

On spectrum of rotational extended Steiner triple systems

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An **extended Steiner triple system** (*ESTS*) is (see [1]) a pair $\langle V, B \rangle$, where V is a set of elements (points) and B is a given collection of unordered triples (blocks) of points with the property that any two (not necessarily distinct) points from V lie in exactly one block of B . In an *ESTS*, there are three types of blocks: $\{x, y, z\}$ (triangle), $\{x, x, y\}$ (lollipop), $\{x, x, x\}$ (loop). If B consists from triangles only, then it is a *STS*.

The groupoid $\langle V, \cdot \rangle$ where $x \cdot y = z \Leftrightarrow \{x, y, z\} \in B$ is a totally symmetric quasigroup if and only if $\langle V, B \rangle$ is an *ESTS*. Hereby $x \in V$ is an idempotent if and only if $\{x, x, x\} \in B$. Let $ESTS(v, a)$ denotes an *ESTS* $\langle V, B \rangle$ with v ($v = |V|$) points and a idempotents.

An **automorphism** of an *ESTS* $\langle V, B \rangle$ is a permutation of V which preserves the blocks of B . Let $f \geq 0$ and $k > 0$ be integers. An *ESTS*(v, a) is said to be **(f, k)-rotational** (see[2]) if it admits an automorphism consisting of exactly f fixed points and k cycles of length $\frac{v-f}{k}$. By $Spec(f, k)$ is denoted the set of all pairs (v, a) of integers such that there exists an *ESTS*(v, a) which is **(f, k)-rotational**. The set $Spec(f, k)$ is called **spectrum** of **(f, k)-rotational *ESTS*s**.

The spectrum $Spec(f, k)$ for small f and k is studied. The spectrums $Spec(2, 2)$ and $Spec(3, 2)$ are described in [2]. Some results characterising $Spec(f, 3)$ will be presented.

References

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