
 (k, n, f) –arcs of Type $(n - 11, n)$ and monoidal (k, n, f) –arc in $PG(2, 11)$

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Abstract. The purpose of this work is to construct an examples of (k, n, f) –arcs of type $(n - 11, n)$ when the points of weight zero are greater than or equal seventy. We constructed a monoidal (k, n, f) –arc when the points of weight zero form a $(110, 11)$ –arc of type $(10, 121, 2)$, also we constructed a maximum $(100, 10)$ –arc of type $(30, 100, 3)$ in $PG(2, 11)$. Finally, we proved that there are (k, n, f) –arcs of type $(n - 11, n)$ when the points of weight one lies on only one n –weighting line of (k, n, f) –arcs and the points of weight two lies on exactly two n –weighting lines of (k, n, f) –arcs.

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1. Introduction

The notion of (k, n, f) - arcs were proposed by Scafati[13] in 1971. In 1979, Barnabei[4] studied these types of arcs and obtained some particular results about the existence and non-existence of these arcs in $PG(2, q)$ by using a computer program. D'Agostini [5] in 1979

studied caps with weighted points in $PG(2, q)$, some relations between parameters of (k, n, f) -caps and characters were found. In particular,

D'Agostini studied a weighted (k, n) –arcs of type $(n - 2, n)$ in $PG(2, q)$ [6]. 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 $PG(2, 3)$. In 1989, Hameed[8] studied the existence and non-existence weighted (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 $(10, 13)$. In 1990 Mahmood [11] discussed (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 Abass [1] in 2011. He proved there exist $(81, 12, f)$ –arc of type $(9, 12)$ and $(76, 11, f)$ –arc of type $(8, 11)$. In 2012 Abudljebar [3], studied the generalization of (k, n, f) – arcs of type $(1, n)$ in $PG(2, q)$ and weighted (k, n) –arcs of type $(n - 4, n)$ in $PG(2, 8)$.

Most of the authors were used the table of lines and coordinates of points to construct the example of $(k, n; f)$ -arcs in $PG(2, q)$ while we used a new technique depending on the dual of

k -arcs and the envelope in projective plane of order eleven.

2. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1[10]. Let $GF(p) = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, p is prime and let $f(x)$ be irreducible polynomial of degree h over $GF(p)$, then

$$GF(q) = GF(p^h) = \frac{GF(p)[x]}{f(x)} = \{a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_{h-1} t^{h-1} : a_i \in GF(p); f(t) = 0\}$$

Definition 2.2[10]. A projective plane over $GF(q)$ is 2-dimensional projective space and denoted by $PG(2, q)$ or π which contains $q^2 + q + 1$ lines, every line contains $q + 1$ points 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 collinear.

Definition 2.3[10]. Let $f(x) = x^{r+1} - a_r x^r - \dots - a_0$ be any monic polynomial, the companion matrix $C(f)$ is given by the following $(r + 1) \times (r + 1)$ matrix:

$$C(f) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_r \end{bmatrix}$$

In particular, when $r = 2$ we have $f(x) = x^3 - a_2 x^2 - a_1 x - a_0$, and

$$C(f) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a_0 & a_1 & a_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We choose $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x - 3$.

Definition 2.4[10]. A t_n -arc is a set of t_n points such that no three points are collinear.

Lemma 2.5[10]. Let $t(p)$ be the number of tangents through p of t_n -arc and T_i be the number of i -secants of t_n in $PG(2, q)$, then

- (i) $t(p) = q + 2 - t_n$;
- (ii) $T_2 = \frac{t_n(t_n-1)}{2}$;
- (iii) $T_1 = t_n t$, $t = q + 2 - t_n$;
- (iv) $T_0 = \frac{q(q-1)}{2} + \frac{t(t-1)}{2}$;
- (v) $T_0 + T_1 + T_2 = q^2 + q + 1$.

Definition 2.6[10]. The set of t_n lines such that no three are concurrent is called a dual of t_n -arc .

Lemma 2.7. Let $t(l)$ be the number of points lie on a line l and let S_i be the number of points which pass through their i -secant, then

- (i) $t(l) = q + 2 - t_n$;
- (ii) $S_2 = \frac{t_n(t_n-1)}{2}$;
- (iii) $S_1 = t_n t$, $t = q + 2 - t_n$;
- (iv) $S_0 = \frac{q(q-1)}{2} + \frac{t(t-1)}{2}$;
- (v) $S_0 + S_1 + S_2 = q^2 + q + 1$.

Proof. According to the principle of duality, so the proof is dual of the proof of Lemma 2.5.

Definition 2.8 [10]. A (k, n) -arc \mathcal{H} is a set of k points such that there are n but no $n + 1$ of them are collinear.

Definition 2.9 [8].A line ℓ in $PG(2, q)$ is an i – secant of a (k, n) – arc \mathcal{H} if $|\ell \cap \mathcal{H}| = i$. Let τ_i denote the total number of i – secants to \mathcal{H} in $PG(2, q)$

Lemma 2.10 [10]. For the (k, n) -arc \mathcal{H} , the following equations are hold:

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

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

(iii) $\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i(i-1)}{2} \tau_i = \frac{k(k-1)}{2},$

Definition 2.11 [2]. A point p of $PG(2, q)$ is called a point of index zero if not lies on the (k, n) – arc \mathcal{H} and not on any n -secants of \mathcal{H} .

Theorem 2.12 [10]. Let \mathcal{H} be a (k, n) – arc in $PG(2, q)$ where q is prime, then

(i) If $n \leq (q + 1)/2$, then the maximum size $m_n(2, q)$ satisfies the inequality $m_n(2, q) \leq (n - 1)q + 1$.

(ii) If $n \geq (q + 3)/2$, then $m_n(2, q) \leq (n - 1)q + n - (q + 1)/2$.

Definition 2.13 [5]. Let π be the projective plane of order q and denoted by p and 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 havenon – zero weight.

By using f we can define a function $F: R \rightarrow Z^+$ such that for any

$r \in R, F(r) = \sum_{p \in r} f(p)$. $F(r)$ is called the weight of the line r .

Definition 2.14 [5]. 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 $\omega = \max_{p \in P} f(p)$, V_i^j to the number of lines of weight i through a point of weight j and $W = \sum_{j=0}^{\omega} \mathcal{H}_j = \sum_{p \in P} f(p)$. For a $(k, n; f)$ -arc, we have the following important Lemma:

Lemma 2.15 [8]. For the weighted (k, n) – arcs in $PG(2, 11)$, the following statements are hold:

(i) $\omega \leq 11;$

(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 $(n - 11)(q + 1) \leq W \leq (n - \omega)q + n;$

(iv) Let K be a $(k, n; f)$ – arc of type $(n - 11, n), n - 11 > 0$ and let p be a point having weight s , then V_{n-11}^s and V_n^s are determined p and are given by:

$$V_{n-11}^s = \frac{q(n - s) - W + n}{11}$$

and

$$V_n^s = \frac{q(s - n + 11) + W - n + 11}{11};$$

(v) $q \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$;

(vi) $k = \sum_{j=1}^2 l_j$;

(vii) The characters of $(k, n; f)$ – arc K of type $(n - 11, n)$ are given by

$$t_{n-11} = \left[\frac{q+1}{11} \right] \left[\frac{n(q^2 + q + 1)}{q+1} - W \right]$$

and

$$t_n = \left[\frac{q+1}{11} \right] \left[W - \frac{(n-11)(q^2 + q + 1)}{q+1} \right]$$

Corollary 2.16[8]. If $W = (n - 11)(q + 1)$, then $(k, n; f)$ – arc is minimal and if $W = (n - \omega) + n$, then $(k, n; f)$ – arc is maximal.

Definition 2.17[12]. A $(k, n; f)$ -arc is called monoidal if $\text{Im}f = \{0, 1, m\}$ and $l_m = 1$, with $m \geq 2$.

Principle of Duality 2.18[10]. For any space $S = PG(n, q)$, there is a dual space S^* , whose points and primes are respectively primes and points of S . For any theorem true in S there is an equivalent theorem true in S^* .

Lemma 2.19. The existence of a $(k, n; f)$ – arcs of type $(n - 11, n)$, in $PG(2, q)$ with $q + 1 < n < 2q + 2$ requires $q \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$

Proof. Directly, from Lemma 2.15 case (v). ■

Lemma 2.20[5]. The existence of a $(k, n; f)$ – arcs of type $(n - 11, n)$ in $PG(2, q)$ with $q + 1 < n < 2q + 2$ requires $l_i = 0, i \geq 3$.

We used Lemma 2.15 case (iii) to get

$$\begin{aligned} (n - 11)(q + 1) &\leq W \\ &\leq (n - 11)(q + 1) + 11 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.21. For a $(k, n; f)$ – arcs of type $(n - 11, n)$ in $PG(2, q)$ with W minimal

($W = (q + 1)(n - 11)$) we have

$$\begin{aligned} V_{n-11}^0 &= q + 1, & V_{n-11}^1 &= \frac{10q + 11}{11}, & V_{n-11}^2 &= \frac{9q + 11}{11} \\ V_n^0 &= 0, & V_n^1 &= \frac{q}{11}, & V_n^2 &= \frac{2q}{11} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From Lemma 2.15 case (iv), by substituting $n - 11 = q + 1$ for $\text{Im}f = \{0, 1, 2\}$. ■

Corollary 2.22. There is no points of weight 0 on n – weighting lines of $(k, n; f)$ – arcs of type $(n - 11, n)$.

For the case $l_0 > 0, l_1 > 0, l_2 > 0$ and $l_i = 0$, where $3 \leq i \leq 11$, we have the weight of the points of the $(k, n; f)$ – arcs is $\omega = 2$, and by using the minimal case ($W = (n - 11)(q + 1)$) and by counting the number of lines of $PG(2, q)$ we find the following:

$$t_n + t_{n-11} = q^2 + q + 1$$

By counting the number of n – weighting lines (t_n) and $(n - 11)$ - weighting lines (t_{n-11}), and counting the total incidence, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} nt_n + (n - 11)t_{n-11} &= W(q + 1) \\ &= (n - 11)(q + 1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we get

$$t_n = \frac{(n-11)q}{11} \quad (2.1)$$

$$t_{n-11} = \frac{11q^2 + (22-n)q + 11}{11} \quad (2.2)$$

Lemma 2.23. The $n -$ weighting lines of $(k, n; f) -$ arcs of type $(n - 11, n)$ form a dual of $t_n -$ arc in $PG(2, 11)$.

Proof. From Lemma 2.21, we have $V_n^2 = 2$, this mean that there are no three $n -$ weighting lines are concurrent. Then the number of $n -$ weighting lines t_n form a dual of $t_n -$ arc. ■

Suppose that on $n -$ weighting lines there are α points of weight 1 and β points of weight 2. Then counting the points of $n -$ weighting lines, it follows that:

$$\alpha + \beta = q + 1$$

And counting the weight of points on $n -$ weighting lines, we have

$$\alpha + 2\beta = n$$

Solving these two equations, we obtain

$$\alpha = 2(q + 1) - n \quad (2.3)$$

$$\beta = n - (q + 1) \quad (2.4)$$

counting the incidences between the points of weight two and $n -$ weighting lines, we get

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

Making use of Lemma 2.21, equation (2.1) and equation (2.4) we obtain

$$l_2 = \frac{(n-11)(n-q-1)}{2} \quad (2.5)$$

Similarly, counting the incidences between the points of weight one and $n -$ weighting lines, we have

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

Hence, by using Lemma 2.21, equation (2.2) and equation (2.3), we get

$$l_1 = (n - 11)(2q + 2 - n) \quad (2.6)$$

From equations (2.5) and (2.6), counting the points in the plane, we have

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

$$l_0 = q^2 + q + 1 - (n - 11)(2q + 2 - n) - \frac{(n - 11)(n - q - 1)}{2}$$

Hence

$$2q^2 + (35 - 3n)q + n^2 - 14n + 35 - 2l_0 = 0 \quad (2.7)$$

The solution of equation (2.7) exists with respect to q if $(35 - 3n)^2 - 8(n^2 - 14n + 35 - 2l_0)$ is square, then

$$(n - 49)^2 - (1456 - 16l_0) = \text{square} \quad (2.8)$$

Let l be $(n - 11)$ -weighting lines having on it μ points of weight 2, δ points of weight 1 and γ points of weight 0. Then counting points on l gives

$$\mu + \delta + \gamma = q + 1 \quad (2.9)$$

and summing the weights of points on l gives

$$2\mu + \delta = n - 11 \quad (2.10)$$

3. $(k, n; f)$ –arcs of Type $(n - 11, n)$ in $PG(2, 11)$

3.1. The case of l_0 equal 70.

Substitute $l_0 = 70$ and $q = 11$ in the equation (2.7) we get $n = 18$, from the equations (2.1) and (2.2) we get $t_n = 7$ which are represented in Figure 3.1.

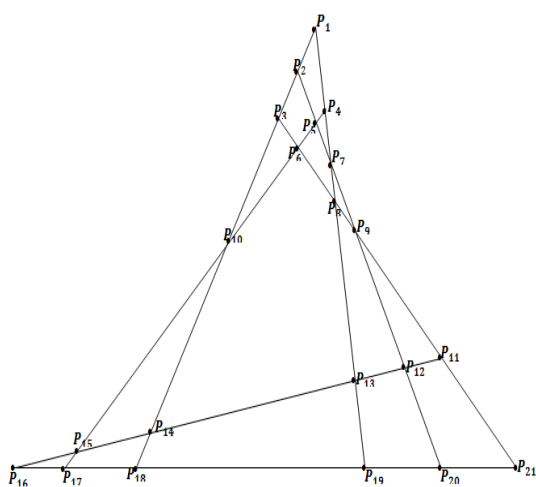


Figure 3.1

Since $V_n^2 = 2$ and $t_n = 7$, so the number of n -weighting lines form a dual of 7-arc. Hence the intersection of any two n -weighting lines are points of weight two, so the number of points of weight two equal $\binom{7}{2} = 21$. The remaining points of any n -weighting lines are points of weight one. From the Figure 3.1, we deduce that the number of points of weight one equal $t_n(q + 1 - 6) = 7 \times 6 = 42$.

Lemma 3.1.1. (i) The number of points of weight zero form $(70, 8)$ -arc of type $(14, 63, 42, 7, 0, 0, 0, 7)$.

(ii)The number of points of weight one form $(42, 7)$ -arc of type $(7, 7, 42, 0, 63, 0, 14, 0)$.

(iii) The number of points of weight two form $(21, 6)$ -arc of type $(7, 0, 0, 14, 63, 42, 7)$.

Proof. Directly, from the equations (2.9), (2.10) and Lemma 2.10. ■

Since $k = \sum_{j=1}^2 l_j = 63$. Hence we deduce the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1.2. There exist a $(63, 18; f)$ – arc of type $(7, 18)$ in $PG(2, 11)$ with the $Imf = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and the points of weight zero is $(70, 8)$ -arc of type $(14, 63, 42, 7, 0, 0, 0, 7)$.

3.2. The case of l_0 equal 76, 83, 91 and 100

In this section we discuss the case of $l_0 = 76, 83, 91$ and 100 . By substitute the values of l_0 and $q = 11$, from equation (2.7) we get $n = 17, 16, 15$ and 14 respectively. By the same argument in the section 3.1 we get $t_n = 6, 5, 4$ and 3 respectively. Since $V_n^2 = 2$, so the n -weighting lines form a t_n -arcs. Since the intersection of any two n -weighting lines is a point of weight two, hence the number of points of weight two (l_2) equal $\binom{t_n}{2}$, $t_n = 6, 5, 4$ and 3 . By the same argument in 3.1, the remaining points of any n -weighting lines are points of weight one. As in 3.1 we summarize the values of k in the table 3.1 and Figures 3.2 and 3.3.

t_n	l_1	l_2	l_0	k
6	42	15	$(76, 9)$ -arc	57
5	40	10	$(83, 9)$ -arc	50

4	36	6	(91, 10)-arc	42
3	30	3	(100, 10)-arc	33

Table 3.1

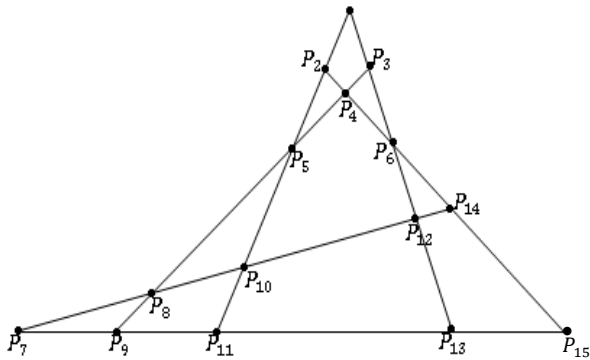


Figure 3.2 ($t_n = 6$)

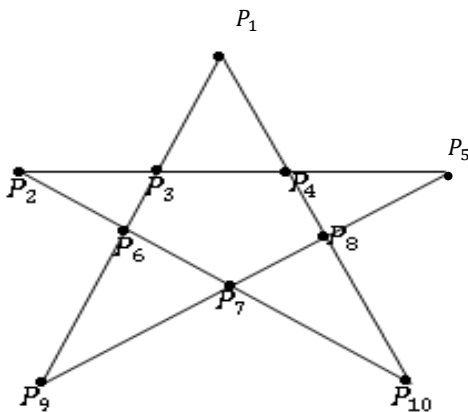


Figure 3.3 ($t_n = 5$)

Since $k = 57, 50, 42$ and 33 . Hence we deduce the following theorem.

Theorem 3.2.1. There exist a $(k, n; f) - arc$ of type $(n - 11, n)$ in $PG(2, 11)$ with the $Imf = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

Corollary 3.2.2. The points of weight zero form a maximum $(k, 10)$ -arc \mathcal{H} of type $(\tau_{10} = 30, \tau_9 = 100, \tau_0 = 3)$ and $\tau_i = 0$ other wise in $PG(2, 11)$.

Proof. Suppose that the points $P_1(1,0,0), P_2(0,1,0)$ and $P_3(0,0,1)$ are points of weight two, since through every point of weight two there pass exactly two n -weighting lines as in Figure 3.4, hence the remaining points of l_1, l_2 and l_{10} are points of weight one.

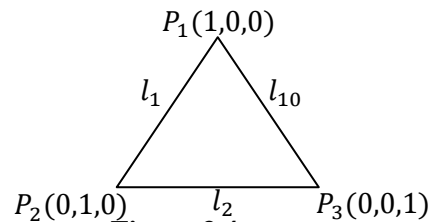


Figure 3.4

Let l be a line of weighting $(n - 11)$. Suppose that there are α points of weight two, β points of weight one and γ points of weight zero, we have

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 12$$

$$2\alpha + \beta = 3$$

The only non-negative integers solutions are given in the table 3.2

α	β	γ
1	1	10
0	3	9

Table 3.2

From the solutions above we get that the points of weight zero form a $(100, 10)$ -arc of type $(\tau_{10} = 30, \tau_9 = 100, \tau_0 = 3)$, since every point $P \notin (100, 10)$ -arc lies on 10-secants of $(100, 10)$ -arc. Since there is no points of index zero, therefore, the $(100, 10)$ -arc is maximum \mathcal{H} in $PG(2, 11)$.

4. Monoidal (23, 13; f) –arc of type (2, 13) in PG(2, 11) Lemma 4.1 [9]. For the monoidal arc of type (2, 13) in PG(2, 11) with W minimal ($W = 24$), we have

$$V_2^0 = 12, \quad V_2^1 = 11, \quad V_2^2 = 10,$$

$$V_{13}^0 = 0, \quad V_{13}^1 = 1, \quad V_{13}^2 = 2$$

Lemma 4.2 [9]. For the existence of the monoidal arc of type (2, 13) in PG(2, 11) with W minimal ($W = 24$), we must have the following:

- (i) The number of 13 –weighting lines (t_{23}) is 2;
- (ii) The number of 2 –weighting lines (t_{12}) is 131;
- (iii) The number of points of weight 2 (l_2) is 1;
- (iv) The number of points of weight 1 (l_1) is 22.

Corollary 4.3. (i) The number of points of weight one form a (22, 11) –arc of type (2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 121, 0, 10).

(ii) The number of points of weight zero form a (110, 11) –arc of type (10, 121, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2).

Proof. Directly, from the equations (2.9), (2.10) and Lemma 2.10. ■

Corollary 4.4. The points of weight zero form a (110, 11) –arco type ($\tau_{11} = 10, \tau_{10} = 121, \tau_0 = 2$ and $\tau_i = 0$ other wise) in PG(2, 11).

Since $k = \sum_{j=1}^2 l_j = 23$. Hence we deduce the following theorem.

Theorem 4.5. There exist a monoidal (23, 13; f) – arc of type (2, 13) in PG(2, 11) when the points of weight zero is 110 with $\text{Im}f = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

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