

## Decomposition of Tensor Product of Complete Graphs into Connected Unicyclic Bipartite Graphs with Eight Edges

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for decomposing tensor product of complete graphs into some connected unicyclic bipartite graphs with eight edges.

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### §1. Introduction

All the graphs considered here are loopless and finite. For a given graph  $G$  and an integer  $\lambda \geq 1$ , we use the notation  $G(\lambda)$  to represent the multigraph obtained from  $G$  by replacing each of its edges with  $\lambda$  parallel edges. Similarly,  $\lambda G$  denotes the graph consisting of  $\lambda$  edge-disjoint copies of  $G$ . The notations  $P_t$ ,  $C_t$ ,  $K_t$ , and  $\overline{K}_t$  represents the path, cycle, complete graph, and complement of the complete graph, each with  $t$  vertices, respectively. Also, we denote the induced subgraph  $H$  of  $G$  induced by  $S$  as  $\langle S \rangle$ . Consider a *complete bipartite graph*  $K_{t,t}$  with bipartition  $(X, Y)$ , where  $X = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{t-1}\}$  and  $Y = \{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}\}$ . We define the spanning subgraph  $F_i(X, Y)$  of  $K_{t,t}$  as  $\langle \{x_j y_{j+i} : 0 \leq j \leq t-1\} \rangle$ , where addition in the subscripts are taken modulo  $t$ . It is clear that  $F_i(X, Y)$  is a 1-factor of  $K_{t,t}$  with a distance  $i$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ . Moreover,  $K_{t,t} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{t-1} F_i(X, Y)$ , where  $\oplus$  denotes the edge-disjoint union of graphs, also called a *Smarandache decomposition* if  $K_{t,t}$  is labeled.

For two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , their *lexicographic product*  $G \otimes H$  has the vertex set  $V(G \otimes H) = V(G) \times V(H)$  and the edge set  $E(G \otimes H) = \{(g_1, h_1)(g_2, h_2) : g_1 g_2 \in E(G) \text{ or } g_1 = g_2 \text{ and } h_1 h_2 \in E(H)\}$ . Similarly, the *tensor product*  $G \times H$  of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  has the vertex set  $V(G \times H) = V(G) \times V(H)$  and the edge set  $E(G \times H) = \{(g_1, h_1)(g_2, h_2) : g_1 g_2 \in E(G) \text{ and } h_1 h_2 \in E(H)\}$ . Note that, the tensor product is commutative and distributive over edge-disjoint union of graphs, that is, if  $G = G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \dots \oplus G_u$ , then  $G \times H = (G_1 \times H) \oplus \dots \oplus (G_u \times H)$ . One can easily observe that  $(K_u \otimes \overline{K}_g) - gK_u \cong K_u \times K_g$ , where  $gK_u$  denotes  $g$  disjoint copies of  $K_u$ .

For some integer  $r \geq 1$ , we say that the graph  $G$  has a *decomposition* into the subgraphs

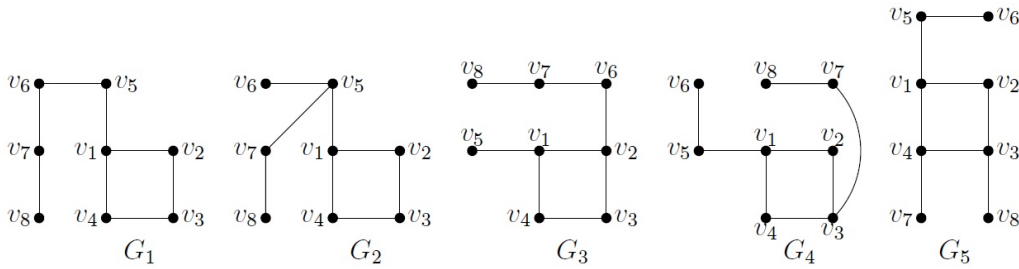
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$G_1, G_2, \dots, G_r$  if  $G = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r G_i$ , and  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_r$  are pairwise edge-disjoint subgraphs of  $G$ . For each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , if  $G_i \cong H$ , then we say that  $G$  has an  $H$ -decomposition and we denote such decomposition by  $H|G$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be *unicyclic* if it has exactly one cycle.

Decomposition of graphs into subgraphs has been an interesting research area in graph theory since 1950s. Adams et al. [1] published an excellent survey on decomposing complete graphs into subgraphs containing up to six vertices. Tian et al. [17] established the decomposition of complete graphs into unicyclic graphs with six vertices and seven edges, while Froncek et al. [10] proved the decomposition of complete graphs into connected unicyclic bipartite graphs with seven edges. In recent studies, Froncek et al. [11,12] proved the decomposition of complete graphs into tri-cyclic and bi-cyclic graphs, each with eight edges. Furthermore, Fahnenstiel et al. [5] established the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a decomposition of complete graphs into connected unicyclic bipartite graphs with eight edges. Huang et al. [13] proved the decomposition of complete equipartite graphs into connected unicyclic graphs, each having a size of five vertices. Similarly, Paulraja et al. [14] established the decomposition of certain regular graphs into unicyclic graphs of order five. Sowndhariya et al. [15] proved the decomposition of product graphs into sunlet graphs of order eight. Aspenson et al. [3], proved the decomposition  $K_{18n}$  and  $K_{18n+1}$  into connected unicyclic graphs with nine edges. Similarly, Bonhert et al. [4], proved the decompositions of complete graphs into unicyclic disconnected bipartite graphs with nine edges. Recently, we have proved the existence of decomposition of  $\lambda$ -fold complete equipartite graphs into connected unicyclic bipartite graphs with eight edges in [6] and the general problem is open for other classes of product of graphs. In this paper, we show the existence of such decomposition in tensor product of complete graphs.

Let  $G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4$  and  $G_5$  be the graphs shown in Figure 1. We assume that these graphs have the vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_8\}$ . The edge set of the unicyclic graphs  $G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4$ , and  $G_5$  are denoted by  $(v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4) [v_1 v_5 v_6 v_7 v_8]$ ,  $(v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4) [v_1 v_5 v_7 v_8] [v_5 v_6]$ ,  $(v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4) [v_2 v_6 v_7 v_8] [v_1 v_5]$ ,  $(v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4) [v_1 v_5 v_6] [v_3 v_7 v_8]$ , and  $(v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4) [v_1 v_5 v_6] [v_4 v_7] [v_3 v_8]$ , respectively. Clearly, each  $G_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ , is a connected unicyclic bipartite graph with eight edges.



**Figure 1.** Connected unicyclic bipartite graphs with eight edges

To prove our results we state the following:

**Theorem 1.1**([16]) *There exists a  $P_{m+1}$ -decomposition of  $K_u(\lambda)$  if and only if  $\lambda u(u - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2m}$ ,  $u \geq m + 1$ .*

**Theorem 1.2**([2]) *For all positive odd integers  $m$  and  $n$  with  $3 \leq m \leq n$ , there exists a  $C_m$ -decomposition of  $K_n$  if and only if  $n(n - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2m}$ .*

**Theorem 1.3**([6]) *There exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $K_{4x,4y}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

## §2. $G_i$ -Decomposition of Base Graphs

In this part, we have established some crucial lemmas to prove our main results.

**Lemma 2.1** *The graphs  $K_{4,2}$ ,  $K_{4,4}$  and  $K_{4,6}$  admits a  $P_3$ -decomposition.*

*Proof* Our proof is divided into two cases.

**Case 1.**  $P_3|K_{4,4}$

Let  $V(K_{4,4}) = (U, V)$ , where  $U = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $V = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Let  $P_3^{j,1} = [v_j u_j v_{j+1}]$  and  $P_3^{j,2} = [u_j v_{j+2} u_{j+3}]$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_4$  and additions in the subscripts of  $u$  and  $v$  are taken modulo 4. When  $j$  varies,  $\{P_3^{j,1}, P_3^{j,2}\}$  gives a required  $P_3$ -decomposition of  $K_{4,4}$ .

**Case 2.**  $P_3|K_{4,6}$

Let  $V(K_{4,4}) = (U, V)$ , where  $U = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $V = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_5\}$ . Let  $P_3^{j,1} = [v_j u_j v_{j+1}]$ ,  $P_3^{j,2} = [u_j v_{j+2} u_{j+3}]$ , and  $P_3^{j,3} = [v_4 u_j v_5]$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_4$  and additions in the subscripts of  $u$  and  $v$  are taken modulo 4. When  $j$  varies,  $\{P_3^{j,1}, P_3^{j,2}, P_3^{j,3}\}$  gives a required  $P_3$ -decomposition of  $K_{4,6}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2** *There exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_5$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(P_3 \times K_5) = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_3} X_i$ , where  $X_0 = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_4\}$ ,  $X_1 = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_4\}$  and  $X_2 = \{w_0, w_1, \dots, w_4\}$ . The required  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_5$  is shown below.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } G_1^j &= (u_{j+1} v_{j+3} u_{j+4} v_{j+2}) [v_{j+2} w_{j+3} v_{j+4} w_{j+2} v_j], \\ G_2^j &= (u_{j+1} v_{j+3} u_{j+4} v_{j+2}) [v_{j+2} w_{j+3} v_{j+4} w_{j+2}] [w_{j+3} v_{j+1}], \\ G_3^j &= (u_{j+1} v_{j+3} w_{j+1} v_{j+2}) [u_{j+1} v_j w_{j+2} v_{j+1}] [v_{j+3} u_j], \\ G_4^j &= (u_{j+1} v_{j+3} u_{j+4} v_{j+2}) [v_{j+3} w_j v_{j+1}] [v_{j+2} w_{j+3} v_j], \text{ and} \\ G_5^j &= (u_{j+1} v_{j+3} w_{j+1} v_{j+2}) [w_{j+1} v_{j+4} w_j] [v_{j+2} u_{j+4}] [u_{j+1} v_j], j \in \mathbb{Z}_5, \text{ where the additions} \end{aligned}$$

in the subscripts of  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are taken modulo 5. Clearly,  $G_i^j \cong G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_5$  shown in Figure 1. When  $j$  varies we get the required decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_5$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3** *There exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_8$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(P_3 \times K_8) = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_3} X_i$ , where  $X_0 = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_7\}$ ,  $X_1 = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_7\}$  and  $X_2 = \{w_0, w_1, \dots, w_7\}$ . The required  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_8$  is shown below.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } G_1^{j,1} &= (u_{j+5} v_7 w_{j+6} v_{j+4}) [w_{j+6} v_{j+3} u_{j+2} v_j w_7], \\ G_1^{j,2} &= (u_j v_{j+2} w_{j+1} v_{j+3}) [u_j v_{j+4} w_{j+5} v_{j+1} u_7], \\ G_2^{j,1} &= (u_{j+6} v_7 w_{j+6} v_{j+5}) [v_{j+5} w_{j+4} v_{j+2} u_7] [w_{j+4} v_{j+1}], \\ G_2^{j,2} &= (u_{j+5} v_j w_{j+5} v_{j+1}) [v_{j+1} u_j v_{j+5} w_7] [u_j v_{j+4}], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
G_3^{j,1} &= (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[u_{j+6}v_{j+4}w_{j+3}v_{j+1}][v_{j+5}u_7], \\
G_3^{j,2} &= (u_{j+5}v_jw_{j+5}v_{j+1})[v_{j+1}u_jv_{j+4}w_7][w_{j+5}v_{j+2}], \\
G_4^{j,1} &= (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[u_{j+6}v_{j+4}u_7][w_{j+6}v_{j+3}w_7], \\
G_4^{j,2} &= (u_jv_{j+2}w_jv_{j+1})[u_jv_{j+3}u_{j+6}][w_jv_{j+5}w_{j+2}], \\
G_5^{j,1} &= (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[w_{j+6}v_{j+4}u_7][v_{j+5}w_7][u_{j+6}v_{j+3}] \text{ and} \\
G_5^{j,2} &= (u_jv_{j+2}w_jv_{j+1})[u_jv_{j+3}u_{j+5}][v_{j+1}w_{j+5}][w_jv_{j+4}], \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}_7, \text{ where the additions in}
\end{aligned}$$

the subscripts of  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are taken modulo 7. Clearly,  $G_i^{j,l} \cong G_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, j \in \mathbb{Z}_7, l \in \{1, 2\}$ . When  $j$  and  $l$  varies, we get the required decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_8$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4** *There exists a  $G_1$ -decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_{12}$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(P_3 \times K_{12}) = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_3} X_i$ , where  $X_0 = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{11}\}$ ,  $X_1 = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{11}\}$  and  $X_2 = \{w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{11}\}$ . The required  $G_1$ -decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_{12}$  is given below.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } G_1^{j,1} &= (u_{j+10}v_{11}w_{j+10}v_{j+9})[w_{j+10}v_{j+8}u_{j+7}v_{j+5}w_{11}], \\
G_1^{j,2} &= (u_{j+10}v_{j+6}w_{j+10}v_{j+7})[u_{j+10}v_{j+5}w_{j+4}v_{j+10}u_{11}] \text{ and} \\
G_1^{j,3} &= (u_jv_{j+2}w_{j+9}v_{j+3})[u_jv_{j+5}w_{j+3}v_{j+6}u_{j+2}], \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}, \text{ where the additions in the}
\end{aligned}$$

subscripts of  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are taken modulo 11. Clearly,  $G_1^{j,l} \cong G_1, j \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}, l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . When  $j$  and  $l$  varies, we get the required decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_{12}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5** *There exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $P_5 \times K_6, 1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(P_5 \times K_6) = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_5} X_i$ , where  $X_0 = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_5\}$ ,  $X_1 = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_5\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{w_0, w_1, \dots, w_5\}$ ,  $X_3 = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_5\}$ , and  $X_4 = \{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_5\}$ . The required  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $P_5 \times K_6$  is given below.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let } G_1^{j,1} &= (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[u_{j+3}v_5w_{j+4}v_{j+3}u_5], \\
G_1^{j,2} &= (v_jw_{j+3}x_{j+1}w_{j+2})[w_{j+3}v_{j+4}w_5x_{j+4}y_5], \\
G_1^{j,3} &= (w_{j+4}x_5y_{j+4}x_{j+1})[y_{j+4}x_jy_{j+1}x_{j+4}w_{j+3}], \\
G_2^{j,1} &= (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[v_{j+2}w_{j+3}v_5u_{j+4}][w_{j+3}x_{j+4}], \\
G_2^{j,2} &= (v_jw_{j+3}x_{j+1}w_{j+2})[w_{j+3}v_{j+4}w_5x_{j+4}][v_{j+4}u_5], \\
G_2^{j,3} &= (w_{j+4}x_5y_{j+4}x_{j+1})[y_{j+4}x_jy_{j+1}x_{j+4}][x_jy_5], \\
G_3^{j,1} &= (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[u_{j+3}v_5w_{j+3}x_{j+4}][v_{j+1}w_{j+2}], \\
G_3^{j,2} &= (v_jw_{j+3}x_{j+1}w_{j+2})[w_{j+3}v_{j+4}w_5x_{j+4}][v_ju_5], \\
G_3^{j,3} &= (w_{j+4}x_5y_{j+4}x_{j+1})[y_{j+4}x_jy_{j+1}x_{j+4}][x_{j+1}y_5], \\
G_4^{j,1} &= (u_{j+4}v_5w_{j+4}v_{j+3})[u_{j+4}v_{j+2}u_5][w_{j+4}v_{j+1}w_{j+3}], \\
G_4^{j,2} &= (v_{j+4}w_5x_{j+4}w_{j+3})[v_{j+4}u_{j+3}v_j][x_{j+4}y_{j+3}x_j], \\
G_4^{j,3} &= (w_{j+4}x_5y_{j+4}x_{j+3})[w_{j+4}x_{j+1}w_{j+3}][y_{j+4}x_{j+2}y_5], \\
G_5^{j,1} &= (u_{j+4}v_5w_{j+4}v_{j+3})[u_{j+4}v_{j+2}u_5][v_{j+3}w_j][w_{j+4}v_{j+1}],
\end{aligned}$$

$$G_5^{j,2} = (v_{j+4}w_5x_{j+4}w_{j+3})[v_{j+4}u_{j+3}v_j][w_{j+3}x_{j+1}][x_{j+4}y_{j+3}] \text{ and}$$

$$G_5^{j,3} = (w_{j+4}x_5y_{j+4}x_{j+3})[y_{j+4}x_{j+2}y_5][x_{j+3}y_{j+1}][w_{j+4}x_{j+1}], j \in \mathbb{Z}_5, \text{ where the}$$

additions in the subscripts of  $u, v, w, x,$  and  $y$  are taken modulo 5. Clearly,  $G_i^{j,l} \cong G_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, j \in \mathbb{Z}_5, l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . When  $j$  and  $l$  varies, we get the required decomposition of  $P_5 \times K_6$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6** *There exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $K_9 \times K_2, 1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(K_9 \times K_2) = (U, V)$ , where  $U = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_8\}$  and  $V = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_8\}$ . The required  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $K_9 \times K_2$  is given below.

$$\text{Let } G_1^j = (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[u_{j+3}v_{j+6}u_{j+2}v_{j+7}u_{j+1}],$$

$$G_2^j = (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[u_{j+3}v_{j+6}u_{j+2}v_{j+8}][v_{j+6}u_{j+1}],$$

$$G_3^j = (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[u_{j+3}v_{j+6}u_{j+2}v_{j+8}][v_{j+2}u_{j+6}],$$

$$G_4^j = (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[u_{j+3}v_{j+6}u_{j+2}][u_jv_{j+5}u_{j+8}], \text{ and}$$

$$G_5^j = (u_jv_{j+1}u_{j+3}v_{j+2})[u_{j+3}v_{j+6}u_{j+2}][v_{j+2}u_{j+5}][u_jv_{j+5}], j \in \mathbb{Z}_9, \text{ where the additions}$$

in the subscripts of  $u$  and  $v$  are taken modulo 9. Clearly,  $G_i^j \cong G_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, j \in \mathbb{Z}_9$ . When  $j$  varies, we get the required decomposition of  $K_9 \times K_2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7** *There exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $C_3 \times K_8, 1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(C_3 \times K_8) = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_3} X_i$ , where  $X_0 = \{u_0, u_1, \dots, u_7\}$ ,  $X_1 = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_7\}$  and  $X_2 = \{w_0, w_1, \dots, w_7\}$ . The required  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $C_3 \times K_8$  is given below.

$$\text{Let } G_1^{j,1} = (u_{j+5}v_{j+6}u_7w_{j+6})[u_{j+5}v_ju_{j+4}v_{j+1}u_{j+3}],$$

$$G_1^{j,2} = (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[v_{j+5}w_jv_{j+4}w_{j+1}v_{j+3}],$$

$$G_1^{j,3} = (u_{j+6}w_7v_{j+6}w_{j+5})[w_{j+5}u_jw_{j+4}u_{j+1}w_{j+3}],$$

$$G_2^{j,1} = (u_{j+5}v_{j+6}u_7w_{j+6})[u_{j+5}v_ju_{j+4}v_{j+1}][v_ju_{j+2}],$$

$$G_2^{j,2} = (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[v_{j+5}w_jv_{j+4}w_{j+1}][w_jv_{j+2}],$$

$$G_2^{j,3} = (u_{j+6}w_7v_{j+6}w_{j+5})[w_{j+5}u_jw_{j+4}u_{j+1}][u_jw_{j+2}],$$

$$G_3^{j,1} = (u_{j+5}v_{j+6}u_7w_{j+6})[u_{j+5}v_ju_{j+4}v_{j+1}][v_{j+6}w_{j+4}],$$

$$G_3^{j,2} = (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[v_{j+5}w_jv_{j+4}w_{j+1}][w_{j+6}u_{j+4}],$$

$$G_3^{j,3} = (u_{j+6}w_7v_{j+6}w_{j+5})[w_{j+5}u_jw_{j+4}u_{j+1}][u_{j+6}v_{j+4}],$$

$$G_4^{j,1} = (u_{j+5}v_{j+6}u_7w_{j+6})[v_{j+6}w_{j+1}v_{j+5}][w_{j+6}u_{j+1}w_{j+5}],$$

$$G_4^{j,2} = (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[u_{j+6}v_{j+1}u_{j+5}][w_{j+6}u_{j+4}w_j],$$

$$G_4^{j,3} = (u_{j+6}w_7v_{j+6}w_{j+5})[u_{j+6}v_{j+3}u_{j+5}][v_{j+6}w_{j+3}v_{j+5}],$$

$$G_5^{j,1} = (u_{j+5}v_{j+6}u_7w_{j+6})[w_{j+6}u_{j+3}w_{j+5}][u_{j+5}v_j][v_{j+6}w_{j+1}],$$

$$G_5^{j,2} = (u_{j+6}v_7w_{j+6}v_{j+5})[u_{j+6}v_{j+2}u_{j+5}][v_{j+5}w_{j+1}][w_{j+6}u_{j+2}] \text{ and}$$

$$G_5^{j,3} = (u_{j+6}w_7v_{j+6}w_{j+5})[v_{j+6}w_{j+2}v_{j+5}][w_{j+5}u_j][u_{j+6}v_{j+4}], j \in \mathbb{Z}_7,$$

where the additions in the subscripts of  $u$ ,  $v$ , and  $w$  are taken modulo 7. Clearly,  $G_i^{j,l} \cong G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_7, l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . When  $j$  and  $l$  varies, we get the required decomposition of  $C_3 \times K_8$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.8** *There exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $K_4 \times K_4$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $V(K_4 \times K_4) = \cup_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_4} X_i$ , where  $X_0 = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ ,  $X_1 = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ , and  $X_3 = \{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . The required  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $K_4 \times K_4$  is given below.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } G_2^{j,1} &= (u_3v_{j+2}w_3x_{j+2})[u_3w_{j+1}x_3u_{j+1}][w_{j+1}u_j], \\ G_2^{j,2} &= (u_jv_{j+1}w_jx_{j+1})[w_ju_{j+1}v_3w_{j+2}][u_{j+1}w_3], \\ G_2^{j,3} &= (u_{j+1}v_jw_{j+1}x_j)[v_jx_{j+1}v_{j+2}x_3][x_{j+1}v_3], \\ G_3^{j,1} &= (u_3v_{j+2}w_3x_{j+2})[v_{j+2}x_3w_{j+2}v_3][u_3w_{j+1}], \\ G_3^{j,2} &= (u_jv_{j+1}w_jx_{j+1})[v_{j+1}x_{j+2}v_3u_{j+2}][u_jw_3], \\ G_3^{j,3} &= (u_{j+1}v_jw_{j+1}x_j)[u_{j+1}w_ju_{j+2}x_3][v_jx_{j+2}], \\ G_4^{j,1} &= (u_3v_{j+2}w_3x_{j+2})[u_3w_{j+1}u_j][w_3u_{j+1}x_3], \\ G_4^{j,2} &= (u_jv_{j+1}w_jx_{j+1})[u_jw_{j+2}x_3][w_jv_3u_{j+2}], \\ G_4^{j,3} &= (u_{j+1}v_jw_{j+1}x_j)[v_jx_{j+1}v_3][x_jv_{j+1}x_3], \\ G_5^{j,1} &= (u_3v_{j+2}w_3x_{j+2})[u_3w_{j+1}u_j][v_{j+2}x_{j+1}][w_3u_{j+2}], \\ G_5^{j,2} &= (u_jv_{j+1}w_jx_{j+1})[w_jx_3u_{j+2}][v_{j+1}x_{j+2}][u_jv_3] \text{ and} \\ G_5^{j,3} &= (u_{j+1}v_jw_{j+1}x_j)[w_{j+1}v_3x_{j+2}][v_jx_3][u_{j+1}w_j], j \in \mathbb{Z}_3, \end{aligned}$$

where the additions in the subscripts of  $u$ ,  $v$ ,  $w$ , and  $x$  are taken modulo 3. Clearly,  $G_i^{j,l} \cong G_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_3, l \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . When  $j$  and  $l$  varies, we get the required decomposition of  $K_4 \times K_4$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9** *For  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ , there exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $K_6 \times K_g$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $g = 8x$ ,  $x \geq 1$ . We can write  $K_{8x} = (K_x \otimes \overline{K_8}) \oplus xK_8 = \binom{x}{2}(K_2 \otimes \overline{K_8}) \oplus xK_8 \cong \binom{x}{2}K_{8,8} \oplus xK_8$  and hence  $K_{8x} \times K_6 = \binom{x}{2}(K_{8,8} \times K_6) \oplus x(K_8 \times K_6) = 15\binom{x}{2}(K_{8,8} \times K_2) \oplus x(K_8 \times K_6)$ . By Theorem 1.3,  $G_i|K_{8,8}$ , since  $G_i$  is bipartite,  $G_i \times K_2 = 2G_i$ . By Theorem 1.1,  $P_5|K_8$  and hence  $G_i|P_5 \times K_6$  by Lemma 2.5. Therefore, the graph  $K_6 \times K_{8x}$  has a required  $G_i$ -decomposition.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10** *For  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ , there exists a  $G_i$ -decomposition of  $P_3 \times K_g$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .*

*Proof* Let  $g = 8x$ ,  $x \geq 1$ . We can write  $P_3 \times K_{8x} = ((P_3 \times K_x) \otimes \overline{K_8}) \oplus x(P_3 \times K_8) = ((P_3 \times \binom{x}{2}K_2) \otimes \overline{K_8}) \oplus x(P_3 \times K_8) = \binom{x}{2}(P_3 \times K_2) \otimes \overline{K_8} \oplus x(P_3 \times K_8) = 4\binom{x}{2}(K_2 \otimes \overline{K_8}) \oplus x(P_3 \times K_8) = 4\binom{x}{2}K_{8,8} \oplus x(P_3 \times K_8)$ . By Theorem 1.3 and Lemma 2.3, the graph  $P_3 \times K_{8x}$  has a required  $G_i$ -decomposition.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.11** *For  $u \equiv 0, 4 \pmod{8}$  and  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $G_1$ -decomposition of  $K_u \times K_g$  exists.*

*Proof* Let  $u = 8x + t$ ,  $x \geq 1$  and  $t \in \{0, 4\}$ . We can write  $K_{8x+t} = K_{8+t} \oplus (x-1)K_8 \oplus$

$(x-1)K_{8,8+t} \oplus (K_{x-1} \otimes \overline{K}_8) = K_{8+t} \oplus (x-1)K_8 \oplus (x-1)K_{8,8+t} \oplus \binom{x-1}{2}(K_2 \otimes \overline{K}_8) = K_{8+t} \oplus (x-1)K_8 \oplus (x-1)K_{8,8+t} \oplus \binom{x-1}{2}K_{8,8}$ . By Theorem 1.1,  $P_3|K_g$  and  $G_1|K_{8+t} \times P_3$ , by Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4. By Theorem 1.3,  $G_1|K_{8,8+t}$  and hence  $G_1 \times K_g = G_1 \times \binom{g}{2}K_2 = \binom{g}{2}(G_1 \times K_2)$ , since  $G_1$  is bipartite,  $G_1 \times K_2 = 2G_1$ . Therefore,  $G_1$ -decomposition of  $K_u \times K_g$  exists.  $\square$

### §3. $G_i$ -Decomposition of $K_u \times K_g$

**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $u, g \geq 4$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ ,  $G_i|K_u \times K_g$  if and only if  $ug(u-1)(g-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{16}$ , except possibly  $(u, g, G_i) = (4, 4, G_1)$ .*

*Proof Necessity:* The number of edges in  $K_u \times K_g$  are  $\binom{u}{2}(g^2 - g)$  and  $G_i$  has 8 edges. If  $G_i|K_u \times K_g$ , then  $8|\binom{u}{2}(g^2 - g)$ . Hence  $ug(u-1)(g-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{16}$ .

*Sufficiency:* To prove the sufficiency, from the edge divisibility condition, it is enough to discuss the following cases.

- $u \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ;    •  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ;
- $u \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ ;    •  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ ;
- $u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ ;    •  $u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ ;
- $u \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case 1.**  $u \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

By Lemma 2.11,  $G_1|K_u \times K_g$  exists and hence it is enough to prove  $G_i|K_u \times K_g$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq 5$ . Let  $u = 4x$  and  $g = 4y$ ,  $x, y \geq 1$ . We can write  $K_{4x} = (K_x \otimes \overline{K}_4) \oplus xK_4 = \binom{x}{2}(K_2 \otimes \overline{K}_4) \oplus xK_4 = \binom{x}{2}K_{4,4} \oplus xK_4$  and  $K_{4y} = \binom{y}{2}K_{4,4} \oplus yK_4$ . Then  $K_{4x} \times K_{4y} = \left(\binom{x}{2}K_{4,4} \oplus xK_4\right) \times \left(\binom{y}{2}K_{4,4} \oplus yK_4\right) = \binom{x}{2}\binom{y}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_{4,4}) \oplus y\binom{x}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_4) \oplus x\binom{y}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_4) \oplus xy(K_4 \times K_4) = 16\binom{x}{2}\binom{y}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_2) \oplus 6y\binom{x}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_2) \oplus 6x\binom{y}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_2) \oplus xy(K_4 \times K_4)$ . By Theorem 1.3,  $G_i|K_{4,4}$  since  $G_i$  is bipartite,  $G_i \times K_2 = 2G_i$ . By Lemma 2.8,  $G_i|K_4 \times K_4$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq 5$ . Therefore, the graph  $K_{4x} \times K_{4y}$  has a required  $G_i$ -decomposition.

**Case 2.**  $u \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

Let  $g = 4x + 1$ ,  $x \geq 1$ . We can write  $K_{4x+1} = (K_x \otimes \overline{K}_4) \oplus xK_5 = \binom{x}{2}K_{4,4} \oplus xK_5$  and hence  $K_u \times K_{4x+1} = \binom{x}{2}(K_u \times K_{4,4}) \oplus x(K_u \times K_5) = \binom{u}{2}\binom{x}{2}(K_2 \times K_{4,4}) \oplus x(K_u \times K_5)$ . By Theorem 1.3,  $G_i|K_{4,4}$ , since  $G_i$  is bipartite,  $G_i \times K_2 = 2G_i$ . By Theorem 1.1,  $P_3|K_u$  and hence  $G_i|P_3 \times K_5$  by Lemma 2.2. Therefore, the graph  $K_u \times K_{4x+1}$  has a required  $G_i$ -decomposition.

**Case 3.**  $u \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$

Let  $u = 4x + 2$ ,  $x \geq 1$ . We can write  $K_{4x+2} = K_6 \oplus (x-1)K_4 \oplus (x-1)K_{4,6} \oplus (K_{x-1} \otimes \overline{K}_4) = K_6 \oplus (x-1)K_4 \oplus (x-1)K_{4,6} \oplus \binom{x-1}{2}K_{4,4}$  and hence  $K_{4x+2} \times K_g = (K_6 \times K_g) \oplus (x-1)(K_4 \times K_g) \oplus (x-1)(K_{4,6} \times K_g) \oplus \binom{x-1}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_g)$ . By Lemma 2.9, the graph  $K_6 \times K_g$  has a  $G_i$ -decomposition. By Theorem 1.1 and Lemma 2.1,  $P_3|K_4$ ,  $P_3|K_{4,4}$ , and  $P_3|K_{4,6}$  and hence  $G_i|P_3 \times K_g$  by Lemma 2.10. Therefore, the graph  $K_{4x+2} \times K_g$  has a required  $G_i$ -decomposition.

**Case 4.**  $u \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$

Let  $u = 4x + 3$ ,  $x \geq 1$ . We can write  $K_{4x+3} = K_7 \oplus (x-1)K_5 \oplus (x-1)K_{4,6} \oplus (K_{x-1} \otimes \overline{K}_4) = K_7 \oplus (x-1)K_5 \oplus (x-1)K_{4,6} \oplus \binom{x-1}{2}K_{4,4}$  and hence  $K_{4x+3} \times K_g = (K_7 \times K_g) \oplus (x-1)(K_5 \times K_g) \oplus (x-1)(K_{4,6} \times K_g) \oplus \binom{x-1}{2}(K_{4,4} \times K_g)$ . By Theorem 1.2,  $C_3|K_7$  and the graphs  $K_5$ ,  $K_{4,2}$ ,  $K_{4,4}$  has  $P_3$ -decomposition by Theorem 1.1 and Lemma 2.1. Then by Lemmas 2.7 and 2.3, the graphs  $C_3 \times K_g$  and  $P_3 \times K_g$  has  $G_i$ -decomposition. Therefore, the graph  $K_{4x+3} \times K_g$  has a required  $G_i$ -decomposition.

**Case 5.**  $u \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $g \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

Let  $g = 8x + 1$ ,  $x \geq 1$ . We can write  $K_{8x+1} = (K_x \otimes \overline{K}_8) \oplus xK_9 = \binom{x}{2}K_{8,8} \oplus xK_9$  and hence  $K_u \times K_{8x+1} = \binom{x}{2}(K_u \times K_{4,4}) \oplus x(K_u \times K_9) = \binom{u}{2}\binom{x}{2}(K_2 \times K_{8,8}) \oplus x\binom{u}{2}(K_2 \times K_9)$ . By Theorem 1.3,  $G_i|K_{8,8}$ , since  $G_i$  bipartite,  $G_i \times K_2 = 2G_i$  and by Lemma 2.6,  $G_i|K_9 \times K_2$ . Therefore, the graph  $K_u \times K_{8x+1}$  has a required  $G_i$ -decomposition.  $\square$

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