

## Some Holey designs and Incomplete designs for the join graph of $K_1$ and $C_4$ with a pendent edge

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**Abstract-** A  $G$ -design of  $\lambda K_v$  is a pair  $(X, B)$ , where  $X$  is the vertex set of  $K_v$  and  $B$  is a collection of subgraphs of  $K_v$ , such that each block is isomorphic to  $G$  and any two distinct vertices in  $K_v$  are joined in exact (at most, at least)  $\lambda$  blocks of  $B$ . In this paper, we will discuss some holey designs and incomplete designs for the join graph of  $K_1$  and  $C_4$  with a pendent edge for  $\lambda = 1$ .

**Keywords-**  $G$ -packing design,  $G$ -covering design, Holey  $G$ -design

### I. INTRODUCTION

A complete multigraph of order  $v$  and index  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $\lambda K_v$ , is an undirected graph with  $v$  vertices, where any two distinct vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are joined by  $\lambda$  edges  $(x, y)$ . Let  $G$  be a finite simple graph. A  $G$ -design  $G - GD_\lambda(v)$  ( $G$ -packing design  $G - PD_\lambda(v)$ ,  $G$ -covering design  $G - CD_\lambda(v)$ ) of  $\lambda K_v$  is a pair  $(X, B)$ , where  $X$  is the vertex set of  $K_v$  and  $B$  is a collection of subgraphs of  $K_v$ , called blocks, such that each block is isomorphic to  $G$  and any two distinct vertices in  $K_v$  are joined in exact (at most, at least)  $\lambda$  blocks of  $B$ . A packing (covering) design is said to be maximum (minimum) if no other such packing (covering) design of the same order has more (fewer) blocks. The number of blocks in a maximum packing design (minimum covering design), denoted by  $p(v, G, \lambda)$  ( $c(v, G, \lambda)$ ), is called the packing number (covering number). Obviously,

$$p(v, G, \lambda) \leq U(v, G, \lambda) = \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda v(v-1)}{2|E(G)|} \right\rfloor$$

$$\leq \left\lceil \frac{\lambda v(v-1)}{2|E(G)|} \right\rceil = V(v, G, \lambda) \leq c(v, G, \lambda),$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  ( $\lceil x \rceil$ ) denotes the greatest (lest) integer  $y$  such that  $y \leq x$  ( $y \geq x$ ). A  $G - PD_\lambda(v)$  ( $G - CD_\lambda(v)$ ) is called optimal and is denoted by  $G - OPD_\lambda(v)$  ( $G - OCD_\lambda(v)$ ) if the left (right) equality in above inequality holds. Obviously, there exists a  $G - GD_\lambda(v)$  if and only if  $p(v, G, \lambda) = c(v, G, \lambda)$ . So a  $G - GD_\lambda(v)$  can be regarded as a  $G - OPD_\lambda(v)$  or a  $G - OCD_\lambda(v)$ . The leave  $L_\lambda(P)$  of a packing design  $G - PD_\lambda(v) = (v, P)$  is a subgraph of  $\lambda K_v$ , and its edges are the supplement of  $P$  in  $\lambda K_v$ . When  $P$  is maximum,  $|L_\lambda(P)|$  is called leave-edges number and is denoted by  $l_\lambda(v)$ . Similarly, the repeat-edge graph  $R_\lambda(C)$  of a covering design  $G - CD_\lambda(v) = (v, C)$  is a subgraph of  $\lambda K_v$  and its edges are the supplement of  $\lambda K_v$  in  $C$ . When  $C$  is minimum,  $|R_\lambda(C)|$  is called repeat-edges number and is denoted by  $r_\lambda(v)$ . Generally, the symbols  $L_\lambda(P)$  and  $l_\lambda(v)$  can be denoted by  $L_\lambda$  and  $l_\lambda$  briefly, while  $R_\lambda(P)$  and  $r_\lambda(v)$  can be denoted by  $R_\lambda$  and  $r_\lambda$  correspondingly.

Let  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^t X_i$  be the vertex set of  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t}$ , a complete multipartite graph consisting of  $t$  parts with size  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t$  respectively, where the sets  $X_i$

$(1 \leq i \leq t)$  are disjoint and  $|X_i| = n_i$ . Denote  $v = \sum_{i=1}^t n_i$  and  $G = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_t\}$ . For any given graph  $G$ , if the edges of  $\lambda K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_t}$ , a  $t$ -partite graph with replication  $\lambda$ , can be decomposed into edge-disjoint subgraphs  $A$ , each of which is isomorphic to  $G$  and is called as block, then the system  $(X, G, A)$  is called a holey  $G$ -design with index  $\lambda$ , denoted by  $G - HD_\lambda(T)$ , where  $T = n_1^1, n_2^1, \dots, n_t^1$  is the type of the holey  $G$ -design. Usually, the type is denoted by exponential form, for example, the type  $n_1^{k_1}, n_2^{k_2}, \dots, n_m^{k_m}$  denotes  $n_1$  occurrences of  $k_1$ ,  $n_2$  occurrences of  $k_2$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $n_m$  occurrences of  $k_m$ . A  $G - HD_\lambda(1^{v-w} w^1)$  is called an incomplete  $G$ -design, denoted by  $G - ID_\lambda(v, w) = (V, W, A)$ , where  $|V| = v, |W| = w$  and  $W \subset V$ . For  $\lambda = 1$ , the index  $\lambda$  of  $GD_\lambda, HD_\lambda, ID_\lambda, OPD_\lambda, OCD_\lambda$  is often omitted.

Lemma 1.1<sup>[7]</sup> There exists  $G - GD_\lambda(v) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} v \geq 6; \\ \lambda v(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{18}; \\ (\lambda, v) \neq (1, 9). \end{cases}$

Nonexistences and some constructions of the maximum packing designs and the minimum covering designs for the join graph of  $K_1$  and  $C_4$  with a pendent edge for  $\lambda = 1$ , will be given out as follows. For convenience, as a block in graph design  $G$  is denoted as following vertex-labels.

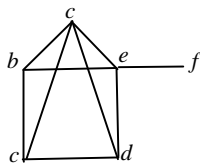


Figure 1. Graph  $G$

II. MAIN METHOD

Lemma 2.1<sup>[2]</sup> Given positive integers  $h, w, \lambda, m$ , if there exist  $G - HD(h^m)$  and  $G - ID_\lambda(h + w, w)$  then

- (1). Suppose there exists  $G - OPD_\lambda(w)$  or  $G - OPD_\lambda(h + w)$ , so does  $G - OPD_\lambda(mh + w)$ .
- (2). Suppose there exists  $G - OCD_\lambda(w)$  or  $G - OCD_\lambda(h + w)$ , so does  $G - OCD_\lambda(mh + w)$ .

Lemma 2.2<sup>[2]</sup> Given positive integers  $v, \lambda, u$ . Let  $X$  be a  $v$  set, then

- (1). Suppose there exists  $G - OPD_\lambda(v) = (X, P)$  with the leave  $L_\lambda(P) \subset G$ , then there exists  $G - OCD_\lambda(v)$  with the repeat-edge graph  $G \setminus L_\lambda(P)$ .
- (2). Suppose there exist both  $G - OPD_\lambda(v) = (X, P)$  and  $G - OPD_u(v) = (X, P')$  with leaves  $L_\lambda(P)$  and  $L_u(P')$  respectively. If  $|L_\lambda(P)| + |L_u(P')| = l_{\lambda+u}$ , then exists  $G - OPD_{\lambda+u}(v) = (X, P \cup P')$  with the leave  $L_\lambda(P) \cup L_u(P')$ .

III. CONSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLEY DESIGNS

Lemma 3.1<sup>[5]</sup> There exist  $G - HD(9^{2t+1})$  and  $G - HD(18^{t+2})$  for  $t \geq 1$ .

Theorem 3.2 There exists  $G - HD(9^4)$ .

Proof. Give the direct construction of  $G - HD(9^4)$  on vertex set  $Z_9 \times Z_4$  and blocks are:

$$(0_0, 0_1, 2_2, 1_1, 0_2, 4_0), (0_0, 2_1, 6_2, 3_1, 8_2, 4_0), (0_0, 3_2, 3_3, 5_1, 4_3, 2_0), (0_1, 7_2, 1_3, 2_0, 0_3, 7_1), (0_0, 5_3, 1_2, 6_3, 7_2, 4_3), (0_0, 0_3, 4_1, 1_3, 6_1, 7_0) \pmod{9, -}.$$

IV. CONSTRUCTIONS FOR ID

Theorem 4.1 There exists  $G - ID(9 + \varpi, \varpi)$  for  $\varpi = 2, 3, \dots, 7, 8, 12$ .

Proof. There are  $\varpi + 4$  blocks in each  $G - ID(9 + \varpi, \varpi)$ .

$$\varpi = 2 : Z_3 \times Z_3 \cup \{x_1, x_2\} \cdot (0_1, 1_0, 2_0, x_1, 1_2, 1_1), (0_0, 2_2, 1_2, x_2, 0_1, 1_1) \pmod{3, -}.$$

$$\varpi = 3 : Z_9 \cup \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \cdot (0, x_1, 1, x_2, 2, 6), (0, x_3, 3, 6, 4, 1), (6, x_1, 7, x_2, 8, 3), (2, 5, 4, 8, 7, 0), (3, x_1, 4, x_2, 5, 0), (1, x_3, 2, 3, 7, 4), (5, x_3, 6, 1, 8, 0).$$

$$\varpi = 4 : Z_9 \cup \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\} \cdot (2, x_1, 1, x_2, 0, 4), (3, x_1, 4, x_2, 5, 6), (6, x_1, 7, x_2, 8, 4), (0, 6, 1, 8, 3, 7), (3, x_3, 1, x_4, 2, 6), (7, x_3, 8, x_4, 0, 5), (4, x_3, 6, x_4, 5, 8), (7, 5, 1, 4, 2, 8).$$

$$\varpi = 5 : Z_3 \times Z_3 \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_5\} \cdot (0_1, x_1, 0_0, x_2, 2_2, 1_2), (0_0, x_3, 1_2, x_4, 1_1, 2_2), (2_2, 0_0, 2_0, x_5, 2_1, 1_1) \pmod{3, -}.$$

$$\varpi = 6 : Z_9 \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6\}.$$

$(6, x_1, 3, x_2, 4, 8), (5, x_1, 7, x_2, 0, 8), (1, x_1, 8, x_2, 2, 5), (5, x_3, 6, x_4, 8, 2), (0, x_5, 1, x_6, 2, 4), (2, x_3, 7, x_4, 3, 4), (4, x_3, 0, x_4, 1, 5), (8, x_5, 7, x_6, 6, 2), (5, x_5, 3, x_6, 4, 7), (7, 0, 6, 1, 3, 8).$

$\varpi = 7 : Z_9 \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7\}.$

$(0, x_1, 6, x_2, 1, 5), (4, x_1, 5, x_2, 7, 6), (8, x_1, 3, x_2, 2, 6), (2, x_3, 3, x_4, 1, 6), (5, x_5, 6, x_6, 0, 8), (4, x_5, 2, x_6, 3, 5), (7, x_3, 5, x_4, 0, 2), (x_7, 1, 4, 0, 3, 6), (2, x_3, 8, x_4, 6, x_7), (1, x_5, 7, x_6, 8, 6), (x_7, 2, 5, 8, 7, 3).$

$\varpi = 8 : Z_3 \times Z_3 \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8\}.$

$(0_0, x_1, 0_2, x_2, 0_1, 10), (1_1, x_3, 0_0, x_4, 1_2, 2_2), (1_2, x_5, 0_1, x_6, 0_0, 1_0), (2_2, x_7, 0_0, x_8, 0_1, 1_1) \text{ mod } (3, -).$

$\varpi = 12 : Z_9 \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{12}\}.$

$(6, x_9, 2, x_{10}, 4, 3), (8, x_5, 1, x_6, 6, x_{12}), (7, x_5, 0, x_6, 4, x_{12}), (0, x_{11}, 1, x_{12}, 2, 8), (0, x_1, 4, x_2, 3, x_{11}), (1, x_1, 2, x_2, 5, x_{11}), (7, x_1, 8, x_2, 6, x_{11}), (5, x_5, 2, x_6, 3, x_{12}), (1, x_3, 6, x_4, 4, x_{11}), (2, x_3, 3, x_4, 7, x_{11}), (5, x_3, 0, x_4, 8, x_{11}), (3, x_7, 1, x_8, 7, x_{12}), (7, x_9, 1, x_{10}, 5, 4), (6, x_7, 0, x_8, 5, x_{12}), (4, x_7, 2, x_8, 8, x_{12}), (8, x_9, 0, x_{10}, 3, 6).$

Theorem 4.2 There exists  $G - ID(18 + \varpi, \varpi)$  for  $\varpi = 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.$

Proof. There are  $2\varpi + 17$  blocks in each  $G - ID(18 + \varpi, \varpi).$

$\varpi = 2 : Z_3 \times Z_6 \cup \{x_1, x_2\}.$

$(0_0, x_1, 1_1, x_2, 1_2, 1_0), (0_3, x_1, 1_4, x_2, 0_5, 0_0), (0_0, 1_0, 0_1, 2_2, 0_3, 2_0), (0_3, 2_1, 1_3, 1_2, 0_4, 1_0), (0_0, 1_3, 0_4, 1_4, 2_5, 0_3), (0_1, 1_2, 0_2, 0_4, 0_5, 2_0), (0_5, 1_5, 0_2, 1_4, 2_1, 3_1) \text{ mod } (3, -).$

$\varpi = 4 : Z_{18} \cup \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}.$

$(4, x_3, 5, x_4, 6, 14), (16, x_3, 17, x_4, 0, 15), (2, 4, 9, 5, 11, 3), (3, x_1, 5, x_2, 4, 14), (3, 9, 15, 12, 17, 0), (1, x_3, 2, x_4, 3, 10), (9, x_1, 10, x_2, 11, 16), (0, 7, 3, 6, 5, 16), (6, x_1, 8, x_2, 7, 14), (12, x_1, 13, x_2, 1, 4, 16), (7, x_3, 9, x_4, 8, 16), (15, x_1, 17, x_2, 16, 9), (2, 6, 12, 7, 13, 3), (1, 8, 11, 12, 5, 14), (11, 6, 15, 7, 17, 1), (0, x_1, 2, x_2, 1, 14), (13, x_3, 1, 5, x_4, 14, 9), (1, 16, 6, 9, 13, 8), (1, 10, 15, 4, 7, 16), (17, 5, 13, 4, 10, 6), (2, 3, 8, 10, 16, 4), (14, 2, 17, 8, 15, 5), (0, 4, 8, 9, 12, 8), (0, 10, 1_3, 11, 1, 4, 3), (10, x_3, 11, x_4, 12, 16).$

$\varpi = 5 : Z_3 \times Z_6 \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_5\}.$

$(0_2, x_5, 1_3, 1_1, 2_4, 1_4), (0_0, 0_3, 0_4, 0_2, 1_0, 2_4), (0_0, x_1, 2_1, x_2, 1_2, 2_5), (0_3, x_1, 1_4, x_2, 2_5, 0_2), (0_1, x_3, 1_2, x_4, 2_3, 1_3), (0_5, x_5, 2_0, 0_5, 2_1, 0_3), (0_4, x_3, 2_5, x_4, 1_0, 2_3), (0_1, 0_0, 0_5, 0_4, 1_1, 1_2), (0_3, 0_2, 1_2, 2_4, 0_5, 2_3) \text{ mod } (3, -).$

$\varpi = 6 : Z_{18} \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_6\}.$

$(0, 4, 7, 10, 13, 5), (17, x_5, 0, x_6, 1, 10), (15, x_1, 16, x_2, 17, 6), (7, x_3, 9, x_4, 8, 14), (1, x_3, 2, x_4, 3, 13), (8, x_5, 10, x_6, 9, 2), (5, x_5, 7, x_6, 6, 16), (12, x_1, 14, x_2, 13, 17), (1, 6, 11, 7, 14, 2), (2, x_5, 13, x_6, 4, 14), (0, 14, 5, 8, 11, 16), (1, 15, 4, 8, 12, 17), (10, x_3, 12, x_4, 11, 17), (1, 5, 9, 13, 16, 2), (11, x_5, 12, x_6, 13, 6), (4, 9, 16, 10, 17, 5), (3, 9, 14, 10, 15, 5), (14, x_5, 15, x_6, 16, 12), (0, 9, 12, 3, 6, 15), (16, x_3, 0, x_4, 17, 14), (0, x_1, 2, x_2, 1, 11), (4, x_3, 6, x_4, 5, 11), (13, x_3, 14, x_4, 15, 11), (2, 7, 13, 8, 15, 0), (3, x_1, 5, x_2, 4, 11), (6, x_1, 8, x_2, 7, 1, 2), (9, x_1, 10, x_2, 11, 3), (3, 7, 16, 8, 17, 2), (2, 5, 10, 6, 12, 4).$

$\varpi = 7 : Z_{18} \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7\}.$

$(13, x_3, 14, x_4, 15, 12), (14, x_5, 15, x_6, 16, 11), (15, x_1, 16, x_2, 17, 10), (17, x_5, 0, x_6, 1, 8), (1, x_3, 2, x_4, 3, 7), (6, 13, x_7, 12, 1, 16), (4, x_3, 6, x_4, 5, 17), (7, x_7, 14, 0, 15, 8), (10, 3, 14, 5, 15, 1), (4, 9, 12, 16, 13, 5), (12, x_1, 13, x_2, 14, 8), (1, 5, 9, 14, 11, 0), (2, x_5, 3, x_6, 4, 15), (2, 15, 9, 16, 6, 10), (3, x_1, 4, x_2, 5, 12), (10, x_3, 11, x_4, 12, 3), (2, x_7, 5, 8, 11, 3), (6, x_1, 7, x_2, 8, 12), (2, 7, 12, 17, 13, 3), (1, 10, x_7, 4, 7, 17), (11, x_5, 13, x_6, 12, 0), (0, 4, 8, 13, 10, 2), (5, x_5, 6, x_6, 7, 16), (17, 6, 14, 4, 11, 15), (9, x_1, 10, x_2, 11, 7), (0, x_7, 3, 6, 9, 17), (0, x_1, 1, x_2, 2, 14), (8, 3, 17, x_7, 16, 5), (16, x_3, 17, x_4, 0, 5), (8, x_5, 9, x_6, 10, 16), (7, x_3, 8, x_4, 9, 3).$

$\varpi = 8 : Z_3 \times Z_6 \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_8\}.$

$(0_0, x_1, 1_1, x_2, 1_2, 10), (0_3, x_1, 0_5, x_2, 1_4, 0_1), (0_1, x_3, 1_2, x_4, 2_3, 0_0), (0_2, 0_5, 1_0, 0_1, 1_5, 2_3), (0_4, x_3, 1_5, x_4, 1_0, 0_0), (0_2, x_5, 1_3, x_6, 1_4, 0_1), (0_5, x_5, 2_0, x_6, 0_1, 1_1), (0_1, x_7, 2_2, x_8, 2_5, 4_3), (0_0, x_7, 0_3, x_8, 1_4, 2_2), (0_1, 0_4, 0_0, 1_3, 0_3, 1_2), (0_5, 1_3, 0_4, 1_4, 1_2, 0_2) \text{ mod } (3, -).$

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