PMAT 4341 – Design Theory Winter 2010

Assignment #9

Instructions

- Answer each question completely; justify your answers.
- This assignment is due at: 5:00 pm on Tuesday March 30th.
- 1. Use a STS(9) to construct a STS(19).
- 2. Construct a STS(19) using Skolem's construction method.
- 3. Find a Skolem triple system of order m for (a) m = 12 (b) m = 13. What order Steiner triple systems could be constructed from these?
- 4. Find an O'Keefe triple system of order m for (a) m = 14 (b) m = 15. What order Steiner triple systems could be constructed from these?
- 5. Prove that an O'Keefe triple system of order m can exist only if $m \equiv 2$ or 3 (mod 4).