3	11
2	7	17	2	9	13	2	10	15	2	14	16
3	7	12	3	8	9	3	10	16	3	13	17
3	14	15	4	5	9	4	7	16	4	8	14
4	10	17	4	11	15	4	12	13	5	7	15
5	8	17	5	10	13	5	11	16	5	12	14
6	8	15	6	9	16	6	10	14	6	11	13
6	12	17	7	13	14	8	13	16	9	15	17
11	14	17	12	15	16						

1	2	15	1	2	7	1	6	12	1	8	14
1	9	13	1	10	17	1	11	16	2	3	8
2	9	16	2	10	11	2	12	13	2	14	17
3	7	16	3	9	17	3	10	13	3	11	15
3	12	14	4	5	10	4	7	14	4	8	9
4	11	13	4	12	17	4	15	16	5	7	13
5	8	15	5	9	14	5	11	17	5	12	16
6	7	17	6	8	13	6	9	15	6	10	16
6	11	14	7	12	15	8	16	17	10	14	15
13	14	16	13	15	17						

SYSTEM 30. Order 17, intersection number 1.

1	2	11	1	2	17	1	6	7	1	8	16
1	9	15	1	10	13	1	12	14	2	3	12
2	7	14	2	8	15	2	9	13	2	10	16
3	7	13	3	8	9 *	3	10	17	3	11	15
3	14	16	4	5	9	4	7	16	4	8	13
4	10	15	4	11	14	4	12	17	5	7	12
5	8	17	5	10	14	5	11	13	5	15	16
6	8	14	6	9	16	6	10	11	6	12	15
6	13	17	7	15	17	9	14	17	11	16	17
12	13	16	13	14	15						
1	2	15	1	2	10	1	6	8	1	7	17
1	9	14	1	11	13	1	12	16	2	3	13
2	7	12	2	8	17	2	9	16	2	11	14
3	7	14	3	8	9 *	3	10	16	3	11	17
3	12	15	4	5	12	4	7	15	4	8	16
4	9	13	4	10	11	4	14	17	5	7	13
5	8	14	5	9	15	5	10	17	5	11	16
6	7	16	6	9	17	6	10	13	6	11	15
6	12	14	8	13	15	10	14	15	12	13	17
13	14	16	15	16	17						

