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1. Introduction.

Let v, k, t and λ be positive integers satisfying $v \geq k \geq t$. Set $V = \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$ and let $v \times k$ be the set of all distinct subsets of size k based on V . Elements of $v \times k$ are called blocks of size k . A t -design $S_\lambda(t, k, v)$ is a collection, $\mathfrak{a}$, of elements of $v \times k$ with the property that each element of $v \times t$ occurs as a subset in exactly λ blocks $B \in \mathfrak{a}$ (repetitions of blocks are permitted). When $\mathfrak{a} = v \times k$ the corresponding t -design is called a trivial t -design. However if $\mathfrak{a} \neq v \times k$ but $\mathfrak{a}$ contains $\binom{v}{k}$ elements the associated t -design is referred to as an essentially trivial t -design.

Order the blocks lexicographically, and if a block B_1 is the i th element of $v \times k$, we identify B_1 with the $\binom{v}{k}$ -dimensional column vector whose entries are zeros except that the i th entry is one. Any t -design $S_\lambda(t, k, v)$ can also be identified with a $\binom{v}{k}$ -dimensional column vector $F = (f_1, f_2, \dots)'$, in which f_1 denotes the frequency of the i th element of $v \times k$ in the design. In terms of this, a t -design with the above parameters can be regarded as $\sum_1 f_1 B_1$ with f_1 nonnegative integers and $B_1 \in v \times k$ such that for any t -plet $X \in v \times t$,

$$\sum_{B_1 \supseteq X} f_1 = \lambda$$

If B_1 is a block in $v \times k$ and t_1 is an integer, then

$\sum_1 t_1 B_1$ is also identified with a $\binom{v}{k}$ -dimensional column vector.

The collection

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ \sum_1 t_1 B_1 : \sum_1 t_1 = 0 \text{ for all } X \in v\mathcal{T} \right. \\ \left. 1:B_1 \supseteq X \right\}$$

is of particular interest. Following Hedayat and Li (1979), elements of $\mathcal{T}$ are called (v,k,t) trades. The sum of positive t_1 's in a (v,k,t) trade is referred to as the volume of the trade. Whenever a t -design $S_\lambda(t,k,v)$ exists, any other design with the same parameter can be obtained by adding proper elements of $\mathcal{T}$ [see Hedayat and Li (1979) for details]. Therefore the more we understand the structure of $\mathcal{T}$ the better we will be able to investigate the existence and nonexistence of t -designs. In fact, Graver and Jurkat (1973) observed that $\mathcal{T}$ forms a $\mathbb{Z}$ -module with dimension $\binom{v}{k} - \binom{v}{t}$. The elements of $\mathcal{T}$ are called "null designs" by them. They also obtained a generating system for the module from a special construction called " (t,k) -pod". Graham, Li and Li (1980) reproduced these generators in terms of polynomials and gave an explicit basis for $\mathcal{T}$. In this report, we present a computer algorithm to generate this basis. We also provide an example for $v = 8$, $k = 4$ and $t = 2$.

2. A basis for the (v,k,t) trades.

Let S_v be the group of permutations on V and let $S_{v,k,t}^*$ consist of those $\sigma \in S_v$ which satisfy:

- (a) $\sigma(1) < \sigma(3) < \dots < \sigma(2t+1)$;
- (b) $\sigma(2) < \sigma(4) < \dots < \sigma(2t+2)$;

- (c) $\sigma(2t - 1) < \sigma(2t) , 1 \leq i \leq t + 1;$ (2.1)
- (d) $\sigma(2t + 1) < \sigma(2t + 3) < \sigma(2t + 4) < \dots < \sigma(k+t+1);$
- (e) $\sigma(2t + 1) < \sigma(k+t+2) < \sigma(k+t+3) < \dots < \sigma(v);$
- (f) If $2t + 3 \leq i \leq k+t+1 < j \leq v$ and $\sigma(i) < \sigma(2t + 2)$
then $\sigma(i) < \sigma(j).$

The following Theorems are quoted from Graham, Li and Li (1980).

Theorem 1. $|S_{v,k,t}^*| = \binom{v}{k} - \binom{v}{t}$ whenever $v \geq k+t+1$ and $k \geq t+1.$

Let $Z[x_1, \dots, x_v]$ denote the polynomial ring with v variables over Z . For $f \in Z[x_1, \dots, x_v]$ and $\sigma \in S_v$, define the polynomial $f^\sigma \in Z[x_1, \dots, x_v]$ by

$$f^\sigma(x_1, \dots, x_v) = f(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(v)}).$$

Theorem 2. The module $\mathfrak{J}$ for (v,k,t) trades is generated over Z by the collection $\{f^\sigma : \sigma \in S_{v,k,t}^*\}$, where $f \in Z[x_1, \dots, x_v]$ and

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_v) = (x_1 - x_2)(x_3 - x_4) \dots (x_{2t+1} - x_{2t+2}) x_{2t+3} \dots x_{k+t+1}.$$

This collection is void when $v < k+t+1$ or $k < t+1.$

Corollary 1. The collection $\{f^\sigma : \sigma \in S_{v,k,t}^*\}$ forms a basis for $\mathfrak{J}$, if $v \geq k + t + 1$ and $k \geq t + 1.$

Hereafter, the notation for a block of size k consisting of the elements $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$ will be $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$, while the order among the k elements are immaterial.

Example 1. $v = 8, k = 4, t = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8) &= (x_1 - x_2)(x_3 - x_4)(x_5 - x_6) x_7 \\ &= x_1 x_3 x_5 x_7 + x_2 x_4 x_5 x_7 + x_2 x_3 x_6 x_7 + x_1 x_4 x_6 x_7 \\ &\quad - x_2 x_3 x_5 x_7 - x_1 x_4 x_5 x_7 - x_1 x_3 x_6 x_7 - x_2 x_4 x_6 x_7 \end{aligned}$$

By identifying x_i with 1 (the i th element in V) we obtain a symbolic generator T for the $(8, 4, 2)$ trades:

$$\begin{aligned} T &= (1357) + (2457) + (2367) + (1467) \\ &\quad - (2357) - (1457) - (1367) - (2467) \end{aligned}$$

Let $\sigma_1 = (78)$ and $\sigma_2 = (67)$, we can easily check that both σ_1 and σ_2 satisfy (2.1), i.e., $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in S_{8,4,2}^*$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T^{\sigma_1} &= (1358) + (2458) + (2368) + (1468) \\ &\quad - (2358) - (1458) - (1368) - (2468) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T^{\sigma_2} &= (1356) + (2456) + (2367) + (1467) \\ &\quad - (2356) - (1456) - (1367) - (2467) \end{aligned}$$

are also members of the basis. As σ runs through $S_{8,4,2}^*$, the collection $\{T^\sigma; \sigma \in S_{8,4,2}^*\}$ would provide a basis for the $(8, 4, 2)$ trades.

Example 2. $v = 8, k = 4, t = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8) &= (x_1 - x_2)(x_3 - x_4)(x_5 - x_6)(x_7 - x_8) \\ &= x_1 x_3 x_5 x_7 + x_2 x_4 x_5 x_7 + x_2 x_3 x_6 x_7 + x_2 x_3 x_5 x_8 + x_1 x_4 x_6 x_7 \\ &\quad + x_1 x_4 x_5 x_8 + x_1 x_3 x_6 x_8 + x_2 x_4 x_6 x_8 - x_2 x_3 x_5 x_7 - x_1 x_4 x_5 x_7 \\ &\quad - x_1 x_3 x_6 x_7 - x_1 x_3 x_5 x_8 - x_2 x_4 x_6 x_7 - x_2 x_4 x_5 x_8 - x_2 x_3 x_6 x_8 \\ &\quad - x_1 x_4 x_6 x_8 . \end{aligned}$$

Similar to the above manner, we obtain a symbolic generator T for the the $(8,4,3)$ trades:

$$\begin{aligned} T = & (1357) + (2457) + (2367) + (2358) + (1467) + (1458) + (1368) \\ & + (2468) \\ & - (2357) - (1457) - (1367) - (1358) - (2467) - (2458) - (2368) \\ & - (1468) . \end{aligned}$$

In this case $\sigma_1 = (78)$ does not satisfy (2.1)(c). Therefore $\sigma_1 \notin S_{8,4,3}^*$. However, $\sigma_2 = (67) \in S_{8,4,3}^*$ and thus

$$\begin{aligned} T^{\sigma_2} = & (1356) + (2456) + (2376) + (2358) + (1476) + (1458) \\ & + (1378) + (2478) \\ & - (2356) - (1456) - (1376) - (1358) - (2476) - (2458) \\ & - (2378) - (1478) . \end{aligned}$$

is a member of the basis. Again, as σ runs through $S_{8,4,3}^*$, the collection $\{T^\sigma; \sigma \in S_{8,4,3}^*\}$ would provide a basis for the $(8,4,3)$ trades.

3. A computer algorithm for generating a basis for (v,k,t) trades.

In this section we present a computer algorithm which can be utilized to generate a basis for (v,k,t) trades so long as $v \geq k+t+1$ and $k \geq t+1$. There are four subroutines involved in this program, namely:

- (1) SUBROUTINE NEXBAS
- (2) SUBROUTINE NEXPER
- (3) SUBROUTINE GENBAS
- (4) SUBROUTINE NEXKSB

These four subroutines are listed separately. SUBROUTINE NEXPER and SUBROUTINE GENBAS are called by SUBROUTINE NEXBAS, while SUBROUTINE NEXKSB is called by SUBROUTINE GENBAS. The purpose of each subroutine are stated. To use this computer algorithm, we simply write our own main program to input the data v, t, k and print out the trades in the desired form. An example that generates a basis for the $(8,4,2)$ trades and their output are attached at the end of this report.


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DO 4 J=T3,T4
IF(A(J).GE.A(J+1))GO TO 60
4 CONTINUE
7 IF(T6.GE.V)GO TO 6
IF(T6.GT.T7)GO TO 9
DO 5 J=T6,T7
IF(A(J).GE.A(J+1))GO TO 60
5 CONTINUE
GO TO 9
10 IF(A(T3-2).GE.A(T5))GO TO 60
GO TO 7
6 IF(A(T3-2).GE.A(V))GO TO 60
9 IF(T3.GT.T5)GO TO 40
IF(T6.GT.V)GO TO 40
DO 100 I=T3,T5
IF(A(I).GE.A(T3-1))GO TO 100
DO 30 J=T6,V
IF(A(I).GE.A(J))GO TO 60
30 CONTINUE
100 CONTINUE
C THE CURRENT PERMUTATION SATISFIES (2.1). THE CORRESPONDING
C TRADE IN THE BASIS IS FOUND ACCORDING TO THEOREM 2.
40 L=2*IT
CALL GENBAS(K,T,P,M)
DO 11 I=1,L
DO 12 J=1,K
P(I,J)=A(P(I,J))
M(I,J)=A(M(I,J))
12 CONTINUE
11 CONTINUE
MTD=.TRUE.
C THIS IS A TRADE IN THE BASIS.
RETURN
60 IF(.NOT.MTC)GO TO 50
C WHEN A PERMUTATION DOES NOT SATISFY (2.1), CHECK IF
C IT IS THE LAST PERMUTATION. IF NOT, CALL NEXT PER-
C MUTATION; OTHERWISE, STOP.
GO TO 2
50 MTD=.FALSE.
RETURN
END

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      GO TO 40
80  H=3
    M1=M/2
90  B=MOD(M1,H)
100 IF(B.NE. 0)GO TO 120
110 M1=M1/H
    H=H+1
    GO TO 90
120 M1=N
    H1=H-1
    DO 160 J=1,H1
130  M2=A(J)-A(H)
    IF(M2.LT.0) M2=M2+N
140 IF(M2.GE. M1) GO TO 160
150 M1=M2
    J1=J
160 CONTINUE
180 T=A(H)
    A(H)=A(J1)
    A(J1)=T
    V=1
    M=M+1
    RETURN
    END
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N3=N
C TO OBTAIN OTHER POSITIVE BLOCKS OF THE SYMBOLIC
C GENERATOR, WE PICK EVEN NUMBER OF ELEMENTS IN THE
C FIRST POSITIVE BLOCK AND ADD ONE TO EACH OF THESE ELEMENTS
50 DO 70 J=2,N3,2
100 CALL NEXKSB(N,J,A,MTIC)
I=I+1
DO 60 L=1,K
60 P(I,L)=P(1,L)
DO 80 L=1,J
P(I,A(L))=P(I,A(L))+1
80 CONTINUE
IF(MTC)GO TO 100
70 CONTINUE
L=2*(N-1)
I=0
DO 110 J=1,N2,2
C TO OBTAIN THE NEGATIVE BLOCKS OF THE SYMBOLIC GENERATOR
C WE PICK ODD NUMBER OF ELEMENTS IN THE FIRST POSITIVE
C BLOCK AND ADD ONE TO EACH ELEMENT
130 CALL NEXKSB(N,J,A,MTIC)
I=I+1
DO 120 L=1,K
120 M(I,L)=P(1,L)
DO 140 L=1,J
M(I,A(L))=M(I,A(L))+1
140 CONTINUE
IF(MTC)GO TO 130
110 CONTINUE
RETURN
END
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THIS SUBPROGRAM GIVES NEXT K-SUBSET OF AN N-SET,
IN LEXICOGRAPHIC ORDER.

IT IS CALLED BY SUBROUTINE GENBAS TO PRODUCE THE SYMBOLIC TRADE DESCRIBED IN THEOREM 2

DESCRIPTORS OF VARIABLES IN CALLING STATEMENT:

N= NUMBER OF ELEMENTS IN UNIVERSE

K= NUMBER OF ELEMENTS TO BE CHOSEN

A IS AN ARRAY VARIABLE; A(I) IS THE I-TH ELEMENT OF THE K-SURSET.

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MTC=,TRUE.  IF IT IS NOT THE LAST SUBSET;
      =,FALSE.  OTHERWISE

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INTEGER A(K),H

LOGICAL MTC

DATA NLAST/O/,KLAST/O/

110 IF(K,NE,KLAST,OR,N,NE,NLAST)GO TO 20

30 IF(MTC)GO TO 40

MC=0

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NLAST=N

KLAST=K

MTC=TRUE;

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40 10 41 H=1.7K

$$M^2 = A(K+1-H)$$

TE (M2, NE, N41-H) GO TO 50

41 CONTINUE

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$$51 \quad \theta(K+1-H) = M2+J$$

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MTC=(A(1),NE,N-K+1)

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RETURN

END

*** SAMPLE OUTPUT ***

T 1=+(1 3 5 7)+(2 4 5 7)+(2 3 6 7)+(1 4 6 7)
 -(2 3 5 7)-(1 4 5 7)-(1 3 6 7)-(2 4 6 7)

T 2=+(1 2 5 7)+(3 4 5 7)+(3 2 6 7)+(1 4 6 7)
 -(3 2 5 7)-(1 4 5 7)-(1 2 6 7)-(3 4 6 7)

T 3=+(1 2 3 7)+(4 5 3 7)+(4 2 6 7)+(1 5 6 7)
 -(4 2 3 7)-(1 5 3 7)-(1 2 6 7)-(4 5 6 7)

T 4=+(1 3 4 7)+(2 5 4 7)+(2 3 6 7)+(1 5 6 7)
 -(2 3 4 7)-(1 5 4 7)-(1 3 6 7)-(2 5 6 7)

T 5=+(1 2 4 7)+(3 5 4 7)+(3 2 6 7)+(1 5 6 7)
 -(3 2 4 7)-(1 5 4 7)-(1 2 6 7)-(3 5 6 7)

T 6=+(1 2 3 4)+(5 6 3 4)+(5 2 7 4)+(1 6 7 4)
 -(5 2 3 4)-(1 6 3 4)-(1 2 7 4)-(5 6 7 4)

T 7=+(1 2 3 5)+(4 6 3 5)+(4 2 7 5)+(1 6 7 5)
 -(4 2 3 5)-(1 6 3 5)-(1 2 7 5)-(4 6 7 5)

T 8=+(1 2 4 5)+(3 6 4 5)+(3 2 7 5)+(1 6 7 5)
 -(3 2 4 5)-(1 6 4 5)-(1 2 7 5)-(3 6 7 5)

T 9=+(1 3 4 5)+(2 6 4 5)+(2 3 7 5)+(1 6 7 5)
 -(2 3 4 5)-(1 6 4 5)-(1 3 7 5)-(2 6 7 5)

T 10=+(1 2 3 6)+(4 5 3 6)+(4 2 7 6)+(1 5 7 6)
 -(4 2 3 6)-(1 5 3 6)-(1 2 7 6)-(4 5 7 6)

T 11=+(1 2 4 6)+(3 5 4 6)+(3 2 7 6)+(1 5 7 6)
 -(3 2 4 6)-(1 5 4 6)-(1 2 7 6)-(3 5 7 6)

$112 = + (1\ 3\ 4\ 6) + (2\ 5\ 6\ 6) + (2\ 3\ 7\ 6) + (1\ 5\ 7\ 6)$
 $- (2\ 3\ 4\ 6) - (1\ 5\ 4\ 6) - (1\ 3\ 7\ 6) - (2\ 5\ 7\ 6)$
 $113 = + (1\ 2\ 5\ 6) + (3\ 4\ 5\ 6) + (3\ 2\ 7\ 6) + (1\ 4\ 7\ 6)$
 $- (3\ 2\ 5\ 6) - (1\ 4\ 5\ 6) - (1\ 2\ 7\ 6) - (2\ 4\ 7\ 6)$
 $114 = + (1\ 3\ 5\ 6) + (2\ 4\ 5\ 6) + (2\ 3\ 7\ 6) + (1\ 4\ 7\ 6)$
 $- (2\ 3\ 5\ 6) - (1\ 4\ 5\ 6) - (1\ 3\ 7\ 6) - (2\ 4\ 7\ 6)$
 $115 = + (1\ 2\ 3\ 4) + (5\ 6\ 3\ 8) + (5\ 2\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (5\ 2\ 3\ 4) - (1\ 6\ 3\ 8) - (1\ 2\ 7\ 8) - (5\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $116 = + (1\ 2\ 3\ 4) + (6\ 7\ 3\ 4) + (6\ 2\ 8\ 4) + (1\ 7\ 8\ 4)$
 $- (6\ 2\ 3\ 4) - (1\ 7\ 3\ 4) - (1\ 2\ 9\ 4) - (6\ 7\ 8\ 4)$
 $117 = + (1\ 2\ 4\ 4) + (3\ 6\ 4\ 8) + (3\ 2\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (3\ 2\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 6\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 2\ 7\ 8) - (2\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $118 = + (1\ 3\ 4\ 3) + (2\ 6\ 4\ 8) + (2\ 3\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (2\ 3\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 6\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 3\ 7\ 8) - (2\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $119 = + (1\ 2\ 3\ 3) + (4\ 6\ 3\ 8) + (4\ 2\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (4\ 2\ 3\ 8) - (1\ 6\ 3\ 8) - (1\ 2\ 7\ 8) - (4\ 6\ 7\ 8)$
 $120 = + (1\ 2\ 3\ 3) + (4\ 5\ 3\ 8) + (4\ 2\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 5\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (4\ 2\ 3\ 8) - (1\ 5\ 3\ 8) - (1\ 2\ 7\ 8) - (4\ 5\ 7\ 8)$
 $121 = + (1\ 2\ 4\ 3) + (3\ 5\ 4\ 8) + (3\ 2\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 5\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (3\ 2\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 5\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 2\ 7\ 8) - (3\ 5\ 7\ 8)$
 $122 = + (1\ 3\ 4\ 3) + (2\ 5\ 4\ 8) + (2\ 3\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 5\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (2\ 3\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 5\ 4\ 8) - (1\ 3\ 7\ 8) - (2\ 5\ 7\ 8)$
 $123 = + (1\ 2\ 5\ 4) + (3\ 4\ 5\ 8) + (3\ 2\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 4\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (2\ 2\ 5\ 8) - (1\ 4\ 5\ 8) - (1\ 2\ 7\ 8) - (3\ 4\ 7\ 8)$
 $124 = + (1\ 3\ 5\ 8) + (2\ 4\ 5\ 8) + (2\ 3\ 7\ 8) + (1\ 4\ 7\ 8)$
 $- (2\ 3\ 5\ 8) - (1\ 4\ 5\ 8) - (1\ 3\ 7\ 8) - (2\ 4\ 7\ 8)$
 $125 = + (1\ 2\ 3\ 4) + (5\ 7\ 3\ 4) + (5\ 2\ 8\ 4) + (1\ 7\ 8\ 4)$
 $- (5\ 2\ 3\ 4) - (1\ 7\ 3\ 4) - (1\ 2\ 8\ 4) - (5\ 7\ 8\ 4)$
 $126 = + (1\ 2\ 3\ 5) + (4\ 7\ 3\ 5) + (4\ 2\ 8\ 5) + (1\ 7\ 8\ 5)$
 $- (4\ 2\ 3\ 5) - (1\ 7\ 3\ 5) - (1\ 2\ 8\ 5) - (4\ 7\ 8\ 5)$

$$T27=+(1345)+(2745)+(2335)+(1785) \\ - (2345)-(1745)-(1365)-(2785)$$

$$T28=+(1245)+(2745)+(3235)+(1785) \\ - (3245)-(1745)-(1245)-(2785)$$

$$T29=+(1236)+(4536)+(4236)+(1586) \\ - (4236)-(1536)-(1266)-(4546)$$

$$T30=+(1246)+(3546)+(3256)+(1586) \\ - (3246)-(1546)-(1286)-(3586)$$

$$T31=+(1346)+(2546)+(2336)+(1586) \\ - (2346)-(1546)-(1386)-(2586)$$

$$T32=+(1256)+(3456)+(3286)+(1486) \\ - (3256)-(1456)-(1286)-(3486)$$

$$T33=+(1356)+(2456)+(2326)+(1486) \\ - (2356)-(1456)-(1386)-(2486)$$

$$T34=+(1343)+(2548)+(2368)+(1568) \\ - (2343)-(1548)-(1368)-(2568)$$

$$T35=+(1243)+(3548)+(3268)+(1568) \\ - (3243)-(1548)-(1268)-(3568)$$

$$T36=+(1353)+(2458)+(2308)+(1468) \\ - (2353)-(1458)-(1308)-(2468)$$

$$T37=+(1253)+(3458)+(3268)+(1468) \\ - (3253)-(1458)-(1268)-(3468)$$

$$T38=+(1232)+(4538)+(4268)+(1568) \\ - (4232)-(1538)-(1268)-(4568)$$

$$T39=+(1234)+(5634)+(5234)+(1684) \\ - (5234)-(1634)-(1284)-(5684)$$

$$T40=+(1245)+(3645)+(3275)+(1685) \\ - (3245)-(1645)-(1285)-(3685)$$

$$T41=+(1346)+(2646)+(2316)+(1685) \\ - (2346)-(1646)-(1366)-(2685)$$

$$T42=+(1235)+(4635)+(4281)+(1685) \\ - (4235)-(1635)-(1285)-(4685)$$

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