

# The Triad Design of Order 19

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper we present a new method to construct the triad design of order 19,  $TD(19)$ . First we construct the compatible factorization of order 19,  $CF(19)$ . Then we build the starter of triad design of order 19,  $STD(19)$  using interval techniques of the number of triples in the design. Finally by using addition modular 19 to  $STD(19)$  we develop  $TD(19)$ .

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

A triad design on  $v$  objects, denoted by  $TD(v)$ , is a way of arranging the distinct triples of  $\binom{v}{3}$  into  $v$  rows such that:

- (i) Row  $m$  contains  $\frac{v-1}{2}$  triples, among which object  $m$  meets every other object precisely once, and contains also other distinct triples;
- (ii) Each triple occurs exactly once in the design;
- (iii) No two elements (entries) occurs together in two or more triples in any row.

$TD(v)$  is a set of distinct triples (3-element) of a  $v$ -set of points that deals with counting and listing triples from a graph of  $v$  points. It is associated with counting triangles in a graph which is called triangle problem that gained recently much practical importance since they are central in so-called complex network analysis [6, 7, 8].

The construction of  $TD(v)$  is based on the compatible factorization of a graph of order  $v$ , denoted by  $CF(v)$ , which is a  $v \times \frac{v-1}{2}$  array that satisfies the following conditions: [5, 9]

- (i) The entries in row  $m$  form a near-one-factor with focus  $m$ .
- (ii) The triples associated with the rows contain no repetitions.

**Example 1.1** If  $v = 7$ , that is a set of 7 points labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, then the compatible factorization  $CF(7)$  is illustrated in Table 1. Append  $C_1$  with  $C_2, C_1$  with  $C_3$  and  $C_1$  with  $C_4$ , we obtain 21 distinct triples in  $CF(7)$ . Moreover,  $TD(7) = CF(7) \cup \overline{CF(7)}$ , where  $\overline{CF(7)}$  is the completion of  $CF(7)$ . Clearly,  $TD(7)$  consists of  $\binom{7}{3} = 35$  distinct triples. These triples are associated with the triangles that can be formed from  $K_7$ , the complete graph of order 7, see figure 1.

	$CF(7)$				$\overline{CF(7)}$	
	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$		
1	2 7	3 6	4 5		2 3 5	7 6 4
2	3 1	4 7	5 6		3 4 6	1 7 5
3	4 2	5 1	6 7		4 5 7	2 1 6
4	5 3	6 2	7 1		5 6 1	3 2 7
5	6 4	7 3	1 2		6 7 2	4 3 1
6	7 5	1 4	2 3		7 1 3	5 4 2

7	1 6	2 3	3 4	1 2 4	6 5 3
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Table 1.  $TD(7)$

Table 1 shows that addition modular 7 to the first row, called starter, produces all the distinct triples.

Once we construct the starter, listing all distinct triples can be done by addition modular  $v$ . Our aim in this paper is to present a new method to construct the starter of triad design of order 19,  $STD(19)$ . This method depends on analysing the triples using interval techniques of the triples in the starter.

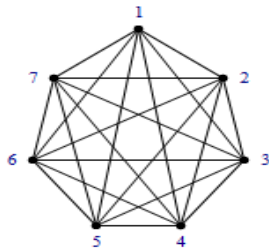


Figure 1. Plot of the complete graph  $K_7$

It is known that  $TD(v)$  exists if  $v \equiv 1 \text{ or } 5 \pmod{6}$  [2, 3]. The construction of  $STD(7)$  above is done by the brute force method (trial and error). Moreover, in [1],  $STD(13)$  was constructed by using the brute force method and a new method that depends on the interval techniques of the triples in the starter.

In section 2, we study some properties of the starter of triad design on  $v$  objects,  $STD(v)$ . In section 3, we again use the brute force method to construct  $STD(19)$  and then develop  $TD(19)$ . In section 4, we extend the use of the interval techniques of the triples in the starter to build  $STD(19)$ .

## 2 PROPERTIES OF THE STARTER

**Definition 2.1.** The *starter* of triad design on  $v$  objects,  $STD(v)$ , is the set of triples on  $v$  that generates all the triples in  $TD(v)$  by addition modular  $v$ .

The following lemma provides the number of triples in  $STD(v)$  as well as in  $\overline{SCF(v)}$ , denoted by  $|STD(v)|$  and  $|\overline{SCF(v)}|$  respectively.

**Lemma 2.1** If  $v = 6n + 1$ , then

$$|STD(v)| = n(6n - 1) \text{ and } |\overline{SCF(v)}| = 2n(3n - 2).$$

**Proof:** We prove the first and the proof of the second is the same. The number of triples of  $TD(v)$  is equal to  $|TD(v)| = \binom{v}{3} = \binom{6n + 1}{3} = n(6n + 1)(6n - 1)$ . By the definition of  $CF(v)$ , the number of rows of  $TD(v)$  is equal to  $v = 6n + 1$ . Hence  $|STD(v)| = n(6n - 1)$ . □

Each triple in  $STD(v)$  consists of three elements (numbers, objects). The first, second and the third element.

**Definition 2.2** The  $r$ -th elements of  $STD(v)$  are the  $r$ -th numbers in each triple, denoted by  $S_r TD(v)$ , for

$SCF(7)$			$\overline{SCF(7)}$	
1 2 7	1 3 6	1 4 5	2 3 5	7 6 4
$\pm 1$ ,	$\pm 2$ ,	$\pm 3$ ,	$\pm 1$ ,	$\pm 1$ ,
$\pm 2, \pm 1$	$\pm 3, \pm 2$	$\pm 1, \pm 3$	$\pm 2, \pm 3$	$\pm 2, \pm 3$

$$1 \leq r \leq 3.$$

**Example 2.1** From Example 2.1,

$$STD(7) = \{1 \ 2 \ 7; 1 \ 3 \ 6; 1 \ 4 \ 5; 2 \ 3 \ 5; 7 \ 6 \ 4\}.$$

Therefore

$$S_1 TD(7): 1, 1, 1, 2, 7. \quad S_2 TD(7): 2, 3, 4, 3, 6.$$

$$S_3 TD(7): 7, 6, 5, 5, 4.$$

Table 2. Difference sets for  $STD(7) = SCF(7) \cup \overline{SCF(7)}$

Note that the difference sets for each triple in  $STD(7)$  are listed in table 2 using the facts that  $\pm 6 = \pm 1$ ,  $\pm 5 = \pm 2$  and  $\pm 4 = \pm 3$ .

From Table 2, each difference occurs 3 times in  $SCF(7)$  and 2 times in  $\overline{SCF(7)}$ , [4].

In the following section, the triples in  $STD(19)$  are analyzed in order to construct formulas to generate them and to develop  $TD(19)$ .

## 3 ALGORITHM FOR $TD(19)$

In this section, addition modular 19 is used to produce the algorithm for  $STD(19)$ . Obviously,  $STD(19) = SCF(19) \cup \overline{SCF(19)}$ . By Lemma 2.1, with  $n = 3$ ,  $|STD(19)| = 51$  and  $|\overline{SCF(19)}| = 42$ . The algorithm for  $TD(19)$  is as follows:

**Step 1.** Generate  $SCF(19)$  as shown below.

1 2 19 3 18 4 17 5 16  
6 15 7 14 8 13 9 12  
10 11. Therefore,

$SCF(19) = \{1 2 19, 1 3 18, 1 4 17, 1 5 16, 1 6 15, 1 7 14, 1 8 13, 1 9 12, 1 10 11\}$ .

Note that the difference sets for the triples in  $SCF(19)$  are listed in table 4 using the facts that  $\pm 18 = \pm 1, \pm 17 = \pm 2, \pm 16 = \pm 3, \pm 15 = \pm 4, \pm 14 = \pm 5, \pm 13 = \pm 6, \pm 12 = \pm 7, \pm 11 = \pm 8$  and  $\pm 10 = \pm 9$ .

1	2 19	$\pm 1$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 1$
	3 18	$\pm 2$	$\pm 4$	$\pm 2$
	4 17	$\pm 3$	$\pm 6$	$\pm 3$
	5 16	$\pm 4$	$\pm 8$	$\pm 4$
	6 15	$\pm 5$	$\pm 9$	$\pm 5$
	7 14	$\pm 6$	$\pm 7$	$\pm 6$
	8 13	$\pm 7$	$\pm 5$	$\pm 7$
	9 12	$\pm 8$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 8$
	10 11	$\pm 9$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 9$

Table 3. Constructing  $SCF(19)$

**Step 2.** Generate  $\overline{SCF(19)}$  by using difference set method and addition modular 13.

Note that from Table 3 and 4, each difference occurs 3 times in  $SCF(19)$  and 14 times in  $\overline{SCF(19)}$ .

Table 4. Constructing  $SCF(19)$

$SCF(19)$ Differences						$SCF(19)$ Differences					
2	3	17	$\pm 1$	$\pm 5$	$\pm 4$	19	18	4	$\pm 5$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 4$
2	4	16	$\pm 2$	$\pm 7$	$\pm 5$	19	17	5	$\pm 7$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 5$
2	5	15	$\pm 3$	$\pm 9$	$\pm 6$	19	16	6	$\pm 9$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 6$
2	6	14	$\pm 4$	$\pm 8$	$\pm 7$	19	15	7	$\pm 8$	$\pm 4$	$\pm 7$
2	7	13	$\pm 5$	$\pm 6$	$\pm 8$	19	14	8	$\pm 6$	$\pm 5$	$\pm 8$
2	8	12	$\pm 6$	$\pm 4$	$\pm 9$	19	13	9	$\pm 4$	$\pm 6$	$\pm 9$
2	9	11	$\pm 7$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 9$	19	12	10	$\pm 2$	$\pm 7$	$\pm 9$
3	4	15	$\pm 1$	$\pm 8$	$\pm 7$	18	17	6	$\pm 8$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 7$
3	5	14	$\pm 2$	$\pm 9$	$\pm 8$	18	16	7	$\pm 9$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 8$
3	6	13	$\pm 3$	$\pm 7$	$\pm 9$	18	15	8	$\pm 7$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 9$
3	7	12	$\pm 4$	$\pm 5$	$\pm 9$	18	14	9	$\pm 5$	$\pm 4$	$\pm 9$
3	8	11	$\pm 5$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 8$	18	13	10	$\pm 3$	$\pm 5$	$\pm 8$
4	5	13	$\pm 1$	$\pm 8$	$\pm 9$	17	16	8	$\pm 8$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 9$
4	6	12	$\pm 2$	$\pm 6$	$\pm 8$	17	15	9	$\pm 6$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 8$
4	7	11	$\pm 3$	$\pm 4$	$\pm 7$	17	14	10	$\pm 4$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 7$
5	6	12	$\pm 1$	$\pm 6$	$\pm 7$	16	15	9	$\pm 6$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 7$
5	7	11	$\pm 2$	$\pm 4$	$\pm 6$	16	14	10	$\pm 4$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 6$
6	7	12	$\pm 1$	$\pm 5$	$\pm 6$	15	14	9	$\pm 5$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 6$
6	8	11	$\pm 2$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 5$	15	13	10	$\pm 3$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 5$
7	8	11	$\pm 1$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 4$	14	13	10	$\pm 3$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 4$
8	9	11	$\pm 1$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 3$	13	12	10	$\pm 2$	$\pm 1$	$\pm 3$

Therefore,  $\overline{SCF(19)} = \{2 3 17; 19 18 4; 2 4 16; 19 17 5; \dots; 8 9 11, 13 12 10\}$ .

**Step 3:**  $STD(19) = SCF(19) \cup \overline{SCF(19)}$   
 $= \{1 2 19, 13 18, 1 4 17, 15 16, 16 15, 1 7 14, 1 8 13, 1 9 12, 110 11\} \cup \{2 3 17, 19 18 4, 2 4 16, 19 17 5, \dots, 8 9 11, 13 12 10\}$ .

**Step 4:** Using the starter and addition modular 19 to enumerate  $TD(19)$  as shown in table 5.

1	2	19	1	3	18	...	8	9	11	13	12	10
2	3	1	2	4	19	...	9	10	12	14	13	11
3	4	2	3	5	1	...	10	11	13	15	14	12
4	5	3	4	6	2	...	11	12	14	16	15	13
5	6	4	5	7	3	...	12	13	15	17	16	14
6	7	5	6	8	4	...	13	1	16	18	17	15
7	8	6	7	9	5	...	14	2	17	19	18	16
8	9	7	8	10	6	...	15	3	18	1	19	17
9	10	8	9	11	7	...	16	4	19	2	1	18
10	11	9	10	12	8	...	17	5	1	3	2	19
11	12	10	11	13	9	...	18	6	2	4	3	1
12	13	11	12	14	10	...	1	7	3	5	4	2
13	14	12	13	15	11	...	2	8	4	6	5	3
14	15	13	14	16	12	...	3	9	5	7	6	4
15	16	14	15	17	13	...	4	10	6	8	7	5
16	17	15	16	18	14	...	5	11	7	9	8	6
17	18	16	17	19	15	...	6	12	8	10	9	7
18	19	17	18	1	16	...	7	13	9	11	10	8
19	1	18	19	2	17	...	8	14	10	12	11	9

Table 5.  $TD(19)$ .

Our aim is to construct a new method for developing  $TD(19)$ . This method depends on building the starter of  $TD(19)$  using interval techniques of the number of triples in the design.

#### 4 INTERVALS CONSTRUCTIONS $TD(19)$

In this section, we use analyse and divide  $STD(19)$  into intervals to construct formulas for  $S_r TD(19)$ , where  $1 \leq r \leq 3$ . From Step 3 of the previous section, we are able to summarize  $STD(19)$  in terms of  $S_r TD(19)$  and the triple number  $k$  as shown in Table 6.



<i>k</i>	1	2	...	9	10	11	...	22	23	24	25	...	32	33	34	35
$S_1TD(19)$	1	1	...	1	2	19	...	2	19	3	18	...	3	18	4	17
$S_2TD(19)$	2	3	...	10	3	18	...	9	12	4	17	...	8	13	5	16
$S_3TD(19)$	19	18	...	11	17	4	...	11	10	15	6	...	11	10	13	8

<i>k</i>	...	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51
$S_1TD(19)$	...	4	17	5	16	5	16	6	15	6	15	7	14	8	13
$S_2TD(19)$	...	7	14	6	15	7	14	7	14	8	13	8	13	9	12
$S_3TD(19)$		11	10	12	9	11	10	12	9	11	10	11	10	11	10

Table 6.  $S_rTD(19)$ , where  $1 \leq r \leq 3$

By Lemma 2.1,  $1 \leq k \leq 51$ . Let  $[S_rTD(19)]_k$  be the  $k$ -th element in  $S_rTD(19)$ , for  $1 \leq r \leq 3$ . From Table 6,  $k$  can be divided into 7 intervals (periods). These intervals and the corresponding elements in  $S_rTD(19)$  are illustrated in Table 7.

No. of Intervals	Intervals of <i>k</i>	Corresponding elements in $S_rTD(19)$
1	$1 \leq k \leq 9$	1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
2	$10 \leq k \leq 23$	2, 19, 2, 19, 2, 19, 2, 19, 2, 19, 2, 19
3	$24 \leq k \leq 33$	3, 18, 3, 18, 3, 18, 3, 18, 3, 18
4	$34 \leq k \leq 39$	4, 17, 4, 17, 4, 17
5	$40 \leq k \leq 43$	5, 16, 5, 16
6	$44 \leq k \leq 47$	6, 15, 6, 15
7	$48 \leq k \leq 51$	7, 14, 8, 13

Table 7. Intervals of  $k$  and the corresponding elements in  $S_rTD(19)$

It could be observed from Table 7 that the corresponding elements in  $S_rTD(19)$  in the last interval of  $k$  need a special formula to produce them. Let  $f$  denotes the first number of the interval. The formula

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \left[ k - f + \text{mod} \left( \frac{k+3}{2} \right) + 1 \right] \text{----- (1)}$$

can be used to produce the corresponding elements in  $S_rTD(19)$  in the indicated interval. From Tables 7, the construction of  $S_rTD(19)$  is as follows.

$$[S_1TD(19)]_k = \begin{cases} 1 & 1 \leq k \leq 9 \\ 2 & 10 \leq k \leq 23, k \text{ is even} \\ 19 & 10 \leq k \leq 23, k \text{ is odd} \\ 3 & 24 \leq k \leq 33, k \text{ is even} \\ 18 & 24 \leq k \leq 33, k \text{ is odd} \\ 4 & 34 \leq k \leq 39, k \text{ is even} \\ 17 & 34 \leq k \leq 39, k \text{ is odd} \\ 5 & 40 \leq k \leq 43, k \text{ is even} \\ 16 & 40 \leq k \leq 43, k \text{ is odd} \\ 6 & 44 \leq k \leq 47, k \text{ is even} \\ 15 & 44 \leq k \leq 47, k \text{ is odd} \\ 6+y & 48 \leq k \leq 51, k \text{ is even} \\ 15-y & 48 \leq k \leq 51, k \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Similarly, intervals of  $k$  and the corresponding elements in  $S_2TD(19)$  are shown in Table 8.

No. of Intervals	Intervals of <i>k</i>	Corresponding elements in $S_2TD(19)$
1	$1 \leq k \leq 9$	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
2	$10 \leq k \leq 23$	3, 18, 4, 17, 5, 16, 6, 15, 7, 14, 8, 13, 9, 12
3	$24 \leq k \leq 33$	4, 17, 5, 16, 6, 15, 7, 14, 8, 13
4	$34 \leq k \leq 39$	5, 16, 6, 15, 7, 14
5	$40 \leq k \leq 43$	6, 15, 7, 14
6	$44 \leq k \leq 47$	7, 14, 8, 13
7	$48 \leq k \leq 51$	8, 13, 9, 12

Table 8. Intervals of  $k$  and the corresponding elements in  $S_2TD(19)$

Using formula (1) above to produce the corresponding elements in  $S_2TD(19)$  in all intervals of  $k$  except the first one. Therefore, the construction of  $S_2TD(19)$  is the following.

$$[S_2TD(19)]_k = \begin{cases} 1+k & 1 \leq k \leq 9 \\ 2+y & 10 \leq k \leq 23, k \text{ is even} \\ 19-y & 10 \leq k \leq 23, k \text{ is odd} \\ 3+y & 24 \leq k \leq 33, k \text{ is even} \\ 18-y & 24 \leq k \leq 33, k \text{ is odd} \\ 4+y & 34 \leq k \leq 39, k \text{ is even} \\ 17-y & 34 \leq k \leq 39, k \text{ is odd} \\ 5+y & 40 \leq k \leq 43, k \text{ is even} \\ 16-y & 40 \leq k \leq 43, k \text{ is odd} \\ 6+y & 44 \leq k \leq 47, k \text{ is even} \\ 15-y & 44 \leq k \leq 47, k \text{ is odd} \\ 7+y & 48 \leq k \leq 51, k \text{ is even} \\ 14-y & 48 \leq k \leq 51, k \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Finally, similar to the above discussion, intervals of  $k$  and the corresponding elements in  $S_3TD(19)$  are shown in tables 9.

No. of Intervals	Intervals of <i>k</i>	Corresponding elements in $S_3TD(19)$
1	$1 \leq k \leq 9$	19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11
2	$10 \leq k \leq 23$	17, 4, 16, 5, 15, 6, 14, 7, 13, 8, 12, 9, 11, 10
3	$24 \leq k \leq 33$	15, 6, 14, 7, 13, 8, 12, 9, 11, 10
4	$34 \leq k \leq 39$	13, 8, 12, 9, 11, 10

5	$40 \leq k \leq 43$	12, 9, 11, 10
6	$44 \leq k \leq 47$	12, 9, 11, 10
7	$48 \leq k \leq 51$	11, 10, 11, 10

Table 9. Intervals of  $k$  and the corresponding elements in  $S_3TD(19)$

Using the same formula (1), the construction of  $S_2TD(19)$  is the following.

$$[S_3TD(19)]_k = \begin{cases} 20 - k & 1 \leq k \leq 9 \\ 18 - y & 10 \leq k \leq 23, k \text{ is even} \\ 3 + y & 10 \leq k \leq 23, k \text{ is odd} \\ 16 - y & 24 \leq k \leq 33, k \text{ is even} \\ 5 + y & 24 \leq k \leq 33, k \text{ is odd} \\ 14 - y & 34 \leq k \leq 39, k \text{ is even} \\ 7 + y & 34 \leq k \leq 39, k \text{ is odd} \\ 13 - y & 40 \leq k \leq 43, k \text{ is even} \\ 8 + y & 40 \leq k \leq 43, k \text{ is odd} \\ 13 - y & 44 \leq k \leq 47, k \text{ is even} \\ 8 + y & 44 \leq k \leq 47, k \text{ is odd} \\ 11 & 48 \leq k \leq 51, k \text{ is even} \\ 10 & 48 \leq k \leq 51, k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \text{ if}$$

## 5 CONCLUSION

We have constructed a new method for developing the triad design of order 19,  $TD(19)$ . This method analyses the pattern of triples using interval techniques of the number of triples in the design. One can use this method to construct the general cases of  $TD(v)$ , where  $v = 6n + 1$  or  $v = 6n + 5$ .

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