

# On crystal sets

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## Abstract

We are interested in *2-crystal sets* and *protocrystal sets* in which every difference between distinct elements occurs zero or an even number of times. We show that several infinite families of such sets exist. We also give non-existence theorems for infinite families. We find conditions to limit the computer search space for such sets. We note that search for *2-crystal sets*  $(n; k_1, k_2)$ ,  $k = k_1 + k_2$  even, in a set of size  $n$ , immediately cuts the search space for two circulant weighing matrices with periodic autocorrelation function zero from  $3^{2n}$  to  $2^{2n-k}$ . We show that  $2-(2n; 4, 1)$ , for  $n$  odd, can only exist when  $7|n$  and conjecture that  $2-(2n; q^2, 1)$  crystal sets will only exist when  $q^2 + q + 1$  is a prime and  $(q^2 + q + 1)|n$ .

## 1 Introduction

Two sequences with elements  $0, \pm 1$ , very small periodic or non-periodic autocorrelation function, and small cross correlation function are of considerable interest in signal processing. Two such sequences with zero periodic or non-periodic autocorrelation function are also used to form weighing matrices.

This paper concentrates on searching for the zeros of such sequences; this is called *crystallization* and the zero positions form *crystal sets*. This paper gives conditions on crystal sets and gives algorithms for their construction preparatory to searching for weighing matrices.

## 2 Definitions and Preliminaries

### 2.1 Protocrystal Sets and Crystal Sets

*Difference sets* [1] and *supplementary difference sets* (sds) [8, 9] and their applications have been extensively studied in the past.

We now study two more relaxed sets, *protocrystal sets* and *crystal sets*, which can sometimes be used to form difference sets and supplementary difference sets.

**Definition 1** Let  $K$  be a subset of size  $k$ , written as  $(n; k; \mu)$  protocystal set, of a set of  $n$  elements,  $V$ . Then  $K$  will be called a *protocystal set* if in the totality (multiset), written as  $\Lambda$ , of all the differences between all distinct elements in the subset,  $K$  has an even number of even elements,  $|\Lambda| = \mu$ . Since  $\mu = k(k - 1)$ , we will omit  $\mu$  and write  $(n; k)$ PCset.

**Lemma 1** *If  $n$  is odd, the number of elements of  $\Lambda$  which are even equals the number of elements which are odd; that is,  $\frac{k(k-1)}{2}$ . If  $n$  is even, the number of odd elements in  $\Lambda$  is even and the number of even elements is even, but they may not be equal.*

**Proof.** If  $n$  is odd and the protocystal set has  $k$  elements, then the differences  $(a_i - b_i) \pmod n$  and  $(b_i - a_i) \pmod n$  both occur in  $\Lambda$ . Hence each difference  $d$  and  $n - d$  occurs; one is even and the other is odd, so the number of even and odd elements in  $\Lambda$  is the same. The total number of elements in  $\Lambda$  is  $k(k - 1)$ ; hence in this case the number of even elements is  $\frac{k(k-1)}{2}$ .

However, if  $n$  is even,  $(a_i - b_i) \pmod n$  even (or odd) implies  $(b_i - a_i) \pmod n$  even (or odd, respectively). Hence the number of even elements in  $\Lambda$  is even and the number of odd elements is also even, but they may not equal each other.  $\square$

**Corollary 1** *Suppose  $n$  is odd. We write  $\Lambda_i$  for the number of elements in  $\Lambda$  for  $k \equiv 0, 1, 2, \text{ or } 3 \pmod 4$  respectively. Then we see  $\Lambda_0$  and  $\Lambda_1$  have an even number of even elements; but  $\Lambda_2$  and  $\Lambda_3$  have an odd number of even elements.*

*Hence crystal sets can be made only by having two sets of size  $k_i$ ,  $i = 0$  and/or  $1 \pmod 4$ , or by having two sets of size  $k_i$ ,  $i = 2$  and/or  $3 \pmod 4$ .*

**Example 1** Consider  $C = \{0, 1, 3, 10, 12\} \pmod{13}$ . This has differences  $(a_i - b_i) \pmod{13}$  where  $a_i \neq b_i$ ,  $a_i, b_i \in C$ . Since both  $(a_i - b_i) \pmod{13}$  and  $(b_i - a_i) \pmod{13}$  both occur, and since 13 is odd, the number of even (and odd) elements in  $\Lambda$  will be the same, 10. So  $C$  is a  $(13; 5)$ PC (proto-crystal) set.

$a_1/b_1$	0	1	3	10	12
0	*	1	3	10	12
1	12	*	2	9	11
3	10	11	*	7	9
10	3	4	6	*	2
12	1	2	4	11	*

So the totality of differences (multiset) is

$$\Lambda = [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 6, 7, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12].$$

**Definition 2** Two  $2-(n; k_1, k_2; \mu)$  subsets  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , of a set  $V$  of size  $n$ , which have sizes  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , respectively, will be said to be *crystal sets* when  $\Lambda$ , the totality (multiset) of all the differences from both of the subsets, has each element occurring zero or an even number of times.

By counting the differences we see that  $\mu = k_1(k_1 - 1) + k_2(k_2 - 1)$ , so we usually write  $2-(n; k_1, k_2)$  crystal sets.

**Example 2** Consider  $C_1 = \{0, 1, 3, 10, 12\}$  and  $C_2 = \{1, 3, 10, 12\} \pmod{13}$ . These have differences  $(a_i - b_i) \pmod{13}$ , as follows, where  $a_i \neq b_i$ ,  $a_i, b_i \in C_j$ ,

$a_1/b_1$	0	1	3	10	12	$a_2/b_2$	1	3	10	12
0	*	1	3	10	12	1	*	2	9	11
1	12	*	2	9	11	3	11	*	7	9
3	10	11	*	7	9	10	4	6	*	2
10	3	4	6	*	2	12	2	4	11	*
12	1	2	4	11	*					

so the totality of differences (multiset) is  $\Lambda =$

$$\{1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 6, 6, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12\}.$$

Here  $\Lambda$  has each difference an even number of times so we have  $2\text{-}(13; 5, 4)$  crystal sets. We note  $\mu = 32$ .

**Example 3** It is possible to have a protocrystal set that is by itself a crystal set. For example, consider  $\{0, 1, 2, 4\} \pmod{7}$ .

### 2.2 Weighing matrices

A weighing matrix  $W = W(n, k)$  is an  $n \times n$  square matrix with entries  $0, \pm 1$ , having  $k$  non-zero entries per row and column and inner product of distinct rows equal to zero. Therefore  $W$  satisfies  $WW^T = kI_n$ . The number  $k$  is called the weight of  $W$ . Weighing matrices were first studied because of a statistical application in weighing experiments. Later a conjecture of Seberry Wallis, that if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , weighing matrices  $W(n, k)$  exist for all  $k = 0, \dots, n$  [10], sparked further work. Further conjectures concerning weighing matrices have been studied extensively; see [7] and references therein. A well-known necessary condition for the existence of  $W(2n, k)$  matrices states that if there exists a  $W(2n, k)$  matrix with  $n$  odd, then  $k < 2n$  and  $k$  is the sum of two squares. The two circulant construction for weighing matrices is described in the theorem below, taken from [3], and is of special interest because of its applications in signal processing.

**Theorem 1** *If there exist two circulant matrices  $A_1, A_2$  of order  $n$ , with  $0, \pm 1$  elements, satisfying  $A_1A_1^t + A_2A_2^t = kI_n$ , where  $k$  is an integer, then there exists a  $W(2n, k)$ , given as*

$$W(2n, k) = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ -A_2^t & A_1^t \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } W(2n, k) = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2R \\ -A_2R & A_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $R$  is the square matrix of order  $n$  with  $r_{ij} = 1$  if  $i + j - 1 = n$  and 0 otherwise.

In this paper we study *crystal sets* which give positions of the zeros for  $W(2n, 2n - a)$  constructed from two circulant matrices of order  $n$ , that is, the  $2\text{-}(n; k_1, k_2)$  crystal sets. If  $n$  is odd the weight  $k = k_1 + k_2$  is equal to  $2n - a = x^2 + y^2$ , with  $x, y$  integers.

### 2.3 Sequences with Zero Periodic Autocorrelation Function

Given the sequence  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ , of length  $n$ , the *non-periodic autocorrelation function*  $\text{NPAF}_A(s)$  is defined as

$$\text{NPAF}_A(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-s} a_i a_{i+s}, \quad s = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \quad (1)$$

Given  $A$  as above, of length  $n$ , the *periodic autocorrelation function*  $\text{PAF}_A(s)$  is defined, reducing  $i + s$  modulo  $n$ , as

$$\text{PAF}_A(s) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i a_{i+s}, \quad s = 0, 1, \dots, n-1. \quad (2)$$

Two sequences,  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\}$ , both of length  $n$ , which will be useful in this paper have

$$\text{NPAF}_A(s) + \text{NPAF}_B(s) = 0, \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (3)$$

or

$$\text{PAF}_A(s) + \text{PAF}_B(s) = 0, \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (4)$$

and are said to have *zero non-periodic auto-correlation function* or *zero periodic auto-correlation function* respectively.

### 2.4 Trivial and Foundational Crystal Sets

We use the following notation:

$|N| = n$  is odd;

$N$  is the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ ;

$\emptyset$  denotes the empty set;

$C$  is a protocystal set which is a crystal set,  $|C| = k$ ;

$PC$  is a protocystal set;

$C^C$  is the complement of a crystal set in  $N$ , equal to all the elements of  $N$  which are not in  $C$ ,  $|C^C| = n - k$ .

**Theorem 2** *Two sets which are identical (or one a shift of the other, that is, its elements are formed from the first set by adding a constant modulo the size of the set) can be used as crystal sets.*

*Alternatively, if  $PC$  is any protocystal set, then  $\{PC, PC\}$  that is, all  $2$ -( $n; k, k$ ) exist provided  $2n - 2k$  is the sum of two squares.*

**Lemma 2** *Both  $\{0\}$  and  $\{\emptyset\}$  are possible  $2$ -( $n; 1, 0$ ) crystal sets, for  $n$  odd and  $2n - 1$  the sum of two squares.*

**Lemma 3** *The following are always possible parameters for two crystal sets, where  $n$  is odd:*

- (i)  $\emptyset, C$ , are  $2-(n; 0, k)$  for  $2n - k$  the sum of two squares;
- (ii)  $N \setminus \{0\}, C$  are  $2-(n; n - 1, k)$  for  $(n - k - 1)$  the sum of two squares;
- (iii)  $\{0\}, C$  are  $2-(n; 1, k)$  for  $2n - 1 - k$  the sum of two squares;
- (iv)  $N, C$  are  $2-(n; n, k)$  for  $n - k$  the sum of two squares.

**Remark 1** Let  $n$  be odd and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be two protocystal sets of sizes  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  respectively. We recall from the properties of weighing matrices that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  can only be  $2-(n, k_1, k_2)$  crystal sets if  $2n - k_1 - k_2$ , the number of non-zero elements, is the sum of two squares.

However it is possible that if  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are not  $2-(n, k_1, k_2)$ , that is,  $2n - k_1 - k_2$  is not the sum of two squares, but

(i)  $C_1$  and  $C_2^C$  could be  $2-(n, k_1, n - k_2)$  or

(ii)  $C_2$  and  $C_1^C$  could be  $2-(n, k_2, n - k_1)$  or

(iii)  $C_1^C$  and  $C_1^C$  could  $2-(n, n - k_1, n - k_2)$

if (i)  $n - k_1 + k_2$ , or (ii)  $n + k_1 - k_2$ , or (iii)  $(k_1 + k_2)$ , respectively, are the sum of two squares.

**Example 4** We note that for  $n = 11$ , there are no  $2-(11, 2, 6)$  crystal sets because  $2n - k_1 - k_2 = 14$  is not the sum of two squares. In fact:

neither  $k_1 = 2$  nor  $k_2 = 6$  is the sum of two squares;

$2n - k_1 - k_2 = 14$ ,  $n - k_1 + k_2 = 15$ : neither is the sum of two squares;

$n + k_1 - k_2 = 7$ ,  $k_1 + k_2 = 8$  and 8 is two squares;

$k_1 = 2 \neq k_2 = 6$ . This tells us that we only need to search for sets of size  $11 - 2$  and  $11 - 6$ , as in (iii).

**Lemma 4** If  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k_1}\}$  and  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{k_2}\} \pmod{n}$ , with  $n$  odd, are two crystal sets  $(n; k_1, k_2; \mu)$ , then  $A^C$  and  $B^C$  are two crystal sets.

**Proof.** Let  $2L$  be the set of all differences from the set  $N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$  and  $\Lambda_1$  be the set of differences from  $A$  and  $B$ . Then for  $n$  odd,  $2L$  contains  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1, 2n$  times,  $n$  odd. Hence  $A^C$  and  $B^C$  will contain each difference an even number of times.  $\square$

**Remark 2** In Lemma 4, if  $A$  has  $k_1$  elements and  $B$  has  $k_2$  elements, then  $A^C$  has  $n - k_1$  elements and  $B^C$  has  $n - k_2$  elements. In order to minimize any searches for crystal sets, we can consider the pair  $A, B$  or  $A^C, B^C$ , whichever has  $\min(k_2, n - k_1)$ .

**Example 5** For  $n = 11$ , let  $A, B$  have  $(k_1, k_2) = 6, 8$ . Hence  $(n - k_1, n - k_2) = (11 - 6, 11 - 8) = (5, 3)$  for  $A^C$  and  $B^C$ . So we could choose to search for the crystal sets with sizes 3 and 5, knowing that if they do not exist and  $\Lambda$  does not have each element an even number of times, then there are no crystal sets with sizes 6 and 8. If each element does occur an even number of times then  $A^C$  and  $B^C$  will be crystal sets.

**Lemma 5** *A  $2\text{-}\{n; k_1, k_2; \Lambda\}$  crystal set corresponds to even  $\text{PAF}_A(j) + \text{PAF}_B(j)$  for all  $j \in \Lambda$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose the crystal set needed to give the zero positions in the first row of the circulant matrices  $A = \text{circ}\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $B = \text{circ}\{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$ , where the non-zero positions are marked  $*$ , meaning  $\pm 1$ . Write  $C = [AB]$ . Then if  $i \in \Lambda$ , it must occur  $2\lambda_i$  times. That means that in the inner product of row 1 of  $C$  with row  $i$  of  $C$ , a zero element occurs in the same  $2\lambda_i$  columns of  $C$ .

Rearranging the columns of  $C$  to obtain  $C^*$ , we see that row 1 and row  $i$  may be written as

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \underbrace{00 \dots 00}_{k_1+k_2} & \underbrace{* * \dots * *}_{2n-k_1-k_2} & & \\ \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{2\lambda_i} & \underbrace{* \dots *}_{(k_1+k_2-2\lambda_i)} & \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{(k_1+k_2-2\lambda_i)} & \underbrace{* \dots *}_{(2n-2k_1-2k_2+2\lambda_i)} \end{array}$$

So the inner product of row 1 of  $C^*$  and row  $i$  of  $C^*$  has an even number of non-zero terms. Rearranging the columns back to  $C$  gives  $\text{PAF}_A(j) + \text{PAF}_B(j)$  is even, for all  $i \in \Lambda$ . □

**Corollary 2** *Let  $n = q^2 + q + 1$ ,  $q$  a prime power. Then there exists a  $2\text{-}\{n; q^2, 1; \Lambda\}$  crystal set where  $\Lambda$  is the elements  $1, 2, \dots, q^2, q$ , each  $q(q - 1)$  times.*

**Proof.** For the first row of  $A$ , put the zeros in the positions given by the complement of the elements in the  $(q^2 + q + 1, q + 1, 1)$  difference set (from the projective plane) in the  $(q^2 + q + 1, q^2, q(q - 1))$  difference set. For the first row of  $B$ , make the first element 0.

Now  $n = q^2 + q + 1$ ,  $k_1 = q^2$ ,  $k_2 = 1$  and  $2\lambda_i = q(q - 1)$  for all  $i$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PAF}(i) &= 2q^2 + 2q + 2 - 2q^2 - 2 + 2\lambda_i \\ &= 2q + q^2 - q \\ &= q(q + 1), \end{aligned}$$

which is always even. □

**Theorem 3** *Suppose there exists a cyclic difference set with parameters  $(v, k, \lambda)$ ,  $\lambda$  even,  $v$  odd. Then there exists a  $2\text{-}\{v; k, 1; \Lambda\}$  crystal set where  $\Lambda$  is the elements  $1, 2, \dots, v - 1$ , each  $\lambda = \frac{k(k-1)}{v-1}$  times.*

**Proof.** Same as above, noting  $\text{PAF}(i) = 2v - 2k - 2 + \frac{k(k-1)}{v-1}$  is even.

**Remark 3** There are combinations, for example, a difference set repeated and  $2\text{-}\{v; k_1, k_2; 2\lambda\}$  sds which give similar results.

**Example 6** There is a  $(7, 4, 2)$  difference set  $\{0, 1, 2, 4\}$ , which can be used to give the crystal set  $\{0, 1, 2, 4\} \oplus \{0\}$  and the first rows:



### 3.1 Crystalization Pattern $(k, \ell)$ or $2-(n; k, \ell)$ Crystal Sets

In future, if the number of zeros in the sequences (first rows)  $A$  and  $B$  are both equal to  $\ell$ , we will say the sequences have pattern  $(\ell, \ell)$ ; if the number of zeros in  $A$  and  $B$  is  $k$  and  $\ell$ , with  $k > \ell$ , respectively, then we will say the sequences have pattern  $(k, \ell)$  [2]. This is the same as saying the structural pattern  $(k, \ell)$  means

$$\text{there are } k \text{ zeros in } [a_1, \dots, a_n] \text{ and } \ell \text{ zeros in } [b_1, \dots, b_n].$$

This pattern of the zeros has been called the  $(n; k, \ell)$  *crystalization* of the zeros. The positions of the non-zero elements in any sequence has been called *the support*.

We will generalize the notion of *crystalization* as outlined in [4] by using *crystal sets*.

**Theorem 5** *Suppose  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are  $2-(n; k_1, k_2)$  crystal sets. Then  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  can be used to place the zeros for the  $(k_1, k_2)$  structural pattern for the construction of two circulant matrices which may give a weighing matrix.*

**Proof.** Form the totality,  $\Lambda$ , of the differences from the elements of the crystal sets. Suppose difference  $i$  occurs  $\lambda_i$  times in  $\Lambda$ . If the elements of the crystal sets are the zero elements of the first rows of two circulant  $0, \pm 1$  matrices of order  $n$  (even or odd), then the inner product of row 1 and row  $i$  will have  $(2n - 2(k_1 + k_2) + \lambda_i)$ , an even number, of non-zero entries.

This is the same as saying  $\text{PAF}(A, i) + \text{PAF}(B, i)$  is even for all  $i = 1, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$ . It must be even so the number of non-zero entries is able to be even, and so, the number of  $+1$ s and  $-1$ s can cancel to give inner product of rows  $k$  and  $k + i - 1$  to be zero.  $\square$

**Corollary 3** *The two first rows of two circulant weighing matrices must have their zeros in the positions of crystal sets.*

### 3.2 Crystals Sets from Difference Sets and SDS

From Seberry Wallis [9] we see that  $2-(n; k_1, k_2; \lambda)$  sds are similar to  $2-(n; k_1, k_2)$  crystal sets, except that each non-zero difference in  $\Lambda$  must occur the same number of times,  $\lambda$ , and occurs for both even and odd entries.

**Theorem 6** *Suppose there exist  $2-(n; k_1, k_2; \lambda)$  sds (for reference see [8, 9]) with  $\lambda$  even; then they form  $2-(n; k_1, k_2; \lambda)$  crystal sets, and the complementary  $2-(n; n - k_1, n - k_2; 2n - 2k_1 - 2k_2 + \lambda)$  sds or  $2-(n; n - k_1, n - k_2)$  crystal sets.*

Similarly a *difference set*  $(n, k, \lambda)$  is a single set with each non-zero difference in  $\Lambda$  occurring the same number of times,  $\lambda$ .

**Theorem 7** *Every  $(n, k, \lambda)$  difference set with  $\lambda$  even is a single  $(n, k)$ PC.*

Thus we can sometimes combine difference sets to give crystal sets:



**Theorem 8** A  $(n, k_1, \lambda_1)$  difference set together with a  $(n, k_2, \lambda_2)$  difference set, where  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$  is even, gives  $2-(n; k_1, k_2)$  crystal sets.

**Definition 3** We call the sets  $(n, n)$ PC,  $(n, 0)$ PC,  $(n, 1)$ PC and  $(n, n-1)$ PC, which always exist, the *trivial cases*. For convenience we will write them as  $(n, \psi)$ PS. We note that in all trivial cases all entries of  $\Lambda$  occur an even number of times.

**Theorem 9** Suppose there exists a  $(n, k, \lambda)$  difference set,  $n$  odd. Then its complementary  $(n, n-k, n-2k+\lambda)$  difference set also exists. If  $\lambda$  is odd (respectively even), then  $n-2k+\lambda$  will be even (or odd respectively). We suppose the  $(n, k, \lambda)$  difference set,  $n$  odd, has  $\lambda$  even (if not we will use the complementary set). Then the  $(n, k, \lambda)$  ( $\lambda$  even) difference set and any  $(n, \psi)$ PC trivial set give  $2-(n; k, \psi)$  crystal sets.

**Theorem 10** Suppose  $n = q^2 + q + 1$ ,  $q$  a prime power. Then there exist  $2-(q^2 + q + 1; q^2, 1)$  crystal sets. If  $n = q^2 + q + 1$  is a prime there exists a  $W(2(q^2 + q + 1), q^2 + 1)$ .

**Proof.** For these values of  $q$  there is a projective plane of order  $q$  which gives a  $(q^2 + q + 1, q^2, q(q-1))$  difference set. The Legendre construction [11, p9] shows there is a  $\{0, \pm 1\}$  circulant matrix of order  $n$ ,  $n$  an odd prime, with  $n-1$  non-zero elements for each row and column and inner products of rows  $-1$ . The incidence matrix of the projective plane has inner product of all its rows 1. Thus these two circulant matrices give the first rows for our 2-circulant matrices to construct the  $2-CW(2(q^2 + q + 1), q^2 + 1)$ . □

**Example 8**  $\{1, 2, 4\}$  is a  $2-(7, 2, 1)$  difference set. So we use this to make the complementary  $2-(7, 4, 2)$  difference set and with the trivial set with 1 element we find the 2-complementary sequences:

$$0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ : \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ - \ 1 \ - \ -$$

This example was shown us by I. Kotsireas.

### 3.3 Crystalization Pattern $(3, 2)$ or $2-(n; 3, 2)$ Crystal Sets, $n$ odd

**Remark 6** From Lemma 6 we see that these crystal sets exist for all odd size sets. This greatly reduces the search space in looking for  $(0, \pm 1)$  with zero periodic autocorrelation function as we have cut the search space from  $3^{2n-2}$  to  $2^{2n-5}$ .

### 3.4 The partition $(4, 1)$

**Remark 7** Kotsireas and Koukouvinos [4] mentioned the possibility of the pattern  $(4, 1)$  and Kotsireas provided the only known example. These results inspired us to consider the more general question of when the partition  $(4, 1)$  could exist.

We note that the general pattern for four zeros in one set is

$$0, \underbrace{*, \dots, *}_j, 0, \underbrace{*, \dots, *}_k, 0, \underbrace{*, \dots, *}_\ell, 0, \underbrace{*, \dots, *}_m$$

where

$$n = j + k + \ell + m + 4. \tag{6}$$

□

This general arrangement means we can write the zeros as occurring at positions  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = j + 1, x_3 = j + k + 2, x_4 = j + k + \ell + 3$ . We assume  $j, k, \ell, m$  are all nonnegative and each is less than or equal to  $n - 4$ . So the differences we obtain are

$(x_i - x_j)$	0	$j + 1$	$j + k + 2$	$j + k + \ell + 3$
0	*	$j + 1$	$j + k + 2$	$j + k + \ell + 3$
$j + 1$	$-j - 1$	*	$k + 1$	$k + \ell + 2$
$j + k + 2$	$-j - k - 2$	$-k - 1$	*	$\ell + 1$
$j + k + \ell + 3$	$-j - k - \ell - 3$	$-k - \ell - 2$	$-\ell - 1$	*

and each must occur an even number of times, that is, 0 or 2 or 4 ...

**Remark 8** We observe that if  $j = k = \ell = m$  then Equation (6) becomes  $4j = n - 4$ , which is not possible for  $j, k, \ell, m$  all non-negative integers when  $n$  is odd.

**Remark 9** We note none of  $j, k, \ell, m$  can be  $-1 \pmod n$ , as each of them is non-negative and  $\leq n - 4$ . For any of them to be non-zero it would have to be the equivalent of  $(n - 1) \pmod n$ . This is not possible. This is exclusion by the pigeonhole principle.

**Lemma 7** *Suppose  $n$  is odd. Then if the element given by  $(x_i - x_j) \pmod n$  is even, the element given by  $(x_j - x_i) \pmod n$  will be odd (and vice versa). Hence  $j + 1 \not\equiv (-j - 1) \pmod n$ .*

**Lemma 8** *Suppose  $n$  is odd. Then it is only possible for two of  $j, k, \ell$  and  $m$  to be equal if  $7|n$ .*

**Proof.** Without any loss of generality we will write  $j = k = a - 1$  and  $j + k + \ell + 3 = b$  (that is,  $b = n - m - 1$ ). Then the differences from  $x_1 = 0, x_2 = a, x_3 = 2a$  and  $x_b = b$  are given in the following table:

$(x_i - x_j) \pmod n$	0	$a$	$2a$	$b$
0	*	$a$	$2a$	$b$
$a$	$-a$	*	$a$	$b - a$
$2a$	$-2a$	$-a$	*	$b - 2a$
$b$	$-b$	$a - b$	$2a - b$	*

Those that have not already paired are:

$$2a, -2a, b, -b, b - a, a - b, b - 2a, 2a - b.$$

We note that  $2a \neq b$  since that causes the zero difference to occur. This also occurs if  $2a$  is set equal to  $2a - b$ .

We try setting  $2a$  equal to each of the other differences in turn. We have, from Lemma 7, that  $2a \neq -2a$ . Now  $2a \neq b$  as this would leave the differences  $a$  and  $-a$  to be paired, which is not possible by Lemma 7.

Setting  $2a = b - a$  gives the differences  $\{2a, 3a, 2a, a, -2a, -3a, -2a, -a\}$  or just  $\{3a, a, -3a, -a\}$  to be paired, which implies  $2|n$ . Setting  $2a = a - b$  gives the same result.

Setting  $2a = b - 2a$  gives the differences  $\{2a, 4a, 3a, 2a, -2a, -4a, -3a, -a\}$  or just  $\{3a, 4a, -4a, -3a\}$  to be paired, which implies  $2|n$  or  $7|n$ . Setting  $2a = -b$  gives the same result.

Thus, since  $n$  is odd, we have the result. □

**Theorem 11** *The general pattern (4, 1) described above can only exist for  $n$ , odd, if  $n$  is divisible by 7. This means we can only have  $\{0, 1, 2, 4\}$  modulo 7 or  $\{0, \alpha, 2\alpha, 4\alpha\}$  modulo  $7\alpha$ .*

**Proof.** The “1” in the partition is obtained by having zeros on the main diagonal of  $B$ . From the above array there are a total of 12 differences which arise from the first set. We consider their equality with the first,  $j + 1$ , one by one.

**Case 1** By Lemma 7,  $j + 1 \not\equiv (-j - 1) \pmod{n}$ .

**Case 2** Suppose  $j + 1 = j + k + 2$ . Then  $k = -1 \equiv n - 1 \pmod{n}$ . This is excluded by the previous remark.

**Case 3** Suppose  $j + 1 = j + k + \ell + 3$ . This is equivalent to saying  $k + \ell + 2 = 0$ . This is also excluded, since all are non-negative.

**Case 4** Suppose  $j + 1 = k + 1$ . This is covered by Lemma 8.

**Case 5** Suppose  $j + 1 = \ell + 1$ . This is covered by Lemma 8.

**Case 6** Suppose  $j + 1 = -k - 1$ . This means  $j + k \equiv -2$  and so is excluded by the pigeonhole principle and that all are non-negative.

**Case 7** Suppose  $j + 1 = -j - k - \ell - 3$ . Then  $j = m$ ; this is covered by Lemma 8.

**Case 8** Suppose  $j + 1 = -k - \ell - 2$ , that is,  $j + k + \ell + 3 = n$ . Here, using Equation (6), we have  $n = m + 1$ , which is not possible as  $m = -1$  is excluded by the pigeonhole principle.

**Case 9** Suppose  $j + 1 = -\ell - 1$ . Then  $j + \ell \equiv -2 \pmod{n}$  and so is excluded by the pigeonhole principle.

**Case 10** Suppose  $j + 1 = -j - k - 2$ . Then  $2j + k + 3 \equiv 0$ . This is not possible as  $j$  and  $k$  are non-negative.

**Case 11** Suppose  $j + 1 = k + \ell + 2$ . Using Equation (6) this means  $j + j + 3 + m \equiv n \pmod{n}$ .

To simplify the visualization of this case we will rewrite the above array using  $k + \ell = j - 1$  and then use symbols to identify obviously even numbers of entries. Thus we have

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 (x_i - x_j) \pmod{n} & 0 & j + 1 & j + k + 2 & j + k + \ell + 3 \\
 \hline
 0 & * & j + 1 & j + k + 2 & 2j + 2 \\
 j + 1 & -j - 1 & * & k + 1 & j + 1 \\
 j + k + 2 & -j - k - 2 & -k - 1 & * & \ell + 1 \\
 j + k + \ell + 3 & -2j - 2 & -j - 1 & -\ell - 1 & *
 \end{array}$$

Thus we have the following; as yet unpaired differences is  $\Lambda$ :

$$\Lambda_1 = \{k+1, \ell+1, 2j+2, j+k+2, -k-1, -\ell-1, -2j-2, -j-k-2\}.$$

The only possibilities for  $k+1$  are  $2j+2, j+k+2, -\ell-1, -2j-2$  or  $-j-k-2$ . So we can have the following cases:

**Case 11.1** Suppose  $k+1 = j+k+2$ ; then  $j = -1$  which is not possible by the pigeonhole principle.

**Case 11.2** Suppose  $k+1 = -\ell-1$ . Then  $k+\ell+2 = 0$ . This is not possible.

**Case 11.3** Suppose  $k+1 = -2j-2$ . Then  $2j+k+3 = 0$ . So  $k = m$ . This is covered by Lemma 8. This is not possible.

**Case 11.4** Suppose  $k+1 = -j-k-2$ . However this is not possible as all the remaining differences cannot be paired.

**Case 11.5** Suppose  $k+1 = 2j+2$ . Then we form  $\Lambda$ :

$$\Lambda_1 = \{k+1, \ell+1, k+1, 3j+3, -2j-2, -\ell-1, -2j-2, -3j-3\}.$$

This means the unpaired elements are

$$\{\ell+1, 3j+3, -\ell-1, -3j-3\}.$$

This means that in order to pair them,  $\ell+1 = 3j+3$  or  $\ell+1 = -3j-3$ . Now  $\ell+1 = -3j-3$  gives  $3j+\ell+4 = 0$ , which is not possible.

The remaining pair is  $\ell+1 = 3j+3$  or  $3j = \ell-2$  or  $3j \leq n-6$ , which is possible. Working backwards we have  $\Lambda =$

$$\{j+1, j+1, -j-1, -j-1, 2j+2, 3j+3, 2j+2, 3j+3, -2j-2, -3j-3, -2j-2, -3j-3\}.$$

Hence the only surviving case is that of  $n$  divisible by 7. We replace  $3j+3$  by  $-4j-4$  to clarify the following. This means we can only have  $\{0, 1, 2, 4\}$  modulo 7 or  $\{0, \alpha, 2\alpha, 4\alpha\}$  modulo  $7\alpha$ .  $\square$

We have shown that the general pattern (4.1), that is,  $2 - (2n; 4, 1)$  crystal sets can only exist when  $7|n$ . This leads us to speculate that that the patterns  $(q^2, 1)$ , that is,  $2 - (2n; q^2, 1)$  crystal sets, will only exist when  $q^2 + q + 1$  is a prime and  $(q^2 + q + 1)|n$ .

## 4 Search space size reduction in the search for Proto-crystal sets.

### 4.1 Significance of these results

In a naive search for crystal sets we would first decide to search for all protocystal set sizes for  $k_1, k_2$  from zero to  $n$ .

Next we would see that there is no need to look for  $k_2 = 0$  unless  $k_1$  is a square.

Next we note from Remark 1 that we can reduce our search by only considering this remark and its consequences; the overall search is limited to  $(\frac{n-1}{2})^2$  cases to establish existences (of course there will be far more considering inequivalence).

Now we see that  $k_1 = k_2$  is a special case. We also see that  $k_1 = 1, k_2 = 0$  is a special case; Lemma 6 tells us these always exist.

The search is now further reduced by applying Corollary 1.

Crystal Sets under $n = 9$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$								
	$k_1$	$k_2$	$2n$ $-k_1$ $-k_2$	$n$ $-k_1$ $+k_2$	$k_1$ $+k_2$	$k_1$ $= k_2$	$a^2$ $+b^2$	Reference
1	1	5		13			$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
2	2	2		9		Y	$3^2 + 0^2$	Theorem 2
3	2	3	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
4	2	6	10				$1^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
5	3	3	9			Y	$3^2 + 0^2$	Theorem 2
6	3	6	9				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
7	3	7	8				$2^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
8	4	4	10			Y	$3^2 + 1^2$	Theorem 2
9	4	5	9				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
10	4	8	13				$3^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
11	4	9	5				$1^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1

**Table 1**  $n = 9$ : Values for which  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  can give crystal sets

Crystal Sets under $n = 11$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$								
	$k_1$	$k_2$	$2n$ $-k_1$ $-k_2$	$n$ $-k_1$ $+k_2$	$k_1$ $+k_2$	$k_1$ $+k_2$	$a^2$ $+b^2$	Reference
1	1	5	16				$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
2	2	2	18			Y	$3^2 + 3^2$	Theorem 2
3	2	3	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
4	2	6			8		$2^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
5	2	7	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
6	3	3	16			Y	$4^2 + 0^2$	Theorem 2
7	3	6	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
8	3	7			10		$1^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
9	4	4			8	Y	$2^2 + 2^2$	Theorem 2
10	4	5	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
11	4	8	10				$3^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
12	4	9	9				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
13	5	5			10	Y	$1^2 + 3^2$	Theorem 2
14	5	8	9				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
15	5	9	8				$2^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1

**Table 2**  $n = 11$ : Values for which  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  can give crystal sets

We assume the set is of size  $n$  and we search for sets of size  $k < n$ .

## 5 Algorithm

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... pseudocode
MAIN(v)
1  ← input
2  if  $v \geq 2$ 
3  then GENERATE SUBSETS UNDER  $V(v)$ 

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BOOL DETERMINE( $Total[1000]$ ,  $NUM$ )
1   $a[100]$ ,  $b[100] \leftarrow 0$ 
2   $i, j, k, cnt, No \leftarrow 0$ 
3  for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $NUM$ 
4      do for  $J \leftarrow 0$  to  $cnt$ 
5          do if  $a[j] == Total[i]$ 
6              then break
7          if  $j == cnt$ 
8              then  $a[cnt + 1] \leftarrow Total[i]$ 
9               $b[cnt - 1] ++$ 
10             else  $b[j] ++$ 
11 for  $k \leftarrow 0$  to  $cnt$ 
12     do if  $b[k] \bmod 2 == 1$ 
13         then break
14         else  $No ++$ 
15 if  $No == cnt$ 
16     then return true
17     else return false

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SORTING( $TotalSet[1000]$ ,  $num$ )
1   $i, j, k, x \leftarrow 0$ 
2   $k \leftarrow num/2$ 
3  while  $k \geq 1$ 
4      do for  $i \leftarrow k$  to  $num$ 
5          do  $x \leftarrow TotalSet[i]$ 
6              $j \leftarrow i - k$ 
7             while  $j \geq 0$  and  $x \leq TotalSet[j]$ 
8                 do  $TotalSet[j + k] \leftarrow TotalSet[j]$ 
9                     $j \leftarrow j - k$ 
10                 $TotalSet[j + k] \leftarrow x$ ;
11             $k \leftarrow k/2$ 

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CRYSTALLIZATION( $n$ )
1   $i, j, q, p, t \leftarrow 0$ 
2   $M \leftarrow pow(2, n - 1) + 1$ 
3  malloc  $SubSet[i]$ 
4  malloc  $Length[i]$ 
5  _____ Generate subsets under v
6   $a, b \leftarrow 0$ 
7  position ← 0
8  set[100] ← 0
9  set[position] ← 0
10 for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $2^{n-1}$ 
11     do if set[0] == 0
12         then  $SubSet[a][b] \leftarrow set[0]$ 
13             $b \leftarrow b + 1$ 
14         else break
15     for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to position
16         do  $SubSet[a][b] \leftarrow set[i]$ 
17             $b \leftarrow b + 1$ 
18      $Length[a][0] = b$ 
19     if set[position] <  $n - 1$ 
20         then set[position + 1] ← set[position] + 1
21            position ← position + 1
22     if position ≠ 0
23         then position ← position - 1
24            set[position] ← set[position] + 1
25     else break
26 _____ Calculate the differences
27 for  $p \leftarrow 0$  to  $M - 1$ 
28     do if  $Length[p][0] \leq (n - 1)/2$ 
29         then if  $(Length[p][0] * (Length[p][0] - 1)) \bmod 4 == 0$ 
30             then for  $q \leftarrow 0$  to  $M - 1$ 
31                 do  $Totality[1000] \leftarrow 0$ 
32                     $Num \leftarrow 0$ 
33                    if  $(Length[q][0] * (Length[q][0] - 1)) \bmod 4 == 0$ 
34                        then  $Totality[Num] \leftarrow (SubSet[p][i] - SubSet[p][j]) \bmod n$ 
35
36 SORTING( $Totality$ ,  $Num$ )
37 if Determine( $Totality$ ,  $Num$ )
38     then Print Crystal Sets
39
40 for  $p \leftarrow 0$  to  $M - 1$ 
41     do if  $Length[p][0] \leq (n - 1)/2$ 
42         then if  $(Length[p][0] * (Length[p][0] - 1)) \bmod 4 \neq 0$ 
43             then for  $q \leftarrow 0$  to  $M - 1$ 
44                 do  $Totality[1000] \leftarrow 0$ 
45                     $Num \leftarrow 0$ 
46                    if  $(Length[q][0] * (Length[q][0] - 1)) \bmod 4 \neq 0$ 
47                        then  $Totality[Num] \leftarrow (SubSet[p][i] - SubSet[p][j]) \bmod n$ 
48
49 SORTING( $Totality$ ,  $Num$ )
50 if Determine( $Totality$ ,  $Num$ )
51     then Print Crystal Sets
52 for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $M$ 
53     do free( $SubSet[i]$ )

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## 6 Further Research

Prove the conjecture:

**Conjecture 1** *The patterns  $(q^2, 1)$ , that is,  $2 - (2n; q^2, 1)$  crystal sets will only exist when  $q^2 + q + 1$  is a prime and  $(q^2 + q + 1) | n$ .*

Find further ways to cut down the search space. Find more infinite families of crystal sets.

## Appendices

### A More permissible values of $n$ , $k_1$ and $k_2$

#### A.1 $n = 13$

Crystal Sets under $n = 13$ , Universal Set = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12}								
	$k_1$	$k_2$	$\frac{2n}{-k_1 - k_2}$	$\frac{n}{-k_1 + k_2}$	$\frac{k_1}{+k_2}$	$\frac{k_1}{=k_2}$	$\frac{a^2}{+b^2}$	Reference
1	1	9	16				$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
2	2	2		13		Y	$2^2 + 3^2$	Theorem 2
3	2	3			5		$1^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
4	2	6	18				$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
5	2	7			9		$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
6	3	3	20			Y	$4^2 + 2^2$	Theorem 2
7	3	6	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
8	3	7	16				$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
9	3	10	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
10	4	4	18			Y	$3^2 + 3^2$	Theorem 2
11	4	5	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
12	4	8		17			$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
13	4	9	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
14	4	12	10				$1^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
15	4	13	9				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
16	5	5	16			Y	$4^2 + 0^2$	Theorem 2
17	5	8	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
18	5	9		17			$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
19	6	6		13		Y	$2^2 + 3^2$	Theorem 2
20	6	7	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
21	6	10	10				$1^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
22	6	11	9				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1

A.2  $n = 15$ 

Crystal Sets under $n = 15$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$								
	$k_1$	$k_2$	$2n$ $- k_1$ $- k_2$	$n -$ $k_1$ $+ k_2$	$k_1$ $+ k_2$	$k_1$ $= k_2$	$a^2$ $+ b^2$	<i>Reference</i>
1	1	5	24	19				Remark 1
2	1	8			9		$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
3	1	9	20				$4^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
4	2	2	26			Y	$5^2 + 1^2$	Theorem 2
5	2	3	25				$5^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
6	2	6			8		$2^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
7	2	7		20			$4^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
8	2	10	18				$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
9	2	11	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
10	3	3	24	15		Y		Theorem 2
11	3	6		18			$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
12	3	7	20				$4^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
13	3	10	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
14	3	11	16				$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
15	4	4			8	Y	$2^2 + 2^2$	Theorem 2
16	4	5	21	16			$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
17	4	8	18				$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
18	4	9	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
19	4	12			16		$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
20	4	13	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
21	5	5	20			Y	$4^2 + 2^2$	Theorem 2
22	5	8	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
23	5	9	16				$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
24	5	12	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
25	5	13			18		$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
26	6	6	18			Y	$3^2 + 3^2$	Theorem 2
27	6	7	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
28	6	10			16		$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
29	6	11	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
30	6	14	10				$1^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
31	6	15	9				$0^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
32	7	7	16			Y	$4^2 + 0^2$	Theorem 2
33	7	10	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
34	7	11			18		$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
35	7	14	9				$0^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
36	7	15	8				$2^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1



A.3  $n = 17$

Crystal Sets under $n = 17$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16\}$								
	$k_1$	$k_2$	$2n - k_1 - k_2$	$n - k_1 + k_2$	$k_1 + k_2$	$k_1 = k_2$	$a^2 + b^2$	Reference
1	1	9		25			$5^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
2	2	2		17		Y	$4^2 + 1^2$	Theorem 2
3	2	3	29				$5^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
4	2	6	26				$5^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
5	2	7	25				$5^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
6	2	10		25			$5^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
7	2	11			13		$3^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
8	3	3		17		Y	$4^2 + 1^2$	Theorem 2
9	3	6	25				$5^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
10	3	7			10		$3^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
11	3	10			13		$3^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
12	3	11	20				$4^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
13	4	4	26			Y	$5^2 + 1^2$	Theorem 2
14	4	5	25				$5^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
15	4	8		13			$3^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
16	4	9		13			$3^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
17	4	12	18				$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
18	4	13	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
19	5	5		17		Y	$4^2 + 1^2$	Theorem 2
20	5	8			13		$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
21	5	9	20				$4^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
22	5	12	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
23	5	13	16				$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
24	6	6		17		Y	$4^2 + 1^2$	Theorem 2
25	6	7		18			$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
26	6	10	18				$3^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
27	6	11	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
28	6	14			20		$4^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
29	6	15	13				$4^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
30	7	7	20			Y	$4^2 + 2^2$	Theorem 2
31	7	10	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
32	7	11	16				$4^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
33	7	14	13				$2^2 + 3^2$	Remark 1
34	7	15		25			$5^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
35	8	8	18			Y	$3^2 + 3^2$	Theorem 2
36	8	9	17				$4^2 + 1^2$	Remark 1
37	8	12			20		$4^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
38	8	13	13				$3^2 + 2^2$	Remark 1
39	8	16	10				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1
40	8	17	9				$3^2 + 0^2$	Remark 1

**B Examples of Permissible  $n, k_1$  and  $k_2$**

**B.1  $n = 9$**

Crystal Sets under $n = 9$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$			
	$k_1$	$k_2$	Sample
1	1	5	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,5\}$
2	2	2	$\{0,1\};\{0,8\}$
3	2	3	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,5\}$
4	2	6	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,4,5,7\}$
5	3	3	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,7,8\}$
6	3	6	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6\}$
7	3	7	$\{0,1,3\};\{0,1,3,4,5,6,8\}$
8	4	4	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,5,7\}$
9	4	5	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,6\}$
10	4	8	$\{0,1,3,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,8\}$
11	4	9	$\{0,1,3,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,8\}$

**B.2  $n = 11$**

Crystal Sets under $n = 11$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$			
	$k_1$	$k_2$	Sample
1	1	5	$\{0\};\{0,1,2,4,7\}$
2	2	2	$\{0,1\};\{0,10\}$
3	2	3	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,6\}$
4	2	6	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,4,5,8\}$
5	2	7	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,7\}$
6	3	3	$\{0,1,3\};\{0,1,9\}$
7	3	6	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,3,6,7,9\}$
8	3	7	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,2,3,5,7,10\}$
9	4	4	$\{0,1,2,4\};\{0,2,9,10\}$
10	4	5	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,7\}$
11	4	8	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,9\}$
12	4	9	$\{0,1,3,5\};\{0,1,2,3,5,7,8,9,10\}$
13	5	5	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,5,7,8\}$
14	5	8	$\{0,1,2,3,5\};\{0,1,3,4,6,7,8,10\}$
15	5	9	$\{0,1,2,3,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9\}$

B.3  $n = 13$ 

Crystal Sets under $n = 13$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$			
	$k_1$	$k_2$	Sample
1	1	9	$\{0\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10\}$
2	2	2	$\{0, 1\}; \{0, 12\}$
3	2	3	$\{0, 1\}; \{0, 6, 7\}$
4	2	6	$\{0, 1\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7\}$
5	2	7	$\{0, 1\}; \{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11\}$
6	3	3	$\{0, 1, 2\}; \{0, 1, 12\}$
7	3	6	$\{0, 1, 2\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8\}$
8	3	7	$\{0, 1, 2\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10\}$
9	3	10	$\{0, 1, 4\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11\}$
10	4	4	$\{0, 1, 2, 3\}; \{0, 1, 4, 9\}$
11	4	5	$\{0, 1, 2, 3\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 8\}$
12	4	8	$\{0, 1, 2, 3\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10\}$
13	4	9	$\{0, 1, 2, 3\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12\}$
14	4	12	$\{0, 1, 3, 9\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$
15	4	13	$\{0, 1, 4, 6\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$
16	5	5	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 12\}$
17	5	8	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 11\}$
18	5	9	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10\}$
19	6	6	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 12\}$
20	6	7	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9\}$
21	6	10	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}; \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11\}$
22	6	11	$\{0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 8\}; \{0, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$

B.4  $n = 15$ 

Crystal Sets under $n = 15$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14\}$			
	$k_1$	$k_2$	Sample
1	1	5	$\{0\};\{0,1,5,6,10\}$
2	1	8	$\{0\};\{0,1,2,4,6,7,10,14\}$
3	1	9	$\{0\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,8,12\}$
4	2	2	$\{0,1\};\{0,14\}$
5	2	3	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,8\}$
6	2	6	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,3,8,12\}$
7	2	7	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,5,6,9,11\}$
8	2	10	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,12\}$
9	2	11	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,8,9,11,12,13\}$
10	3	3	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,14\}$
11	3	6	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,2,4,6,9\}$
12	3	7	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,2,5,8,10,13\}$
13	3	10	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10\}$
14	3	11	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,12,13\}$
15	4	4	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,14\}$
16	4	5	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,7,13,14\}$
17	4	8	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,7,12\}$
18	4	9	$\{0,7,8,12\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,8,10,12\}$
19	4	12	$\{0,7,8,12\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,13\}$
20	4	13	$\{0,7,9,10\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13, 14\}$
21	5	5	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,2,3,14\}$
22	5	8	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,9,11\}$
23	5	9	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,2,4,5,7,8,10,12\}$
24	5	12	$\{0,3,6,9,11\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13, 14\}$
25	5	13	$\{0,3,6,9,11\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 14\}$
26	6	6	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,14\}$
27	6	7	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,10\}$
28	6	10	$\{0,1,2,3,4,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,13\}$
29	6	11	$\{0,7,8,12,13,14\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,8,11,12,13, 14\}$
30	6	14	$\{0,3,6,9,10,12\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11,12,13\}$
31	6	15	$\{0,1,2,3,7,9\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13,14\}$
32	7	7	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,14\}$
33	7	10	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,9,11,14\}$
34	7	11	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,7,8,9,12,13\}$
35	7	14	$\{0,1,2,4,5,8,10\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11,12,13\}$
36	7	15	$\{0,1,2,4,5,8,10\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11,12,13,14\}$

B.5  $n = 17$

Crystal Sets under $n = 17$ , Universal Set = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16\}$			
	$k_1$	$k_2$	Sample
1	1	9	$\{0\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,10,12\}$
2	2	2	$\{0,1\};\{0,16\}$
3	2	3	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,9\}$
4	2	6	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,3,6,13\}$
5	2	7	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,4,5,8,14\}$
6	2	10	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,8,10,11,14\}$
7	2	11	$\{0,1\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,12,14\}$
8	3	3	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,16\}$
9	3	6	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,3,7,10,11\}$
10	3	7	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,2,3,5,7,12,13\}$
11	3	10	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,2,3,5,9,10,13,14,15,16\}$
12	3	11	$\{0,1,2\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,13\}$
13	4	4	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,16\}$
14	4	5	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,10\}$
15	4	8	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,7,11\}$
16	4	9	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,8,10,16\}$
17	4	12	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,12,13\}$
18	4	13	$\{0,1,2,3\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,15\}$
19	5	5	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,2,3,16\}$
20	5	8	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,7,8,14\}$
21	5	9	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,2,3,5,6,10,14\}$
22	5	12	$\{0,1,2,3,4\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12\}$
23	5	13	$\{0,1,2,3,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,7,8,10,11,12,14,15\}$
24	6	6	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,16\}$
25	6	7	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,11\}$
26	6	10	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,11,12,13,14\}$
27	6	11	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5\};\{0,1,2,3,4,6,8,12,13,15,16\}$
28	6	14	$\{0,1,2,3,4,8\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14\}$
29	6	15	$\{0,1,2,3,5,8\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15\}$
30	7	7	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,16\}$
31	7	10	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,7,9,10,11,14\}$
32	7	11	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\};\{0,1,2,3,4,8,9,10,11,14,16\}$
33	7	14	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,7\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,14,15\}$
34	7	15	$\{0,1,2,3,5,7,15\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14,15\}$
35	8	8	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,16\}$
36	8	9	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,12\}$
37	8	12	$\{0,2,4,6,8,9,10,11\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11,12,14\}$
38	8	13	$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,8\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,11,12,15\}$
39	8	16	$\{0,1,2,3,4,8,9,12\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16\}$
40	8	17	$\{0,1,2,3,4,8,9,12\};\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16\}$

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