# $\lambda$ -fold $K_{2,5}$ -designs

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#### Abstract

In this note, we present necessary conditions for decomposing  $\lambda K_n$  into copies of  $K_{2,5}$ , and show that these conditions are sufficient except for  $\lambda=5$  and n=8, and possibly for the following cases:  $\lambda=1$  and n=40; and  $\lambda=3$  and n=16 or 20.

#### 1 Introduction

Let  $\lambda K_n$  denote the complete multigraph of order n in which exactly  $\lambda$  edges join each pair of vertices. A G-decomposition of a (multi)graph H is a partition of the edge set of H into isomorphic copies of G. In particular, a G-design of order n and index  $\lambda$  (or  $\lambda$ -fold G-design of order n) is a partition of the edge set of  $\lambda K_n$  into copies of a graph G. Many have studied the spectrum problem for G-designs, which can be stated as follows: "For which n and  $\lambda$  does a  $\lambda$ -fold G-design of order n exist?" For example, the spectrum problem for stars [9], complete simple graphs on less than six vertices [6], and other simple connected graphs on less than five vertices as well as  $K_{2,3}$  [3, 7] has been solved for all  $\lambda$  while the spectrum problem for

paths [10], cycles of length at most 50 [1] and various other small graphs has been solved for  $\lambda = 1$  [2, 3].

For a complete multigraph  $\lambda K_n$  to be decomposed into isomorphic copies of a bipartite graph  $K_{a,b}$   $(a \leq b)$  there are some obvious necessary conditions. First, the number of edges of  $\lambda K_n$  must be divisible by the number of edges of  $K_{a,b}$ , so  $2ab|\lambda n(n-1)$ . Second, the degree of each vertex of  $\lambda K_n$  must equal some non-negative, integer, linear combination of the degrees of the vertices of  $K_{a,b}$ , so  $\lambda (n-1) = ax + by$  for some non-negative integers x and y. Therefore any common divisor of a and b must also be a divisor of  $\lambda (n-1)$ , so, in particular,  $\gcd(a,b)|\lambda(n-1)$ .

The case when a=1 (these bipartite graphs are also known as stars) was completely solved by M. Tarsi [9]. When  $a,b \geq 2$ , a theorem of Graham and Pollak asserts that the complete graph  $K_n$  can be edge-partitioned into no fewer than n-1 complete bipartite graphs [5]. However, DeCaen and Hoffman have shown the impossibility of decomposing  $K_n$  into exactly n-1 complete bipartite graphs [4]. Thus,  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2ab} > n-1$  or n > 2ab.

A related problem is to decompose a bipartite graph  $K_{c,d}$  into isomorphic copies of the bipartite graph  $K_{a,b}$ . The following theorem is due to Hoffman and Liatti [8].

**Theorem 1.1** Let a, b, c, and d be positive integers. Let  $g = \gcd(a, b)$ ; let e, f be integers satisfying ae - bf = g; and let h = ae + bf. For each integer x, let  $\alpha(x) = \left\lceil \frac{xf}{a} \right\rceil$ ,  $\beta(x) = \left\lfloor \frac{xe}{b} \right\rfloor$  and  $\gamma(x) = \frac{x}{ab}$ .

Then the edges of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{c,d}$  can be partitioned into copies of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{a,b}$  if and only if the following conditions are true:

- (i) ab|cd;
- (ii) g|c and  $\alpha(c) \leq \beta(c)$ ;
- (iii) g|d and  $\alpha(d) \leq \beta(d)$ ; and
- (iv)  $c\alpha(d) + d\alpha(c) \le h\gamma(cd) \le c\beta(d) + d\beta(c)$ .

### 2 Preliminary Results

We begin with a recursive construction for decomposing complete graphs into  $K_{a,b}$ , where  $2 \le a \le b$ . We denote the copy of  $K_{a,b}$  in Figure 1 by (1,2,3,...,a) - (a+1,a+2,...,a+b).

**Lemma 2.1** If  $K_n$  has a  $K_{a,b}$ -decomposition then so does  $K_{n+2ab}$ .

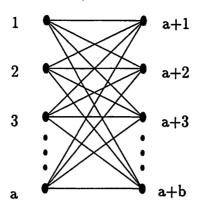


Figure 1: Block of  $K_{a,b}$ 

**Proof:** Let  $G = K_{a,b}$ , and let  $K_{n+2ab}$  be defined on the vertex set  $X \cup \mathbb{Z}_{2ab+1}$ , where X is an (n-1)-set. By assumption, there is a  $K_{a,b}$ -decomposition of  $K_n$  defined on  $X \cup \{0\}$ . The following base block, when developed (mod 2ab+1), gives a  $K_{a,b}$ -decomposition of  $K_{2ab+1}$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}_{2ab+1}$ : (b, 2b, 3b, ..., ab) - (0, 1, 2, ..., b-1). Theorem 1.1 guarantees a  $K_{a,b}$ -decomposition of  $K_{n-1,2ab}$ .

Since we do not have an analogous result to Theorem 1.1 for  $\lambda > 1$ , we now restrict our attention to the case when a = 2 and b = 5. We will make use of the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.2** Suppose  $n \ge 5$ . If  $\lambda n$  is divisible by 2 or by 5, then there exists a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $\lambda K_{n,20}$ .

**Proof:** Define  $V(\lambda K_{n,20})$  with bipartition (X,Y), where  $X = \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $Y = \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\}$ . Then if  $2 \mid \lambda n$ , then  $B = \{(2j, 2j + 1) - (\infty_{5i}, \infty_{5i+1}, \infty_{5i+2}, \infty_{5i+3}, \infty_{5i+4}) \mid 0 \le j \le (\lambda n - 2)/2, 0 \le i \le 3\}$ , where all sums involving j are reduced modulo n, is the desired set of blocks for the decomposition.

If  $5 \mid \lambda n$ , then  $B = \{(\infty_{2i}, \infty_{2i+1}) - (5j, 5j+1, 5j+2, 5j+3, 5j+4) \mid 0 \le i \le 9, 0 \le j \le (\lambda n - 5)/5\}$ , where all sums involving j are reduced modulo n, is the desired set of blocks for the decomposition.

This proposition is useful in the proof of the following.

Proposition 2.3 Suppose  $n \geq 5$ ,  $\lambda \geq 2$ , and  $\lambda \neq 3$ . If  $\lambda n$  is divisible by 2 or 5, and if there exists a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n, then there exists a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $\lambda K_{n+20}$ . Furthermore, if  $\lambda = 3$ , if  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20), and if there exists a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $\lambda K_n$ , then there is a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $\lambda K_{n+20}$ 

**Proof:** Let  $G = K_{2,5}$ , and let  $K_{n+20}$  be defined on the vertex set  $Y \cup \mathbb{Z}_{20}$ , where Y is an n-set. By assumption, there is a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $\lambda K_n$  defined on Y. Furthermore,  $K_{2,5}$ -decompositions of  $2K_{20}$  and  $5K_{20}$  can be found in the appendix. More generally, if  $\lambda \geq 2$  and  $\lambda \neq 3$ , then one can obtain a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $\lambda K_{20}$  by taking  $\lambda/2$  copies of a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $2K_{20}$  if  $\lambda$  is even and by taking one copy of a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $5K_{20}$  and  $(\lambda - 5)/2$  copies of a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $2K_{20}$  if  $\lambda$  is odd. Proposition 2.2 guarantees a decomposition of  $\lambda K_{n,20}$ .

Now suppose  $\lambda = 3$ . Let  $K_{n+20}$  be defined on the vertex set  $X \cup \mathbb{Z}_{21}$ , where X is an (n-1)-set. By assumption, there is a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $3K_n$  defined on  $X \cup \{0\}$ . The following base block gives a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $K_{21}$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}_{21}$  when developed (mod 21): (5,10) - (0,1,2,3,4). Putting together three copies of this decomposition gives a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $3K_{21}$ . Theorem 1.1 guarantees a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $K_{n-1,20}$  and, thus, a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $3K_{n-1,20}$ .

## 3 Constructing $\lambda$ -fold $K_{2,5}$ -designs

In this section we construct  $\lambda$ -fold G-designs, where  $G = K_{2,5}$ .

The following lemma states necessary conditions for the existence of  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2.5}$ -designs of order n.

**Lemma 3.1** Let n and  $\lambda$  be positive integers. If there exists a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n, and:

- (i) if  $\lambda \equiv 1, 3, 7$ , or 9 (mod 10), then  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20),  $n \ge 21$  if  $\lambda = 1$ , and  $n \ge 16$  if  $\lambda > 1$ ;
- (ii) if  $\lambda \equiv 2, 4, 6$ , or 8 (mod 10), then  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 5),  $n \ge 10$ ;
- (iii) if  $\lambda \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$ , then  $n \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $n \geq 8$ ; and
- (iv) if  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ , then  $n \geq 7$ .

**Proof:** If there exists a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $\lambda K_n$ , then the number of edges in  $\lambda K_n$  must be divisible by 10, and certainly  $n \geq 7$ . This implies that  $\frac{\lambda n(n-1)}{20}$  is an integer. We consider each case in turn.

Case 1:  $\lambda \equiv 1, 3, 7, \text{ or } 9 \pmod{10}$ .

In this case, 20 and  $\lambda$  are relatively prime, so we need only consider when 20 divides n(n-1). This is precisely when  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20). Certainly, since  $n \geq 7$  and  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20), it follows that  $n \geq 16$ . However, by a theorem of DeCaen and Hoffman [4],  $n \geq 21$  when  $\lambda = 1$ .

Case 2:  $\lambda \equiv 2, 4, 6, \text{ or } 8 \pmod{10}$ .

If  $\lambda \equiv 2, 6, 14$ , or 18 (mod 20), then  $\gcd(20, \lambda) = 2$ . Therefore, for these cases it suffices to consider when 10 divides n(n-1). If  $\lambda \equiv 4, 8, 12$ , or 16 (mod 20), then  $\gcd(20, \lambda) = 4$ , so we need only consider when 5 divides n(n-1). In all cases, this means that  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 5). Since  $n \geq 7$ , and  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 5), it follows that  $n \geq 10$ .

Case 3:  $\lambda \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$ .

If  $\lambda \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$ , then  $\gcd(20, \lambda) = 5$ . It follows that we need only consider when 4 divides n(n-1). This means that  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 4), and since  $n \geq 7$ , it follows that  $n \geq 8$ .

Case 4:  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ .

If  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ , then  $\gcd(20, \lambda) = 10$  or 20, so it suffices to consider when 2 divides n(n-1). Therefore, the only limitation is that  $n \geq 7$ .  $\square$  Interestingly enough, the obvious necessary conditions are not always sufficient, as we see from the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.2** There exists no  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order 8 and index 5.

**Proof:** We assume that such a design D = (S, B) exists, and work toward a contradiction. This design D has |S| = 8, and |B| = 14. Furthermore, since deg(v) = 35 for every vertex v in  $5K_8$ , it follows that each vertex must appear as a vertex of degree 5 in an odd number of blocks of B. Let  $d_2(v)$  and  $d_5(v)$  denote the number of blocks of B in which v is a vertex of degree 2 and of degree 5, respectively. Suppose for some vertex x that  $d_5(x) = 1$ . Then  $d_2(x) = 15$ , which is impossible since |B| = 14. Therefore,  $d_5(v) \geq 3$  for each  $v \in S$ . Since |B| = 14, it follows that there is exactly one vertex x for which  $d_5(x) = 7$  or there are exactly two vertices  $x_1, x_2$ , for which  $d_5(x_1) = 5 = d_5(x_2)$ . For every other  $v \in S$ ,  $d_5(v) = 3$ . In any event, there exist two vertices  $v_1, v_2$  for which  $d_5(v_1) = d_5(v_2) = 3$ which are contained as vertices of degree 5 in the same block. This leaves at most four other blocks of B which contain exactly one of  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  as a vertex of degree 5. Since the edge  $v_1v_2$  occurs in a block  $b \in B$  if and only if one of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  has degree 5 in b and the other has degree 2 in b, it follows that  $v_1v_2$  occurs in at most four blocks of B, thus giving a contradiction. 

This brings us to our main result.

**Theorem 3.3** Suppose  $\lambda$  and n are positive integers which satisfy the conditions of Lemma 3.1. Then there exists a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n except when  $\lambda = 5$  and n = 8, and except possibly in the following cases:  $\lambda = 1$  and n = 40; and  $\lambda = 3$  and n = 16 or 20.

**Proof:** In light of Lemma 2.1, when decomposing  $K_n$  into  $K_{a,b}$ , we need only consider those special cases where n satisfies the obvious necessary conditions and  $n < 2ab + m_{a,b}$ , where  $m_{a,b}$  denotes the smallest order m

for which there exists a  $K_{a,b}$ -design of order m. More specifically, in light of Proposition 2.3, when decomposing  $\lambda K_n$  into  $K_{2,5}$ , it suffices to consider those special cases where n satisfies the obvious necessary conditions and  $n < 20 + m_{2,5}(\lambda)$ , where  $m_{2,5}(\lambda)$  denotes the smallest order m for which there exists a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order m. Certainly, if there exist  $K_{2,5}$ -decompositions of  $\lambda_1 K_n$  and  $\lambda_2 K_n$ , then there exists a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) K_n$ . With these ideas in mind, we consider several cases based upon the value of  $\lambda$ .

#### Case 1: $\lambda = 1$ .

By Lemma 3.1 and a theorem of DcCaen and Hoffman [4], we need only consider orders  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20), where  $n \geq 21$ . Therefore, it suffices to find  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of  $K_{21}$ ,  $K_{25}$ ,  $K_{36}$ , and  $K_{40}$ . The first three designs are found in the appendix; however, it is unknown whether a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $K_{40}$  exists. However, since a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $K_{60}$  exists (as seen in the appendix), there exist  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of  $K_n$  for all  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20),  $n \geq 21$ , except possibly for n = 40.

#### Case 2: $\lambda \equiv 2, 4, 6, \text{ or } 8 \pmod{10}$ .

In this case,  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 5),  $n \geq 10$ . Certainly, it suffices to find all possible 2-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs for these values of n. It follows that we only need to find 2-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of orders n=10,11,15,16,20,21,25, and 26. However, when n=21 or 25, we can simply take 2 copies of a  $K_{2,5}$ -design or order n and index 1. The remaining 2-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs are found in the appendix.

#### Case 3: $\lambda \equiv 1, 3, 7$ , or 9 (mod 10), $\lambda > 1$ .

In this case, we need only consider orders  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20),  $n \geq 16$ . There exist  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of order n and index 1 for all of these values of n except for n = 16 and 20, and possibly for n = 40. Since there exist 2-fold  $K_{2.5}$ -designs of order n for all  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 5),  $n \geq 10$ , it suffices to find 3-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of order n=16,20, and 40. Such a design of order 40 is found in the appendix, but it is unknown whether there exist 3-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of orders 16 and 20. However, 5-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of orders 16 and 20 exist and are found in the appendix. Therefore, for  $\lambda = 3$ , there exists a  $K_{2.5}$ -design of order n for all  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20), where  $n \ge 21$ . For  $\lambda \equiv 1, 3, 7$ , or 9 (mod 10), where  $\lambda \ge 7$ , and for  $n \equiv 0, 1, 5$ , or 16 (mod 20), where  $n \geq 21$ , we can obtain a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2.5}$ design of order n by taking one copy of a 3-fold  $K_{2.5}$ -design and  $(\lambda - 3)/2$ copies of a 2-fold  $K_{2,5}$  design of order n. For these same values of  $\lambda$  and for n = 16 or 20, we can construct a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n by taking one copy of a 5-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n and a  $(\lambda - 5)/2$  copies of a 2-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n.

#### Case 4: $\lambda \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$ .

Here we need only consider orders  $n \equiv 0$  or 1 (mod 4), where  $n \geq 8$  if  $\lambda > 5$  and  $n \geq 9$  if  $\lambda = 5$ . Therefore, it suffices to find 5-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs

of order n=9,12,13,16,17,20,24, and 28, a 10-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n=8, and a 15-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n=8, all of which are found in the appendix. If  $\lambda \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$  and  $\lambda > 5$ , then we can find  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of order  $n\equiv 0$  or  $1\pmod{4}$ , where  $n\geq 9$  by simply taking  $\lambda/5$  copies of the appropriate 5-fold design of order n. When  $\lambda\equiv 5\pmod{10}$ ,  $\lambda\geq 15$ , and n=8, we need only take a 15-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order 8 and  $(\lambda-15)/10$  copies of a 10-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order 8 to obtain a  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order 8.

Case 5:  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ .

Here we need to consider all orders  $n \geq 7$ . For  $\lambda \geq 10$ , where  $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ , we can construct  $\lambda$ -fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs of order n simply by taking  $\lambda/10$  copies of a 10-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -design of order n. It suffices to find 10-fold  $K_{2,5}$ -designs for all orders n where  $10 \leq n \leq 10$ . There exist 1-fold  $10 \leq n \leq 10$  designs of orders  $10 \leq n \leq 10$ . In addition, there exist 2-fold  $10 \leq n \leq 10$  designs of orders  $10 \leq n \leq 10$ . Furthermore, there exist 5-fold  $10 \leq n \leq 10$  designs of order  $10 \leq n \leq 10$ . Therefore, we need only construct 10-fold  $10 \leq n \leq 10$  designs of order  $10 \leq n \leq 10$ . Each of these is found in the appendix.

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### **Appendix**

- $K_{21}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{21}$ . Here is a base block to be developed cyclically (mod 21): (10,5) (0,1,2,3,4)
- $K_{25}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$ . Here are the base blocks to be developed cyclically (mod (5,-)): ((0,0)(0,1)) ((1,0)(2,0)(1,1)(2,1)(0,2)) ((1,2)(2,2)) ((0,2)(0,0)(3,0)(0,1)(3,1)) ((0,0)(0,4)) ((0,1)(0,3)(1,3)(1,4)(2,4)) ((0,2)(0,3)) ((1,3)(2,3)(1,4)(2,4)(3,4)) ((0,2)(1,1)) ((0,3)(3,3)(4,3)(0,4)(4,4)) ((1,3)(2,4)) ((2,0)(3,0)(4,0)(0,1)(1,1))
- $K_{36}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Here are the base blocks to be developed cyclically (mod (9,-)): ((0,0)(0,2)) ((0,3)(1,2)(2,2)(3,2)(4,2)) ((0,1)(7,1)) ((1,1)(2,1)(0,0)(6,3)(5,3)) ((0,0)(7,0)) ((1,0)(2,0)(1,3)(2,3)(2,1)) ((7,3)(0,2)) ((3,3)(4,3)(5,3)(6,3)(5,1)) ((0,2)(7,1)) ((4,0)(1,3)(2,3)(7,3)(8,3)) ((0,0)(2,0)) ((8,1)(0,2)(8,2)(7,3)(8,3)) ((0,1)(4,1)) ((8,0)(0,2)(1,2)(2,2)(3,2))
- $K_{60}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{24} \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{34}\} \cup \{\infty\}$ : First place a decomposition of  $K_{25}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{24} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and then place a decomposition of  $K_{36}$  on the vertex set  $\{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{34}\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Finish the construction with the following set of blocks:  $\{(2i, 2i + 1) - (\infty_{5j}, \infty_{5j+1}, \infty_{5j+2}, \infty_{5j+3}, \infty_{5j+4}) \mid 0 \le i \le 11, 0 \le j \le 6\}$ .
- $2K_{5,5}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ : Let  $V_i = \{(0,i), (1,i), (2,i), (3,i), (4,i)\}$ , for  $0 \le i \le 1$ . Define  $2K_{5,5}$  with bipartition  $(V_0, V_1)$ . Then  $(V_0 \cup V_1, C)$  is a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $2K_{5,5}$ , where

$$C = \{\{((2i,0),(2i+1,0)) - ((0,1),(1,1),(2,1),(3,1),(4,1))\} \mid 0 \le i \le 4\},$$

where all sums are reduced modulo 5.

•  $2K_{25} \setminus 2K_{20}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_5 \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\}$ : Let  $2K_{25} \setminus 2K_{20}$  denote the complete multigraph  $2K_{25}$  with the edges of  $2K_{20}$  removed (also called  $2K_{25}$  with a hole of size 20). Furthermore, let  $\{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\}$  be the vertices in the hole of size 20. The following sets of blocks give a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $2K_{25} \setminus 2K_{20}$ :

- (i)  $\{\{(i, i+3) (i+1, \infty_{4j}, \infty_{4j+1}, \infty_{4j+2}, \infty_{4j+3})\} \mid 0 \le i \le 4, 0 \le j \le 1\}$ , where all sums including *i* are reduced modulo 5; and
- (ii) two copies of each block in the following set:  $\{\{(\infty_{2i}, \infty_{2i+1}) (0, 1, 2, 3, 4)\} \mid 4 \leq i \leq 9\}$ .
- $2K_{10}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ :

$$\begin{array}{lll} (0,6)-(1,2,3,4,5) & (1,7)-(2,3,4,5,6) \\ (2,8)-(3,4,5,6,7) & (3,9)-(4,5,6,7,8) \\ (4,0)-(5,6,7,8,9) & (1,6)-(0,5,7,8,9) \\ (2,7)-(0,1,5,8,9) & (3,8)-(0,1,2,5,9) \\ (4,9)-(0,1,2,3,5). \end{array}$$

•  $2K_{11}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ :

Here is a base block to be developed cyclically (mod 11): (0,1) - (2,4,6,8,10)

- 2K<sub>15</sub> on the vertex set Z<sub>10</sub> ∪ {∞<sub>0</sub>, ∞<sub>1</sub>, ∞<sub>2</sub>, ∞<sub>3</sub>, ∞<sub>4</sub>}:
   First place a decomposition of 2K<sub>10</sub> on the vertices in Z<sub>10</sub>. Then form the following sets of blocks:
  - $\{(\infty_i, \infty_{i+3}) (7, 8, 9, \infty_{i+1}, \infty_{i+2}) \mid 0 \le i \le 4\}$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 5;
  - $\{(2i, 2i+1) (\infty_0, \infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4) \mid 0 \le i \le 6\}$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 7.
- $2K_{16}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4\}$ :

First place a decomposition of  $2K_{11}$  on the vertices in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ . Then form the following sets of blocks:

- $\{(\infty_i, \infty_{i+3}) (8, 9, 10, \infty_{i+1}, \infty_{i+2}) \mid 0 \le i \le 4\}$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 5;
- $\{(2i, 2i+1) (\infty_0, \infty_1, \infty_2, \infty_3, \infty_4) \mid 0 \le i \le 7\}$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 8.
- $2K_{20}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ :

Place a decomposition of  $2K_{10}$  on each of the vertex sets  $V_0 = \{(i,0) \mid 0 \le i \le 9\}$  and  $V_1 = \{(i,1) \mid 0 \le i \le 9\}$ . Then, by Theorem 1.1, there exists a  $K_{2,5}$  decomposition of  $K_{10,10}$  with bipartition  $(V_0, V_1)$ . Take two copies of this decomposition to complete the construction.

•  $2K_{26}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{16} \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \dots, \infty_9\}$ : First place a decomposition of  $2K_{16}$  on the vertices in  $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$ . Then place a decomposition of  $2K_{10}$  on the vertices in  $\{\infty_0, \infty_1, \dots, \infty_9\}$ . By Theorem 1.1, there exists a  $K_{2,5}$  decomposition of  $K_{10,16}$  with bipartition ( $\mathbb{Z}_{16}, \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_9\}$ ). Take two copies of this decomposition to complete the construction.

•  $2K_{40}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{19} \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\} \cup \{\infty\}$ : First place a decomposition of  $2K_{20}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{19} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and then place a  $2K_{21}$  design on the vertex set  $\{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Finish the construction with the following set of blocks:

$$\{(2i, 2i+1) - (\infty_{5j}, \infty_{5j+1}, \infty_{5j+2}, \infty_{5j+3}, \infty_{5j+4}) \mid 0 \le i \le 18, 0 \le j \le 3\},$$

where all sums involving i are reduced modulo 19.

- $3K_{25} \setminus 3K_{20}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_5 \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\}$ : Let  $3K_{25} \setminus 3K_{20}$  denote the complete multigraph  $3K_{25}$  with the edges of  $3K_{20}$  removed (also called  $3K_{25}$  with a hole of size 20). Furthermore, let  $\{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\}$  be the vertices in the hole of size 20. The following sets of blocks give a  $K_{2,5}$ -decomposition of  $3K_{25} \setminus 3K_{20}$ :
  - (i)  $\{\{(i, i+3) (i+1, \infty_{4j}, \infty_{4j+1}, \infty_{4j+2}, \infty_{4j+3})\} \mid 0 \le i \le 4, 0 \le j \le 2\}$ , where all sums including i are reduced modulo 5;
  - (ii)  $\{(\infty_{2i}, \infty_{2i+1}) (0, 1, 2, 3, 4)\} \mid 0 \le i \le 5\}$ ; and
  - (iii) three copies of each block in the following set:  $\{\{(\infty_{2i}, \infty_{2i+1}) (0, 1, 2, 3, 4)\} \mid 6 \le i \le 9\}$ .
- $3K_{40}$  on the vertex set  $(\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_4) \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\}$ : For  $0 \le i \le 3$ , let  $V_i = \{(0, i), (1, i), (2, i), (3, i), (4, i)\}$ , and let  $V_4 = \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_{19}\}$ . We form the blocks in the following manner.
  - (i) Place a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $K_{25}$  on each set  $V_i \cup V_4$ , for  $0 \le i \le 2$ .
  - (ii) Place a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $2K_{5,5}$  with bipartition  $(V_i, V_j)$ , for  $0 \le i < j \le 3$ .
  - (iii) Place a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $K_{5,10}$  with bipartition  $(V_1, V_2 \cup V_3)$ ,  $(V_2, V_0 \cup V_3)$ , and  $(V_0, V_1 \cup V_3)$ .
  - (iv) Place a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $2K_{25} \setminus 2K_{20}$  on each set from  $V_i \cup V_4$ , for  $1 \le i \le 3$ , where  $V_4$  contains all vertices in the hole of size 20.
  - (v) Place a  $K_{2,5}$ -design of  $3K_{25} \setminus 3K_{20}$  on the set  $V_0 \cup V_4$ , where  $V_4$  contains all vertices in the hole of size 20.
- $5K_9$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ :

Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically modulo 9: (0,4) – (1,2,3,5,6) and (0,1) – (2,4,5,6,8).

- $5K_{12}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} \cup \{\infty\}$ : Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically modulo 11:  $(\infty, 0)$  – (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), (0, 5) - (6, 7, 8, 9, 10), and (0, 5) - (6, 7, 8, 9, 10).
- $5K_{13}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}$ : Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically modulo 13: (0,1) – (2,3,4,5,6), (0,3) – (1,4,5,6,9), and (0,4)-(1,5,6,9,10).
- $5K_{16}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \cup \{\infty\}$ : Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically (mod 15):  $(\infty, 0) - (1, 2, 3, 4, 5), (0, 4) - (1, 6, 8, 9, 11), (0, 6) - (3, 7, 8, 10, 11), and <math>(0, 12) - (6, 7, 9, 13, 14)$ .
- 5K<sub>17</sub> on the vertex set Z<sub>8</sub> ∪ {∞<sub>0</sub>, ∞<sub>1</sub>,...,∞<sub>7</sub>} ∪ {∞}:
  On each set of vertices Z<sub>8</sub> ∪ {∞} and {∞<sub>0</sub>,∞<sub>1</sub>,...,∞<sub>7</sub>} ∪ {∞}, place a decomposition of 5K<sub>9</sub>. Then form the following set of blocks:

$$\{(2i, 2i+1) - (\infty_{5j}, \infty_{5j+1}, \infty_{5j+2}, \infty_{5j+3}, \infty_{5j+4}) \mid 0 \le i \le 3, 0 \le j \le 7\},$$

where all sums are reduced modulo 8.

•  $5K_{20}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{19} \cup \{\infty\}$ :

Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically (mod 19):  $(\infty, 0) - (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$ , (0, 1) - (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) (0, 2) - (1, 4, 5, 8, 9), (0, 4) - (6, 7, 8, 12, 13), and (0, 6) - (1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

•  $5K_{24}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ :

Place a decomposition of  $5K_{12}$  on each of the vertex sets  $V_0 = \{(i,0) \mid 0 \le i \le 11\}$  and  $V_1 = \{(i,1) \mid 0 \le i \le 11\}$ . Then form the following set of blocks:  $\{((2i,0),(2i+1,0))-((5j,1),(5j+1,1),(5j+2,1),(5j+3,1),(5j+4,1)) \mid 0 \le i \le 5, 0 \le j \le 11\}$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 12.

5K<sub>28</sub> on the vertex set Z<sub>12</sub> ∪ {∞<sub>0</sub>,∞<sub>1</sub>,...,∞<sub>14</sub>} ∪{∞}.
First place a decomposition of 5K<sub>13</sub> on the vertex set Z<sub>12</sub> ∪ {∞}, and then place a 5K<sub>16</sub> decomposition on the vertex set {∞<sub>0</sub>,∞<sub>1</sub>,...,∞<sub>14</sub>} ∪{∞}. Finish the construction by taking five copies of each block in the following set:

$$\{(2i, 2i+1) - (\infty_{5j}, \infty_{5j+1}, \infty_{5j+2}, \infty_{5j+3}, \infty_{5j+4}) \mid 0 \le i \le 5, 0 \le j \le 2\}.$$

•  $5K_{40}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{39} \cup \{\infty\}$ :

Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically modulo 39:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (\infty,0)-(1,2,3,4,5) & (0,1)-(2,4,6,8,20) \\ (0,9)-(15,16,17,18,19) & (0,15)-(1,2,3,4,5) \\ (0,16)-(1,2,3,4,5) & (0,19)-(5,6,7,8,9) \\ (0,25)-(6,7,8,9,10) & (0,25)-(6,7,8,9,11) \\ (0,25)-(1,2,3,4,12) & (0,27)-(9,10,11,12,13) \end{array}$$

•  $10K_7$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ :

For each pair  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_7$ , i < j, produce exactly one copy of  $K_{2,5}$  which contains both i and j as vertices of degree 5.

- $10K_8$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_7 \cup \{\infty\}$ :
  - Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically modulo 7:  $(\infty,0) (1,2,3,4,6)$ ,  $(\infty,0) (1,3,4,5,6)$ , (0,1) (2,3,4,5,6), and (0,3) (1,2,4,5,6).
- $10K_{14}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_7 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ :

Place a decomposition of  $10K_7$  on each of the vertex sets  $\{(i,0) \mid 0 \le i \le 6\}$  and  $\{(i,1) \mid 0 \le i \le 6\}$ . Then form the following set of blocks:

$$\{((2i,0),(2i+1,0)) - ((5j,1),(5j+1,1),(5j+2,1),(5j+3,1),(5j+4,1)) \mid 0 \le i \le 6, 0 \le j \le 6\},$$

where all sums are reduced modulo 7.

•  $10K_{18}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_9 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ :

Place a decomposition of  $10K_9$  on each of the vertex sets  $\{(i,0) \mid 0 \le i \le 8\}$  and  $\{(i,1) \mid 0 \le i \le 8\}$ . Then form the following set of blocks:

$$\{((2i,0),(2i+1,0)) - ((5j,1),(5j+1,1),(5j+2,1),(5j+3,1),(5j+4,1)) \mid 0 \le i,j \le 8\},$$

where all sums are reduced modulo 9.

•  $10K_{19}$  on the vertex set  $(\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_3) \cup \{\infty\}$ :

Place a decomposition of  $10K_7$  on each of the vertex sets  $V_0 = \{(i,0) \mid 0 \le i \le 5\} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $V_1 = \{(i,1) \mid 0 \le i \le 5\} \cup \{\infty\}$ , and  $V_2 = \{(i,2) \mid 0 \le i \le 5\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Furthermore, for  $0 \le i \le 2$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 6, and for  $0 \le j \le 2$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 3, form two copies of each of the following blocks:  $\begin{cases} ((2i, j), (2i+1, j)), & ((0, i+1), (1, i+1), (2, i+1), (2, i+1), (4, i+1)) \\ ((2i, j), (2i+1, j)), & ((0, i+1), (1, i+1), (2, i+1), (2, i+1), (4, i+1)) \\ ((2i, j), (2i+1, j)), & ((0, i+1), (1, i+1), (2, i+1), (2, i+1), (4, i+1)) \\ ((2i, j), (2i+1, j)), & ((0, i+1), (1, i+1), (2, i+1), (2, i+1), (4, i+1)) \\ ((2i, j), (2i+1, j)), & ((0, i+1), (1, i+1), (2, i+1), (2, i+1), (4, i+1)) \\ ((2i, j), (2i+1, i+1), (2, i+1), (4, i+1), (4, i+1)) \\ ((2i, j), (2i+1, i+1), (2, i+1), (4, i+1), (4, i+1), (4, i+1)) \\ ((2i, j), (2i+1, i+1), (4, i+1), ($ 

$$\{((2i,j),(2i+1,j))-((0,j+1),(1,j+1),(2,j+1),(3,j+1),(4,j+1))\}$$
  
 $\{((2i,j),(2i+1,j))-((0,j+1),(1,j+1),(2,j+1),(3,j+1),(5,j+1))\}$ 

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 \{((2i,j),(2i+1,j)) - ((0,j+1),(1,j+1),(2,j+1),(4,j+1),(5,j+1))\}   \{((2i,j),(2i+1,j)) - ((0,j+1),(1,j+1),(3,j+1),(4,j+1),(5,j+1))\}   \{((2i,j),(2i+1,j)) - ((0,j+1),(2,j+1),(3,j+1),(4,j+1),(5,j+1))\}   \{((2i,j),(2i+1,j)) - ((1,j+1),(2,j+1),(3,j+1),(4,j+1),(5,j+1))\}.
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•  $10K_{22}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ :

Place a decomposition of  $10K_{11}$  on each of the vertex sets  $\{(i,0) \mid 0 \le i \le 10\}$  and  $\{(i,1) \mid 0 \le i \le 10\}$ . Then form the following set of blocks:

$$\{((2i,0),(2i+1,0)) - ((5j,1),(5j+1,1),(5j+2,1),(5j+3,1),(5j+4,1)) \mid 0 \le i,j \le 10\},$$

where all sums are reduced modulo 11.

•  $10K_{23}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{16} \cup \{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_5\} \cup \{\infty\}$ :

First place a decomposition of  $10K_{17}$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_{16} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Then place a decomposition of  $10K_7$  on the vertex set  $\{\infty_0, \infty_1, \ldots, \infty_5\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . Finally, for  $0 \le i \le 7$ , where all sums are reduced modulo 8, form two copies of each of the following blocks:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{(2i,2i+1)-(\infty_0,\infty_1,\infty_2,\infty_3,\infty_4)\} \\ &\{(2i,2i+1)-(\infty_0,\infty_1,\infty_2,\infty_3,\infty_5)\} \\ &\{(2i,2i+1)-(\infty_0,\infty_1,\infty_2,\infty_4,\infty_5)\} \\ &\{(2i,2i+1)-(\infty_0,\infty_1,\infty_3,\infty_4,\infty_5)\} \\ &\{(2i,2i+1)-(\infty_0,\infty_2,\infty_3,\infty_4,\infty_5)\} \\ &\{(2i,2i+1)-(\infty_1,\infty_2,\infty_3,\infty_4,\infty_5)\}. \end{aligned}$$

•  $15K_8$  on the vertex set  $\mathbb{Z}_7 \cup \{\infty\}$ :

Here are the base blocks to be generated cyclically modulo 7:

$$(\infty,0) - (1,2,3,4,5)$$
  $(\infty,0) - (1,2,3,4,6)$   $(\infty,0) - (1,2,3,4,6)$   $(0,1) - (2,3,4,5,6)$   $(0,2) - (1,3,4,5,6)$   $(0,3) - (1,2,4,5,6)$