

# Decomposition of $\lambda K_v$ into 6-Circuits with Two Chords

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**Abstract** In this paper, we discuss the  $G$ -decomposition of  $\lambda K_v$  into 6-circuits with two chords. We construct some holey  $G$ -designs using sharply 2-transitive group, and present the recursive structure by PBD. We also give a unified method to construct  $G$ -designs when the index equals the edge number of the discussed graph. Finally, the existence of  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(v)$  is given.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $K_v$  be a complete graph with  $v$  vertices, and  $G=(V(G), E(G))$  be a finite simple graph. A  $G$ -decomposition (or  $G$ -design) is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{B})$ , where  $X$  is the vertex set of  $K_v$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a collection of subgraphs of  $K_v$ , called blocks, such that each block is isomorphic to  $G$  and any edge of  $K_v$  occurs in exactly  $\lambda$  blocks of  $\mathcal{B}$ . For simplicity, such a  $G$ -design is denoted by  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(v)$ . Obviously, the necessary conditions for the existence of a  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(v)$  are

$$v \geq |V(G)|, \lambda v(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2|E(G)|}, \lambda(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{d}, \quad (*)$$

where  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of the degrees of the vertices in  $V(G)$ .

Let  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t}$  be a complete multipartite graph with vertex set  $\bigcup_{i=1}^t X_i$ , where these  $X_i$  are disjoint and  $|X_i| = n_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ . For a given graph  $G$ , a holey  $G$ -design, denoted by  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(n_1 n_2 \cdots n_t)$ , is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{B})$ , where  $X$  is the vertex set of  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a collection of subgraphs of  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t}$  called blocks, such that each block is isomorphic to  $G$  and any edge of  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t}$  occurs in exactly  $\lambda$  blocks of  $\mathcal{B}$ . When the multipartite graph has  $a_i$  partite of size  $g_i$   $1 \leq i \leq r$ , the holey  $G$ -design is denoted by  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(g_1^{a_1} g_2^{a_2} \cdots g_r^{a_r})$ . For  $\lambda = 1$ , the index 1 is often omitted. A  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(1^v w^1)$  is called an incomplete  $G$ -design, denoted by  $G$ - $ID_\lambda(v+w, w)$ . Obviously, a  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(v)$  can be regarded as a  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(1^v)$ , a  $G$ - $ID_\lambda(v+0, 0)$  or a  $G$ - $ID_\lambda((v-1)+1, 1)$ .

From [2], there are 6 graphs–6-circuit with two chords, which are listed below:

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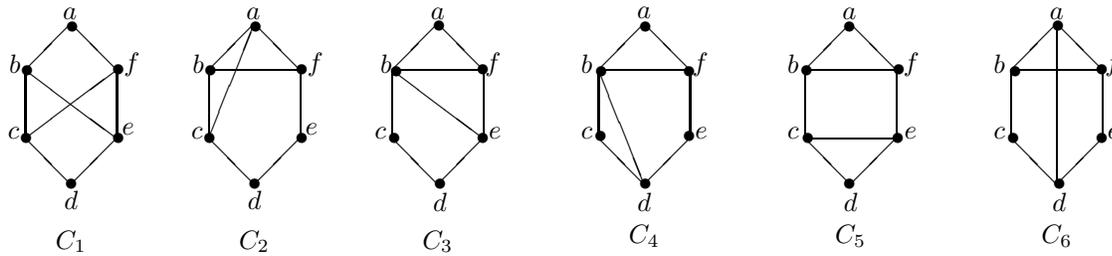


Figure 1 Graphs—6-circuit with two chords

For convenience, all graphs above are denoted by  $(a, b, c, d, e, f)$ .

For  $\lambda = 1$ , we have solved the existence of graph designs for these graphs.

**Lemma 1.1**<sup>[4]</sup> For graph  $C_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq 6$ , there exists a  $G$ - $GD(v)$  if and only if  $v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{16}$  and  $v \geq 16$ .

The graph design  $C_1$ - $GD_\lambda(v)$  for  $\lambda > 1$  has been completed in [5]. In this paper, we shall focus on the left five graphs for  $\lambda > 1$ , i.e.,  $C_k, 2 \leq k \leq 6$ .

By (\*), we need discuss the following  $v$  and  $\lambda$ :

$$\lambda = 2, v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}; \quad \lambda = 4, v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}; \quad \lambda = 8, v \geq 6. \quad (**)$$

Our main conclusions will be:

**Theorem 1.2** The necessary conditions for the existence of  $C_k$ - $GD_\lambda(v)$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq 6$ , are also sufficient.

The following definition and lemmas are important for our constructing methods in this paper.

A pairwise balanced design  $B[K, 1; v]$  is a pair  $(V, \mathcal{B})$ , where  $V$  is a  $v$ -set (point set) and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a family of subsets (blocks) of  $V$  with block sizes from  $K$  such that every pair of distinct elements of  $V$  occurs in exactly one block of  $\mathcal{B}$ . When  $K = \{k\}$ ,  $B[K, 1; v] = B[k, 1; v]$  is just a balanced incomplete block design.

**Lemma 1.3**<sup>[3]</sup> Let  $G$  be a simple graph,  $K$  be a set of positive integers, and  $m, u, v, \lambda, \mu$  be positive integers.

(1) If there exist a  $B[K, 1; v]$  and a  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(m^k)$  for each  $k \in K$ , then there exists a  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(m^v)$ .

(2) If there exists a  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(m^u)$ , then there exists a  $G$ - $HD_{\lambda\mu}(m^u)$ .

**Lemma 1.4**<sup>[5]</sup> Let  $G$  be a simple graph, and  $h, m, n, \lambda$  be positive integers,  $w \geq 0$ .

(1) If there exist a  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(m^h)$ , a  $G$ - $ID_\lambda(m + w, w)$  and a  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(m + w)$  (or  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(w)$ ), then there exists a  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(mh + w)$ .

(2) If there exist a  $G$ - $HD_\lambda(m^h n^1)$ , a  $G$ - $ID_\lambda(m + w, w)$  and a  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(n + w)$ , then there exists a  $G$ - $GD_\lambda(mh + n + w)$ .

**Lemma 1.5** Let  $m$  be a positive integer,  $q = 3, 4, 5$ ,  $w = 0, 1$  and  $i = 1, 2$ . If there exist a

$G\text{-}HD_2(m^q)$  and a  $G\text{-}GD_2(im + w)$ , then there exists a  $G\text{-}GD_2(v)$  for  $v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $v \geq m$ .

**Note.** The above lemma is just the modified version of Theorem 2.2.7 in [4].

**Lemma 1.6** *Let positive integer  $w < 8$ ,  $q=3, 4, 5$  and  $t \in \{1, 2, 6, 8\}$ . If there exist a  $G\text{-}HD_\lambda(8^q)$ , a  $G\text{-}ID_\lambda(8 + w, w)$  and a  $G\text{-}GD_\lambda(8t + w)$ , then there exists a  $G\text{-}GD_\lambda(v)$  for  $v \equiv w \pmod{8}$  and  $v \geq 8 + w$ .*

**Proof** Let  $v = 8t + w$ ,  $t \geq 1$ . From [1], there exists a  $B[\{3, 4, 5\}, 1; t]$  for any  $t \geq 3$ ,  $t \neq 6, 8$ . Hence, by Lemma 1.3(1), there exists a  $G\text{-}HD_\lambda(8^t)$  for any  $t \geq 3$ ,  $t \neq 6, 8$ , from the existence of  $G\text{-}HD_\lambda(8^q)$  for  $q = 3, 4, 5$ . Furthermore, by Lemma 1.4(1), there exists a  $G\text{-}GD_\lambda(8t + w)$  for any  $t \geq 3$ ,  $t \neq 6, 8$ , from the known  $G\text{-}ID_\lambda(8 + w, w)$  and  $G\text{-}GD_\lambda(8 + w)$ . Adding the given  $G\text{-}GD_\lambda(8t + w)$  for  $t = 1, 2, 6, 8$ , we obtain the conclusion.  $\square$

## 2. Construction of $HD$ via sharply 2-transitive group

Let  $H$  be a transformation group acting on the  $n$ -set  $N$ . For any two ordered 2-subsets  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  from  $N$ , if there exists unique  $\xi \in H$  satisfying  $(\xi x, \xi y) = (x', y')$ , then  $H$  is called a sharply 2-transitive group on  $N$ .

**Lemma 2.1**<sup>[4]</sup> *Let  $F_q$  be a finite field, where  $q$  is a prime power. Then, for the multiplication of transformations, all linear transformations on  $F_q$*

$$f_{c,d} : x \mapsto cx + d \quad \forall x \in F_q$$

form a sharply 2-transitive group on  $F_q$ :  $L_q = \{f_{c,d} : c \in F_q^*, d \in F_q\}$ .

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $G$  be a graph with  $2e$  edges. If*

(1) *There exists a mapping  $f$  (i.e., vertex labeling) from its vertex set  $V(G)$  to the set  $Z_{2e}$  such that the induced mapping on its edge set (i.e., edge labeling)*

$$f^* : \{x, y\} \mapsto |f(x) - f(y)| \quad \forall \{x, y\} \in E(G)$$

*satisfies  $\{f^*\{x, y\} : \{x, y\} \in E(G)\} = \{1, 1, 2, 2, \dots, e-1, e-1\} \cup \{0, e\}$ , where  $|f(x) - f(y)| = f(y) - f(x)$  if  $0 \leq f(y) - f(x) \leq e$  and  $|f(x) - f(y)| = f(x) - f(y)$  if  $e < f(y) - f(x) < 2e$ ;*

(2)  *$G$  is  $q$ -vertex-colorable (the coloring set is  $Q$ );*

(3) *There exists a sharply 2-transitive group on  $Q$ ,*

*then there exists a  $G\text{-}HD_2((2e)^q)$ , where  $q$  is a prime power.*

**Proof** We will construct a holey-design  $G\text{-}HD_2((2e)^q)$  on  $Z_{2e} \times Q$ , where the set of partites is  $\{Z_{2e} \times \{i\} : i \in Q\}$  and  $Q$  is just the  $q$ -vertex-coloring set. Denote the  $q$ -vertex-coloring of  $G$  by  $C$ , and the graph is labeled according to condition (1) by  $B$ . Let  $L_q$  be the sharply 2-transitive group on  $Q$ . Then  $(B, C) = \{(f(x), C(x)) : x \in V(G)\} \pmod{(Z_{2e}, L_q)}$  forms the block set of  $G\text{-}HD_2((2e)^q)$ .

In fact, since  $C$  is a  $q$ -vertex-coloring graph, the differences in the base blocks are all mixed

differences between distinct holes (not pure difference in the same hole).

The mixed differences between two distinct holes are  $0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(e-1)$  and  $e$ . In the block  $B$ , each edge valuation of  $\{1, 2, \dots, (e-1)\}$  appears exactly two times and each edge valuation of  $\{0, e\}$  appears exactly once. Under the acting of the sharply-2 transitive group  $L_q$ , each edge  $(x, y)$  of  $C$  takes each ordered pair from  $Q$  exactly once. Therefore, in the base blocks each mixed difference in  $\{0, e, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm(e-1)\}$  between any two distinct holes appears exactly two times. This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3** For graph  $G \in \{C_k : 2 \leq k \leq 6\}$ , there exists a  $G$ - $HD_2(8^q)$  for  $q = 3, 4, 5$ .

**Proof** For each graph  $G(a, b, c, d, e, f)$ , we will construct the desired  $G$ - $HD_2(8^q)$  on  $X = Z_8 \times Z_q$  with partites  $Z_8 \times \{x\}, x \in F_q$ . By Lemma 2.2, we need only to construct the corresponding vertex labeling and vertex coloring, which are listed below.

$C_2$ :  $B = (0, 1, 4, 5, 3, 3), C = (0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2)$ ;  $C_3$ :  $B = (2, 4, 4, 0, 1, 3), C = (0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2)$ ;

$C_4$ :  $B = (0, 1, 4, 6, 6, 2), C = (0, 1, 0, 2, 1, 2)$ ;  $C_5$ :  $B = (0, 1, 5, 2, 3, 3), C = (0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2)$ ;

$C_6$ :  $B = (0, 1, 5, 2, 3, 3), C = (0, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2)$ .  $\square$

### 3. $\lambda = 2$

In this section, by (\*\*), the scope of order  $v$  for the existence of  $G$ - $GD_2(v)$  is  $v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$ . By the known holey designs and recursive constructions in Sections 1 and 2, it is enough to construct a few  $GD$ s with index 2 for some small orders.

**Lemma 3.1** For graph  $G \in \{C_k : 2 \leq k \leq 6\}$ , there exists a  $G$ - $GD_2(v)$  for  $v \in \{8, 9, 16, 17\}$ .

**Proof** For  $v \in \{8, 9\}$ , we list vertex set and blocks below.

$v = 8$ :  $X = Z_7 \cup \{\infty\}, \text{ mod } 7$ .

$C_2 : (0, 1, 2, 6, \infty, 5), C_3 : (1, 0, \infty, 6, 2, 3), C_4 : (1, 0, 6, 2, \infty, 3), C_5 : (\infty, 0, 2, 6, 3, 1),$

$C_6 : (2, 6, \infty, 0, 1, 3)$ .

$v = 9$ :  $X = Z_9, \text{ mod } 9$ .

$C_2 : (0, 1, 2, 8, 3, 7), C_3 : (1, 0, 4, 8, 2, 3), C_4 : (1, 0, 8, 2, 7, 3), C_5 : (6, 0, 2, 8, 3, 1),$

$C_6 : (2, 8, 5, 0, 1, 3)$ .

$v = 16, 17$ : The designs can be obtained by Lemmas 1.1 and 1.3(2).  $\square$

**Theorem A** For graph  $G \in \{C_k : 2 \leq k \leq 6\}$ , there exists a  $G$ - $GD_2(v) \iff v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $v \geq 8$ .

**Proof** The conclusion holds by Lemmas 1.5, 2.3 and 3.1.  $\square$

### 4. $\lambda = 4$

In this section, by (\*\*), the scope of order  $v$  for the existence of  $G$ - $GD_4(v)$  is  $v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $v \geq 8$ . By the known  $G$ -designs, holey designs and recursive constructions in Section 1–3, it is enough to construct a few  $GD$ s and  $ID$ s with index 4 for some small orders.

**Lemma 4.1** *There exists a  $C_2$ - $ID_2(8+w, w)$ . Further there exists a  $C_2$ - $ID_4(8+w, w)$  for  $w = 4, 5$ , too.*

**Proof** For  $w \in \{4, 5\}$ , we list vertex set and blocks below.

$w = 4$ :  $X = Z_8 \cup \{A, B, C, D\}$ .

$(6, 5, B, 0, 7, D), (5, 4, A, 1, 0, D), (5, 3, 2, 1, D, 7), (6, 4, 3, C, 5, 0), (3, 0, A, 7, 6, C),$   
 $(7, 2, A, 3, 4, C), (7, 4, B, 2, 6, C), (7, 5, 4, B, 6, 1), (0, 2, C, 1, 4, D), (3, 2, B, 1, 6, D),$   
 $(6, 5, A, 1, B, 0), (7, 3, B, 5, C, 1), (2, 0, 7, 6, A, 4), (4, 2, 1, D, 3, 6), (3, 1, 0, A, 2, 5).$

$w = 5$ :  $X = Z_8 \cup \{A, B, C, D, E\}$ .

$(6, A, 7, 1, B, 0), (5, A, 1, 4, E, 3), (3, A, 7, 4, C, 2), (4, A, 6, 3, D, 1), (4, D, 7, 5, E, 2),$   
 $(6, C, 7, 2, D, 3), (1, C, 0, 3, E, 7), (6, D, 5, 0, A, 4), (1, E, 6, 2, A, 5), (2, B, 7, 0, E, 1),$   
 $(5, C, 3, 2, E, 6), (2, B, 6, 1, C, 5), (2, C, 4, 5, D, 0), (2, 0, 5, 4, 3, 1), (0, E, 7, 5, B, 4),$   
 $(0, B, 3, 1, D, 6), (3, B, 4, 0, D, 7).$  □

**Lemma 4.2** *For graph  $G \in \{C_k : 3 \leq k \leq 6\}$ , there exists a  $G$ - $ID_4(8+w, w)$  for  $w = 4, 5$ .*

**Proof** For  $w \in \{4, 5\}$ , we list vertex set and blocks below.

$w = 4$ :  $X = Z_8 \cup \{A, B, C, D\}$ .

$C_3 : (A, 4, 0, B, 1, 5), (C, 2, 1, D, 3, 5), (A, 0, 6, A, 2, 7) \pmod 8;$   
 $(0, 3, 6, D, 4, C), (1, 3, 5, C, 7, D), (C, 2, 5, 7, D, 0), (0, 6, 1, C, 3, D),$   
 $(C, 1, 4, D, 2, 7), (6, 4, 2, D, 5, C).$   
 $C_4 : (A, 4, B, 0, 1, 5), (C, 2, D, 0, 3, 5), (A, 0, B, 3, 4, 7) \pmod 8;$   
 $(3, 1, D, 0, 2, C), (0, 6, C, 7, 1, D), (C, 0, 6, 4, D, 2), (2, 4, C, 5, 3, D),$   
 $(C, 1, 7, 5, D, 3), (4, 6, D, 7, 5, C).$   
 $C_5 : (A, 4, 0, B, 1, 5), (C, 2, 0, D, 3, 5), (A, 0, 3, B, 4, 7) \pmod 8;$   
 $(3, C, 2, 0, D, 1), (6, C, 7, 1, D, 0), (C, 1, 3, D, 5, 7), (5, C, 4, 2, D, 3),$   
 $(C, 2, 4, D, 6, 0), (4, C, 5, 7, D, 6).$   
 $C_6 : (4, 1, A, 0, B, 5), (5, 2, C, 7, D, 3), (2, 0, A, 3, B, 7) \pmod 8;$   
 $(0, C, 1, D, 4, 2), (5, C, 3, D, 2, 7), (5, 0, C, 2, D, 3), (1, C, 5, D, 6, 3),$   
 $(1, 4, C, 6, D, 7), (4, C, 7, D, 0, 6).$

$w = 5$ :  $X = Z_8 \cup \{A, B, C, D, E\}$ .

$C_3 : (0, A, 4, E, 3, 2), (0, D, 5, 2, 6, 3), (B, 0, 1, C, 4, 2) \pmod 8;$   
 $(4, E, 0, 7, 6, 5), (7, E, 3, 4, 5, 6), (0, D, 3, C, 1, 6), (6, C, 5, D, 2, 4), (3, E, 7, 0, 1, 2),$   
 $(1, D, 7, C, 5, 3), (C, 0, D, 7, 5, 2), (C, 7, 2, D, 4, 1), (0, C, 4, D, 6, 3), (0, E, 4, 3, 2, 1).$   
 $C_4 : (0, A, 2, 3, C, 1), (0, B, 1, 4, D, 3), (0, E, 2, 5, 1, 4) \pmod 8;$   
 $(0, D, 1, 7, C, 6), (C, 2, D, 4, 6, 0), (2, D, 3, 5, C, 4), (7, 6, 5, 4, 2, 0), (C, 3, D, 5, 7, 1),$   
 $(3, C, 2, 0, D, 1), (4, C, 5, 7, D, 6), (6, 7, 0, 1, 3, 5), (4, 3, 2, 1, 7, 5), (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 0).$   
 $C_5 : (4, A, 1, 5, B, 0), (E, 0, 3, D, 4, 7), (C, 0, 3, E, 4, 7) \pmod 8;$   
 $(6, C, 7, 1, D, 0), (C, 1, 3, D, 5, 7), (5, C, 4, 2, D, 3), (4, C, 5, 7, D, 6), (A, 2, 4, B, 6, 0),$   
 $(3, C, 2, 0, D, 1), (B, 2, 4, A, 6, 0), (C, 2, 4, D, 6, 0), (B, 1, 7, A, 5, 3), (A, 1, 7, B, 5, 3).$   
 $C_6 : (A, 0, D, 2, E, 1), (B, 0, D, 4, E, 3), (C, 0, 3, 5, 6, 4) \pmod 8;$

$$(4, C, 1, 3, 2, 7), (5, C, 6, 2, 1, 0), (6, 3, C, 2, 4, 7), (1, B, 6, 3, 5, 7), (0, 3, B, 4, 1, 7), \\ (2, B, 5, 4, 6, 0), (3, A, 6, 5, 7, 2), (6, 5, A, 7, 0, 1), (0, A, 1, 2, 5, 4), (6, 4, 3, 0, 5, 1). \quad \square$$

In what follows, for a block  $B$ ,  $B \times m$  means  $m$  times of the block  $B$  for  $m > 0$ .

**Lemma 4.3** For graph  $G \in \{C_k : 2 \leq k \leq 6\}$ , there exists  $G$ - $GD_4(v)$  for  $v \in \{12, 13, 20, 21, 52, 53, 68, 69\}$ .

**Proof** For  $v \in \{12, 13, 20, 21, 52, 53, 68, 69\}$ , we list vertex set and blocks below.

$v = 12$ :  $X = Z_{11} \cup \{\infty\}$ , mod 11.

$$C_2 : (0, 3, 10, 8, \infty, 9) \times 2, (1, 0, 5, 8, 3, 4); C_3 : (10, 1, \infty, 2, 0, 4) \times 2, (4, 0, 3, 6, 1, 5); \\ C_4 : (\infty, 0, 9, 3, 5, 1) \times 2, (5, 0, 4, 3, 9, 1); C_5 : (\infty, 0, 4, 2, 10, 1) \times 2, (4, 0, 6, 10, 7, 1); \\ C_6 : (10, 2, \infty, 1, 0, 4) \times 2, (6, 10, 3, 0, 1, 7).$$

$v = 13$ :  $X = Z_{13}$ , mod 13.

$$C_2 : (0, 1, 5, 8, 2, 6) \times 2, (0, 12, 10, 7, 9, 11); C_3 : (12, 1, 8, 2, 0, 4) \times 2, (4, 0, 3, 6, 1, 5); \\ C_4 : (7, 0, 11, 3, 5, 1) \times 2, (5, 0, 4, 3, 11, 1); C_5 : (7, 0, 4, 2, 12, 1) \times 2, (4, 0, 8, 12, 9, 1); \\ C_6 : (12, 2, 8, 1, 0, 4) \times 2, (8, 12, 3, 0, 1, 9).$$

$v = 20$ :  $X = Z_{19} \cup \{\infty\}$ , mod 19.

$$C_2 : (4, 0, 2, 9, 16, 8), (2, 0, 8, 9, 14, 5) \times 2, (5, 2, 11, \infty, 10, 9) \times 2; \\ C_3 : (2, 0, 1, 9, 8, 4), (\infty, 10, 5, 14, 8, 11) \times 2, (4, 0, 7, 14, 6, 9) \times 2; \\ C_4 : (2, 0, 3, 6, 10, 4), (\infty, 10, 1, 8, 3, 11) \times 2, (9, 0, 3, 7, 13, 8) \times 2; \\ C_5 : (0, 5, 9, 16, 11, 7), (\infty, 10, 1, 7, 3, 11) \times 2, (0, 3, 12, 11, 5, 8) \times 2; \\ C_6 : (0, 4, 12, 6, 7, 8), (2, 10, \infty, 11, 4, 1) \times 2, (0, 5, 3, 6, 11, 7) \times 2.$$

$v = 21$ :  $X = Z_{21}$ , mod 21.

$$C_2 : (5, 2, 11, 0, 10, 9) \times 2, (2, 0, 8, 9, 14, 5) \times 2, (4, 0, 2, 9, 16, 8); \\ C_3 : (0, 10, 5, 14, 8, 11) \times 2, (4, 0, 7, 14, 6, 9) \times 2, (2, 0, 1, 9, 8, 4); \\ C_4 : (0, 10, 1, 8, 3, 11) \times 2, (9, 0, 3, 7, 13, 8) \times 2, (2, 0, 3, 6, 10, 4); \\ C_5 : (0, 10, 1, 7, 3, 11) \times 2, (0, 3, 12, 11, 5, 8) \times 2, (0, 5, 9, 16, 11, 7); \\ C_6 : (2, 10, 0, 11, 4, 1) \times 2, (0, 5, 3, 6, 11, 7) \times 2, (0, 4, 12, 6, 7, 8).$$

$v = 52$ :  $X = Z_{51} \cup \{\infty\}$ , mod 51.

$$C_2 : (7, 19, 27, \infty, 26, 8) \times 2, (25, 0, 6, 7, 20, 13) \times 2, (14, 0, 21, 6, 9, 4) \times 2, \\ (9, 0, 24, 14, 5, 23) \times 2, (22, 0, 17, 6, 23, 3) \times 2, (2, 0, 25, 9, 3, 24) \times 2, \\ (8, 0, 4, 20, 18, 16); \\ C_3 : (23, 0, 16, 2, 7, 13) \times 2, (20, 0, 18, 1, 13, 22) \times 2, (\infty, 26, 17, 41, 16, 27) \times 2, \\ (27, 6, 26, 7, 28, 9) \times 2, (17, 14, 7, 30, 6, 0) \times 2, (12, 0, 15, 30, 5, 16) \times 2, \\ (2, 0, 1, 9, 8, 4); \\ C_4 : (\infty, 26, 1, 13, 2, 27) \times 2, (10, 0, 15, 23, 17, 24) \times 2, (24, 0, 16, 21, 9, 22) \times 2, \\ (4, 0, 19, 20, 5, 21) \times 2, (23, 0, 9, 22, 4, 18) \times 2, (17, 0, 7, 19, 9, 20) \times 2, \\ (2, 0, 3, 6, 10, 4); \\ C_5 : (3, 27, 4, 16, 1, 13) \times 2, (\infty, 26, 15, 24, 2, 27) \times 2, (0, 9, 5, 24, 1, 25) \times 2, \\ (0, 21, 1, 22, 9, 19) \times 2, (22, 0, 16, 19, 33, 15) \times 2, (11, 08, 7, 25, 5) \times 2, \\ (0, 5, 11, 18, 13, 7);$$

$$C_6 : (2, 26, \infty, 27, 3, 1) \times 2, (0, 23, 4, 22, 1, 15) \times 2, (0, 20, 7, 18, 1, 16) \times 2, \\ (0, 17, 4, 6, 26, 7) \times 2, (0, 5, 17, 7, 30, 14) \times 2, (0, 12, 33, 11, 6, 3) \times 2, \\ (0, 4, 12, 6, 7, 8).$$

$v = 53$ :  $X = Z_{53}, \text{ mod } 53.$

$$C_2 : (7, 19, 27, 0, 26, 8) \times 2, (25, 0, 6, 7, 20, 13) \times 2, (14, 0, 21, 6, 9, 4) \times 2, \\ (9, 0, 24, 14, 5, 23) \times 2, (22, 0, 17, 6, 23, 3) \times 2, (2, 0, 25, 9, 3, 24) \times 2, \\ (8, 0, 4, 20, 18, 16);$$

$$C_3 : (0, 26, 17, 41, 16, 27) \times 2, (23, 0, 16, 2, 7, 13) \times 2, (20, 0, 18, 1, 13, 22) \times 2, \\ (27, 6, 26, 7, 28, 9) \times 2, (17, 14, 7, 30, 6, 0) \times 2, (12, 0, 15, 30, 5, 16) \times 2, \\ (2, 0, 1, 9, 8, 4);$$

$$C_4 : (0, 26, 1, 13, 2, 27) \times 2, (10, 0, 15, 23, 17, 24) \times 2, (24, 0, 16, 21, 9, 22) \times 2, \\ (17, 0, 7, 19, 9, 20) \times 2, (4, 0, 19, 20, 5, 21) \times 2, (23, 0, 9, 22, 4, 18) \times 2, \\ (2, 0, 3, 6, 10, 4);$$

$$C_5 : (0, 26, 15, 24, 2, 27) \times 2, (3, 27, 4, 16, 1, 13) \times 2, (22, 0, 16, 19, 33, 15) \times 2, \\ (0, 21, 1, 22, 9, 19) \times 2, (0, 9, 5, 24, 1, 25) \times 2, (11, 08, 7, 25, 5) \times 2, \\ (0, 5, 11, 18, 13, 7);$$

$$C_6 : (2, 26, 0, 27, 3, 1) \times 2, (0, 23, 4, 22, 1, 15) \times 2, (0, 20, 7, 18, 1, 16) \times 2, \\ (0, 17, 4, 6, 26, 7) \times 2, (0, 5, 17, 7, 30, 14) \times 2, (0, 12, 33, 11, 6, 3) \times 2, \\ (0, 4, 12, 6, 7, 8).$$

$v = 68$ :  $X = Z_{67} \cup \{\infty\}, \text{ mod } 67.$

$$C_2 : (9, 2, 35, \infty, 34, 19) \times 2, (7, 1, 31, 1, 29, 32) \times 2, (11, 6, 38, 7, 6, 34) \times 2, \\ (0, 12, 21, 7, 15, 29) \times 2, (13, 11, 29, 2, 9, 0) \times 2, (20, 19, 42, 13, 26, 0) \times 2, \\ (24, 22, 12, 17, 20, 0) \times 2, (21, 25, 6, 17, 18, 0) \times 2, (16, 0, 8, 40, 46, 32);$$

$$C_3 : (\infty, 35, 16, 6, 2, 34) \times 2, (31, 0, 18, 7, 30, 8) \times 2, (35, 6, 15, 33, 0, 11) \times 2, \\ (38, 10, 23, 7, 0, 17) \times 2, (9, 0, 21, 45, 14, 12) \times 2, (15, 27, 12, 34, 14, 0) \times 2, \\ (26, 0, 27, 2, 25, 20) \times 2, (16, 0, 32, 4, 30, 19) \times 2, (2, 0, 1, 9, 8, 4);$$

$$C_4 : (\infty, 34, 1, 32, 2, 35) \times 2, (32, 0, 28, 18, 38, 29) \times 2, (19, 0, 26, 20, 2, 27) \times 2, \\ (14, 0, 12, 24, 3, 25) \times 2, (8, 0, 5, 28, 14, 7) \times 2, (5, 0, 11, 26, 2, 32) \times 2, \\ (17, 0, 16, 31, 2, 21) \times 2, (13, 0, 9, 22, 6, 23) \times 2, (2, 0, 3, 6, 10, 4);$$

$$C_5 : (\infty, 34, 15, 20, 2, 35) \times 2, (3, 35, 17, 23, 0, 14) \times 2, (20, 0, 31, 3, 2, 30) \times 2, \\ (27, 0, 22, 18, 31, 15) \times 2, (5, 3, 30, 13, 38, 29) \times 2, (24, 0, 32, 16, 36, 3) \times 2, \\ (30, 0, 29, 6, 32, 22) \times 2, (31, 0, 15, 1, 26, 19) \times 2, (0, 5, 11, 18, 13, 7);$$

$$C_6 : (2, 34, \infty, 35, 9, 7) \times 2, (31, 0, 29, 2, 34, 1) \times 2, (0, 28, 5, 24, 49, 25) \times 2, \\ (0, 22, 1, 19, 6, 18) \times 2, (7, 0, 10, 21, 6, 23) \times 2, (0, 12, 38, 10, 1, 21) \times 2, \\ (0, 15, 28, 6, 37, 7) \times 2, (20, 0, 16, 5, 3, 17) \times 2, (0, 4, 12, 6, 7, 8).$$

$v = 69$ :  $X = Z_{69}, \text{ mod } 69.$

$$C_2 : (9, 2, 35, 0, 34, 19) \times 2, (7, 1, 31, 1, 29, 32) \times 2, (11, 6, 38, 7, 6, 34) \times 2, \\ (0, 12, 21, 7, 15, 29) \times 2, (13, 11, 29, 2, 9, 0) \times 2, (20, 19, 42, 13, 26, 0) \times 2, \\ (24, 22, 12, 17, 20, 0) \times 2, (21, 25, 6, 17, 18, 0) \times 2, (16, 0, 8, 40, 46, 32);$$

$$C_3 : (0, 35, 16, 6, 2, 34) \times 2, (31, 0, 18, 7, 30, 8) \times 2, (35, 6, 15, 33, 0, 11) \times 2,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (38, 10, 23, 7, 0, 17) \times 2, (9, 0, 21, 45, 14, 12) \times 2, (15, 27, 12, 34, 14, 0) \times 2, \\
 & (26, 0, 27, 2, 25, 20) \times 2, (16, 0, 32, 4, 30, 19) \times 2, (2, 0, 1, 9, 8, 4); \\
 C_4 : & (0, 34, 1, 32, 2, 35) \times 2, (32, 0, 28, 18, 38, 29) \times 2, (19, 0, 26, 20, 2, 27) \times 2, \\
 & (14, 0, 12, 24, 3, 25) \times 2, (8, 0, 5, 28, 14, 7, ) \times 2, (5, 0, 11, 26, 2, 32) \times 2, \\
 & (17, 0, 16, 31, 2, 21) \times 2, (13, 0, 9, 22, 6, 23) \times 2, (2, 0, 3, 6, 10, 4); \\
 C_5 : & (0, 34, 15, 20, 2, 35) \times 2, (3, 35, 17, 23, 0, 14) \times 2, (20, 0, 31, 3, 2, 30) \times 2, \\
 & (27, 0, 22, 18, 31, 15) \times 2, (5, 3, 30, 13, 38, 29) \times 2, (24, 0, 32, 16, 36, 3) \times 2, \\
 & (30, 0, 29, 6, 32, 22) \times 2, (31, 0, 15, 1, 26, 19) \times 2, (0, 5, 11, 18, 13, 7); \\
 C_6 : & (2, 34, 0, 35, 9, 7) \times 2, (31, 0, 29, 2, 34, 1) \times 2, (0, 28, 5, 24, 49, 25) \times 2, \\
 & (0, 22, 1, 19, 6, 18) \times 2, (7, 0, 10, 21, 6, 23) \times 2, (0, 12, 38, 10, 1, 21) \times 2, \\
 & (0, 15, 28, 6, 37, 7) \times 2, (20, 0, 16, 5, 3, 17) \times 2, (0, 4, 12, 6, 7, 8). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem B** For graph  $G \in \{C_k : 2 \leq k \leq 6\}$ , there exists a  $G$ - $GD_4(v) \iff v \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $v \geq 8$ .

**Proof** The conclusion holds by Lemmas 1.6, 2.3 and 4.1–4.3. □

## 5. $\lambda = 8$

### 5.1 A constructing method for $\lambda = |E(G)|$

Let  $G$  be a connected graph,  $|V(G)| = m$  and  $|E(G)| = e$ . Consider the graph design  $G$ - $GD_e(v) = (X, \mathcal{B})$ . Let  $n = 2\lceil \frac{v}{2} \rceil - 1$ , which is odd. The vertex set  $X$  is denoted by  $Z_n$  for odd  $v$  or  $Z_n \cup \{\infty\}$  for even  $v$ . The block set consists of  $n \cdot \frac{n-1}{2}$  or  $n \cdot \frac{n+1}{2}$  blocks. Let us construct  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  (for odd  $v$ ) or  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  (for even  $v$ ) base blocks as follows.

**Step 1.** Define a mapping from  $Z_n$  to  $\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}\}$ :  $a \mapsto \langle 2a \rangle$ , where  $\langle t \rangle = t$  (if  $t \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ ) or  $n - t$  (if  $t > \frac{n-1}{2}$ ). Then, the integers  $1, 2, \dots, \frac{n-1}{2}$  are partitioned into equivalent classes, each of which forms a cycle. The cycle contains the integer  $a$  ( $1 \leq a \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ ) and its length is denoted by  $(a)$  and  $l(a)$  respectively, where the length  $s = l(a)$  is the minimal positive integer satisfying  $a \cdot 2^s \equiv \pm a \pmod{n}$ . Obviously,  $l(a) \leq l(1)$  for  $1 \leq a \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ . All the cycles form a graph  $H_n$ , which is 2-regular.

**Step 2.** For any  $a \in [1, \frac{n-1}{2}]$  and  $l(a) \geq 3$ , take an injection  $f$  from  $V(G)$  to  $M = \{ma : -\frac{n-1}{2} \leq m \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$  such that for any edge  $\{x, y\} \in E(G)$ , the integer  $\langle f(x) - f(y) \rangle$  is in the cycle  $(a)$ . Note that  $f$  is an injection if and only if  $f(x) \neq f(y)$  for any  $x \neq y \in V(G)$ . When  $|V(G)| \leq 7$ , the set  $M$  may be restricted to the 7-set:  $\{-2a, -a, 0, a, 2a\} \cup T$ , where  $T = \{3a, 4a\}$  or  $\{-3a, -4a\}$ , or  $\{3a, -3a\}$ , or  $\{4a, -4a\}$ . Then, for  $x \neq y \in V(G)$ , the equation  $f(x) = f(y)$  holds only for the following cases:

- 1°  $0 = \pm 3a, \pm a = \pm 4a, \pm a = \mp 2a, \pm 2a = \mp 4a, 3a = -3a,$   
 $\implies n = 3a, l(a) = 1$  and  $(a)$  is the unique 1-cycle;
- 2°  $\pm a = \mp 4a, \pm 2a = \mp 3a,$

$\implies n = 5a, l(a) = 2$  and  $(a, 2a)$  is the unique 2-cycle.

Furthermore, there is another related case

3°  $n = 15a$ , there is a unique 1-cycle  $(5a)$  and a unique 2-cycle  $(3a, 6a)$ .

Therefore, we only need to discuss the four cases:

**Case 1**  $\gcd(n, 15) = 1$ , and the length  $l(a) \geq 3$  for any cycle  $(a)$  in  $H_n$ . The injection  $f$  here gives a base block  $B_a$ . But the base blocks  $B_a$  ( $1 \leq a \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ ) will cover all differences in  $Z_n$   $e$  times. In fact, let the cycle  $(a)$  be  $(a, 2a, 4a, \dots, 2^{s-1}a)$  and each  $2^j a$ , as edge-value  $\langle f(x) - f(y) \rangle$ , appear  $i_j$  times in the base block  $B_a$ , where  $0 \leq j \leq s-1$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^{s-1} i_j = e$ . Then, all the edges in  $B_a, B_{2a}, \dots, B_{2^{s-1}a}$  will take edge-values as follows.

	$a$	$2a$	$2^2a$	$\dots$	$2^{s-2}a$	$2^{s-1}a$
$B_a$	$i_0$	$i_1$	$i_2$	$\dots$	$i_{s-2}$	$i_{s-1}$
$B_{2a}$	$i_{s-1}$	$i_0$	$i_1$	$\dots$	$i_{s-3}$	$i_{s-2}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$B_{2^{s-1}a}$	$i_1$	$i_2$	$i_3$	$\dots$	$i_{s-1}$	$i_0$

Table 1 Difference distribution

Thus, the base blocks  $B_a, B_{2a}, \dots, B_{2^{s-1}a}$  corresponding  $a, 2a, \dots, 2^{s-1}a$  in the cycle  $(a)$  cover the differences  $a, 2a, \dots, 2^{s-1}a$   $e$  times.

**Case 2**  $n = 3b$  and  $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , there is a unique 1-cycle  $(b)$ .

**Case 3**  $n = 5b$  and  $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , there is a unique 2-cycle  $(b, 2b)$ .

**Case 4**  $n = 15b$ , there are a unique 1-cycle  $(5b)$  and a unique 2-cycle  $(3b, 6b)$ .

**Step 3.** For the Cases 2, 3 and 4, the method stated in step 2 cannot be used for 1-cycle or 2-cycle because, replacing  $a$  by  $b, 2b, 3b, 5b$  or  $6b$ , the number of the available integers in the set  $M$  is less than six. We may change a few base blocks in  $\mathcal{A}$  corresponding to cycle (1) (or  $b$  when  $n = 15b$ ) and add some base blocks relating to the elements  $b, 2b, 3b, 5b, 6b$ . Note that the edges in these changed and added base blocks belong not yet to one cycle (but two or three cycles).

**Step 4.** For odd order  $v$ , the graph design  $G\text{-}GD_e(v)$  will be obtained after Steps 2 and 3. For even order  $v = n + 1$ , we need to add one vertex  $\infty$  to the vertex set  $Z_n$ , to change some base blocks in  $\mathcal{A}$  corresponding to cycle (1), and to add some base blocks containing  $\infty$ .

**Lemma 5.1** *There exists a  $C_k\text{-}GD_8(v)$  for  $v \geq 6, k = 4, 5, 6$ .*

**Proof** Using the method mentioned above, we list the following table. First, the base block  $B_a$  for odd  $v$  and  $l(a) \geq 3$ , i.e., case 1 (odd), is given in the first row. The vertex sets are obviously in  $\{0, \pm a, \pm 2a\} \cup T$  pointed in Step 2. We denote  $\mathcal{A} = \{B_a : 1 \leq a \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$  for the  $B_a$  listed in the first row, then the base blocks for other cases will be uniformly denoted as  $(\mathcal{A} \setminus \mathcal{C}) \cup \mathcal{C}' \cup \mathcal{D}$ ,

where  $\mathcal{C}$  is a few base blocks in  $\mathcal{A}$  like  $B_1, B_2, B_4$  or  $B_b, B_{2b}, \dots$ , which is changed to  $\mathcal{C}'$  (denoted by  $\rightarrow$ ), and  $\mathcal{D}$  is a few added base blocks.

		$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
odd $v$ Case 1	$\mathcal{A}$	$(a, 0, 2a, 4a, 3a, -a)$	$(-a, a, 3a, 4a, 2a, 0)$	$(-2a, 0, a, -a, 3a, 2a)$
odd $v$ Case 2 $n = 3b$	$\mathcal{C}$	$B_1$	$B_1$	$B_1$
	$\mathcal{D}'$	$(-b, 0, 2, 1, b + 1, b)$ $(-b, 0, 2, 4, b + 4, b)$	$(2b, b, b + 2, 2b + 2, 2, 0)$ $(2, 1, b + 1, b + 2, b, 0)$	$(-2, 2, b + 2, b - 2, b, 0)$ $(0, 2b, 2b + 1, 1, b + 1, b)$
odd $v$ Case 3 $n = 5b$	$\mathcal{C}$	$B_1, B_2$	$B_1, B_2$	$B_1, B_2$
	$\mathcal{D}$	$(3ib, 0, 2i, 4i, ib + 4i, ib)$ $(3ib, 0, 2i, i, ib + i, ib)$ $i = 1, 2$	$(-2, 0, b, b + 1, b + 2, 2) \times 2$ $(2b, 0, i, 2b + i, 4b + i, 4b)$ $i = 2, 4$	$(ib, 3ib, 3ib + i, ib + i, i, 0)$ $(2i, -2i, ib - 2i, ib + 2i, ib, 0)$ $i = 1, 2$
odd $v$ Case 4 $n = 15b$	$\mathcal{C}$	$B_b$	$B_b$	$B_b$
	$\mathcal{D}$	$(2b, -b, -3b, -5b, 0, 5b)$ $(6b, 0, 9b, 3b, b, -3b)$ $(9b, 0, -5b, 5b, 2b, 3b)$ $(6b, 0, -5b, 5b, 4b, 3b)$	$(3b, 6b, 11b, 8b, 5b, 0)$ $(2b, 3b, 8b, 7b, 5b, 0)$ $(2b, 5b, 11b, 8b, 6b, 0)$ $(-b, 5b, 11b, 12b, 6b, 0)$	$(3b, b, 13b, 7b, 12b, 0) \times 2$ $(-5b, -6b, 4b, b, 6b, 0)$ $(-5b, -3b, 7b, b, 6b, 0)$

Table 2 Some blocks of  $C_k-GD_8(v), k = 4, 5, 6$ , for odd  $v$

		$C_4$	$C_5$	$C_6$
even $v$ Case 1	$\mathcal{C}'$	$B_1 : 0 \rightarrow \infty$	$B_i : (i = 1, 2)$ $0 \rightarrow \infty$	$B_1 : -1 \rightarrow \infty$ $B_2 : 2 \rightarrow \infty$
	$\mathcal{D}$	$(0, \infty, 2, 3, -1, 1)$	$(\infty, -1, 0, 4, 2, 1)$	$(0, 2, -2, \infty, 3, 4)$
even $v$ Case 2 $n = 3b$	$\mathcal{C}$	$B_1$	$B_1$	$B_1$
	$\mathcal{D}$	$(-b, \infty, 2, 4, 0, b) \times 2$ $(-b, 0, 2, 1, b + 1, b)$	$(2b, b, \infty, 3, 1, 0) \times 2$ $(1, 2, b + 2, \infty, b, 0)$	$(-b, b, b + 2, \infty, 4, 0) \times 2$ $(1, 0, b, b + 1, \infty, 2)$
even $v$ Case 3 $n = 5b$	$\mathcal{D}$	$(b, 0, 3b, 4b, \infty, 2b) \times 2$ $(0, \infty, 3b, b, 4b, 2b)$	$(3b, 4b, 2b, b, 0, \infty) \times 2$ $(\infty, b, 3b, 2b, 0, 4b)$	$(\infty, 4b, 2b, 3b, b, 0) \times 2$ $(0, 3b, b, 4b, \infty, 2b)$
even $v$ Case 4 $n = 15b$	$\mathcal{D}$	$(\infty, 0, 9b, 3b, 8b, 5b) \times 4$	$(\infty, 8b, 5b, -5b, 0, 3b) \times 2$ $(\infty, 12b, 9b, 3b, 0, 6b)$	$(-5b, 5b, \infty, -2b, 3b, 0) \times 2$ $(0, 9b, 12b, 6b, \infty, 3b) \times 2$

Table 3 Some blocks of  $C_k-GD_8(v), k = 4, 5, 6$ , for even  $v$

In what follows, we point out some facts:

1) Obviously, the necessary condition for the existence of a  $C_k-GD_8(v), k = 4, 5, 6$ , is  $v \geq 6$ . In addition, let  $n = 2\lceil \frac{v}{2} \rceil - 1$ . Then we have  $n \geq 7, n \geq 9, n \geq 25$  or  $n \geq 15$  for odd  $v$  or even  $v$  in Case 1, 2, 3, 4, in which  $n = 2\lceil \frac{v}{2} \rceil - 1 \geq 5$  for even  $v$  in Case 3.

2) For Case 2 ( $n = 3b$ , odd  $b, b \geq 3, b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ ). Consider the blocks containing  $b$ . We know that the vertex-values are obviously distinct each other for odd  $v$  or even  $v$  with the

exception  $(b, C_k) = (3, C_5)$  and even  $v$ . Here is  $C_5$ - $GD_8(10) = (X, \mathcal{B})$ , where  $X = Z_9 \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B} : (4, 2, 6, 1, 3, \infty) \times 2, (1, 0, 3, 7, 6, 2) \times 2, (\infty, 0, 1, 2, 4, 6) \bmod 9$ .

3) For Case 3 ( $n = 5b$ , odd  $b$ ,  $b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ) and Case 4 ( $n = 5b$ , odd  $b$ ), the vertex-values are obviously distinct each other for odd  $v$  or even  $v$ .  $\square$

## 5.2 Graphs $C_k$ , $2 \leq k \leq 3$

**Lemma 5.2** *There exists a  $C_2$ - $ID_8(8 + w, w)$  for  $w=2, 3, 6, 7$ .*

**Proof** Let  $X=Z_8 \cup \{\infty_1, \dots, \infty_w\}$ .

$w=2$ :  $(2, x_1, 4, x_2, 3, 0), (1, x_1, 2, 4, 3, 0), (1, 0, 4, 5, 7, 3), (3, x_2, 4, x_1, 2, 0), (4, x_2, 7, 6, 3, 0) \bmod 8;$   
 $(7, 3, 5, 4, 0, 1), (0, 4, 6, 5, 1, 2), (1, 5, 7, 6, 2, 3), (2, 6, 0, 7, 3, 4).$

$w=3$ :  $(2, x_1, 5, x_2, 4, 0), (3, x_1, 0, 1, 4, 7), (1, x_3, 3, x_1, 2, 0), (3, x_2, 4, x_3, 1, 0), (4, x_2, 6, 5, 3, 0),$   
 $(6, x_3, 1, 0, 2, 5) \bmod 8; (7, 3, 5, 4, 0, 1), (0, 4, 6, 5, 1, 2), (1, 5, 7, 6, 2, 3), (2, 6, 0, 7, 3, 4).$

$w=6$ :  $(1, 0, x_1, 2, 4, x_2), (3, 0, x_2, 1, 4, x_3), (1, 0, x_3, 2, 4, x_4), (1, x_4, 0, 2, x_1, 4), (3, x_5, 0, 1, x_2, 6),$   
 $(1, x_6, 0, 4, x_3, 3), (3, x_1, 0, 1, x_4, 7), (3, x_6, 0, 2, x_5, 7), (1, x_5, 0, 5, x_6, 3) \bmod 8;$   
 $(7, 3, 5, 4, 0, 1), (0, 4, 6, 5, 1, 2), (1, 5, 7, 6, 2, 3), (2, 6, 0, 7, 3, 4).$

$w=7$ :  $(5, 2, x_2, 0, 3, x_3), (4, 2, x_3, 0, 1, x_4), (4, x_4, 3, 0, x_7, 6), (4, x_5, 3, 0, x_6, 6), (4, x_6, 3, 0, x_5, 6),$   
 $(2, x_7, 1, 0, x_4, 4), (3, x_1, 1, 0, x_3, 6), (7, x_7, 4, 0, x_2, 5), (3, x_6, 1, 0, x_1, 6) \bmod 8;$   
 $(4, 0, x_1, 1, 5, x_5) + i, (4, 0, x_2, 5, 1, x_5) + i, (4, 0, x_1, 5, 1, x_2) + i \bmod 8, i = 0, 1, 2, 3. \square$

**Lemma 5.3** *There exists a  $C_3$ - $ID_8(8 + w, w)$  for  $w=2, 3, 6, 7$ .*

**Proof** It suffices to give the following constructions.  $X=Z_8 \cup \{x_1, \dots, x_w\}$ .

$C_3$ - $ID_2(8 + 2, 2)$ :  $(\infty_1, 0, 4, \infty_2, 3, 1) \bmod 8; (1, 0, 7, 5, 6, 3), (7, 1, 2, 5, 4, 6), (7, 2, 0, 5, 3, 4).$

$C_3$ - $ID_2(8 + 3, 3)$ :  $(x_1, 0, 4, x_2, 3, 1) \bmod 8; (7, 0, 5, 4, 1, x_3), (5, 2, 1, 6, 3, x_3), (5, 6, 0, 2, 4, x_3),$   
 $(6, 7, 5, 3, 1, x_3), (0, x_3, 2, 7, 4, 3).$

$C_3$ - $ID_4(8 + 6, 6)$ :  $(0, x_5, 1, x_3, 6, 3), (0, x_2, 2, 4, 5, 1), (4, x_1, 6, 5, 2, 0), (0, x_6, 2, x_4, 3, 1) \bmod 8;$   
 $(0, x_3, 4, x_4, 6, 3), (0, x_4, 3, x_3, 1, 6), (6, x_3, 5, x_4, 2, 4), (x_3, 0, x_4, 7, 5, 2),$   
 $(1, x_4, 7, x_3, 5, 3), (x_3, 7, 2, x_4, 4, 1).$

$C_3$ - $ID_4(8 + 7, 7)$ :  $(0, x_1, 3, x_3, 2, 1), (0, x_2, 1, x_4, 4, 2), (0, x_6, 1, x_5, 6, 3), (4, x_7, 5, 7, 3, 0) \bmod 8;$   
 $(0, x_3, 4, x_4, 6, 3), (0, x_4, 3, x_3, 1, 6), (6, x_3, 5, x_4, 2, 4), (0, x_5, 4, 3, 2, 1),$   
 $(x_3, 0, x_4, 7, 5, 2), (x_3, 7, 2, x_4, 4, 1), (1, x_4, 7, x_3, 5, 3), (4, x_5, 0, 7, 6, 5),$   
 $(7, x_5, 3, 4, 5, 6), (3, x_5, 7, 0, 1, 2). \square$

**Lemma 5.4** (1) *There exists a  $C_2$ - $GD_8(v)$  for all  $v > 6$  except for  $(v, 15) = 3$  or  $(v, 15) = 5$  when  $v$  is odd and  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$  when  $v$  is even;*

(2) *There exists a  $C_3$ - $GD_8(v)$  for all  $v > 6$  except for  $(v, 15) = 3$  when  $v$  is odd and  $v \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$  when  $v$  is even.*

**Proof** Similarly to the proof of Lemma 5.1, we can list the following table.

		$C_2$	$C_3$
odd $v$ Case 1	$\mathcal{A}$	$(0, a, 2a, -2a, -3a, -a)$	$(a, 0, -a, -3a, -2a, 2a)$
odd $v$ Case 3 $v = 5b$	$\mathcal{C}$		$B_1, B_2$
	$\mathcal{D}$		$(2b, 0, 1, b + 1, b, 3b) \times 2$ $(-1, , 0, b, b + 2, 2, -2) \times 2$
odd $v$ Case 4 $v = 15b$	$\mathcal{C}$	$B_b$	$B_b$
	$\mathcal{D}$	$(3b, 0, 6b, b, 4b, 9b) \times 2$ $(0, 5b, -5b, -3b, -2b, 3b)$ $(3b, 0, b, 7b, -2b, -b)$	$(b, 0, 3b, 8b, 5b, -5b)$ $(-b, 0, -6b, -4b, 2b, -2b)$ $(3b, 0, -3b, 2b, 5b, 6b)$ $(3b, 0, -5b, b, 6b, 9b)$
even $v$ Case 1	$\mathcal{C}'$	$B_1, B_2 : 0 \rightarrow \infty$	$B_1 : 0 \rightarrow \infty$
	$\mathcal{D}$	$(2, 0, 4, \infty, -1, 1)$	$(0, \infty, 2, 3, -1, 1)$
even $v$ Case 2 $v = 3b + 1$	$\mathcal{C}$	$B_1$	$B_1$
	$\mathcal{D}$	$(b, -b, \infty, b + 1, 1, 0) \times 2$ $(2, 0, 1, -1, \infty, -2)$	$(\infty, 0, 1, b + 1, b, -b) \times 2$ $(2, \infty, -4, -2, 0, 4)$
even $v$ Case 3 $v = 5b + 1$	$\mathcal{D}$	$(2b, b, \infty, 4b, 3b, 0) \times 2$ $(0, 2b, 4b, \infty, b, 3b)$	$(3b, 0, b, \infty, 2b, 4b) \times 2$ $(0, \infty, 2b, 4b, 3b, b)$

Table 4 Some blocks of  $C_k$ - $GD_8(v)$ ,  $k = 2, 3$

**Lemma 5.5** *There exist a  $C_k$ - $GD_8(v)$  for  $k = 2, 3$ ,  $v = 6, 10, 51$ , and a  $C_2$ - $GD_8(55)$ .*

**Proof** For each case, we list vertex set and blocks below.

$v=6$ :  $X=Z_5 \cup \{\infty\}$ , mod 5.

$C_2 : (\infty, 0, 4, 1, 3, 2) \times 2, (1, 0, 4, 3, \infty, 2); C_3 : (4, 0, 3, 1, 2, \infty) \times 2, (\infty, 0, 4, 3, 1, 2).$

$v=10$ :  $X=Z_9 \cup \{\infty\}$ , mod 9.

$C_2 : (3, 0, 8, 1, 4, 5) \times 2, (\infty, 3, 2, 0, 4, 1) \times 2, (4, 0, 3, 6, \infty, 8);$

$C_3 : (4, 0, 3, 1, 2, 8) \times 2, (4, 2, 7, 0, 3, \infty) \times 2, (4, 3, 6, \infty, 8, 0).$

$v=51$ :  $X=Z_{51}$ , mod 51.

$C_2 : (4, 0, 17, 36, 18, 15), (2, 0, 23, 48, 25, 24), (3, 0, 20, 41, 21, 19), (6, 0, 10, 17, 23, 8),$   
 $(7, 0, 12, 35, 21, 10), (4, 0, 24, 48, 44, 23), (5, 0, 14, 30, 15, 12), (23, 0, 1, 11, 5, 21),$   
 $(20, 0, 17, 5, 10, 19), (7, 0, 18, 39, 34, 15), (3, 0, 20, 42, 29, 19), (8, 0, 9, 26, 50, 25),$   
 $(7, 0, 13, 19, 20, 12), (7, 0, 18, 11, 36, 17), (2, 0, 20, 8, 10, 19), (4, 0, 15, 7, 21, 14),$   
 $(1, 0, 24, 11, 6, 22), (6, 0, 15, 29, 17, 14), (6, 0, 22, 4, 19, 21), (2, 0, 24, 1, 19, 23),$   
 $(8, 0, 14, 6, 23, 13), (4, 0, 14, 34, 25, 13), (1, 0, 25, 3, 2, 26), (5, 0, 18, 31, 27, 16),$   
 $(9, 0, 12, 23, 3, 25),$

$C_3 : (19, 0, 24, 50, 21, 22), (23, 0, 22, 1, 15, 20), (19, 0, 2, 1, 18, 16), (18, 0, 17, 2, 24, 25),$   
 $(12, 0, 23, 48, 24, 25), (23, 0, 25, 6, 22, 19), (14, 0, 23, 3, 8, 10), (16, 0, 13, 1, 12, 11),$   
 $(20, 0, 14, 10, 13, 15), (20, 0, 8, 21, 9, 15), (24, 0, 9, 21, 10, 22), (21, 0, 9, 3, 8, 14),$

(19, 0, 18, 36, 20, 11), (11, 0, 14, 3, 13, 23), (17, 0, 24, 2, 25, 9), (20, 0, 17, 37, 18, 5),  
 (16, 0, 32, 34, 17, 7), (10, 0, 3, 8, 4, 18), (24, 0, 8, 17, 7, 18), (21, 0, 19, 1, 16, 14)  
 (15, 0, 16, 2, 17, 21), (23, 0, 21, 1, 22, 13), (23, 0, 7, 3, 9, 16), (1, 0, 25, 1, 4, 2),  
 (11, 0, 1, 4, 25, 8).

$C_2$ - $GD_8(55)$ :  $X=Z_{55}, \text{ mod } 55$ .

(1, 0, 27, 47, 11, 25), (2, 0, 23, 1, 12, 22), (3, 0, 19, 1, 10, 18), (11, 0, 26, 2, 1, 24),  
 (4, 0, 17, 20, 27, 14), (5, 0, 12, 23, 32, 11), (8, 0, 9, 26, 3, 27), (13, 0, 27, 2, 29, 25),  
 (5, 0, 15, 40, 21, 14), (3, 0, 22, 45, 29, 21), (4, 0, 20, 2, 22, 17), (9, 0, 14, 1, 27, 10),  
 (12, 0, 23, 1, 17, 22), (14, 0, 20, 16, 8, 19), (5, 0, 21, 1, 11, 20), (7, 0, 20, 47, 23, 17),  
 (2, 0, 26, 4, 19, 25), (6, 0, 12, 26, 28, 11), (8, 0, 7, 10, 11, 2), (4, 0, 23, 11, 3, 22),  
 (3, 0, 27, 1, 13, 26), (4, 0, 25, 51, 24, 22), (3, 0, 17, 1, 7, 18), (9, 0, 21, 3, 24, 7),  
 (8, 0, 16, 1, 11, 15), (9, 0, 12, 16, 14, 11), (1, 0, 27, 2, 9, 25). □

**Theorem C** For graph  $G \in \{C_k : 2 \leq k \leq 6\}$ , there exists a  $G$ - $GD_8(v)$  for  $v \geq 6$ .

**Proof** From the following table, the existence of  $G$ - $GD_8(v)$  for  $v \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  can be gotten, where  $w = 2, 3, 6, 7$ .

Graph $G$	$C_2, C_3$	$C_4, C_5, C_6$
$G$ - $GD_8(v)$	$v = 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19,$ $22, 23, 50, 51, 54, 55, 66, 67,$ $70, 71$ (Lemma 5.4, 5.5)	
$G$ - $ID_8(8r + w, w)$	$r = 1$ (Lemma 5.2, 5.3)	
$G$ - $HD_2(-)$ $\implies G$ - $HD_4(-)$	$(8^q) : q = 3, 4, 5$ (Lemma 2.3)	
Conclusion	by Lemma 1.6	by Lemma 5.1

Table 5 Proof of Theorem C

Furthermore, by Theorem B, the conclusion follows. □

## 6. Conclusion

**Proof of Theorem 1.2** Summarizing Lemma 1.1, Theorems A, B and C, we obtain the conclusion. □

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