

# Tied dice ( $n = 4$ addendum)

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## Abstract

We present a very tedious proof of the  $n = 4$  case of the Tied Dice Theorem.

Suppose  $X = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), Y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in D(4, a, b, s)$  are distinct, tied, non-balanced dice. Let  $\tau$  denote the number of pairs  $(i, j)$  with  $x_i = y_j$ ; as  $X$  and  $Y$  are tied, there must be  $(16 - \tau)/2$  pairs  $(x_i, y_j)$  with  $x_i > y_j$ , and  $(16 - \tau)/2$  pairs  $(x_i, y_j)$  with  $x_i < y_j$ . For each value of  $\tau$  we list the various possible arrangements of the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  by considering the *winning configuration*  $c_1c_2c_3c_4$  of  $X$ , where  $c_i = |\{j \mid x_i > y_j\}|$ ; the winning configuration is a nondecreasing sequence of non-negative integers whose sum is  $(16 - \tau)/2$ .

We hope that the layout of the addendum is clear, with sub-cases underlined and sub-sub-cases underlined and indented. In each case we provide an example of a  $Z \in D(4, a, b, s)$  which ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$ , and we briefly explain the nonzero values of  $f_X(Z)$  and  $f_Y(Z)$ . For instance the first sub-case considered below includes the statement “ $Z = (x_2, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 + y_1 - x_2 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1$  or  $2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$ .” Recalling that  $f_X(X) = f_X(Y) = 0 = f_Y(X) = f_Y(Y)$  because  $X$  and  $Y$  are tied, the quoted statement indicates that if we think of  $Z$  as having been obtained from  $Y$  by reducing  $y_1$  to  $x_2$ , increasing  $y_2$  to  $y_2 + 1$  and increasing  $y_4$  to  $y_4 + y_1 - x_2 - 1$ , then we can see that  $f_X(Z) \neq 0 \neq f_Y(Z)$  because reducing  $y_1$  contributes  $-1$  or  $-2$  to  $f_X(Z)$  and contributes  $-1$  to  $f_Y(Z)$ , while increasing  $y_2$  and  $y_4$  contributes at least 2 to  $f_Y(Z)$  and does not affect  $f_X(Z)$ .

## 1. $\tau = 0$

Suppose  $\tau = 0$ ; we may presume that  $x_4 > y_4$ . Then there are only four possible arrangements of the  $x_i$  and  $y_j$ :  $x_1 \leq x_2 < y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_3 \leq x_4$  with winning configuration 0044,  $x_1 < y_1 < x_2 < y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 < y_4 < x_4$  with winning configuration 0134,  $x_1 < y_1 \leq y_2 < x_2 \leq x_3 < y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$  with winning configuration 0224, and  $y_1 < x_1 \leq x_2 < y_2 < x_3 < y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$  with winning configuration 1124.

### 1.1. $x_1 \leq x_2 < y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_3 \leq x_4$

$2 \leq y_1 - x_2 \leq x_3 - y_4$  If  $2 \leq y_1 - x_2 \leq x_3 - y_4$  and  $y_1 < y_2$  then  $Z = (x_2, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 + y_1 - x_2 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1$  or  $2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$ ). If  $2 \leq y_1 - x_2 \leq x_3 - y_4$  and  $y_1 = y_2$  then again  $Z = (x_2, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 + y_1 - x_2 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1$  or  $2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at least } m + 1) - m$ , where  $m = |\{i \mid y_i = y_1\}|$ ).

$2 \leq x_3 - y_4 \leq y_1 - x_2$  The preceding paragraph may be applied to  $-X = (-x_4, -x_3, -x_2, -x_1)$  and  $-Y = (-y_4, -y_3, -y_2, -y_1)$  to find a  $Z \in D(4, -b, -a, -s)$  which ties neither  $-X$  nor  $-Y$ . Then  $-Z$  satisfies the theorem.

$1 = y_1 - x_2 < x_3 - y_4$  If  $x_1 < x_2$  then  $Z = (x_2 - 1, y_2 + 1, y_3 + 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (2$  or  $3)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at least } m + 1) - m$ , where  $m = |\{i \mid y_i = y_1\}|$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_1 = y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_1, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  does not tie  $X$  or  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - (1$  or  $2)$ ,  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 4) - (\text{at most } 2)$  if  $y_2 < y_4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 8 - 4$  if  $y_2 = y_4$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $y_3 < x_3 - 2$  then again  $Z = (y_1, y_1, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  does not tie  $X$  or  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - (\text{at most } 1)$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2, y_1 < y_2$  and  $y_3 = y_4 = x_3 - 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, y_2, y_3, y_4 + 1)$  does not tie  $X$  or  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$ ).

$1 = x_3 - y_4 < y_1 - x_2$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$y_1 - x_2 = 1 = x_3 - y_4, x_1 < x_2$  and  $x_3 = x_4$  If  $x_1 \leq x_2 - 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, y_4, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 1)$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2 - 1$  then either  $y_1 = y_2 < y_3 < y_4$  is true, in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, y_4, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 1$ ), or  $y_1 = y_2 < y_3 < y_4$  is false, in which case  $Z = (x_2, x_2 + 1, y_4, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 3 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = |\{i \mid y_i = y_1\}| - 2 \cdot |\{i \mid y_i = y_4\}|$ ).

$y_1 - x_2 = 1 = x_3 - y_4, x_1 = x_2$  and  $x_3 < x_4$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$y_1 - x_2 = 1 = x_3 - y_4, x_1 < x_2$  and  $x_3 < x_4$  If  $x_1 < x_2 - 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2, x_3 - 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 1)$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2 - 1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 1)$ ). If  $x_4 > x_3 + 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$ ). If  $x_4 = x_3 + 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2 - 2$  and  $x_4 = x_3 + 2 > x_2 + 4$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 0$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2 - 2, x_4 = x_3 + 2 = x_2 + 4$  and  $p < x_1 - 1$  then  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 8 - 0$ ). If  $x_1 = x_2 - 2, x_4 = x_3 + 2 = x_2 + 4$  and  $q > x_4 + 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 8$ ).  $X$  is not balanced, so it cannot be that  $x_1 = x_2 - 2, x_4 = x_3 + 2 = x_2 + 4, p \geq x_1 - 1$  and  $q \leq x_4 + 1$ .

$y_1 - x_2 = 1 = x_3 - y_4, x_1 = x_2$  and  $x_3 = x_4$

$y_1 < y_2 < y_3$  If  $y_3 \geq y_4 - 1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - (\text{at least } 3)$ ). If  $y_3 < y_4 - 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 2, x_3 - 3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 3) - 2$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4 - 2$  and  $y_1 < y_2 - 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 3, x_3 - 2, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 3$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4 - 2$  and  $y_1 = y_2 - 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_1, y_4, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 3$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4 - 2, y_1 = y_2 - 2$  and  $y_2 < y_3 - 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4 - 2, y_1 = y_2 - 2$  and  $y_2 = y_3 - 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4 - 2, y_1 = y_2 - 2, y_2 = y_3 - 2$  and  $q > y_4 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 2, y_3, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 4 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4 - 2, y_1 = y_2 - 2, y_2 = y_3 - 2$  and  $p < y_1 - 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2, y_3 + 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). It cannot be that  $y_3 = y_4 - 2, y_1 = y_2 - 2, y_2 = y_3 - 2, q \leq y_4 + 1$  and  $p \geq y_1 - 1$ , because  $Y$  is not balanced.

$y_1 < y_2 = y_3$  If  $y_3 < y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2, y_3 + 1, y_4)$  satisfies the theorem ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (2 \text{ or } 3) - 1$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  satisfies the theorem ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - (6 \text{ or } 7)$ ).

$y_1 = y_2 < y_3$  If  $y_3 = y_2 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (3 \text{ or } 4) - 2$ ). If  $y_3 > y_2 + 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - (\text{at least } 3)$ ). If  $y_3 = y_2 + 2 < y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 - 1, y_3 + 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 2) - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at most } 3) - 4$ ); note that if  $y_3 = y_4 - 1$  then  $Z$  is actually  $(y_1 - 1, y_2 - 1, y_4, y_3 + 2)$ . If  $y_3 = y_2 + 2 = y_4$  and  $q > y_4 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 4$ ). If  $y_3 = y_2 + 2 = y_4$  and  $p < y_1 - 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 4 - 2$ ). It cannot be that  $y_3 = y_2 + 2 = y_4, p \geq y_1 - 1$  and  $q \leq y_4 + 1$ , because  $Y$  is not balanced.

$y_1 = y_3 < y_4$   $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 - 1, y_3 + 1, y_4 + 1)$  satisfies the theorem ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 4 - 6$ ).

$y_1 = y_4$  If  $q > x_4 + 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4 + 2)$  satisfies the theorem ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 8$ ). If  $p < x_1 - 1$  then  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 8 - 0$ ). As  $X$  is not balanced, it cannot be that  $p \geq x_1 - 1$  and  $q \leq x_4 + 1$ .

## 1.2. $x_1 < y_1 < x_2 < y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 < y_4 < x_4$

$y_1 - x_1 \geq x_4 - y_4 \geq 2$  If  $y_3 > x_2 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - (x_4 - y_4) + 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (2 \text{ or } 3)$ ). If  $y_3 = x_2 + 1$  then necessarily  $y_2 = y_3$ , and

$Z = (y_1, x_2, x_2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 4$ ).  
 $x_4 - y_4 \geq y_1 - x_1 \geq 2$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_4 - y_4 > y_1 - x_1 = 1$  If  $x_4 - y_4 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 - 1, y_3, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$ ). If  $x_4 - y_4 = 2$  and  $x_2 - y_1 = 1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 1$ ), and if  $x_4 - y_4 = 2 \leq x_2 - y_1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2 - 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 0$ ).  
 $y_1 - x_1 > x_4 - y_4 = 1$  The preceding paragraph may be applied to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_4 - y_4 = y_1 - x_1 = 1$  and  $y_4 - x_3 \neq x_3 - y_3$  If  $y_4 - x_3 > x_3 - y_3$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 1, x_3 + 1, y_4 - (x_3 - y_3))$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - (0 \text{ or } 1)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = \delta - (1 + \delta)$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_2 = y_3$ ). If  $y_4 - x_3 < x_3 - y_3$  and  $y_3 > y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2, y_3 + y_4 - x_3 + 1, x_3)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ), and if  $y_4 - x_3 < x_3 - y_3$  and  $y_3 = y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 + y_4 - x_3, x_3)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ).  
 $x_4 - y_4 = 1, y_1 - x_1 = 1$  and  $y_2 - x_2 \neq x_2 - y_1$  Apply the same arguments to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_4 - y_4 = y_1 - x_1 = 1, y_4 - x_3 = x_3 - y_3$  and  $y_2 - x_2 = x_2 - y_1$

Note that  $x_1 + x_4 = y_1 + y_4$ , so  $x_2 + x_3 = y_2 + y_3$ , so  $x_3 - y_3 = y_2 - x_2$ .

$x_3 - y_3 = y_2 - x_2 > 2$   $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 2, y_3 + 1, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_2 = y_3$ ).

$x_3 - y_3 = y_2 - x_2 = 2$   $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 0$ ).

$x_3 - y_3 = y_2 - x_2 = 1$   $X = (y_2 - 3, y_2 - 1, y_3 + 1, y_3 + 3)$  and  $Y = (y_2 - 2, y_2, y_3, y_3 + 2)$ . If  $y_2 = y_3$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_2 - 4$  or  $q > y_3 + 4$ ; if  $p < y_2 - 4$  then  $Z = (y_2 - 5, y_2, y_3 + 2, y_3 + 3)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 3 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 4 - 1$ ), and if  $q > y_3 + 4$  then  $Z = (y_2 - 3, y_2 - 2, y_3, y_3 + 5)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 4$ ). If  $y_2 = y_3 - 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 = y_3 - 2$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_2 - 3$  or  $q > y_3 + 3$ ; if  $p < y_2 - 3$  then  $Z = (y_2 - 4, y_3, y_3, y_3 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ), and if  $q > y_3 + 3$  then  $Z = (y_2 - 2, y_2, y_2, y_3 + 4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). Finally, if  $y_2 < y_3 - 2$  then  $Z = (y_2 - 3, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_3 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ).

### 1.3. $x_1 < y_1 \leq y_2 < x_2 \leq x_3 < y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

$y_3 - x_3 \geq 2$  and  $x_2 - y_2 \geq 2$

$y_1 - x_1 \geq 2$  If  $x_2 - y_2 \geq y_1 - x_1$  then  $Z = (y_1, x_2 - (y_1 - x_1) + 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (1 \text{ or } 2) - 0$ ). If  $y_1 - x_1 \geq x_2 - y_2 \geq y_3 - x_3$  then  $Z = (x_1 + x_2 - y_2 - 1, y_2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $x_2 = x_3$ , and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$ ). If  $x_2 - y_2 < y_3 - x_3$  and  $x_2 - y_2 < y_1 - x_1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, y_2, x_3 - y_2 + x_2 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $x_2 = x_3$ , and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$ ).

$x_4 - y_4 \geq 2$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_4 - y_4 = 1 = y_1 - x_1$  and  $y_3 - x_3 \geq x_2 - y_2$  If both  $y_1 = y_2$  and  $y_3 < y_4 - 1$  are true then  $Z = (x_1, y_2, y_3 + 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). Otherwise  $Z = (y_1, x_2, y_3 - (x_2 - y_2) + 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (1 \text{ or } 2) - 0$ ,  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  if  $y_1 < y_2$ , and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - (\text{at least } 3)$  if  $y_1 = y_2$  and  $y_3 \geq y_4 - 1$ ).

$x_4 - y_4 = 1 = y_1 - x_1$  and  $y_3 - x_3 \leq x_2 - y_2$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_2 - y_2 = 1 < y_3 - x_3$

$x_4 - y_4 \geq y_3 - x_3$  If  $y_1 = y_2$  and  $y_3 = y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 2) - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 4$ ). If  $y_1 < y_2$  and  $y_3 = y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ); the same  $Z$  satisfies the theorem if  $y_1 = y_2$  and  $y_3 < y_4$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_1 < y_2$  and  $y_3 + 1 = y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1, x_2, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $2 \leq y_4 - y_3 \leq y_2 - y_1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + y_4 - y_3 - 1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_3)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 2) - 0$  and

$f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 3$ . If  $y_4 - y_3 > y_2 - y_1 > 0$  then  $Z = (y_2, x_2, y_3, y_4 - (y_2 - y_1) - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 3 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$ ).

$x_4 - y_4 < y_3 - x_3$   $Z = (y_1, x_2, y_3 - (x_4 - y_4) - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\delta + 1) - (0 \text{ or } \delta)$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $x_2 = x_3$ , and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at least } \varepsilon + 1) - \varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_3 = y_4$ ).

$x_2 - y_2 > 1 = y_3 - x_3$  Apply the preceding arguments to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_2 - y_2 = 1 = y_3 - x_3$  and  $y_1 - x_1 \geq 2$  If  $y_1 - x_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 1)$ ). If  $y_1 - x_1 = 2$  and  $y_3 < y_4$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 - 2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $x_2 = x_3$ , and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at most } 1) - (\text{at least } 2)$ ). If  $y_1 - x_1 = 2$  and  $y_1 = y_2$  then again  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 - 2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $x_2 = x_3$ , and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at most } 2) - (\text{at least } 4)$ ). If  $y_1 - x_1 = 2$ ,  $y_3 = y_4$  and  $y_1 < y_2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3 + 2, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = \delta - (1 + \delta)$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $x_2 = x_3$ , and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - (1 \text{ or } 3)$ ).

$x_2 - y_2 = 1 = y_3 - x_3$  and  $x_4 - y_4 \geq 2$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_2 - y_2 = 1 = y_3 - x_3$  and  $y_1 - x_1 = 1 = x_4 - y_4$

$x_3 - x_2 > 2$   $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (1 \text{ or } 2) - 0$ ).

$x_3 - x_2 = 2$  If  $x_3 < x_4 - 2$ ,  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 2)$ ). If  $x_2 > x_1 + 2$ ,  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 0$ ). If  $x_3 = x_4 - 2$ ,  $x_1 = x_2 - 2$  and  $p < x_1 - 1$  then  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 0$ ). If  $x_3 = x_4 - 2$ ,  $x_1 = x_2 - 2$  and  $q > x_4 + 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 2$ ). If  $x_3 = x_4 - 2$ ,  $x_1 = x_2 - 2$ ,  $p \geq x_1 - 1$  and  $q \leq x_4 + 1$  then  $X$  is balanced, contrary to hypothesis.

$x_3 - x_2 = 1$   $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$ ).

$x_3 = x_2$  and  $y_2 - y_1 \notin \{0, 2\}$  If  $y_1 < y_2 - 2$ , then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$ ). If  $y_1 = y_2 - 1$  and  $y_3 < y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_1 = y_2 - 1$  and  $y_3 = y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 3 - 4$ ).

$x_3 = x_2$  and  $y_4 - y_3 \notin \{0, 2\}$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_3 = x_2$ ,  $y_4 - y_3 \in \{0, 2\}$  and  $y_2 - y_1 = 2$  If  $y_3 = y_4$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_3 = y_4 - 2$  and  $p < x_1$  then  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ ); if  $y_3 = y_4 - 2$  and  $q > x_4$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3, x_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ). As  $Y$  is not balanced, it cannot be that  $y_3 = y_4 - 2$ ,  $p \geq x_1$  and  $q \leq x_4$ .

$x_3 = x_2$ ,  $y_2 - y_1 \in \{0, 2\}$  and  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

$x_3 = x_2$ ,  $y_2 = y_1$  and  $y_4 = y_3$  The fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that  $p < x_1$  or  $q > x_4$ . If  $p < x_1$  then  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 0$ ). If  $q > x_4$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3, x_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 2$ ).

#### 1.4. $y_1 < x_1 \leq x_2 < y_2 < x_3 < y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

$x_4 - y_4 \geq 2$

$y_3 - x_3 = 1$  If  $x_3 - y_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at most } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = \delta - (1 + \delta)$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_4 = y_3$ ). If  $x_3 - y_2 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, x_3 - 1, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_4 = y_3$ ).

$2 \leq y_3 - x_3 \leq x_4 - y_4$  If  $x_3 - y_2 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, x_3, y_4 + y_3 - x_3 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_4 = y_3$ ). If  $x_3 - y_2 = 1$  and  $y_4 - y_3 \leq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$

$(f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - (\text{at most } 1) \text{ and } f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2))$ . If  $x_3 - y_2 = 1$  and  $y_4 - y_3 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 + 1, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ).

$\underline{y_3 - x_3 = 1 + x_4 - y_4}$  If  $x_3 - y_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, x_3, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_4 = y_3$ ). If  $x_3 - y_2 = 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$ ). If  $x_3 - y_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_4 = y_3$ ).

$\underline{y_3 - x_3 > 1 + x_4 - y_4}$   $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3 - (x_4 - y_4) - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (1 + \delta) - \delta$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_4 = y_3$ ).

$\underline{x_1 - y_1 \geq 2}$  Apply the preceding argument to  $-Y$  in place of  $X$  and  $-X$  in place of  $Y$ .

$\underline{x_1 - y_1 = 1 = x_4 - y_4}$

$\underline{0 \neq x_2 - x_1 \neq 2}$  If  $x_2 = x_1 + 1$  then  $Z = (x_2, x_2, x_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 1)$ ). If  $x_2 > x_1 + 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2, x_3 - 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 1)$ ).

$\underline{0 \neq y_4 - y_3 \neq 2}$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-Y$  in place of  $X$  and  $-X$  in place of  $Y$ .

$\underline{0 = x_2 - x_1 = y_4 - y_3}$   $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at most } 1) - 2$ ).

$\underline{2 = x_2 - x_1 = y_4 - y_3}$   $Z = (x_2, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 2$ ).

$\underline{0 = x_2 - x_1 \text{ and } 2 = y_4 - y_3}$  If  $y_2 > x_2 + 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ). If  $y_3 > x_3 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, x_2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 = x_2 + 1 < x_3 - 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ ). If  $y_2 = x_2 + 1 = x_3 - 1$  and  $y_3 = x_3 + 1$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that  $p < y_1 - 1$  or  $q > x_4$ . If  $p < y_1 - 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ), and if  $q > x_4$  then  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2, x_3, x_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ).

$\underline{2 = x_2 - x_1 \text{ and } 0 = y_4 - y_3}$  Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-Y$  in place of  $X$  and  $-X$  in place of  $Y$ .

## 2. $\tau = 2$

Suppose  $\tau = 2$ . We may presume that  $x_4 \geq y_4$ , that  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$ , and that  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 > y_2$ . The possible winning configurations for  $X$  are then 0034, 0124, 1114, 0133, 0223 and 1123. The last one is incompatible with the presumption  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 > y_2$ , i.e., if one of a pair of tied dice has winning configuration 1123 then that die must be  $Y$ .

### 2.1. $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0034, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 2$ . It turns out that there are three different sets of such equalities.

#### 2.1.1. $x_1 = x_2 = y_1 < y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 < y_4 < x_4$

Apply the argument of 2.4.3 below to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

#### 2.1.2. $x_1 < x_2 = y_1 = y_2 < y_3 < x_3 < y_4 < x_4$

Apply the argument of 2.2.4 below to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

#### 2.1.3. $x_1 < x_2 = y_1 < y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 = y_4 < x_4$

$\underline{x_2 - x_1 > 2}$   $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 2)$ ).

$x_4 - y_4 > 2$   $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) =$  (at least 2) - 0).

$x_2 - x_1 \neq x_4 - y_4$  If  $x_2 - x_1 > x_4 - y_4$  then  $Z = (x_1 + x_4 - y_4, x_2, x_3, x_3)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ). If  $x_2 - x_1 < x_4 - y_4$  then  $Z = (x_2, x_2, x_3, x_4 - (x_2 - x_1))$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ ).

$x_2 - x_1 = 2 = x_4 - y_4$  If  $x_3 - y_2 > 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 + 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0$  or  $1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) =$  (at least 2) - 1). If  $x_3 - y_2 = 1 < y_2 - y_1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2 - 1, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $x_3 - y_2 = 1 = y_2 - y_1$  then  $X = (x_1, x_1 + 2, x_1 + 4, x_1 + 6)$  and the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - 0$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 4$ )).

$x_2 - x_1 = 1 = x_4 - y_4$  and  $y_3 \neq y_2 + 2$  If  $y_3 > y_2 + 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 -$  (at least 2)). If  $y_3 = y_2 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_3 = y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2, y_3 + 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) =$  (at most 1) - 2 and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) =$  (at least 2) - 1).

$x_2 - x_1 = 1 = x_4 - y_4$  and  $y_3 = y_2 + 2$  If  $y_2 > y_1 + 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2, y_2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_2 = y_1 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_1, y_3, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_4 > y_3 + 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_3, y_3, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 = y_3 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2, y_4, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 2 = y_4 - y_3$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 3 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )).

## 2.2. $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0124, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 2$ . It turns out that there are four different sets of such equalities.

### 2.2.1. $x_1 = y_1 < x_2 = y_2 < x_3 < y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

Apply the argument of 2.5 below to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

### 2.2.2. $x_1 = y_1 < x_2 < y_2 < x_3 = y_3 < y_4 < x_4$

Apply the argument of 2.4.2 below to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

### 2.2.3. $x_1 < y_1 < x_2 = y_2 < x_3 = y_3 < y_4 < x_4$

Observe that  $\sum x_i = s = \sum y_i$  implies that  $x_4 - y_4 = y_1 - x_1$ .

$x_4 - y_4 = y_1 - x_1 \geq 2$   $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) =$  (at least 2) - 1 and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) =$  (at least 2) - (at most 1)).

$x_4 - y_4 = y_1 - x_1 = 1 < y_4 - y_3$  If  $y_4 - y_3 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 + 1, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) =$  (at least 2) - 0 and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) =$  (at least 2) - 1). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $y_3 - y_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $y_3 - y_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2 = y_3 - y_2$  and  $y_2 - y_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2 = y_3 - y_2$  and  $y_2 - y_1 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2 = y_3 - y_2 = y_2 - y_1$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2, y_3 + 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 2, y_3, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )).

$x_4 - y_4 = y_1 - x_1 = 1 = y_4 - y_3$  If  $x_3 - x_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2 \leq x_2 - y_1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2$  and  $x_2 - y_1 = 1$  then  $X = (x_1, x_1 + 2, x_1 + 4, x_1 + 6)$  and the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 3 - 0$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 3$ )).

**2.2.4.**  $x_1 < y_1 < x_2 < y_2 < x_3 = y_3 = y_4 < x_4$

$x_4 - y_4 \neq 2$  If  $x_4 - y_4 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 0$ ). If  $x_4 - y_4 = 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at most } 1) - 2$ ).

$x_4 - y_4 = 2 < x_3 - x_2$  If  $x_3 - y_2 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_2 - x_2 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 1, y_3, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ).

$x_4 - y_4 = 2 = x_3 - x_2$  If  $x_2 - y_1 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$ ). If  $y_1 - x_1 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2, y_3, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $x_2 - y_1 = 1 = y_1 - x_1$  then  $X = (x_1, x_1 + 2, x_1 + 4, x_1 + 6)$  and the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 3 - 0$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 4$ )).

**2.3.**  $y_1 < x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 1114, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $y_1 < x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 2$ . It turns out that there are two different sets of such equalities.

**2.3.1.**  $y_1 < x_1 < x_2 = x_3 = y_2 < y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

$x_4 - y_4 \geq 2$   $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 1, y_3 - 1, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at most } 1) - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = \delta - (\text{at least } \delta + 1)$ , where  $\delta = 2$  or  $1$  according to whether or not  $y_3 = y_4$ ).

$y_4 - y_3 \neq 2$  If  $y_4 - y_3 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 1, y_3 + 2, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 \leq 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 1, y_3 + 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{no more than } 1) - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ).

$x_4 - y_4 = 1$  and  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  If  $y_3 - y_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 3 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_3 - y_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 2, y_3 + 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 2 = y_3 - y_2$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 2, y_3, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )).

**2.3.2.**  $y_1 < x_1 \leq x_2 < x_3 = y_2 = y_3 < y_4 < x_4$

Apply the preceding paragraph to  $-Y$  in place of  $X$  and  $-X$  in place of  $Y$ .

**2.4.**  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 \leq x_4 = y_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0133, then the presumption that  $x_4 \geq y_4$  implies that the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 \leq x_4 = y_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 2$ . It turns out that there are three different sets of such equalities.

**2.4.1.**  $x_1 = y_1 < x_2 < y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 < x_4 = y_4$

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 > 2 \text{ or } x_2 - x_1 > 2}{}$  If  $x_4 - x_3 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3 + 2, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$ ). If  $x_2 - x_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 - 2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 1) - 0$ ).

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 \neq x_2 - x_1}{}$  If  $x_4 - x_3 > x_2 - x_1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_1, x_3 + x_2 - x_1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ). If  $x_4 - x_3 < x_2 - x_1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - (x_4 - x_3), x_4, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ ).

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 = 2 = x_2 - x_1}{}$  If  $y_2 < y_3$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 + 1, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at most } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$ ). If  $y_2 = y_3$  and  $x_3 - y_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 + 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 = y_3$  and  $x_3 - y_3 = 1 < y_2 - x_2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 2, x_3 - 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (0 \text{ or } 2) - 3$ ). If  $y_2 = y_3$  and  $x_3 - y_3 = 1 = y_2 - x_2$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - 1$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 4$ )).

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 = 1 = x_2 - x_1}{}$  If  $x_3 - y_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ ). If  $y_2 - x_2 > 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - y_3 = 1 = y_2 - x_2$  and  $y_3 - y_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $x_3 - y_3 = 1 = y_2 - x_2 \geq y_3 - y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at most } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - y_3 = 1 = y_2 - x_2$  and  $y_3 - y_2 = 2$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )).

**2.4.2.**  $x_1 < y_1 < x_2 = y_2 < y_3 < x_3 < x_4 = y_4$

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 > 2}{}$   $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3 + 2, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (2 \text{ or } 3)$ ).

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 = 2 < x_3 - x_2}{}$  If  $x_3 - y_3 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 1, y_3 + 2, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (2 \text{ or } 3)$ ). If  $y_3 - x_2 > 2$  and  $x_3 - y_3 = 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 2, x_3 - 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_3 - x_2 = 2$  and  $x_3 - y_3 = 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 1$ ).

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 = 2 = x_3 - x_2}{}$  If  $x_2 - y_1 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $x_2 - y_1 = 1 < y_1 - x_1$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $x_2 - y_1 = 1 = y_1 - x_1$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 3 - 0$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 3$ )).

$\frac{x_4 - x_3 = 1 \text{ and either } y_4 - y_3 \neq 2 \text{ or } y_3 - y_2 \neq 2}{}$  If  $x_3 - y_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 1, y_3 + 2, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at most } 1) - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$ ). If  $x_3 - y_3 = 1$  and  $y_3 - y_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 2, x_3 - 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $x_3 - y_3 = 1 = y_3 - y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ).

$\frac{y_4 - y_3 = 2 = y_3 - y_2}{}$  If  $y_2 - y_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2 - 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 2 > y_1 - x_1$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 - 1, y_3, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 2 \leq y_1 - x_1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 1$ ).



**2.4.3.**  $x_1 < y_1 < x_2 < y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 = x_4 = y_4$

$y_3 - y_2 \neq 2$  If  $y_3 - y_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) - f_Y(X) = 1 - (2 \text{ or } 3)$ ). If  $y_3 - y_2 \leq 1 < x_3 - y_3$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_3 - y_2 \leq 1 = x_3 - y_3$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2, y_3 + 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - (\text{at most } 1)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$ ).

$y_3 - y_2 = 2$  If  $y_4 - y_3 \neq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - (1 \text{ or } 3)$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $y_2 - x_2 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 - 2, y_3 + 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - (0 \text{ or } 1)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $x_2 - y_1 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2, y_3, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$ ,  $y_2 - x_2 = x_2 - y_1 = 1$  and  $y_1 - x_1 \leq 2$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$ ,  $y_2 - x_2 = x_2 - y_1 = 1$  and  $y_1 - x_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2, y_3 + 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ).

**2.5.**  $x_1 < y_1 \leq y_2 < x_2 < x_3 = y_3 < x_4 = y_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0223, then the presumptions  $x_4 \geq y_4$  and  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$  imply that the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 < y_1 \leq y_2 < x_2 < x_3 = y_3 < x_4 = y_4$ .

$y_2 - y_1 > 2$   $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2 - 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - (2 \text{ or } 3)$ ).

$y_2 - y_1 = 2$  If  $y_4 - y_3 \neq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2, y_3, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 4)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - (1 \text{ or } 3)$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $y_3 - x_2 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - (1 \text{ or } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $x_2 - y_2 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $y_1 - x_1 \geq 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2, y_3 + 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - (0 \text{ or } 1)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 2$  and  $x_2 - y_2 = y_3 - x_2 = y_1 - x_1 = 1$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )).

$y_2 - y_1 = 1$  If  $y_4 - y_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ).

$y_2 = y_1$  If  $x_3 - x_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 2) - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 4 - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2 \leq x_2 - y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (0 \text{ or } 1) - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2 \leq y_1 - x_1$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (0 \text{ or } 2) - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2$ ,  $y_1 - x_1 = 1 = x_2 - y_2$  and  $x_4 - x_3 \neq 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - (1 \text{ or } 3 \text{ or } 4)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - (\text{at most } 3)$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2$ ,  $y_1 - x_1 = 1 = x_2 - y_2$  and  $x_4 - x_3 = 2$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 2, x_3, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 4$ )).

**3.**  $\tau = 4$

Suppose  $\tau = 4$ . We may presume that  $x_4 \geq y_4$ , that  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$ , and that  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$ . These presumptions are incompatible with the winning configuration 1122, which requires that the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  be arranged as  $y_1 < x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq x_4 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ ; any set of equalities that satisfies the presumptions will produce  $\tau > 4$ . Consequently the possible winning configurations for  $X$  are 0024, 0114, 0033, 0123, and 0222.

**3.1.**  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0024, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 4$ . It turns out that there are three different sets of such equalities.

**3.1.1.**  $x_1 = x_2 = y_1 = y_2 < x_3 < y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

$y_4 > y_3$   $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (2 \text{ or } 3) - (0 \text{ or } 1)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ).

$y_4 = y_3$  If  $y_3 - x_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = (\text{at least } 4) - (0 \text{ or } 1)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 4 - 1$ ). If  $x_3 - y_2 > 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 0$ ). If  $x_4 - y_4 > 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 0$ ). If  $x_4 - y_4 = y_3 - x_3 = x_3 - y_2 = 1$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 4 - 2$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 4$ )).

**3.1.2.**  $x_1 = x_2 = y_1 < y_2 < x_3 = y_3 = y_4 < x_4$

If  $x_4 > y_4 + 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (1 \text{ or } 2) - 0$ ). If  $x_3 > y_2 + 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $x_4 - y_4 = 1 = x_3 - y_2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 3$ ).

**3.1.3.**  $x_1 < x_2 = y_1 = y_2 < x_3 = y_3 = y_4 < x_4$

$x_4 - x_3 > 2$  or  $x_2 - x_1 > 2$  If  $x_4 - x_3 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 4) - 0$ ). If  $x_2 - x_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 4)$ ).

$2 \geq x_4 - x_3 \neq x_2 - x_1 \leq 2$  If  $x_4 - x_3 = 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 0$ ). If  $x_4 - x_3 = 1$  then again  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 2$ ).

$x_4 - x_3 = 2 = x_2 - x_1$  If  $x_3 - x_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 4$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - 0$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 2, x_3, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 2$ )). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - 0$ ).

$x_4 - x_3 = 1 = x_2 - x_1$  If  $x_3 - x_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 2, y_3 - 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 4$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 0$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 3 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 4$ )). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 1$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - 0$ )) or  $q > x_4$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 1, x_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 4$ )).

**3.2.**  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0114, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 4$ . It turns out that there are two different sets of such equalities.

**3.2.1.**  $x_1 = y_1 < x_2 < x_3 = y_3 = y_4 < x_4$

$x_4 - x_3 > 2$  or  $x_3 - x_2 > 2$  or  $x_2 - x_1 > 2$  If  $x_4 - x_3 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3 + 1, x_4 - 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = (\text{at least } 2) - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (\text{at least } 3) - 0$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 2, x_3 - 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - (\text{at least } 3)$ ). If  $x_2 - x_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 2, x_2 - 1, x_3 - 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 2)$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - (\text{at least } 3)$ ).

$2 \geq x_4 - x_3 \neq x_2 - x_1 \leq 2$  If  $x_4 - x_3 = 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 0$ ). If  $x_4 - x_3 = 1$  then again  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 3$ ).

$x_4 - x_3 = x_2 - x_1 = 2 \geq x_3 - x_2$  If  $x_3 - x_2 = 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 3 - 0$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 3 - 1$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 3$ )).

$x_4 - x_3 = x_2 - x_1 = 1$  and  $2 \geq x_3 - x_2$  If  $x_3 - x_2 = 2$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 3$ ). If  $x_3 - x_2 = 1$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2 + 1, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 3 - 1$ )) or  $q > x_4$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 1, x_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 3$ )).

**3.2.2.**  $x_1 < y_1 < x_2 = x_3 = y_2 = y_3 < y_4 < x_4$

$Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 + 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = (2 \text{ or } 3) - (0 \text{ or } 1)$ ).

**3.3.**  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 \leq y_4 = x_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0033, then the presumption that  $x_4 \geq y_4$  implies that the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 \leq y_4 = x_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 4$ . It turns out that there are three different sets of such equalities.

**3.3.1.**  $x_1 < x_2 = y_1 = y_2 = y_3 < x_3 < y_4 = x_4$

Apply the argument of 3.2.1 above to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

**3.3.2.**  $x_1 < x_2 = y_1 = y_2 < y_3 < x_3 = y_4 = x_4$

Apply the argument of 3.1.2 above to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

**3.3.3.**  $x_1 = x_2 = y_1 < y_2 \leq y_3 < x_3 = y_4 = x_4$

$y_3 - y_2 > 2$   $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2 + 1, y_3 - 2, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = (2 \text{ or } 3) - 1$ ).

$y_3 - y_2 = 2$  If  $y_2 - y_1 > 2$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 2, y_2 - 1, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 2$  and  $y_4 - y_3 > 2$  then  $Z = (x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_3 - 2, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 2$  and  $y_4 - y_3 = 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = 2 = y_4 - y_3$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 2, y_2 + 2, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 2, y_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )).

$y_3 - y_2 = 1$  If  $y_2 - y_1 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = y_4 - y_3 = 1$  then the fact that  $Y$

is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1 - 1, y_2 + 1, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 0 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ )) or  $q > y_4$  (in which case  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 - 1, y_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ )).

$y_3 - y_2 = 0$  If  $y_2 - y_1 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1 + 1, y_2 - 1, y_3, y_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 0$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 1 - 2$ ). If  $y_4 - y_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (y_1, y_2, y_3 + 1, y_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(Y) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(Y) = 2 - 1$ ). If  $y_2 - y_1 = y_4 - y_3 = 1$  then the fact that  $X$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < x_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 2, x_2 + 2, x_3, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 4 - 2$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 6 - 1$ )) or  $q > x_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 - 2, x_4 + 2)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 4$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 1 - 6$ )).

### 3.4. $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq y_3 < x_4 \leq y_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0123, then the presumptions  $x_4 \geq y_4$ ,  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$  and  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$  imply that the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq y_3 < x_4 \leq y_4$ , with equalities among the inequalities to produce  $\tau = 4$ . It turns out that these equalities imply  $X = Y$ , contrary to the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.

### 3.5. $x_1 < y_1 \leq y_2 < x_2 < x_3 = x_4 = y_3 = y_4$

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0222, then the presumptions  $x_4 \geq y_4$ ,  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$  and  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$  imply that the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 < y_1 \leq y_2 < x_2 < x_3 = x_4 = y_3 = y_4$ . We may apply the argument of 3.1.1 above to  $-X$  and  $-Y$ .

## 4. $\tau = 6$

Suppose  $\tau = 6$ . We presume that  $x_4 \geq y_4$ , that  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$ , and that  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$ . The possible winning configurations for  $X$  are then 0014, 0023, 0113, and 0122.

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0014, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 < x_3 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$ . There is no set of equalities that yields  $\tau = 6$ .

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0023, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq y_3 < x_4 = y_4$ . The only arrangement of equalities that yields  $\tau = 6$  is  $x_1 = x_2 = y_1 = y_2 < x_3 = y_3 < x_4 = y_4$ ; this contradicts the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0113, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_4 = y_4$ . The only arrangement of equalities that yields  $\tau = 6$  is  $x_1 = y_1 < x_2 = y_2 = x_3 = y_3 < x_4 = y_4$ ; this contradicts the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0122, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq y_2 < x_3 = y_3 = x_4 = y_4$ . The only arrangement of equalities that yields  $\tau = 6$  is  $x_1 = y_1 < x_2 = y_2 < x_3 = y_3 = x_4 = y_4$ ; this contradicts the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.

## 5. $\tau = 8$

Suppose  $\tau = 8$ . We presume that  $x_4 \geq y_4$ , that  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$ , and that  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$ . The possible winning configurations for  $X$  are then 0004, 0013, 0022, 0112 and 1111.

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0004, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4 < x_4$ . The only set of equalities that yields  $\tau = 8$  is  $x_1 < x_2 = x_3 = y_1 = y_2 = y_3 = y_4 < x_4$ . Observe that  $x_4 - x_3 = x_2 - x_1$  because  $\sum x_i = \sum y_i$ . If  $x_4 - x_3 > 1$  then  $Z = (x_1, x_2, x_3 + 1, x_4 - 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 2 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - 0$ ). If  $x_4 - x_3 = 1$  then the fact that  $Y$  is not balanced implies that either  $p < y_1 - 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1 - 1, x_2, x_3 + 1, x_4)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 3 - 1$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 4 - 0$ )) or  $q > y_4 + 1$  (in which case  $Z = (x_1, x_2 - 1, x_3, x_4 + 1)$  ties neither  $X$  nor  $Y$  ( $f_X(Z) - f_X(X) = 1 - 3$  and  $f_Y(Z) - f_Y(X) = 0 - 4$ )).

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0013, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 < x_3 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_4 \leq y_4$ ; no set of equalities will yield  $\tau = 8$ .

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0022, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 < x_3 \leq x_4 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ . The only arrangement of equalities which yields  $\tau = 8$  is  $x_1 = y_1 = x_2 = y_2 < x_3 = y_3 = x_4 = y_4$ ; this contradicts the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 0112, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_2 < x_4 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ ; no set of equalities will yield  $\tau = 8$ .

If the winning configuration of  $X$  is 1111, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $y_1 < x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq x_4 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ . The presumptions that  $x_4 \geq y_4$ , that  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$ , and that  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$  cannot be satisfied with  $\tau = 8$ .

## 6. $\tau = 10$

Suppose  $\tau = 10$ . We presume that  $x_4 \geq y_4$ , that  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$ , and that  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$ . The possible winning configurations for  $X$  are then 0003, 0012, and 0111.

If the winning configuration is 0003, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 < x_4 = y_4$ . The only set of equalities that yields  $\tau = 10$  is  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = y_1 = y_2 = y_3 < x_4 = y_4$ ; this violates the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.

If the winning configuration is 0012, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 < x_3 \leq y_2 < x_4 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ ; no set of equalities will yield  $\tau = 10$ .

If the winning configuration is 0111, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq y_1 < x_2 \leq x_3 \leq x_4 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ . The only set of equalities that yields  $\tau = 10$  is  $x_1 = y_1 < x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = y_2 = y_3 = y_4$ ; this violates the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.

## 7. $\tau = 12$

Suppose  $\tau = 12$ . We presume that  $x_4 \geq y_4$ , that  $x_4 = y_4 \Rightarrow x_3 \geq y_3$ , and that  $((x_4 = y_4) \wedge (x_3 = y_3)) \Rightarrow x_2 \geq y_2$ . The possible winning configurations for  $X$  are then 0002 and 0011.

If the winning configuration is 0002, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 < x_4 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ . No set of equalities yields  $\tau = 12$ .

If the winning configuration is 0011, then the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  must be arranged as  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq y_1 < x_3 \leq x_4 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ . No set of equalities yields  $\tau = 12$ .

## 8. $\tau = 14$

The only possible winning configuration for  $X$  is 0001, corresponding to the label arrangement  $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_3 \leq y_1 < x_4 \leq y_2 \leq y_3 \leq y_4$ . No set of equalities yields  $\tau = 14$ .

## 9. $\tau = 16$

The only arrangement of the labels of  $X$  and  $Y$  that yields  $\tau = 16$  is  $x_i = y_j \forall i, j$ . This contradicts the hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct.