

Weighted (k, n) -arcs of Type $(n - 4, n)$ in $PG(2, 8)$

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Abstract. The main purpose of this paper is to construct a $(k, n; f)$ –arcs of type $(n - 4, n)$ in projective plane of order 8. We proved that there exist $(66, 16; f)$ –arc of type $(12, 16)$ when the points of weight 0 form a $(7, 3)$ –arc of type $(7, 0, 42, 24)$ and $(66, 15; f)$ – arc of type $(11, 15)$ when the points of weight 0 form $(7, 3)$ – arc of types $(3, 12, 30, 28)$ and $(2, 15, 27, 29)$.

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1. Introduction

The notion of weighted (k, n) –arcs was proposed by Scafati [13] in 1971. In 1977, Barlotti [2] suggested the study of sets with weighted points. He presented the definition of $(k, n; \{\omega_i\})$ –sets of kind s in $PG(r, q)$, for which two-dimensional yields the definition of $(k, n; \{\omega_i\})$ –arcs. Barnabei [3] in 1979 studied these types of arcs and obtained some particular results about the existence or non-existence of these arcs. She gave some examples of these arcs in $PG(2, q)$ by using a computer programme. D'Agostini [4] in 1979 studied caps with weighted points in $PG(n, q), n \geq 2$. Some relations between parameters of $(k, n; f)$ –cap and its characters were found. She studied a weighted (k, n) -arcs of type $(n - 2, n)$ in $PG(2, q)$. Wilson [14] in 1986 proved that there is $(88, 14; f)$ – arc of type $(11, 14)$ in the Galois plane of order 9. Also he proved that there is $(10, 7; f)$ –arc of type $(4, 7)$ in the $PG(2, 3)$. In 1989, Hummed [9] studied the existence and non-existence weighted of (k, n) -arcs in $PG(2, 9)$ and he proved that

there exist $(81, 12; f)$ –arc of type $(9, 12)$ and $(85, 13; f)$ –arc of type $(10, 13)$.

Mahmood [12] in 1990 discussed a $(k, n; f)$ –arcs in $PG(2, 5)$. She proved there is $(21, 11; f)$ –arc of type $(6, 11)$, $(20, 10, f)$ –arc of type $(5, 10)$ and $(15, 8, f)$ –arc of type $(3, 8)$. The extensions work of the weighted arcs in $PG(2, 9)$ was investigated by Abbas [1] in 2011. He proved there exists $(81, 12; f)$ – arc of type $(9, 12)$ and $(76, 11; f)$ –arc of type $(8, 11)$.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 [11]. Let $GF(p) = Z/pZ$, p prime and let $f(x)$ be irreducible polynomial of degree h over $GF(p)$, then $GF(p^h) = GF(p)[x]/(f(x)) = \{ a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_{h-1}t^{h-1} : a_i \text{ in } GF(p), f(t) = 0 \}$

Definition 2.2[11]. A projective plane over $GF(q)$ is 2-dimensional projective space and denoted by $PG(2, q)$ or π which contains $q^2 + q + 1$ points and $q^2 + q + 1$ lines, every line contains $q + 1$ points and through every point there pass $q + 1$ lines and satisfy the following axioms:

- (i) Any two distinct points determine a unique line ;
- (ii) Any two distinct lines intersect in exactly one point ;
- (iii) There exist four distinct points such that no three of them are on a line.

Definition 2.3 [11]. A (k, n) -arc \mathcal{H} in a finite projective plane is a set of k points such that no $(n + 1)$ of them are collinear. A $(k, 2)$ –arc denoted by k –arc which is a set of k points such that no three points are collinear. Let ℓ be any line in $PG(2, q)$, if ℓ intersect \mathcal{H} in i - points, then ℓ is called i -secant to \mathcal{H} , and let τ_i , ρ_i and σ_i are respectively denoted the total number of i –secant to \mathcal{H} , the number of

i -secant through a point p of \mathcal{H} and the number of i -secant through a point Q in $\pi \setminus \mathcal{H}$.

Lemma 2. 4 [11]. For the (k, n) –arc \mathcal{H} , the following equations are hold:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \tau_i = q^2 + q + 1 ; \quad (2. 1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i\tau_i = k(q + 1) ; \quad (2. 2)$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n (i(i - 1)/2) \tau_i = k(k - 1)/2 ; \quad (2. 3)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \rho_i = q + 1 ; \quad (2. 4)$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n (i - 1)\rho_i = k - 1 \quad (2. 5)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i = q + 1 \quad (2. 6)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i \sigma_i = k \quad (2. 7)$$

$$i\tau_i = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{H}} \rho_i \quad (2. 8)$$

$$(q + 1 - i)\tau_i = \sum_{Q \in \pi \setminus \mathcal{H}} \sigma_i \quad (2. 9)$$

Definition 2.5 [4]. Let π be a projective plane of order q and denoted by P and a R are respectively the sets of points and lines of π . Let f be a function from P into the set N of non-negative integers and call the weight of $p \in P$ the value $f(p)$ and the support of f the set of points of the plane have non-zero weight. By using f we can define the function $F: R \rightarrow Z^+$ such that for any $r \in R$, $F(r) = \sum_{p \in r} f(p)$. We call $F(r)$ the weight of the line r .

Definition 2.6 [4]. A $(k, n; f)$ -arc of the plane π is a subset K of the points of the plane such that:

- (i) K is the support of f ;
- (ii) $k = |K|$;
- (iii) $n = \max\{F(r): r \in R\}$.

Denote $l_j = |f^{-1}(j)|$ to the number of points having weight j for $j = 0, 1, \dots, \omega$, where $\omega = \max_{p \in P} f(p)$, V_i^j to the number of lines of weight i through a point of weight j and $W = \sum_{j=1}^{\omega} j l_j = \sum_{p \in P} f(p)$. For a $(k, n; f)$ –arc, t_i the number of lines having

weight i for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. We have the following important lemma:

Lemma 2. 7 [9].

- (i) $\omega \leq n - m$;
- (ii) If p is any point of the plane, then $\sum_{r \in [p]} F(r) = W + qf(p)$, where $[p]$ denote the set of lines through p ;
- (iii) The weight W of a $(k, n; f)$ –arc satisfies $m(q + 1) \leq W \leq (n - \omega)q + n$;
- (iv) Let K be a $(k, n; f)$ –arc of type (m, n) , $m > 0$ and let p be a point having weight s , then V_m^s and V_n^s are determined of p and are given by:

$$V_m^s = (q(n - s) - W + n)/(n - m)$$
and

$$V_n^s = (q(s - m) + W - m)/(n - m)$$
;
- (v) $q \equiv 0 \pmod{n - m}$;
- (vi) the characters of $(k, n; f)$ –arc K of type (m, n) are given by

$$t_m = (q + 1/n - m)[n(q^2 + q + 1/q + 1) - W]$$
and

$$t_n = (q + 1/n - m)[W - m(q^2 + q + 1/q + 1)]$$
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3. $(k, n; f)$ –arcs of type $(n - 4, n)$

For $(k, n; f)$ –arc of type $(n - 4, n)$, it is necessary that $n \geq 4$. If $n = 4$ we have to consider a $(k, 4)$ -arc having only 0-secants and 4-secants .

Lemma 3.1. The existence of $(k, n; f)$ –arc of type $(n - 4, n)$ with $n \geq 5$ requires

$$q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

Proof . Directly, from Lemma 2.7 case (v).

Lemma 3.2 [5]. The existence of a $(k, n; f)$ –arc of type $(n - 4, n)$ with $n \geq 5$ requires $l_i = 0, i \geq 3$.

We used Lemma 2.7 case (iii) to get

$$(n - 4)(q + 1) \leq W \leq (n - 4)(q + 1) + 4$$

Lemma 3. 3. For a $(k, n; f)$ –arc of type $(n - 4, n)$ in $PG(2, q)$, $q = 2^h$, $h \geq 1$ with W minimal ($W = (n - 4)(q + 1)$) we have :

$$V_{n-4}^0 = q + 1, \quad V_{n-4}^1 = \frac{3q + 4}{4},$$

$$V_{n-4}^2 = \frac{q+2}{2}, \quad V_n^0 = 0,$$

$$V_n^1 = \frac{q}{4}, \quad V_n^2 = \frac{q}{2}$$

Proof. From Lemma 2.7 case (iv), by substituting $m = n - 4$ for $\text{Im } f = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

Corollary 3.4. There is no point of weight 0 on n -secants of the $(k, n; f)$ -arc of type $(n - 4, n)$.

For the case $l_0 > 0, l_1 > 0, l_2 > 0, l_3 = 0$, we have the maximum weight of the points of the $(k, n; f)$ -arc is $\omega = 2$, and we use the minimal case ($W = (n - 4)(q + 1)$) and Lemma 2.7 to find the following:

$$t_n + t_{n-4} = q^2 + q + 1$$

By counting the number of n -secants (t_n) and $n - 4$ -secants (t_{n-4}). And counting the total incidence we get

$$nt_n + (n - 4)t_{n-4} = W(q + 1) = \frac{(n - 4)(q + 1)^2}{2}$$

Consequently, we get

$$t_n = \frac{1}{4}(n - 4) \tag{3.1}$$

$$t_{n-4} = \frac{1}{4}(4q^2 + 8q - nq + 4) \tag{3.2}$$

Now, from Corollary 3.4 there is no points of weight 0 on n -secants. Suppose that on n -secants there are β points of weight 1 and δ points of weight 2. Then counting the points of n -secants lines, it follows that:
 $\beta + \delta = q + 1$

And counting the weights of points on n -secants, we have

$$\beta + 2\delta = n$$

Solving these two equations, we obtain

$$\beta = 2(q + 1) - n \tag{3.3}$$

$$\delta = n - (q + 1) \tag{3.4}$$

Counting incidences between the points of weight 2 and n -secants, we get

$$l_2 V_n^2 = t_n \delta$$

Making use of the Lemma 3.3, equation (3.1) and equation (3.4) we obtain

$$l_2 = (n - 4)(n - q - 1)/2 \tag{3.5}$$

Similarly, counting incidences between the points of weight 1 and n -secants we have

$$l_1 V_n^1 = t_n \beta$$

Hence, by using Lemma 2.4, equation (3.2) and equation (3.3) we get

$$l_1 = (n - 4)(2q + 2 - n) \tag{3.6}$$

From equations (3.5) and (3.6), counting the points in the plane

$$l_0 + l_1 + l_2 = q^2 + q + 1$$

$$l_0 = q^2 + q + 1 - \frac{(n - 4)(2q + 2 - n) + (n - 4)(n - q - 1)}{2}$$

Hence

$$2q^2 + (14 - 3n)q + n^2 - 7n + 14 - 2l_0 = 0 \tag{3.7}$$

The solution of equation (3.7) exists with respect to q if $(17 - 3n)^2 - 8(n^2 - 7n + 14 - 2l_0)$ is square, then

$$(n - 14)^2 - (112 - 16l_0) = \text{square} \tag{3.8}$$

We discuss the $(k, n; f)$ -arc of type $(n - 4, n)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ where the points of weight 0 is 7. For the value of $l_0 = 7$, the equation (3.7) becomes

$$2q^2 + (14 - 3n)q + n^2 - 7n = 0 \tag{3.9}$$

From the equation (3.8), we get

$$(n - 14)^2 = \mu^2$$

The solution of the equation (3. 9) is either $q = n - 7$ or $2q = n$. In $PG(2,8)$ we have two solutions for n being non-negative integers with $q \equiv 0 \pmod{(n - m)}$ which are $n = 16$ or $n = 15$.

4. $(k, 16; f)$ –arcs of Type $(12, 16)$ in $PG(2, 8)$

By Lemma 2.4 cases (i) and (iii) we have:

- (i) $0 \leq \omega \leq 4$;
- (ii) $108 \leq W \leq 128$.

Lemma 4. 1. For a $(66, 16; f)$ –arc of type $(12, 16)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ with $W = 108$ we have

$$V_{16}^0 = 0, \quad V_{16}^1 = 2, \quad V_{16}^2 = 4V_{12}^0 = 9,$$

$$V_{12}^1 = 7, \quad V_{12}^2 = 5$$

Proof. From Lemma 3. 3 directly, we get the requirements by putting $n = 16, q = 8$.

Corollary 4. 2. There are no points of weight 0 lie on any 16 –secants.

Lemma 4. 3. For the existence of $(66, 16; f)$ –arc of type $(12, 16)$ with 7 points of weight zero in $PG(2, 8)$ we have :

- (i) The number of 16-secants t_{16} is 24;
- (ii) The number of 12-secants t_{12} is 49;
- (iii) The number of points of weight 2 (l_2) is 42;
- (iv) The number of points of weight 1 (l_1) is 24.

Proof. From equations (3. 1), (3. 2), (3. 5) and (3. 6) we obtain (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) respectively.

Let T_{12} be 12 –secant of $(66, 16; f)$ –arc have on it α points of weight 0, β points of weight 1 and δ points of weight 2 then

$$\alpha + \beta + \delta = 9$$

$$\beta + 2\delta = 12$$

So the possibilities of non-negative integers solutions α, β and δ are listed in the table

Type of 16-secant	δ	β	α
T_{12}^3	6	0	3
T_{12}^2	5	2	2
T_{12}^1	4	4	1
T_{12}^0	3	6	0

Table (4. 1)

Now, let A_{16} be 16 – secant of $(66, 16; f)$ – arc. Since there are no points of weight 0 on a 16 - secants, then we suppose β points of weight 1 and δ points of weight 2, then

$$\beta + \delta = 9, \quad \beta + 2\delta = 16$$

Thus, $\delta = 7$ and $\beta = 2$. Hence, we proved the following lemma:

Lemma 4. 4. The lines of $PG(2, 8)$ are partitioned into five classes with respect to a minimal $(66, 16; f)$ –arc of type $(12, 16)$ as follows:

- (i) A_{16}^0 which contains no points of weight 0, 2 points of weight 1 and 7 points of weight 2;
- (ii) T_{12}^3 which contains 3 points of weight 0, no points of weight 1 and 6 points of weight 2;
- (iii) T_{12}^2 which contains 2 points of weight 0, 2 points of weight 1 and 5 points of weight 2;
- (iv) T_{12}^1 which contains 1 point of weight 0, 4 points of weight 1 and 4 points of weight 2;
- (v) T_{12}^0 which contains no points of weight 0, 6 points of weight 1 and 3 points of weight 2.

Corollary 4. 5. There is no point of weight 1 on the 3-secant of $(7, 3)$ –arc formed by the points of weight 0.

From the equations (1. 1), (1. 2) and (1. 3), the following equations are obtained:

$$\tau_0 + \tau_1 + \tau_2 + \tau_3 = 73$$

$$\tau_1 + 2\tau_2 + 3\tau_3 = 63$$

$$\tau_2 + 3\tau_3 = 21,$$

where τ_i is the number of i –secants of $(k, 3)$ –arc. The possible solutions of these equations are listed in the following table:

Type of	τ_3	τ_2	τ_1	τ_0
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\mathcal{R}_i				
\mathcal{R}_7	7	0	42	24
\mathcal{R}_5	5	6	36	26
\mathcal{R}_4	4	9	33	27
\mathcal{R}_3	3	12	30	28
\mathcal{R}_2	2	15	27	29
\mathcal{R}_1	1	18	24	30

Table (4. 2)

Where \mathcal{R}_i represent $(7, 3)$ –arc having i 3-secasnts.

Let \mathcal{H} be a $(7, 3)$ –arc, K be a $(66, 16; f)$ –arc of type $(12, 16)$ and $Q \in PG(2, 8) \setminus \mathcal{H}$. Suppose that through Q pass S_1 represent the number of 3-secants of \mathcal{H} which are 12-secants of K , S_2 represent the number of 2-secant of \mathcal{H} which are 12-secants of K , S_3 represent the number of 1-secants of \mathcal{H} which are 12- secants of K , S_4 represent the number of 0-secants of \mathcal{H} which are 12-secants of K and S_5 represent the number of 0-secants of \mathcal{H} which are 16-secants of K . By counting the number of the lines which are pass through a point we get

$$S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + S_4 + S_5 = q + 1 = 9$$

From Lemma 4. 4 we get the following equations:

$$6S_1 + 5S_2 + 4S_3 + 3S_4 + 7S_5 = l_2 \quad (4. 2)$$

$$2S_2 + 4S_3 + 6S_4 + 2S_5 = l_1 \quad (4. 3)$$

$$3S_1 + 2S_2 + S_3 = l_0 \quad (4. 4)$$

Let Q_2 be a points of weight 2 in $PG(2, 8) \setminus \mathcal{R}_i$. From Lemma 4.1, the number of the lines of weight 16 through any point of weight 2 is 4 so $S_5 = 4$. Thus, the equations (4. 1), (4. 2), (4. 3) and (4. 4) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + S_4 &= 5 \\ 5S_1 + 4S_2 + 3S_3 + 2S_4 &= 17 \\ 2S_2 + 4S_3 + 6S_4 &= 16 \\ 3S_1 + 2S_2 + S_3 &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

The solutions of the above system are given in the following table:

Type of points	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5
A_1	2	0	1	2	4
A_2	1	2	0	2	4
A_3	1	1	2	1	4
A_4	0	3	1	1	4
A_5	1	0	4	0	4
A_6	0	2	3	0	4

Table (4. 3)

Let Q_1 be a points of weight 1 in $PG(2, 8) \setminus \mathcal{R}_i$. From Lemma 4.1, the number of the lines of weight 16 through any point of weight 1 is 2, so $S_5 = 2$ and from Corollary 4.5 we deduce $S_1 = 0$. Put $S_5 = 2$ and $S_1 = 0$, the equations (4. 1), (4. 2), (4. 3) and (4. 4) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} S_2 + S_3 + S_4 &= 7 \\ 5S_2 + 4S_3 + 3S_4 &= 28 \\ S_2 + 3S_3 + 5S_4 &= 21 \\ 2S_2 + S_3 &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

The solutions of the above system are given in the following table:

Type of point	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5
B_1	0	3	1	3	2
B_2	0	2	3	2	2
B_3	0	1	5	1	2
B_4	0	0	7	0	2

Table (4. 4)

Let P be a points of weight 0 in \mathcal{H} . From Lemma 4.1, The number of the lines of weight 16 through any point of weight 0 is 0, so $S_5 = 0$. Since the 0-secant of \mathcal{H} having no points of the $(k, 3)$ –arc, then $S_4 = 0$. Putting $S_5 = 0$ and $S_4 = 0$, the equations (4. 1), (4. 2), (4. 3) and (4. 4) becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 + S_2 + S_3 &= 9 \\ 6S_1 + 5S_2 + 4S_3 &= 42 \\ 2S_2 + 4S_3 &= 24 \\ 2S_1 + S_2 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

The possible solutions of these equations are listed in the following table :

Type of points	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5
C_1	0	6	3	0	0
C_2	1	4	4	0	0
C_3	2	2	5	0	0
C_4	3	0	6	0	0

Table (4. 5)

From [15], there are six projectively distinct $(7, 3)$ –arc in $PG(2, 8)$ which are listed in the following table:

\mathcal{R}_i	Distinct							τ_3	τ_2	τ_1	τ_0
	$(7, 3)$ –arc										
\mathcal{R}_7	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_{38}	P_{73}	7	0	42	24
\mathcal{R}_5	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_{28}	P_{73}	5	6	36	26
\mathcal{R}_4	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_{24}	P_{73}	4	9	33	27
\mathcal{R}_3	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_{24}	P_{73}	3	12	30	28
\mathcal{R}_2	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{13}	P_{37}	P_{24}	P_{73}	2	15	27	29
\mathcal{R}_1	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{13}	P_4	P_{11}	1	18	24	30

Table (4. 6)

Let \mathcal{R}_7 be a $(7, 3)$ –arc of type $(7,0,42, 24)$ represent a points of weight zero.

$$\mathcal{R}_7 = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_{53}, P_{37}, P_{38}, P_{73}\}$$

Lemma 4.6: The points of weight zero of $(66, 16; f)$ –arc K are the points of type C_4 with respect to \mathcal{R}_7 .

Proof. Since the number of 2-secants of \mathcal{R}_7 is 0 and 2-secants of \mathcal{R}_7 are 12-secants of K which is nominating S_2 , so S_2 is 0. Therefore, the points of weight 0 are only points of type C_4 [Table (4. 5)].

Lemma 4.7. The points of weight 2 of $(66, 16; f)$ –arc K of type $(12, 16)$ are points of type A_5 when the points of weight zero formed \mathcal{R}_7 .

Proof. From the Table (4. 2), the number of 2-secants of \mathcal{R}_7 is 0 and every 2-secants of \mathcal{R}_7 are 12-secants of K . So $S_2 = 0$. Since the number of 0-secants of \mathcal{R}_7 from Table (4. 2)

is 24 and from Lemma (4. 3) the number of 16-secants is 24 and every lines of weight 16 of K is 0-secants of \mathcal{R}_7 . Hence there is no line of weight 12 of K is 0-secant of \mathcal{R}_7 , this implies S_4 equal zero. From the Table (4. 3), the only type of points in which $S_2 = S_4 = 0$ is A_5 .

Lemma 4.8. The points of type B_4 represent the points of weight 1 of K where the points of weight 0 \mathcal{R}_7 .

Proof. From Lemma 4.7 we have $S_2 = S_4 = 0$, so B_4 is the only type of points which represents point of weight 1 [Table (4. 4)].

From Lemmas 4. 3, 4. 4 and Table (4. 2) we deduce the following lemmas:

Lemma 4.9. The points of weight two form $(42, 7)$ –arc of type $(24,7, 0, 42, 0, 0, 0, 0)$.

Lemma 4.10. The points of weight one form $(24, 4)$ –arc of type $(42, 0, 24, 0, 7)$.

Hence, we deduce the following theorem:

Theorem 4.11. There is $(66, 16; f)$ –arc K of type $(12, 16)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ when the points of weight 0 form $(7, 3)$ –arc \mathcal{H} of type $(7, 0, 42, 24)$.

Theorem 4.12. There is no $(66, 16; f)$ –arc of type $(12, 16)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ when the points of weight zero form $(7, 3)$ –arc having five, four , three, two and one 3-secant.

Proof. Suppose the points of weight zero form \mathcal{R}_5 and \mathcal{R}_4 . So the number of points of weight 1 equal 32 and 31 respectively which contradict Lemma 4.3.

If the points of weight 0 form \mathcal{R}_3 and \mathcal{R}_1 , then there exist 12-secant of K which is 1-secant of \mathcal{R}_i contains 5 points of weight 1. This contradict Lemma 4.4 .

When the points of weight 0 form \mathcal{R}_2 , there exist 0-secant of \mathcal{R}_2 having 4 points of weight 2 and 3 points of weight 1. This contradict Lemma 4. 4.

5.(k, 15; f) –arcs of type(11, 15) in PG(2,8)

By Lemma 2.7(i) and (iii) we get the following

- (i) $0 \leq \omega \leq 4$
- (ii) $99 \leq W \leq 119$

Lemma 5. 1. For a $(66, 15; f)$ –arc of type $(11, 15)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ with $W = 99$ we have

$$V_{15}^0 = 0, \quad V_{15}^1 = 2, \quad V_{15}^2 = 4V_{11}^0 = 9,$$

$$V_{11}^1 = 7, \quad V_{11}^2 = 5$$

Proof: Put $n = 15$ and $q = 8$ in Lemma (3. 3), we obtain solutions of V_{11}^s and V_{15}^s for $s = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

Corollary 5. 2. There are no points of weight zero lie on any 15-secants of a $(66, 15; f)$ – arc .

Now, we classify the lines of the plane with respect to the $(66,15; f)$ –arc of type $(11, 15)$. Let U_{11} be 11-secant having on it ε points of weight 0, μ points of weight 1 and γ points of weight 2, then $\varepsilon + \mu + \gamma = 9$

And counting the weights of the points on U_{11} , it follows that $\mu + 2\gamma = 11$

Let U_{15} be 15-secant having on it μ points of weight 2 and γ points of weight 2, then

$$\mu + \gamma = 9$$

$$\mu + 2\gamma = 15$$

We summaries the solutions of these equations in the following table :

Type of the lines	Point of weight 0	Point of weight 1	Point of weight 2
U_{11}^3	3	1	5
U_{11}^2	2	3	4
U_{11}^1	1	5	3
U_{11}^0	0	7	2
U_{15}	0	3	6

Table(5. 1)

By substituting $q = 8$ and $n = 15$ in equations (3. 1), (3. 2), (3. 5) and (3. 6) we get

$$t_{15} = 22, \quad t_{11} = 51, \quad l_2 = 33 \text{ and } l_1 = 33.$$

Lemma 5. 3. The points of weight zero form $(7, 3)$ –arc of type $(\tau_3, \tau_2, \tau_1, \tau_0)$.

Remark 5.4. Let $P \in \mathcal{H}$ and suppose that through there pass l_3 3-secants , l_2 2-secants, l_1 1-secants, then by using equations (2. 4) and (2. 5) , the following obtained:

$$l_3 + l_2 + l_1 = 9$$

$$l_2 + 2l_3 = 6$$

The possible solutions of these equations are listed in the following table:

Type of the point	l_3	l_2	l_1
Type 1	3	0	6
Type 2	2	2	5
Type 3	1	4	4
Type 4	0	6	3

Table (5. 2)

Suppose there are A points of type 1, B points of type 2, C points of type 3 and D points of type 4, then by using equation (2. 8) , the following equations are obtained

$$A + B + C + D = k = 7 \tag{5. 1}$$

$$3A + 2B + C = 3\tau_3 \tag{5. 2}$$

$$2B + 4C + 6D = 2\tau_2 \tag{5. 3}$$

$$6A + 5B + 4C + 3D = \tau_1 \tag{5. 4}$$

Let $Q \notin \mathcal{H}$, and suppose that through Q there pass l_3 3-secants, l_2 2-secants, l_1 1-secants and l_0 0-secants. Then , by the equations (2. 6) and (2. 7), it follows that:

$$l_3 + l_2 + l_1 + l_0 = 9$$

$$l_1 + 2l_2 + 3l_3 = 7$$

From above equations we have eight non-negative integral solutions as follows:

Type of the point	ℓ_3	ℓ_2	ℓ_1	ℓ_0
E_1	2	0	1	6
E_2	1	2	0	6
E_3	1	1	2	5
E_4	1	0	4	4
E_5	0	3	1	5
E_6	0	2	3	4
E_7	0	1	5	3
E_8	0	0	7	2

Table (5. 3)

Lemma 5.5. The points of weight 2 of the $(66, i6; f)$ –arc K are points of type E_i , $i = 1, \dots, 6$ with respect to the $(7, 3)$ -arc \mathcal{H} .

Proof. By Lemma 5.1, through a point of weight 2 there pass four 15-secants of K which represent 0-secants of \mathcal{H} and five 11-secants of K which are i -secants of \mathcal{H} , $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$. Hence the number of 0-secants which pass through a point of weight 0 must be at least 4. Then, the type of points of K , which not satisfied the condition above are the points of type E_7, E_8 [Table (5. 3)].

Remark 5.6. Suppose that φ_i be the number of the points of type E_i , $i = 1, \dots, 8$ which represent the points of the plane of order 8 excluding the points of \mathcal{H} , then we obtained the following:

$$\sum_{i=1}^8 \varphi_i = 73 - 7 = 66$$

Making use of equation (2. 9), we obtain

$$2\varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + \varphi_3 + \varphi_4 = 6\tau_3 \tag{5. 5}$$

$$2\varphi_2 + \varphi_3 + 3\varphi_5 + 2\varphi_6 + \varphi_7 = 7\tau_2 \tag{5. 6}$$

$$\varphi_1 + 2\varphi_3 + 4\varphi_4 + \varphi_5 + 3\varphi_6 + 5\varphi_7 + 7\varphi_8 = 8 \tag{5. 7}$$

$$6\varphi_1 + 6\varphi_2 + 5\varphi_3 + 4\varphi_4 + 5\varphi_5 + 4\varphi_6 + 3\varphi_7 + 2\varphi_8 = 9\tau_0 \tag{5. 8}$$

From [8], there are six projectively distinct $(7, 3)$ –arcs in $PG(2, 8)$ which are listed in the following table:

\mathcal{M}_i	Distinct (7, 3)-arc							τ_3	τ_2	τ_1	τ_0
\mathcal{M}_7	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_{38}	P_{73}	7	0	42	24
\mathcal{M}_5	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_5	P_{28}	5	6	36	26
\mathcal{M}_4	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_5	P_6	4	9	33	27
\mathcal{M}_3	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{37}	P_5	P_{11}	3	12	30	28
\mathcal{M}_2	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{10}	P_4	P_{11}	2	15	27	29
\mathcal{M}_1	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_{53}	P_{13}	P_4	P_{11}	1	18	24	30

Table (5. 4)

Where \mathcal{M}_i represent $(7, 3)$ –arc with i 3-secants.

Theorem 5.7. There is no $(66, 15; f)$ –arc K of type $(11, 15)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ having $\text{Imf} = \{0, 1, 2\}$, where the seven points of weight 0 form $(7, 3)$ -arc having 7, 5, and 4 3-secants.

Proof. Suppose the points of weight 0 form \mathcal{M}_7 , So the number of points of weight 2 equal 35, this contradiction because $l_2 = 33$. And if the seven points of weight 0 form \mathcal{M}_5 and \mathcal{M}_4 , then there exist 11-secant of K which 1-secant of \mathcal{M}_i that contains 6 points of weight 1, this lead to contradict the Table (5.1).

From Table (5. 4) the points of $(7, 3)$ –arc of type $(3, 12, 30, 28)$ is the set

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_5, P_{11}, P_{37}, P_{53}\}$$

Let $P \in \mathcal{M}_3$, since there are 3 2-secants which meet at most in two points of \mathcal{M}_3 , then $A = 0$. By putting $\tau_3 = 3, \tau_2 = 12, \tau_1 = 30$ and $A = 0$ in the equations(5.1), (5. 2), (5. 3) and (5. 4) then we have the only non-negative integer solution is $B = 3, C = 3$ and $D = 1$. Suppose $Q \notin \mathcal{M}_3$, the three 3-secants are meet in a point of \mathcal{M}_3 , and every two 2-secants of \mathcal{M}_3 are intersects at point $Q \notin \mathcal{M}_3$ and not lies on any 3-secant of \mathcal{M}_3 . Therefore, $|E_1| = |E_2| = 0$.

Putting $\tau_3 = 3, \tau_2 = 12, \tau_1 = 30, \tau_0 = 28$ and $|E_1| = |E_2| = 0$, the equations (5. 5), (5. 6), (5. 7) and (5. 8) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_3 + \varphi_4 &= 18 \\ 3\varphi_5 + 2\varphi_6 + \varphi_7 &= 84 \\ 2\varphi_3 + 4\varphi_4 + \varphi_5 + 3\varphi_6 + 5\varphi_7 + 7\varphi_8 &= 240 \end{aligned}$$

$$5\varphi_3 + 4\varphi_4 + 5\varphi_5 + 4\varphi_6 + 3\varphi_7 + 2\varphi_8 = 252$$

By classification the points in the plane of order 8 with respect to \mathcal{M}_3 , we get the only non-negative integer solution of the above equations which is:

$$\varphi_1 = 0, \varphi_2 = 0, \varphi_3 = 12, \varphi_4 = 6, \varphi_5 = 3, \varphi_6 = 21, \varphi_7 = 20, \varphi_8 = 4.$$

Hence we deduce the following theorem:

Theorem 5.8. There is $(66, 15; f)$ –arc K of type $(11, 15)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ having $\text{Imf} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ for which the seven points of weight 0 form \mathcal{M}_3 .

Now, we discuss the case when points of weight 0 form \mathcal{M}_2 . From Table (5. 4) the points of \mathcal{M}_2 of type $(2, 15, 27, 30)$ is the set

$$\mathcal{M}_2 = \{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_{10}, P_{11}, P_{53}\}$$

Since there are only two 2-secant which meet in one point of \mathcal{M}_2 , therefore $A = 0$ and there is only one point of type B [Table (5. 2)]. This means $B = 1$.

By substituting $\tau_3 = 2, \tau_2 = 15, \tau_1 = 27, A = 0$ and $B = 1$ in the equations (5.1), (5. 2), (5.3) and (5. 4) we have the only non-negative integral solution is $A = 0, B = 1, C = 4$ and $D = 2$.

Suppose $Q \notin \mathcal{M}_2$, hence every two 3-secants of \mathcal{M}_2 are not intersect at a point of $Q \notin \mathcal{M}_2$, therefore, $\varphi_1 = 0$. But every two 2-secants of \mathcal{M}_2 are intersects at a point $Q \notin \mathcal{M}_2$ and not lies on any 3-secants of \mathcal{M}_2 . Therefore, $\varphi_2 = 0$.

Substituting $\tau_3 = 2, \tau_2 = 15, \tau_1 = 27, \tau_0 = 29$, and $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0$, the equations (5. 5), (5. 6), (5. 7) and (5. 8) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_3 + \varphi_4 &= 12 \\ \varphi_3 + 3\varphi_5 + 2\varphi_6 + \varphi_7 &= 105 \\ 2\varphi_3 + 4\varphi_4 + \varphi_5 + 3\varphi_6 + 5\varphi_7 + 7\varphi_8 &= 216 \\ 5\varphi_3 + 4\varphi_4 + 5\varphi_5 + 4\varphi_6 + 3\varphi_7 + 2\varphi_8 &= 261 \end{aligned}$$

By classification the points in the plane of order 8 with respect to \mathcal{M}_2 , we get: $\varphi_1 = 0, \varphi_2 = 0, \varphi_3 = 10, \varphi_4 = 2, \varphi_5 = 7, \varphi_6 = 29, \varphi_7 = 16, \varphi_8 = 2$.

Hence we deduce the following theorem:

Theorem 5.9. There is $(66, 15; f)$ –arc K of type $(11, 15)$ in $PG(2, 8)$ having $\text{Imf} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ for which the seven points of weight 0 form \mathcal{M}_2 .

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