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The complete 3-uniform hypergraph of order  $v$  has a set  $V$  of size  $v$  as its vertex set and the set of all 3-element subsets of  $V$  as its edge set. The degree of a vertex is the number of edges in its edge set that contain it. We consider a class of 3-uniform hypergraphs with 5 edges and 10 vertices such that: every vertex has degree either 1 or 2 and any two edges intersect in at most one vertex. There are 5 such hypergraphs. For  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , let  $H_k$  denote the hypergraphs with vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}\}$  and edge sets  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_4, v_6\}, \{v_3, v_7, v_8\}, \{v_5, v_9, v_{10}\}\}$ ,  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_4, v_6\}, \{v_3, v_7, v_8\}, \{v_7, v_9, v_{10}\}\}$ ,  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_6, v_7\}, \{v_3, v_8, v_9\}, \{v_4, v_6, v_{10}\}\}$ ,  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_6, v_7\}, \{v_4, v_8, v_9\}, \{v_6, v_8, v_{10}\}\}$ , and  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_5, v_6, v_7\}, \{v_7, v_8, v_9\}, \{v_9, v_{10}, v_0\}\}$ , respectively. We give necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a decomposition of the complete 3-uniform hypergraph of order  $v$  into isomorphic copies of each  $H_k$ .

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## CHAPTER I: INTRODUCTION

A *graph*  $G$  is an ordered pair  $(V(G), E(G))$ , where  $V(G)$  is a finite set of elements called the *vertices* of  $G$  and  $E(G)$  is a set of 2-element subsets of  $V(G)$ , called the *edges* of  $G$ . If  $e = \{u, v\}$  is an edge in  $E(G)$ , then we say edge  $e$  is *incident* with vertices  $u$  and  $v$  and call  $u$  and  $v$  the *end-vertices* of  $e$ . In this case, we also say vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are *incident* with edge  $e$ . Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V(G)$  are *adjacent* in  $G$  if  $\{u, v\} \in E(G)$ . Similarly, edges  $e$  and  $e'$  are *adjacent* in  $G$  if  $e$  and  $e'$  share a common end-vertex. The *degree* of a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is the number of edges in  $E(G)$  that contain  $v$ . We call  $|V(G)|$  the *order* of  $G$  and  $|E(G)|$  its *size*.

Two graphs  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  and  $G' = (V(G'), E(G'))$  are said to be *isomorphic* if there exists a one-to-one and onto map  $f: V(G) \mapsto V(G')$  that preserves adjacency. Thus in this case, two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $G$  if and only if  $f(u)$  and  $f(v)$  are adjacent in  $G'$ .

A commonly studied problem in combinatorics concerns decompositions of graphs into edge-disjoint subgraphs. A *decomposition* of a graph  $K$  is a set  $\Delta = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_s\}$  of pairwise edge-disjoint subgraphs of  $K$  such that  $E(G_1) \cup E(G_2) \cup \dots \cup E(G_s) = E(K)$ . If each element of  $\Delta$  is isomorphic to a fixed graph  $G$ , then  $\Delta$  is called a  *$G$ -decomposition* of  $K$ . A  $G$ -decomposition of  $K_v$  is also known as a  *$G$ -design of order  $v$* . A  $K_k$ -design of order  $v$  is an  *$S(2, k, v)$ -design* or a *Steiner system*. An  $S(2, k, v)$ -design is also known as a *balanced incomplete block design of index 1* or a  *$(v, k, 1)$ -BIBD*. The problem of determining all  $v$  for which there exists a  $G$ -design of order  $v$  is of special interest (see [1] for a survey).

The notion of decompositions of graphs naturally extends to decompositions of uniform hypergraphs. A *hypergraph*  $H$  consists of a finite nonempty set  $V$  of *vertices* and a set  $E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$  of nonempty subsets of  $V$  called *hyperedges*. If for each  $e \in E$  we have  $|e| = t$ , then  $H$  is said to be  *$t$ -uniform*. Thus graphs are 2-uniform hypergraphs. The complete  $t$ -uniform hypergraph on the vertex set  $V$  has the set of all  $t$ -element subsets of  $V$  as its edge set and is denoted by  $K_V^{(t)}$ . If  $v = |V|$ , then  $K_v^{(t)}$  is called the *complete  $t$ -uniform*

hypergraph of order  $v$  and is used to denote any hypergraph isomorphic to  $K_V^{(t)}$ .

A *decomposition* of a hypergraph  $K$  is a set  $\Delta = \{H_1, H_2, \dots, H_s\}$  of pairwise edge-disjoint subgraphs of  $K$  such that  $E(H_1) \cup E(H_2) \cup \dots \cup E(H_s) = E(K)$ . If each element  $H_i$  of  $\Delta$  is isomorphic to a fixed hypergraph  $H$ , then each  $H_i$  is called an *H-block*, and  $\Delta$  is called an *H-decomposition* of  $K$ . If there exists an *H-decomposition* of  $K$ , then we may simply state that *H decomposes K*. An *H-decomposition* of the complete  $t$ -uniform hypergraph of order  $v$  is also called an *H-design of order v*. The problem of determining all  $v$  for which there exists an *H-design* of order  $v$  is called the *spectrum problem for H-designs*.

A  $K_k^{(t)}$ -design of order  $v$  is a generalization of Steiner systems and is equivalent to an  $S(t, k, v)$ -design. A summary of results on  $S(t, k, v)$ -designs appears in [8]. Keevash [14] has recently shown that for all  $t$  and  $k$  the obvious necessary conditions for the existence of an  $S(t, k, v)$ -design are sufficient for sufficiently large values of  $v$ . Similar results were obtained by Glock, Kühn, Lo, and Osthus [9, 10] and extended to include the corresponding asymptotic results for *H-designs* of order  $v$  for all uniform hypergraphs  $H$ . These results for  $t$ -uniform hypergraphs mirror the celebrated results of Wilson [19] for graphs. Although these asymptotic results assure the existence of *H-designs* for sufficiently large values of  $v$  for any uniform hypergraph  $H$ , the spectrum problem has been settled for very few hypergraphs of uniformity larger than 2.

In the study of graph decompositions, a fair amount of the focus has been on  $G$ -decompositions of  $K_v$  where  $G$  is a graph with a relatively small number of edges (see [1] and [6] for known results). Some authors have investigated the corresponding problem for 3-uniform hypergraphs. For example, in [4], the spectrum problem is settled for all 3-uniform hypergraphs on 4 or fewer vertices. More recently, the spectrum problem was settled in [5] for all 3-uniform hypergraphs with at most 6 vertices and at most 3 edges. In [5], they also settle the spectrum problem for the 3-uniform hypergraph of order 6 whose edges form the lines of the Pasch configuration. Authors have also considered *H-designs*

where  $H$  is a 3-uniform hypergraph whose edge set is defined by the faces of a regular polyhedron. Let  $T$ ,  $O$ , and  $I$  denote the tetrahedron, the octahedron, and the icosahedron hypergraphs, respectively. The hypergraph  $T$  is the same as  $K_4^{(3)}$ , and its spectrum was settled in 1960 by Hanani [11]. In another paper [12], Hanani settled the spectrum problem for  $O$ -designs and gave necessary conditions for the existence of  $I$ -designs.

Perhaps the best known general result on decompositions of complete  $t$ -uniform hypergraphs is Baranyai's result [3] on the existence of 1-factorizations of  $K_{mt}^{(t)}$  for all positive integers  $m$ . There are, however, several articles on decompositions of complete  $t$ -uniform hypergraphs (see [2] and [17]) and of  $t$ -uniform  $t$ -partite hypergraphs (see [15] and [18]) into variations on the concept of a Hamilton cycle. There are also several results on decompositions of 3-uniform hypergraphs into structures known as Berge cycles with a given number of edges (see for example [13] and [16]). We note however that the Berge cycles in these decompositions are not required to be isomorphic.

In this work, we considered the spectrum problem for the class of 3-uniform hypergraphs with 5 edges and 10 vertices, where the minimum vertex degree is 1, the maximum vertex degree is 2, and any two edges intersect in at most one vertex. There are 5 such hypergraphs as shown in Figures 1–2 below. For  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , let  $H_k$  denote the hypergraphs with vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}\}$  and edge sets  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_4, v_6\}, \{v_3, v_7, v_8\}, \{v_5, v_9, v_{10}\}\}$ ,  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_4, v_6\}, \{v_3, v_7, v_8\}, \{v_7, v_9, v_{10}\}\}$ ,  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_6, v_7\}, \{v_3, v_8, v_9\}, \{v_4, v_6, v_{10}\}\}$ ,  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_6, v_7\}, \{v_4, v_8, v_9\}, \{v_6, v_8, v_{10}\}\}$ , and  $\{\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4, v_5\}, \{v_5, v_6, v_7\}, \{v_7, v_8, v_9\}, \{v_9, v_{10}, v_0\}\}$ , respectively.

The graph  $H_5$  is known as a *loose 5-cycle*. It is shown in [7] that there exists an  $H_5$ -decomposition of  $K_v^{(3)}$  if and only if  $v \equiv 0, 1$  or  $2 \pmod{5}$ , and  $v \geq 10$ . We settle the spectrum problem for the remaining 4 hypergraphs.

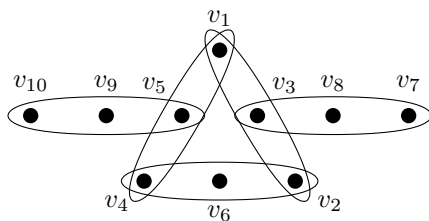


Figure 1:  $H_1$  denoted  $H_1[v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}]$

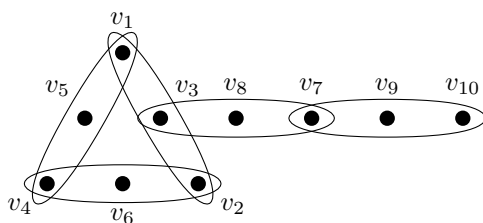


Figure 2:  $H_2$  denoted  $H_2[v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}]$

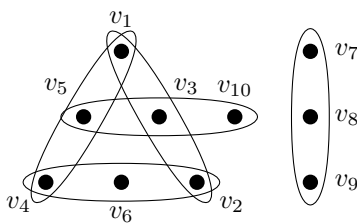


Figure 3:  $H_3$  denoted  $H_3[v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}]$

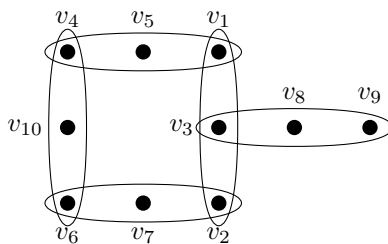


Figure 4:  $H_4$  denoted  $H_4[v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}]$

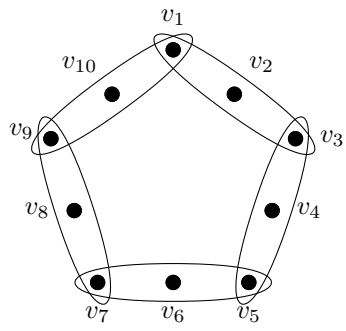


Figure 5:  $H_5$  denoted  $H_4[v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}]$

## CHAPTER II: NOTATION AND TERMINOLOGY

If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers, we define  $[a, b]$  to be  $\{r \in \mathbb{Z} : a \leq r \leq b\}$ . Let  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  denote the group of integers modulo  $n$ .

We will often describe our hypergraphs by giving their edge set only. Since the hypergraphs we consider will never contain isolated vertices, this is enough to uniquely define them. The complete  $k$ -uniform hypergraph with vertex set  $V$  has the set of all  $k$ -element subsets of  $V$  as its edge set and is denoted by  $K_V^{(k)}$ . If  $v = |V|$ , then  $K_v^{(k)}$  is used to denote any hypergraph isomorphic to  $K_V^{(k)}$ . If  $H'$  is a subhypergraph of  $H$ , then  $H \setminus H'$  denotes the hypergraph obtained from  $H$  by deleting the edges of  $H'$ .

We need to define some notation for certain types of multipartite hypergraphs. Let  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m$  be pairwise disjoint sets. The hypergraph with vertex set  $V = U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \dots \cup U_m$  and edge set consisting of all  $k$ -element subsets of  $V$  having at most one vertex in each of  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m$  is denoted by  $K_{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m}^{(k)}$ . If  $|U_i| = u_i$  for  $i \in [1, m]$ , we may use  $K_{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m}^{(k)}$  to denote any hypergraph that is isomorphic to  $K_{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m}^{(k)}$ , and if  $u_1 = u_2 = \dots = u_m = u$ , then the notation  $K_{m \times u}^{(k)}$  may be used instead of  $K_{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m}^{(k)}$ .

For pairwise disjoint sets  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq k - 1$ , the hypergraph with vertex set  $V = U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \dots \cup U_m$  and edge set consisting of all  $k$ -element subsets of  $V$  having at least one element in each of  $U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m$  is denoted by  $L_{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m}^{(k)}$ . If  $|U_i| = u_i$  for  $i \in [1, m]$ , we may use  $L_{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m}^{(k)}$  to denote any hypergraph that is isomorphic to  $L_{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m}^{(k)}$ . If  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m$  are positive integers with  $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_m = k$ , then  $L_{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m}^{(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m)}$  is the subgraph of  $L_{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_m}^{(k)}$  where each hyperedge contains exactly  $k_i$  elements from each  $U_i$ . We define  $L_{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m}^{(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m)}$  similarly.

CHAPTER III: EXAMPLES OF  $H_k$ -DECOMPOSITIONS

We give several examples of  $H_k$ -decompositions,  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , that are used in proving our main result.

**Example 1.** Let  $V\left(K_{10}^{(3)}\right) = \mathbb{Z}_8 \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$  and let

$$B_1 = \{H_1[2, 1, 4, \infty_2, 5, 3, 0, 6, 7, \infty_1], H_1[0, 5, 2, \infty_1, 3, \infty_2, 1, 6, 4, 7]\},$$

$$B'_1 = \{H_1[\infty_1, 0, 7, 4, 3, \infty_2, 5, 6, 1, 2], H_1[\infty_1, 1, 0, 5, 4, \infty_2, 6, 7, 2, 3],$$

$$H_1[\infty_1, 2, 1, 6, 5, \infty_2, 7, 0, 3, 4], H_1[\infty_1, 3, 2, 7, 6, \infty_2, 0, 1, 4, 5],$$

$$H_1[\infty_2, 0, 7, 4, 3, \infty_1, 1, 2, 5, 6], H_1[\infty_2, 1, 0, 5, 4, \infty_1, 2, 3, 6, 7],$$

$$H_1[\infty_2, 2, 1, 6, 5, \infty_1, 3, 4, 7, 0], H_1[\infty_2, 3, 2, 7, 6, \infty_1, 4, 5, 0, 1]\},$$

$$B_2 = \{H_2[5, 2, 0, 7, 6, 1, 4, 3, \infty_1, \infty_2], H_2[6, 0, 4, 3, 2, \infty_1, 1, 7, 5]\},$$

$$B'_2 = \{H_2[4, 1, 2, \infty_2, 5, 0, 7, 6, 3, \infty_1], H_2[5, 2, 3, \infty_2, 6, 1, 0, 7, 4, \infty_1],$$

$$H_2[6, 3, 4, \infty_2, 7, 2, 1, 0, 5, \infty_1], H_2[7, 4, 5, \infty_2, 0, 3, 2, 1, 6, \infty_1],$$

$$H_2[5, 0, 6, \infty_1, 4, 1, 3, 2, 7, \infty_2], H_2[6, 1, 7, \infty_1, 5, 2, 4, 3, 0, \infty_2],$$

$$H_2[7, 2, 0, \infty_1, 6, 3, 5, 4, 1, \infty_2], H_2[0, 3, 1, \infty_1, 7, 4, 6, 5, 2, \infty_2]\},$$

$$B_3 = \{H_3[0, \infty_1, 3, 2, \infty_2, 4, 1, 7, 5, 6], H_3[0, 5, 2, 1, 7, 6, \infty_1, \infty_2, 4, 3]\},$$

$$B'_3 = \{H_3[\infty_1, 1, 0, 4, 5, 3, 2, 6, \infty_2, 7], H_3[\infty_1, 2, 1, 5, 6, 4, 3, 7, \infty_2, 0],$$

$$H_3[\infty_1, 3, 2, 6, 7, 5, 4, 0, \infty_2, 1], H_3[\infty_1, 4, 3, 7, 0, 6, 5, 1, \infty_2, 2],$$

$$H_3[\infty_2, 0, 1, 5, 4, 6, 3, 7, \infty_1, 2], H_3[\infty_2, 1, 2, 6, 5, 7, 4, 0, \infty_1, 3],$$

$$H_3[\infty_2, 2, 3, 7, 6, 0, 5, 1, \infty_1, 4], H_3[\infty_2, 3, 4, 0, 7, 1, 6, 2, \infty_1, 5]\},$$

$$B_4 = \{H_4[\infty_2, 0, 2, 3, 6, \infty_1, 5, 4, 7, 1], H_4[6, 2, 0, 4, 5, 7, 1, \infty_1, \infty_2, 3]\},$$

$$B'_4 = \{H_4[1, 7, 6, 4, 5, \infty_1, 0, 2, \infty_2, 3], H_4[2, 0, 7, 5, 6, \infty_1, 1, 3, \infty_2, 4],$$

$$H_4[3, 1, 0, 6, 7, \infty_1, 2, 4, \infty_2, 5], H_4[4, 2, 1, 7, 0, \infty_1, 3, 5, \infty_2, 6],$$

$$H_4[5, 3, 2, 0, 1, \infty_2, 4, 6, \infty_1, 7], H_4[6, 4, 3, 1, 2, \infty_2, 5, 7, \infty_1, 0],$$

$$H_4[7, 5, 4, 2, 3, \infty_2, 6, 0, \infty_1, 1], H_4[0, 6, 5, 3, 4, \infty_2, 7, 1, \infty_1, 2]\}.$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{10}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map  $\infty_i \mapsto \infty_i$ , for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{8}$  along with the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B'_k$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $V(K_{11}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{11}$  and let

$$B_1 = \{H_1[8, 3, 0, 10, 1, 4, 6, 7, 2, 5], H_1[4, 0, 7, 10, 6, 2, 9, 1, 3, 8], H_1[2, 0, 7, 10, 3, 5, 8, 9, 1, 4]\},$$

$$B_2 = \{H_2[3, 8, 0, 5, 1, 6, 9, 10, 2, 7], H_2[6, 0, 5, 2, 7, 8, 3, 10, 1, 4], H_2[4, 7, 0, 1, 5, 8, 9, 3, 10, 2]\},$$

$$B_3 = \{H_3[5, 4, 10, 6, 9, 1, 0, 3, 8, 7], H_3[1, 10, 8, 2, 6, 0, 3, 4, 7, 5], H_3[7, 0, 2, 3, 1, 9, 4, 5, 6, 8]\},$$

$$B_4 = \{H_4[5, 0, 6, 3, 8, 4, 1, 7, 9, 10], H_4[8, 0, 3, 4, 1, 5, 9, 6, 7, 2], H_4[9, 2, 0, 8, 7, 10, 4, 1, 5, 3]\}.$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{11}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{11}$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $V(K_{12}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{11} \cup \{\infty\}$  and let

$$B_1 = \{H_1[5, 0, 2, 10, 6, 7, 4, 8, 9, \infty], H_1[0, 3, 8, 4, 1, 9, 7, 10, 6, \infty],$$

$$H_1[4, 7, 0, 8, 2, 3, 9, 10, 6, \infty], H_1[0, 2, 9, 1, \infty, 10, 4, 7, 3, 6]\},$$

$$B_2 = \{H_2[4, 0, 2, 10, 5, 7, 6, 3, 9, \infty], H_2[8, 3, 0, 6, 5, 1, 4, 9, 2, \infty],$$

$$H_2[7, 4, 0, 8, 5, 3, 9, 6, 2, \infty], H_2[0, 7, 2, 5, 4, 6, \infty, 8, 9, 10]\},$$

$$B_3 = \{H_3[0, 5, 2, 6, 10, 9, 1, 3, 7, \infty], H_3[3, 8, 0, 7, 2, 4, 1, 6, 10, \infty],$$

$$H_3[0, 4, 7, 9, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, \infty], H_3[0, 1, \infty, 2, 8, 10, 5, 6, 7, 4]\},$$

$$B_4 = \{H_4[4, 0, 2, 8, 5, 6, 1, 10, \infty, 3], H_4[6, 3, 0, 7, 2, 8, 5, 9, \infty, 1],$$

$$H_4[4, 8, 0, 10, 6, 9, 5, 7, \infty, 1], H_4[2, 3, \infty, 7, 0, 5, 4, 1, 6, 8]\}.$$



Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{12}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map  $\infty \mapsto \infty$  and  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{11}$ .

**Example 4.** Let  $V(K_{15}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{13} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1 &= \{H_1[0, 1, \infty_2, 12, \infty_1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9], H_1[0, 1, 3, 12, 10, 6, 4, 8, 5, 9], \\
&\quad H_1[0, 1, 4, 12, 9, 7, 5, 10, 3, 8], H_1[0, 3, 7, 6, 10, 1, 4, 12, 5, 8], \\
&\quad H_1[0, 3, \infty_2, 10, \infty_1, 1, 2, 6, 7, 11], H_1[0, 5, \infty_2, 8, \infty_1, 11, 1, 7, 6, 12], \\
&\quad H_1[0, 4, 8, 2, 6, 3, 1, 7, \infty_1, \infty_2]\}, \\
B_2 &= \{H_2[0, 1, 3, 12, 10, 6, 4, \infty_2, 5, \infty_1], H_2[0, 1, 4, 12, 9, 3, 6, \infty_2, 8, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_2[0, 1, 5, 12, 8, 4, 2, \infty_2, 6, \infty_1], H_2[0, 1, 6, 12, 7, 5, 2, \infty_2, 10, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_2[0, 3, 7, 6, 10, 9, 12, \infty_2, 2, \infty_1], H_2[0, 4, 9, 5, 8, 3, \infty_2, 2, 6, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_2[0, 6, 7, 8, 2, 3, 5, 1, 11, \infty_1]\}, \\
B_3 &= \{H_3[0, 3, 1, 12, 10, \infty_1, 4, 6, 8, \infty_2], H_3[0, 4, 1, 12, 9, \infty_1, 2, 6, 10, \infty_2], \\
&\quad H_3[0, 5, 1, 12, 8, \infty_1, 4, 7, 10, \infty_2], H_3[0, 1, 6, 12, 7, \infty_1, 2, 5, 10, \infty_2], \\
&\quad H_3[0, 5, 2, 8, 11, \infty_1, 4, 6, \infty_2, 9], H_3[0, 7, 2, 6, 11, \infty_1, 1, 4, \infty_2, 8], \\
&\quad H_3[0, 6, 7, 2, 1, 9, 11, \infty_1, \infty_2, 5]\}, \\
B_4 &= \{H_4[0, 3, 1, 10, 12, 6, \infty_2, 4, 7, \infty_1], H_4[0, 4, 1, 9, 12, 6, \infty_2, 3, 5, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_4[0, 5, 1, 8, 12, 6, \infty_2, 4, 9, \infty_1], H_4[0, 5, 2, 11, 8, 12, \infty_2, 1, 3, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_4[0, 6, 1, 7, 12, 2, \infty_2, 5, 9, \infty_1], H_4[0, 6, 2, 7, 11, 1, \infty_2, 3, 9, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_4[0, 2, 7, 10, 6, 5, 9, \infty_1, \infty_2, 12]\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{15}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map  $\infty_i \mapsto \infty_i$ , for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , and  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{13}$ .

**Example 5.** Let  $V(K_{16}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{16}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1 = & \{H_1[0, 1, 3, 15, 13, 8, 5, 9, 7, 11], H_1[0, 1, 4, 15, 12, 13, 6, 11, 5, 10], \\
& H_1[0, 5, 1, 11, 15, 8, 3, 6, 10, 13], H_1[0, 6, 1, 10, 15, 2, 4, 9, 7, 12], \\
& H_1[0, 7, 1, 9, 15, 8, 5, 10, 6, 11], H_1[0, 7, 3, 9, 13, 15, 4, 11, 5, 12], \\
& H_1[0, 3, 9, 13, 7, 5, 4, 15, 1, 11]\}, \\
B_2 = & \{H_2[0, 3, 1, 13, 15, 8, 9, 4, 2, 12], H_2[0, 4, 1, 12, 15, 8, 6, 3, 9, 13], \\
& H_2[0, 5, 1, 11, 15, 8, 9, 3, 4, 12], H_2[0, 6, 1, 10, 15, 8, 7, 3, 2, 9], \\
& H_2[0, 7, 1, 9, 15, 8, 3, 11, 5, 10], H_2[0, 4, 9, 12, 7, 5, 3, 13, 1, 10], \\
& H_2[0, 10, 3, 9, 13, 2, 15, 5, 1, 12]\}, \\
B_3 = & \{H_3[0, 3, 1, 13, 15, 8, 6, 9, 14, 4], H_3[0, 4, 1, 12, 15, 8, 6, 9, 13, 5], \\
& H_3[0, 5, 1, 11, 15, 8, 4, 7, 13, 6], H_3[0, 6, 1, 10, 15, 8, 2, 5, 12, 7], \\
& H_3[0, 7, 1, 9, 15, 8, 2, 5, 13, 12], H_3[0, 9, 4, 7, 12, 1, 3, 6, 15, 11], \\
& H_3[0, 4, 10, 2, 12, 13, 6, 14, 15, 3]\}, \\
B_4 = & \{H_4[0, 3, 1, 13, 15, 8, 5, 4, 9, 11], H_4[0, 1, 4, 15, 12, 8, 3, 7, 11, 13], \\
& H_4[0, 1, 5, 15, 11, 7, 3, 8, 14, 13], H_4[0, 1, 6, 15, 10, 9, 3, 2, 11, 13], \\
& H_4[0, 1, 7, 9, 15, 11, 4, 3, 13, 2], H_4[0, 1, 14, 13, 3, 12, 7, 1, 9, 4], \\
& H_4[0, 1, 15, 12, 4, 13, 8, 2, 11, 5]\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{16}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map and  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{16}$ .

**Example 6.** Let  $V(K_{17}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{17}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1 = & \{H_1[0, 3, 1, 14, 16, 8, 4, 10, 7, 13], H_1[0, 4, 1, 13, 16, 9, 3, 7, 10, 14], \\
& H_1[0, 5, 1, 12, 16, 8, 3, 10, 9, 14], H_1[0, 6, 1, 11, 16, 9, 3, 12, 5, 14],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& H_1[0, 7, 1, 10, 16, 5, 3, 11, 8, 13], H_1[0, 8, 1, 16, 9, 3, 5, 12, 2, 13], \\
& H_1[0, 16, 1, 9, 8, 13, 4, 11, 10, 15], H_1[0, 5, 12, 3, 14, 7, 8, 16, 2, 11]\}, \\
B_2 = & \{H_2[0, 3, 1, 14, 16, 6, 4, 13, 8, 15], H_2[0, 4, 1, 13, 16, 7, 6, 3, 2, 8], \\
& H_2[0, 5, 1, 12, 16, 8, 4, 14, 6, 15], H_2[0, 1, 6, 11, 16, 4, 8, 12, 5, 10], \\
& H_2[0, 1, 7, 16, 10, 3, 5, 12, 9, 15], H_2[0, 1, 8, 9, 16, 4, 6, 14, 2, 11], \\
& H_2[0, 1, 16, 9, 8, 5, 14, 6, 7, 12], H_2[0, 5, 12, 11, 6, 8, 16, 7, 1, 9]\}, \\
B_3 = & \{H_3[0, 3, 1, 14, 16, 6, 5, 9, 15, 4], H_3[0, 4, 1, 13, 16, 7, 6, 10, 15, 5], \\
& H_3[0, 5, 1, 12, 16, 8, 2, 7, 11, 6], H_3[0, 1, 6, 11, 16, 4, 5, 7, 14, 8], \\
& H_3[0, 1, 7, 16, 10, 3, 4, 8, 15, 2], H_3[0, 1, 8, 9, 16, 4, 3, 5, 15, 10], \\
& H_3[0, 1, 16, 9, 8, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14], H_3[0, 5, 12, 11, 6, 8, 9, 13, 16, 10]\}, \\
B_4 = & \{H_4[0, 3, 1, 14, 16, 8, 5, 4, 9, 12], H_4[0, 4, 1, 13, 16, 6, 10, 9, 15, 11], \\
& H_4[0, 1, 5, 16, 12, 9, 3, 8, 15, 13], H_4[0, 1, 6, 16, 11, 8, 3, 9, 13, 14], \\
& H_4[0, 1, 7, 16, 10, 11, 3, 4, 13, 14], H_4[0, 1, 8, 16, 9, 10, 5, 2, 14, 13], \\
& H_4[0, 4, 10, 13, 7, 5, 3, 1, 14, 15], H_4[0, 5, 12, 2, 15, 1, 13, 4, 9, 10]\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{17}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map and  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{17}$ .

**Example 7.** Let  $V(L_{5,5}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  with vertex partition  $\{\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}, \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}\}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1 &= \{H_1[5, 3, 2, 7, 8, 0, 4, 9, 1, 6], H_1[0, 4, 1, 6, 9, 5, 2, 7, 3, 8]\}, \\
B_2 &= \{H_2[0, 7, 3, 2, 5, 6, 8, 4, 1, 9], H_2[7, 2, 0, 6, 4, 3, 9, 1, 5, 8]\}, \\
B_3 &= \{H_3[0, 2, 7, 3, 8, 9, 4, 5, 6, 1], H_3[5, 2, 4, 6, 8, 1, 0, 3, 7, 9]\}, \\
B_4 &= \{H_4[0, 3, 7, 1, 9, 6, 4, 5, 8, 2], H_4[5, 0, 2, 9, 6, 7, 1, 3, 8, 4]\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $L_{5,5}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the

$H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{10}$ .

**Example 8.** Let  $V\left(L_{5,5}^{(3)} \cup K_{1,5,5}^{(3)}\right) = \mathbb{Z}_{10} \cup \{\infty\}$  with vertex partition  $\{\{\infty\}, \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}, \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}\}$  and let

$$B_1 = \{H_1[0, 1, 3, 7, 9, 4, 2, 8, 6, \infty], H_1[2, 0, 5, 9, 4, 1, 6, \infty, 3, 8]\},$$

$$B'_2 = \{H_1[2, 8, 1, 3, 9, \infty, 0, 4, 5, 6], H_1[4, 0, 3, 5, 1, \infty, 2, 6, 7, 8], H_1[6, 2, 5, 7, 3, \infty, 4, 8, 9, 0], \\ H_1[8, 4, 7, 9, 5, \infty, 6, 0, 1, 2], H_1[0, 6, 9, 1, 7, \infty, 8, 2, 3, 4]\},$$

$$B_2 = \{H_2[0, 1, 3, 7, 9, 4, 8, 2, 5, \infty], H_2[2, 9, 4, 0, 5, 1, 8, 3, 7, \infty]\},$$

$$B'_2 = \{H_2[0, 1, 7, 6, 9, \infty, 4, 3, 5, 8], H_2[2, 3, 9, 8, 1, \infty, 6, 5, 7, 0], H_2[4, 5, 1, 0, 3, \infty, 8, 7, 9, 2], \\ H_2[6, 7, 3, 2, 5, \infty, 0, 9, 1, 4], H_2[8, 9, 5, 4, 7, \infty, 2, 1, 3, 6]\},$$

$$B_3 = \{H_3[2, 0, 5, 9, 4, 3, 1, 8, \infty, 7], H_3[0, 6, 1, 9, 4, 8, 2, 3, \infty, 7]\},$$

$$B'_3 = \{H_3[4, 0, 3, 5, 1, \infty, 6, 7, 8, 2], H_3[6, 2, 5, 7, 3, \infty, 8, 9, 0, 4], H_3[8, 4, 7, 9, 5, \infty, 0, 1, 2, 6], \\ H_3[0, 6, 9, 1, 7, \infty, 2, 3, 4, 8], H_3[2, 8, 1, 3, 9, \infty, 4, 5, 6, 0]\},$$

$$B_4 = \{H_4[0, 4, 1, 6, 9, 3, \infty, 2, 7, 8], H_4[0, 1, 3, 7, 9, 4, 8, 6, \infty, 2]\},$$

$$B'_4 = \{H_4[6, 1, 2, 5, 4, 0, 9, 3, 7, \infty], H_4[8, 3, 4, 7, 6, 2, 1, 5, 9, \infty], H_4[0, 5, 6, 9, 8, 4, 3, 7, 1, \infty], \\ H_4[2, 7, 8, 1, 0, 6, 5, 9, 3, \infty], H_4[4, 9, 0, 3, 2, 8, 7, 1, 5, \infty]\}.$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $L_{5,5}^{(3)} \cup K_{1,5,5}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map  $\infty \mapsto \infty$  and  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{10}$  along with the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B'_k$ .

**Example 9.** Let  $V\left(L_{5,5}^{(3)} \cup K_{2,5,5}^{(3)}\right) = \mathbb{Z}_{10} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2\}$  with vertex partition  $\{\{\infty_1, \infty_2\},$

$\{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}, \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1 &= \{H_1[0, 1, 6, 4, 9, 7, 3, \infty_1, 8, \infty_2], H_1[5, 2, 0, 4, 7, 9, 3, \infty_2, 6, 8]\}, \\
B'_1 &= \{H_1[2, 8, 1, 3, 9, \infty_1, 0, 4, 5, 6], H_1[4, 0, 3, 5, 1, \infty_1, 2, 6, 7, 8], \\
&\quad H_1[6, 2, 5, 7, 3, \infty_1, 4, 8, 9, 0], H_1[8, 4, 7, 9, 5, \infty_1, 6, 0, 1, 2], \\
&\quad H_1[0, 6, 9, 1, 7, \infty_1, 8, 2, 3, 4], H_1[0, 1, \infty_1, 2, 3, 9, 5, 6, 8, \infty_2], \\
&\quad H_1[2, 3, \infty_1, 4, 5, 1, 7, 8, 0, \infty_2], H_1[4, 5, \infty_1, 6, 7, 3, 9, 0, 2, \infty_2], \\
&\quad H_1[6, 7, \infty_1, 8, 9, 5, 1, 2, 4, \infty_2], H_1[8, 9, \infty_1, 0, 1, 7, 3, 4, 6, \infty_2]\}, \\
B_2 &= \{H_2[0, 1, 3, 9, 7, 4, \infty_2, 2, 5, 8], H_2[3, 7, 0, 8, 1, 9, 5, 6, 2, \infty_1]\}, \\
B'_2 &= \{H_2[0, 1, 7, 6, 9, \infty_1, 4, 3, 5, 8], H_2[2, 3, 9, 8, 1, \infty_1, 6, 5, 7, 0], \\
&\quad H_2[4, 5, 1, 0, 3, \infty_1, 8, 7, 9, 2], H_2[6, 7, 3, 2, 5, \infty_1, 0, 9, 1, 4], \\
&\quad H_2[8, 9, 5, 4, 7, \infty_1, 2, 1, 3, 6], H_2[\infty_1, 0, 1, 5, 6, \infty_2, 2, 7, 3, 8], \\
&\quad H_2[\infty_1, 2, 3, 7, 8, \infty_2, 4, 9, 5, 0], H_2[\infty_1, 4, 5, 9, 0, \infty_2, 6, 1, 7, 2], \\
&\quad H_2[\infty_1, 6, 7, 1, 2, \infty_2, 8, 3, 9, 4], H_2[\infty_1, 8, 9, 3, 4, \infty_2, 0, 5, 1, 6]\}, \\
B_3 &= \{H_3[0, 1, 3, 7, 9, 2, 5, 8, \infty_1, 6], H_3[1, 0, \infty_2, 3, 6, 5, 2, 7, 8, 9]\}, \\
B'_3 &= \{H_3[4, 0, 3, 5, 1, \infty_1, 6, 7, 8, 2], H_3[6, 2, 5, 7, 3, \infty_1, 8, 9, 0, 4], \\
&\quad H_3[8, 4, 7, 9, 5, \infty_1, 0, 1, 2, 6], H_3[0, 6, 9, 1, 7, \infty_1, 2, 3, 4, 8], \\
&\quad H_3[2, 8, 1, 3, 9, \infty_1, 4, 5, 6, 0], H_3[\infty_1, 1, 0, 5, 6, 2, 4, 9, \infty_2, 7], \\
&\quad H_3[\infty_1, 3, 2, 7, 8, 4, 6, 1, \infty_2, 9], H_3[\infty_1, 5, 4, 9, 0, 6, 8, 3, \infty_2, 1], \\
&\quad H_3[\infty_1, 7, 6, 1, 2, 8, 0, 5, \infty_2, 3], H_3[\infty_1, 9, 8, 3, 4, 0, 2, 7, \infty_2, 5]\}, \\
B_4 &= \{H_4[2, 0, 5, 4, 9, \infty_1, 6, 8, 7], H_4[0, 1, 6, 7, 3, \infty_2, 2, 8, 9, 4]\}, \\
B'_4 &= \{H_4[6, 1, 2, 5, 4, 0, 9, 3, 7, \infty_1], H_4[8, 3, 4, 7, 6, 2, 1, 5, 9, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_4[0, 5, 6, 9, 8, 4, 3, 7, 1, \infty_1], H_4[2, 7, 8, 1, 0, 6, 5, 9, 3, \infty_1], \\
&\quad H_4[4, 9, 0, 3, 2, 8, 7, 1, 5, \infty_1], H_4[5, 9, 8, 1, 2, 0, 6, 3, \infty_2, 4]\},
\end{aligned}$$

$$H_4[7, 1, 0, 3, 4, 2, 8, 5, \infty_2, 6], H_4[9, 3, 2, 5, 6, 4, 0, 7, \infty_2, 8],$$

$$H_4[1, 5, 4, 7, 8, 6, 2, 9, \infty_2, 0], H_4[3, 7, 6, 9, 0, 8, 4, 1, \infty_2, 2]\}.$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $L_{5,5}^{(3)} \cup K_{2,5,5}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map  $\infty_i \mapsto \infty_i$ , for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , and  $j \mapsto j + 1 \pmod{10}$  along with the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B'_k$ .

**Example 10.** Let  $V\left(K_{3,5,5}^{(3)}\right) = \mathbb{Z}_{10} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3\}$  with vertex partition  $\{\{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3\}, \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}, \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}\}$  and let

$$B_1 = \{H_1[1, \infty_1, 0, 4, \infty_2, 5, 3, \infty_3, 2, 7], H_1[1, \infty_2, 0, 4, \infty_3, 5, 3, \infty_1, 2, 7],$$

$$H_1[1, \infty_3, 0, 4, \infty_1, 5, 3, \infty_2, 2, 7], H_1[9, \infty_1, 4, 2, \infty_2, 5, 3, \infty_3, 1, 6],$$

$$H_1[9, \infty_2, 4, 2, \infty_3, 5, 3, \infty_1, 1, 6], H_1[9, \infty_3, 4, 2, \infty_1, 5, 3, \infty_2, 1, 6],$$

$$H_1[6, \infty_1, 3, 7, \infty_2, 8, 2, \infty_3, 0, 5], H_1[6, \infty_2, 3, 7, \infty_3, 8, 2, \infty_1, 0, 5],$$

$$H_1[6, \infty_3, 3, 7, \infty_1, 8, 2, \infty_2, 0, 5], H_1[8, 9, \infty_1, \infty_2, 1, 0, 4, 7, 2, \infty_3],$$

$$H_1[8, 9, \infty_2, \infty_3, 1, 0, 4, 7, 2, \infty_1], H_1[8, 9, \infty_3, \infty_1, 1, 0, 4, 7, 2, \infty_2],$$

$$H_1[5, \infty_1, 8, 6, \infty_2, 9, 3, \infty_3, 0, 7], H_1[5, \infty_2, 8, 6, \infty_3, 9, 3, \infty_1, 0, 7],$$

$$H_1[5, \infty_3, 8, 6, \infty_1, 9, 3, \infty_2, 0, 7]\},$$

$$B_2 = \{H_2[\infty_2, 0, 5, 3, 4, \infty_1, \infty_3, 8, 2, 9], H_2[\infty_3, 0, 5, 3, 4, \infty_2, \infty_1, 8, 2, 9],$$

$$H_2[\infty_1, 0, 5, 3, 4, \infty_3, \infty_2, 8, 2, 9], H_2[\infty_2, 1, 6, 4, 5, \infty_1, \infty_3, 9, 7, 8],$$

$$H_2[\infty_1, 1, 6, 4, 5, \infty_2, \infty_1, 9, 7, 8], H_2[\infty_3, 1, 6, 4, 5, \infty_3, \infty_2, 9, 7, 8],$$

$$H_2[\infty_2, 2, 7, 5, 6, \infty_1, \infty_3, 0, 8, 9], H_2[\infty_3, 2, 7, 5, 6, \infty_2, \infty_1, 0, 8, 9],$$

$$H_2[\infty_1, 2, 7, 5, 6, \infty_3, \infty_2, 0, 8, 9], H_2[1, \infty_2, 8, 0, \infty_1, 9, \infty_3, 3, 6, 7],$$

$$H_2[1, \infty_3, 8, 0, \infty_2, 9, \infty_1, 3, 6, 7], H_2[1, \infty_1, 8, 0, \infty_3, 9, \infty_2, 3, 6, 7],$$

$$H_2[2, 3, \infty_1, \infty_2, 1, 6, 4, 9, 7, \infty_3], H_2[2, 3, \infty_2, \infty_3, 1, 6, 4, 9, 7, \infty_1],$$

$$H_2[2, 3, \infty_3, \infty_1, 1, 6, 4, 9, 7, \infty_2]\},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_3 = \{ & H_3[1, \infty_1, 0, 4, \infty_2, 7, 8, 9, \infty_3, 5], H_3[1, \infty_2, 0, 4, \infty_3, 7, 8, 9, \infty_1, 5], \\
& H_3[1, \infty_3, 0, 4, \infty_1, 7, 8, 9, \infty_2, 5], H_3[2, \infty_1, 9, 5, \infty_2, 4, 8, 1, \infty_3, 6], \\
& H_3[2, \infty_2, 9, 5, \infty_3, 4, 8, 1, \infty_1, 6], H_3[2, \infty_3, 9, 5, \infty_1, 4, 8, 1, \infty_2, 6], \\
& H_3[0, \infty_1, 3, 7, \infty_2, 2, 5, 8, \infty_3, 6], H_3[0, \infty_2, 3, 7, \infty_3, 2, 5, 8, \infty_1, 6], \\
& H_3[0, \infty_3, 3, 7, \infty_1, 2, 5, 8, \infty_2, 6], H_3[2, \infty_1, 1, 3, \infty_2, 4, 0, 9, \infty_3, 6], \\
& H_3[2, \infty_2, 1, 3, \infty_3, 4, 0, 9, \infty_1, 6], H_3[2, \infty_3, 1, 3, \infty_1, 4, 0, 9, \infty_2, 6], \\
& H_3[7, \infty_1, 6, 8, \infty_2, 3, 4, 9, \infty_3, 5], H_3[7, \infty_2, 6, 8, \infty_3, 3, 4, 9, \infty_1, 5], \\
& H_3[7, \infty_3, 6, 8, \infty_1, 3, 4, 9, \infty_2, 5] \}, \\
B_4 = \{ & H_4[0, 1, \infty_1, 7, \infty_3, \infty_2, 2, 3, 8, 4], H_4[0, 1, \infty_2, 7, \infty_1, \infty_3, 2, 3, 8, 4], \\
& H_4[0, 1, \infty_3, 7, \infty_2, \infty_1, 2, 3, 8, 4], H_4[2, 3, \infty_1, 9, \infty_3, \infty_2, 4, 5, 0, 6], \\
& H_4[2, 3, \infty_2, 9, \infty_1, \infty_3, 4, 5, 0, 6], H_4[2, 3, \infty_3, 9, \infty_2, \infty_1, 4, 5, 0, 6], \\
& H_4[4, 5, \infty_1, 1, \infty_3, \infty_2, 6, 7, 2, 8], H_4[4, 5, \infty_2, 1, \infty_1, \infty_3, 6, 7, 2, 8], \\
& H_4[4, 5, \infty_3, 1, \infty_2, \infty_1, 6, 7, 2, 8], H_4[6, 7, \infty_1, 3, \infty_3, \infty_2, 8, 9, 4, 0], \\
& H_4[6, 7, \infty_2, 3, \infty_1, \infty_3, 8, 9, 4, 0], H_4[6, 7, \infty_3, 3, \infty_2, \infty_1, 8, 9, 4, 0], \\
& H_4[8, 9, \infty_1, 5, \infty_3, \infty_2, 0, 1, 6, 2], H_4[8, 9, \infty_2, 5, \infty_1, \infty_3, 0, 1, 6, 2], \\
& H_4[8, 9, \infty_3, 5, \infty_2, \infty_1, 0, 1, 6, 2] \}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B_k$  is an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{3,5,5}^{(3)}$ .

**Example 11.** Let  $V(K_{4,5,5}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{10} \cup \{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$  with vertex partition  $\{\{\infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}, \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}, \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}\}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1 = \{ & H_1[0, \infty_1, 1, 3, \infty_2, 6, 2, \infty_3, 4, 9], H_1[0, \infty_2, 1, 3, \infty_3, 6, 2, \infty_4, 4, 9], \\
& H_1[0, \infty_3, 1, 3, \infty_4, 6, 2, \infty_1, 4, 9], H_1[0, \infty_4, 1, 3, \infty_1, 6, 2, \infty_2, 4, 9], \\
& H_1[4, \infty_1, 1, 7, \infty_2, 0, 6, \infty_3, 2, 3], H_1[4, \infty_2, 1, 7, \infty_3, 0, 6, \infty_4, 2, 3], \\
& H_1[4, \infty_3, 1, 7, \infty_4, 0, 6, \infty_1, 2, 3], H_1[4, \infty_4, 1, 7, \infty_1, 0, 6, \infty_2, 2, 3],
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& H_1[9, 0, \infty_1, \infty_2, 8, 5, 3, 4, 7, \infty_3], H_1[9, 0, \infty_2, \infty_3, 8, 5, 3, 4, 7, \infty_4], \\
& H_1[9, 0, \infty_3, \infty_4, 8, 5, 3, 4, 7, \infty_1], H_1[9, 0, \infty_4, \infty_1, 8, 5, 3, 4, 7, \infty_2], \\
& H_1[5, 4, \infty_1, \infty_2, 8, 2, 0, 7, 3, \infty_3], H_1[5, 4, \infty_2, \infty_3, 8, 2, 0, 7, 3, \infty_4], \\
& H_1[5, 4, \infty_3, \infty_4, 8, 2, 0, 7, 3, \infty_1], H_1[5, 4, \infty_4, \infty_1, 8, 2, 0, 7, 3, \infty_2], \\
& H_1[7, 8, \infty_1, \infty_2, 2, 1, 5, 6, 9, \infty_3], H_1[7, 8, \infty_2, \infty_3, 2, 1, 5, 6, 9, \infty_4], \\
& H_1[7, 8, \infty_3, \infty_4, 2, 1, 5, 6, 9, \infty_1], H_1[7, 8, \infty_4, \infty_1, 2, 1, 5, 6, 9, \infty_2] \}, \\
B_2 = & \{ H_2[1, \infty_1, 0, 4, \infty_2, 5, \infty_3, 7, 8, 9], H_2[1, \infty_2, 0, 4, \infty_3, 5, \infty_4, 7, 8, 9], \\
& H_2[1, \infty_3, 0, 4, \infty_4, 5, \infty_1, 7, 8, 9], H_2[1, \infty_4, 0, 4, \infty_1, 5, \infty_2, 7, 8, 9], \\
& H_2[0, \infty_1, 5, 3, \infty_2, 8, 2, \infty_3, 7, \infty_4], H_2[0, \infty_2, 5, 3, \infty_3, 8, 2, \infty_4, 7, \infty_1], \\
& H_2[0, \infty_3, 5, 3, \infty_4, 8, 2, \infty_1, 7, \infty_2], H_2[0, \infty_4, 5, 3, \infty_1, 8, 2, \infty_2, 7, \infty_3], \\
& H_2[9, \infty_1, 2, 6, \infty_2, 7, \infty_3, 3, 1, 8], H_2[9, \infty_2, 2, 6, \infty_3, 7, \infty_4, 3, 1, 8], \\
& H_2[9, \infty_3, 2, 6, \infty_4, 7, \infty_1, 3, 1, 8], H_2[9, \infty_4, 2, 6, \infty_1, 7, \infty_2, 3, 1, 8], \\
& H_2[6, \infty_1, 1, 5, \infty_2, 8, \infty_3, 2, 4, 9], H_2[6, \infty_2, 1, 5, \infty_3, 8, \infty_4, 2, 4, 9], \\
& H_2[6, \infty_3, 1, 5, \infty_4, 8, \infty_1, 2, 4, 9], H_2[6, \infty_4, 1, 5, \infty_1, 8, \infty_2, 2, 4, 9], \\
& H_2[4, \infty_1, 3, 7, \infty_2, 8, \infty_3, 6, 0, 9], H_2[4, \infty_2, 3, 7, \infty_3, 8, \infty_4, 6, 0, 9], \\
& H_2[4, \infty_3, 3, 7, \infty_4, 8, \infty_1, 6, 0, 9], H_2[4, \infty_4, 3, 7, \infty_1, 8, \infty_2, 6, 0, 9] \}, \\
B_3 = & \{ H_3[1, \infty_1, 0, 4, \infty_2, 7, 8, 9, \infty_3, 5], H_3[1, \infty_2, 0, 4, \infty_3, 7, 8, 9, \infty_4, 5], \\
& H_3[1, \infty_3, 0, 4, \infty_4, 7, 8, 9, \infty_1, 5], H_3[1, \infty_4, 0, 4, \infty_1, 7, 8, 9, \infty_2, 5], \\
& H_3[2, \infty_1, 9, 5, \infty_2, 4, 8, 1, \infty_3, 6], H_3[2, \infty_2, 9, 5, \infty_3, 4, 8, 1, \infty_4, 6], \\
& H_3[2, \infty_3, 9, 5, \infty_4, 4, 8, 1, \infty_1, 6], H_3[2, \infty_4, 9, 5, \infty_1, 4, 8, 1, \infty_2, 6], \\
& H_3[0, \infty_1, 3, 7, \infty_2, 2, 5, 8, \infty_3, 6], H_3[0, \infty_2, 3, 7, \infty_3, 2, 5, 8, \infty_4, 6], \\
& H_3[0, \infty_3, 3, 7, \infty_4, 2, 5, 8, \infty_1, 6], H_3[0, \infty_4, 3, 7, \infty_1, 2, 5, 8, \infty_2, 6], \\
& H_3[2, \infty_1, 1, 3, \infty_2, 4, 0, 9, \infty_3, 6], H_3[2, \infty_2, 1, 3, \infty_3, 4, 0, 9, \infty_4, 6], \\
& H_3[2, \infty_3, 1, 3, \infty_4, 4, 0, 9, \infty_1, 6], H_3[2, \infty_4, 1, 3, \infty_1, 4, 0, 9, \infty_2, 6],
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& H_3[7, \infty_1, 6, 8, \infty_2, 3, 4, 9, \infty_3, 5], H_3[7, \infty_2, 6, 8, \infty_3, 3, 4, 9, \infty_4, 5], \\
& H_3[7, \infty_3, 6, 8, \infty_4, 3, 4, 9, \infty_1, 5], H_3[7, \infty_4, 6, 8, \infty_1, 3, 4, 9, \infty_2, 5] \}, \\
B_4 = & \{ H_4[1, \infty_1, 0, 6, \infty_2, 5, 2, 7, \infty_4, \infty_3], H_4[1, \infty_2, 0, 6, \infty_3, 5, 2, 7, \infty_1, \infty_4], \\
& H_4[1, \infty_3, 0, 6, \infty_4, 5, 2, 7, \infty_2, \infty_1], H_4[1, \infty_4, 0, 6, \infty_1, 5, 2, 7, \infty_3, \infty_2], \\
& H_4[2, \infty_1, 1, 7, \infty_2, 6, 3, 8, \infty_4, \infty_3], H_4[2, \infty_2, 1, 7, \infty_3, 6, 3, 8, \infty_1, \infty_4], \\
& H_4[2, \infty_3, 1, 7, \infty_4, 6, 3, 8, \infty_2, \infty_1], H_4[2, \infty_4, 1, 7, \infty_1, 6, 3, 8, \infty_3, \infty_2], \\
& H_4[3, \infty_1, 2, 8, \infty_2, 7, 4, 9, \infty_4, \infty_3], H_4[3, \infty_2, 2, 8, \infty_3, 7, 4, 9, \infty_1, \infty_4], \\
& H_4[3, \infty_3, 2, 8, \infty_4, 7, 4, 9, \infty_2, \infty_1], H_4[3, \infty_4, 2, 8, \infty_1, 7, 4, 9, \infty_3, \infty_2], \\
& H_4[4, \infty_1, 3, 9, \infty_2, 8, 5, 0, \infty_4, \infty_3], H_4[4, \infty_2, 3, 9, \infty_3, 8, 5, 0, \infty_1, \infty_4], \\
& H_4[4, \infty_3, 3, 9, \infty_4, 8, 5, 0, \infty_2, \infty_1], H_4[4, \infty_4, 3, 9, \infty_1, 8, 5, 0, \infty_3, \infty_2], \\
& H_4[5, \infty_1, 4, 0, \infty_2, 9, 6, 1, \infty_4, \infty_3], H_4[5, \infty_2, 4, 0, \infty_3, 9, 6, 1, \infty_1, \infty_4], \\
& H_4[5, \infty_3, 4, 0, \infty_4, 9, 6, 1, \infty_2, \infty_1], H_4[5, \infty_4, 4, 0, \infty_1, 9, 6, 1, \infty_3, \infty_2] \}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B_k$  is an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{4,5,5}^{(3)}$ .

**Example 12.** Let  $V(K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}) = \mathbb{Z}_{15}$  with vertex partition  $\{\{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\}, \{1, 4, 7, 10, 13\}, \{2, 5, 8, 11, 14\}\}$  and let

$$\begin{aligned}
B_1 = & \{ H_1[2, 1, 0, 12, 10, 5, 7, 8, 9, 14], H_1[3, 2, 1, 13, 11, 6, 8, 9, 10, 0], \\
& H_1[4, 3, 2, 14, 12, 7, 9, 10, 11, 1], H_1[0, 11, 1, 10, 2, 6, 9, 14, 3, 13], \\
& H_1[13, 3, 8, 11, 9, 1, 4, 6, 5, 7] \}, \\
B_2 = & \{ H_2[2, 0, 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 3, 7, 12, H_2[3, 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 4, 8, 13], \\
& H_2[4, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 5, 9, 14], H_2[1, 8, 3, 9, 2, 13, 7, 14, 5, 12], \\
& H_2[1, 2, 6, 0, 5, 7, 4, 11, 9, 14] \},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B_3 = & \{H_3[0, 1, 5, 14, 10, 9, 2, 7, 12, 3], H_3[1, 2, 6, 0, 11, 10, 5, 7, 9, 4], \\
& H_3[2, 3, 7, 1, 12, 11, 0, 4, 8, 5], H_3[0, 8, 1, 4, 2, 12, 5, 6, 13, 9], \\
& H_3[1, 2, 3, 0, 14, 13, 9, 10, 11, 7]\}, \\
B_4 = & \{H_4[0, 1, 5, 14, 10, 9, 2, 4, 6, 7], H_4[1, 2, 6, 0, 11, 10, 3, 5, 7, 8], \\
& H_4[2, 3, 7, 1, 12, 11, 4, 6, 8, 9], H_4[4, 0, 2, 12, 8, 10, 5, 9, 13, 14], \\
& H_4[4, 11, 0, 6, 2, 1, 3, 5, 7, 8]\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}$  consists of the orbits of the  $H_k$ -blocks in  $B_k$  under the action of the map and  $j \mapsto j + 3 \pmod{15}$ .

## CHAPTER IV: MAIN RESULTS

We begin by giving necessary conditions for the existence of an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_v^{(3)}$ . An obvious necessary condition is that 5 must divide the number of edges in  $K_v^{(3)}$ , and thus we must have  $v \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{5}$ . Also since  $H_k$  has 10 vertices, we must also have  $n \geq 10$  for a non-trivial  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_v^{(3)}$ . Thus we have the following.

**Lemma 1.** *There exists an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_v^{(3)}$  only if  $v \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{5}$  and  $v \geq 10$ .*

We show that the above conditions are sufficient by showing how to construct  $H_k$ -decompositions of  $K_v^{(3)}$  for all  $v \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{5}$  with  $v \geq 10$ . Our constructions are dependent on the many small examples given in Chapter III.

We begin by proving a lemma that is fundamental to our constructions.

**Lemma 2.** *For  $r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and all positive integers  $x$  and  $y$ , there exists a decomposition of  $K_{r,5x,5y}^{(3)} \cup L_{5x,5y}^{(3)}$  into copies of  $K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}$  and  $K_{r,5,5}^{(3)} \cup L_{5,5}^{(3)}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and let  $x$  and  $y$  be positive integers. The vertices of  $K_{r,5x,5y}^{(3)} \cup L_{5x,5y}^{(3)}$  can be partitioned into sets  $V_i, W_j$ , and  $R$  where  $1 \leq i \leq x$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq y$ ,  $|V_i| = 5 = |W_j|$ , and  $|R| = r$  such that every edge  $\{a, b, c\}$  is of exactly one of the following types:

- Type 1: there exist  $i, j$  with  $a \in R$ ,  $b \in V_i$ , and  $c \in W_j$ ;
- Type 2: there exist  $i, j, k$  with  $i \neq j$ ,  $a \in V_i$ ,  $b \in V_j$ , and  $c \in W_k$ ;
- Type 3: there exist  $i, j, k$  with  $j \neq k$ ,  $a \in V_i$ ,  $b \in W_j$ , and  $c \in W_k$ ;
- Type 4: there exist  $i, j$  with  $a, b \in V_i$  and  $c \in W_j$ ; or
- Type 5: there exist  $i, j$  with  $a \in V_i$  and  $b, c \in W_j$ .

For every choice of  $i$  and  $j$  we can put together the edges of Types 1, 4, and 5 to form a copy of  $K_{r,5,5}^{(3)} \cup L_{5,5}^{(3)}$ . For every choice of  $i, j$ , and  $k$  the edges of Types 2 and 3 form copies of  $K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}$ . Since all edges are accounted for by exactly one of the aforementioned choices of subscripts, we have the desired decomposition into copies of  $K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}$  and  $K_{r,5,5}^{(3)} \cup L_{5,5}^{(3)}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *There exists an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_v^{(3)}$  if and only if  $v \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{5}$  and  $v \geq 10$ .*

*Proof.* The necessary conditions for the existence of an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_v^{(3)}$  are established in Lemma 1. Thus we need only to establish their sufficiency. Let  $v = 5x + r$  where  $x \geq 2$  and  $r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ . We will consider two cases depending on the parity of  $x$ .

When  $x$  is even we can write  $K_v^{(3)}$  as the edge-disjoint union of copies of  $K_{10+r}^{(3)}$ ,  $K_{r,10,10}^{(3)} \cup L_{10,10}^{(3)}$ , and  $K_{10,10,10}^{(3)}$ , where the group of  $r$  vertices is common to every applicable copy. By Examples 1, 2, and 3 we have that an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{10+r}^{(3)}$  exists. By Lemma 2 we have that  $K_{r,10,10}^{(3)} \cup L_{10,10}^{(3)}$  can be decomposed into copies of  $K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}$  and  $K_{r,5,5}^{(3)} \cup L_{5,5}^{(3)}$ . By Example 12 an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}$  exists. When  $r = 0$   $K_{0,5,5}^{(3)} \cup L_{5,5}^{(3)}$  is isomorphic to  $L_{5,5}^{(3)}$ , which admits an  $H_k$ -decomposition by Example 7. When  $r \in \{1, 2\}$  an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{r,5,5}^{(3)} \cup L_{5,5}^{(3)}$  exists by Examples 8 and 9. Finally, it is straightforward to see that  $K_{10,10,10}^{(3)}$  can be decomposed into copies of  $K_{5,5,5}^{(3)}$ ; thus, by Example 12 an  $H_k$ -decomposition of  $K_{10,10,10}^{(3)}$  exists.

When  $x$  is odd the construction is similar, and we can write  $K_v^{(3)}$  as the edge disjoint union of copies of  $K_{15+r}^{(3)}$ ,  $K_{10+r}^{(3)}$ ,  $K_{r,15,10}^{(3)} \cup L_{15,10}^{(3)}$ ,  $K_{r,10,10}^{(3)} \cup L_{10,10}^{(3)}$ ,  $K_{15,10,10}^{(3)}$ , and  $K_{10,10,10}^{(3)}$ , where again the group of  $r$  vertices is common to every applicable copy. There exist  $H_k$ -decompositions of each of these hypergraphs exist by using the ingredients listed in the previous case along with Examples 4, 5, and 6. □

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