

# On the Existence of Regular Supermagic Graphs

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## Abstract

A graph is called supermagic if it admits a labeling of its edges by consecutive integers such that the sum of the labels of the edges incident with a vertex is independent of the particular vertex. In this paper we prove that the necessary conditions for an  $r$ -regular supermagic graph of order  $n$  to exist are also sufficient. All proofs are constructive and they are based on finding supermagic labelings of circulant graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

We consider finite undirected graphs without loops and multiple edges. If  $G$  is a graph, then  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  stand for the vertex set and edge set of  $G$ , respectively.

Let a graph  $G$  and a mapping  $f$  from  $E(G)$  into positive integers be given. The *index-mapping* of  $f$  is the mapping  $f^*$  from  $V(G)$  into positive

integers defined by

$$f^*(v) = \sum_{e \in E(G)} \eta(v, e) f(e) \quad \text{for every } v \in V(G),$$

where  $\eta(v, e)$  is equal to 1 when  $e$  is an edge incident with a vertex  $v$ , and 0 otherwise. The value  $f^*(v)$  is often called the *weight* of the vertex  $v$ . An injective mapping  $f$  from  $E(G)$  into positive integers is called a *magic labeling* of  $G$  for an *index*  $k$  if all the vertices have the same weight, thus

$$f^*(v) = k \quad \text{for all } v \in V(G).$$

A magic labeling  $f$  of  $G$  is called *supermagic* if the set  $\{f(e) : e \in E(G)\}$  consists of consecutive positive integers. We say that a graph  $G$  is *supermagic* (*magic*) if and only if there exists a supermagic (magic) labeling of  $G$ . For regular supermagic graphs we can always assume that the smallest edge label is 1.

The concept of magic graphs was introduced by Sedláček [7]. Supermagic graphs were introduced by M. B. Stewart [9]. There is by now a considerable number of papers published on magic and supermagic graphs; we single out [10, 4, 6, 3, 1, 8] as being more particularly relevant to the present paper, and refer the reader to [2] for comprehensive references.

There are strict bounds on the number of edges in a magic graph given in [11]. For supermagic graphs no similar result can be found. In [1] it is proved that if  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of integers  $n$  and  $\varepsilon$ , and if  $\frac{n}{d}$  and  $\varepsilon$  are both even, then there exists no supermagic graph of order  $n$  and size  $\varepsilon$ . It seems that the existence of a supermagic graph with a given order and size is hard to solve. In this paper we deal with an easier problem, we focus only on regular graphs. We characterize all pairs  $n, r$  for which an  $r$ -regular supermagic graph of order  $n$  exists.

**Theorem 1.1** (Main theorem). *Let  $r, n$  be positive integers,  $n \geq r + 1$ . There exists an  $r$ -regular supermagic graph of order  $n$  if and only if one of the following statements holds.*

- (i)  $r = 1$  and  $n = 2$ ,
- (ii)  $3 \leq r \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,
- (iii)  $4 \leq r \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $n > 5$ .

In Section 2 we summarize all known results that will be relevant to our constructions. Section 3 brings several assertions that are used to prove the main result in Section 4.

## 2 Known results

The following necessary conditions hold for a regular supermagic graph.

**Proposition 2.1.** [4] *If  $G$  is an  $r$ -regular supermagic graph of order  $n$ , then the following statements hold:*

- (i) *if  $r \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ , then  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ,*
- (ii) *if  $r \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , then  $G$  contains no component of an odd order,*
- (iii) *if  $n > 2$ , then  $r > 2$ .*

A regular spanning subgraph of a graph  $G$  is called the *factor* of  $G$ . A factor of degree  $k$  is called the  *$k$ -factor*. In [4] it is proved

**Proposition 2.2.** [4] *If  $G$  is a graph decomposable into pairwise edge-disjoint supermagic factors, then  $G$  is supermagic.*

The union of  $m \geq 1$  disjoint copies of graph  $G$  is denoted by  $mG$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** [4] *If  $G$  is a  $2k$ -regular supermagic graph decomposable into two edge-disjoint supermagic  $k$ -factors, then the graph  $mG$  is supermagic for every positive integer  $m$ .*

To find a supermagic labeling of a regular graph it is convenient to use highly symmetric graphs. Let  $n, m \geq 1$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_m \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  be pairwise different positive integers. An undirected graph with the set of vertices  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  and the set of edges  $\{v_i v_{i+a_j} : 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ , the indices being taken modulo  $n$ , is called a *circulant graph* and it is denoted by  $C_n(a_1, \dots, a_m)$ .

The Möbius ladder  $M_n$ , where  $6 \leq n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , is the 3-regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, \frac{n}{2})$ . Sedláček [6] proved the following result.

**Proposition 2.4.** [6] *Let  $n \geq 6$  be an even integer. The Möbius ladder  $M_n$  is supermagic if and only if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .*

Notice that the complete graph  $K_n$  is the  $(n-1)$ -regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$ . Supermagic complete graphs were characterized in [10].

**Proposition 2.5.** [10] *A complete graph  $K_n$  of order  $n$  is supermagic if and only if  $n = 2$  or  $5 < n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .*

The regular complete  $n$ -partite graph of order  $nk$  is denoted by  $K_{n[k]}$ . Evidently, every regular complete multipartite graph is a circulant graph, e.g.,  $K_{n[2]} = C_{2n}(1, 2, \dots, n-1)$ . The existence of regular supermagic complete multipartite graphs was examined in [4]. Besides other the following was shown.

**Proposition 2.6.** [4] *The regular complete multipartite graph  $K_{n[2]}$  is supermagic for every  $n \geq 3$ .*

By decomposing a graph into even number of Hamilton cycles the following was proved.

**Proposition 2.7.** [8] *Let  $G := C_n(a_1, \dots, a_{2k})$  be a  $4k$ -regular circulant graph. If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ ,  $a_i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $\gcd(a_{2j-1}, a_{2j}, n) = 1$  for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, 2k\}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , then  $G$  is supermagic.*

In the next we use the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.8.** *If  $n, k, a$  are positive integers, where  $a$  is odd and  $2a + 4k - 2 \leq n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , then the  $4k$ -regular circulant graph  $C_n(a, a+2, \dots, a+2(k-1))$  is supermagic.*

The following result is proved in [5].

**Proposition 2.9.** [5] *If  $G$  is a  $4k$ -regular circulant graph of odd order, then the Cartesian product of graphs  $G$  and  $K_2$  is supermagic.*

Since for  $n$  even the graph  $C_n(2, 4, \dots, 4k, \frac{n}{2})$  is isomorphic to the Cartesian product of graphs  $C_{\frac{n}{2}}(1, 2, \dots, 2k)$  and  $K_2$ , we have immediately.

**Corollary 2.10.** *If  $n, k$  are positive integers,  $8k + 2 \leq n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , then the circulant graph  $C_n(2, 4, \dots, 4k, \frac{n}{2})$  is supermagic.*

### 3 New results on circulant graphs

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $C_n(a, a+b)$  be a 4-regular circulant graph and let  $v$  be its vertex. If  $\gcd(n, b) = 1$ , then there exists a labeling  $f : E(C_n(a, a+b)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  such that for every vertex  $u \in V(C_n(a, a+b))$  it holds*

$$f^*(u) = \begin{cases} 3n + 3 & \text{if } u = v, \\ 4n + 3 & \text{if } u \neq v. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* As  $b$  and  $n$  are coprime, there exists a positive integer  $c$  (obviously,  $c \equiv ab^{-1} \pmod{n}$ ) such that the graph  $C_n(a, a+b)$  is isomorphic to the graph  $C_n(c, c+1)$ . Without loss of generality we can assume to have the graph  $C_n(c, c+1)$  with vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  where  $v = v_1$ . Define a mapping  $f : E(C_n(c, c+1)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  by

$$f(v_i, v_{i+c+1}) = i \quad \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

$$f(v_i, v_{i+c}) = \begin{cases} 2n+2-i & \text{if } 2 \leq i \leq n, \\ n+1 & \text{if } i = 1. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that

$$f^*(v_i) = \begin{cases} 3n+3 & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 4n+3 & \text{if } 2 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Thus, the labeling  $f$  has required properties.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G := C_n(a, a+b, c, c+d)$  be a circulant graph of degree 8. If  $\gcd(b, n) = 1$  and  $\gcd(d, n) = 1$ , then  $G$  is a supermagic graph.*

*Proof.* The graph  $G$  is decomposable into two edge-disjoint 4-factors  $G_1 := C_n(a, a+b)$  and  $G_2 := C_n(c, c+d)$ . According to the previous lemma, there exist labelings  $f : E(G_1) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  and  $g : E(G_2) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  so that

$$f^*(v_1) = g^*(v_1) = 3n+3,$$

$$f^*(v_2) = \dots = f^*(v_n) = g^*(v_2) = \dots = g^*(v_n) = 4n+3.$$

Consider a mapping  $h : E(G) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, 4n\}$  defined by

$$h(e) = \begin{cases} f(e) & \text{if } e \in E(G_1), \\ 4n+1-g(e) & \text{if } e \in E(G_2). \end{cases}$$

Obviously,  $h^*(v) = 16n+4$  for every  $v \in V(G)$  and thus  $h$  is a supermagic labeling of  $G$ .  $\square$

By choosing  $b = d = 1$  and  $c = a + 2$  we get

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $n, a$  be positive integers. The 8-regular circulant graph  $C_n(a, a+1, a+2, a+3)$  is supermagic for all  $n > 2a+6$ .*

By induction immediately follows

**Corollary 3.4.** *Let  $n, a, k$  be positive integers. The  $8k$ -regular circulant graph  $C_n(a, a + 1, \dots, a + 4k - 1)$  is supermagic for all  $n > 2a + 8k - 2$ .*

In the following theorems we prove that the 4-regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$ , the 6-regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$ , and the 10-regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  are supermagic for all feasible values of  $n$ . All proofs will be done in a similar way. The technique is most transparent for  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$ , therefore we start with this case.

**Theorem 3.5.** *The circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$  has a supermagic labeling for all  $n \geq 7$ .*

*Proof.* For any integer  $n \geq 3$ , let  $H_n = H_n(1, 2, 3)$  be a graph with the vertex set  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n+3}\}$  and edge set  $\cup_{i=1}^n \{w_i w_{i+1}, w_{i+1} w_{i+3}, w_i w_{i+3}\}$ . Notice that the vertices of the graph  $H_n$  are all of even degree, see Figures 1 through 4. The vertices  $w_1, w_{n+2}$ , and  $w_{n+3}$  are of degree 2, for  $n \geq 3$  the vertices  $w_2, w_3$ , and  $w_{n+1}$  are of degree 4, and for  $n \geq 4$  are all remaining vertices of degree 6. Also it is easy to observe, that by identifying the pairs  $w_1$  and  $w_{n+1}$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_{n+2}$ ,  $w_3$  and  $w_{n+3}$  we obtain for  $n \geq 7$  from  $H_n$  the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$ .

The construction of the required labeling is done in two steps. First we find a labeling  $\lambda_n$ , called the auxiliary labeling, of  $H_n$  for any  $n \geq 3$ . Then we show how to obtain from  $\lambda_n$  a supermagic labeling  $f$  of  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$ .

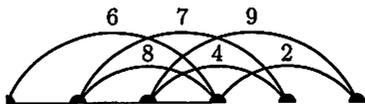


Figure 1: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_3(1, 2, 3)$ .

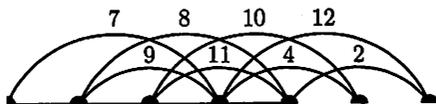


Figure 2: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_4(1, 2, 3)$ .

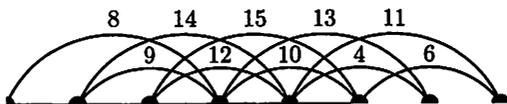


Figure 3: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_5(1, 2, 3)$ .

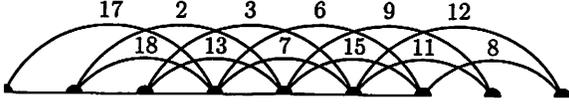


Figure 4: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_6(1, 2, 3)$ .

Since the graph  $H_n$  is a subgraph of a graph  $H_m$ , for  $3 \leq n \leq m$ , we can define the auxiliary labeling  $\lambda_n : E(H_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 3n\}$  recursively as follows. The labelings of the graphs  $H_3$ ,  $H_4$ ,  $H_5$ , and  $H_6$  are given in the Figures 1 through 4. For larger  $n$  the auxiliary labeling is defined by

$$\lambda_{n+4}(e) = \begin{cases} \lambda_n(e) + 6 & \text{for } e \in E(H_n), \\ 1 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+4}, \\ 2 & \text{for } e = w_{n+5}w_{n+7}, \\ 3 & \text{for } e = w_{n+2}w_{n+3}, \\ 4 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+6}, \\ 5 & \text{for } e = w_{n+1}w_{n+2}, \\ 6 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+5}, \\ 3n + 7 & \text{for } e = w_{n+1}w_{n+4}, \\ 3n + 8 & \text{for } e = w_{n+2}w_{n+5}, \\ 3n + 9 & \text{for } e = w_{n+2}w_{n+4}, \\ 3n + 10 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+6}, \\ 3n + 11 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+5}, \\ 3n + 12 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+7}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to verify that for every  $n \in \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n+3$  it holds

$$\lambda_n^*(w_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(3n+1) - 1 & \text{for } i = 1, 2, 3, \\ \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(3n+1) + 1 & \text{for } i = n+1, n+2, n+3, \\ \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(3n+1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Similarly, for the first three vertices of  $H_{n+4}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{n+4}^*(w_1) &= \lambda^*(w_1) + 6 \deg_{H_n}(w_1) = 3n + 12 = 3(n+4), \\ \lambda_{n+4}^*(w_2) &= \lambda^*(w_2) + 6 \deg_{H_n}(w_2) = (3n+1) + 24 = 6(n+4) + 1, \\ \lambda_{n+4}^*(w_3) &= \lambda^*(w_3) + 6 \deg_{H_n}(w_3) = (3n+1) + 24 = 6(n+4) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

For the vertices  $w_i$ ,  $i = 4, 5, \dots, n$ , we have

$$\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_i) = \lambda^*(w_i) + 6 \deg_{H_n}(w_i) = (9n+3) + 36 = 9(n+4) + 3.$$

Now for the remaining vertices in  $V(H_n)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_{n+1}) &= \lambda^*(w_{n+1}) + 6 \deg_{H_n}(w_{n+1}) + 5 + (3n + 7) \\
&= 9(n + 4) + 3, \\
\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_{n+2}) &= \lambda^*(w_{n+2}) + 6 \deg_{H_n}(w_{n+2}) + 3 + 5 + (3n + 8) \\
&\quad + (3n + 9) = 9(n + 4) + 3, \\
\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_{n+3}) &= \lambda^*(w_{n+3}) + 6 \deg_{H_n}(w_{n+3}) + 1 + 3 + (3n + 10) \\
&\quad + (3n + 11) = 9(n + 4) + 3.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, for the four last vertices in  $V(H_{n+4})$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_{n+4}) &= 1 + 4 + 6 + (3n + 7) + (3n + 9) + (3n + 12) \\
&= 9(n + 4) + 3, \\
\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_{n+5}) &= 2 + 6 + (3n + 8) + (3n + 11) = 6(n + 4) + 3, \\
\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_{n+6}) &= 4 + (3n + 10) = 3(n + 4) + 2, \\
\lambda_{n+4}^*(w_{n+7}) &= 2 + (3n + 12) = 3(n + 4) + 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the equations in (1) hold for every vertex of  $H_n$  and for all  $n \geq 3$ .

For  $n \geq 7$  we obtain the 6-regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$  from the graph  $H_n$  by identifying vertices  $w_1$  and  $w_{n+1}$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_{n+2}$ ,  $w_3$  and  $w_{n+3}$ . More precisely, the mapping  $\xi : V(H_n) \rightarrow V(C_n(1, 2, 3))$ , given by  $\xi(w_i) = v_i$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\xi(w_{n+j}) = v_j$ , for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ , is a homomorphism of graphs  $H_n$  and  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$ . Moreover, the homomorphism  $\xi$  induces a bijective mapping  $\xi_E$  from  $E(H_n)$  to  $E(C_n(1, 2, 3))$ . Consider the labeling  $f : E(C_n(1, 2, 3)) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, 3n\}$  defined by  $f(e) = \lambda_n(\xi_E^{-1}(e))$ . Evidently, it holds

$$f^*(v_i) = \begin{cases} \lambda_n^*(w_i) + \lambda_n^*(w_{n+i}) & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq 3, \\ \lambda_n^*(w_i) & \text{for } 4 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $f^*(v) = 9n + 3$  for every vertex  $v \in V(C_n(1, 2, 3))$ . Thus,  $f$  is a supermagic labeling of the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$ .  $\square$

According to Corollary 2.8 the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$  is supermagic for every even integer  $n \geq 8$ . However we can extend this claim.

**Theorem 3.6.** *The circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$  has a supermagic labeling for all  $n \geq 7$ .*

*Proof.* For any integer  $n \geq 4$ , let  $H_n = H_n(1, 3)$  be a graph with the vertex set  $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n+3}\}$  and edge set  $\cup_{i=1}^n \{w_i w_{i+3}\} \cup \cup_{i=3}^n \{w_i w_{i+1}\} \cup \{w_1 w_2, w_{n+2} w_{n+3}\}$ . Notice that the vertices of the graph  $H_n$  are all of even degree, see Figures 5 through 8. The vertices  $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_{n+1}, w_{n+2}$  and

$w_{n+3}$  are of degree 2 and all remaining vertices are of degree 4. Also it is easy to observe, that by identifying the pairs  $w_1$  and  $w_{n+1}$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_{n+2}$ ,  $w_3$  and  $w_{n+3}$  we obtain for  $n \geq 7$  from  $H_n$  the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$ .

Since the graph  $H_n$  is a subgraph of a graph  $H_m$ , for  $4 \leq n \leq m - 2$ , we can define the auxiliary labeling  $\lambda_n : E(H_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$  recursively for  $n \neq 5$  as follows. The labelings of the graphs  $H_4$ ,  $H_6$ ,  $H_7$ , and  $H_9$  are given in the Figures 5 through 8. For  $n = 8$  and for  $n \geq 10$  the auxiliary labeling is defined by

$$\lambda_{n+4}(e) = \begin{cases} \lambda_n(e) + 4 & \text{for } e \in E(H_n), \\ 1 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+4}, \\ 2 & \text{for } e = w_{n+6}w_{n+7}, \\ 3 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+5}, \\ 4 & \text{for } e = w_{n+1}w_{n+2}, \\ 2n + 5 & \text{for } e = w_{n+2}w_{n+5}, \\ 2n + 6 & \text{for } e = w_{n+1}w_{n+4}, \\ 2n + 7 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+6}, \\ 2n + 8 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+7}. \end{cases}$$

Analogously as in the proof of Theorem 3.5 it is easy to verify that for every vertex of  $H_n$ ,  $n \geq 6$ , it holds

$$\lambda_n^*(w_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(2n + 1) - 1 & \text{for } i = 1, n + 3, \\ \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(2n + 1) + 1 & \text{for } i = 3, n + 1, \\ \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(2n + 1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

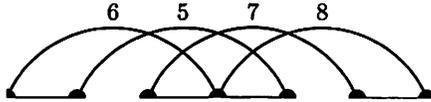


Figure 5: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_4(1, 3)$ .

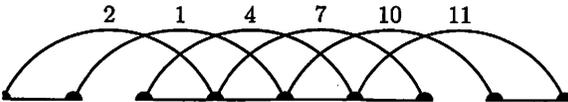


Figure 6: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_6(1, 3)$ .

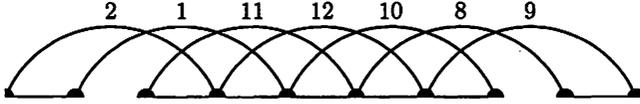


Figure 7: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_7(1, 3)$ .

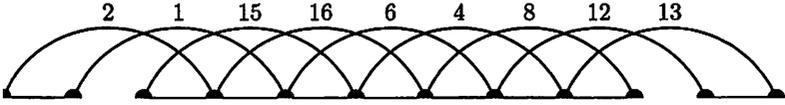


Figure 8: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_9(1, 3)$ .

For  $n \geq 7$  we obtain the 4-regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$  from the graph  $H_n$  by identifying vertices  $w_1$  and  $w_{n+1}$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_{n+2}$ ,  $w_3$  and  $w_{n+3}$ . More precisely, the mapping  $\xi : V(H_n) \rightarrow V(C_n(1, 3))$ , given by  $\xi(w_i) = v_i$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\xi(w_{n+j}) = v_j$ , for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ , is a homomorphism of graphs  $H_n$  and  $C_n(1, 3)$ . Moreover, the homomorphism  $\xi$  induces a bijective mapping  $\xi_E$  from  $E(H_n)$  to  $E(C_n(1, 3))$ . Now the edge labeling  $f$ , given by  $f(e) = \lambda_n(\xi_E^{-1}(e))$  similarly as in Theorem 3.5, is a supermagic labeling of the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$  with the index  $4n + 2$ .  $\square$

*Remark.* Magic stars are well established among recreational mathematics. A magic star is a collection of consecutive integers connected with straight lines such that the sum along every line is constant. There is a one to one correspondence between magic stars and circulant graphs  $C_n(1, t)$ . A type B magic star corresponds to the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$ . Trenkler [12] showed that there exists a type B magic star (in literature also denoted by  $T_n$ ) for every even  $n > 7$ . Theorem 3.6 extends the result to all integers  $n \geq 7$ , thus there exists a type B magic star  $T_n$  for every  $n \geq 7$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** *The circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  has a supermagic labeling for all  $n \geq 13$ .*

*Proof.* For any integer  $n \geq 4$ , let  $H_n = H_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  be a graph given by

$$\begin{aligned} V(H_n) &= \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{n+6}\} \\ E(H_n) &= \cup_{i=1}^n \{w_{i+2}w_{i+3}, w_{i+2}w_{i+4}, w_{i+3}w_{i+6}, w_iw_{i+4}, w_iw_{i+6}\}. \end{aligned}$$

All vertices of the graph  $H_n$  are of even degree, see Figures 9 through 12. Also it is easy to observe, that for  $n \geq 13$  we obtain from  $H_n$  the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  by identifying the pairs  $w_i$  and  $w_{n+i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ .

Since the graph  $H_n$  is a subgraph of a graph  $H_m$ , for  $4 \leq n \leq m$ , we can define the auxiliary labeling  $\lambda_n : E(H_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 5n\}$  recursively as follows. The labelings of the graphs  $H_4, H_5, H_6$ , and  $H_7$  are given in the Figures 9 through 12. For  $n \geq 8$  the auxiliary labeling is defined by

$$\lambda_{n+4}(e) = \begin{cases} \lambda_n(e) + 10 & \text{for } e \in E(H_n), \\ 1 & \text{for } e = w_{n+1}w_{n+5}, \\ 2 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+7}, \\ 3 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+8}, \\ 4 & \text{for } e = w_{n+2}w_{n+6}, \\ 5 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+5}, \\ 6 & \text{for } e = w_{n+6}w_{n+9}, \\ 7 & \text{for } e = w_{n+7}w_{n+10}, \\ 8 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+4}, \\ 9 & \text{for } e = w_{n+6}w_{n+8}, \\ 10 & \text{for } e = w_{n+5}w_{n+7}, \\ 5n + 11 & \text{for } e = w_{n+6}w_{n+7}, \\ 5n + 12 & \text{for } e = w_{n+5}w_{n+8}, \\ 5n + 13 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+7}, \\ 5n + 14 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+10}, \\ 5n + 15 & \text{for } e = w_{n+5}w_{n+6}, \\ 5n + 16 & \text{for } e = w_{n+3}w_{n+9}, \\ 5n + 17 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+6}, \\ 5n + 18 & \text{for } e = w_{n+2}w_{n+8}, \\ 5n + 19 & \text{for } e = w_{n+4}w_{n+5}, \\ 5n + 20 & \text{for } e = w_{n+1}w_{n+7}. \end{cases}$$

Analogously as in the proof of Theorem 3.5 it is easy to verify that for every vertex of  $H_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , it holds

$$\lambda_n^*(w_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(5n + 1) - 1 & \text{for } i = 2, n + 5, \\ \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(5n + 1) + 1 & \text{for } i = 5, n + 2, \\ \frac{1}{2} \deg(w_i)(5n + 1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For  $n \geq 13$  we obtain the 10-regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  from the graph  $H_n$  by identifying vertices  $w_i$  and  $w_{n+i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ . More precisely, the mapping  $\xi : V(H_n) \rightarrow V(C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6))$ , given by  $\xi(w_i) = v_i$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\xi(w_{n+j}) = v_j$ , for  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ , is a homomorphism of graphs  $H_n$  and  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$ . Moreover, the homomorphism

$\xi$  induces a bijective mapping  $\xi_E$  from  $E(H_n)$  to  $E(C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6))$ . Now the edge labeling  $f$ , given by  $f(e) = \lambda_n(\xi_E^{-1}(e))$  similarly as in Theorem 3.5, is a supermagic labeling of the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  with the index  $25n + 5$ .  $\square$

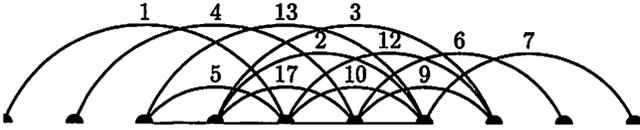


Figure 9: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_4(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$ .

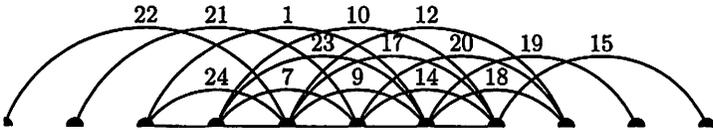


Figure 10: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_5(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$ .

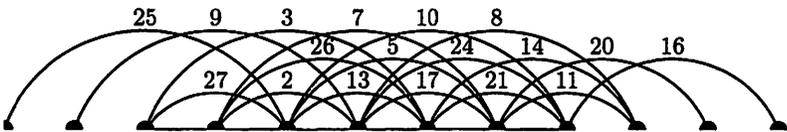


Figure 11: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_6(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$ .

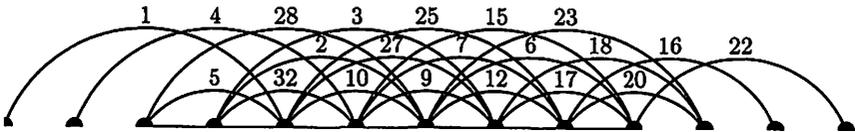


Figure 12: Auxiliary labeling of  $H_7(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$ .

## 4 Proof of the main theorem

Summarizing all the previous results we are ready to prove Theorem 1.1 – the main theorem of this paper.

The necessity of the conditions (i), (ii) or (iii) follows from Proposition 2.1.

Sufficiency we examine case by case. Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer such that  $0 \leq r - 8k \leq 7$ . Consider the following cases.

**A.** Obviously the only graph satisfying (i) is  $K_2$  and it is the only one 1-regular supermagic graph.

**B.** Suppose condition (ii) holds.

**B.1.** For  $r = 8k + 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , and  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , let us consider the  $r$ -regular graph  $G := C_n(1, 2, \dots, 4k, \frac{n}{2})$  of order  $n$ . According to Corollaries 2.10 and 2.8 the graphs  $G_1 := C_n(2, 4, \dots, 4k, \frac{n}{2})$  and  $G_2 := C_n(1, 3, \dots, 4k - 1)$  are supermagic for all  $n > r$ . As  $G$  can be decomposed into two edge-disjoint factors  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , the graph  $G$  is supermagic by Proposition 2.2.

**B.2.** For  $r = 3$ , let us consider the Möbius ladder  $C_n(1, \frac{n}{2})$ . By Proposition 2.4 it is supermagic.

For  $r = 8k + 3$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , let us consider the  $r$ -regular circulant graph  $G := C_n(1, 2, \dots, 4k + 1, \frac{n}{2})$  on  $n > r$  vertices. By Proposition 2.4 there exists a 3-regular supermagic graph  $G_1 := C_n(1, \frac{n}{2})$  for all feasible values of  $n$ . According to Corollary 3.4 the graph  $G_2 := C_n(2, 3, \dots, 4k + 1)$

is supermagic. As  $G$  can be decomposed into two edge-disjoint factors  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , the existence of a supermagic labeling of  $G$  is guaranteed by Proposition 2.2.

**B.3.** For  $r = 8k + 5$  and  $n = 8k + 6$  there exists a unique graph, namely the complete graph  $K_n$ . It is supermagic by Proposition 2.5.

For  $r = 5$  and  $n > 6$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $C_n(2, 4, \frac{n}{2})$ . It is supermagic by Corollary 2.10.

For  $r = 8k + 5$  and  $k \geq 1$ , let us consider the  $r$ -regular circulant graph  $G := C_n(1, 2, \dots, 4k + 1, 4k + 3, \frac{n}{2})$  of order  $n$ ,  $n > 8k + 6$ . The graph  $G$  is decomposable into two edge-disjoint factors  $C_n(2, 4, \dots, 4k, \frac{n}{2})$  and  $C_n(1, 3, \dots, 4k + 1, 4k + 3)$ . Thus it is supermagic according to Corollary 2.10, Corollary 2.8 and Proposition 2.2.

**B.4.** For  $r = 7$  and  $n = 10$ , let us consider the graph  $C_{10}(1, 2, 4, 5)$ . The graph  $C_{10}(1, 5)$  is supermagic by Proposition 2.4. In [4] it is proved that the graph  $2K_5$  (isomorphic to  $C_{10}(2, 4)$ ) is supermagic, too. Then the graph  $C_{10}(1, 2, 4, 5)$  is supermagic according to Proposition 2.2.

For  $r = 7$  and  $14 \leq n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 6, \frac{n}{2})$ . The graph  $C_n(1, \frac{n}{2})$  is supermagic by Proposition 2.4. The graph  $C_n(2, 6)$  is isomorphic to  $2C_{\frac{n}{2}}(1, 3)$  and so it is supermagic by Theorem 3.6 and Proposition 2.3. According to Proposition 2.2, the graph  $C_n(1, 2, 6, \frac{n}{2})$  is supermagic.

For  $r = 15$  and  $18 \leq n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $G_1 := C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, \frac{n}{2})$ . The graphs  $C_n(1, \frac{n}{2})$  and  $C_n(3, 5)$  are supermagic by Proposition 2.4 and Corollary 2.8. The graph  $C_n(2, 4, 6, 8)$ , isomorphic to  $2C_{\frac{n}{2}}(1, 2, 3, 4)$ , is supermagic by Corollary 3.3 and Proposition 2.3. Therefore, according to Proposition 2.2 the graph  $G_1$  is supermagic.

For  $r = 8k + 7$ ,  $k > 1$ ,  $n > 8(k + 1)$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $G := C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, \dots, 8(k + 1), \frac{n}{2})$ . The graph  $G$  is decomposable into  $G_1$  (from the previous paragraph) and  $G_2 := C_n(9, 10, \dots, 8(k + 1))$ . Since  $G_2$  is a supermagic graph by Corollary 3.4, the graph  $G$  is also supermagic by Proposition 2.2.

**C.** Suppose condition (iii) holds.

**C.1.** For  $r = 8k$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, \dots, 4k)$  which is supermagic by Corollary 3.4.

**C.2.** For  $r = 8k + 2$  and  $n = 8k + 3$  we have the complete graph  $K_n$  which is supermagic due Proposition 2.5.

The unique graph for  $r = 8k + 2$  and  $n = 8k + 4$  is the complete  $(4k + 2)$ -partite graph  $K_{4k+2[2]}$  which is supermagic due Proposition 2.6.

For  $r = 10$  and  $n \geq 13$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  which is supermagic by Theorem 3.7.

Finally, for  $r = 8k + 2$ ,  $k > 1$ ,  $n \geq 8k + 5$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $G := C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, \dots, 4k + 2)$  which is decomposable into two edge-disjoint factors  $C_n(1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$  and  $C_n(7, 8, \dots, 4k + 2)$ . These factors are supermagic by Theorem 3.7 and Corollary 3.4. Therefore,  $G$  is supermagic due Proposition 2.2.

**C.3.** For  $r = 8k + 4$  and  $n = 8k + 5 > 5$  we have the complete graph  $K_n$  which is supermagic due Proposition 2.5.

The only graph for  $r = 8k + 4$  and  $n = 8k + 6$  is the complete  $(4k + 3)$ -partite graph  $K_{4k+3[2]}$  which is supermagic due Proposition 2.6.

For  $r = 4$  and  $n \geq 7$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 3)$  which is supermagic by Theorem 3.6.

For  $r = 8k + 4$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ,  $n \geq 8k + 7$ , let us consider the circulant graph  $G := C_n(1, 3, 4, \dots, 4k + 3)$  which is decomposable into two edge-disjoint factors  $C_n(1, 3)$  and  $C_n(4, 5, \dots, 4k + 3)$ . These factors are supermagic by Theorem 3.6 and Corollary 3.4. Therefore,  $G$  is supermagic due Proposition 2.2.

**C.4.** For  $r = 6$  and  $n \geq 7$ , we consider the circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$  which is supermagic by Theorem 3.5.

Finally, for  $r = 8k + 6 > 6$  and  $n > r$  we can construct an  $r$ -regular circulant graph  $C_n(1, 2, \dots, 4k + 3)$  on  $n$  vertices by Corollary 3.4 and Proposition 2.2, from circulant graphs  $C_n(1, 2, 3)$  and  $C_n(4, 5, \dots, 4k + 3)$ .

Therefore, there is a supermagic  $r$ -regular circulant graph of order  $n$  for an arbitrary pair  $n, r$  satisfying (i), (ii) or (iii). This completes the proof.

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