

## 完全対称有向グラフの均衡的 $C_8$ -Bowtie 分解アルゴリズム

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### アブストラクト

グラフ理論において、グラフの分解問題は主要な研究テーマである。 $C_8$  を 8 点を通る有向サイクルとする。1 点を共有する辺素な 2 個の有向サイクル  $C_8$ 、 $C_8$  からなるグラフを  $C_8$ -bowtie という。本研究では、完全対称有向グラフ  $K_n^*$  を  $C_8$ -bowtie 部分グラフに均衡的に分解する分解アルゴリズムを与える。

**キーワード:** 均衡的  $C_8$ -bowtie 分解; 完全対称有向グラフ; グラフ理論

## Balanced $C_8$ -Bowtie Decomposition Algorithm of Symmetric Complete Digraphs

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### Abstract

In graph theory, the decomposition problem of graphs is a very important topic. Various types of decompositions of many graphs can be seen in the literature of graph theory. This paper gives a balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition algorithm of the symmetric complete digraph  $K_n^*$ .

**Keywords:** Balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition; Symmetric complete digraph; Graph theory

### 1. Introduction

Let  $K_n^*$  denote the symmetric complete digraph of  $n$  vertices. Let  $C_8$  be the directed 8-cycle. The  $C_8$ -bowtie is a graph of 2 edge-disjoint directed cycles  $C_8$ ,  $C_8$  with a common vertex and the common vertex is called the center of the  $C_8$ -bowtie.

When  $K_n^*$  is decomposed into edge-disjoint sum of  $C_8$ -bowties, we say that  $K_n^*$  has a  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition. Moreover, when every vertex of  $K_n^*$  appears in the same number of  $C_8$ -bowties, we say that  $K_n^*$  has a balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition and this number is called the replication

number.

It is a well-known result that  $K_n$  has a  $C_3$  decomposition if and only if  $n \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{6}$ . This decomposition is known as a *Steiner triple system*. See Colbourn and Rosa[1] and Wallis[6, Chapter 12 : Triple Systems]. Horák and Rosa[2] proved that  $K_n$  has a  $C_3$ -bowtie decomposition if and only if  $n \equiv 1$  or  $9 \pmod{12}$ . This decomposition is known as a *bowtie system*.

In this paper, it is shown that the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of  $K_n^*$  is  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ .

## 2. Balanced $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of $K_n^*$

We use the following notation for a  $C_8$ -bowtie.

**Notation.** We denote a  $C_8$ -bowtie passing through  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow v_3 \rightarrow v_4 \rightarrow v_5 \rightarrow v_6 \rightarrow v_7 \rightarrow v_8 \rightarrow v_1$ ,  $v_1 \rightarrow v_9 \rightarrow v_{10} \rightarrow v_{11} \rightarrow v_{12} \rightarrow v_{13} \rightarrow v_{14} \rightarrow v_{15} \rightarrow v_1$  by  $\{(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8), (v_1, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}, v_{14}, v_{15})\}$ .

We have the following theorem.

**Theorem.**  $K_n^*$  has a balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition if and only if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ .

**Proof. (Necessity)** Suppose that  $K_n^*$  has a balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition. Let  $b$  be the number of  $C_8$ -bowties and  $r$  be the replication number. Then  $b = n(n-1)/16$  and  $r = 15(n-1)/16$ . Among  $r$   $C_8$ -bowties having a vertex  $v$  of  $K_n$ , let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be the numbers of  $C_8$ -bowties in which  $v$  is the center and  $v$  is not the center, respectively. Then  $r_1 + r_2 = r$ . Counting the number of vertices adjacent to  $v$ ,  $2r_1 + r_2 = n-1$ . From these relations,  $r_1 = (n-1)/16$  and  $r_2 = 14(n-1)/16$ . Therefore,  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$  is necessary.

**(Sufficiency)** Put  $n = 16t + 1$ . We consider 2 cases.

**Case 1.**  $t = 1$ ,  $n = 17$ . (**Example 1.**) Construct a balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of  $K_{17}^*$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} B_1 &= \{(1, 2, 5, 10, 17, 12, 9, 8), (1, 16, 7, 13, 15, 11, 3, 14)\} \\ B_2 &= \{(2, 3, 6, 11, 1, 13, 10, 9), (2, 17, 8, 14, 16, 12, 4, 15)\} \\ B_3 &= \{(3, 4, 7, 12, 2, 14, 11, 10), (3, 1, 9, 15, 17, 13, 5, 16)\} \\ B_4 &= \{(4, 5, 8, 13, 3, 15, 12, 11), (4, 2, 10, 16, 1, 14, 6, 17)\} \\ B_5 &= \{(5, 6, 9, 14, 4, 16, 13, 12), (5, 3, 11, 17, 2, 15, 7, 1)\} \\ B_6 &= \{(6, 7, 10, 15, 5, 17, 14, 13), (6, 4, 12, 1, 3, 16, 8, 2)\} \\ B_7 &= \{(7, 8, 11, 16, 6, 1, 15, 14), (7, 5, 13, 2, 4, 17, 9, 3)\} \\ B_8 &= \{(8, 9, 12, 17, 7, 2, 16, 15), (8, 6, 14, 3, 5, 1, 10, 4)\} \\ B_9 &= \{(9, 10, 13, 1, 8, 3, 17, 16), (9, 7, 15, 4, 6, 2, 11, 5)\} \\ B_{10} &= \{(10, 11, 14, 2, 9, 4, 1, 17), (10, 8, 16, 5, 7, 3, 12, 6)\} \\ B_{11} &= \{(11, 12, 15, 3, 10, 5, 2, 1), (11, 9, 17, 6, 8, 4, 13, 7)\} \\ B_{12} &= \{(12, 13, 16, 4, 11, 6, 3, 2), (12, 10, 1, 7, 9, 5, 14, 8)\} \\ B_{13} &= \{(13, 14, 17, 5, 12, 7, 4, 3), (13, 11, 2, 8, 10, 6, 15, 9)\} \\ B_{14} &= \{(14, 15, 1, 6, 13, 8, 5, 4), (14, 12, 3, 9, 11, 7, 16, 10)\} \\ B_{15} &= \{(15, 16, 2, 7, 14, 9, 6, 5), (15, 13, 4, 10, 12, 8, 17, 11)\} \\ B_{16} &= \{(16, 17, 3, 8, 15, 10, 7, 6), (16, 14, 5, 11, 13, 9, 1, 12)\} \\ B_{17} &= \{(17, 1, 4, 9, 16, 11, 8, 7), (17, 15, 6, 12, 14, 10, 2, 13)\}. \end{aligned}$$

This decomposition can be written as follows:

$$B_i = \{(i, i+1, i+4, i+9, i+16, i+11, i+8, i+7), (i, i+15, i+6, i+12, i+14, i+10, i+2, i+13)\} \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 17).$$

**Note.** We consider the vertex set  $V$  of  $K_n$  as  $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

The additions  $i + x$  are taken modulo  $n$  with residues  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .

**Case 2.**  $t \geq 2$ ,  $n = 16t + 1$ . Construct  $tn$   $C_8$ -bowties as follows:

$$B_i^{(1)} = \{(i, i+1, i+4t+2, i+2, i+8t+3, i+8t+2, i+4t+1, i+8t+1), (i, i+2t, i+8t, i+6t-1, i+16t-1, i+14t-1, i+8t-1, i+10t)\} \\ B_i^{(2)} = \{(i, i+2, i+4t+4, i+5, i+8t+7, i+8t+5, i+4t+3, i+8t+2), (i, i+3, i+4t+6, i+8, i+8t+11, i+8t+8, i+4t+5, i+8t+3)\} \\ B_i^{(3)} = \{(i, i+4, i+4t+8, i+11, i+8t+15, i+8t+11, i+4t+7, i+8t+4), (i, i+5, i+4t+10, i+14, i+8t+19, i+8t+14, i+4t+9, i+8t+5)\} \\ \dots \\ B_i^{(t)} = \{(i, i+2t-2, i+8t-4, i+6t-7, i+16t-9, i+14t-7, i+8t-5, i+10t-2), (i, i+2t-1, i+8t-2, i+6t-4, i+16t-5, i+14t-4, i+8t-3, i+10t-1)\} \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

Then they comprise a balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of  $K_n^*$ .

This completes the proof.

**Example 2. Balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of  $K_{33}^*$ .**

$$B_i^{(1)} = \{(i, i+1, i+10, i+2, i+19, i+18, i+9, i+17), (i, i+4, i+16, i+11, i+31, i+27, i+15, i+20)\} \\ B_i^{(2)} = \{(i, i+2, i+12, i+5, i+23, i+21, i+11, i+18), (i, i+3, i+14, i+8, i+27, i+24, i+13, i+19)\} \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 33).$$

**Example 3. Balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of  $K_{49}^*$ .**

$$B_i^{(1)} = \{(i, i+1, i+14, i+2, i+27, i+26, i+13, i+25), (i, i+6, i+24, i+17, i+47, i+41, i+23, i+30)\} \\ B_i^{(2)} = \{(i, i+2, i+16, i+5, i+31, i+29, i+15, i+26), (i, i+3, i+18, i+8, i+35, i+32, i+17, i+27)\} \\ B_i^{(3)} = \{(i, i+4, i+20, i+11, i+39, i+35, i+19, i+28), (i, i+5, i+22, i+14, i+43, i+38, i+21, i+29)\} \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 49).$$

**Example 4. Balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of  $K_{65}^*$ .**

$$B_i^{(1)} = \{(i, i+1, i+18, i+2, i+35, i+34, i+17, i+33), (i, i+8, i+32, i+23, i+63, i+55, i+31, i+40)\} \\ B_i^{(2)} = \{(i, i+2, i+20, i+5, i+39, i+37, i+19, i+34), (i, i+3, i+22, i+8, i+43, i+40, i+21, i+35)\} \\ B_i^{(3)} = \{(i, i+4, i+24, i+11, i+47, i+43, i+23, i+36), (i, i+5, i+26, i+14, i+51, i+46, i+25, i+37)\} \\ B_i^{(4)} = \{(i, i+6, i+28, i+17, i+55, i+49, i+27, i+38), (i, i+7, i+30, i+20, i+59, i+52, i+29, i+39)\} \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 65).$$

**Example 5. Balanced  $C_8$ -bowtie decomposition of  $K_{81}^*$ .**

$$B_i^{(1)} = \{(i, i+1, i+22, i+2, i+43, i+42, i+21, i+41), (i, i+10, i+40, i+29, i+79, i+69, i+39, i+50)\} \\ B_i^{(2)} = \{(i, i+2, i+24, i+5, i+47, i+45, i+23, i+42), (i, i+3, i+26, i+8, i+51, i+48, i+25, i+43)\} \\ B_i^{(3)} = \{(i, i+4, i+28, i+11, i+55, i+51, i+27, i+44), (i, i+5, i+30, i+14, i+59, i+54, i+29, i+45)\} \\ B_i^{(4)} = \{(i, i+6, i+32, i+17, i+63, i+57, i+31, i+46), (i, i+7, i+34, i+20, i+67, i+60, i+33, i+47)\} \\ B_i^{(5)} = \{(i, i+8, i+36, i+23, i+71, i+63, i+35, i+48), (i, i+9, i+38, i+26, i+75, i+66, i+37, i+49)\} \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 81).$$

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