

# The existence of $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequences

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## Abstract

Let  $m_1, m_2, n$  be three positive integers,  $m_1 < m_2 \leq n$ . An  $(m_1, m_2)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  with defects  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  is a sequence  $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{2n-4})$  of  $2n - 4$  positive integers which satisfies the following two conditions: (1) For every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus \{m_1, m_2\}$  there are exactly two elements  $s_i, s_j \in S$ , such that  $s_i = s_j = k$ ; (2) If  $s_i = s_j = k$  then  $|j - i| = k$ . In this paper, we prove that the necessary conditions are also sufficient for the existence of  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequences.

## 1 Introduction

The concept of an  $(m_1, m_2)$ -near-Skolem sequence was first introduced by Shalaby [18]. Let  $m_1, m_2, n$  be three positive integers,  $m_1 < m_2 \leq n$ . An  $(m_1, m_2)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  and defects  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  is a sequence  $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{2n-4})$  of  $2n - 4$  positive integers which satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) For every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus \{m_1, m_2\}$  there are exactly two elements  $s_i, s_j \in S$ , such that  $s_i = s_j = k$ .
- (2) If  $s_i = s_j = k$  then  $|j - i| = k$ .

Reid and Shalaby [15] conjectured the necessary conditions for the existence of  $(m_1, m_2)$ -near-Skolem sequences of order  $n$  are sufficient.

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**Conjecture 1.1.** ([15]) *An  $(m_1, m_2)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists if and only if one of the following is true: (1)  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are of the same parity; (2)  $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are of opposite parity.*

The research of related sequences can be traced back to Skolem [21] who first proposed the concept of Skolem sequences in 1957. Since then various generalizations of Skolem sequences have been studied by many people—for example: hooked Skolem sequences [14]; Rosa sequences and hooked Rosa sequences [16]; Langford sequences and hooked Langford sequences [20]; extended Skolem sequences [1, 2] and hooked extended Skolem sequences [10]; near-Skolem sequences and hooked near-Skolem sequences [18]; near-Rosa sequences and hooked near-Rosa sequences [19];  $(p, q)$ -extended Rosa sequences [11]; and  $k$ -extended  $m$ -near-Skolem sequences [3, 4]. There are numerous open problems on the existence of related generalizations of Skolem sequences [13, 17, 8].

An  $m$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  is a sequence  $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{2n-2})$  of  $2n - 2$  positive integers which satisfies the following conditions:

- (1) For every  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus \{m\}$  there are exactly two elements  $s_i, s_j \in S$ , such that  $s_i = s_j = k$ .
- (2) If  $s_i = s_j = k$  then  $|j - i| = k$ .

Near-Skolem sequences can be used to construct various types of designs. For example, Billington applied near-Skolem sequences to obtain several types of designs [6, 7], Fu and Wu [9] used near-Skolem sequences to obtain a cyclic decomposition of complete graphs, and Meszka and Rosa [12] used near Skolem sequences to construct cubic graphs with at most 22 vertices which are leaves of partial triple systems.

**Theorem 1.2.** ([18]) *An  $m$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists if and only if  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m$  is odd, or  $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $m$  is even.*

A few results have been obtained on Conjecture 1.1. Recently, we proved Conjecture 1.1 under the condition that  $m_2 - m_1 \leq 2$ , or  $m_2 - m_1 > 2$  and  $n \geq 3m_2 + 1$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** ([22]) (1) *For  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ , there is an  $(m_1, m_2)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$ , where  $n \geq 3m_2 + 1$  and  $m_2 - m_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .*  
 (2) *For  $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ , there is an  $(m_1, m_2)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$ , where  $n \geq 3m_2 + 1$  and  $m_2 - m_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .*

**Theorem 1.4.** ([22]) (1) *An  $(m, m + 2)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists if and only if  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , and  $(m, n) \neq (1, 4), (1, 5)$ .*  
 (2) *An  $(m, m + 1)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists if and only if  $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , and  $(m, n) \neq (1, 3), (1, 6)$ .*

In this paper, we mainly prove that a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists if and only if  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 5$ ,  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , and  $(m, n) \neq (3, 5)$ , or  $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 6$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $(m, n) \neq (2, 6)$ .

## 2 Main result

We first introduce the concept of extended near Skolem sequences. A  $k$ -extended  $m$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  is a sequence  $S = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{2n-1})$  of  $2n - 1$  positive integers which satisfies the following three conditions:

- (1) For every  $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus \{m\}$  there are exactly two elements  $s_i, s_j \in S$ , such that  $s_i = s_j = l$ .
- (2) If  $s_i = s_j = l$  then  $|j - i| = k$ .
- (3)  $s_k = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** ([3, 4, 5]) *There exists an  $(n - 4)$ -extended 1-near-Skolem sequence of order  $n - 2$  if and only if  $n \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 7$ .*

**Theorem 2.2.** *A  $(1, n - 1)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists if  $n \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 7$ .*

*Proof:* By Theorem 2.1 since there exists an  $(n - 4)$ -extended 1-near-Skolem sequence of order  $n - 2$ , so we put  $n$  in positions  $n - 4$  and  $2n - 4$  of this sequence. Then we get a  $(1, n - 1)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$ .  $\square$

Before proving our main conclusions, we briefly describe the main methods used. Let  $M = \{2, 3, \dots, n\} \setminus \{m\}$ . Now  $M$  can be partitioned into three subsets  $M_1 = \{D : D \in M, D - m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}\}$ ,  $M_2 = \{D : D \in M, D - m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}\}$ , and  $M_3 = \{D : D \in M, D - m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$ .

(1) For all the differences in  $M_1$  we put the biggest one at the end of the sequence, i.e. in position  $P = 2n - 4$ . Then move inward two positions each time and put the largest difference of the remaining differences. This continues until  $m - 4$  is the maximum of the remaining differences in  $M_1$ . Now we move inward two positions and four positions, respectively, and put 2 in both. Then continue to move inward two positions each time again and put the largest difference of the remaining differences. This discontinuous subsequence is denoted by  $S_1$  in the next example.

(2) For all the differences in  $M_2$  we put the biggest one at the end of the sequence, i.e. in position  $P = 2n - 5$ . Then move inward two positions each time and put the largest difference of the remaining differences. This continuous subsequence is denoted by  $S_2$  in the next example.

(3) For all the differences in  $M_3$  we distinguish three subcases and use a similar method to obtain two continuous subsequences  $S_3$  and  $S_4$ , and a discontinuous subsequence  $S_5$ .

**Example 1.** *A  $(1, 33)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order 64 and its five subsequences.*



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P	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
D			54				46				38												22		
P	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
D		14				6						6				14				22				38	
P	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
D			46				54																		

**Theorem 2.3.** *A (1, m)-near-Skoletm sequence of order n exists if and only if  $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 5$ ,  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , and  $(m, n) \neq (3, 5)$ , or  $n \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 6$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and  $(m, n) \neq (2, 6)$ .*

*Proof:* Necessity is obvious and the exceptions  $n < 5$  and  $(m, n) \neq (3, 5), (2, 6)$  are easily verified. For sufficiency, we distinguish four cases. In each case, the solution is given in the form of a table, where  $a_i, b_i$  denote the first and second appearance, respectively, of the number  $i$ . Define  $c(n, k) = n - k \lfloor \frac{n}{k} \rfloor$ .

**Case 1:**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n + c(m, 4) - 4 - 4r$	$n - c(m, 4) + 2r$	$2n - 4 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-m-5}{4} \rfloor$
$m - 4 - 4r$	$\frac{3}{2}n - 2\lfloor \frac{m-1}{4} \rfloor - 3 + 2r$	$\frac{3}{2}n + 2\lfloor \frac{m-1}{4} \rfloor - 6 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{m-11}{4} \rfloor$
2	$\frac{3}{2}n + 2\lfloor \frac{m-1}{4} \rfloor - 4$	$\frac{3}{2}n + 2\lfloor \frac{m-1}{4} \rfloor - 2$	
$n - c(m, 4) - 4r$	$n + c(m, 4) - 5 + 2r$	$2n - 5 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-12}{4}$

**Case 1.1:**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 16$  and  $m = 3$ , a (1, 3)-near-Skoletm sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 16$  and  $5 \leq m \leq n - 1$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 1.1.1:**  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $5 \leq m \leq n - 3$ ,  $n \geq 16$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 8 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 6 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-16}{4}$
$\frac{n}{2} - 10 - 8r$	$\frac{n}{4} + 7 + 4r$	$\frac{3n}{4} - 3 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-32}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n}{2} - 2$	$n - 3$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 5$	
7	$\frac{3n}{2} - 8$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 1$	
5	$\frac{3n}{2} - 7$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 2$	
4	$\frac{n}{4} - 1$	$\frac{n}{4} + 3$	
$n - 6 - \frac{c(n,16)}{2} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 5 - \frac{c(n,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-16}{8}$
$n - 10 + \frac{c(n,16)}{2} - 8r$	$3 - \frac{c(n,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 7 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-24}{16} \rfloor$
$n$	$\frac{n}{2} - 3 - \frac{c(n,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 3 - \frac{c(n,16)}{8}$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n}{2} - 4 + \frac{3c(n,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 6 + \frac{3c(n,16)}{8}$	
$n - 4$	$\frac{n}{2} - \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 4 - \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	
3	$\frac{n}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n}{2} + 1 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	

**Case 1.1.2:**  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $7 \leq m \leq n - 1$ ,  $n \geq 16$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 6 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 4 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-12}{4}$
$n - 12 - 8r$	$3 + 4r$	$n - 9 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-24}{8}$
$n - 8 - 8r$	$1 + 4r$	$n - 7 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-32}{16} \rfloor$
3	$\frac{3n}{2} - 6$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 3$	
$\frac{n}{2} - 8 + \frac{c(n,16)}{2} - 8r$	$\frac{n}{4} - 3 - \frac{c(n,16)}{4} + 4r$	$\frac{3n}{4} - 11 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-24}{16} \rfloor$
$n$	$\frac{n}{2} - 1 - \frac{3c(n,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 1 - \frac{3c(n,16)}{4}$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n}{2} - 5 + \frac{3c(n,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 7 + \frac{3c(n,16)}{8}$	
$n - 4$	$\frac{n}{2} - \frac{c(n,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 4 - \frac{c(n,16)}{8}$	
$\frac{n}{2} + \frac{c(n,16)}{2}$	$n - 5$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 5 + \frac{c(n,16)}{2}$	
5	$\frac{n}{2} - 7 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	
4	$\frac{3n}{4} - 7 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3n}{4} - 3 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	

For  $n = 8$  and  $m = 3$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.4.

For  $n = 8$  and  $m = 5$ : 8 2 7 2 3 6 4 3 8 7 4 6

For  $n = 8$  and  $m = 7$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 2.2.

**Case 1.2:**  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 12$  and  $m = 3$ , a  $(1, 3)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 20$  and  $5 \leq m \leq n - 1$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 1.2.1:**  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $5 \leq m \leq n - 3$ ,  $n \geq 20$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
7	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2} - 2$	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2} + 5$	
$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4} - 4r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8} + 2r$	$n - 5 - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8} - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{2n-24-c(n-4,16)}{8}$
$n - 8 - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4} - 8r$	$2 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-20}{8}$
$n - 12 + \frac{3c(n-4,16)}{4} - 8r$	$4 - \frac{3c(n-4,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 8 + \frac{3c(n-4,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-28}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n}{2} - 10 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4} - 8r$	$\frac{n-4}{4} - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8} + 4r$	$\frac{3n-44}{4} + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-28}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4}$	$n - 3$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 5 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4}$	
$n - 4$	$\frac{n}{2} - 3 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 7 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4}$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n}{2} - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{2}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 2 - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{2}$	
$n$	$\frac{n}{2} - 4 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 4 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{4}$	
5	$\frac{n}{2} - 6 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8}$	$\frac{n}{2} - 1 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8}$	
4	$\frac{3n}{4} - 7 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n}{4} - 3 + \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8}$	
3	$\frac{3n}{2} - 6 - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n}{2} - 3 - \frac{c(n-4,16)}{8}$	

**Case 1.2.2:**  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $7 \leq m \leq n - 1$ ,  $n \geq 20$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 10 - 4r$	$3 + 2r$	$n - 7 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-20}{4}$
$\frac{n-4}{2} - 8 - 8r$	$\frac{n-4}{4} + 8 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-4)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-36}{16} \rfloor$
$n$	$\frac{n-4}{2} - 1$	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2} + 3$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n-4}{2} + 3$	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2} + 5$	
$n - 4$	$\frac{n-4}{2} + 1$	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2} + 1$	
$n - 6$	1	$n - 5$	
$\frac{n-4}{2}$	$n - 4$	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2}$	
3	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2} - 1$	$\frac{3(n-4)}{2} + 2$	
4	$\frac{n-4}{4}$	$\frac{n-4}{4} + 4$	
5	$\frac{n-4}{2} - 3$	$\frac{n-4}{2} + 2$	
$n - 6 - \frac{c(n,16)}{2} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 5 - \frac{c(n,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-20}{8}$
$n - 14 + \frac{c(n,16)}{2} - 8r$	$5 - \frac{c(n,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 9 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-28}{16} \rfloor$
6	$\frac{n}{2} - 5 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n}{2} + 1 + \frac{c(n,16)}{4}$	

For  $n = 12$  and  $5 \leq m \leq 9$ :

$$m = 5 : 12 \ 8 \ 11 \ 4 \ 10 \ 3 \ 9 \ 4 \ 3 \ 8 \ 6 \ 7 \ 12 \ 11 \ 10 \ 9 \ 6 \ 2 \ 7 \ 2$$

$$m = 7 : 12 \ 10 \ 11 \ 6 \ 3 \ 5 \ 9 \ 3 \ 8 \ 6 \ 5 \ 10 \ 12 \ 11 \ 4 \ 9 \ 8 \ 2 \ 4 \ 2$$

$$m = 9 : 12 \ 4 \ 11 \ 5 \ 10 \ 4 \ 3 \ 8 \ 5 \ 3 \ 6 \ 7 \ 12 \ 11 \ 10 \ 8 \ 6 \ 2 \ 7 \ 2$$

For  $n = 12$  and  $m = 11$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 2.2.

**Case 2:**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - c(m, 4) + 1 - 4r$	$n + c(m, 4) - 5 + 2r$	$2n - 4 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-m-4}{4} \rfloor$
$m - 4 - 4r$	$\frac{3}{2}n - 2\lfloor \frac{m-1}{4} \rfloor - \frac{9}{2} + 2r$	$\frac{3}{2}n + 2\lceil \frac{m-1}{4} \rceil - \frac{15}{2} - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{m-11}{4} \rfloor$
2	$\frac{3}{2}n + 2\lceil \frac{m-1}{4} \rceil - \frac{11}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}n + 2\lceil \frac{m-1}{4} \rceil - \frac{7}{2}$	
$n + c(m, 4) - 3 - 4r$	$n - c(m, 4) - 2 + 2r$	$2n - 5 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-9}{4}$

**Case 2.1:**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 17$  and  $m = 3$ , a  $(1, 3)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 25$  and  $5 \leq m \leq n$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 2.1.1:**  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $5 \leq m \leq n$ ,  $n \geq 25$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 7 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 5 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-13}{4}$
$\frac{n-1}{2} - 4 - 8r$	$\frac{n-1}{4} + 3 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-1)}{4} - 1 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-33}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-1}{2} + 4$	$n - 6$	$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} - 1$	
4	$\frac{n-1}{4} - 5$	$\frac{n-1}{4} - 1$	
5	$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} - 7$	$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} - 2$	
$n - 9 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{2} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 8 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-25}{8}$
$n - 13 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{2} - 8r$	$3 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 10 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-41}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-1}{2} - 3 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} - 3 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4}$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-1}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} - 4 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-1}{2} - 1 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} - 5 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	
8	$\frac{n-1}{2} - 7 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{2}$	$\frac{(n-1)}{2} + 1 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{2}$	
3	$\frac{n-1}{2} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-1}{2} + 3 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4}$	



**Case 2.1.2:**  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $7 \leq m \leq n - 2$ ,  $n \geq 25$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 7 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4} - 4r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8} + 2r$	$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8} - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{2n-26-c(n-1,16)}{8}$
$n - 13 + \frac{3c(n-1,16)}{4} - 8r$	$4 - \frac{3c(n-1,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 9 + \frac{3c(n-1,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-25+c(n-1,16)}{8}$
$n - 9 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4} - 8r$	$2 + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 7 - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-33}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-17}{2} + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4} - 8r$	$\frac{n+23}{4} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8} + 4r$	$\frac{3n-11}{4} + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-25}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-3}{2} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n-5}{2} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-9}{2} + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n-15}{2} + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-1}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} - 4$	
$\frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4}$	$n - 4$	$\frac{3n-9}{2} + \frac{c(n-1,16)}{4}$	
$5$	$\frac{n-7}{2} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	$\frac{n+3}{2} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	
$4$	$\frac{n-9}{4} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	$\frac{n+7}{4} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	
$3$	$\frac{3n-13}{2} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3n-7}{2} - \frac{c(n-1,16)}{8}$	

For  $n = 9$  and  $m = 3$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.4.

For  $n = 9$  and  $5 \leq m \leq 7$ :

$m = 5 : 9\ 6\ 8\ 3\ 4\ 7\ 3\ 6\ 4\ 9\ 8\ 2\ 7\ 2$

$m = 7 : 9\ 4\ 8\ 5\ 3\ 4\ 6\ 3\ 5\ 9\ 8\ 2\ 6\ 2$

For  $n = 9$  and  $m = 9$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.2.

For  $n = 17$  and  $5 \leq m \leq 15$ :

$m = 5 : 17\ 15\ 16\ 9\ 6\ 14\ 8\ 13\ 7\ 12\ 6\ 11\ 9\ 10\ 8\ 7\ 15\ 17\ 16\ 14\ 13\ 12\ 11\ 10\ 4\ 2\ 3\ 2\ 4\ 3$

$m = 7 : 17\ 15\ 16\ 10\ 8\ 14\ 4\ 13\ 6\ 12\ 4\ 11\ 8\ 10\ 6\ 9\ 15\ 17\ 16\ 14\ 13\ 12\ 11\ 5\ 9\ 2\ 3\ 2\ 5\ 3$

$m = 9 : 17\ 15\ 16\ 7\ 10\ 14\ 6\ 13\ 5\ 12\ 7\ 11\ 6\ 5\ 10\ 8\ 15\ 17\ 16\ 14\ 13\ 12\ 11\ 8\ 4\ 2\ 3\ 2\ 4\ 3$

$m = 11 : 17\ 15\ 16\ 7\ 9\ 14\ 5\ 13\ 6\ 12\ 7\ 5\ 10\ 9\ 6\ 8\ 15\ 17\ 16\ 14\ 13\ 12\ 10\ 8\ 4\ 2\ 3\ 2\ 4\ 3$

$m = 13 : 17\ 15\ 16\ 6\ 9\ 14\ 5\ 7\ 12\ 6\ 11\ 5\ 10\ 9\ 7\ 8\ 15\ 17\ 16\ 14\ 12\ 11\ 10\ 8\ 4\ 2\ 3\ 2\ 4\ 3$

$m = 15 : 17\ 14\ 16\ 13\ 9\ 7\ 8\ 4\ 12\ 10\ 11\ 4\ 7\ 9\ 8\ 14\ 13\ 17\ 16\ 10\ 12\ 11\ 6\ 3\ 5\ 2\ 3\ 2\ 6\ 5$

For  $n = 17$  and  $m = 17$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.2.

**Case 2.2:**  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 21$  and  $m = 3, 5$ , a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 21$  and  $7 \leq m \leq n$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 2.2.1:**  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $9 \leq m \leq n$ ,  $n \geq 21$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 9 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4} - 4r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} + 2r$	$n - 8 + \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8} - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{2n-34+c(n-5,16)}{8}$
$n - 11 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4} - 8r$	$4 - \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 7 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-21}{8}$
$n - 7 - \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{4} - 8r$	$2 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 5 - \frac{5c(n-5,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-37}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-9}{2} - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4} - 8r$	$\frac{n-13}{4} - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} + 4r$	$\frac{3n-31}{4} - \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-21}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-5}{2} - 2 + \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 2 + \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-5}{2} + 1 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 3 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{2}$	
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-5}{2} - 1 + \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} - 1 + \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	
$\frac{n-5}{2} + 6 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4}$	$n - 6$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 5 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4}$	
$5$	$\frac{n-5}{2} - 3 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-5}{2} + 2 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4}$	
$4$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{4} - \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{4} + 4 - \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	
$3$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 1$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 4$	

**Case 2.2.2:**  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $7 \leq m \leq n - 2$ ,  $n \geq 21$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 9 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4} - 4r$	$2 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} + 2r$	$n - 7 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{2n-34+c(n-5,16)}{8}$
$n - 7 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-13-c(n-5,16)}{8}$
$n - 11 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4} - 8r$	$3 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} + 4r$	$n - 8 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-37}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-17}{2} + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4} - 8r$	$\frac{n+23}{4} - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} + 4r$	$\frac{3n-11}{4} + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-29}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-5}{2} + 1 - \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 5 - \frac{3c(n-5,16)}{8}$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-5}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{2}$	
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-5}{2} + 2 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 2 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	
$\frac{n-5}{2} + 2 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4}$	$n - 4$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 3 + \frac{c(n-5,16)}{4}$	
$5$	$\frac{n-5}{2} - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{n-5}{2} + 5 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	
$4$	$\frac{n-5}{4} - 1 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{n-5}{4} + 3 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	
$3$	$\frac{3n-13}{2} - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-5)}{2} + 4 - \frac{c(n-5,16)}{8}$	

For  $n = 13$  and  $m = 3$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.4.

For  $n = 13$  and  $5 \leq m \leq 11$ :

$m = 5$  : 13 11 12 7 3 4 10 3 9 4 7 8 11 13 12 6 10 9 2 8 2 6

$m = 7$  : 13 11 12 6 4 10 5 9 4 6 8 5 11 13 12 10 9 3 8 2 3 2

$m = 9$  : 13 11 12 6 4 5 10 8 4 6 5 7 11 13 12 8 10 3 7 2 3 2

$m = 11$  : 13 10 12 6 3 5 9 3 8 6 5 10 7 13 12 9 8 4 2 7 2 4

For  $n = 13$  and  $m = 13$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.2.

For  $n = 5$  and  $m = 5$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.2.

**Case 3:**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n + c(m, 4) - 2 - 4r$	$n - c(m, 4) - 2 + 2r$	$2n - 4 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-m-4}{4} \rfloor$
$m - 4 - 4r$	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 2) - 2\lfloor \frac{m}{4} \rfloor + 2r$	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 2) + 2\lfloor \frac{m}{4} \rfloor - 4 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{m-12}{4} \rfloor$
2	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 2) + 2\lfloor \frac{m}{4} \rfloor - 2$	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 2) + 2\lfloor \frac{m}{4} \rfloor$	
$n - c(m, 4) - 4r$	$n + c(m, 4) - 5 + 2r$	$2n - 5 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-10}{4}$

**Case 3.1:**  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 18$ ,  $m = 2, 4$ , a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 18$  and  $6 \leq m \leq n$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 3.1.1:**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $8 \leq m \leq n - 2$ ,  $n \geq 18$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 7 - 4r$	$1 + 2r$	$n - 6 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-14}{4}$
$\frac{n-2}{2} - 7 - 8r$	$\frac{n-2}{4} - 2 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{4} - 9 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-34}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-2}{2} + 1$	$\frac{n-2}{2} - 3$	$n - 4$	
4	$\frac{3(n-2)}{4} - 5$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{4} - 1$	
$n - 13 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{2} - 8r$	$4 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 9 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-26}{8} + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{8}$
$n - 9 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{2} - 8r$	$2 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 7 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-34}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-2}{2} - 2 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 1 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-2}{2} - 4 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 5 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{2}$	
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-2}{2} + 1 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 2 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	
6	$\frac{n-2}{2} - 6 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-2}{2} - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	
5	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 4 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} + 1 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{8}$	
3	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 3 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{8}$	

**Case 3.1.2:**  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $6 \leq m \leq n$ ,  $n \geq 18$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 9 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 7 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-14}{4}$
$n - 7 - 8r$	$1 + 4r$	$n - 6 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-18}{8}$
$n - 11 - 8r$	$3 + 4r$	$n - 8 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-26}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-2}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 3$	
6	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 6$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2}$	
$\frac{n-2}{2} - 9 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{2} - 8r$	$\frac{n-2}{4} + 7 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4} + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{4} - 2 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-34}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-2}{2} - 3 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{8}$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-2}{2} + 2 - \frac{5c(n-2,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} + 1 - \frac{5c(n-2,16)}{8}$	
$\frac{n-2}{2} - 1 - \frac{c(n-2,16)}{2}$	$\frac{n-2}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{2}$	$n - 5$	
4	$\frac{n-2}{4} - 1 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-2}{4} + 3 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	
3	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 4 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-2)}{2} - 1 + \frac{c(n-2,16)}{4}$	

For  $n = 10$  and  $m = 2$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.4.

For  $n = 10$  and  $4 \leq m \leq 8$ :

$$m = 4 : 10 \ 5 \ 9 \ 6 \ 8 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 3 \ 6 \ 10 \ 9 \ 8 \ 2 \ 7 \ 2$$

$$m = 6 : 10 \ 4 \ 9 \ 5 \ 8 \ 4 \ 3 \ 7 \ 5 \ 3 \ 10 \ 9 \ 8 \ 2 \ 7 \ 2$$

$$m = 8 : 10 \ 6 \ 9 \ 3 \ 4 \ 7 \ 3 \ 6 \ 4 \ 5 \ 10 \ 9 \ 7 \ 2 \ 5 \ 2$$

For  $n = 10$  and  $m = 10$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.2.

**Case 3.2:**  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 22$  and  $m = 2, 4, 6$ , a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 22$  and  $8 \leq m \leq n$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 3.2.1:**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $8 \leq m \leq n - 2$ ,  $n \geq 22$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 9 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 7 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-18}{4}$
$\frac{n-6}{2} - 5 - 8r$	$\frac{n-6}{4} - 1 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{4} - 6 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-30}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-6}{2} + 3$	$\frac{n-6}{2} - 1$	$n - 4$	
4	$\frac{3(n-6)}{4} - 2$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{4} + 2$	
$n - 7 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{2} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-14}{8} - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{8}$
$n - 11 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{2} - 8r$	$3 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 8 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-30}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-6}{2} - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 5 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-6}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 1 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{2}$	
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-6}{2} + 3 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 4 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	
6	$\frac{n-6}{2} - 5 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-6}{2} + 1 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	
5	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 2 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 7 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{8}$	
3	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 3 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 6 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{8}$	

**Case 3.2.2:**  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $10 \leq m \leq n$ ,  $n \geq 22$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 9 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 7 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-18}{4}$
$\frac{n-6}{2} + 3$	$\frac{n-6}{2} - 2$	$n - 5$	
$n - 7 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{2} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-14}{8} - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{8}$
$n - 11 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{2} - 8r$	$3 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 8 + \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-30}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-6}{2} - 5 - 8r$	$\frac{n-6}{4} + 7 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{4} + 2 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-30}{16} \rfloor$
$n - 1$	$\frac{n-6}{2} + 2$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 7$	
$n - 3$	$\frac{n-6}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 3$	
$n - 5$	$\frac{n-6}{2} + 3$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 4$	
6	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2}$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 6$	
5	$\frac{n-6}{2} + 1 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-6}{2} + 6 - \frac{c(n-6,16)}{4}$	
4	$\frac{n-6}{4} - 1$	$\frac{n-6}{4} + 3$	
3	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 2$	$\frac{3(n-6)}{2} + 5$	

For  $n = 14$  and  $m = 2$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.4.

For  $n = 14$  and  $4 \leq m \leq 12$ :

$m = 4$  : 14 12 13 7 5 6 11 9 10 5 7 6 8 12 14 13 9 11 10 3 8 2 3 2

$m = 6$  : 14 12 13 7 4 11 5 10 4 9 7 5 8 12 14 13 11 10 9 3 8 2 3 2

$m = 8$  : 14 12 13 5 6 11 3 10 5 3 6 9 7 12 14 13 11 10 4 7 9 2 4 2

$m = 10 : 14 \ 12 \ 13 \ 6 \ 4 \ 5 \ 11 \ 9 \ 4 \ 6 \ 5 \ 7 \ 8 \ 12 \ 14 \ 13 \ 9 \ 11 \ 7 \ 3 \ 8 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2$

$m = 12 : 14 \ 11 \ 13 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 10 \ 4 \ 9 \ 5 \ 8 \ 6 \ 11 \ 7 \ 14 \ 13 \ 10 \ 9 \ 8 \ 3 \ 7 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2$

For  $n = 14$  and  $m = 14$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.2.

For  $n = 6$  and  $m = 4$ :  $6 \ 3 \ 5 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2 \ 6 \ 5$

For  $n = 6$  and  $m = 6$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.2.

**Case 4:**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n + c(m, 4) - 3 - 4r$	$n - c(m, 4) - 1 + 2r$	$2n - 4 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-m-5}{4} \rfloor$
$m - 4 - 4r$	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 3) - 2\lceil \frac{m}{4} \rceil + 2 + 2r$	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 3) + 2\lfloor \frac{m}{4} \rfloor - 2 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{m-12}{4} \rfloor$
2	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 3) + 2\lfloor \frac{m}{4} \rfloor$	$\frac{3}{2}(n - 3) + 2\lceil \frac{m}{4} \rceil + 2$	
$n - c(m, 4) - 1 - 4r$	$n + c(m, 4) - 4 + 2r$	$2n - 5 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-11}{4}$

**Case 4.1:**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 19$  and  $m = 2, 4, 6$ , a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 19$  and  $8 \leq m \leq n - 1$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 4.1.1:**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $8 \leq m \leq n - 3$ ,  $n \geq 19$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 10 - 4r$	$3 + 2r$	$n - 7 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-19}{4}$
$\frac{n-3}{2} - 9 - 8r$	$\frac{n-3}{4} + 8 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{4} - 1 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-35}{16} \rfloor$
$n$	$\frac{n-3}{2} - 3$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2}$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n-3}{2} + 1$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} + 2$	
$n - 6$	$\frac{n-3}{2} + 2$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} - 1$	
$\frac{n-3}{2} - 1$	$\frac{n-3}{2} - 1$	$n - 5$	
$n - 4$	1	$n - 3$	
6	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} - 3$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} + 3$	
4	$\frac{n-3}{4}$	$\frac{n-3}{4} + 4$	
3	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} - 2$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} + 1$	
$n - 8 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{2} - 8r$	$2 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-19}{8}$
$n - 12 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{2} - 8r$	$4 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 8 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-27}{16} \rfloor$
5	$\frac{n-3}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-3}{2} + 3 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4}$	

**Case 4.1.2:**  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $10 \leq m \leq n - 1$ ,  $n \geq 19$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 8 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 6 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-15}{4}$
$\frac{n-3}{2} - 7 - 8r$	$\frac{n-3}{4} - 1 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{4} - 8 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-35}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-3}{2} + 1$	$\frac{n-3}{2} - 2$	$n - 4$	
5	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} - 4$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} + 1$	
4	$\frac{3(n-3)}{4} - 4$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{4}$	
3	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} - 1$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} + 2$	
$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{2} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 5 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-19}{8}$
$n - 10 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{2} - 8r$	$3 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 7 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-27}{16} \rfloor$
$n$	$\frac{n-3}{2} - 3 + \frac{3c(n-3,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} + \frac{3c(n-3,16)}{8}$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n-3}{2} + 2 - \frac{5c(n-3,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} + 3 - \frac{5c(n-3,16)}{8}$	
$n - 4$	$\frac{n-3}{2} - 1 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-3)}{2} - 2 + \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4}$	
6	$\frac{n-3}{2} - 5 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-3}{2} + 1 - \frac{c(n-3,16)}{4}$	

For  $n = 11$  and  $m = 2$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.4.

For  $n = 11$  and  $4 \leq m \leq 8$ :

$m = 4$  : 11 5 10 6 9 3 5 8 3 6 7 11 10 9 2 8 2 7

$m = 6$  : 11 4 10 5 9 4 8 3 5 7 3 11 10 9 8 2 7 2

$m = 8$  : 11 4 10 5 9 4 3 7 5 3 6 11 10 9 7 2 6 2

For  $n = 11$  and  $m = 10$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 2.2.

**Case 4.2:**  $n \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ .

For  $n \geq 15$  and  $m = 2, 4$ , a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  exists by Theorem 1.3. For  $n \geq 23$  and  $6 \leq m \leq n - 1$ , we split into two cases:  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 4.2.1:**  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $8 \leq m \leq n - 3$ ,  $n \geq 23$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 8 - 4r$	$2 + 2r$	$n - 6 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-15}{4}$
$\frac{n-7}{2} - 3 - 8r$	$\frac{n-7}{4} - 1 + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{4} - 4 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-31}{16} \rfloor$
$\frac{n-7}{2} + 5$	$\frac{n-7}{2} - 1$	$n - 3$	
5	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 4$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 9$	
4	$\frac{3(n-7)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{4} + 4$	
3	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 3$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 6$	
$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-7,16)}{2} - 8r$	$1 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 5 - \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-15-c(n-7,16)}{8}$
$n - 10 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{2} - 8r$	$3 - \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 7 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-31}{16} \rfloor$
$n$	$\frac{n-7}{2} + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 7 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{8}$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n-7}{2} + 3 - \frac{3c(n-7,16)}{8}$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 8 - \frac{3c(n-7,16)}{8}$	
$n - 4$	$\frac{n-7}{2} + 2 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4}$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 5 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4}$	
6	$\frac{n-7}{2} - 5 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-7}{2} + 1 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4}$	

**Case 4.2.2:**  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,  $6 \leq m \leq n - 1$ ,  $n \geq 23$ .

$i$	$a_i$	$b_i$	
$n - 6 - 4r$	$1 + 2r$	$n - 5 - 2r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-15}{4}$
$\frac{n-7}{2} - 5 - 8r$	$\frac{n-7}{4} + 4r$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{4} - 5 - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-31}{16} \rfloor$
$n$	$\frac{n-7}{2} - 1$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 6$	
$n - 2$	$\frac{n-7}{2} + 4$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 9$	
$n - 4$	$\frac{n-7}{2} + 2$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 5$	
$\frac{n-7}{2} + 3$	$\frac{n-7}{2}$	$n - 4$	
6	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 2$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 8$	
4	$\frac{3(n-7)}{4} - 1$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{4} + 3$	
3	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 4$	$\frac{3(n-7)}{2} + 7$	
$n - 8 - \frac{c(n-7,16)}{2} - 8r$	$2 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 6 - \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \frac{n-15-c(n-7,16)}{8}$
$n - 12 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{2} - 8r$	$4 - \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} + 4r$	$n - 8 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4} - 4r$	$0 \leq r \leq \lfloor \frac{n-31}{16} \rfloor$
5	$\frac{n-7}{2} - 4 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4}$	$\frac{n-7}{2} + 1 + \frac{c(n-7,16)}{4}$	

For  $n = 15$  and  $6 \leq m \leq 12$ :

$m = 6$  : 15 13 14 7 4 12 5 11 4 10 7 5 8 9 13 15 14 12 11 10 8 3 9 2 3 2

$m = 8$  : 15 13 14 6 4 12 5 11 4 6 10 5 7 9 13 15 14 12 11 7 10 3 9 2 3 2

$m = 10$  : 15 13 14 8 6 12 7 5 11 9 6 8 5 7 13 15 14 12 9 11 4 2 3 2 4 3

$m = 12$  : 15 13 14 8 5 7 11 6 10 5 9 8 7 6 13 15 14 11 10 9 4 2 3 2 4 3



For  $n = 15$  and  $m = 14$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 2.2.

For  $n = 7$  and  $m = 2$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 1.4.

For  $n = 7$  and  $m = 4$ : 7 5 2 6 2 3 5 7 3 6

For  $n = 7$  and  $m = 6$ , the conclusion comes from Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

### 3 Conclusions

In this paper, we have shown that the necessary conditions for the existence of a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence are sufficient. It is easy to show that the existence of a  $(1, m)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$  implies the existence of an  $m$ -near-Skolem sequence of order  $n$ . Thus we also give new constructions for  $m$ -near-Skolem sequences. For example, if we take a  $(1, 5)$ -near-Skolem sequence of order 8,  $S = (8, 3, 4, 7, 3, 6, 4, 2, 8, 2, 7, 6)$ , and append  $(1, 1)$  to  $S$ , then we get a 5-near-Skolem sequence of order 8:  $(1, 1, 8, 3, 4, 7, 3, 6, 4, 2, 8, 2, 7, 6)$ .

It should be mentioned that there is still a long way to go before Conjecture 1.1 is solved. We hope that the results of this paper can promote the research of the Conjecture.

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