完全グラフの均衡的 (C_4, C_9, C_9) -Trefoil 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_4 、 C_9 をそれぞれ 4 点、9 点を通るサイクルとする。1 点を共有する辺素な 3 個のサイクル C_4 、 C_9 、 C_9 からなるグラフを (C_4,C_9,C_9) -trefoil という。本研究では、完全グラフ K_n を (C_4,C_9,C_9) -trefoil 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_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil 分解; 完全グラフ; グラフ理論

Balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -Trefoil Decomposition Algorithm of Complete Graphs

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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_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition algorithm of the complete graph K_n .

Keywords: Balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition; Complete graph; Graph theory

1. Introduction

Let K_n denote the complete graph of n vertices. Let C_4 and C_9 be the 4-cycle and the 9-cycle, respectively. The (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil is a graph of 3 edge-disjoint cycles C_4 , C_9 and C_9 with a common vertex and the common vertex is called the center of the (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil. When K_n is decomposed into edge-disjoint sum of (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoils, we say that K_n has a (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition. Moreover, when every vertex of K_n appears in the same number of (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoils, we say that K_n has a balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil 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 (mod 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, C_3) -bowtie decomposition if and only if $n \equiv 1$ or 9 (mod 12). This decomposition is known as a bowtie system. In this sense, our balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition of K_n is to be known as a balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil system.

2. Balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition of K_n

We use the following notation for a (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil.

Notation. We denote a (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil passing through $v_1 - v_2 - v_3 - v_4 - v_1$, $v_1 - v_5 - v_6 - v_7 - v_8 - v_9 - v_{10} - v_{11} - v_{12} - v_1$, $v_1 - v_{13} - v_{14} - v_{15} - v_{16} - v_{17} - v_{18} - v_{19} - v_{20} - v_1$ by $\{(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4), (v_1, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}), (v_1, v_{13}, v_{14}, v_{15}, v_{16}, v_{17}, v_{18}, v_{19}, v_{20})\}$.

We have the following theorem.

Theorem. K_n has a balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition if and only if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{44}$.

Proof. (Necessity) Suppose that K_n has a balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition. Let b be the number of (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoils and r be the replication number. Then b = n(n-1)/44 and r = 20(n-1)/44. Among r (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoils having a vertex v of K_n , let r_1 and r_2 be the numbers of (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoils 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, $6r_1 + 2r_2 = n - 1$. From these relations, $r_1 = (n-1)/44$ and $r_2 = 19(n-1)/44$. Therefore, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{44}$ is necessary.

(Sufficiency) Put n = 44t + 1. We consider 3 cases.

Case 1. t = 1, n = 45. (Example 1.) Construct a balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition of K_{45} as follows:

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B_1 = \{(1, 12, 26, 14), (1, 2, 17, 20, 25, 35, 7, 28, 9), (1, 3, 19, 23, 29, 38, 11, 31, 8)\}
B_2 = \{(2, 13, 27, 15), (2, 3, 18, 21, 26, 36, 8, 29, 10), (2, 4, 20, 24, 30, 39, 12, 32, 9)\}
B_3 = \{(3, 14, 28, 16), (3, 4, 19, 22, 27, 37, 9, 30, 11), (3, 5, 21, 25, 31, 40, 13, 33, 10)\}
B_4 = \{(4, 15, 29, 17), (4, 5, 20, 23, 28, 38, 10, 31, 12), (4, 6, 22, 26, 32, 41, 14, 34, 11)\}
B_5 = \{(5, 16, 30, 18), (5, 6, 21, 24, 29, 39, 11, 32, 13), (5, 7, 23, 27, 33, 42, 15, 35, 12)\}
B_6 = \{(6, 17, 31, 19), (6, 7, 22, 25, 30, 40, 12, 33, 14), (6, 8, 24, 28, 34, 43, 16, 36, 13)\}
B_7 = \{(7, 18, 32, 20), (7, 8, 23, 26, 31, 41, 13, 34, 15), (7, 9, 25, 29, 35, 44, 17, 37, 14)\}
B_8 = \{(8, 19, 33, 21), (8, 9, 24, 27, 32, 42, 14, 35, 16), (8, 10, 26, 30, 36, 45, 18, 38, 15)\}
B_9 = \{(9, 20, 34, 22), (9, 10, 25, 28, 33, 43, 15, 36, 17), (9, 11, 27, 31, 37, 1, 19, 39, 16)\}
B_{10} = \{(10, 21, 35, 23), (10, 11, 26, 29, 34, 44, 16, 37, 18), (10, 12, 28, 32, 38, 2, 20, 40, 17)\}
B_{11} = \{(11, 22, 36, 24), (11, 12, 27, 30, 35, 45, 17, 38, 19), (11, 13, 29, 33, 39, 3, 21, 41, 18)\}
B_{12} = \{(12, 23, 37, 25), (12, 13, 28, 31, 36, 1, 18, 39, 20), (12, 14, 30, 34, 40, 4, 22, 42, 19)\}
B_{13} = \{(13, 24, 38, 26), (13, 14, 29, 32, 37, 2, 19, 40, 21), (13, 15, 31, 35, 41, 5, 23, 43, 20)\}
B_{14} = \{(14, 25, 39, 27), (14, 15, 30, 33, 38, 3, 20, 41, 22), (14, 16, 32, 36, 42, 6, 24, 44, 21)\}
B_{15} = \{(15, 26, 40, 28), (15, 16, 31, 34, 39, 4, 21, 42, 23), (15, 17, 33, 37, 43, 7, 25, 45, 22)\}
B_{16} = \{(16, 27, 41, 29), (16, 17, 32, 35, 40, 5, 22, 43, 24), (16, 18, 34, 38, 44, 8, 26, 1, 23)\}
B_{17} = \{(17, 28, 42, 30), (17, 18, 33, 36, 41, 6, 23, 44, 25), (17, 19, 35, 39, 45, 9, 27, 2, 24)\}
B_{18} = \{(18, 29, 43, 31), (18, 19, 34, 37, 42, 7, 24, 45, 26), (18, 20, 36, 40, 1, 10, 28, 3, 25)\}
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B_{19} = \{(19, 30, 44, 32), (19, 20, 35, 38, 43, 8, 25, 1, 27), (19, 21, 37, 41, 2, 11, 29, 4, 26)\}
B_{20} = \{(20, 31, 45, 33), (20, 21, 36, 39, 44, 9, 26, 2, 28), (20, 22, 38, 42, 3, 12, 30, 5, 27)\}
B_{21} = \{(21, 32, 1, 34), (21, 22, 37, 40, 45, 10, 27, 3, 29), (21, 23, 39, 43, 4, 13, 31, 6, 28)\}
B_{22} = \{(22, 33, 2, 35), (22, 23, 38, 41, 1, 11, 28, 4, 30), (22, 24, 40, 44, 5, 14, 32, 7, 29)\}
B_{23} = \{(23, 34, 3, 36), (23, 24, 39, 42, 2, 12, 29, 5, 31), (23, 25, 41, 45, 6, 15, 33, 8, 30)\}
B_{24} = \{(24, 35, 4, 37), (24, 25, 40, 43, 3, 13, 30, 6, 32), (24, 26, 42, 1, 7, 16, 34, 9, 31)\}
B_{25} = \{(25, 36, 5, 38), (25, 26, 41, 44, 4, 14, 31, 7, 33), (25, 27, 43, 2, 8, 17, 35, 10, 32)\}
B_{26} = \{(26, 37, 6, 39), (26, 27, 42, 45, 5, 15, 32, 8, 34), (26, 28, 44, 3, 9, 18, 36, 11, 33)\}
B_{27} = \{(27, 38, 7, 40), (27, 28, 43, 1, 6, 16, 33, 9, 35), (27, 29, 45, 4, 10, 19, 37, 12, 34)\}
B_{28} = \{(28, 39, 8, 41), (28, 29, 44, 2, 7, 17, 34, 10, 36), (28, 30, 1, 5, 11, 20, 38, 13, 35)\}
B_{29} = \{(29, 40, 9, 42), (29, 30, 45, 3, 8, 18, 35, 11, 37), (29, 31, 2, 6, 12, 21, 39, 14, 36)\}
B_{30} = \{(30, 41, 10, 43), (30, 31, 1, 4, 9, 19, 36, 12, 38), (30, 32, 3, 7, 13, 22, 40, 15, 37)\}
B_{31} = \{(31, 42, 11, 44), (31, 32, 2, 5, 10, 20, 37, 13, 39), (31, 33, 4, 8, 14, 23, 41, 16, 38)\}
B_{32} = \{(32, 43, 12, 45), (32, 33, 3, 6, 11, 21, 38, 14, 40), (32, 34, 5, 9, 15, 24, 42, 17, 39)\}
B_{33} = \{(33, 44, 13, 1), (33, 34, 4, 7, 12, 22, 39, 15, 41), (33, 35, 6, 10, 16, 25, 43, 18, 40)\}
B_{34} = \{(34, 45, 14, 2), (34, 35, 5, 8, 13, 23, 40, 16, 42), (34, 36, 7, 11, 17, 26, 44, 19, 41)\}
B_{35} = \{(35, 1, 15, 3), (35, 36, 6, 9, 14, 24, 41, 17, 43), (35, 37, 8, 12, 18, 27, 45, 20, 42)\}
B_{36} = \{(36, 2, 16, 4), (36, 37, 7, 10, 15, 25, 42, 18, 44), (36, 38, 9, 13, 19, 28, 1, 21, 43)\}
B_{37} = \{(37, 3, 17, 5), (37, 38, 8, 11, 16, 26, 43, 19, 45), (37, 39, 10, 14, 20, 29, 2, 22, 44)\}
B_{38} = \{(38, 4, 18, 6), (38, 39, 9, 12, 17, 27, 44, 20, 1), (38, 40, 11, 15, 21, 30, 3, 23, 45)\}
B_{39} = \{(39, 5, 19, 7), (39, 40, 10, 13, 18, 28, 45, 21, 2), (39, 41, 12, 16, 22, 31, 4, 23, 1)\}
B_{40} = \{(40, 6, 20, 8), (40, 41, 11, 14, 19, 29, 1, 22, 3), (40, 42, 13, 17, 23, 32, 5, 25, 2)\}
B_{41} = \{(41, 7, 21, 9), (41, 42, 12, 15, 20, 30, 2, 23, 4), (41, 43, 14, 18, 24, 33, 6, 26, 3)\}
B_{42} = \{(42, 8, 22, 10), (42, 43, 13, 16, 21, 31, 3, 24, 5), (42, 44, 15, 19, 25, 34, 7, 27, 4)\}
B_{43} = \{(43, 9, 23, 11), (43, 44, 14, 17, 22, 32, 4, 25, 6), (43, 45, 16, 20, 26, 35, 8, 28, 5)\}
B_{44} = \{(44, 10, 24, 12), (44, 45, 15, 18, 23, 33, 5, 26, 7), (44, 1, 17, 21, 27, 36, 9, 29, 6)\}
B_{45} = \{(45, 11, 25, 13), (45, 1, 16, 19, 24, 34, 6, 27, 8), (45, 2, 18, 22, 28, 37, 10, 30, 7)\}.
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This decomposition can be written as follows:

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B_i = \{(i, i+11, i+25, i+13), (i, i+1, i+16, i+19, i+24, i+34, i+6, i+27, i+8), (i, i+2, i+18, i+22, i+28, i+37, i+10, i+30, i+7)\}\ (i=1, 2, ..., 45), where the additions i+x are taken modulo 45 with residues 1, 2, ..., 45.
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Note. We consider the vertex set V of K_n as $V = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$. The additions i + x are taken modulo n with residues 1, 2, ..., n.

Case 2. t = 2, n = 89. (Example 2.) Construct a balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition of K_{89} as follows: $B_i^{(1)} = \{(i, i+27, i+48, i+25), (i, i+1, i+30, i+38, i+47, i+64, i+8, i+60, i+16), (i, i+2, i+32, i+39, i+49, i+67, i+12, i+63, i+15)\}$ $B_i^{(2)} = \{(i, i+22, i+50, i+26), (i, i+3, i+34, i+40, i+51, i+70, i+21, i+56, i+14), (i, i+4, i+36, i+41, i+53, i+73, i+20, i+59, i+13)\}$ (i = 1, 2, ..., 89).

Case 3. $t \ge 3$, n = 44t + 1. First, consider a sequence $S : g_1, g_2, g_3, ..., g_{2t}$ for 2 subcases. Subcase 3.1. $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $t \ge 3$. Put t = 2p + 1. Consider a sequence $S : g_1, g_2, g_3, ..., g_{4p+2}$ with

 $S_1: g_1, g_2, g_3, ..., g_{2p-2}, S_2: g_{2p-1}, g_{2p}, g_{2p+1}, g_{2p+2},$

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S_3: g_{2p+3}, g_{2p+5}, g_{2p+7}, ..., g_{4p+1}
S_4: g_{2p+4}, g_{2p+6}, g_{2p+8}, ..., g_{4p+2}
such as
S_1: 24t+4, 24t+7, 24t+10, \dots, 24t+6p-5
S_2: 24t+6p-1, 24t+6p+2, 30t+3, 24t+6p+8
S_3: 24t+6p+12, 24t+6p+18, 24t+6p+24, ..., 30t
S_4: 24t+6p+11, 24t+6p+17, 24t+6p+23, ..., 30t-1.
Subcase 3.2. t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, t \geq 4. Put t = 2p.
Consider a sequence S: q_1, q_2, q_3, ..., q_{4n} with
S_1: g_1, g_2, g_3, ..., g_{2p-3}
S_2: g_{2p-2}, g_{2p-1}, g_{2p}, g_{2p+1}
S_3: g_{2p+2}, g_{2p+4}, g_{2p+6}, ..., g_{4p-2}
S_4: g_{2p+3}, g_{2p+5}, g_{2p+7}, ..., g_{4p-1}
S_5: g_{4p}
such as
S_1: 24t+4, 24t+7, 24t+10, \dots, 24t+6p-8
S_2: 24t + 6p - 4, 24t + 6p - 1, 30t + 3, 24t + 6p + 5
S_3: 24t+6p+9, 24t+6p+15, 24t+6p+21, ..., 30t-3
S_4: 24t+6p+8, 24t+6p+14, 24t+6p+20, ..., 30t-4
S_5:30t.
Next, construct n (C_4, C_9, C_9)-3t-foils as follows:
\{(i, i+31t+1, i+41t+2, i+11t+1),
(i, i+31t+2, i+41t+4, i+11t+2),
(i, i + 32t, i + 43t, i + 12t),
(i, i+1, i+6t+2, i+16t+2, i+32t+3, i+36t+3, i+6t+3, i+q_1, i+4t+1),
(i, i+2, i+6t+4, i+16t+3, i+32t+5, i+36t+4, i+6t+5, i+q_2, i+4t+2),
(i, i+2t, i+10t, i+18t+1, i+36t+1, i+38t+2, i+10t+1, i+q_{2t}, i+6t)
(i = 1, 2, ..., n).
Last, decompose each (C_4, C_9, C_9)-3t-foil into t (C_4, C_9, C_9)-trefoils.
Then they comprise a balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9)-trefoil decomposition of K_n.
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This completes the proof.

Note. The (C_4, C_9, C_9) -3t-foil is a graph of 3t edge-disjoint cycles of t C_4 's and 2t C_9 's with a common vertex.

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Example 3. A balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9)-trefoil decomposition of K_{133}.
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\begin{split} B_i^{(1)} &= \{(i,i+94,i+125,i+34),(i,i+1,i+20,i+50,i+99,i+111,i+21,i+77,i+13),(i,i+20,i+22,i+51,i+101,i+112,i+23,i+80,i+14)\} \\ B_i^{(2)} &= \{(i,i+95,i+127,i+35),(i,i+3,i+24,i+52,i+103,i+113,i+25,i+93,i+15),(i,i+4,i+26,i+53,i+105,i+114,i+27,i+86,i+16)\} \\ B_i^{(3)} &= \{(i,i+96,i+129,i+36),(i,i+5,i+28,i+54,i+107,i+115,i+29,i+90,i+17),(i,i+6,i+30,i+55,i+109,i+116,i+31,i+89,i+18)\} \\ (i=1,2,...,133). \end{split}
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Example 4. A balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition of K_{177} .

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B_i^{(1)} = \{(i,i+125,i+166,i+45),(i,i+1,i+26,i+66,i+131,i+147,i+27,i+100,i+17),(i,i+126,i+28,i+67,i+133,i+148,i+29,i+104,i+18)\}
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\begin{split} B_i^{(2)} &= \{(i,i+126,i+168,i+46),(i,i+3,i+30,i+68,i+135,i+149,i+31,i+107,i+19),(i,i+4,i+32,i+69,i+137,i+150,i+33,i+123,i+20)\} \\ B_i^{(3)} &= \{(i,i+127,i+170,i+47),(i,i+5,i+34,i+70,i+139,i+151,i+35,i+113,i+21),(i,i+6,i+36,i+71,i+141,i+152,i+37,i+117,i+22)\} \\ B_i^{(4)} &= \{(i,i+128,i+172,i+48),(i,i+7,i+38,i+72,i+143,i+153,i+39,i+116,i+23),(i,i+8,i+40,i+73,i+145,i+154,i+41,i+120,i+24)\} \\ (i=1,2,...,177). \end{split}
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Example 5. A balanced (C_4, C_9, C_9) -trefoil decomposition of K_{221} .

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B_{i}^{(1)} = \{(i,i+156,i+207,i+56),(i,i+1,i+32,i+82,i+163,i+183,i+33,i+124,i+21),(i,i+2,i+34,i+83,i+165,i+184,i+35,i+127,i+22)\}
B_{i}^{(2)} = \{(i,i+157,i+209,i+57),(i,i+3,i+36,i+84,i+167,i+185,i+37,i+131,i+23),(i,i+4,i+38,i+85,i+169,i+186,i+39,i+134,i+24)\}
B_{i}^{(3)} = \{(i,i+158,i+211,i+58),(i,i+5,i+40,i+86,i+171,i+187,i+41,i+153,i+25),(i,i+6,i+42,i+87,i+173,i+188,i+43,i+140,i+26)\}
B_{i}^{(4)} = \{(i,i+159,i+213,i+59),(i,i+7,i+44,i+88,i+175,i+189,i+45,i+144,i+27),(i,i+8,i+46,i+89,i+177,i+190,i+47,i+143,i+28)\}
B_{i}^{(5)} = \{(i,i+160,i+215,i+60),(i,i+9,i+48,i+90,i+179,i+191,i+49,i+150,i+29),(i,i+10,i+50,i+91,i+181,i+192,i+51,i+149,i+30)\}
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