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## Abstract

A subset  $X$  in the  $k$ -dimensional Euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^k$  that contains  $n$  points (elements) is called an  $n$ -point isosceles set if every triplet of points selected from them forms an isosceles triangle. In this paper, we show that there exist exactly two 11-point isosceles sets up to isomorphism and that the maximum cardinality of isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is 11 .

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{R}^k$  be the  $k$ -dimensional Euclidean space,  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k)$  be in  $\mathbb{R}^k$ , and  $d(x, y) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k (x_i - y_i)^2}$ .

For a finite set  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ , let

$$A(X) = \{d(x, y) \mid x, y \in X, x \neq y\}.$$

If  $|A(X)| = s$ , we call  $X$  an  $s$ -distance set.

Two subsets in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  are said to be *isomorphic* if there exists similar transformation from one to the other.

We have the following interesting problems on  $s$ -distance sets.

- (1) What is the cardinality of points (elements) when the number of  $s$ -distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is finite (up to isomorphism) ?
- (2) What is the maximum cardinality of  $s$ -distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  ?
- (3) Can we say something about the ratios of distances in an  $s$ -distance set ?

As regards the question (1), Einhorn and Schoenberg [5] showed that the number of 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is finite if cardinalities are more than or equal to  $k + 2$ .

For the question (2) with  $s = 2$  and  $k \leq 8$ , Kelly [9], Croft [4], and Lisoněk [12] gave the maximum cardinalities. Their results are summarized in Table 1 (see [1, 12]).

As regards the question (3), Larman, Rogers and Seidel [11] showed that if  $|X| > 2k + 3$ , the ratio of 2 distances in any 2-distance set  $X$  is given by  $\sqrt{\alpha - 1} : \sqrt{\alpha}$ , where  $\alpha$  is an integer  $\alpha$  satisfying  $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{k}{2}}$ .

Bannai, Bannai and Stanton [2] and Blokhuis [3] proved that the cardinality of an  $s$ -distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is bounded above by  $\binom{k+s}{s}$ . For the case  $s = 3$  and  $k = 2$ , Shinohara [13]

gave the answers to the questions (1) and (2) by classifying 3-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . He proved that there are finitely many 3-distance sets when cardinalities are more than or equal to 5. He also proved that the maximum cardinality of 3-distance sets is 7. The complete classification of 3-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  was also given. Recently he [14] showed uniqueness of maximum 3-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

Table 1: The maximum cardinality of 2-distance sets.

$k$	$\binom{k+2}{2}$	the maximum cardinality of 2-distance sets	the number of 2-distance sets giving the maximum cardinality
1	3	3	1
2	6	5	1
3	10	6	6
4	15	10	1
5	21	16	1
6	28	27	1
7	36	29	1
8	45	45	$\geq 1$

## 2 Other definition and known results

We call a set in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  with  $n$  points an  $n$ -point isosceles set if every triplet of points selected from them forms an isosceles triangle.

Here three collinear points will be interpreted as forming an isosceles triangle if and only if one of them is the mid-point of the other pair.

We remark that all  $n$ -point 2-distance sets are  $n$ -point isosceles sets.

The following are the known facts about isosceles sets.

- Ten-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  exist infinitely even though we remove isomorphic ones. For example,  $\{(\cos \frac{2j}{5}\pi, \sin \frac{2j}{5}\pi, 0, 0) \mid 0 \leq j \leq 4\} \cup \{c(0, 0, \cos \frac{2k}{5}\pi, \sin \frac{2k}{5}\pi) \mid 0 \leq k \leq 4\}$  is a 10-point isosceles set for any positive real number  $c$ . It is non-isomorphic to  $\{(\cos \frac{2j}{5}\pi, \sin \frac{2j}{5}\pi, 0, 0) \mid 0 \leq j \leq 4\} \cup \{c'(0, 0, \cos \frac{2k}{5}\pi, \sin \frac{2k}{5}\pi) \mid 0 \leq k \leq 4\}$  for any positive real number  $c'$  satisfying  $c' \neq c$ .
- No 9-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  exists. (Croft [4])
- There exists a unique 8-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  up to isomorphism. It is in Fig. 1. (Kido [10])
- Seven-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  exist infinitely even though we remove isomorphic ones.
- No 7-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  exists. (Golomb [8], Kelly [9])
- There exists a unique 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism. It consists of five points of a regular pentagon and its center. (Golomb [8], Kelly [9])
- There exist exactly three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism. All of them are four points of a square and its center, five points of a regular pentagon, and four points of a regular pentagon and its center. (Fishburn [7], Golomb [8])

- Four-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  exist infinitely even though we remove isomorphic ones. Moreover the following are the known facts about 2-distance sets.
- No 11-point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  exists. (Lisoněk [12])
- There exists a unique 10-point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  up to isomorphism. This is constructed by the Petersen graph. (Lisoněk [12])
- No 7-point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  exists. (Croft [4], Einhorn and Schoenberg [6])
- There exist exactly six (mutually non-isomorphic) 6-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (Einhorn and Schoenberg [6])
- There exist exactly twenty-six (mutually non-isomorphic) 5-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (not in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ). (Einhorn and Schoenberg [6])
- There exists a unique 5-point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . It consists of five points of a regular pentagon. (Einhorn and Schoenberg [6])

Fig. 1. A unique 8-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (from Kido [10]).

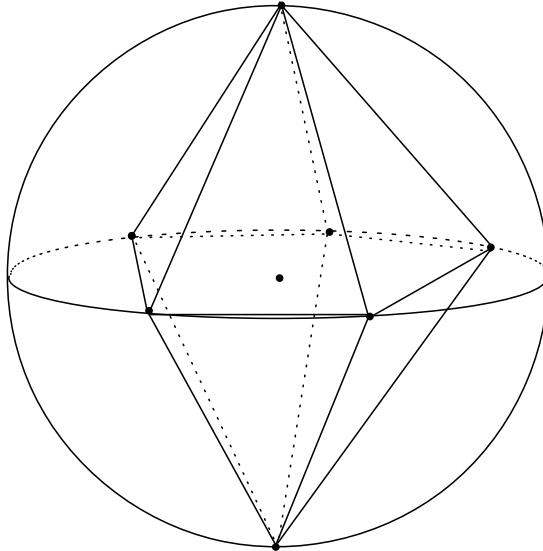
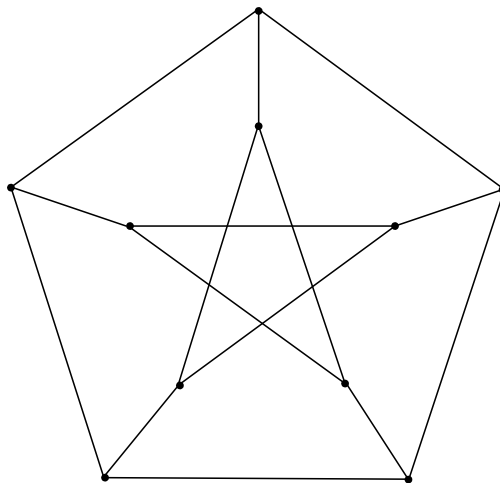


Fig. 2. The Petersen graph.



In this paper, we consider classification and the maximum cardinality of isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Now we have two examples of 11-point isosceles sets. Let

$$X' = \{\mathbf{e}_i + \mathbf{e}_j \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq 4, i \neq j\} \cup \{-\mathbf{e}_k + (\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{4}, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{4}, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{4}, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{4}) \mid 1 \leq k \leq 4\}.$$

Then  $X'$  is a unique 10-point 2-distance set (see Lisoněk [12]). These ten points lie on the 3-dimensional sphere. So if we add  $(\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10})$  which is the center of them, then

$$X = X' \cup \{(\frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10}, \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{10})\}$$

is an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . We remark that  $X'$  and  $X$  contain a square. The second example is

$$Y = \{(\cos \frac{2j}{5}\pi, \sin \frac{2j}{5}\pi, 0, 0) \mid 0 \leq j \leq 4\} \cup \{(0, 0, \cos \frac{2k}{5}\pi, \sin \frac{2k}{5}\pi) \mid 0 \leq k \leq 4\} \cup \{(0, 0, 0, 0)\}.$$

We can easily see that  $Y$  is an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  that contains a regular pentagon.

The following theorem and corollary are the main results.

**Theorem 2.1.** *There exist exactly two 11-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  up to isomorphism. They are  $X$  and  $Y$  mentioned above.*

**Corollary 2.2.** *There is no 12-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Therefore the maximum cardinality of isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is 11.*

We show them by expanding Croft's method [4] into  $\mathbb{R}^4$ .

### 3 Notation and some isosceles set configurations

We introduce the following notation (see [4]):

Apex: a point of a set of three or more points equidistant from all the others.

Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$  be an  $n$ -point isosceles set. We define the *vertex-number*  $V(P_i)$  of a point  $P_i \in \mathcal{P}$  by the number of distinct isosceles triangles of which  $P_i$  is an apex. It is easy to see that

$$V(P_1) + \dots + V(P_n) \geq \binom{n}{3} \quad (1)$$

holds. Especially let  $\alpha$  be the number of regular triangles in  $\mathcal{P}$ ,

$$V(P_1) + \dots + V(P_n) = 2\alpha + \binom{n}{3} \quad (2)$$

holds.

We further say that a point  $P_i \in \mathcal{P}$  is of *type*  $(r, s, \dots, u)$  if the lines joining it to the remaining points in  $\mathcal{P}$  are constituted thus:  $r$  of length  $a$ ,  $s$  of length  $b, \dots, u$  of length  $l$ , where  $a, b, \dots, l$  are no two of them equal. Setting  $r \geq s \geq \dots \geq u$ ,  $r + s + \dots + u = n - 1$  clearly holds. Moreover if  $P_i$  is of type  $(r, s, \dots, u)$ , then

$$V(P_i) = \binom{r}{2} + \binom{s}{2} + \dots + \binom{u}{2} \quad (3)$$

holds.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , and suppose that  $P_1$  has the largest vertex-number. Then the type of  $P_1$  satisfies one of the following cases (A)-(H):*

**Case (A):**  $(10)$ ,

**Case (B):**  $(9,1), (8,2), (8,1,1)$ ,

**Case (C):**  $(7,3), (7,2,1)$ ,

**Case (D):**  $(6,4), (6,3,1), (5,5), (5,4,1)$ ,

**Case (E):**  $(7,1,1,1)$ ,

**Case (F):**  $(6,2,2)$ ,

**Case (G):**  $(6,2,1,1)$ , and

**Case (H):**  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $V(P_1) + \dots + V(P_{11}) \geq \binom{11}{3} = 165$  by (1), we have  $V(P_1) \geq 15$ . Let  $(r, s, \dots, u)$  be the type of  $P_1$ . Then we have

$$\binom{r}{2} + \binom{s}{2} + \dots + \binom{u}{2} \geq 15, \quad (4)$$

and we have

$$r + s + \dots + u = 10. \quad (5)$$

In order to satisfy (4) and (5),  $(r, s, \dots, u)$  must be one in the list of the lemma. ■

Throughout this paper, we refer to the *condition (X)* as "four points in a set lie on a circle".

We first show the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** *If an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  exists, then the condition (X) is true for it.*

In the following Sections 4-11, we prove Lemma 3.2 case by case according to eight cases (A)-(H) of types of  $P_1$  given in Lemma 3.1. In Sections 12 and 13, we deal with 11-point isosceles sets satisfying the condition (X). In Section 14, we complete the proofs of Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2.

The following propositions are useful for us to prove Lemma 3.2 and Theorem 2.1. We can prove Propositions 3.3 and 3.4 using a similar method to Lemma 3.1.

**Proposition 3.3.** *In a 10-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ , let  $P$  be a point that has the largest vertex-number. Let  $(r, s, \dots, u)$  be the type of  $P$ . If  $r < 6$ , then it must be  $(5,4), (5,3,1), (5,2,2)$ , or  $(4,4,1)$ . ■*

**Proposition 3.4.** *In a 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , let  $P$  be a point that has the largest vertex-number. Then the type of  $P$  is one of  $(5), (4,1)$ , and  $(3,2)$ . ■*

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let an  $n$ -point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  be constituted thus:  $P_1$ , which is the center of a 3-dimensional sphere  $S$ ; upon  $S$  lie  $P_2, P_3, P_4, \dots$ , being at least 3 and less than or equal to  $n - 2$  points; and at least one  $P$ , say  $P_n$ , does not lie on  $S$ . Then those points of the set that lie on  $S$  lie on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres.*

**Proof:** We may assume that the equation of  $S$  is  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 = 1$  and  $P_n = (k, 0, 0, 0)$ , where  $k > 0$  and  $k \neq 1$ . Then  $P_1 = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ . For a point  $P_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i, w_i)$  on  $S$ , we consider  $\triangle P_1 P_i P_n$ .

When  $P_1 P_i = P_i P_n = 1$  holds, we have  $x_i^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 1$  and  $(x_i - k)^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 1$ . Then  $x_i = \frac{k}{2}$  and  $y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 1 - \frac{k^2}{4}$ .

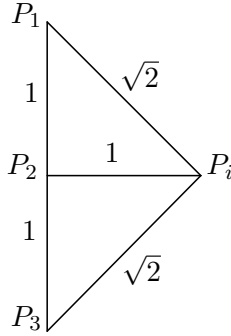
On the other hand, when  $P_1 P_n = P_i P_n = k$  holds, we have  $x_i^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 1$  and  $(x_i - k)^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = k^2$ . Then  $x_i = \frac{1}{2k}$  and  $y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{4k^2}$ .

Combining these two cases, it holds that  $P_i$  is on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres. ■

**Proposition 3.6.** *If three points,  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ , say, in an  $n$ -point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  are collinear in this order, then the other points of the set all lie on a 2-dimensional sphere.*

**Proof:** We may assume that  $P_1 = (-1, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $P_2 = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ , and  $P_3 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ . We consider the position of  $P_i = (x_i, y_i, z_i, w_i)$  for  $i = 4, \dots, n$ . By a similar method used in the proof of Kelly [9] or Lemma 6 in Croft [4], in a plane,  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ , and  $P_i$  must satisfy Fig. 3.

Fig. 3.



Hence  $x_i^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 1$ ,  $(x_i + 1)^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 2$ , and  $(x_i - 1)^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 2$  hold. Then we have  $x_i = 0$  and  $y_i^2 + z_i^2 + w_i^2 = 1$ .

Therefore the other points lie on a 2-dimensional sphere. ■

**Corollary 3.7.** *For  $n \geq 11$ , there is no  $n$ -point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which has three collinear points.*

**Proof:** We may show that this corollary holds for  $n = 11$ . By Proposition 3.6, the other eight points must lie on a 2-dimensional sphere. So they form an 8-point isosceles set in the 2-dimensional sphere ( $\subset \mathbb{R}^3$ ). We know that there exists a unique 8-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and it is in Fig. 1 (see Section 2). But looking at the figure, we see that eight points in it do not lie on a 2-dimensional sphere. Hence there is no 8-point isosceles set in the 2-dimensional sphere.

Therefore there is no 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  which has three collinear points. ■

**Proposition 3.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_6\}$  be a 6-point isosceles set in a 2-dimensional sphere  $S$ . Then four points in  $\mathcal{P}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.*

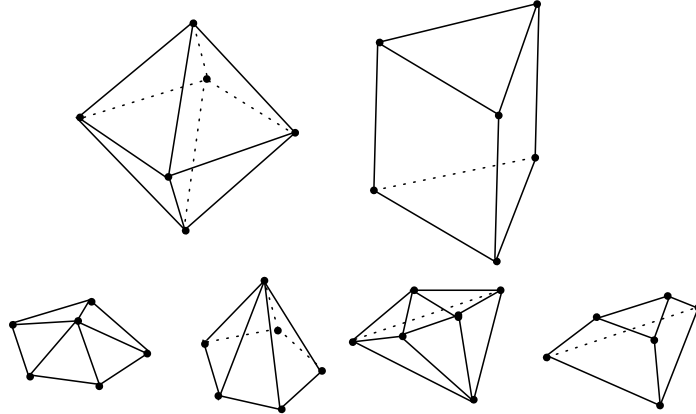
**Proof:** Let  $P_1$  be a point that has the largest vertex-number in  $\mathcal{P}$ . By Proposition 3.4, the type of  $P_1$  is one of (5), (4,1), and (3,2).

We suppose that the type of  $P_1$  is (5) or (4,1). Then at least four points among  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on the intersection of  $S$  and the sphere whose center is  $P_1$ . So at least four points are on a circle, the condition (X) holds.

On the other hand, we suppose that  $P_1$  is of type (3,2) with corresponding distances  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . For  $i = 1, 2$ , let  $S_i$  be the sphere centered at  $P_1$  with radius  $r_i$ . Let  $U_1 = \mathcal{P} \cap S_1 = \{P_2, P_3, P_4\}$  and  $U_2 = \mathcal{P} \cap S_2 = \{P_5, P_6\}$ .

Now  $\mathcal{P}$  is a 2- or an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ). We suppose that it is a 2-distance set. We know that there exist exactly six (mutually non-isomorphic) 6-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (see Section 2). These six figures are in Fig. 4. Two figures contain all points of a square, and the others contain four points of a regular pentagon. All points of a square and four points of a regular pentagon are both on a circle. Therefore the condition (X) holds.

Fig. 4. All 6-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (from Einhorn and Schoenberg [6]).



On the other hand, we suppose that  $\mathcal{P}$  is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ). So there exists a pair of points in  $\mathcal{P}$  whose distance is  $c$  that is distinct from  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . Since  $P_1P_i = r_1$  or  $r_2$  ( $i = 2, \dots, 6$ ),  $c$  is the distance apart of a pair of points in  $\{P_2, \dots, P_6\}$ . If  $P_iP_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in U_1$  and  $P_j \in U_2$ , then  $\triangle P_1P_iP_j$  would be scalene with sides  $r_1, r_2, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_iP_j = r_1 \text{ or } r_2 \text{ for any } P_i \in U_1 \text{ and } P_j \in U_2. \quad (6)$$

Because  $c$  is the distance apart of a pair of points in  $U_1$  or  $U_2$ , at least one of  $P_2P_3, P_2P_4, P_3P_4$ , and  $P_5P_6$  is  $c$ .

We suppose that  $P_5P_6 = c$ . Let  $P_i \in U_1$  and consider  $\triangle P_iP_5P_6$ . Since  $P_iP_5$  and  $P_iP_6$  are of length  $r_1$  or  $r_2$  by (6), we have  $P_iP_5 = P_iP_6$ . Thus three points  $P_2, P_3$ , and  $P_4$  are on the plane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_5P_6$ , the sphere  $S_1$ , and the sphere  $S$ . But the plane and the two spheres intersect at exactly two points. This is a contradiction. Therefore  $P_5P_6 \neq c$ , without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2P_3 = c$ .

Next we suppose that  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_2P_4 = d$  ( $d \neq r_1, d \neq r_2$ , but we can admit  $c = d$ ). Let  $P_j \in U_2$  and consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_j$ . Because  $P_2P_j$  and  $P_3P_j$  are of length  $r_1$  or  $r_2$  by (6), we have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_4P_j$  similarly, we have  $P_2P_j = P_4P_j$ .

Thus  $P_6$  and  $P_7$  are on the plane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ , the plane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_4$ , the sphere  $S_2$ , and the sphere  $S$ . Since the segment  $P_2P_3$  and the segment  $P_2P_4$  are not mutually parallel, the two planes and the two spheres have no intersection. Hence  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_2P_4 = d$  do not hold. Similarly we can show that  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_3P_4 = d$  do not hold.

So in  $\mathcal{P}$ , there is exactly one pair  $P_2P_3$  whose distance is distinct from  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_k$  for  $k = 4, 5, 6$ ,  $P_2P_k = P_3P_k$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. And we have  $P_1P_2 = P_1P_3$ . Then four points  $P_1, P_4, P_5$ , and  $P_6$  on the plane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$  and the sphere  $S$ . The intersection of the plane and  $S$  is a circle. Hence  $P_1, P_4, P_5$ , and  $P_6$  are on a circle.

Therefore four points in  $\mathcal{P}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds. ■

## 4 Case (A) in Lemma 3.1

We consider the case (A) in Lemma 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in which  $P_1$  is of type (10). Let  $S$  be the sphere centered at  $P_1$  and  $V = \mathcal{P} \cap S = \{P_2, \dots, P_{11}\}$ .

We notice that  $V$  is a 10-point isosceles set. Let  $P_2$  be a point that has the largest vertex-number in  $V$ . Let  $(r, s, \dots, u)$  be the type of  $P_2$  in  $V$ , the type of  $P_2$  is  $r \geq 6$ , (5,4), (5,3,1), (5,2,2), or (4,4,1) by Proposition 3.3.

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $(r, s, \dots, u)$  be the type of  $P_2$  in  $V$ . If the type of  $P_2$  satisfies  $r \geq 6$ , then the condition (X) holds.*

**Proof:** If the type of  $P_2$  in  $V$  satisfies  $r \geq 6$ , then at least six points among  $P_3, \dots, P_{11}$  are on the intersection of  $S$  and the sphere whose center is  $P_2$ . So they are on a 2-dimensional sphere. By Proposition 3.8, the condition (X) holds. ■

**Proposition 4.2.** *If the type of  $P_2$  is (5,4) in  $V$ , then the condition (X) holds.*

**Proof:** We suppose that  $P_2$  is of type (5,4) in  $V$ . We see that five points in  $V$  are distributed on a 2-dimensional sphere which is the intersection of  $S$  and the sphere whose center is  $P_2$  and another four points in  $V$  are distributed on another 2-dimensional sphere. These two spheres are disjoint.

We shall call them  $S_1$  (on which  $P_3, \dots, P_7$  are) and  $S_2$  (on which  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  are).

Let  $V_1 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_1 = V \cap S_1 = \{P_3, \dots, P_7\}$  and  $V_2 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_2 = V \cap S_2 = \{P_8, \dots, P_{11}\}$ . For  $P_i \in V_1$ , let  $P_2P_i = a$  and for  $P_j \in V_2$ , let  $P_2P_j = b$ .

If  $V$  is a 2-distance set, then the types of ten points in  $V$  must be all (6,3) by looking at the Petersen graph (Fig. 2). But  $P_2$  is of type (5,4),  $V$  is not a 2-distance set. Hence  $V$  is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ), there exists a pair of points in  $P_2, \dots, P_{11}$  whose distance is  $c$  that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . Because  $P_2P_k = a$  or  $b$  ( $k = 3, \dots, 11$ ),  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points in  $\{P_3, \dots, P_{11}\}$ . If  $P_iP_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in V_1$  and  $P_j \in V_2$ , then  $\triangle P_2P_iP_j$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_iP_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in V_1 \text{ and } P_j \in V_2. \quad (7)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

We suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_3P_4 = c$ . For  $P_j \in V_2$  we consider  $\triangle P_3P_4P_j$ . Since  $P_3P_j$  and

$P_4P_j$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (7), we must have  $P_3P_j = P_4P_j$ . Thus four points  $P_3, \dots, P_{11}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_3P_4$ , the sphere  $S$ , and the sphere  $S_2$ . The intersection of them is a circle. Therefore four points are on a circle, the condition (X) holds.

We can repeat the similar discussion when we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ . ■

Next we consider that the type of  $P_2$  is  $(5,3,1)$  or  $(5,2,2)$  in  $V$ . We see that five points in  $V$  are distributed on a 2-dimensional sphere which is the intersection of  $S$  and the sphere whose center is  $P_2$  and another two or three points in  $V$  are distributed on another 2-dimensional sphere. These two spheres are disjoint.

We shall call them  $S_1$  (on which  $P_3, \dots, P_7$  are) and  $S_2$  (on which  $P_8$  and  $P_9$  are).

Let  $V_1 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_1 = V \cap S_1 = \{P_3, \dots, P_7\}$  and  $V_2 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_2 = V \cap S_2 = \{P_8, P_9\}$ . For  $P_i \in V_1$ , let  $P_2P_i = a$  and for  $P_j \in V_2$ , let  $P_2P_j = b$ . Moreover let  $P_2P_{11} = c$ .

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $X_1 = \{P_2, \dots, P_9\}$ . If  $X_1$  is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ), then the condition (X) holds.*

**Proof:** Because we suppose that  $X_1$  is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ), there exists a pair of points  $P_2, \dots, P_9$  whose distance is  $d$  that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  (but we can admit  $c = d$ ).

Since  $P_2P_i = a$  or  $b$  ( $i = 3, \dots, 9$ ),  $d$  is the distance apart of a pair of points in  $\{P_3, \dots, P_9\}$ . If  $P_iP_j = d$  holds for some  $P_i \in V_1$  and  $P_j \in V_2$ , then  $\triangle P_2P_iP_j$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, d$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

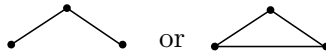
$$P_iP_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in V_1 \text{ and } P_j \in V_2. \quad (8)$$

So  $d$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

We suppose that  $d$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ , that is,  $P_8P_9 = d$ . In this case, if we repeat the similar discussion as Proposition 4.2, then we see that the condition (X) holds. Hence we suppose that  $d$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . For  $P_3, \dots, P_7$  on  $S_1$ , we consider 5-point graphs in Table 2. Edges in a graph represent the distance that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . We regard the others (that is, transparent edges) as the distances  $a$  and  $b$ . Here we need not consider the graph which has no edge, because we suppose that there is at least one pair whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . We remark that 33 graphs in Table 2 and the graph which has no edge are all 5-point graphs.

We can classify 33 graphs into the following.

- (i) A 4-point subgraph is "connected". Graphs satisfying it are  $(5,3,1)$ ,  $(5,3,3)$ ,  $(5,4,1)$ ,  $(5,4,2)$ ,  $(5,4,3)$ ,  $(5,4,5)$ ,  $(5,4,6)$ , and  $(5,a,*)$  for  $5 \leq a \leq 10$  ( $*$  is arbitrary).
- (ii) Another four graphs whose a 3-point subgraph is



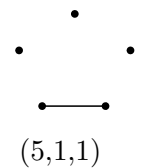
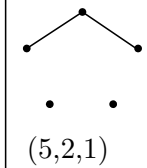
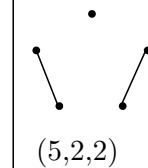
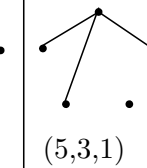
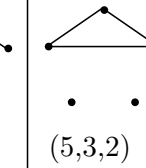
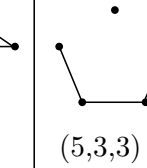
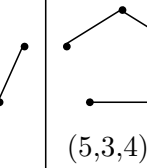
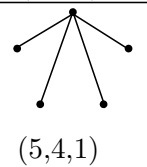
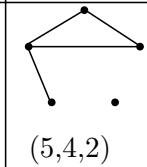
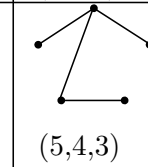
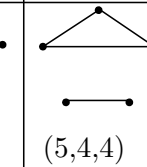
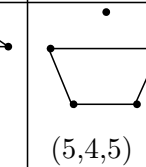
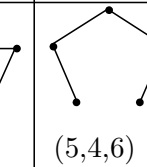
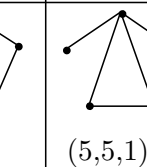
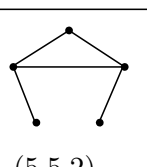
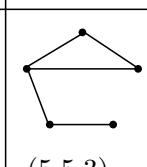
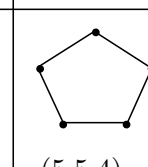
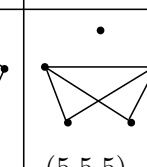
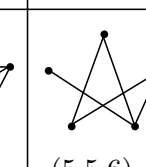
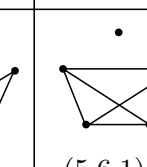
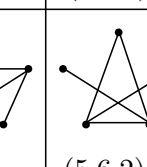
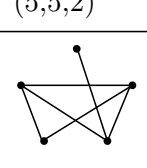
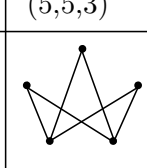
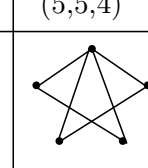
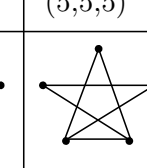
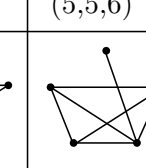
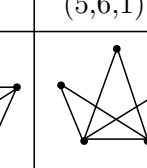
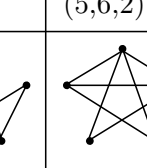
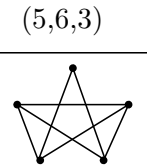
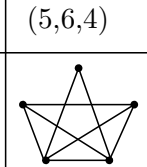
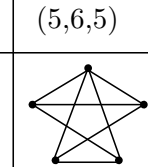
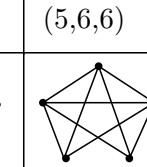
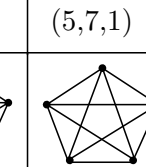
and no edge between them and the other two points. They are  $(5,2,1)$ ,  $(5,3,2)$ ,  $(5,3,4)$ , and  $(5,4,4)$ .

(iii)  $(5,2,2)$ .

(iv)  $(5,1,1)$ .

We observe each case. In the case (i), we may assume that the 4-point subgraph with  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  is connected. Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_3P_4 = d$ . For  $i = 8, 9$ ,

Table 2: 5-point graphs.

consider  $\triangle P_3 P_4 P_i$ . Then we have  $P_3 P_i = P_4 P_i$  by (8). Since the 4-point subgraph with  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  is connected, we see that we have  $P_3 P_i = P_4 P_i = P_5 P_i = P_6 P_i$  by the similar discussion. Moreover we have  $P_3 P_j = P_4 P_j = P_5 P_j = P_6 P_j$  for  $j = 1, 2$  by the assumption. Then four points  $P_1, P_2, P_8, P_9$  are equidistant from  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . If  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are on a plane, then they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds. On the other hand, if  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are not on a plane, then  $P_1, P_2, P_8$ , and  $P_9$  are on a line. We cannot take four points on a line. This is a contradiction. Hence in the case (i), the condition (X) holds.

In the case (ii), we may assume that  $P_3 P_4 = d$  and  $P_3 P_5 = e$  (we can admit  $d = e$ ). For  $i = 8, 9$ , consider  $\triangle P_3 P_4 P_i$  and  $\triangle P_3 P_5 P_i$ . Then we have  $P_3 P_i = P_4 P_i$  and  $P_3 P_i = P_5 P_i$  by (8). In this case, we suppose that  $P_3 P_j, P_4 P_j$ , and  $P_5 P_j$  are  $a$  or  $b$  for  $j = 6, 7$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_3 P_4 P_j$  and  $\triangle P_3 P_5 P_j$ ,  $P_3 P_j = P_4 P_j$  and  $P_3 P_j = P_5 P_j$  must hold. By the assumption we have  $P_3 P_k = P_4 P_k$  and  $P_3 P_k = P_5 P_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$ . Then six points  $P_1, P_2, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are equidistant from  $P_3, P_4$ , and  $P_5$ . Hence they are in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space, that is,  $\{P_1, P_2, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exists a unique 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism (see Section 2). It consists of five points of a regular pentagon and its center. So we see that four points in  $\{P_1, P_2, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case (iii), we may assume that  $P_3 P_4 = d$  and  $P_5 P_6 = e$  (we can admit  $d = e$ ). For  $i = 8, 9$ , consider  $\triangle P_3 P_4 P_i$  and  $\triangle P_5 P_6 P_i$ . Then we have  $P_3 P_i = P_4 P_i$  and  $P_5 P_i = P_6 P_i$  by

(8). In this case, we suppose that  $P_3P_7$ ,  $P_4P_7$ ,  $P_5P_7$ , and  $P_6P_7$  are  $a$  or  $b$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_3P_4P_7$  and  $\triangle P_5P_6P_7$ ,  $P_3P_7 = P_4P_7$  and  $P_5P_7 = P_6P_7$  must hold. By the assumption we have  $P_3P_j = P_4P_j$  and  $P_5P_j = P_6P_j$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Then five points  $P_1, P_2, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_3P_4$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_5P_6$ . For the intersecion of them, there are two cases:

( $\alpha$ ) Because two hyperplanes are same, the intersecion is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space.

( $\beta$ ) A 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

In the case ( $\alpha$ ), since  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ , the segment  $P_3P_4$  and the segment  $P_5P_6$  are mutally parallel. Then there is a plane that contains  $P_3, \dots, P_6$ . So they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case ( $\beta$ ),  $\{P_1, P_2, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 5-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist exactly three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism (see Section 2). All of them are four points of a square and its center, five points of a regular pentagon, and four points of a regular pentagon and its center. So we see that four points in  $\{P_1, P_2, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case (iv), we may assume that  $P_3P_4 = d$ . Then we see that there is exactly one pair  $P_3P_4$  whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  in  $X_1$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_3P_4P_i$  for  $i = 2, 5, \dots, 9$ ,  $P_3P_i = P_4P_i$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus six points  $P_2, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8$ , and  $P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_3P_4$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Since  $A(\{P_2, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}) = \{a, b\}$ , this is a 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We know that there exist exactly six 6-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Any set contains four points lying on a circle. Hence the condition (X) holds.

Therefore the condition (X) holds in any case. ■

**Proposition 4.4.** *Similarly let  $X_1 = \{P_2, \dots, P_9\}$ . If  $X_1$  is a 2-distance set, then the condition (X) holds.*

**Proof:** We consider the sum of all vertex-numbers in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Because  $P_2$  has the largest vertex-number in  $V$ ,  $V(P_1) + \dots + V(P_{11}) \leq \binom{10}{2} + 10 \times \left\{ \binom{5}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{1}{2} \right\} = 175$ . Let  $\alpha$  be the number of regular triangles in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then  $2\alpha + \binom{11}{3} \leq 175$  holds by (2). Thus  $\alpha \leq 5$ .

Let  $V_1 = \{P_3, \dots, P_7\}$ . We notice that  $V_1$  on  $S_1$  is a 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We consider 5-point graphs in Table 2 again. Edges in a graph represent the distance  $b$ . We regard the others (that is, transparent edges) as the distance  $a$ . Here we need not consider the graph which has no edge, because there is no 5-point 1-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Similarly we need not consider the complete graph (5,10,1).

If  $P_iP_j = a$  for  $i, j \in \{3, \dots, 7\}$  ( $i \neq j$ ), then  $\triangle P_2P_iP_j$  is a regular triangle. Since  $\alpha \leq 5$ , there are at most five pairs in  $V_1$  whose distances are  $a$ . The number of pairs in  $V_1$  is  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$ . Thus there are at least five pairs in  $V_1$  whose distances are  $b$ .

Hence we have only to consider the 19 graphs between (5,5,1) and (5,9,1) in Table 2. We remark that a 4-point subgraph is "connected" in any graph. We may assume that their four points are  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  and that there is an edge between  $P_3$  and  $P_4$ , that is,  $P_3P_4 = b$ . We consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_{11}$  and  $\triangle P_2P_4P_{11}$ . Since  $P_2P_3 = P_2P_4 = a$  and  $P_2P_{11} = c$ ,  $P_3P_{11}$  and  $P_4P_{11}$  are  $a$  or  $c$ . Then we consider  $\triangle P_3P_4P_{11}$ , we have  $P_3P_{11} = P_4P_{11}$ . Because the 4-point subgraph with  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  is connected, we see that we have  $P_3P_{11} = P_4P_{11} = P_5P_{11} = P_6P_{11}$  by the similar discussion. Moreover we have  $P_3P_k = P_4P_k = P_5P_k = P_6P_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$  by the assumption. Thus three points  $P_1, P_2, P_{11}$  are equidistant from  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . If  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are on a plane, then they are on a circle; the condition

(X) holds. On the other hand, if  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are not on a plane, then  $P_1, P_2$ , and  $P_{11}$  are on a line. By Corollary 3.7, this is a contradiction.

Therefore if  $X_1$  is a 2-distance set, then the condition (X) holds. ■

Combining Propositions 4.3 and 4.4, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.5.** *If the type of  $P_2$  is  $(5,3,1)$  or  $(5,2,2)$  in  $V$ , then the condition (X) holds. ■*

The last case is what the type of  $P_2$  is  $(4,4,1)$  in  $V$ . We see that four points in  $V$  are distributed on a 2-dimensional sphere which is the intersection of  $S$  and the sphere whose center is  $P_2$  and another four points in  $V$  are distributed on another 2-dimensional sphere. These two spheres are disjoint.

We shall call these two spheres  $S_1$  (on which  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are) and  $S_2$  (on which  $P_7, \dots, P_{10}$  are).

Let  $V_1 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_1 = V \cap S_1 = \{P_3, \dots, P_6\}$  and  $V_2 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_2 = V \cap S_2 = \{P_7, \dots, P_{10}\}$ . For  $P_i \in V_1$ , let  $P_2P_i = a$  and for  $P_j \in V_2$ , let  $P_2P_j = b$ . Moreover let  $P_2P_{11} = c$ . Because  $V(P_2) = 12$ , we remark that  $V(P_k) = 12$  for  $k = 3, \dots, 11$ . Thus the type of  $P_k$  is  $(4,4,1)$  in  $V$  for any  $k$ . (Since  $V(P_k) = 12$ , the type of  $P_k$  can be  $(5,2,2)$  in  $V$ . In this case, if we apply Proposition 4.5, then we see that the condition (X) holds.)

**Proposition 4.6.** *If the type of  $P_2$  is  $(4,4,1)$  in  $V$ , then  $P_{11}$  is equidistant from four points on one of the 2-dimensional spheres  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .*

**Proof:** Since the type of  $P_{11}$  is  $(4,4,1)$  in  $V$  and  $P_2P_{11} = c$ , the distance  $c$  corresponds to 1 or 4 of type  $(4,4,1)$ . We suppose that  $c$  corresponds to 1 of type  $(4,4,1)$ . Then  $P_iP_{11} \neq c$  for  $i = 3, \dots, 10$ . Considering  $\triangle P_2P_iP_{11}$ , we have  $P_3P_{11} = P_4P_{11} = P_5P_{11} = P_6P_{11} = a$  and  $P_7P_{11} = P_8P_{11} = P_9P_{11} = P_{10}P_{11} = b$ . Thus this proposition holds.

On the other hand, we suppose that  $c$  corresponds to 4 of type  $(4,4,1)$ . Then for  $j = 3, \dots, 10$ , there are exactly three points such that  $P_jP_{11} = c$ . We may assume that  $P_3P_{11} = c$ . We have three means to select the other two points.

- (i)  $P_4P_{11} = P_5P_{11} = c$ . (Both points on  $S_1$ .)
- (ii)  $P_4P_{11} = P_7P_{11} = c$ . (One is on  $S_1$  and the other is on  $S_2$ .)
- (iii)  $P_7P_{11} = P_8P_{11} = c$ . (Both points on  $S_2$ .)

In the case (i), considering  $\triangle P_2P_kP_{11}$  for  $k = 6, \dots, 10$ , we have  $P_6P_{11} = a$  and  $P_7P_{11} = P_8P_{11} = P_9P_{11} = P_{10}P_{11} = b$ . Thus this proposition holds for  $S_2$ .

In the case (ii), considering  $\triangle P_2P_lP_{11}$  for  $l = 5, 6, 8, 9, 10$ , we have  $P_5P_{11} = P_6P_{11} = a$  and  $P_8P_{11} = P_9P_{11} = P_{10}P_{11} = b$ . Then the type of  $P_{11}$  is  $(4,3,2)$ , not  $(4,4,1)$ . This is a contradiction.

In the case (iii), considering  $\triangle P_2P_mP_{11}$  for  $m = 4, 5, 6, 9, 10$ , we have  $P_4P_{11} = P_5P_{11} = P_6P_{11} = a$  and  $P_9P_{11} = P_{10}P_{11} = b$ . Then the type of  $P_{11}$  is  $(4,3,2)$ , not  $(4,4,1)$ . This is a contradiction.

Therefore  $P_{11}$  is equidistant from four points on one of the 2-dimensional spheres  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . ■

**Proposition 4.7.** *If the type of  $P_2$  is  $(4,4,1)$  in  $V$ , then the condition (X) holds.*

**Proof:** By Proposition 4.6,  $P_{11}$  is equidistant from four points on one of the 2-dimensional spheres  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . We may assume that it is  $S_1$ . Moreover we have  $P_iP_3 = P_iP_4 = P_iP_5 =$

$P_i P_6$  for  $i = 1, 2$  by the assumption. Thus three points  $P_1, P_2, P_{11}$  are equidistant from  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . If  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are on a plane, then they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds. On the other hand, if  $P_3, \dots, P_6$  are not on a plane, then  $P_1, P_2$ , and  $P_{11}$  are on a line. By Corollary 3.7, this is a contradiction.

Therefore if the type of  $P_2$  is (4,4,1) in  $V$ , then the condition (X) holds. ■

Summing up the results of Propositions 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, and 4.7, we have:

**Lemma 4.8.** *For any 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  in which  $P_1$  is of type (10), the condition (X) holds. ■*

## 5 Case (B) in Lemma 3.1

We consider the case (B) in Lemma 3.1. We see that at least eight points in an 11-point isosceles set are distributed on a 3-dimensional sphere, and at least one point does not lie on the sphere.

Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  satisfies the case (B) in Lemma 3.1. Let  $S$  be the sphere centered at  $P_1$  with radius  $a$  and  $V = \mathcal{P} \cap S = \{P_2, \dots, P_9\}$ . Let  $P_{11}$  be the point which is not on  $S$  and  $P_1 P_{11} = b$ .

**Lemma 5.1.** *Four points in  $\mathcal{P}$  (especially in  $V$ ) are on a circle, that is, the condition (X) holds for any 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  satisfies the case (B) in Lemma 3.1.*

**Proof:** By Proposition 3.5, eight points  $P_2, \dots, P_9$  are on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , where  $P_i$  on  $S_1$  satisfies  $P_i P_{11} = a$  and  $P_j$  on  $S_2$  satisfies  $P_j P_{11} = b$  (Consider  $\triangle P_1 P_k P_{11}$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 9$ ).

If more than six points lie on one sphere, then the condition (X) holds by Proposition 3.8. So we consider the following cases:

- (i) Five points lie on one sphere, the other three points lie on the other sphere.
- (ii) Four points lie on one sphere, the other four points lie on the other sphere.

We consider the case (i). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_7, P_8, P_9$  are on  $S_2$ . Let  $V_1 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_1 = V \cap S_1 = \{P_2, \dots, P_6\}$  and  $V_2 = \mathcal{P} \cap S \cap S_2 = V \cap S_2 = \{P_7, P_8, P_9\}$ .

Here the 10-point set  $\{P_1, \dots, P_9, P_{11}\}$  is not a 2-distance set, because  $P_1$  is of type (8,1) in it, not of type (6,3) in the Petersen graph.

Hence it is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ), there exists a pair of points in  $\{P_2, \dots, P_9\}$  whose distance is  $c$  that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . If  $P_i P_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in V_1$  and  $P_j \in V_2$ , then  $\triangle P_i P_j P_{11}$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_i P_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in V_1 \text{ and } P_j \in V_2. \quad (9)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

We suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_7 P_8 = c$ .

For  $P_i \in V_1$  we consider  $\triangle P_i P_7 P_8$ . Since  $P_i P_7$  and  $P_i P_8$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (9), we must have  $P_i P_7 = P_i P_8$ . Thus five points  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_7 P_8$  and the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . The intersection of them is a circle. Hence these five points are on a circle, the condition (X) holds.

On the other hand, we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2P_3 = c$ .

Next we suppose that there exist more than or equal to two pairs of points on  $S_1$  whose distances are distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . One is  $P_2P_3 = c$ . We have two cases as the second pair whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ .

Case (1):  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_4P_5 = d$  ( $d \neq a$ ,  $d \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = d$ ).

Let  $P_j \in V_2$  and consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_j$ . Because  $P_2P_j$  and  $P_3P_j$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (9), we must have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_4P_5P_j$  similarly, we must have  $P_4P_j = P_5P_j$ . Thus three points  $P_7, P_8$  and  $P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ , the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_4P_5$ , and the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_2$ . For the intersecion of them, there are two cases:

( $\alpha$ ) Because two hyperplanes are same, the intersecion is a circle.

( $\beta$ ) Two points.

In the case ( $\alpha$ ), because  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ , the segment  $P_2P_3$  and the segment  $P_4P_5$  are mutally parallel. Then there is a plane that contains  $P_2, \dots, P_5$ . So they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case ( $\beta$ ), we cannot put one of  $P_7, P_8$ , and  $P_9$ . This is a contradiction.

Case (2):  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_2P_4 = d$  ( $d \neq a$ ,  $d \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = d$ ).

We can repeat the same discussion. (But the case ( $\alpha$ ) does not exist, only the case ( $\beta$ ) exists.)

Hence we suppose that there is exactly one pair  $P_2P_3$  which is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  in  $V_1$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_k$  for  $k = 1, 4, \dots, 9, 11$ ,  $P_2P_k = P_3P_k$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus eight points  $P_1, P_4, \dots, P_9$  and  $P_{11}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Moreover  $\{P_1, P_4, \dots, P_9, P_{11}\}$  is a 2-distance set with the distances  $a$  and  $b$ . But we know that there exists no  $n$ -point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for  $n \geq 7$  (see Section 2). This is a contradiction.

When we suppose that  $P_2, P_3, P_4$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_5, \dots, P_9$  are on  $S_2$ , we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the discussion above.

We consider the case (ii). If we repeat this discussion similarly, then we can see that the condition (X) holds. ■

## 6 Case (C) in Lemma 3.1

We consider the case (C) in Lemma 3.1. We see that seven points in an 11-point isosceles set are distributed on a 3-dimensioal sphere, another at least two points are distributed on another 3-dimensioal sphere, where these are concentric spheres. The center of the spheres is in it.

Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  satisfies the case (C) in Lemma 3.1.  $P_1$  will denote the common center of the two spheres, which we shall call  $S_1$  (on which  $P_2, \dots, P_8$  are),  $S_2$  (on which  $P_9$  and  $P_{10}$  are), radii  $a, b$ , respectively.

**Lemma 6.1.** *The condition (X) holds for any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P}$  in which the type of  $P_1$  satisfies the case (C) in Lemma 3.1.*

**Proof:** The 10-point set  $\{P_1, \dots, P_{10}\}$  is not a 2-distance set, because  $P_1$  is of type (7,2) in it, not of type (6,3) in the Petersen graph.

Hence it is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ), there exists a pair of points in  $\{P_2, \dots, P_{10}\}$  whose distance is  $c$  that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . If  $P_iP_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_1$  and  $P_j \in S_2$ ,

then  $\triangle P_1 P_i P_j$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_i P_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in S_1 \text{ and } P_j \in S_2. \quad (10)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 3-dimensional sphere.

We suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ , that is,  $P_9 P_{10} = c$ .

For  $P_i \in S_1$  we consider  $\triangle P_i P_9 P_{10}$ . Since  $P_i P_9$  and  $P_i P_{10}$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (10), we must have  $P_i P_9 = P_i P_{10}$ . Thus seven points  $P_2, \dots, P_8$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_9 P_{10}$  and the 3-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . The intersection of them is a 2-dimensional sphere. By Proposition 3.8, the condition (X) holds.

Thus we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . By Proposition 3.5, seven points  $P_2, \dots, P_8$  are on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres  $S_{11}$  and  $S_{12}$ , where  $P_i$  on  $S_{11}$  satisfies  $P_i P_9 = a$  and  $P_j$  on  $S_{12}$  satisfies  $P_j P_9 = b$  (Consider  $\triangle P_1 P_k P_9$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 8$ ).

If  $P_i P_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_{11}$  and  $P_j \in S_{12}$ , then  $\triangle P_i P_j P_9$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_i P_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in S_{11} \text{ and } P_j \in S_{12}. \quad (11)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

If more than six points lie on one sphere, then the condition (X) holds by Proposition 3.8. So we consider the following cases:

- (i) Five points lie on one sphere, the other two points lie on the other sphere.
- (ii) Four points lie on one sphere, the other three points lie on the other sphere.

We consider the case (i). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on  $S_{11}$  and  $P_7, P_8$  are on  $S_{12}$ .

We suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_{12}$ , that is,  $P_7 P_8 = c$ .

We consider  $\triangle P_i P_7 P_8$  for  $P_i \in S_{11}$ . By (11), we have  $P_i P_7 = P_i P_8$ . Thus five points  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_7 P_8$  and the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_{11}$ . The intersection of them is a circle. Hence the condition (X) holds.

On the other hand, we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_{11}$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2 P_3 = c$ .

Next we suppose that there exist more than or equal to two pairs of points on  $S_{11}$  whose distances are distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . One is  $P_2 P_3 = c$ . We have two cases as the second pair whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ .

Case (1):  $P_2 P_3 = c$  and  $P_4 P_5 = d$  ( $d \neq a$ ,  $d \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = d$ ).

Let  $P_j \in S_{12}$  and consider  $\triangle P_2 P_3 P_j$ . Because  $P_2 P_j$  and  $P_3 P_j$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (11), we have  $P_2 P_j = P_3 P_j$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_4 P_5 P_j$  similarly, we have  $P_4 P_j = P_5 P_j$ . For  $P_1$  we have  $P_1 P_2 = P_1 P_3$  and  $P_1 P_4 = P_1 P_5$ . Moreover for  $P_k \in S_2$  we consider  $\triangle P_2 P_3 P_k$  and  $\triangle P_4 P_5 P_k$ . By (10),  $P_2 P_k = P_3 P_k$  and  $P_4 P_k = P_5 P_k$  hold. Thus five point  $P_1, P_7, P_8, P_9$ , and  $P_{10}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2 P_3$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_4 P_5$ . For the intersecion of them, there are two cases:

( $\alpha$ ) Because two hyperplanes are same, the intersecion is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space.

( $\beta$ ) A 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

In the case  $(\alpha)$ , since  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_{11}$ , the segment  $P_2P_3$  and the segment  $P_4P_5$  are mutually parallel. Then there is a plane that contains  $P_2, \dots, P_5$ . So they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case  $(\beta)$ ,  $\{P_1, P_7, P_8, P_9, P_{10}\}$  is a 5-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism (see Section 2). All of them are four points of a square and its center, five points of a regular pentagon, and four points of a regular pentagon and its center. So we see that four points in  $\{P_1, P_7, P_8, P_9, P_{10}\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

Case (2):  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_2P_4 = d$  ( $d \neq a$ ,  $d \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = d$ ). We can repeat the same discussion. (But the case  $(\alpha)$  does not exist, only the case  $(\beta)$  exists.)

Hence we suppose that there is exactly one pair  $P_2P_3$  whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  in  $\{P_1, \dots, P_{10}\}$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_k$  for  $k = 1, 4, \dots, 10$ ,  $P_2P_k = P_3P_k$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus eight points  $P_1, P_4, \dots, P_9$ , and  $P_{10}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Moreover  $\{P_1, P_4, \dots, P_{10}\}$  is a 2-distance set with the distances  $a$  and  $b$ . But we know that there exists no  $n$ -point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  for  $n \geq 7$ . This is a contradiction.

When we suppose that  $P_2, P_3$  are on  $S_{11}$  and  $P_4, \dots, P_8$  are on  $S_{12}$ , we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the discussion above.

We consider the case (ii). If we repeat this discussion similarly, then we can see that the condition (X) holds. ■

## 7 Case (D) in Lemma 3.1

**Lemma 7.1.** *The condition (X) holds for any 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  satisfies the case (D) in Lemma 3.1.*

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set. When the type of  $P_1$  is (6,4) or (6,3,1),  $P_1$  will denote the common center of the two spheres, which we shall call  $S_1$  (on which  $P_2, \dots, P_7$  are),  $S_2$  (on which  $P_8, P_9$ , and  $P_{10}$  are), radii  $a, b$ , respectively.

Let  $\mathcal{P}' = \{P_1, \dots, P_{10}\}$ .  $\mathcal{P}'$  can be the 2-distance set  $X'$  mentioned in Section 2. Since  $X'$  contains a square, the condition (X) holds.

Hence we may suppose that  $\mathcal{P}'$  is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ), there exists a pair of points in  $\{P_2, \dots, P_{10}\}$  whose distance is  $c$  that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . If  $P_iP_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_1$  and  $P_j \in S_2$ , then  $\triangle P_1P_iP_j$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_iP_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in S_1 \text{ and } P_j \in S_2. \quad (12)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 3-dimensional sphere.

We suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_9P_{10} = c$ .

For  $P_i \in S_1$  we consider  $\triangle P_iP_9P_{10}$ . Since  $P_iP_9$  and  $P_iP_{10}$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (12), we must have  $P_iP_9 = P_iP_{10}$ . Thus six points  $P_2, \dots, P_7$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_9P_{10}$  and the 3-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . The intersection of them is a 2-dimensional sphere. By Proposition 3.8, the condition (X) holds.

Thus we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . By Proposition 3.5, six points  $P_2, \dots, P_7$  are on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres  $S_{11}$

and  $S_{12}$ , where  $P_i$  on  $S_{11}$  satisfies  $P_iP_{10} = a$  and  $P_j$  on  $S_{12}$  satisfies  $P_jP_{10} = b$  (Consider  $\triangle P_1P_kP_{10}$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 7$ ).

If  $P_iP_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_{11}$  and  $P_j \in S_{12}$ , then  $\triangle P_iP_jP_{10}$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_iP_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in S_{11} \text{ and } P_j \in S_{12}. \quad (13)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

If six points lie on one sphere, then the condition (X) holds by Proposition 3.8. So we consider the following cases:

- (i) Five points lie on one sphere, the other one point lies on the other sphere.
- (ii) Four points lie on one sphere, the other two points lie on the other sphere.
- (iii) Three points lie on one sphere, the other three points lie on the other sphere.

In the cases (i) and (ii), if we repeat the similar discussion as the proof of Lemma 6.1, then we can show that the condition (X) holds.

We consider the case (iii). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_4$  are on  $S_{11}$  and  $P_5, \dots, P_7$  are on  $S_{12}$ .

We may suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_{12}$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_6P_7 = c$ . Next we suppose that there exist more than or equal to two pairs of points on  $S_{12}$  whose distances are distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . One is  $P_6P_7 = c$ . Without loss of generality the second is  $P_5P_7 = d$  ( $d \neq a$ ,  $d \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = d$ ).

Let  $P_i \in S_{11}$  and consider  $\triangle P_6P_7P_i$ . Because  $P_6P_i$  and  $P_7P_i$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (13), we have  $P_6P_i = P_7P_i$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_5P_7P_i$  similarly, we have  $P_5P_i = P_7P_i$ . For  $P_1$  we have  $P_1P_6 = P_1P_7$  and  $P_1P_5 = P_1P_7$ . Moreover for  $P_j \in S_2$  we consider  $\triangle P_6P_7P_j$  and  $\triangle P_5P_7P_j$ . By (12),  $P_6P_j = P_7P_j$  and  $P_5P_j = P_7P_j$  hold. Thus seven points  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_8, P_9$ , and  $P_{10}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_6P_7$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_5P_7$ . The intersecion of them is a 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

Then  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_8, P_9, P_{10}\}$  is a 7-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . But we know that there is no 7-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . This is a contradiction.

Hence we suppose that there is exactly one pair  $P_6P_7$  whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  on  $S_{12}$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_6P_7P_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, 5, 8, 9, 10$ ,  $P_6P_k = P_7P_k$  holds by (12), (13), and the configuration hypothesis. Thus eight points  $P_1, \dots, P_5, P_8, P_9$ , and  $P_{10}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_6P_7$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. We know that there exists a unique 8-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  up to isomorphism and it is in Fig. 1 (see Section 2). But it contains three collinear points. By Corollary 3.7,  $\mathcal{P}$  is not an 11-point isosceles set. This is a contradiction.

When the type of  $P_1$  is (5,5) or (5,4,1), we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the similar discussions as the previous one and the proof of Lemma 6.1. ■

## 8 Case (E) in Lemma 3.1

We consider the case (E) in Lemma 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  is (7,1,1,1). We may assume that  $P_1P_2 = P_1P_3 = \dots = P_1P_8 = a$ ,  $P_1P_9 = b$ ,  $P_1P_{10} = c$ , and  $P_1P_{11} = d$ . Let  $X_1 = \{P_1, \dots, P_8, P_9\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{P_1, \dots, P_8, P_{10}\}$ , and  $X_3 = \{P_1, \dots, P_8, P_{11}\}$ .

**Proposition 8.1.** *For  $X_1, \dots, X_3$  above, if 2-distance sets exist, then the number of them is at most one.*

**Proof:** We suppose that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are 2-distance sets. We may prove that this leads a contradiction.

We have  $A(X_1) = \{a, b\}$  and  $A(X_2) = \{a, c\}$  by the hypothesis above. For  $i, j = 2, \dots, 8$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $P_i P_j$  must be  $a, b$ , or  $c$ .

If  $P_i P_j = b$ , then  $A(X_2) \neq \{a, c\}$  for  $X_2$ . If  $P_i P_j = c$ , then  $A(X_1) \neq \{a, b\}$  for  $X_1$ . So we have  $P_i P_j = a$ .

Hence  $A(\{P_1, \dots, P_8\}) = \{a\}$ ,  $\{P_1, \dots, P_8\}$  is a 1-distance set. But there is no 8-point 1-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . This is a contradiction.

Therefore the number of 2-distance sets is at most one. ■

**Lemma 8.2.** *The condition (X) holds for any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P}$  in which the type of  $P_1$  is  $(7, 1, 1, 1)$ .*

**Proof:** By Proposition 8.1, at least two sets of  $X_1, \dots, X_3$  are  $s$ -distance sets ( $s \geq 3$ ). We may suppose  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are  $s$ -distance sets. Especially we notice that  $X_1$  is an  $s$ -distance set.

Thus there is a distance apart of a pair of points in  $X_1$  which is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . This is one of  $c, d$ , and  $e$ , where  $e$  is distinct from  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ . We may assume that it is  $c$ .

Let  $S$  be the sphere centered at  $P_1$  with radius  $a$  and  $V = X_1 \cap S = \{P_2, \dots, P_8\}$ . By Proposition 3.5, seven points  $P_2, \dots, P_8$  are on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , where  $P_i$  on  $S_1$  satisfies  $P_i P_9 = a$  and  $P_j$  on  $S_2$  satisfies  $P_j P_9 = b$  (Consider  $\triangle P_1 P_k P_9$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 8$ ).

We remark that there is the distance  $c$  in  $V$ . If  $P_i P_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_1$  and  $P_j \in S_2$ , then  $\triangle P_i P_j P_9$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_i P_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in S_1 \text{ and } P_j \in S_2. \quad (14)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

If more than six points lie on one sphere, then the condition (X) holds by Proposition 3.8. So we consider the following cases:

- (I) Five points lie on one sphere, the other two points lie on the other sphere.
- (II) Four points lie on one sphere, the other three points lie on the other sphere.

We consider the case (I). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_7, P_8$  are on  $S_2$ .

We suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ , that is,  $P_7 P_8 = c$ .

We consider  $\triangle P_i P_7 P_8$  for  $P_i \in S_1$ . By (14), we must have  $P_i P_7 = P_i P_8$ . Thus five points  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_7 P_8$ , the 3-dimensional sphere  $S$ , and the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . The intersection of them is a circle. Hence the condition (X) holds.

On the other hand, we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2 P_3 = c$ .

Hence we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . For  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  on  $S_1$ , we consider 5-point graphs in Table 2 again. Edges in a graph represent the distance that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . We regard the others (,that is, transparent edges)

as the distances  $a$  and  $b$ . Here we need not consider the graph which has no edge, because we suppose that there is at least one pair whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ .

We observe the cases (i)-(iv) in the proof of Proposition 4.3 similarly. In the case (i), we may assume that the 4-point subgraph with  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  is connected. Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2P_3 = c$ . For  $i = 7, 8$ , consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_i$ . Then we have  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i$  by (14). Since the 4-point subgraph with  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  is connected, we see that we have  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i = P_4P_i = P_5P_i$  by the similar discussion. Moreover we have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j = P_4P_j = P_5P_j$  for  $j = 1, 9$  by the assumption. Then four points  $P_1, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are equidistant from  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . If  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on a plane, then they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds. On the other hand, if  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are not on a plane, then  $P_1, P_7, P_8$  and  $P_9$  are on a line. We cannot take four points on a line. This is a contradiction. Hence in the case (i), the condition (X) holds.

In the case (ii), we may assume that  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_2P_4 = f$  ( $f \neq a, f \neq b$ , but we can admit one of  $c = f, d = f$ , and  $e = f$ ). For  $i = 7, 8$ , consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_i$  and  $\triangle P_2P_4P_i$ . Then we have  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i$  and  $P_2P_i = P_4P_i$  by (14). In this case, we suppose that  $P_2P_j, P_3P_j$ , and  $P_4P_j$  are  $a$  or  $b$  for  $j = 5, 6$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_j$  and  $\triangle P_2P_4P_j$ ,  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j$  and  $P_2P_j = P_4P_j$  must hold. By the assumption we have  $P_2P_k = P_3P_k$  and  $P_2P_k = P_4P_k$  for  $k = 1, 9$ . Then six points  $P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are equidistant from  $P_2, P_3$ , and  $P_4$ . Hence they are in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space, that is,  $\{P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist a unique 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism (see Section 2). It consists of five points of a regular pentagon and its center. So we see that four points in  $\{P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case (iii), we may assume that  $P_2P_3 = c$  and  $P_4P_5 = f$  ( $f \neq a, f \neq b$ , but we can admit one of  $c = f, d = f$ , and  $e = f$ ). For  $i = 7, 8$ , consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_i$  and  $\triangle P_4P_5P_i$ . Then we have  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i$  and  $P_4P_i = P_5P_i$  by (14). In this case, we suppose that  $P_2P_6, P_3P_6, P_4P_6$ , and  $P_5P_6$  are  $a$  or  $b$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_6$  and  $\triangle P_4P_5P_6$ ,  $P_2P_6 = P_3P_6$  and  $P_4P_6 = P_5P_6$  must hold. By the assumption we have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j$  and  $P_4P_j = P_5P_j$  for  $j = 1, 9$ . Then five points  $P_1, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_4P_5$ . For the intersecion of them, there are two cases:

( $\alpha$ ) Because two hyperplanes are same, the intersecion is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space.

( $\beta$ ) A 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

In the case ( $\alpha$ ), since  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ , the segment  $P_2P_3$  and the segment  $P_4P_5$  are mutually parallel. Then there is a plane that contains  $P_2, \dots, P_5$ . So they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case ( $\beta$ ),  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 5-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist exactly three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism. Any set contains four points lying on a circle. So four points in  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case (iv), we may assume that  $P_2P_3 = c$ . Then we see that there is exactly one pair  $P_2P_3$  whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  in  $X_1$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_i$  for  $i = 1, 4, \dots, 9$ ,  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus seven points  $P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8$ , and  $P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ . This hy-

perplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Since  $A(\{P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\{P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We know that there exists no 7-point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . This is a contradiction.

When we suppose that  $P_2, P_3$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_4, \dots, P_8$  are on  $S_2$ , we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the discussion above.

Thus the condition (X) holds in the case (I).

We consider the case (II). In this case, we can apply the similar discussion as the proof of Lemma 5.1 in Case (B). If we apply it, then we see that the condition (X) holds. ■

## 9 Case (F) in Lemma 3.1

We consider the case (F) in Lemma 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  is (6,2,2). We may assume that  $P_1P_2 = P_1P_3 = \dots = P_1P_7 = a$ ,  $P_1P_8 = P_1P_9 = b$ , and  $P_1P_{10} = P_1P_{11} = c$ . Let  $X_1 = \{P_1, \dots, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  and  $X_2 = \{P_1, \dots, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$ .

**Proposition 9.1.** *For  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  above, at least one of them is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ).*

**Proof:** We suppose that  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are 2-distance sets. We may prove that this leads a contradiction.

We have  $A(X_1) = \{a, b\}$  and  $A(X_2) = \{a, c\}$  by the hypothesis above. For  $i, j = 2, \dots, 7$  ( $i \neq j$ ),  $P_iP_j$  must be  $a, b$ , or  $c$ .

If  $P_iP_j = b$ , then  $A(X_2) \neq \{a, c\}$  for  $X_2$ . If  $P_iP_j = c$ , then  $A(X_1) \neq \{a, b\}$  for  $X_1$ . So we have  $P_iP_j = a$ .

Hence  $A(\{P_1, \dots, P_7\}) = \{a\}$ ,  $\{P_1, \dots, P_7\}$  is a 1-distance set. But there is no 7-point 1-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . This is a contradiction.

Therefore at least one of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ). ■

**Lemma 9.2.** *The condition (X) holds for any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P}$  in which the type of  $P_1$  is (6,2,2).*

**Proof:** By Proposition 9.1, at least one of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  is an  $s$ -distance set ( $s \geq 3$ ). We may suppose  $X_1$  is an  $s$ -distance set.

$P_1$  will denote the common center of the two spheres, which we shall call  $S_1$  (on which  $P_2, \dots, P_7$  are),  $S_2$  (on which  $P_8$  and  $P_9$  are), radii  $a, b$ , respectively.

There is a distance apart of a pair of points in  $\{P_2, \dots, P_9\}$  which is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . This is  $c$  or  $d$ , where  $d$  is distinct from  $a, b$ , and  $c$ . We may assume that it is  $c$ . If  $P_iP_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_1$  and  $P_j \in S_2$ , then  $\triangle P_1P_iP_j$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_iP_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in S_1 \text{ and } P_j \in S_2. \quad (15)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 3-dimensional sphere.

We suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ , that is,  $P_8P_9 = c$ .

For  $P_i \in S_1$  we consider  $\triangle P_iP_8P_9$ . Since  $P_iP_8$  and  $P_iP_9$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (15), we must have  $P_iP_8 = P_iP_9$ . Thus six points  $P_2, \dots, P_7$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_8P_9$  and the 3-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . The intersection of them is a 2-dimensional sphere. By Proposition 3.8, the condition (X) holds.

Thus we suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . By Proposition 3.5, six points  $P_2, \dots, P_7$  are on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres  $S_{11}$  and  $S_{12}$ , where  $P_i$  on  $S_{11}$  satisfies  $P_i P_9 = a$  and  $P_j$  on  $S_{12}$  satisfies  $P_j P_9 = b$  (Consider  $\triangle P_1 P_k P_9$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 7$ ).

If  $P_i P_j = c$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_{11}$  and  $P_j \in S_{12}$ , then  $\triangle P_i P_j P_9$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus the following condition holds:

$$P_i P_j = a \text{ or } b \text{ for any } P_i \in S_{11} \text{ and } P_j \in S_{12}. \quad (16)$$

So  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

If six points lie on one sphere, then the condition (X) holds by Proposition 3.8. So we consider the following cases:

- (I) Five points lie on one sphere, the other one point lies on the other sphere.
- (II) Four points lie on one sphere, the other two points lie on the other sphere.
- (III) Three points lie on one sphere, the other three points lie on the other sphere.

We consider the case (I). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on  $S_{11}$  and  $P_7$  is on  $S_{12}$ . Then  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_{11}$ . For  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  on  $S_{11}$ , we consider 5-point graphs in Table 2 again. Edges in a graph represent the distance that is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . We regard the others (,that is, transparent edges) as the distances  $a$  and  $b$ . Here we need not consider the graph which has no edge, because we suppose that there is at least one pair whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ .

We observe the cases (i)-(iv) in the proof of Proposition 4.3 similarly. In the case (i), we may assume that the 4-point subgraph with  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  is connected. Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2 P_3 = c$ . We consider  $\triangle P_2 P_3 P_7$ . Then we have  $P_2 P_7 = P_3 P_7$  by (16). Since the 4-point subgraph with  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  is connected, we see that we have  $P_2 P_7 = P_3 P_7 = P_4 P_7 = P_5 P_7$  by the similar discussion. Moreover we have  $P_2 P_j = P_3 P_j = P_4 P_j = P_5 P_j$  for  $j = 1, 8, 9$  by (15) and the assumption. Then four points  $P_1, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are equidistant from  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_{11}$ . If  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on a plane, then they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds. On the other hand, if  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are not on a plane, then  $P_1, P_7, P_8,$  and  $P_9$  are on a line. We cannot take four points on a line. This is a contradiction. Hence in the case (i), the condition (X) holds.

In the case (ii), we may assume that  $P_2 P_3 = c$  and  $P_2 P_4 = e$  ( $e \neq a, e \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = e$ ). We consider  $\triangle P_2 P_3 P_7$  and  $\triangle P_2 P_4 P_7$ . Then we have  $P_2 P_7 = P_3 P_7$  and  $P_2 P_7 = P_4 P_7$  by (16). In this case, we suppose that  $P_2 P_i, P_3 P_i,$  and  $P_4 P_i$  are  $a$  or  $b$  for  $i = 5, 6$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2 P_3 P_i$  and  $\triangle P_2 P_4 P_i$ ,  $P_2 P_i = P_3 P_i$  and  $P_2 P_i = P_4 P_i$  must hold. By (15) and the assumption we have  $P_2 P_j = P_3 P_j$  and  $P_2 P_j = P_4 P_j$  for  $j = 1, 8, 9$ . Then six points  $P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are equidistant from  $P_2, P_3,$  and  $P_4$ . Hence they are in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space, that is,  $\{P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist a unique 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism and it contains four points on a circle. Thus four points in  $\{P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case (iii), we may assume that  $P_2 P_3 = c$  and  $P_4 P_5 = e$  ( $e \neq a, e \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = e$ ). We consider  $\triangle P_2 P_3 P_7$  and  $\triangle P_4 P_5 P_7$ . Then we have  $P_2 P_7 = P_3 P_7$  and  $P_4 P_7 = P_5 P_7$  by (16). In this case, we suppose that  $P_2 P_6, P_3 P_6, P_4 P_6,$  and  $P_5 P_6$  are  $a$  or  $b$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2 P_3 P_6$  and  $\triangle P_4 P_5 P_6$ ,  $P_2 P_6 = P_3 P_6$  and  $P_4 P_6 = P_5 P_6$  must hold. By (15) and the assumption we have  $P_2 P_j = P_3 P_j$  and  $P_4 P_j = P_5 P_j$  for  $j = 1, 8, 9$ . Then five points  $P_1, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2 P_3$  and the

hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_4P_5$ . For the intersecion of them, there are two cases:

( $\alpha$ ) Because two hyperplanes are same, the intersecion is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space.

( $\beta$ ) A 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

In the case ( $\alpha$ ), since  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_{11}$ , the segment  $P_2P_3$  and the segment  $P_4P_5$  are mutally parallel. Then there is a plane that contains  $P_2, \dots, P_5$ . So they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case ( $\beta$ ),  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 5-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist exactly three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism. Any set contains four points lying on a circle. So four points in  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case (iv), we may assume that  $P_2P_3 = c$ . Then we see that there is exactly one pair  $P_2P_3$  whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  in  $X_1$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_i$  for  $i = 1, 4, \dots, 9$ ,  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus seven points  $P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8$ , and  $P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Since  $A(\{P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\{P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We know that there exists no 7-point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . This is a contradiction.

When we suppose that  $P_2$  is on  $S_{11}$  and  $P_3, \dots, P_7$  are on  $S_{12}$ , we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the discussion above.

Thus the condition (X) holds in the case (I).

We consider the case (II). In this case, we can apply the similar discussion as the proof of Lemma 6.1 in Case (C). If we apply it, then we see that the condition (X) holds.

We consider the case (III). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_4$  are on  $S_{11}$  and  $P_5, \dots, P_7$  are on  $S_{12}$ .

We may suppose that  $c$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_{12}$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_6P_7 = c$ . Next we suppose that there exist more than or equal to two pairs of points on  $S_{12}$  whose distances are distinct from  $a$  and  $b$ . One is  $P_6P_7 = c$ . Without loss of generality the second is  $P_5P_7 = e$  ( $e \neq a$ ,  $e \neq b$ , but we can admit  $c = e$ ).

Let  $P_i \in S_{11}$  and consider  $\triangle P_6P_7P_i$ . Because  $P_6P_i$  and  $P_7P_i$  are of length  $a$  or  $b$  by (16), we have  $P_6P_i = P_7P_i$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_5P_7P_i$  similarly, we have  $P_5P_i = P_7P_i$ . For  $P_1$  we have  $P_1P_6 = P_1P_7$  and  $P_1P_5 = P_1P_7$ . Moreover for  $P_j \in S_2$  we consider  $\triangle P_6P_7P_j$  and  $\triangle P_5P_7P_j$ . By (15),  $P_6P_j = P_7P_j$  and  $P_5P_j = P_7P_j$  hold. Thus six points  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_8$ , and  $P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_6P_7$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_5P_7$ . The intersection of them is a 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

Then  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist a unique 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism and it contains four points on a circle. Thus four points in  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_8, P_9\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

Hence we suppose that there is exactly one pair  $P_6P_7$  whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  on  $S_{12}$ . If we repeat the similar discussion above, then we see that there is also at most one pair whose distance is distinct from  $a$  and  $b$  on  $S_{11}$ . Without loss of generality this is  $P_2P_3$ .

When we consider  $\triangle P_6 P_7 P_k$  for  $k = 1, \dots, 5, 8, 9$ ,  $P_6 P_k = P_7 P_k$  holds by (15), (16), and the configuration hypothesis. Thus seven points  $P_1, \dots, P_5, P_8$ , and  $P_9$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_6 P_7$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Particularly  $\{P_1, P_3, P_4, P_5, P_8, P_9\}$  is a 6-point 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with distances  $a$  and  $b$ . We know that there exist exactly six 6-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Any set contains four points lying on a circle. Hence the condition (X) holds.

Therefore if the type of  $P_1$  is (6,2,2), then the condition (X) holds. ■

## 10 Case (G) in Lemma 3.1

We consider the case (G) in Lemma 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  is (6,2,1,1). We may assume that  $P_1 P_2 = P_1 P_3 = \dots = P_1 P_7 = a$ ,  $P_1 P_8 = P_1 P_9 = b$ ,  $P_1 P_{10} = c$ , and  $P_1 P_{11} = d$ . Let  $X_1 = \{P_1, \dots, P_7, P_8, P_9\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{P_1, \dots, P_7, P_{10}\}$ , and  $X_3 = \{P_1, \dots, P_7, P_{11}\}$ .

**Proposition 10.1.** *For  $X_1, \dots, X_3$  above, if 2-distance sets exist, then the number of them is at most one.*

**Proof:** We can show this proposition by repeating the similar discussion as Proposition 8.1 or 9.1. ■

**Lemma 10.2.** *The condition (X) holds for any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P}$  in which the type of  $P_1$  is (6,2,1,1).*

**Proof:** By Proposition 10.1, at least two sets of  $X_1, \dots, X_3$  are  $s$ -distance sets ( $s \geq 3$ ). If  $X_1$  is an  $s$ -distance set, then we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the similar discussion as Lemma 9.2. Hence we may assume that  $X_1$  is a 2-distance set and that  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  are  $s$ -distance sets. Since  $|A(\{P_2, \dots, P_7\})| \geq 2$  and  $X_1$  is a 2-distance set with distances  $a$  and  $b$ , it holds that

$$A(\{P_2, \dots, P_7\}) = \{a, b\}. \quad (17)$$

Thus  $b$  is the third distance in  $X_2$  and  $X_3$ .

Let  $S$  be the sphere centered at  $P_1$  with radius  $a$ . By Proposition 3.5, six points  $P_2, \dots, P_7$  are on one of two disjoint 2-dimensional spheres  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , where  $P_i$  on  $S_1$  satisfies  $P_i P_{10} = a$  and  $P_j$  on  $S_2$  satisfies  $P_j P_{10} = c$  (Consider  $\triangle P_1 P_k P_{10}$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 7$ ).

We remark that there is the distance  $b$  in  $\{P_2, \dots, P_7\}$ . If  $P_i P_j = b$  holds for some  $P_i \in S_1$  and  $P_j \in S_2$ , then  $\triangle P_i P_j P_{10}$  would be scalene with sides  $a, b, c$ , contrary to the configuration hypothesis. Thus  $P_i P_j = a$  or  $c$  for any  $P_i \in S_1$  and  $P_j \in S_2$ . Combining this and (17), the following condition holds:

$$P_i P_j = a \text{ for any } P_i \in S_1 \text{ and } P_j \in S_2. \quad (18)$$

So  $b$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on the same 2-dimensional sphere.

If six points lie on one sphere, then the condition (X) holds by Proposition 3.8. So we consider the following cases:

- (I) Five points lie on one sphere, the other one point lies on the other sphere.
- (II) Four points lie on one sphere, the other two points lie on the other sphere.
- (III) Three points lie on one sphere, the other three points lie on the other sphere.

We consider the case (I). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_7$  is on  $S_2$ . Then  $b$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . For  $P_2, \dots, P_6$  on  $S_1$ , we consider 5-point graphs in Table 2 again. Edges in a graph represent the distance  $b$ . We regard the others (,that is, transparent edges) as the distance  $a$ . Here we need not consider the graph which has no edge, because we suppose that there is at least one pair whose distance is  $b$ . Similarly we need not the complete graph (5,10,1), because there is no 5-point 1-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

We observe the cases (i)-(iv) in the proof of Proposition 4.3 similarly. In the case (i), we may assume that the 4-point subgraph with  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  is connected. Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2P_3 = b$ . We consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_7$ . Then we have  $P_2P_7 = P_3P_7$  by (18). Since the 4-point subgraph with  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  is connected, we see that we have  $P_2P_7 = P_3P_7 = P_4P_7 = P_5P_7$  by the similar discussion. Moreover we have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j = P_4P_j = P_5P_j$  for  $j = 1, 10$  by the assumption. For  $P_i \in S_1$ , we consider  $\triangle P_1P_iP_{11}$ . Then  $P_iP_{11} = a$  or  $d$ . Thus we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_{11}$ , we have  $P_2P_{11} = P_3P_{11}$ . Since the 4-point subgraph with  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  is connected, we see that we have  $P_2P_{11} = P_3P_{11} = P_4P_{11} = P_5P_{11}$  by the similar discussion. Then four points  $P_1, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}$  are equidistant from  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . If  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on a plane, then they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds. On the other hand, if  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are not on a plane, then  $P_1, P_7, P_{10}$ , and  $P_{11}$  are on a line. We cannot take four points on a line. This is a contradiction. Hence in the case (i), the condition (X) holds.

In the case (ii), we may assume that  $P_2P_3 = P_2P_4 = b$ . We consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_7$  and  $\triangle P_2P_4P_7$ . Then we have  $P_2P_7 = P_3P_7$  and  $P_2P_7 = P_4P_7$  by (18). In this case,  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i$  and  $P_2P_i = P_4P_i$  hold for  $i = 5, 6$ . By the assumption we have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j$  and  $P_2P_j = P_4P_j$  for  $j = 1, 10$ . For  $P_i \in S_1$ , we consider  $\triangle P_1P_iP_{11}$ . Then  $P_iP_{11} = a$  or  $d$ . Thus we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_{11}$  and  $\triangle P_2P_4P_{11}$ , we have  $P_2P_{11} = P_3P_{11}$  and  $P_2P_{11} = P_4P_{11}$ . Then six points  $P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}$  are equidistant from  $P_2, P_3$ , and  $P_4$ . Hence they are in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space, that is,  $\{P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  is a 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist a unique 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism and it contains four points on a circle. Thus four points in  $\{P_1, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case (iii), we may assume that  $P_2P_3 = P_4P_5 = b$ . We consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_7$  and  $\triangle P_4P_5P_7$ . Then we have  $P_2P_7 = P_3P_7$  and  $P_4P_7 = P_5P_7$  by (18). In this case,  $P_2P_6 = P_3P_6$  and  $P_4P_6 = P_5P_6$  hold. By the assumption we have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j$  and  $P_4P_j = P_5P_j$  for  $j = 1, 10$ . For  $P_i \in S_1$ , we consider  $\triangle P_1P_iP_{11}$ . Then  $P_iP_{11} = a$  or  $d$ . Thus we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_{11}$  and  $\triangle P_4P_5P_{11}$ , we have  $P_2P_{11} = P_3P_{11}$  and  $P_4P_{11} = P_5P_{11}$ . Then five points  $P_1, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_4P_5$ . For the intersecion of them, there are two cases:

( $\alpha$ ) Because two hyperplanes are same, the intersecion is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space.

( $\beta$ ) A 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

In the case ( $\alpha$ ), since  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_{11}$ , the segment  $P_2P_3$  and the segment  $P_4P_5$  are mutually parallel. Then there is a plane that contains  $P_2, \dots, P_5$ . So they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case ( $\beta$ ),  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  is a 5-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist exactly three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism. Any set contains four points lying on a circle. So four points in  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  lie on a circle; the condition

(X) holds.

In the case (iv), we may assume that  $P_2P_3 = b$ . Then we see that there is exactly one pair  $P_2P_3$  whose distance is  $b$  in  $X_2$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_i$  for  $i = 1, 4, \dots, 7, 10$ ,  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus six points  $P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7$ , and  $P_{10}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Since  $A(\{P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_{10}\}) = \{a, c\}$ ,  $\{P_1, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_{10}\}$  is a 2-distance set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We know that there exist exactly six 6-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Any set contains four points on a circle. Hence the condition (X) holds.

When we suppose that  $P_2$  is on  $S_1$  and  $P_3, \dots, P_7$  are on  $S_2$ , we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the discussion above.

Thus the condition (X) holds in the case (I).

We consider the case (II). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_6, P_7$  are on  $S_2$ .

We suppose that  $b$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ , that is,  $P_6P_7 = b$ . We consider  $\triangle P_iP_6P_7$  for  $P_i \in S_1$ . By (18), we have  $P_iP_6 = P_iP_7$ . Thus four points  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_6P_7$ , the 3-dimensional sphere  $S$ , and the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ . The intersection of them is a circle. Hence the condition (X) holds.

On the other hand, we suppose that  $b$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_1$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_2P_3 = b$ .

Next we suppose that there exist more than or equal to two pairs of points on  $S_1$  whose distances are  $b$ . One is  $P_2P_3 = c$ . We have two cases as the second pair whose distance is  $b$ .

Case (1):  $P_2P_3 = P_4P_5 = b$ .

By (18), we have  $P_2P_j = P_3P_j$  and  $P_4P_j = P_5P_j$  for  $P_j \in S_2$ . Moreover we have  $P_2P_k = P_3P_k$  and  $P_4P_k = P_5P_k$  for  $k = 1, 10$  by the assumption. For  $P_i \in S_1$  we consider  $\triangle P_1P_iP_{11}$ . Then  $P_iP_{11} = a$  or  $d$ . Thus we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_{11}$  and  $\triangle P_4P_5P_{11}$ , we have  $P_2P_{11} = P_3P_{11}$  and  $P_4P_{11} = P_5P_{11}$ . Hence five point  $P_1, P_6, P_7, P_{10}$ , and  $P_{11}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_4P_5$ . For the intersecion of them, there are two cases:

( $\alpha$ ) Because two hyperplanes are same, the intersecion is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space.

( $\beta$ ) A 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

In the case ( $\alpha$ ), since  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the 2-dimensional sphere  $S_1$ , the segment  $P_2P_3$  and the segment  $P_4P_5$  are mutally parallel. Then there is a plane that contains  $P_2, \dots, P_5$ . So they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

In the case ( $\beta$ ),  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  is a 5-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist exactly three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism. Any set contains four points lying on a circle. So four points in  $\{P_1, P_6, P_7, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

Case (2):  $P_2P_3 = P_2P_4 = b$ .

We can repeat the same discussion. (But the case ( $\alpha$ ) does not exist, only the case ( $\beta$ ) exists.)

Hence we suppose that there is exactly one pair  $P_2P_3$  whose distance is  $b$  in  $X_2$ . When we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_k$  for  $k = 1, 4, \dots, 7, 10$ ,  $P_2P_k = P_3P_k$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus six points  $P_1, P_4, \dots, P_7$ , and  $P_{10}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_2P_3$ . This hyperplane is a 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Moreover  $\{P_1, P_4, \dots, P_7, P_{10}\}$

is a 2-distance set with the distances  $a$  and  $c$ . We know that there exist exactly six 6-point 2-distance sets in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Any set contains four points on a circle. Therefore the condition (X) holds.

When we suppose that  $P_2, P_3$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_4, \dots, P_7$  are on  $S_2$ , we can show that the condition (X) holds by repeating the discussion above.

Thus the condition (X) holds in the case (II).

We consider the case (III). We suppose that  $P_2, \dots, P_4$  are on  $S_1$  and  $P_5, \dots, P_7$  are on  $S_2$ .

We may suppose that  $b$  is the distance between a pair of distinct points on  $S_2$ . Without loss of generality we may assume  $P_6P_7 = b$ . Next we suppose that there exist more than or equal to two pairs of points on  $S_2$  whose distances are  $b$ . One is  $P_6P_7 = b$ . Without loss of generality the second is  $P_5P_7 = b$ .

By (18), we have  $P_6P_i = P_7P_i$  and  $P_5P_i = P_7P_i$  for  $P_i \in S_1$ . Moreover we have  $P_6P_k = P_7P_k$  and  $P_5P_k = P_7P_k$  for  $k = 1, 10$  by the assumption. For  $P_j \in S_2$  we consider  $\triangle P_1P_jP_{11}$ . Then  $P_jP_{11} = a$  or  $d$ . Thus we consider  $\triangle P_6P_7P_{11}$  and  $\triangle P_5P_7P_{11}$ , we have  $P_6P_{11} = P_7P_{11}$  and  $P_5P_{11} = P_7P_{11}$ . Hence six points  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_{10}$ , and  $P_{11}$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_6P_7$  and the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_5P_7$ . The intersection of them is a 2-dimensional Euclidean space.

Then  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  is a 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . We know that there exist a unique 6-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  up to isomorphism and it contains four points on a circle. Thus four points in  $\{P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_{10}, P_{11}\}$  lie on a circle; the condition (X) holds.

Hence we suppose that there is exactly one pair  $P_6P_7$  whose distance is  $b$  on  $S_2$ . If we repeat the similar discussion above, we see that there is also at most one pair whose distance is  $b$  on  $S_1$ . Without loss of generality this is  $P_2P_3$ .

When we consider  $\triangle P_6P_7P_k$  for  $k = 2, \dots, 5$ ,  $P_6P_k = P_7P_k$  holds by (18) and the configuration hypothesis. Thus  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on the hyperplane perpendicularly bisecting  $P_6P_7$  and on  $S$ . The intersection of them is a 2-dimensional sphere. By (17), (18), and the assumption,  $P_2P_i = P_3P_i = P_4P_i = P_5P_i = a$  for  $i = 1, 6, 7$ . Thus  $P_1, P_6$ , and  $P_7$  are equidistant from  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  on a 2-dimensional sphere. If  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are on a plane, then they are on a circle; the condition (X) holds. On the other hand, if  $P_2, \dots, P_5$  are not on a plane, then  $P_1, P_6$ , and  $P_7$  are on a line. By Corollary 3.7, this is a contradiction.

Hence condition (X) holds in the case (III).

Therefore if the type of  $P_1$  is  $(6,2,1,1)$ , then the condition (X) holds. ■

## 11 Case (H) in Lemma 3.1

We consider the case (H) in Lemma 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  is  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ . We may assume that  $P_1P_2 = P_1P_3 = \dots = P_1P_7 = a$ ,  $P_1P_8 = b$ ,  $P_1P_9 = c$ ,  $P_1P_{10} = d$ , and  $P_1P_{11} = e$ .

We consider the sum of all vertex-numbers in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Since  $P_1$  has the largest vertex-number in  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $V(P_1) + \dots + V(P_{11}) \leq 11 \times \left\{ \binom{6}{2} + \binom{1}{2} + \binom{1}{2} + \binom{1}{2} + \binom{1}{2} \right\} = 165$ . On the other hand,  $V(P_1) + \dots + V(P_{11}) \geq 165$  by (1). Thus  $V(P_1) + \dots + V(P_{11}) = 165$ . Let  $\alpha$  be the number of regular triangles in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Then  $\alpha = 0$  holds by (2). Moreover  $V(P_i) = 15$  holds for arbitrary  $P_i \in \mathcal{P}$ . Hence the type of  $P_i$  is  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ .

**Lemma 11.1.** *There is no 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  is  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ .*

**Proof:** We notice that the type of  $P_2$  is  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ . So the distance  $a$  corresponds to 6 or 1 of type  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ . If  $a$  corresponds to 6, then at least one of  $P_2P_3, \dots, P_2P_7$  is  $a$ . We may suppose that  $P_2P_3 = a$ . Then  $\triangle P_1P_2P_3$  is a regular triangle with the distance  $a$ . This contradicts  $\alpha = 0$ . Thus  $a$  corresponds to 1. Then  $P_2P_8 = b, P_2P_9 = c, P_2P_{10} = d$ , and  $P_2P_{11} = e$  hold by considering  $\triangle P_1P_2P_i$  for  $i = 8, \dots, 11$ . This means that one of  $b, c, d$ , and  $e$  corresponds to 6 of type  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ . We may assume that this is  $b$ . Then  $P_2P_3 = \dots = P_2P_8 = b$ .

Next we notice that the type of  $P_3$  is  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ . We see that  $a$  corresponds to 1 of type  $(6,1,1,1,1)$  by repeating the discussion for  $P_2$ . Thus  $P_3P_8 = b, P_3P_9 = c, P_3P_{10} = d$ , and  $P_3P_{11} = e$  hold by considering  $\triangle P_1P_3P_i$  for  $i = 8, 9, 10, 11$ ,  $b$  corresponds to 6 of type  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ . Then  $P_2P_3 = P_3P_4 = \dots = P_3P_8 = b$ . But  $\triangle P_2P_3P_4$  is a regular triangle with the distance  $b$ . This contradicts  $\alpha = 0$ .

Therefore there is no 11-point isosceles set in which the type of  $P_1$  is  $(6,1,1,1,1)$ . ■

Therefore combining Lemmas 3.1, 4.8, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.2, 9.2, 10.2, and 11.1, we have Lemma 3.2. ■

By Lemma 3.2, at least four points, say  $P_1, \dots, P_4$ , in  $\mathcal{P}$  lie on a circle. We keep to this notation of suffixes in what follows. Lemma 11.2 can be proved by the same method given in the proof of Lemma 18 in Croft [4].

**Lemma 11.2.**  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  are either all the vertices of a square, or four of the vertices of a regular pentagon. ■

From now on, we observe two cases in Lemma 11.2 respectively.

## 12 Observation of 11-point isosceles sets in $\mathbb{R}^4$ containing four points of a regular pentagon

**Proposition 12.1.** Suppose an  $n$ -point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$  contains four vertices of a regular pentagon,  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  (in order, with the "gap" between  $P_4$  and  $P_1$ ). We may suppose that  $P_1 = (\frac{-1-\sqrt{5}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{4}, 0, 0), P_2 = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0), P_3 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0), P_4 = (\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{4}, 0, 0)$ . (The mid-point of  $P_2P_3$  is the origin. Each side of this regular pentagon is 1.)

Then the only other possible coordinates for the remaining points are

- (i)  $(0, \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}, z, w)$ , where  $z$  and  $w$  are arbitrary,
- (ii)  $T = (0, \frac{5 + 3\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, 0)$ , the remaining vertex of the pentagon, or
- (iii)  $(0, \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}, z, w)$ , where  $z$  and  $w$  satisfy  $z^2 + w^2 = (\frac{\sqrt{10 + 2\sqrt{5}}}{2\sqrt{5}})^2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $P_i$  be another point of  $\mathcal{P}$ . First, we show that  $P_i$  must lie on  $\Pi$ , where is the common perpendicular bisector of  $P_1P_4$  and  $P_2P_3$ , that is, the 3-dimensional Euclidean space. Let us suppose  $P_i$  does not lie on  $\Pi$ . Then  $P_1P_i \neq P_4P_i$  and  $P_2P_i \neq P_3P_i$ . By consideration of  $\triangle P_1P_4P_i$ , we have  $P_1P_i = P_1P_4 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  or  $P_4P_i = P_1P_4 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Because of the

symmetry, we may assume the former, without loss of generality. We consider  $\triangle P_1P_2P_i$ , we have  $P_2P_i = P_1P_2 = 1$  or  $P_2P_i = P_1P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

When  $P_2P_i = P_1P_2 = 1$ , we consider  $\triangle P_2P_4P_i$ . Since  $P_1P_i \neq P_4P_i$ , we have  $P_4P_i = 1$ . So  $P_i$  satisfies  $P_1P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $P_2P_i = P_4P_i = 1$ . But we see that these conditions satisfy at  $P_3$ , and hence no further such point  $P_i$  can exist by the calculation.

On the other hand,  $P_2P_i = P_1P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ , we consider  $\triangle P_2P_3P_i$ . Because  $P_2P_i \neq P_3P_i$ , we have  $P_3P_i = 1$ . So  $P_i$  satisfies  $P_1P_i = P_2P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $P_3P_i = 1$ . But we see that these conditions satisfy at  $P_4$ , and hence no further such point  $P_i$  can exist by the calculation.

Therefore  $P_i$  must lie on  $\Pi$ . We discuss in more detail. We consider  $\triangle P_1P_2P_i$ , there are three possibilities, which we shall take separately:

(I)  $P_1P_i = P_2P_i$ ; (II)  $P_1P_i = P_1P_2 = 1$ ; (III)  $P_2P_i = P_1P_2 = 1$ .

(I) We see that  $P_i$  satisfies  $x = 0$  and  $y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ . This is (i) in the list of the proposition.

(II) We consider  $\triangle P_1P_3P_i$ . This is isosceles only if ( $P_i$  satisfies  $x = 0$  and  $y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ , or)  $P_3P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Then  $P_i$  satisfies  $P_1P_i = P_4P_i = 1$  and  $P_3P_i = P_2P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Hence we see that these conditions satisfy at  $T$ , the fifth vertex of the pentagon, and no other point satisfies them both.

(III) We consider  $\triangle P_2P_4P_i$ . This is isosceles only if ( $P_i$  satisfies  $x = 0$  and  $y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ , or)  $P_4P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Then  $P_i$  satisfies  $P_1P_i = P_4P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $P_3P_i = P_2P_i = 1$ . Hence we see that these conditions satisfy at  $(0, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, z, w)$ , where  $z$  and  $w$  satisfy  $z^2 + w^2 = (\frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{2\sqrt{5}})^2$ , no other point satisfies them both. ■

**Proposition 12.2.** *Let  $Q$  be a point satisfying (iii) in the previous proposition. Then no  $n$ -point isosceles set can contain  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, T$ , and  $Q$ .*

**Proof:** It holds that  $QT = \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{2}$ . We consider  $\triangle P_1QT$ , then it is scalene with  $1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{2}$ . This is contrary to the configuration hypothesis.

Therefore no  $n$ -point isosceles set can contain  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, T$ , and  $Q$ . ■

We observe the detail for  $n = 11$  in Proposition 12.1. The space which satisfies the case (i) in Proposition 12.1 is a plane and that satisfying the case (iii) in Proposition 12.1 is a circle. The maximum cardinality of isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is 6 and we see that that on a circle is 5 (see Section 2). We consider them and Proposition 12.2. If an 11-point isosceles set exists, then it satisfies one row of Table 3.

Table 3: The distribution of the remaining points.

	the number of points satisfying (i)	(ii)	the number of points satisfying (iii)
$\langle 1 \rangle$	6	$T$	0
$\langle 2 \rangle$	6		1
$\langle 3 \rangle$	5		2
$\langle 4 \rangle$	4		3
$\langle 5 \rangle$	3		4
$\langle 6 \rangle$	2		5

We observe ⟨1⟩ in Table 3. In this case, we fix all the vertices of a regular pentagon.

**Proposition 12.3.** *Any 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  containing all the vertices of a regular pentagon is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.*

**Proof:** For any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  containing all the vertices of a regular pentagon, the other six points are in a 2-dimensional Euclidean space. Then they are all the vertices of a regular pentagon and its center. Hence we can fix  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 = T$ , and  $P_6 = (0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, 0)$ , we consider the configuration of the other five points which form a regular pentagon in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ .

Let  $P_i = (0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, z, w)$  for  $i \in \{7, \dots, 11\}$ . We consider  $\triangle P_5 P_6 P_i$ , we have  $(P_5 P_6)^2 = (\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}})^2$ ,  $(P_6 P_i)^2 = z^2 + w^2 (> 0)$ , and  $(P_5 P_i)^2 = (P_5 P_6)^2 + (P_6 P_i)^2$ . Since  $P_5 P_i > P_5 P_6$  and  $P_5 P_i > P_6 P_i$ ,  $P_5 P_6 = P_6 P_i$  holds by the configuration hypothesis. Thus  $P_7, \dots, P_{11}$  which form a regular pentagon are on the circle satisfying  $z^2 + w^2 = (\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}})^2$ . This 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P}$  is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1. ■

**Proposition 12.4.** *If there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying ⟨2⟩ in Table 3, then it is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.*

**Proof:** For any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying ⟨2⟩ in Table 3, six points in  $\mathcal{P}$  are in a 2-dimensional Euclidean space. Then they are all the vertices of a regular pentagon and its center. Thus  $\mathcal{P}$  is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1 by Proposition 12.3. ■

**Proposition 12.5.** *If there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying ⟨6⟩ in Table 3, then it is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.*

**Proof:** For any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying ⟨6⟩ in Table 3, five points in  $\mathcal{P}$  are on a circle. Then we see that they are all the vertices of a regular pentagon. Thus  $\mathcal{P}$  is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1 by Proposition 12.3. ■

**Proposition 12.6.** *If there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying ⟨3⟩ in Table 3, then it is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.*

**Proof:** For any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying ⟨3⟩ in Table 3, five points in  $\mathcal{P}$  are in a 2-dimensional Euclidean space. Then they are all the vertices of a square and its center, all the vertices of a regular pentagon, or four points of a regular pentagon and its center.

If  $\mathcal{P}$  contains all the vertices of a square and its center, then  $\mathcal{P}$  contains three collinear points. By Corollary 3.7, this is a contradiction. If  $\mathcal{P}$  contains all the vertices of a regular pentagon, then  $\mathcal{P}$  is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1 by Proposition 12.3.

On the other hand, if  $\mathcal{P}$  contains four points of a regular pentagon and its center, then we can fix  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$ , and  $P_5 = (0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, 0)$ . Let  $Q$  be a point satisfying (iii) in Proposition 12.1. It holds that  $P_5 Q = \frac{\sqrt{5(5+\sqrt{5})}}{5}$ . We consider  $\triangle P_2 P_5 Q$ , then it is scalene with  $1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, \frac{\sqrt{5(5+\sqrt{5})}}{5}$ . This is contrary to the configuration hypothesis. If we take  $T$ , then  $\mathcal{P}$  is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1 by Proposition 12.3. Hence we take neither  $T$  nor  $Q$ . Then we take the other six points  $P_6, \dots, P_{11}$  from (i) in Proposition 12.1. Since  $P_5$  satisfies (i), we cannot take at least one point  $P_{11}$ . This is a contradiction.

Therefore if there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying  $\langle 3 \rangle$  in Table 3, then this is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1. ■

Next we observe  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 3. For any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 3, the other seven points  $P_5, \dots, P_{11}$  are in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0$ , that is,  $\Pi$  in the proof of Proposition 12.1, and four points in  $\{P_5, \dots, P_{11}\}$  are on a circle. We may assume that they are  $P_5, \dots, P_8$ . Then they are all the vertices of a square, or four points of a regular pentagon.

We prepare the following two propositions in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . We quote them from Kido [10] (or Croft [4]).

**Proposition 12.7.** *Let four points  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  of an  $n$ -point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  form a square. We may suppose that  $P_1 = (-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0), P_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0), P_3 = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0), P_4 = (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0)$ . And let the center  $(0, 0, 0)$  be  $O$ , and let the plane that contains the square be  $\Pi$ . Then the only other possible situations for the remaining points are:*

(i) *on the vertical line  $L$  through  $O$ , or*

(ii) *at some of  $Q_1, \dots, Q_8$ , where*

$$Q_1 = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}), Q_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}), Q_3 = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}), Q_4 = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}),$$

$$Q_5 = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}), Q_6 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}), Q_7 = (0, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}), Q_8 = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}).$$

(The square  $Q_1Q_2Q_3Q_4$  and  $Q_5Q_6Q_7Q_8$  both have sides of length  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .) ■

**Proposition 12.8.** *Suppose an  $n$ -point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  contains four vertices of a regular pentagon,  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  (in order, with the "gap" between  $P_4$  and  $P_1$ ), lying in a horizontal plane. Then the only other possible situations for the remaining points are:*

(i) *at  $T$  the remaining vertex of the pentagon; or*

(ii) *at two points  $Q_1, Q_2$ , which are the only points  $Q$  such that  $\triangle QP_4P_1$  and  $\triangle QP_2P_3$  are both equilateral; or*

(iii) *on the vertical line  $L$  through the center of the pentagon.* ■

**Proposition 12.9.** *There exists no 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 3.*

**Proof:** We consider when  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  form a square. If each side of the square  $P_1P_2P_3P_4$  in Proposition 12.7 is  $\frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{2\sqrt{5}} \times \sqrt{2} = \frac{\sqrt{5+\sqrt{5}}}{\sqrt{5}}$ , then we remark that we can change them into  $P_5, \dots, P_8$ . Now the other points  $P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}$  are in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ . By Proposition 12.7, we see that there is exactly one point  $(0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, 0)$  in  $x = 0, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ . Thus we cannot take three points in  $x = 0, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  do not form a square.

On the other hand, we consider when  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  form four points of a regular pentagon. The other points  $P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}$  are in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ . By Proposition 12.8, we see that there is exactly one point  $(0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, 0)$  in  $x = 0, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ . Thus we cannot take three points in  $x = 0, y = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  do not form four points of a regular pentagon.

Therefore there is no 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 3. ■

The last case is  $\langle 4 \rangle$  in Table 3. For any 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying  $\langle 4 \rangle$  in Table 3, we may assume that  $P_5, \dots, P_7$  satisfy (iii) in Proposition

12.1 and that  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  satisfy (i) in Proposition 12.1. We may suppose that  $P_5 = (0, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{2\sqrt{5}})$  because of symmetry. We remark that  $P_5, \dots, P_{11}$  are in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0$ , that is,  $\Pi$  in the proof of Proposition 12.1.

**Proposition 12.10.** *If an 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying (4) in Table 3, then the possible situations for  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  are*

- (I) on the line  $L$  which satisfies  $w = \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{4\sqrt{5}}$ ,
- (II)  $R_1 = (0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, \frac{1}{20}(-5\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{50+10\sqrt{5}}))$ , or
- (III)  $R_2 = (0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, 0, \frac{1}{20}(5\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{50+10\sqrt{5}}))$ .

**Proof:** For  $i = 8, \dots, 11$ , let  $P_i = (0, \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}, z, w)$ . We consider  $\triangle P_2 P_5 P_i$ . Because  $P_2 P_5 = 1$ , one of the following (a-1)-(a-3) must hold to satisfy the configuration hypothesis:

- (a-1)  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{10}$  when  $P_2 P_i = 1$ ,
- (a-2)  $(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}})^2 + z^2 + (w - \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{2\sqrt{5}})^2 = 1$  when  $P_5 P_i = 1$ ,
- (a-3)  $w = \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{4\sqrt{5}}$  when  $P_2 P_i = P_5 P_i$ .

On the other hand, we consider  $\triangle P_1 P_5 P_i$ . Since  $P_1 P_5 = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ , one of the following (b-1)-(b-3) must hold to satisfy the configuration hypothesis:

- (b-1)  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{5+2\sqrt{5}}{5}$  when  $P_1 P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,
- (b-2)  $(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}})^2 + z^2 + (w - \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{2\sqrt{5}})^2 = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  when  $P_5 P_i = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ ,
- (b-3)  $w = \frac{\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}}{4\sqrt{5}}$  when  $P_1 P_i = P_5 P_i$ .

Hence combining one of (a-1)-(a-3) and one of (b-1)-(b-3), we see that the possible situations for  $P_i$  must be in the list of the proposition. ■

**Proposition 12.11.** *There exists no 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying (4) in Table 3.*

**Proof:** The previous proposition implies that  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  satisfy one of the following conditions:

- (i) four points on  $L$ ,
- (ii) three points on  $L$  and the other is one of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , and
- (iii) two points on  $L$  and the others are  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

In the case (i), we cannot take four points on a line. This is a contradiction. In the case (ii), three collinear points are contained. By Corollary 3.7, this is a contradiction. Considering the case (iii),  $\triangle P_5 R_1 R_2$  is scalene with  $1, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \sqrt{1 + (\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2})^2}$ . This is contrary to the configuration hypothesis.

Therefore there is no 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying (4) in Table 3. ■

Thus we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 12.12.** *There exists a unique 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  containing four vertices of a regular pentagon. This is  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1. ■*

### 13 Observation of 11-point isosceles sets in $\mathbb{R}^4$ containing a square

**Proposition 13.1.** *Let  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$  in an  $n$ -point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$  form a square. We may suppose that  $P_1 = (-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0), P_2 = (\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0), P_3 = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0), P_4 = (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0)$ .*

*Then the only other possible coordinates for the remaining points are*

- (i)  $(0, 0, z, w)$ , where  $z$  and  $w$  are arbitrary, or
- (ii) one of  $(0, -\frac{1}{2}, z, w), (\frac{1}{2}, 0, z, w), (0, \frac{1}{2}, z, w)$ , and  $(-\frac{1}{2}, 0, z, w)$ , where  $z$  and  $w$  satisfy  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $P_i$  be another point of  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let us suppose first  $P_i$  does not satisfy (i) in the proposition. We may show that  $P_i$  must satisfy (ii).

By the supposition above, at least one of  $P_1P_i \neq P_2P_i$  and  $P_1P_i \neq P_4P_i$  holds. Because of the symmetry, we may assume  $P_1P_i \neq P_4P_i$ , without loss of generality. We consider  $\triangle P_1P_4P_i$ , we have  $P_1P_i = 1$  or  $P_4P_i = 1$ . We may choose  $P_1P_i = 1$  because of the symmetry. So  $P_4P_i \neq 1$ . Next we consider  $\triangle P_3P_4P_i$ , we have (a)  $P_3P_i = P_3P_4 = 1$  or (b)  $P_3P_i = P_4P_i$ .

We consider the case (a).  $P_1P_i = P_3P_i$ , and so  $P_2P_i \neq P_4P_i$ . (If  $P_2P_i = P_4P_i$  holds, then  $P_i$  satisfies (i) in the proposition. This is a contradiction.) By consideration of  $\triangle P_2P_4P_i$ , either  $P_2P_i = \sqrt{2}$  or  $P_4P_i = \sqrt{2}$  must hold. If we choose the former, then we see that  $P_1P_i = P_3P_i = 1$  and  $P_2P_i = \sqrt{2}$  satisfy at  $P_4$ , and hence no further such point  $P_i$  can exist by the calculation. If we choose the latter, then we see that  $P_1P_i = P_3P_i = 1$  and  $P_4P_i = \sqrt{2}$  satisfy at  $P_2$ , and hence no further such point  $P_i$  can exist by the calculation similarly.

We consider the case (b). The value of the  $x$  coordinate of  $P_i$  is 0. By consideration of  $\triangle P_1P_3P_i$ , (b-1)  $P_3P_i = P_1P_i = 1$  or (b-2)  $P_3P_i = P_1P_3 = \sqrt{2}$ . In the case (b-1), we have  $P_1P_i = P_4P_i = 1$ . This is a contradiction. In the case (b-2),  $P_i$  is on the intersection of the 3-dimensional sphere with radius 1 whose center is  $P_1$ , the 3-dimensional sphere with radius  $\sqrt{2}$  whose center is  $P_3$ , and the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0$ . The intersection is  $x = 0, y = -\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ . So  $P_i = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, z, w)$ , where  $z$  and  $w$  satisfy  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ .

If we repeat the similar discussion three times, then we obtain the other coordinates  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, z, w), (0, \frac{1}{2}, z, w)$ , and  $(-\frac{1}{2}, 0, z, w)$  respectively, where  $z$  and  $w$  satisfy  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ . ■

We observe the detail for  $n = 11$  in Proposition 13.1. The space which satisfies the case (i) in Proposition 13.1 is a plane. The maximum cardinality of isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is 6. Hence if an 11-point isosceles set exists, then it satisfies one row of Table 4.

Table 4: The distribution of the remaining points.

	the number of points satisfying (i)	the number of points satisfying (ii)
$\langle 1 \rangle$	0	7
$\langle 2 \rangle$	1	6
$\langle 3 \rangle$	2	5
$\langle 4 \rangle$	3	4
$\langle 5 \rangle$	4	3
$\langle 6 \rangle$	5	2
$\langle 7 \rangle$	6	1

**Proposition 13.2.** *If there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying  $\langle 6 \rangle$  or  $\langle 7 \rangle$  in Table 4, then it is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.*

**Proof:** For any 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  containing a square, we suppose that the remaining points satisfy  $\langle 6 \rangle$  or  $\langle 7 \rangle$  in Table 4. Then it contains a 5-point (or a 6-point) isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . There are exactly three 5-point isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . They are four points of a square and its center, five points of a regular pentagon, and four points of a regular pentagon and its center. Four points of a square and its center contain three collinear points. By Corollary 3.7, any 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  cannot contain them. In the other cases, four points of a regular pentagon are contained. By Lemma 12.12, any 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.

Therefore if there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying  $\langle 6 \rangle$  or  $\langle 7 \rangle$  in Table 4, then it is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1. ■

We observe  $\langle 1 \rangle$ - $\langle 3 \rangle$  in Table 4. We see that another point  $P_i$  of an 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  which satisfies (ii) in Proposition 13.1 is on one of four circles.

Let  $S_1$  be  $x = 0, y = -\frac{1}{2}, z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $S_2$  be  $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = 0, z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $S_3$  be  $x = 0, y = \frac{1}{2}, z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ , and  $S_4$  be  $x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = 0, z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ . We remark that  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  are the subsets of the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0$ , and  $S_2$  and  $S_4$  are the subsets of the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $y = 0$ .

When  $\mathcal{P}$  satisfies one of  $\langle 1 \rangle$ - $\langle 3 \rangle$  in Table 4, the remaining at least five points are distributed on some of  $S_1, \dots, S_4$ . If they are distributed on one circle, then they are all points of a regular pentagon. By Lemma 12.12, such any 11-point isosceles set is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.

Hence we may suppose that they are distributed on more than two circles. We may assume that we choose  $S_1$  as the first circle because of symmetry. Now we separate the choice of the second circle into two cases whether  $S_i$  is the subset of the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0$  or not for  $i = 2, 3, 4$ . So one is  $S_3$ , the other is  $S_2$  or  $S_4$ .

**Proposition 13.3.** *We consider the first case above. We fix a point  $P_i$  on  $S_1$ . Then the possible situations for the points on  $S_3$  are at most three. Moreover the distance between a pair of distinct points from these three points must be 1 or  $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$ .*

**Proof:** We may assume that  $P_i = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0)$  because  $S_1$  and  $S_3$  are on the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0$  and we have only to investigate the relation between the points on  $S_1$  and those on  $S_3$ . Let  $P_j = (0, \frac{1}{2}, z, w)$  on  $S_3$ , where  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ . We consider  $\triangle P_1 P_i P_j$ . Since  $P_1 P_i = 1$  and  $P_1 P_j = \sqrt{2}$ , we have  $P_i P_j = 1$  or  $\sqrt{2}$ . When  $P_i P_j = 1$ ,  $P_j$  must be  $(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0)$ . When  $P_i P_j = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $P_j$  must be  $(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3})$  or  $(0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3})$ .

Therefore the possible situations for  $P_j$  are at most three. Moreover we can see easily that the distance between a pair of distinct points from these three points must be 1 or  $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$ . ■

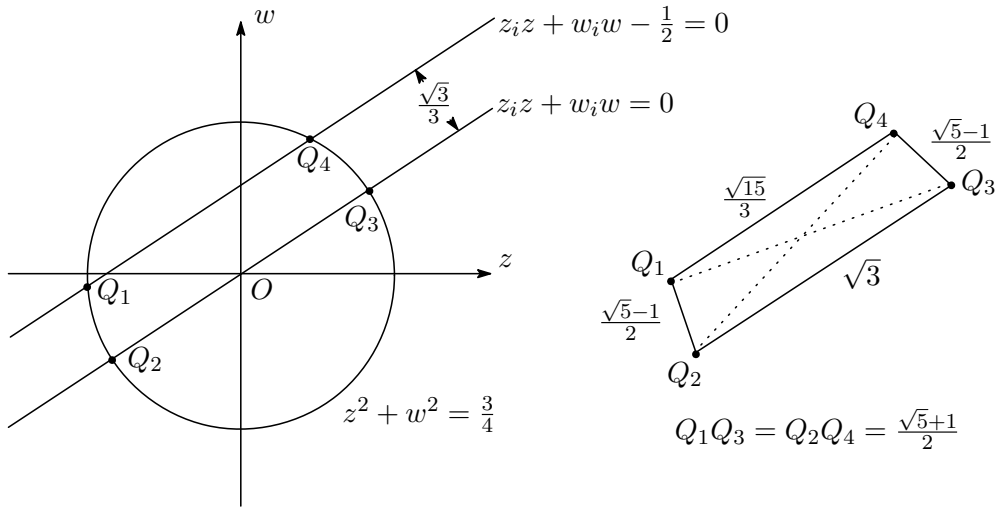
We consider the other case. We may suppose that the choice of the second circle is  $S_2$  because of symmetry.

**Proposition 13.4.** *We consider that the choice of the second circle is  $S_2$ . We fix a point  $P_i = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, z_i, w_i)$  on  $S_1$ , where  $z_i^2 + w_i^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ . Then the possible situations for the points on  $S_2$  are at most two. And the distance between the two points must be one of  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ .*

**Proof:** Let  $P_j = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, z, w)$  on  $S_2$ , where  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ . We consider  $\triangle P_1 P_i P_j$ . Since  $P_1 P_i = 1$  and  $P_1 P_j = \sqrt{2}$ , we have  $P_i P_j = 1$  or  $\sqrt{2}$ . Then  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + (z - z_i)^2 + (w - w_i)^2 = 1$  or  $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + (z - z_i)^2 + (w - w_i)^2 = 2$  holds. From them, we have  $z_i z + w_i w - \frac{1}{2} = 0$  or  $z_i z + w_i w = 0$ . And we  $z$  and  $w$  satisfy  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ . Hence the possible situations for  $P_j$  are at most four.

Since  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0)$  is on  $z_i z + w_i w = 0$ , the distance between  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $z_i z + w_i w - \frac{1}{2} = 0$  is  $\frac{|\frac{1}{2}|}{\sqrt{z_i^2 + w_i^2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$  in spite of the way to fix  $P_i$ . So let  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$  be the four possible points for  $P_j$ , the distances between  $Q$ -points are in Fig. 5 in spite of the way to fix  $P_i$ . Looking at Fig. 5, all triangles that we choose from  $Q$ -points are scalene.

Fig. 5.



Therefore if we fix a point  $P_i$  on  $S_1$ , then the possible situations for the points on  $S_2$  are at most two. Moreover we see easily that the distance between the two points must be one of  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  by Fig. 5. ■

For the supposition of Proposition 13.4, moreover we suppose that there is a point on  $S_4$ , too. Then the distance between two points on  $S_2$  must be 1 or  $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$  by an analogue of Proposition 13.3, we take at most one point on  $S_2$ . Thus we see that we cannot take (more than or equal to) five points satisfying (ii) in Proposition 13.1, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 13.5.** *If there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  containing a square, then the remaining five points cannot satisfy (ii) in Proposition 13.1, that is, the remaining points cannot satisfy one of  $\langle 1 \rangle$ - $\langle 3 \rangle$  in Table 4. ■*

Next we observe  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 4. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles set. Three points  $P_5, \dots, P_7$  lie on some of  $S_1, \dots, S_4$ . We may assume that one point  $P_5$  is on  $S_1$  because of symmetry. So  $P_5$  is one of  $(0, -\frac{1}{2}, a, \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2})$  and  $(0, -\frac{1}{2}, a, -\sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2})$ , where  $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \leq a \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . We may suppose that  $P_5 = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, a, \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2})$ . (For the latter we can repeat the similar discussion.) The other four points  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  are on the plane  $x = y = 0$ .

**Proposition 13.6.** *If an 11-point isosceles set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  contains a square satisfying  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 4, then the possible situations for  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  are*

(I) *on the line  $L$  which satisfies  $az + w\sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2} = \frac{1}{4}$ , or*

(II) *at some of  $R_1, \dots, R_4$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 &= \left(0, 0, \frac{-2a - \sqrt{5(3 - 4a^2)}}{6}, \frac{2\sqrt{5}a - \sqrt{3 - 4a^2}}{6}\right), \\ R_2 &= \left(0, 0, \frac{-2a + \sqrt{5(3 - 4a^2)}}{6}, \frac{-2\sqrt{5}a - \sqrt{3 - 4a^2}}{6}\right), \\ R_3 &= \left(0, 0, \frac{2a - \sqrt{3 - 4a^2}}{2}, \frac{2a + \sqrt{3 - 4a^2}}{2}\right), \\ R_4 &= \left(0, 0, \frac{2a + \sqrt{3 - 4a^2}}{2}, \frac{-2a + \sqrt{3 - 4a^2}}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** For  $i = 8, \dots, 11$ , let  $P_i = (0, 0, z, w)$ . We consider  $\triangle P_1 P_5 P_i$ . Because  $P_1 P_5 = 1$ , one of the following (a-1)-(a-3) must hold to satisfy the configuration hypothesis:

(a-1)  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{1}{2}$  when  $P_1 P_i = 1$ ,

(a-2)  $(z - a)^2 + (w - \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2})^2 = \frac{3}{4}$  when  $P_5 P_i = 1$ ,

(a-3)  $az + w\sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2} = \frac{1}{4}$  when  $P_1 P_i = P_5 P_i$ .

On the other hand, we consider  $\triangle P_3 P_5 P_i$ . Since  $P_3 P_5 = \sqrt{2}$ , one of the following (b-1)-(b-3) must hold to satisfy the configuration hypothesis:

(b-1)  $z^2 + w^2 = \frac{3}{2}$  when  $P_3 P_i = \sqrt{2}$ ,

(b-2)  $(z - a)^2 + (w - \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2})^2 = \frac{7}{4}$  when  $P_5 P_i = \sqrt{2}$ ,

(b-3)  $az + w\sqrt{\frac{3}{4} - a^2} = \frac{1}{4}$  when  $P_3 P_i = P_5 P_i$ .

Hence combining one of (a-1)-(a-3) and one of (b-1)-(b-3), we see that the possible situations for  $P_i$  must be in the list of the proposition. ■

**Proposition 13.7.** *An 11-point isosceles set containing a square does not satisfy  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 4.*

**Proof:** By Proposition 13.6, four points  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  are in the list of the proposition. We observe (II) in Proposition 13.6. Because  $R_1 R_2 = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{3}$ ,  $R_1 R_3 = R_2 R_4 = \sqrt{\frac{5 - \sqrt{5}}{2}}$ ,  $R_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3 = \sqrt{\frac{5 + \sqrt{5}}{2}}$ , and  $R_3 R_4 = \sqrt{3}$ , any triangle selected from  $R$ -points is scalene. So we choose at most two  $R$ -points. On the other hand, we observe (I) in Proposition 13.6. Since  $L$  is a line, we choose at most three points on  $L$ . By Corollary 3.7, we cannot choose three points. So we choose at most two points on  $L$ . Hence we must choose two  $R$ -points and two points on  $L$  for  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$ . Let  $P_8, P_9$  be two  $R$ -points and  $P_{10}, P_{11}$  be two points on  $L$ . For each choice of two  $R$ -points, we see that the possible situations for  $P_{10}$  and  $P_{11}$  are five points by considering  $\triangle P_8 P_9 P_{10}$  and  $\triangle P_8 P_9 P_{11}$  and the calculations.

The number of the choices of  $P_8$  and  $P_9$  is  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  and the number of the choices of  $P_{10}$  and  $P_{11}$  is  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$ . Thus the number of the choices of  $P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  is  $6 \times 10 = 60$ . We have only to check 60 cases whether  $P_1, \dots, P_5, P_8, \dots, P_{11}$  form an isosceles set or not. But for all cases we see that they contain a scalene by the calculations.

Therefore no 11-point isosceles set containing a square satisfies  $\langle 5 \rangle$  in Table 4. ■

Finally we observe  $\langle 4 \rangle$  in Table 4. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_{11}\}$  be an 11-point isosceles

set. Four points  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  lie on some of  $S_1, \dots, S_4$ . We may assume that one point  $P_5 = (0, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0)$  because of symmetry.  $P_9, \dots, P_{11}$  are in the plane  $x = y = 0$ .

**Proposition 13.8.** *If there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying (4) in Table 4, then it is isomorphic to  $X$  or  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.*

**Proof:** If  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  are distributed on  $S_1$ , then they are all points of a square or four points of a regular pentagon.

We consider when  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  form a square. If each side of the square  $P_1P_2P_3P_4$  in Proposition 12.7 is  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \sqrt{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$ , then we remark that we can change them into  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  in the 3-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = 0$ . Now the other points  $P_9, P_{10}, P_{11}$  are in the 2-dimensional Euclidean space  $x = y = 0$ . By Proposition 12.7, we see that there is exactly one point  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$  in  $x = y = 0$ . Thus we cannot take three points in  $x = y = 0$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  do not form a square.

We consider when  $P_5, \dots, P_8$  form four points of a regular pentagon. By Lemma 12.12, such any 11-point isosceles set is isomorphic to  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1.

Hence these points are distributed on more than two circles. By the proof of Proposition 13.3, the number of the possible points on  $S_3$  for  $P_6, P_7, P_8$  is at most three. They are  $U_1 = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0)$ ,  $U_2 = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3})$ , and  $U_3 = (0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{3})$ . By the proof of Proposition 13.4, the number of the possible points on  $S_2$  for  $P_6, P_7, P_8$  is at most four. They are  $U_4 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$ ,  $U_5 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$ ,  $U_6 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ , and  $U_7 = (\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ . Similarly the number of the possible points on  $S_4$  for  $P_6, P_7, P_8$  is at most four by the proof of Proposition 13.4. They are  $U_8 = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$ ,  $U_9 = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$ ,  $U_{10} = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ , and  $U_{11} = (-\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ .

If we apply Proposition 13.6 to  $P_5$ , then  $P_9, P_{10}$ , and  $P_{11}$  in the plane  $x = y = 0$  must satisfy one of the following situations:

$$\begin{aligned} (I) & \text{ on the line which satisfies } z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \\ (II) & \text{ at some of } (0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6}), (0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6}), \\ & (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}), \text{ and } (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

We apply Proposition 13.6 and its analogue to  $U$ -points, we have only to check whether there exist three points in  $x = y = 0$  which satisfy (19) or not. When we take  $U_1, U_4$ , and  $U_8$ , there exist three points  $(0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{30})$ ,  $(0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$ , and  $(0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$  satisfying (19). Then  $\{P_1, \dots, P_5, U_1, U_4, U_8, (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{30}), (0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6}), (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})\}$  is an 11-point isosceles set which is isomorphic to  $X$  in Theorem 2.1. Similarly when we take  $U_1, U_5$ , and  $U_9$ , there exist three points  $(0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{30})$ ,  $(0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$ , and  $(0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})$  satisfying (19). Then  $\{P_1, \dots, P_5, U_1, U_5, U_9, (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{30}), (0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{6}), (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{6})\}$  is an 11-point isosceles set which is isomorphic to  $X$  in Theorem 2.1, too. In the other cases, three points satisfying (19) do not exist.

On the other hand, if we apply the proofs of Proposition 13.3 and 13.4 to  $U$ -points, then there are some possible points on  $S_1$  except for  $P_5$ . We apply Proposition 13.6 and its analogue to them. But three points satisfying (19) do not exist. Hence we cannot take points on  $S_1$  except for  $P_5$ .

Therefore if there exists an 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  satisfying (4) in Table 4, then it is isomorphic to  $X$  or  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1. ■

We remark that  $Y$  in Theorem 2.1 does not contain a square. Thus we have the following lemma.

**Lemma 13.9.** *There exists a unique 11-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  containing a square. This is  $X$  in Theorem 2.1. ■*

## 14 Completion of the proofs of Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2

First, Lemma 3.1 holds if an 11-point isosceles set exists. In any case of Lemma 3.1, if there exists an 11-point isosceles set, then the condition (X) holds by Lemmas 4.8, 5.1, 6.1, 7.1, 8.2, 9.2, 10.2, and 11.1.

When the condition (X) holds, four points that lie on a circle are either all the vertices of a square, or four of the vertices of a regular pentagon by Lemma 11.2. If they are four of the vertices of a regular pentagon, then Lemma 12.12 implies that there exists a unique 11-point isosceles set  $Y$ . On the other hand, if they are all the vertices of a square, then there exists a unique 11-point isosceles set  $X$  by Lemma 13.9.

Therefore there are exactly two 11-point isosceles sets  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  up to isomorphism. Moreover we see that there is no 12-point isosceles set in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  by the calculation, the maximum cardinality of isosceles sets in  $\mathbb{R}^4$  is 11. ■

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