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Department of Mathematics, University, MS 38677, Bryan Williams* (blwilli3@olemiss.edu), Department of Mathematics, University, MS 38677, and Haidong Wu (hwu@olemiss.edu), Department of Mathematics, University, MS 38677. Largest Circuit Pairs in Matroids.
Scott Smith conjectured in 1979 that two distinct longest cycles of a $k$-connected graph meet in at least $k$ vertices when $k \geq 2$. This conjecture is known to be true for $k \leq 10$. Reid and Wu generalized Smith's conjecture to $k$-connected matroids by considering largest circuits. The case $k=2$ of the matroid conjecture follows from a result of Seymour. McMurray, Reid, Sheppardson, Wei, and Wu established an extension of the matroid conjecture for $k=2$ and proved it for cographic matroids when $k \leq 6$. We establish Reid and Wu's Conjecture for matroids of connectivity three. (Received September 26, 2005)

