

# THE $t$ -PEBBLING NUMBER AND $2t$ -PEBBLING PROPERTY ON THE GRAPH $D_{n,C_{2m}}$

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**Abstract.** Given a distribution  $D$  of pebbles on the vertices of a graph  $G$ , a pebbling move on  $G$  consists of taking two pebbles off from a given vertex and placing one of them onto an adjacent vertex (the other one is discarded). The pebbling number of a graph, denoted by  $f(G)$ , is the minimal integer  $k$  such that any distribution of  $k$  pebbles on  $G$  allows one pebble to be moved to any specified vertex by a sequence of pebbling moves. In this paper, we calculate the  $t$ -pebbling number of the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$ . Moreover, we verify the  $q$ - $t$ -pebbling number in order to show that the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$  has  $2t$ -pebbling property.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Graph pebbling is a mathematical game and area of interest played on a graph with pebbles on the vertices. The game of pebbling was first suggested by Lagarias and Saks, as a tool for solving a particular problem in number theory. The pebbling number of a graph was first introduced into the literature by Chung [1]. A pebbling move consists of removing two pebbles from one vertex, throwing one away, and putting the other pebble on an adjacent vertex. The pebbling number of a specified vertex  $v$  in a graph  $G$  is the smallest number  $f(G, v)$  with the property that from any distribution of  $f(G, v)$  pebbles on  $G$ , it is possible to move a pebble to  $v$  by a sequence of pebbling moves. The pebbling number of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $f(G)$ , is the maximum of  $f(G, v)$  over all the vertices of graph  $G$ . If one pebble is placed at each vertex other than the root vertex  $r$ , then no pebble can be moved to  $r$ . Also, if  $w$  is at distance  $d$  from  $r$ , and  $2^d - 1$  pebbles are placed at  $w$ , then no pebble can be moved to  $r$ . We record this as  $f(G) \geq \max\{|V(G)|, 2^{d(G)}\}$ , where  $d(G)$  is the diameter of  $G$ .

Furthermore,  $f(K_n) = n$  and  $f(P_n) = 2^{n-1}$  (see [1]), where  $K_n$  denotes a complete graph with  $n$  vertices and  $P_n$  denotes a path with  $n$  vertices. Similarly, the  $t$ -pebbling number of  $v$  in  $G$  is the smallest number  $f_t(G, v)$  such that from every placement of  $f_t(G, v)$  pebbles, it is possible to move  $t$  pebbles to  $v$ . The  $t$ -pebbling number of  $G$  is the smallest number  $f_t(G)$  such that no matter how  $f_t(G)$  pebbles are placed on the vertices of  $G$ ,  $t$  pebbles can be moved to any vertex by a sequence of pebbling moves. Obviously,  $f(G) = f_1(G)$ ,  $f_t(G) = \max\{f_t(G, v) | v \in V(G)\}$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** [2] *Let  $C_n$  denote a simple cycle with  $n$  vertices, where  $n \geq 3$ , then*

$$(i) f(C_{2m}) = 2^m. \quad (ii) f(C_{2m+1}) = 2 \lfloor \frac{2^{m+1}}{3} \rfloor + 1 = \frac{2^{m+2} - (-1)^m}{3}.$$

**Theorem 1.2.** [3] *Let  $C_n$  denote a simple cycle with  $n$  vertices, where  $n \geq 3$ , then*

$$(i) f_t(C_{2m}) = t \cdot 2^m. \\ (ii) f_t(C_{2m+1}) = 2 \lfloor \frac{2^{m+1}}{3} \rfloor + 1 + 2^m(t-1) = \frac{2^{m+2} - (-1)^m}{3} + 2^m(t-1).$$

**Theorem 1.3.** [7] *Let  $P_n$  be a path on  $n$  vertices, then  $f_t(P_n) = t(2^{n-1})$ .*

**Theorem 1.4.** [9] *The pebbling number of  $D_{n, C_{2m}}$  is  $[f(C_{2m}) - 1](n - 2) + f(P_{2m+1})$ .*

Furthermore, a graph  $G$  has the 2-pebbling property if for any distribution with more than  $2f(G) - q$  pebbles, where  $q$  is the number of vertices with at least one pebble, it is possible, using pebbling moves, to get two pebbles to any vertex. Lourdasamy[4] extended the definitions of the 2-pebbling property to the  $2t$ -pebbling property. Given a distribution on  $G$ , let  $q$  be the number of vertices with at least one pebble. We say that a graph  $G$  has the  $2t$ -pebbling property if, for any distribution with more than  $2f_t(G) - q$  pebbles, where  $q$  is the number of vertices with at least one pebble, it is possible, using pebbling moves, to get  $2t$  pebbles to any vertex.

**Theorem 1.5.** [5] *Let  $K_n$  be the complete graph on  $n$  vertices. Then*

- (i)  $K_n$  has the  $2t$ -pebbling property for all positive integer  $t$ ;
- (ii) if  $G$  satisfies the  $2t$ -pebbling property, then for all positive integer  $t$

$$f_t(K_n \times G) \leq f(K_n) f_t(G)$$

In this paper,  $G$  denotes a simple connected graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . For  $u, v \in V(G)$  the distance between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$  denoted by  $d(u, v)$ . Moreover, denote by  $\tilde{D}(G)$  and  $\tilde{D}(v)$  the number of pebbles on  $G$  and the number of pebbles on  $v$  after a specified sequence of pebbling moves. Let  $D$  be a distribution of pebbles on the vertices of  $G$ . For any vertex  $v$  of  $G$ ,  $D(v)$  denotes the number of pebbles on  $v$  in  $D$  and denotes the size of  $D$  as  $|D|$ , i.e.  $|D| = \sum_{v \in V} D(v)$ . If  $D$  is a distribution

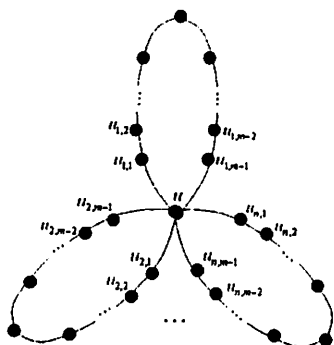


FIGURE 1. The graph  $D_{n,C_m}$ .

of pebbles on the vertices of  $G$  and there is some choice of a root  $r$  such that it is impossible to move a pebble to  $r$ , then we say that  $D$  is a *bad* distribution.

There are many existing results regarding  $f(G)$ . In [2], Pachter et al. gave the pebbling number and  $t$ -pebbling number of  $C_n$ , i.e. (see Theorem 1.1 and 1.2). In particular, Lourdasamy et al.[4-7] showed that the star graph, the  $n$ -cube, the complete graph, the fan graph, the wheel graph, and the even cycle have the  $2t$ -pebbling property. Moreover, Zetu Gao et al.[8] gave the  $t$ -pebbling number and  $2t$ -pebbling property of generalized friendship graphs, and Han et al.[9] gave the pebbling number of the graph  $D_{n,C_m}$  (see Theorem 1.4). In exploring these results, we are naturally led to consider the relevant parameter of the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$ . As shown in Fig.1, the graph  $D_{n,C_m}$  consists of  $n$  cycles with one common vertex, which denoted by  $u$ , and each cycle has  $m$  vertices besides the center point  $u$ .

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we start with showing some preliminary lemmas and theorems based on the pigeonhole principle, and then, we calculate the  $t$ -pebbling number of the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$  by considering the number of occupied vertices of the graph. Finally, we prove that the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$  has the  $2t$ -pebbling property in Section 3.

## 2. $t$ -PEBBLING NUMBER

This section studies the  $t$ -pebbling number of  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$ . First, we introduce the following lemmas, which is necessary for the proof of the main theorems.

**Lemma 2.1.** [9] Let  $f$  be the pebbling number of  $C_m$  and place  $(f-1)n+k$  pebbles on  $n$  cycles of  $D_{n,C_m}$  arbitrarily, then at least  $\lfloor \frac{f-1+k}{f} \rfloor$  pebbles can be moved to the center point  $u$ , where  $k$  and  $n$  are positive integers.

Based on Lemma 2.1, we have

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $(2^m-1)n+k$  objects be in  $n$  boxes and let  $x_i$  be the number of objects in the  $i$ th box, then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \rfloor \geq \lfloor \frac{t \cdot 2^m - 1 + k}{2^m} \rfloor$$

where  $k, n, t$  and  $m$  are positive integers.

**Proof.** For  $t=1$ , the Lemma 2.2 is true by Lemma 2.1. We use induction on  $t$  to show the cases when  $t \geq 1$ . Note  $y_i$  and  $x_i$  be the number of objects in the  $i$ th box when  $t=l$  and  $t=l+1$ .

First, suppose Lemma 2.2 is true when  $t=l$ , certainly,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{y_i}{2^m} \rfloor \geq \lfloor \frac{l \cdot 2^m - 1 + k}{2^m} \rfloor = l + \lfloor \frac{k-1}{2^m} \rfloor$ .

Next, we show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \rfloor - \sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{y_i}{2^m} \rfloor \geq 1$ . Let  $\frac{x_i}{2^m} - \lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \rfloor = a^i$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \rfloor = a_0^i$ , and  $\frac{y_i}{2^m} - \lfloor \frac{y_i}{2^m} \rfloor = b^i$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{y_i}{2^m} \rfloor = b_0^i$ , then  $\frac{x_i}{2^m} = a^i + a_0^i$  and  $\frac{y_i}{2^m} = b^i + b_0^i$ . We have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{2^m} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i}{2^m} = n = \sum_{i=1}^n (a^i - b^i) + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_0^i - b_0^i),$$

since  $0 \leq a^i - b^i \leq 1$  ( $\sum_{i=1}^n (a^i - b^i) \leq n$ ), certainly,  $\sum_{i=1}^n (a_0^i - b_0^i) \geq 0$ . As  $a_0^i$  and  $b_0^i$  are positive integers,  $\sum_{i=1}^n (a_0^i - b_0^i) \geq 1$ . Thus,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \rfloor - \sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{y_i}{2^m} \rfloor \geq 1$ , which means  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \rfloor \geq l + \lfloor \frac{k-1}{2^m} \rfloor + 1$ . Therefore, by the induction hypothesis, it suffices to show that the result holds for all  $t$ .  $\square$

Motivated by prior work, we consider the  $t$ -pebbling number of the graph  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** The  $t$ -pebbling number of the graph  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$  is  $(n-2)(f(C_{2^m})-1) + f_t(P_{2^m+1})$ .

**Proof.** Note  $u$  as the center vertex of all the cycles in  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$ . Let  $C^{(i)}$  be the cycle with the vertex  $u_{i,m}$  and let  $C^{(i)}/u$  be the cycle without the center point  $u$ . without losing generality, we may assume that  $u_{1,m}$  is the target vertex.

First, suppose that there are  $f_t(D_{n,C_{2^m}}) - 1$  pebbles on the vertices of  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$ . Let  $D$  be the pebbling distribution  $D(u_{n,m}) = t \cdot 2^{2^m} - 1$ ,  $D(u_{i,m}) = 2^m - 1$  for  $i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $D(u) = D(u_{i,j}) = 0$  ( $i =$

$2, 3, \dots, n, j \neq m$ ) and  $D(u_{1,m}) = 0$ . Then  $D$  is a bad distribution for  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$  when size  $|D| = f_t(D_{n,C_{2^m}}) - 1$ .

Next, we consider the distribution with  $f_t(D_{n,C_{2^m}})$  pebbles on the vertices of  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$ . The graph  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$  has three kinds of target vertices, i.e., (1) the center vertex  $u$ . (2)  $u_{i,j}$ , where  $j \neq m$ . (3)  $u_{i,m}$ , where  $d(u_{i,m}, u) = m$ . The proof of (1) and (2) are easy to be checked, so we consider the third situation in two cases.

Case 1: To prove the target vertex  $u_{1,m}$  is occupied by pebbles, namely  $D(u_{1,m}) = l$ , where  $1 \leq l \leq t - 1$ . Since there are  $l$  pebbles on  $u_{1,m}$ , we have  $D(D_{n,C_{2^m}}/u_{1,m}) = f_t(D_{n,C_{2^m}}) - l$ , which we can rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} D(D_{n,C_{2^m}}/u_{1,m}) &= (n-2)(2^m-1) + t \cdot 2^{2^m} - l \\ &\geq (n-2)(2^m-1) + (t-l) \cdot 2^{2^m} = f_{t-l}(D_{n,C_{2^m}}) \end{aligned}$$

This implies that we could use the remaining  $f_t(D_{n,C_{2^m}}) - l$  pebbles to put  $(t-l)$  additional pebbles on  $u_{1,m}$ . Thus, the total number of pebbles on  $u_{1,m}$  is  $l + t - l = t$ .

Case2: To prove the case  $D(u_{1,m}) = 0$ . For convenience, the cycle  $C^{(1)}$  is divided into two parts  $\mathcal{P}_a = \langle u_{1,1}, u_{1,2}, \dots, u_{1,m} \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{P}_b = \langle u_{1,2^m-1}, u_{1,2^m-2}, \dots, u_{1,m} \rangle$ .

Subcase 2.1: To prove the case when  $\mathcal{P}_a$  and  $\mathcal{P}_b$  are not occupied by pebbles. This implies that there are  $f_t(D_{n,C_{2^m}})$  pebbles on the other  $(n-1)$  cycles.  $|D| = (n-1)(2^m-1) + t \cdot 2^{2^m} - (2^m-1)$ . According to Lemma 2.2,  $\tilde{D}(u) = \left\lfloor \frac{2^m-1+t \cdot 2^{2^m} - (2^m-1)}{2^m} \right\rfloor = t \cdot 2^m$ .

Subcase 2.2: For the cycle  $C^{(1)}$ , to prove the cases when  $\mathcal{P}_a$  and  $\mathcal{P}_b$  are occupied by pebbles.

Subcase 2.2.1:  $D(\mathcal{P}_a)$  or  $D(\mathcal{P}_b)$  is more than  $t \cdot 2^{m-1}$ . Obviously, at least  $t$  pebbles can be moved to  $u_{1,m}$ .

Subcase 2.2.2: Both  $D(\mathcal{P}_a)$  and  $D(\mathcal{P}_b)$  are less than  $t \cdot 2^{m-1}$ .

First, Let  $H$  be the subgraph of  $D_{n,C_{2^m}}$ , denoted by  $H = D_{n,C_{2^m}} - \{u_{1,1}, \dots, u_{1,2^m-1}\}$ . Let  $D'$  be a distribution  $H$ , it implies that  $|D'|$  pebbles are artificially redistributed on the other  $(n-1)$  cycles, then we have

$$|D'| = \sum_{v \in V(H)} D(v) = f(D_{n,C_{2^m}}) - (D(\mathcal{P}_a) + D(\mathcal{P}_b))$$

which, we can rewrite as

$$|D'| = (n-1)(2^m-1) + t \cdot 2^{2^m} - (2^m-1) - (D(\mathcal{P}_a) + D(\mathcal{P}_b)),$$

by Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\bar{D}(u) = \left\lfloor t \cdot 2^m - \frac{D(\mathcal{P}_a) + D(\mathcal{P}_b)}{2^m} \right\rfloor \geq t \cdot 2^m - \frac{D(\mathcal{P}_a) + D(\mathcal{P}_b)}{2^m} - 1.$$

Second, for the cycle  $C^{(1)}$ ,  $\bar{p}(u) + D(\mathcal{P}_a) + D(\mathcal{P}_b) \geq t \cdot 2^m - \frac{D(\mathcal{P}_a) + D(\mathcal{P}_b)}{2^m} - 1 + D(\mathcal{P}_a) + D(\mathcal{P}_b) \geq t \cdot 2^m + \frac{2(2^m - 1)}{2^m} - 1 \geq t \cdot 2^m = f_t(C_{2m})$ .

Thus,  $t$  pebbles can be moved to  $u_{1,m}$ .

Therefore,  $f_t(D_{n,C_{2m}}) = (n - 2)(f(C_{2m}) - 1) + f_t(P_{2m+1})$ .  $\square$

### 3. 2t-PEBBLING PROPERTY

The  $q$ - $t$ -pebbling number  $f_t^q(G)$  features prominently in the following proof, so we define it at first.

**Definition 3.1.** *The  $q$ - $t$ -pebbling number  $f_t^q(G)$  is the minimal positive integer such that, for every distribution of  $f_t^q(G)$  pebbles,  $t$  pebble can be moved to any specified vertex by a sequence of pebbling moves, where  $q$  is the number of occupied vertices.*

Before we proceed with the next lemma we need to introduce the notation used in its proof. Let  $C_{2m} = [u, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}, v, b_{2m-1}, \dots, b_1]$ . For  $C_{2m}$ , define  $\mathcal{P}_A = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}, v]$  and  $\mathcal{P}_B = [b_{m+1}, b_{m+2}, \dots, b_{2m-1}, v]$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $D(\mathcal{P}_A) \leq D(\mathcal{P}_B)$ . Let  $s$  be the number of vertices of  $\mathcal{P}_A$  with at least one pebble.

First, we introduce Lemma 3.2, which is necessary for the proof of the main Theorem.

**Lemma 3.2.**  $f_t^q(C_{2m}) \leq t \cdot 2^m - q + 1$ . ( $t \geq 2$ )

**Proof.** The argument depends on the number of occupied vertices on  $C_{2m}$ .

Case 1:  $q = 2s + 1$  ( $0 \leq s \leq m - 1$ ). Lemma 3.2 turns to  $f_t^{2s+1}(C_{2m}) \leq t \cdot 2^m - 2s$ , we let  $D$  be a distribution of  $(t \cdot 2^m - 2s)$  pebbles on  $C_{2m}$  for all  $t \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $D(a_i) = D(b_{2m-j}) = 1$  ( $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ ), then  $D(u) = t \cdot 2^m - 4s$ . The pebbles on the vertex  $u$  can be partitioned into 2 groups,  $D_A(u)$  and  $D_B(u)$ . We attempt to transfer  $D_A(u)$  pebbles to  $v$  through the path  $\mathcal{P}_A$ , while moving  $D_b(u)$  pebbles to the target vertex through the path  $\mathcal{P}_B$ . Let  $D_A(u) = 2^s(2^{m-s} - 1) - 2^s + 2 = 2^m - 2^{s+1} + 2$  and let  $D_B(u) = D(u) - D_A(u) = (t - 1) \cdot 2^m + 2^{s+1} - 4s - 2$ . For the path  $\mathcal{P}_A$ ,  $D(a_i) = \frac{2^m - 2^{s+1} + 2^{i+1}}{2}$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq s$ , in particular,  $D(a_i) = D(a_s) = 2^{m-s}$  when  $i = s$ , then one pebble can be moved to  $v$ . For the path  $\mathcal{P}_B$ ,  $D(b_{2m-j}) = (t - 1) \cdot 2^{m-j} + \frac{2^s - 2^s + 2^{j-2}}{2^{j-1}}$ , in particular,  $D(b_{2m-j}) = D(b_{2m-s}) \geq 2^{m-j}$  when  $j = s$ , then at least  $(t - 1)$  pebbles can be moved

to  $v$ . As the target vertex can obtain pebbles from both  $\mathcal{P}_A$  and  $\mathcal{P}_B$ , we can move at least  $t$  pebbles to  $v$ .

Case 2:  $q = 2s + 2$ . To prove Lemma 3.2, we let  $D$  be a distribution of  $(t \cdot 2^m - 2s - 1)$  pebbles on  $C_{2m}$  for all  $t \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $D(a_i) = D(b_{2m-(j+1)}) = 1$  ( $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ ), then  $D(u) = t \cdot 2^m - 4s - 2$ . Similarly,  $D_A(u) = 2^m - 2^{s+1} + 2$  and  $D_B(u) = D(u) - D_A(u) = (t - 1) \cdot 2^m + 2^{s+1} - 4s - 4$ . As in Case 1, we can move at least one pebble to  $v$  along the path  $\mathcal{P}_A$ . For the path  $\mathcal{P}_B$ ,  $D(b_{2m-j}) = (t - 1) \cdot 2^{m-j} + \frac{2^s - 2s + 2^j - 3}{2^{j-1}}$ , in particular, when  $j = s + 1$ ,  $D(b_{2m-j}) = (t - 1) \cdot 2^{m-(s+1)} + \frac{2^s - 2s + 2^{s+1} - 3}{2^s}$ . Thus, at least  $t$  pebbles can be moved to  $v$  along the path  $\mathcal{P}_A$  and  $\mathcal{P}_B$ .  $\square$

Based on Theorem 2.3 and Lemma 3.2, we will prove the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$  has the  $2t$ -pebbling property in the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.3.** *Graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$  has the  $2t$ -pebbling property.*

**Proof.** Let  $x_i$  be the number of pebbles on the cycle  $C^{(i)}$  and let  $y_i$  be the number of pebbles on  $u$ , which are moved from the cycle  $C^{(i)}$ . Since the distances between  $u$  and  $u_{i,j}$  ( $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, j \neq m$ ), which are less than  $m$ , that is to say, more pebbles are required during the pebbling move, when the target vertex is  $u_{i,m}$ . Without loss of generality, assume that the target vertex is  $u_{1,m}$  and denote that  $C^{(1)}$  is the target cycle. As the conditions  $D(C^{(1)}) \neq 0$  are easy to verify, we consider the cases for  $D(C^{(1)}) = 0$ , based on the number of occupied vertices on  $C^{(i)}$  for  $i \neq 1$ . Let  $D$  be a distribution on the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$  with  $2f_t(D_{n,C_{2m}}) - \sum_{i=1}^n q_i + 1$  pebbles, where  $q_i$  is the occupied vertices on  $C^{(i)}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and denote  $p = |D|$ . Obviously,

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 2f_t(D_{n,C_{2m}}) - \sum_{i=1}^n q_i + 1 \\ (3.1) \quad &= 2(n-2)(2^m-1) + t \cdot 2^{2m+1} - \sum_{i=1}^n q_i + 1 = \sum_{i=2}^n x_i. \end{aligned}$$

In [3], Herscovici gave the  $t$ -pebbling number of  $C_{2m}$ , i.e.,  $f_t(C_{2m}) = t \cdot 2^m$ , then  $y_i = \lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \rfloor \geq \frac{x_i}{2^m} - 1$ . Naturally,

$$(3.2) \quad \sum_{i=2}^n y_i = \sum_{i=2}^n \left\lfloor \frac{x_i}{2^m} \right\rfloor \geq \sum_{i=2}^n \left( \frac{x_i}{2^m} - 1 \right) = \frac{\sum_{i=2}^n x_i}{2^m} - (n-1)$$

Since  $(n-1) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n q_i \leq (2m-1)(n-1)$ , we consider the following cases based on the occupied vertices on  $C^{(i)}$  for  $i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$ .

Case 1: Only  $u_{i,m}$  ( $i \neq 1$ ) are occupied, that is,  $D(u_{i,m}) \neq 0$  ( $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$ ),  $D(u) = D(u_{1,m}) = D(u_{i,j}) = 0$  ( $i \neq 1, j \neq m$ ). Obviously,

$\sum_{i=2}^n q_i = n - 1$ , then we can rewrite (3.2) as  $\sum_{i=2}^n y_i = t \cdot 2^{m+1} + \frac{(2^m-3)(n-1)-2^{m+1}+3}{2^m}$ .

If  $n-1 \geq \left\lceil \frac{2^{m+1}-3}{2^m-3} \right\rceil$ , then  $\sum_{i=2}^n y_i \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ . Notice that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\lceil \frac{2^{m+1}-3}{2^m-3} \right\rceil = 3$  when  $m \geq 3$ . We consider two subcases:  $n-1 \leq 2$  and  $m=2$ .

subcase 1.1:  $n-1 \leq 2$ . If  $n-1=1$ , there is only one vertex occupied, then we have  $p \geq 2f_t(D_{2,C_{2m}}) - q + 1 = t \cdot 2^{2m+1}$ , that is  $D(u_{n,m}) \geq t \cdot 2^{2m+1}$ . As Lourdasamy et.al. mentioned in [7] that  $f_t(P_n) = t \cdot 2^{n-1}$ , then  $2t$  pebbles are able to be moved to  $u_{1,m}$  from  $u_{n,m}$ , for the reason that  $d(u_{1,m}, u_{n,m}) = 2m$ . If  $n-1=2$ , it implies that  $\sum_{i=2}^n q_i = 2$ , we have

$$p \geq 2f_t(D_{3,C_{2m}}) - q + 1 = 2(2^m - 1) + t \cdot 2^{2m+1} - 1.$$

If  $x_2$  is a multiple of  $2^m$ , denoted by  $x_2 = k \cdot 2^m$ , then  $x_3 = p - x_2 = t \cdot 2^{2m+1} + 2^{m+1} - 3 - k \cdot 2^m$ . By Theorem 1.2,  $y_2 = \lfloor \frac{x_2}{2^m} \rfloor = k$  and  $y_3 \geq \lfloor \frac{x_3}{2^m} \rfloor \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1} + 2 - k - 1$ , we have  $y_2 + y_3 \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ . Otherwise, if  $x_2$  is not a multiple of  $2^m$ , denoted by  $x_2 = k \cdot 2^m + w$ , where  $1 \leq w \leq 2^m - 1$  and  $x_3 = p - x_2$ . Similarly,  $y_2 = k$  and  $y_3 \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1} + 2 - k - \lfloor \frac{3+w}{2^m} \rfloor$ , we have  $y_2 + y_3 \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ , which means  $2t$  pebbles can be moved to  $u_{1,m}$  for  $n-1 \geq 1$ .

subcase 1.2:  $m=2$ . For the graph  $D_{n,C_4}$ ,  $\sum_{i=2}^n q_i = n-1 \leq 3n-5$  ( $n \geq 2$ ). It implies that,  $p \geq 2f_t(D_{n,C_4}) - (n-1) + 1 \geq 2f(D_{n,C_4}) - (3n-5) + 1 = 3(n-1) + 32t - 3$ . According to Lemma 2.1, at least  $\lfloor \frac{3+32t-3}{2^2} \rfloor = 8t$  pebbles can be moved to  $u$ , in other words, we can move  $2t$  pebbles to  $u_{1,m}$ .

Case 2:  $2 \leq q_i \leq 2m-2$ . It implies that, (3.2) can be rewritten as  $\sum_{i=2}^n y_i \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1} + \frac{(n-1)(2^m-2m)-2^{m+1}+3}{2^m}$ .

If  $n-1 \geq \left\lceil \frac{2^{m+1}-3}{2^m-2m} \right\rceil$ , then  $\sum_{i=2}^n y_i \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ . Notice that  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\lceil \frac{2^{m+1}-3}{2^m-2m} \right\rceil = 3$  when  $m \geq 3$ . We consider subcases when  $m \leq 4$  and  $n-1 \leq 2$ .

Subcase 2.1:  $m \leq 4$ . It is easy to verify the graph  $D_{n,C_4}$  has the  $2t$ -pebbling property. We use the similar algorithm to show the cases  $m=3$  and  $m=4$ . If  $m=3$ , for the graph  $D_{n,C_6}$ ,  $\sum_{i=2}^n q_i = n-1 \leq 7n-13$  ( $n-1 \geq 3$ ). It implies that,  $p \geq 7(n-1) + 2^7t - 7$ . By Lemma 2.1, at least  $\lfloor \frac{7+2^7t-7}{2^3} \rfloor = t \cdot 2^4$  pebbles can be moved to  $u$ . Similarly, for the graph  $D_{n,C_8}$ ,  $\sum_{i=2}^n q_i = n-1 \leq 15n-29$  ( $n-1 \geq 3$ ). It implies that,  $p \geq 15(n-1) + 2^9t - 15$ . According to Lemma 2.1, at least  $\lfloor \frac{15+2^9t-15}{2^4} \rfloor = t \cdot 2^5$  pebbles can be moved to  $u$ , in other words, we can move  $2t$  pebbles to  $u_{1,m}$ .

Subcase 2.2:  $n-1 \leq 2$ . If  $n-1=1$ , we have  $p \geq t \cdot 2^{2m+1} - q + 1$ . According to Lemma 3.2,  $2^{m+1}$  pebbles can be moved to  $u$ , and then at least  $2$  pebbles are able to be moved to the target vertex. If  $n-1=2$ , it



implies that  $4 \leq \sum_{i=2}^n q_i \leq 2(2m - 2)$ , we have

$$p \geq 2f_t(D_{3,C_{2m}}) - \sum_{i=2}^n q_i + 1 \geq t \cdot 2^{2m+1} + 2^{m+1} - 4m + 3.$$

If  $x_2$  is a multiple of  $2^m$ , denoted by  $x_2 = k \cdot 2^m$ , then  $x_3 = p - x_2 = t \cdot 2^{2m+1} + 2^{m+1} - 4m + 3 - k \cdot 2^m$ , similarly, we have  $y_2 = k$  and  $y_3 = \lfloor \frac{x_3}{2^m} \rfloor \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1} - k$ . Otherwise, if  $x_2$  is not divisible by  $2^m$ , denoted by  $x_2 = k \cdot 2^m + w$ , where  $1 \leq w \leq 2^m - 1$  and  $x_3 = p - x_2$ . We have  $y_3 \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1} - k$ , then  $y_2 + y_3 \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ , which means  $2t$  pebbles can be moved to  $u_{1,m}$  for  $n - 1 \geq 1$ .

Case 3:  $q_i = 2m - 1$ . It implies that, we can rewrite (3.2) as

$$\sum_{i=2}^n y_i \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1} + \frac{(n-1)(2^m - 2m - 1) - 2^{m+1} + 3}{2^m}. \text{ If } n - 1 \geq \left\lceil \frac{2^{m+1} - 3}{2^m - 2m - 1} \right\rceil, \text{ then}$$

$$\sum_{i=2}^n y_i \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}. \text{ Notice that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\lceil \frac{2^{m+1} - 3}{2^m - 2m - 1} \right\rceil = 3 \text{ when } m \geq 5. \text{ We}$$

consider two subcases:  $m \leq 4$  and  $n - 1 \leq 2$ .

Subcase 3.1:  $m \leq 4$ . Without loss of generality, let every  $x_i = 2m - 1$  with  $i = \{3, \dots, n\}$ , then  $x_2 = p - \sum_{i=3}^n x_i = p - (2m - 1)(n - 1)$ . According to Lemma 3.2  $f_y^{2m-1}(C_{2m}) \leq y \cdot 2^m - 2m + 2$ , then  $y_2 = \lfloor \frac{x_2 + 2m - 2}{2^m} \rfloor \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ .

Subcase 3.2:  $n - 1 \leq 2$ , as the case  $n - 1 = 1$  is easy to verify, we show the cases  $n - 1 = 2$  as follows: we have  $x_2 + x_3 = p = t \cdot 2^{2m+1} + 2^{m+1} - 4m + 1$ , If  $x_2 = 2m - 1$ , then  $x_3 = p - x_2$ . Obviously, there is no pebble can be moved to  $u$  through the cycle  $C^{(2)}$ . We use the Lemma3.2 to obtain that  $y_3 = \lfloor \frac{x_3 + 2m - 2}{2^m} \rfloor = t \cdot 2^{m+1} + \frac{2^{m+1} - 4m}{2^m} \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ . If  $2m - 1 < x_2 \leq 2m + 1$ , then  $x_3 \geq p - (2m + 1)$ . By Lemma3.2,  $y_3 = \lfloor \frac{x_3 + 2m - 2}{2^m} \rfloor \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1} - 1$ . Since  $y_2 = 1$ ,  $y_2 + y_3 \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ . If  $x_2 > 2m + 1$ , according to Lemma 3.2, we have  $\sum_{i=2}^n y_i = \lfloor \frac{\sum_{i=2}^n x_i + 2m - 2}{2^m} \rfloor \geq t \cdot 2^{m+1}$ .

Finally, each distribution with more than  $2f_t(D_{n,C_{2m}}) - \sum_{i=1}^n q_i$  pebbles is able to move at least  $t \cdot 2^{m+1}$  pebbles to the center vertex  $u$ , and then  $2t$  pebbles can be moved to the target vertex  $u_{1,m}$ .

Therefore, over the course of the algorithm, the graph  $D_{n,C_{2m}}$  satisfied the  $2t$ -pebbling property.  $\square$

#### 4. FURTHER PROBLEMS

There are many types of graphs such as trees, product graphs and hypercubes. It would be interesting to study whether a clique block graphs combine together through a common vertex or vertex set have similar conclusions.

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