

## Balanced $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil systems

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Let  $K_n$  denote the complete graph of  $n$  vertices. Let  $C_4$  and  $C_{16}$  be the 4-cycle and the 16-cycle, respectively. The  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil is a graph of  $t$  edge-disjoint  $C_4$ 's and  $t$  edge-disjoint  $C_{16}$ 's with a common vertex. In particular, the  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -2-foil is called the  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -bowtie. When  $K_n$  is decomposed into edge-disjoint sum of  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foils, we say that  $K_n$  has a  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil decomposition. Moreover, when every vertex of  $K_n$  appears in the same number of  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foils, we say that  $K_n$  has a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil decomposition. This decomposition is known as a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil system.

**THEOREM 1.**  $K_n$  has a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil decomposition if and only if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{40t}$ .

**Proof. (Necessity)** Suppose that  $K_n$  has a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil decomposition. Let  $b$  be the number of  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foils and  $r$  be the replication number. Then  $b = n(n-1)/40t$  and  $r = (18t+1)(n-1)/40t$ . Among  $r$   $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foils having a vertex  $v$  of  $K_n$ , let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be the numbers of  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foils 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  $v$ ,  $4tr_1 + 2r_2 = n-1$ . From these relations,  $r_1 = (n-1)/40t$  and  $r_2 = 18(n-1)/40$ . Therefore,  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{40t}$  is necessary.

**(Sufficiency)** Put  $n = 40st + 1$ ,  $T = st$ . Then  $n = 40T + 1$ . Construct a  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2T$ -foil as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(40T+1, 2T+1, 35T+2, 3T+1), (40T+1, 1, 4T+2, 15T+2, 28T+3, 10T+2, 24T+3, 8T+2, 17T+3, 9T+2, 26T+3, 11T+2, 30T+3, 19T+2, 6T+2, T+1)\} \cup \\ & \{(40T+1, 2T+2, 35T+4, 3T+2), (40T+1, 2, 4T+4, 15T+3, 28T+5, 10T+3, 24T+5, 8T+3, 17T+5, 9T+3, 26T+5, 11T+3, 30T+5, 19T+3, 6T+4, T+2)\} \cup \\ & \{(40T+1, 2T+3, 35T+6, 3T+3), (40T+1, 3, 4T+6, 15T+4, 28T+7, 10T+4, 24T+7, 8T+4, 17T+7, 9T+4, 26T+7, 11T+4, 30T+7, 19T+4, 6T+6, T+3)\} \cup \dots \cup \\ & \{(40T+1, 3T, 37T, 4T), (40T+1, T, 6T, 16T+1, 30T+1, 11T+1, 26T+1, 9T+1, 19T+1, 10T+1, 28T+1, 12T+1, 32T+1, 20T+1, 8T, 2T)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Decompose the  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2T$ -foil into  $s$   $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foils. Then these  $s$  starters comprise a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ - $2t$ -foil decomposition of  $K_n$ .

**COROLLARY 2.**  $K_n$  has a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -bowtie decomposition if and only if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{40}$ .

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**Example 1. A  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -2-foil of  $K_{41}$ .**

$\{(41, 3, 37, 4), (41, 1, 6, 17, 31, 12, 27, 10, 20, 11, 29, 13, 33, 21, 8, 2)\}$ .

This starter comprises a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -2-foil decomposition of  $K_{41}$ .

**Example 2. A  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -4-foil of  $K_{81}$ .**

$\{(81, 5, 72, 7), (81, 1, 10, 32, 59, 22, 51, 18, 37, 20, 55, 24, 63, 40, 14, 3)\} \cup$

$\{(81, 6, 74, 8), (81, 2, 12, 33, 61, 23, 53, 19, 39, 21, 57, 25, 65, 41, 16, 4)\}$ .

This starter comprises a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -4-foil decomposition of  $K_{81}$ .

**Example 3. A  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -6-foil of  $K_{121}$ .**

$\{(121, 7, 107, 10), (121, 1, 14, 47, 87, 32, 75, 26, 54, 29, 81, 35, 93, 59, 20, 4)\} \cup$

$\{(121, 8, 109, 11), (121, 2, 16, 48, 89, 33, 77, 27, 56, 30, 83, 36, 95, 60, 22, 5)\} \cup$

$\{(121, 9, 111, 12), (121, 3, 18, 49, 91, 34, 79, 28, 58, 31, 85, 37, 97, 61, 24, 6)\}$ .

This starter comprises a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -6-foil decomposition of  $K_{121}$ .

**Example 4. A  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -8-foil of  $K_{161}$ .**

$\{(161, 9, 142, 13), (161, 1, 18, 62, 115, 42, 99, 34, 71, 38, 107, 46, 123, 78, 26, 5)\} \cup$

$\{(161, 10, 144, 14), (161, 2, 20, 63, 117, 43, 101, 35, 73, 39, 109, 47, 125, 79, 28, 6)\} \cup$

$\{(161, 11, 146, 15), (161, 3, 22, 64, 119, 44, 103, 36, 75, 40, 111, 48, 127, 80, 30, 7)\} \cup$

$\{(161, 12, 148, 16), (161, 4, 24, 65, 121, 45, 105, 37, 77, 41, 113, 49, 129, 81, 32, 8)\}$ .

This starter comprises a balanced  $(C_4, C_{16})$ -8-foil decomposition of  $K_{161}$ .

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