# The spectrum of 4-cycles in 2-factorizations of $K_{n,n}$

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## Abstract

A 2-factor of a graph G is a 2-regular spanning subgraph of G and a 2-factorization of a graph G is a 2-factor decomposition of G. A complete solution to the problem of determining the spectrum of 4-cycles in 2-factorizations of the complete bipartite graph is presented.

## 1 Introduction

A 2-factor of a graph G is a 2-regular spanning subgraph of G. If the graph G is simple then necessarily any 2-factor of G consists of a collection of cycles which partition the vertex set of G. A 2-factorization of G is a collection of edge-disjoint 2-factors of G whose union is G. We use the notation  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_1, F_2, \ldots, F_k\}$  to denote a 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  with 2-factors  $F_1, F_2, \ldots, F_k$ . A graph G is said to be 2-factorable, if there exists a 2-factorization of G. Clearly, for G to possess a 2-factorization it must be regular of even degree.

Recently, some papers investigated the possible number of k-cycles in 2-factorizations of  $K_n$ . In 1997, Dejter et al. [3] looked at the problem of con-

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structing 2-factorizations of  $K_n$  containing a specified number of 3-cycles. Modulo a few exceptions they gave a complete solution for  $n \equiv 1$  or 3 (mod 6). In 1998, Dejter et al. [4] gave a complete solution to the problem of constructing 2-factorizations of  $K_n$  containing a specified number of 4-cycles, where n is odd and  $n \geq 11$ :

$$\begin{cases} \{0, 1, \dots, (n-1)(n-5)/8\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ \{0, 1, \dots, (n-1)(n-3)/8\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

In 2000, Peter Adams et al. [1] obtained the solution for the number of 4-cycles in 2-factorizations of  $K_n \setminus F$ , where F is a 1-factor of  $K_n$  and n is even,  $n \ge 10$ :

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\begin{cases} \{0,1,\ldots,n(n-2)/8\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(n-2)(n-6)/8\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}
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Peter Adams et al. [2] obtained the solution for the number of 6-cycles in 2-factorizations of  $K_n$ , where n is odd:

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 \begin{cases} \{0,1,\ldots,6k(2k-1)\}, & \text{if } n=12k+1; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(6k+1)2k\}, & \text{if } n=12k+3; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(6k+2)2k\}, & \text{if } n=12k+5; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(6k+3)2k\}, & \text{if } n=12k+7; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(6k+4)(2k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=12k+9; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(6k+5)(2k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=12k+11. \end{cases}
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Selda Küçükçifçi [6] obtained the solution for the number of 8-cycles in 2-factorizations of  $K_n$ , where n is odd:

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 \begin{cases} \{0,1,\ldots,8k(2k-1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+1; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(8k+1)2k\}, & \text{if } n=16k+3; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(8k+2)2k\}, & \text{if } n=16k+5; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(8k+3)2k\}, & \text{if } n=16k+7; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,8k(2k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+9; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(8k+5)(2k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+11; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(8k+6)(2k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+13; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(8k+7)(2k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+15. \end{cases}
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Selda Küçükçifçi [7] obtained the solution for the number of 8-cycles in 2-factorizations of  $K_{2n}$ :

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\begin{cases} \{0,1,\ldots,2k(8k-1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,8k(2k-1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+2; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,2k(8k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+4; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,2k(8k+2)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+6; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(2k+1)(8k+3)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+8; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,8k(2k+1)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+10; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(2k+1)(8k+5)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+12; \\ \{0,1,\ldots,(2k+1)(8k+6)\}, & \text{if } n=16k+14. \end{cases}
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The purpose of this article is to approach the same problem for 4-cycles on the complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$ . Of course, a 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n}$  exists if and only if n is even. In this case, the number of 2-factors is n/2 and the maximum number of 4-cycles in a 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n}$  is  $n^2/4$ . When n is odd, the graph  $K_{n,n}$  cannot be 2-factorable. However, if we remove a 1-factor from the edge set of  $K_{n,n}$ , there is a different situation. Therefore, a 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n}$  when n is odd is a 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n} \setminus F$ , where F is a 1-factor of  $K_{n,n}$ . Since the number of 2-factors is (n-1)/2 and each 2-factor must contains at least one cycle of length at least 6, the maximum number of 4-cycles in a 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n}$  is (n-1)(n-3)/4.

Let S(n) be the set of all k such that there exists a 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n}$  containing exactly k 4-cycles. We define

$$FC(n) = \begin{cases} \{0, 1, \dots, n^2/4 - 2, n^2/4\}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \\ \{0, 1, \dots, (n-1)(n-3)/4\}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

It is obvious that  $S(n) \subseteq FC(n)$ . Hence to obtain the results S(n) = FC(n), we need to show that  $FC(n) \subseteq S(n)$ .

$$2 \quad n \equiv 1 (mod \ 2)$$

In this section, we introduce a construction to count the number of 4-cycles in the 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n} \setminus F$  for odd n, where F is a 1-factor of  $K_{n,n}$ .

A latin square  $A=(a_{ij})$  of order n is called *idempotent* if  $a_{ii}=i$  for each i. Two idempotent latin squares,  $L=(l_{ij})$  and  $M=(m_{ij})$ , are said to have k entries in common off the main diagonal, if there are exactly k cells (i,j),  $i\neq j$ , such that  $l_{ij}=m_{ij}$ . Let J(n) be the set of all integers k such that there exists a pair of idempotent latin squares of the order n which have k entries in common off the main diagonal.

**Lemma 2.1** [5], 
$$J(n) = \{0, 1, 2, ..., n^2 - n - 6, n^2 - n - 4, n^2 - n\}$$
,  $n \ge 6$ , and  $J(3) = \{6\}$ ,  $J(4) = \{0, 12\}$ ,  $J(5) = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 20\}$ .

**Lemma 2.2** [1]. If there exists a pair of idempotent latin squares of the order n having x entries in common off the main diagonal, then there exists a 2-factorization of  $K_{2n+1,2n+1}$  containing exactly x 4-cycles.

Now, we give the small case of the 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n} \setminus F$  for n being odd. This time, let A and B be the partite sets of  $K_{n,n} \setminus F$ , where  $A = \{1, 2, 3, ..., n\}$ ,  $B = \{n+1, n+2, n+3, ..., 2n\}$  and  $F = \{\{1, n+1\}, \{2, n+2\}, ..., \{n, 2n\}\}$ .

**Lemma 2.3** 
$$S(3) = \{0\}, S(5) = \{0,1\}, S(i) = FC(i) \text{ for } i = 7,9.$$

## **Proof:**

n=3. From  $K_{3,3} \setminus F = (1,5,3,4,2,6)$ , we have  $0 \in S(3)$ .

 $n = 5. \ 0 \in S(5)$ : (2, 6, 3, 7, 4, 8, 5, 9, 1, 10); (4, 6, 5, 7, 1, 8, 2, 9, 3, 10).  $1 \in S(5)$ : (3, 6, 4, 7), (2, 8, 5, 9, 1, 10); (2, 6, 5, 7, 1, 8, 4, 10, 3, 9).

 $2 \notin S(5)$ : Suppose that  $2 \in S(5)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the 2-factorization of  $K_{5,5}$  with  $2 C_4$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_1, F_2\}$ . Then  $F_i$  must be a 2-factor containing a  $C_4$  and a  $C_6$ . Let  $\{x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2, z_3\}$  and  $\{y_1, y_2, w_1, w_2, w_3\}$  be the partite set of  $K_{5,5}$  and  $F_1 = (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) \cup (z_1, w_1, z_2, w_2, z_3, w_3)$ . Case 1, one of the vertices of 4-cycle H in  $F_2$  must be one of  $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2\}$ . Therefore, there is a subgraph (in fact, it is a path of length 2) of H in  $K_{3,3} \setminus (z_1, w_1, z_2, w_2, z_3, w_3)$ , where the partite set of  $K_{3,3}$  is the set  $\{z_1, z_2, z_3\}$  and  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ . But the edge set of  $K_{3,3} \setminus (z_1, w_1, z_2, w_2, z_3, w_3)$  is the set  $\{\{z_1, w_2\}, \{z_2, w_3\}, \{z_3, w_1\}\}$ , we have a contradiction. Case 2, there are two vertices of H in the set  $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2\}$ . They must be  $\{x_1, x_2\}$  or  $\{y_1, y_2\}$ , say  $\{x_1, x_2\}$ . The other 2 vertices of H must be two of  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ , say  $\{w_1, w_2\}$ . On the graph  $K_{5,5} \setminus F_1$ , we cannot find any 6-cycle containing the vertices  $\{z_1, z_2, z_3, y_1, y_2, w_3\}$ .

n=7,9. By Lemma 2.1 and 2.2, we have  $6 \in S(7)$  and  $\{0,12\} \subseteq S(9)$ . The remaining data is given in Appendix A.

**Lemma 2.4**  $\{0, 1, 2, ..., t - 6, t - 4, t\} \subseteq S(n)$  for  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $n \ge 13$ , where t = (n-1)(n-3)/4.

Proof: Using Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 completes the proof. ■

To solve the problem of the missing data of S(n), we need to describe the construction methods referred to as prolongation. Prolongation enables us to produce from a latin square of order n with k cell-disjoint transversals a latin square of order n+k with a subsquare of order k. Let A be a latin square of order n based on the symbols  $1, 2, \ldots, n$  with k cell-disjoint transversals  $T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_k$ . Adding k new rows and k new columns produce a square k of order k as follows: if k if k

**Lemma 2.5**  $\{t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5\} \subseteq S(n)$  for  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $n \geq 17$ , where t = (n-1)(n-3)/4.

**Proof:** Case 1, n = 4k + 1 and  $k \ge 4$ . Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a matrix of order 2k-3, where  $a_{ij} \equiv 2i-j \pmod{2k-3}$ , then A is an idempotent latin square of order 2k-3 with 3 cell-disjoint transversals  $T_1, T_2, T_3$ , where  $T_r = \{(i, i+r) \mid i = 1, 2, ..., 2k-3\}$  and the entry sum is modulo 2k-3. Applying prolongation and projecting  $T_i$  onto  $2k-3+i^{th}$  row and  $2k-3+i^{th}$ column, we have a latin square B of order 2k with a hole H size 3 based on  $\{2k-2,2k-1,2k\}$ . Let G be a complete bipartite graph with partite sets X and Y, where  $X = \{x_i \mid i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, 4k\} \cup \{x_\infty\}$  and  $Y = \{y_i \mid i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, 4k\}$  $1,2,3,\ldots,4k\}\cup\{y_\infty\}$ . Let  $O_1(B;i,j)$  be the 4-cycle  $(x_i,y_j,x_{i+2k},y_{j+2k})$  and  $O_2(B;i,i)$  be the 6-cycle  $(x_i,y_{2k+i},x_{\infty},y_i,x_{i+2k},y_{\infty})$ . Set  $F_r = \{O_1(B;i,j) \mid x_i \in S_r\}$  $i \neq j, B_{ij} = r \cup \{O_2(B; r, r)\}, \text{ for } r = 1, 2, ..., 2k - 3. \text{ Then } F_r \text{ is a 2-factor}$ of G with 2k-1 4-cycles and one 6-cycle. For r=2k-2,2k-1,2k, set  $F_r = \{O_1(B;i,j) \mid B_{ij} = r\}$ . Up to now, we have  $4k^2 - 2k - 6$  4-cycles and 2k-3 6-cycles in the almost 2-factorization of G. In fact, the unused edges are the edges of  $K_{7.7}$  whose partite set are  $\{x_{2k-2},x_{2k-1},x_{2k},x_{4k-2},x_{4k-1},x_{4k},x_{\infty}\}$ and  $\{y_{2k-2}, y_{2k-1}, y_{2k}, y_{4k-2}, y_{4k-1}, y_{4k}, y_{\infty}\}$ . Taking a 2-factorization of  $K_{7,7}$ from Lemma 2.3, we obtain the 2-factorization of G. Therefore, we have a 2-factorization of G with  $4k^2-2k-6+s$  4-cycles, where  $s \in S(7)$ . Hence  $t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5 \in S(n)$ , where  $t=4k^2-2k$ .

Case 2, n = 4k + 3 and  $k \ge 4$ . Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a matrix of order 2k - 3, where  $a_{ij} \equiv 2i - j \pmod{2k-3}$ , then A is an idempotent latin square of order 2k-3 with 4 cell-disjoint transversals  $T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4$ , where  $T_r = \{(i, i+r) \mid i=1, 2, \ldots, r\}$  $\{1, 2, \ldots, 2k-3\}$  and the entry sum is modulo 2k-3. Applying prolongation and projecting  $T_i$  onto  $2k-3+i^{th}$  row and  $2k-3+i^{th}$  column, we have a latin square B of order 2k+1 with a hole H size 4 based on  $\{2k-2, 2k-1, 2k, 2k+1\}$ . Let G be a complete bipartite graph with partite sets X and Y, where X = $\{x_i \mid i=1,2,3,\ldots,4k+2\} \cup \{x_\infty\} \text{ and } Y = \{y_i \mid i=1,2,3,\ldots,4k+2\} \cup \{y_\infty\}.$ Let  $O_1(B; i, j)$  be the 4-cycle  $(x_i, y_j, x_{i+2k+1}, y_{j+2k+1})$  and  $O_2(B; i, i)$  be the 6cycle  $(x_i, y_{2k+1+i}, x_{\infty}, y_i, x_{i+2k+1}, y_{\infty})$ . Set  $F_r = \{O_1(B; i, j) \mid i \neq j, B_{ij} = r\} \cup \{O_1(B; i, j) \mid i \neq j, B_{ij} = r\}$  $\{O_2(B;r,r)\}$ , for  $r=1,2,\ldots,2k-3$ . Then  $F_r$  is a 2-factor of G with 2k 4-cycles and one 6-cycle. For r = 2k-2, 2k-1, 2k, 2k+1, set  $F_r = \{O_1(B; i, j) \mid B_{ij} = r\}$ . Up to now, we have  $4k^2 + 2k - 12$  4-cycles in the almost 2-factorization of G. Taking a 2-factorization of  $K_{9,9}$ , we obtain the 2-factorization of G. Therefore, we have a 2-factorization of G with  $4k^2 + 2k - 12 + s$  4-cycles, where  $s \in S(9)$ . Hence  $t-1, t-2, t-3, t-5 \in S(n)$ , where  $t = 4k^2 + 2k$ .

**Lemma 2.6** S(i) = FC(i) for i = 11, 13, 15.

## **Proof:**

n = 11. Consider the idempotent latin square A of order 5 with a subsquare of size 2, where

$$A = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 4 & 5 & 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & & \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & & \end{array}\right)$$

Using the same construction of Lemma 2.5, we can obtained an almost 2-factorization of  $K_{11,11} \setminus K_{5,5}$  with 3  $C_6$  and 18  $C_4$ . From the results  $S(5) = \{0,1\}$ , we have 18, 19  $\in S(11)$  Using Lemma 2.1 and 2.2, we have  $0,2,4,6,8,10,12,20 \in S(11)$ . The remaining data is given in Appendix A.

n = 13. By the above same method, we consider the idempotent latin square B of order 6 with a hole size 2, where

$$B = \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 5 & 6 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 5 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & & \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 & & \end{array}\right)$$

We obtain an almost 2-factorization of  $K_{13,13} \setminus K_{5,5}$  with 4  $C_6$  and 28  $C_4$ . From  $S(5) = \{0,1\}$ , we have  $28,29 \in S(13)$ . For the idempotent latin square C of order 6, where

$$C = \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 6 & 5 & 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 & 6 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 4 \\ 5 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 3 & 4 & 2 & 5 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 6 \end{array}\right),$$

we have a 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $K_{13,13}\setminus F$ , where  $\mathcal{F}=\{F_1,F_2,\ldots,F_6\}$  and  $F_r=\{O_1(C;i,j)\mid i\neq j,C_{ij}=r\}\cup\{O_2(C;r,r)\}.$   $F_1=\{(x_2,y_3,x_8,y_9),(x_3,y_4,x_9,y_{10}),(x_4,y_2,x_{10},y_8),(x_5,y_6,x_{11},y_{12}),(x_6,y_5,x_{12},y_{11}),(x_1,y_7,x_\infty,y_1,x_7,y_\infty)\}.$  Interchanging the edges  $(x_2,y_3),(x_3,y_4),(x_4,y_2)$  from the edge set of  $F_1$  and  $(x_2,y_2),(x_3,y_3),(x_4,y_4)$  from F, we obtain a new  $F_1'$ , where  $F_1'=\{(x_2,y_2,x_{10},y_8,x_4,y_4,x_9,y_{10},x_3,y_3,x_8,y_9),(x_5,y_6,x_{11},y_{12}),(x_6,y_5,x_{12},y_{11}),(x_1,y_7,x_\infty,y_1,x_7,y_\infty)\}.$  From the 2-factorization  $\{F_1,F_2,\ldots,F_6\}$ , we have  $27\in S(13)$ . Interchanging the edges  $(x_5,y_6),(x_6,y_5)$  from the edge set of  $F_1'$  and  $(x_5,y_5),(x_6,y_6)$  from F, we obtain a new

 $F_1^{"}$ , where  $F_1^{"}=\{(x_2,y_2,x_{10},y_8,x_4,y_4,x_9,y_{10},x_3,y_3,x_8,y_9),(x_5,y_5,x_{12},y_{11},x_6,y_6,x_{11},y_{12}),(x_1,y_7,x_\infty,y_1,x_7,y_\infty\}$ . From the 2-factorization  $\{F_1^{"},F_2,\ldots,F_6\}$ , we have  $25\in S(13)$ . Combining these results and Lemma 2.4, we have S(13)=FC(13).

n=15. For the idempotent latin square D of order 7 with a hole size 3, where

We obtain an almost 2-factorization of  $K_{15,15} \setminus K_{7,7}$  with 4  $C_6$  and 36  $C_4$ . From S(7) = FC(7), we have 37, 39, 40, 41  $\in$  S(15). Combining these results and Lemma 2.4, we have S(15) = FC(15).

From Lemma 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.7**  $S(3) = \{0\}, S(5) = \{0,1\} \text{ and } S(n) = FC(n) \text{ for odd } n, n \ge 7.$ 

$$3 \quad n \equiv 0 (mod \ 2)$$

We can now give the recursive method to count the number of 4-cycles of 2-factorization for the complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$ , for even n.

Let A and B be two sets of integers. We define  $A+B=\{a+b\mid a\in A,b\in B\}$ .

**Lemma 3.1** If S(2k) = FC(2k), then S(4k) = FC(4k) for all  $k \ge 5$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X = A \cup B$  and  $Y = C \cup D$  be the partite sets of  $K_{4k,4k}$ , where |A| = |B| = |C| = |D| = 2k. Consider two complete bipartite graphs  $K_{2k,2k}$ , one with partite sets  $A \cup C$  and another with  $B \cup D$ . Combining two 2-factors on two graphs  $K_{2k,2k}$ , we have a 2-factor of  $K_{4k,4k}$ . Therefore, we can obtain k 2-factors of  $K_{4k,4k}$ . Similarly, consider two complete bipartite graphs  $K_{2k,2k}$ , one with partite sets  $A \cup D$  and another with  $B \cup C$ . Thus, we obtain another k 2-factors of  $K_{4k,4k}$ .

Those 2k 2-factors of  $K_{4k,4k}$  form a 2-factorization of  $K_{4k,4k}$ . Let  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$  and  $k_4$  be the number of 4-cycles in the 2-factorizations of  $K_{2k,2k}$  with partite

sets  $A \cup C$ ,  $B \cup D$ ,  $A \cup D$  and  $B \cup C$ , respectively. Then  $k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4$  is the number of 4-cycles in this 2-factorizations of  $K_{4k,4k}$ . Therefore,

$$S(4k) \supseteq \underbrace{S(2k)}_{A,C} + \underbrace{S(2k)}_{B,D} + \underbrace{S(2k)}_{A,D} + \underbrace{S(2k)}_{B,C}$$

Since S(2k) = FC(2k), we have

$$S(4k) \supseteq FC(2k) + FC(2k) + FC(2k) + FC(2k) = FC(4k).$$

This implies that S(4k) = FC(4k).

**Lemma 3.2** If S(2k) = FC(2k) and S(2k+1) = FC(2k+1), then S(4k+2) = FC(4k+2) for all  $k \ge 6$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A \cup B$  and  $C \cup D$  be the partite sets of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , where A = $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{2k+1}\}, B = \{y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_{2k+1}\}, C = \{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_{2k+1}\} \text{ and } D =$  $\{w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_{2k+1}\}$ . Consider two complete bipartite graphs  $K_{2k+1,2k+1}$  embedded in the graph  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , where A and C are the partite sets of the first graph; and B and D are the partite sets of second graph. When we remove a 1-factor, the remaining edges of  $K_{2k+1,2k+1}$  can be partitioned into 2-factors. Combining two 2-factors on two graphs  $K_{2k+1,2k+1}$  produces a 2factor of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ . Thus we obtain k 2-factors and one 1-factors  $F_1$  of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , where  $F_1 = \{\{x_i, z_i\}, \{y_i, w_i\} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1\}$ . Similarly, consider two complete bipartite graphs  $K_{2k+1,2k+1}$  embedded in the graph  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , where A and D are the partite sets of the first graph; and B and C are the partite sets of second graph. We have k 2-factors and one 1factors  $F_2$  of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , where  $F_2 = \{\{x_i, w_i\}, \{y_i, z_i\} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1\}$  or  $F_2 = \{\{x_i, w_i\}, \{y_i, z_{i+1}\} \mid i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1\}$ . Combining the 1-factors  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , we have a 2-factor of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$  with 2k+1 4-cycles  $\{(x_i,w_i,y_i,z_i)\mid i=1,2,\ldots,k\}$  $\{1, 2, \ldots, 2k+1\}$  or a  $\{3k+4-cycle\ (x_1, w_1, y_1, z_2, x_2, w_2, y_2, z_3, \ldots, x_i, w_i, y_i, z_{i+1}, y_{i+1}, y_{i+$  $\ldots, x_{2k+1}, w_{2k+1}, y_{2k+1}, z_1).$ 

The 2k+1 2-factors of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$  form a 2-factorization of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ . Let  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $k_4$  be the number of 4-cycles in the 2-factorizations of  $K_{2k+1,2k+1}$  with partite sets  $A \cup C$ ,  $B \cup D$ ,  $A \cup D$  and  $B \cup C$ , respectively. Then  $k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + s$  is the number of 4-cycles in the 2-factorizations of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , where s = 0 or 2k+1. Since S(2k+1) = FC(2k+1), we have  $S(4k+2) \supseteq \{k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4+s \mid k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 \in FC(2k+1), s \in \{0, 2k+1\}\} = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, 4k^2 - 2k+1\}$ .

We now use another construction for the remaining data. Let  $A \cup B$  and  $C \cup D$  be the partite sets of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , where  $A = \{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{2k}\}$ ,  $B = \{y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_{2k+2}\}$ ,  $C = \{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_{2k}\}$  and  $D = \{w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_{2k+2}\}$ . Consider two complete bipartite graphs  $K_{2k,2k}$  and  $K_{2k+2,2k+2}$  with partite sets

 $A \cup C$  and  $B \cup D$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_k\}$  be a 2-factorization of  $K_{2k,2k}$  with partite sets A and C. Given an unipotent quasigroup,  $(X, \circ)$ , of order k+1 with diagonal entries k+1. For  $1 \le a \le k+1$ , we define  $F_a = \{C(y_i, w_j) \mid i \circ j = a, 1 \le i, j \le k+1\}$ , where  $C(y_i, w_j) = (y_{2i-1}, w_{2j}, y_{2i}, w_{2j-1})$  is a 4-cycle. Then,  $F_a$  is a 2-factor of  $K_{2k+2,2k+2}$ . Combining the 2-factors on graphs  $K_{2k,2k}$  and  $K_{2k+2,2k+2}$ , we obtain k 2-factors of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$  (i.e.  $G_i \cup F_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$ ) and a 2-factor,  $F_{k+1}$ , of  $K_{2k+2,2k+2}$ . In fact,  $F_{k+1} = \{(y_{2i-1}, w_{2i}, y_{2i}, w_{2i-1}) \mid i = 1, 2, \ldots, k+1\}$ .

For the other k+1 2-factors of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , we construct it by using the two complete bipartite graphs  $K_{2k,2k+2}$  with partite sets  $A \cup D$  and  $C \cup B$  combining the 4-cycles in  $F_{k+1}$  as follows.

Let  $(Y, \circ)$  be a quasigroup of order k + 1 with  $(k + 1) \circ i = i$ . For each  $a \in Y$ , set  $H_a = \mathcal{C}(y_a, w_a) \cup \{\mathcal{C}(z_i, y_j), \mathcal{C}(x_i, w_j) \mid i \circ j = a, i, j \in Y, i \neq k + 1\}$ . Then  $H_a$  is a 2-factor of  $K_{4k+2,4k+2}$ , for a = 1, 2, ..., k + 1. By this construction, we have  $S(4k + 2) \supseteq \underbrace{S(2k) + (k + 1)^2 + k(k + 1) + k(k + 1)}_{A,C} + \underbrace{k(k + 1) + k(k + 1)}_{B,C}$ 

 $= \{3k^2+4k+1, 3k^2+4k+2, \dots, 4k^2+4k-1, 4k^2+4k+1\}.$ 

From  $4k^2-2k+1 \ge 3k^2+4k+1$ , we have  $k \ge 6$ . Hence S(4k+2) = FC(4k+2) for  $k \ge 6$ .

We now give the small case of the 2-factorization of  $K_{n,n}$  for even n. In this time, let A and B be the partite sets of  $K_{n,n}$ , where  $A = \{1, 2, 3, ..., n\}$  and  $B = \{n+1, n+2, n+3, ..., 2n\}$ .

**Lemma 3.3**  $S(4) = FC(4) \setminus \{1, 2\}, S(6) = FC(6) \setminus \{4, 6, 7\}, S(8) = FC(4) \setminus \{14\}$  and S(n) = FC(n), n = 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22.

#### **Proof:**

 $n = 4. \ 0 \in S(4) : (1, 5, 2, 6, 3, 7, 4, 8); (3, 5, 4, 6, 1, 7, 2, 8).$ 

 $4 \in S(4): (1, 5, 2, 6), (3, 7, 4, 8); (3, 5, 4, 6), (1, 7, 2, 8).$ 

 $1 \notin S(4)$ : If  $1 \in S(4)$ , then there is one 2-factor (with 8 edges) containing the 4-cycle. The remaining edges of the 2-factor must be a 4-cycle. However, this is a contradiction.

 $2 \notin S(4)$ : If  $2 \in Q(4)$ , then the 4-cycles are contained in the same 2-factor or are different 2-factors. The remaining edges must be two 4-cycles. However, this is a contradiction.

From the above, we conclude that  $S(4) = FC(4) \setminus \{1, 2\}$ .

n=6.  $4,6,7 \notin S(6)$ : Suppose that  $4,6,7 \in S(6)$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the 2-factorization of  $K_{6,6}$  with 4, 6 or 7 4-cycles, where  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_1, F_2, F_3\}$ . Since a 2-factor with two  $C_4$  implies that the remaining edges form a  $C_4$ , we can

only consider the following cases. Let the number of 4-cycles in each 2-factor be  $\{3,1,0\}$ ,  $\{3,3,0\}$  or  $\{3,3,1\}$ . Let the bipartite set of  $K_{6,6}$  be  $\{x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4,x_5,x_6\} \cup \{y_1,y_2,y_3,y_4,y_5,y_6\}$  and the 4-cycles of  $F_1$  denoted by  $(x_1,y_1,x_2,y_2)$ ,  $(x_3,y_3,x_4,y_4)$  and  $(x_5,y_5,x_6,y_6)$ . Taking any one 4-cycle in  $F_2$ , there is a correspondence 4-cycle in  $F_3$ . When we take another 4-cycle in  $F_2$ , the results of  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  must be three 4-cycles. Therefore, we have  $4,6,7 \notin S(6)$ . According to the remaining data in Appendix B, we conclude that  $S(6) = FC(6) \setminus \{4,6,7\}$ .

- n=8. Using the same construction of Lemma 3.1 and the result  $S(4)=\{0,4\}$ , we obtain  $0,4,8,12,16 \in S(8)$ . From data in Appendix B, we have  $FC(8) \setminus \{14\} \subseteq S(8)$ . As for  $14 \notin S(8)$ , it can be obtained by using exhaustive computing checking. Therefore, we conclude that  $S(8)=FC(8) \setminus \{14\}$ .
- n=10. Using the method in the proof of the first part of Lemma 3.2 with  $S(5)=\{0,1\}$ , we can obtain  $0,1,2,\ldots,9\in S(10)$ . Using the proof in the second part of Lemma 3.2 with  $S(4)=\{0,4\}$ , we have  $21,25\in S(10)$ .

Furthermore, using the modified method in the second construction of Lemma 3.2 by replacing 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $K_{6,6}$  by 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  with 3 or 5  $C_4$ , we can obtain 15, 17, 19  $\in$  S(10). According to the remaining data in Appendix B, we conclude that S(10) = FC(10).

- n=12. Using the same construction of Lemma 3.1 and the result  $S(6)=\{0,1,2,3,5,9\}$ , we can obtain  $S(12)\supseteq\{0,1,2,\ldots,30,32,36\}$ . According to the remaining data in Appendix B, we conclude that S(12)=FC(12).
- n = 14. Using the method in the proof of Lemma 3.2, we have  $0, 1, ..., 31 \in S(14)$  and  $40, 41, 42, 43, 45, 49 \in S(14)$ .

Again, using the modified method in the second construction of Lemma 3.2 by replacing 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $K_{8,8}$  by 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  with 8 or 12  $C_4$ , we can obtain 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39  $\in$  S(14). According to the remaining data in Appendix B, we conclude that S(14) = FC(14).

- n=16. Using the proof in Lemma 3.1, we have  $0,1,2,\ldots,61,64\in S(16)$ . According to the remaining data in Appendix B, we conclude that S(16)=FC(16).
- n = 18. Using the method in the proof of Lemma 3.2, we have  $0, 1, 2, ..., 57 \in S(18)$  and  $65, 66, 67, ..., 78, 81 \in S(18)$ .

Using the modified method in the second construction of Lemma 3.2 by replacing 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $K_{10,10}$  by 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  with 17  $C_4$ , we can obtain 58, 59, ...,  $64 \in S(18)$ . Replacing  $\mathcal{F}$  by the 2-factorization of  $K_{10,10}$  containing 23  $C_4$  and the 2-factorization of  $K_{8,8}$  with 16  $C_4$ , we can obtain  $79 \in S(18)$ . Therefore, we have S(18) = FC(18).

n = 22. Using the method in the proof of Lemma 3.2, we have  $0, 1, 2, ..., 91 \in S(22)$  and  $96, 97, 98, ..., 119, 121 \in S(22)$ .

Again, using the modified method in the second construction of Lemma 3.2 by replacing 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $K_{12,12}$  by 2-factorization  $\mathcal{F}$  with 32  $C_4$ , we can obtain 92, 93, 94, ..., 115, 117  $\in S(22)$ . Therefore, we have S(22) = FC(22).

Applying the small cases to Lemma 3.1, and 3.2 recursively, we obtained the following results:

Theorem 3.4  $S(4) = \{0, 4\}$ ,  $S(6) = FC(6) \setminus \{4, 6, 7\}$ ,  $S(8) = FC(8) \setminus \{11, 13, 14\}$  and S(n) = FC(n) for even  $n, n \ge 10$ .

## 4 Summary

From Theorems 2.7 and 3.4, we obtained the following Main Theorem.

Main Theorem S(n) = FC(n) for even n and  $n \ge 10$ ; odd n and  $n \ge 7$ .

# Appendix A

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n = 7.
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 $0 \in S(7)$ : (1, 9, 3, 11, 5, 13, 7, 8, 2, 10, 4, 12, 6, 14); (1, 10, 5, 14, 2, 11, 6, 8, 3, 12, 7, 9, 4, 13); (1, 11, 7, 10, 6, 9, 5, 8, 4, 14, 3, 13, 2, 12).

 $1 \in S(7)$ : (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 8, 4, 9, 5, 10, 6, 11, 7, 12); (5, 8, 6, 9, 7, 10, 1, 11, 2, 12, 4, 13, 3, 14); (2, 8, 7, 13, 5, 11, 3, 9, 1, 12, 6, 14, 4, 10).

 $2 \in S(7)$ : (1, 13, 2, 14), (6, 8, 7, 9), (4, 10, 5, 11, 3, 12); (3, 8, 4, 9, 5, 13, 7, 10, 2, 11, 1, 12, 6, 14); (2, 8, 5, 14, 4, 13, 3, 9, 1, 10, 6, 11, 7, 12).

 $3 \in S(7)$ : (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 8, 4, 9, 5, 10, 6, 11, 7, 12); (3, 13, 4, 14), (5, 8, 6, 9, 7, 10, 1, 12, 2, 11); (1, 9, 3, 11), (2, 8, 7, 13, 5, 14, 6, 12, 4).

 $4 \in S(7)$ : (1, 13, 2, 14), (6, 8, 7, 9), (4, 10, 5, 11, 3, 12); (3, 8, 4, 9), (1, 10, 7, 13, 5, 14, 6, 12, 2, 11); (3, 13, 4, 14), (2, 8, 5, 9, 1, 12, 7, 11, 6, 10).

 $5 \in S(7)$ : (1, 9, 3, 13), (6, 11, 7, 12), (2, 8, 5, 14, 4, 10); (4, 9, 5, 13), (6, 8, 7, 10), (1, 12, 3, 11, 2, 14); (1, 11, 5, 10), (2, 12, 4, 8, 3, 14, 6, 9, 7, 13). n = 9.

- 7, 15, 8, 16, 9, 17, 1, 18); (6, 10, 7, 11, 1, 15, 5, 18, 8, 14, 4, 17, 2, 12, 9, 13, 3, 16).
- $2 \in S(9)$ : (8, 15, 9, 16), (1, 17, 2, 18), (3, 10, 4, 11, 5, 12, 6, 13, 7, 14); (5, 10, 6, 11, 7, 12, 8, 13, 9, 14, 1, 15, 2, 16, 3, 17, 4, 18); (7, 10, 8, 11, 9, 12, 1, 13, 2, 14, 6, 17, 5, 16, 4, 15, 3, 18); (2, 10, 9, 17, 7, 15, 5, 13, 3, 11, 1, 16, 6, 18, 8, 14, 4, 12).
- $3 \in S(9)$ : (8, 10, 9, 11)(12, 1, 13, 2, 14, 3, 15, 4, 16, 5, 17, 6, 18, 7); (1, 17, 2, 18)(3, 10, 4, 11, 5, 12, 6, 13, 7, 14, 8, 15, 9, 16); (3, 13, 9, 17)(6, 10, 7, 11, 1, 14, 4, 12, 8, 18, 5, 15, 2, 16); (2, 10, 5, 13, 8, 16, 1, 15, 7, 17, 4, 18, 3, 11, 6, 14, 9, 12).
- Let  $A = \{(8, 15, 9, 16), (1, 17, 2, 18), (3, 10, 4, 11, 5, 12, 6, 13, 7, 14); (2, 15, 3, 16), (4, 17, 5, 18), (6, 10, 7, 11, 8, 12, 9, 13, 1, 14)\}$  and  $B = \{(6, 13, 7, 14), (8, 15, 9, 16), (4, 17, 5, 18), (2, 10, 3, 11, 1, 12); (6, 10, 7, 11), (4, 12, 5, 15), (8, 13, 9, 14), (2, 16, 3, 17, 1, 18)\}.$
- $4 \in S(9)$ :  $A \cup \{(5, 10, 9, 11, 1, 12, 2, 13, 3, 17, 7, 15, 4, 14, 8, 18, 6, 16); (2, 10, 8, 13, 5, 15, 1, 16, 4, 12, 7, 18, 3, 11, 6, 17, 9, 14)\}.$
- $5 \in S(9) : A \cup \{(4, 12, 7, 15), (2, 10, 5, 13, 8, 18, 6, 16, 1, 11, 3, 17, 9, 14); (8, 10, 9, 11, 6, 17, 7, 18, 3, 13, 2, 12, 1, 15, 5, 16, 4, 14)\}.$
- $6 \in S(9) : B \cup \{(1, 13, 2, 14, 3, 15), (4, 10, 5, 11, 8, 12, 9, 17, 7, 18, 6, 16); (6, 12, 7, 15, 2, 17), (8, 10, 9, 11, 4, 14, 1, 16, 5, 13, 3, 18)\}.$
- $7 \in S(9) : B \cup \{(2, 13, 3, 15), (4, 10, 5, 11, 8, 12, 9, 17, 7, 18, 6, 16, 1, 14); (8, 10, 9, 11, 4, 16, 5, 13, 1, 15, 7, 12, 6, 17, 2, 14, 3, 18)\}.$
- $8 \in S(9): B \cup \{(4, 10, 5, 16), (8, 11, 9, 12), (1, 13, 3, 14, 2, 17, 6, 18, 7, 15); (8, 10, 9, 17, 7, 12, 6, 16, 1, 14, 4, 11, 5, 13, 2, 15, 3, 18)\}.$
- $9 \in S(9)$ : (3, 10, 4, 11), (5, 12, 6, 13), (1, 14, 2, 15), (8, 16, 9, 17, 7, 18); (5, 10, 6, 11), (7, 14, 8, 15), (1, 16, 2, 17), (4, 12, 9, 13, 3, 18); (7, 10, 8, 11), (1, 12, 2, 13), (6, 14, 9, 15, 3, 16, 4, 17, 5, 18); (7, 12, 8, 13), (2, 10, 9, 11, 1, 18), (3, 14, 4, 15, 5, 16, 6, 17).
- $10 \in S(9): (1, 13, 8, 14), (4, 15, 9, 16), (2, 17, 3, 18), (6, 10, 7, 11, 5, 12); (7, 13, 9, 14), (1, 15, 8, 16), (5, 17, 6, 18), (2, 10, 3, 11, 4, 12); (8, 11, 9, 12), (2, 15, 3, 16), (1, 17, 7, 18), (4, 10, 5, 13, 6, 14); (2, 13, 3, 14), (8, 10, 9, 17, 4, 18)(1, 11, 6, 16, 5, 15, 7, 12).$
- $11 \in S(9)$ : (4, 10, 6, 11), (1, 12, 5, 13), (2, 14, 3, 15), (8, 16, 9, 17, 7, 18); (7, 10, 8, 11), (2, 13, 3, 16), (1, 17, 5, 18), (4, 12, 6, 14, 9, 15); (7, 13, 8, 14), (1, 15, 5, 16), (4, 17, 6, 18), (2, 10, 3, 11, 9, 12); (2, 17, 3, 18), (7, 12, 8, 15), (5, 10, 9, 13, 6, 16, 4, 14, 1, 12).

n = 11.

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\{11, 20\}, B = \{(6, 15, 7, 16), (4, 17, 5, 18), (10, 19, 11, 20), (8, 21, 9, 22), (2, 11, 20)\}
12, 3, 13, 1, 14); (3, 21, 4, 22), (5, 12, 6, 13, 7, 14, 8, 15, 9, 16, 10, 17, 11, 18, 1,
(2, 12, 3, 13, 1, 14); (10, 12, 11, 13), (8, 17, 9, 18), (6, 19, 7, 20), (1, 21, 2, 22),
(4, 14, 5, 15, 3, 16).
1 \in S(11): A \cup \{(5, 12, 6, 13, 7, 14, 8, 15, 9, 16, 10, 17, 11, 18, 1, 19, 2, 20, 4,
21, 3, 22); (7, 12, 8, 13, 9, 14, 10, 15, 11, 16, 1, 17, 2, 18, 3, 19, 4, 22, 6, 21, 5,
20); (9, 12, 10, 13, 11, 14, 1, 15, 2, 16, 3, 17, 4, 18, 5, 19, 6, 20, 8, 21, 7, 22); (2,
12, 11, 21, 9, 19, 7, 17, 5, 15, 3, 13, 1, 20, 10, 22, 8, 18, 6, 16, 4, 14)}.
19, 2, 20); (5, 21, 6, 22), (7, 12, 8, 13, 9, 14, 10, 15, 11, 16, 1, 17, 2, 18, 3, 19, 4,
20); (9, 12, 10, 13, 11, 14, 1, 15, 2, 16, 3, 17, 4, 18, 5, 19, 6, 20, 8, 21, 7, 22); (2,
12, 11, 21, 9, 19, 7, 17, 5, 15, 3, 13, 1, 20, 10, 22, 8, 18, 6, 16, 4, 14)}.
17, 7, 19); (7, 12, 8, 13, 9, 14, 10, 15, 11, 16, 1, 17, 2, 18, 3, 19, 4, 20, 6, 21, 5,
22); (10, 12, 11, 13, 4, 14, 5, 15, 3, 16, 2, 22, 1, 21, 7, 20, 8, 17, 9, 19, 6, 18)}.
19, 4, 20); (1, 21, 2, 22), (9, 12, 10, 13, 11, 14, 4, 16, 3, 15, 5, 19, 7, 17, 8, 20, 6,
18); (4, 12, 11, 21, 7, 22, 10, 18, 8, 16, 2, 15, 1, 20, 3, 17, 9, 19, 6, 14, 5, 13)}.
19, 2, 20); (1, 15, 2, 16, 8, 20), (4, 12, 9, 19, 3, 17, 7, 21, 11, 14, 6, 18, 10, 22, 5,
13); (7, 12, 8, 13, 9, 14, 10, 15, 11, 16, 1, 17, 2, 18, 3, 20, 4, 19, 5, 21, 6, 22)}.
11, 16, 8, 13); (6, 12, 8, 20, 5, 13, 9, 19, 1, 15, 2, 16, 10, 17, 3, 18, 11, 21, 4, 22,
7, 14); (4, 12, 5, 19, 2, 20, 1, 16, 9, 15, 8, 14, 11, 17, 7, 21, 3, 22, 10, 18, 6, 13)}.
13 \in S(11): (6, 15, 9, 16), (5, 17, 10, 18), (4, 19, 11, 20), (7, 21, 8, 22), (2, 12, 13)
3, 13, 1, 14); (10, 15, 11, 16), (3, 17, 9, 18), (5, 19, 6, 20), (1, 21, 2, 22), (7, 12,
8, 14, 4, 13); (10, 12, 11, 13), (5, 14, 7, 15), (4, 16, 8, 17), (1, 18, 6, 22, 9, 21, 3,
20, 2, 19); (6, 12, 9, 13), (1, 15, 2, 16), (10, 14, 11, 17, 7, 20, 8, 18, 4, 21, 5, 22,
3, 19); (4, 12, 5, 13, 8, 15, 3, 16, 7, 19, 9, 14, 6, 21, 11, 18, 2, 17, 1, 20, 10, 22).
14 \in S(11): (6, 15, 7, 16), (4, 17, 5, 18), (10, 19, 11, 20), (8, 21, 9, 22), (2, 12, 12, 12)
3, 13, 1, 14); (10, 12, 11, 13), (8, 17, 9, 18), (6, 19, 7, 20), (1, 21, 2, 22), (4, 14,
5, 15, 3, 16); (7, 12, 8, 13), (1, 17, 2, 18), (3, 19, 4, 20), (5, 21, 6, 22), (9, 14, 10,
15, 11, 16); (1, 15, 8, 16), (2, 19, 5, 20), (6, 12, 9, 13, 4, 21, 11, 14, 7, 22, 10, 17,
3, 18); (4, 12, 5, 13, 6, 14, 8, 20, 1, 19, 9, 15, 2, 16, 10, 18, 11, 17, 7, 21, 3, 22).
15 \in S(11): (6, 14, 8, 15), (2, 16, 9, 17), (4, 20, 5, 21), (3, 12, 11, 18, 10, 19, 7, 15)
22, 1, 13); (6, 12, 8, 13), (7, 16, 10, 17), (4, 18, 5, 19), (1, 14, 11, 20, 2, 21, 9,
22, 3, 15); (7, 14, 10, 15), (1, 18, 3, 19), (6, 20, 8, 21), (2, 12, 9, 13, 11, 16, 4,
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17, 5, 22); (7, 12, 10, 13), (2, 18, 9, 19), (1, 20, 3, 21), (4, 14, 5, 15, 11, 17, 8,

16, 6, 22); (4, 12, 5, 13), (2, 14, 9, 15), (1, 16, 3, 17), (6, 18, 8, 22, 10, 20, 7, 21, 11, 19).

 $16 \in S(11): (2, 15, 10, 16), (1, 17, 11, 18), (5, 19, 6, 20), (4, 21, 7, 22), (3, 12, 9, 14, 8, 13); (1, 15, 6, 16), (8, 17, 9, 18), (10, 19, 11, 20), (2, 21, 3, 22), (4, 12, 7, 14, 5, 13); (8, 15, 9, 16), (3, 17, 5, 18), (4, 19, 7, 20), (1, 21, 6, 22), (2, 12, 10, 13, 11, 14); (1, 13, 6, 14), (4, 17, 10, 18), (2, 19, 3, 20), (8, 21, 9, 22), (5, 12, 11, 16, 7, 15); (4, 14, 10, 22, 5, 21, 11, 15, 3, 16)(6, 12, 8, 20, 1, 19, 9, 13, 7, 17, 2, 18).$ 

 $17 \in S(11): (6, 15, 11, 16), (5, 17, 9, 18), (7, 19, 10, 20), (4, 21, 8, 22), (2, 12, 3, 13, 1, 14); (9, 15, 10, 16), (3, 17, 11, 18), (5, 19, 6, 20), (1, 21, 2, 22), (7, 12, 8, 14, 4, 13); (9, 12, 10, 13), (5, 14, 7, 15), (4, 16, 8, 17), (1, 18, 2, 19), (3, 20, 11, 21, 6, 22); (1, 15, 2, 16), (7, 17, 10, 22), (4, 18, 8, 20), (3, 19, 9, 21), (5, 12, 11, 14, 6, 13); (1, 17, 2, 20), (4, 12, 6, 18, 10, 14, 9, 22, 5, 21, 7, 16, 3, 15, 8, 13, 11, 19).$ 

## Appendix B

n = 6.

 $0 \in S(6)$ : (1, 7, 2, 8, 3, 9, 4, 10, 5, 11, 6, 12); (3, 7, 4, 8, 5, 9, 6, 10, 1, 11, 2, 12); (5, 7, 6, 8, 1, 9, 2, 10, 3, 11, 4, 12).

 $1 \in S(6)$ : (1, 7, 3, 9, 5, 11), (2, 8, 4, 10, 6, 12); (4, 7, 5, 12, 1, 8, 6, 9, 2, 10, 3, 11); (2, 7, 6, 11), (3, 8, 5, 10, 1, 9, 4, 12).

 $2 \in S(6)$ : (1, 7, 3, 9, 4, 11, 5, 12), (2, 8, 6, 10); (1, 8, 4, 10, 3, 12, 2, 11), (5, 7, 6, 9); (2, 7, 4, 12, 6, 11, 3, 8, 5, 10, 1, 9).

 $3 \in S(6)$ : (1, 9, 4, 12), (2, 8, 5, 11), (3, 7, 6, 10); (1, 7, 2, 9, 3, 8), (4, 10, 5, 12, 6, 11); (1, 10, 2, 12, 3, 11), (4, 7, 5, 9, 6, 8).

 $5 \in S(6)$ : (1, 8, 6, 10), (2, 7, 5, 9), (3, 11, 4, 12); (1, 7, 4, 10, 2, 8, 3, 9), (5, 11, 6, 12); (3, 7, 6, 9, 4, 8, 5, 10), (1, 11, 2, 12).

 $9 \in S(6)$ : (5, 7, 6, 8), (1, 9, 2, 10), (3, 11, 4, 12); (1, 7, 2, 8), (3, 9, 4, 10), (5, 11, 6, 12), (3, 7, 4, 8), (5, 9, 6, 10), (1, 11, 2, 12).

n = 8.

 $1 \in S(8)$ : (1, 9, 2, 10), (3, 11, 4, 12, 5, 13, 6, 14, 7, 15, 8, 16); (3, 9, 4, 10, 5, 11, 6, 12, 7, 13, 8, 14, 1, 16, 2, 15); (6, 9, 7, 10, 8, 11, 1, 12, 2, 13, 3, 14, 4, 15, 5, 16); (5, 9, 8, 12, 3, 10, 6, 15, 1, 13, 4, 16, 7, 11, 2, 14).

 $2 \in S(8)$ : (1, 9, 2, 10), (3, 11, 4, 12), (5, 13, 6, 14, 7, 15, 8, 16); (3, 9, 4, 10, 5, 11, 6, 12, 7, 13, 8, 14, 1, 15, 2, 16); (5, 9, 6, 10, 7, 11, 8, 12, 1, 16, 4, 13, 2, 14, 3, 15); (7, 9, 8, 10, 3, 13, 1, 11, 2, 12, 5, 14, 4, 15, 6, 16).

- $3 \in S(8)$ : (1, 9, 2, 10), (3, 11, 4, 12), (5, 13, 6, 14, 7, 15, 8, 16); (11, 1, 12, 2, 13, 3, 16, 4, 14, 5, 15, 6)(7, 9, 8, 10); (3, 9, 6, 16, 2, 15, 1, 14, 8, 11, 5, 12, 7, 13, 4, 10); (4, 9, 5, 10, 6, 12, 8, 13, 1, 16, 7, 11, 2, 14, 3, 15).
- Let  $A = \{(1, 9, 2, 10), (3, 11, 4, 12), (5, 13, 6, 14), (7, 15, 8, 16)\}$  and  $B = \{(1, 9, 2, 10), (3, 11, 4, 12), (5, 13, 6, 14), (7, 15, 8, 16); (3, 9, 4, 10), (1, 11, 2, 12), (7, 13, 8, 14), (5, 15, 6, 16)\}.$
- $5 \in S(8)$ :  $A \cup \{(1, 11, 6, 16, 5, 15, 4, 14, 3, 13, 2, 12), (7, 9, 8, 10); (13, 1, 14, 2, 15, 3, 16, 4, 9, 5, 10, 6, 12, 7, 11, 8); (3, 9, 6, 15, 1, 16, 2, 11, 5, 12, 8, 14, 7, 13, 4, 10)\}.$
- $6 \in S(8): A \cup \{(1, 11, 6, 16, 5, 15, 4, 14, 3, 13, 2, 12), (7, 9, 8, 10); (5, 9, 6, 12, 8, 11), (3, 10, 4, 16, 2, 15), (1, 13, 7, 14); (3, 9, 4, 13, 8, 14, 2, 11, 7, 12, 5, 10, 6, 15, 1, 16)\}.$
- $7 \in S(8): A \cup \{(11, 1, 12, 2, 13, 3, 14, 4, 15, 5, 16, 6), (7, 9, 8, 10); (7, 11, 8, 12), (5, 9, 6, 15, 3, 10), (13, 1, 14, 2, 16, 4); (7, 13, 8, 14), (3, 9, 4, 10, 6, 12, 5, 11, 2, 15, 1, 16)\}.$
- $9 \in S(8)$ :  $A \cup \{(3, 9, 4, 10, 5, 11, 6, 12, 7, 13, 8, 14), (1, 15, 2, 16); (5, 9, 6, 10, 7, 11, 8, 12), (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 15, 4, 16); (7, 9, 8, 10, 3, 13, 4, 14), (1, 11, 2, 12), (5, 15, 6, 16)\}.$
- $10 \in S(8)$ :  $B \cup \{(5, 9, 8, 12, 7, 10), (1, 11, 2, 13, 4, 14), (3, 15, 6, 16); (6, 9, 7, 11, 8, 10), (1, 12, 2, 14, 3, 13), (4, 15, 5, 16)\}.$
- $11 \in S(8)$ :  $A \cup \{(1, 11, 2, 15), (3, 10, 6, 16), (4, 13, 8, 14), (5, 9, 7, 12); (1, 12, 2, 16), (3, 13, 7, 14), (4, 9, 6, 11, 8, 10, 5, 15); (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 9, 8, 12, 6, 15), (4, 10, 7, 11, 5, 16)\}.$
- $13 \in S(8): A \cup \{(1, 11, 2, 12), (3, 9, 7, 14), (4, 10, 8, 13), (5, 15, 6, 16); (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 15, 4, 16), (5, 10, 7, 12), (6, 9, 8, 11); (1, 15, 2, 16), (3, 10, 6, 12, 8, 14, 4, 9, 5, 11, 7, 13)\}.$

#### n = 10.

- Let  $A = \{(3, 11, 4, 12), (5, 13, 6, 14), (7, 15, 8, 16), (9, 17, 10, 18), (1, 19, 2, 20); (1, 11, 2, 12), (3, 13, 4, 14), (5, 15, 6, 16), (7, 17, 8, 18), (9, 19, 10, 20)\}.$
- $10 \in S(10): A \cup \{(5, 11, 6, 12, 7, 13, 8, 14, 9, 15, 10, 16, 1, 17, 2, 18, 3, 19, 4, 20); (7, 11, 8, 12, 9, 13, 10, 14, 1, 15, 2, 16, 3, 17, 4, 18, 5, 19, 6, 20); (9, 11, 10, 12, 5, 17, 6, 18, 1, 13, 2, 14, 7, 19, 8, 20, 3, 15, 4, 16)\}.$
- $11 \in S(10): A \cup \{(5, 11, 6, 12), (7, 13, 8, 14, 9, 15, 10, 16, 1, 17, 2, 18, 3, 19, 4, 20); (7, 11, 8, 12, 9, 13, 10, 14, 1, 15, 2, 16, 3, 17, 4, 18, 5, 20, 6, 19); (9, 11, 10, 12, 7, 14, 2, 13, 1, 18, 6, 17, 5, 19, 8, 20, 3, 15, 4, 16)\}.$
- $12 \in S(10): A \cup \{(3, 19, 4, 20), (5, 11, 6, 12, 7, 13, 8, 14, 9, 15, 10, 16, 1, 17, 2, 18); (9, 11, 10, 12), (1, 13, 2, 15, 3, 16, 4, 18, 6, 17, 5, 20, 8, 19, 7, 14); (7, 11, 8, 12, 5, 19, 6, 20), (9, 13, 10, 14, 2, 16), (1, 15, 4, 17, 3, 18)\}.$

- $13 \in S(10): A \cup \{(7, 11, 8, 12), (5, 17, 6, 18), (3, 19, 4, 20), (1, 13, 2, 14, 9, 15, 10, 16); (5, 11, 6, 12, 9, 13, 10, 14, 8, 19, 7, 20), (1, 15, 2, 16, 3, 17, 4, 18); (9, 11, 10, 12, 5, 19, 6, 20, 8, 13, 7, 14, 1, 17, 2, 18, 3, 15, 4, 16)\}.$
- $14 \in S(10): A \cup \{(4, 17, 5, 18), (6, 19, 7, 20), (8, 11, 10, 12, 9, 14), (1, 13, 2, 15, 3, 16); (3, 19, 4, 20), (5, 11, 7, 13, 8, 12), (1, 15, 9, 16, 10, 14, 2, 17, 6, 18); (5, 19, 8, 20), (6, 11, 9, 13, 10, 15, 4, 16, 2, 18, 3, 17, 1, 14, 7, 12)\}.$
- $16 \in S(10): A \cup \{(7, 11, 8, 12), (3, 19, 5, 20), (1, 13, 10, 16, 9, 14, 2, 15, 4, 17, 6, 18); (5, 11, 10, 12), (6, 19, 7, 20), (8, 13, 9, 15, 3, 18, 4, 16, 2, 17, 1, 14); (6, 11, 9, 12), (4, 19, 8, 20), (2, 13, 7, 14, 10, 15, 1, 16, 3, 17, 5, 18)\}.$
- $18 \in S(10)$ : (5, 11, 8, 12), (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 15, 10, 16), (6, 17, 9, 20), (4, 18, 7, 19); (3, 11, 7, 12), (6, 13, 8, 14), (4, 15, 9, 16), (5, 17, 10, 18), (1, 19, 2, 20); (4, 11, 10, 13, 5, 14, 9, 12), (1, 16, 2, 17), (7, 15, 8, 20), (3, 18, 6, 19); (6, 11, 9, 13, 7, 14, 10, 12), (1, 15, 2, 18), (3, 17, 4, 20), (5, 16, 8, 19); (1, 11, 2, 12), (3, 13, 4, 14), (5, 15, 6, 16, 7, 17, 8, 18, 9, 19, 10, 20).
- $20 \in S(10)$ : (4, 11, 7, 12), (6, 13, 10, 14), (3, 15, 8, 16), (1, 18, 2, 19), (5, 17, 9, 20); (9, 11, 10, 12), (5, 13, 7, 14), (1, 15, 2, 16), (3, 17, 4, 18), (6, 19, 8, 20); (3, 11, 6, 12), (8, 13, 9, 14), (4, 15, 10, 16), (1, 17, 2, 20), (5, 18, 7, 19); (5, 11, 8, 12), (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 19, 4, 20), (7, 15, 9, 16, 6, 18, 10, 17); (1, 11, 2, 12), (3, 13, 4, 14), (5, 15, 6, 17, 8, 18, 9, 19, 10, 20, 7, 16).
- $22 \in S(10): (6, 11, 10, 12), (7, 13, 9, 14), (1, 15, 2, 18), (3, 17, 4, 20), (5, 16, 8, 19); (5, 11, 8, 12), (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 15, 10, 16), (4, 18, 7, 19), (6, 17, 9, 20); (3, 11, 7, 12), (6, 13, 8, 14), (4, 15, 9, 16), (5, 17, 10, 18), (1, 19, 2, 20); (4, 11, 9, 12), (5, 13, 10, 14), (7, 15, 8, 20), (1, 16, 2, 17), (3, 18, 6, 19); (1, 11, 2, 12), (3, 13, 4, 14), (5, 15, 6, 16, 7, 17, 8, 18, 9, 19, 10, 20).$
- $23 \in S(10)$ : (4, 11, 7, 12), (6, 13, 10, 14), (3, 15, 8, 16), (1, 18, 2, 19)(5, 17, 9, 20); (9, 11, 10, 12), (5, 13, 7, 14), (1, 15, 2, 16), (3, 17, 4, 18), (6, 19, 8, 20); (3, 11, 6, 12), (8, 13, 9, 14), (4, 15, 10, 16), (5, 18, 7, 19), (1, 17, 2, 20); (5, 11, 8, 12), (1, 13, 2, 14), (7, 15, 9, 16), (6, 17, 10, 18), (3, 19, 4, 20); (1, 11, 2, 12), (3, 13, 4, 14), (5, 15, 6, 16), (7, 17, 8, 18, 9, 19, 10, 20).

#### n = 12.

- $\begin{array}{l} 31 \in S(12); \ (4,\ 13,\ 7,\ 14),\ (5,\ 15,\ 8,\ 16),\ (2,\ 17,\ 11,\ 18),\ (3,\ 19,\ 10,\ 24),\ (6,\ 20,\ 9,\ 23),\ (1,\ 21,\ 12,\ 22);\ (5,\ 13,\ 8,\ 14),\ (6,\ 15,\ 7,\ 16),\ (1,\ 17,\ 12,\ 18),\ (4,\ 19,\ 9,\ 22),\ (3,\ 20,\ 10,\ 23),\ (2,\ 21,\ 11,\ 24);\ (3,\ 13,\ 6,\ 14),\ (1,\ 15,\ 2,\ 16),\ (4,\ 23,\ 5,\ 24),\ (11,\ 19,\ 12,\ 20),\ (7,\ 21,\ 8,\ 22),\ (9,\ 17,\ 10,\ 18);\ (7,\ 23,\ 8,\ 24),\ (11,\ 15,\ 12,\ 16),\ (3,\ 17,\ 4,\ 18),\ (1,\ 19,\ 2,\ 20),\ (5,\ 21,\ 6,\ 22),\ (9,\ 13,\ 10,\ 14);\ (1,\ 13,\ 2,\ 14),\ (3,\ 15,\ 4,\ 16),\ (5,\ 17,\ 6,\ 18),\ (9,\ 21,\ 10,\ 22,\ 11,\ 23,\ 12,\ 24),\ (7,\ 19,\ 8,\ 20);\ (11,\ 13,\ 12,\ 14),\ (9,\ 15,\ 10,\ 16),\ (7,\ 17,\ 8,\ 18),\ (6,\ 19,\ 5,\ 20,\ 4,\ 21,\ 3,\ 22,\ 2,\ 23,\ 1,\ 24). \end{array}$
- $33 \in S(12)$ : (3, 13, 4, 14), (8, 15, 9, 16), (11, 17, 12, 18), (1, 19, 2, 24), (5, 21, 6, 22), (7, 20, 10, 23); (9, 13, 10, 14), (7, 15, 12, 16), (3, 17, 4, 18), (5, 19, 6, 10, 10)

20), (1, 22, 2, 23), (8, 21, 11, 24); (8, 13, 11, 14), (1, 15, 2, 16), (9, 17, 10, 18), (3, 19, 4, 20), (5, 23, 6, 24), (7, 21, 12, 22); (6, 13, 12, 14), (5, 15, 11, 16), (7, 17, 8, 18), (1, 20, 2, 21), (3, 22, 4, 23), (9, 19, 10, 24); (5, 13, 7, 14), (1, 17, 2, 18), (11, 19, 12, 20), (8, 22, 9, 23), (3, 21, 4, 24), (6, 15, 10, 16); (1, 13, 2, 14), (5, 17, 6, 18), (3, 15, 4, 16), (7, 19, 8, 20, 9, 21, 10, 22, 11, 23, 12, 24).

34 € 5(12). (3, 13, 4, 14); (11, 13, 12, 14), (7, 15, 9, 16), (1, 17, 2, 18), (5, 19, 6, 20), (3, 21, 4, 22), (8, 23, 10, 24); (5, 13, 6, 14), (3, 17, 4, 18), (11, 19, 12, 20), (1, 21, 2, 24), (7, 22, 9, 23), (8, 15, 10, 16); (7, 13, 9, 14), (1, 15, 2, 16), (10, 17, 11, 18), (3, 19, 4, 20), (5, 23, 6, 24), (8, 21, 12, 22); (11, 15, 12, 16), (7, 17, 9, 18), (1, 19, 2, 20), (5, 21, 6, 22), (3, 23, 4, 24), (8, 13, 10, 14); (1, 13, 2, 14), (3, 15, 4, 16), (5, 17, 6, 18), (9, 21, 10, 22, 11, 23, 12, 24), (7, 19, 8, 20).

n = 14.

 $44 \in S(14): \ (4, 15, 8, 16), \ (13, 17, 14, 18), \ (10, 20, 11, 21), \ (3, 19, 7, 22), \ (5, 23, 6, 28), \ (1, 25, 2, 26), \ (9, 24, 12, 27); \ (3, 15, 5, 16), \ (11, 17, 12, 18), \ (4, 21, 6, 22), \ (7, 26, 8, 27), \ (10, 25, 13, 28), \ (1, 23, 2, 24), \ (9, 1, 14, 20); \ (12, 15, 13, 16), \ (6, 17, 7, 18), \ (10, 19, 11, 22), \ (3, 20, 5, 21), \ (4, 23, 8, 24), \ (1, 27, 2, 28), \ (9, 25, 14, 26); \ (1, 17, 2, 18), \ (4, 19, 8, 20), \ (13, 21, 14, 22), \ (11, 23, 12, 28), \ (3, 24, 7, 25), \ (5, 26, 6, 27), \ (9, 15, 10, 16); \ (6, 15, 7, 16), \ (1, 19, 12, 20), \ (2, 21, 9, 22), \ (13, 23, 14, 24), \ (4, 25, 8, 28), \ (3, 26, 11, 27), \ (5, 17, 10, 18); \ (11, 15, 14, 16), \ (8, 17, 9, 18), \ (1, 21, 12, 22), \ (3, 23, 7, 28), \ (5, 24, 6, 25), \ (4, 26, 10, 27), \ (2, 19, 13, 20); \ (5, 19, 6, 20, 7, 21, 8, 22), \ (9, 23, 10, 24, 11, 25, 12, 26, 13, 27, 14, 28), \ (3, 17, 4, 18), \ (1, 15, 2, 16).$ 

 $46 \in S(14)$ : (10, 15, 11, 16), (1, 17, 2, 18), (3, 19, 4, 20), (13, 21, 14, 22), (5, 23, 6, 28), (7, 25, 8, 26), (9, 24, 12, 27); (7, 15, 8, 16), (11, 19, 12, 20), (1, 21, 2, 22), (3, 23, 4, 24), (10, 25, 13, 28), (5, 26, 6, 27), (9, 17, 14, 18); (5, 15, 6, 16), (12, 17, 13, 18), (1, 19, 2, 20), (10, 21, 11, 22), (3, 27, 4, 28), (7, 23, 8, 24), (9, 25, 14, 26); (13, 15, 14, 16), (7, 17, 8, 18), (3, 21, 4, 22), (5, 24, 6, 25), (11, 23, 12, 28), (1, 26, 2, 27), (9, 19, 10, 20); (3, 15, 4, 16), (5, 17, 6, 18), (7, 19, 8, 20), (13, 23, 14, 24), (10, 26, 11, 27), (1, 25, 2, 28), (9, 21, 12, 22); (10, 17, 11, 18), (13, 19, 14, 20), (5, 21, 6, 22), (1, 23, 2, 24), (3, 25, 4, 26), (7, 27, 8, 28), (9, 15, 12, 16); (3, 17, 4, 18), (7, 21, 8, 22), (9, 23, 10, 24, 11, 25, 12, 26, 13, 27, 14, 28), (5, 19, 6, 20), (1, 15, 2, 16).

15, 10, 16); (1, 15, 2, 16), (5, 19, 6, 20), (7, 21, 8, 22), (11, 25, 12, 26, 13, 27, 14, 28), (3, 17, 4, 18), (9, 23, 10, 24). n = 16.

 $62 \in S(16): \ (7, 17, 8, 18), \ (9, 19, 10, 20), \ (3, 21, 4, 22), \ (13, 23, 14, 24), \ (12, 25, 16, 26), \ (5, 27, 6, 28), \ (11, 29, 15, 32), \ (1, 30, 2, 31); \ (3, 17, 4, 18), \ (1, 19, 2, 20), \ (11, 21, 16, 22), \ (13, 25, 15, 26), \ (9, 29, 10, 30), \ (5, 23, 6, 24), \ (7, 27, 8, 28), \ (12, 31, 14, 32); \ (14, 17, 15, 18), \ (7, 19, 8, 20), \ (9, 21, 10, 22), \ (12, 23, 16, 24), \ (5, 25, 6, 26), \ (3, 27, 4, 28), \ (1, 29, 2, 32), \ (11, 30, 13, 31); \ (9, 17, 10, 18), \ (5, 19, 6, 20), \ (13, 21, 14, 22), \ (11, 23, 15, 24), \ (3, 25, 4, 26), \ (1, 27, 2, 28), \ (7, 31, 8, 32), \ (12, 29, 16, 30); \ (11, 17, 12, 18), \ (13, 19, 16, 20), \ (7, 21, 8, 22), \ (9, 23, 10, 24), \ (1, 25, 2, 26), \ (5, 31, 6, 32), \ (3, 29, 4, 30), \ (14, 27, 15, 28); \ (5, 17, 6, 18), \ (1, 21, 2, 22), \ (11, 25, 14, 26), \ (13, 27, 16, 28), \ (9, 31, 10, 32), \ (3, 23, 4, 24), \ (7, 29, 8, 30), \ (12, 19, 15, 20); \ (13, 17, 16, 18), \ (11, 19, 14, 20), \ (1, 23, 2, 24), \ (7, 25, 8, 26), \ (9, 27, 10, 28), \ (3, 31, 4, 32), \ (5, 29, 6, 30), \ (12, 21, 15, 22); \ (13, 29, 14, 30, 15, 31, 16, 32), \ (1, 17, 2, 18), \ (3, 19, 4, 20), \ (11, 27, 12, 28), \ (5, 21, 6, 22), \ (7, 23, 8, 24), \ (9, 25, 10, 26).$ 

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