# Decompositions of Various Complete Graphs into Isomorphic Copies of 4-cycles with Three Pendant Edges

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#### Abstract

An H-decomposition of a graph G is a partition of the edges of G into copies isomorphic to H. When the decomposition is not feasible, one looks for the best possible by minimizing; the number of unused edges (leave of a packing), or the number of reused edges (padding of a covering). We consider the H-decomposition, packing, and covering of the complete graphs and complete bipartite graphs, where H is a 4-cycle with three pendant edges.

#### 1 Introduction

An H-decomposition or H-design of the complete graph  $K_m$  is a set of subgraphs of  $K_m$ ,  $\{H_1, H_2, \ldots, H_n\}$ , where all the  $H_i$ 's are isomorphic to H for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $E(H_i) \cap E(H_j) = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ , and  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n E(H_i) = E(K_m)$ . The subgraphs  $H_i$  are called the blocks of the design or the decomposition. There are several studies on H-decomposition of the complete graph into a given graph H. See [8] and [10] for more about the history of the graph decomposition problem.

A variation of the decomposition problems is to consider a pair of non-isomorphic graphs, say G and H, as the blocks of the decomposition. There are several articles discussing these ideas. See [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11] for more. In [9], the authors studied the decompositions of various complete graphs into isomorphic copies of the 4-cycle with a single pendant edge. In this paper, we study the G-decomposition of the complete graph  $K_m$ , the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ , when H is the 4-cycle with three pendant

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edges. We denote this graph as  $H = \{a, b, c, d; (e, f, g)\}$ . That is,  $V(H) = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$  and  $E(H) = \{(a, b), (b, c), (c, d), (d, a), (a, e), (b, f), (c, g)\}$ . We also study the packing and the covering of  $K_m$  and  $K_{m,n}$  with H.

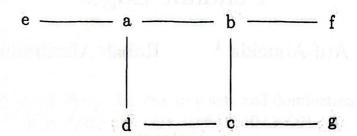


Figure 1: The graph H

# 2 H-Decomposition of $K_{m,n}$

We assume the partite sets of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  are  $V_m = \{0_1, 1_1, ..., (m-1)_1\}$  and  $V_n = \{0_2, 1_2, ..., (n-1)_2\}$ .

Example 2.1. The set  $\{[0_1, 1_2, 1_1, 3_2; (0_2, 2_1, 4_2)], [0_1, 2_2, 2_1, 4_2; (6_2, 1_1, 0_2)], [1_1, 5_2, 2_1, 6_2; (0_2, 0_1, 3_2)]\}$  is an H-decomposition of  $K_{3,7}$ .

**Example 2.2.** The set  $\{[0_1, 1_2, 1_1, 0_2; (2_2, 2_1, 5_2)], [1_1, 4_2, 2_1, 2_2; (6_2, 3_1, 5_2)], [0_1, 3_2, 3_1, 5_2; (4_2, 1_1, 1_2)], [2_1, 6_2, 3_1, 0_2; (3_2, 0_1, 2_2)]\}$  is an H-decomposition of  $K_{4,7}$ .

Example 2.3. The set  $\{[0_1, 5_2, 2_1, 0_2; (1_2, 3_1, 3_2)], [0_1, 6_2, 3_1, 3_2; (4_2, 1_1, 0_2)], [1_1, 4_2, 4_1, 0_2; (5_2, 2_1, 3_2)], [2_1, 2_2, 4_1, 6_2; (1_2, 0_1, 5_2)], [1_1, 1_2, 3_1, 2_2; (3_2, 4_1, 4_2)]\}$  is an H-decomposition of  $K_{5,7}$ .

The previous examples give us the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** There is an H-decomposition of  $K_{m,n}$  if and only if  $mn \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$   $m \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 7$ .

*Proof.* As H is a bipartite graph on 7 vertices, one part of  $K_{m,n}$  should have at least 3 vertices while the other should have at least 4 vertices. Since  $mn \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , either m or n is a multiple 7. Without loss of generality, let  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ .

Case 1. Suppose  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , there is an H-decomposition of  $K_{3t,7s}$  given by:

 $\{[(3i)_1, (1+7j)_2, (1+3i)_1, (3+7j)_2; ((7j)_2; (2+3i)_1, (4+7j)_2)], [(3i)_1, (2+7j)_2, (2+3i)_1, (4+7j)_2; ((6+7j)_2, (1+3i)_1, (7j)_2)], [(1+3i)_1, (5+7j)_2, (2+7j)_2, (2$ 

 $3i)_1, (6+7j)_2; ((7j)_2, (3i)_1, (3+7j)_2)]$ ; where i = 0, 1, ..., (t-1); j = 0, 1, ..., (s-1).

Case 2. Suppose  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , then there is an H-decomposition of  $K_{4t,7s}$  given by:  $\{[(4i)_1, (1+7j)_2, (1+4i)_1, (7j)_2; (2+7j)_2, (2+4i)_1, (5+7j)_2], [(1+4i)_1, (4+7j)_2, (2+4i)_1, (2+7j)_2; ((6+7j)_2, (3+4i)_1, (5+7j)_2), [(4i)_1, (3+7j)_2, (3+4i)_1, (7j)_2; ((4+7j)_2, (1+4i)_1, (1+7j)_2)], [(2+4i)_1, (6+7j)_2, (3+4i)_1, (7j)_2; ((3+7j)_2, (4i)_1, (2+7j)_2)]\}$ ; where i = 0, 1, ...(t-1); j = 0, 1, ...(s-1).

Case 3. Suppose  $m=0 \pmod 5$  and  $n\equiv 0 \pmod 7$ , then there is an H-decomposition of  $K_{5t,7s}$  given by:  $\{[(5i)_1,(5+7j)_2,(2+5i)_1,(7j)_2;(1+7j)_2,(3+5i)_1,(3+7j)_2],[(5j)_1,(6+7j)_2,(3+5i)_1,(3+7j)_2;(4+7j)_2,(1+5i)_1,(7j)_2)],[(1+5i)_1,(4+7j)_2,(4+5i)_1,(7j)_2;((5+7j)_2,(2+5i)_1,(3+7j)_2)],[(2+5i)_1,(2+7j)_2,(4+5i)_1,(6+7j)_2;((1+7j)_2,(5i)_1,(5+7j)_2)],[(1+5i)_1,(1+7j_2),(3+5i),(2+7j)_2;((3+7j)_2,(4+5i)_1,(4+7j)_2)]\};$  where i=0,1,...(t-1);j=0,1,...(s-1).

Note that for any  $m \geq 6$ , m = 3t + 4r,  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , it follows that  $K_{3t+4r,7s} = (ts)K_{3,7} \cup (rs)K_{4,7}$ . Thus, there is an H-decomposition of  $K_{3t+4r,7s}$ .

### 3 H-Decomposition of $K_m$

We start with the following examples:

**Example 3.1.** Let  $V(K_{14}) = \{\infty, 0, 1, \dots, 12\}$ . An H-decomposition of  $K_{14}$  is given by the set  $\{[i, i+1, i+3, i+6; (\infty, i+5, i+8)] : 0 \le i \le 12\}$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $V(K_{15}) = \{0, 1, \dots, 14\}$ . An H-decomposition of  $K_{15}$  is given by the set  $\{[i, i+1, i+3, i+10; (i+6, i+4, i+7)] : 0 \le i \le 14\}$ .

We denote with K(m, n), the complete graph  $K_m$  with the set of edges between a specific n vertices is removed.

**Example 3.3.** The set  $\{[9,5,13,2; (3,11,1)], [7,8,6,12; (11,1,9)], [1,9,7,14; (11,4,13)], [3,14,13,12; (11,2,4)], [11,10,4,12; (13,3,8)], [10,9,8,5; (7,13,11)], [14,9,12,5; (4,11,1)], [12,14,8,10; (2,6,3)], [13,8,2,10; (3,12,11)], [10,6,11,14; (1,13,4)]\}$  is an H-decomposition of K(14,7).

**Example 3.4.** An H-decomposition of K(15,7) is given by  $\{[15,13,11,4;(9,10,5)], [10,14,13,12;(5,9,1)], [2,10,9,8;(13,7,4)], [11,15,8,10;(3,2,13)], [12,3,8,11;(6,14,1)], [14,15,6,8;(7,5,9)],$ 

[15, 1, 12, 7; (10, 14, 5)], [5, 14, 12, 8; (9, 4, 2)], [7, 13, 4, 8; (9, 5, 10)], [14, 11, 9, 2; (6, 7, 13)], [12, 9, 3, 15; (4, 1, 13)], [11, 6, 10, 1; (2, 13, 3)].

We are now ready to introduce the main result of this section

**Theorem 3.1.** An H-decomposition of  $K_m$  exists if and only if  $m \equiv 0$ , 1 (mod 7),  $m \geq 14$ .

Proof. As the graph H consists of 7 edges,  $|K_m|$  must be divisible by 7. Case 1. Suppose  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$  and let m = 14t + r such that  $r \in \{0, 7\}$  and  $t \geq 1$ . Let  $V(K_m) = \{0_1, \cdots, 13_1, 0_2, \cdots, 13_2, \cdots, 0_t, \cdots, 13_t\} \cup \{0_0, \cdots, 6_0\}$ . On each set in  $\{\{0_i, \cdots, 13_i\}, 1 \leq i \leq t\}$ , place an H-decomposition of  $K_{14}$  as in example 3.1. Use Theorem 2.1, to find an H-decomposition, on each of the  $\binom{t}{2}$  complete bipartite graphs  $K_{14_i,14_j}$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq t$ . If r = 0, then we are done. Otherwise r = 7. Place an H-decomposition of K(14,7) on the set  $\{0_0, \cdots, 6_0, 0_1, \cdots, 6_1\}$  with the hole to be the vertices in  $\{0_1, \cdots, 6_1\}$ . Use Theorem 2.1 to find an H-decomposition on the complete bipartite graphs  $K_{7,7}$  (and the  $\binom{t-1}{2}$  copies of  $K_{7,14}$ ) on the vertices  $\{0_0, \cdots, 6_0, 7_1, \cdots, 13_1\}$  (on the vertices  $\{0_0, \cdots, 6_0, 0_2, \cdots, 13_t\}$ ).

Case 2. Suppose  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and let m = 14t + r such that  $r \in \{1, 8\}$  and  $t \geq 1$ .

Let  $V(K_m) = \{0_1, \dots, 13_1, 0_2, \dots, 13_2, \dots, 0_t, \dots, 13_t\} \cup \{0_0, \dots, 7_0\}$ . On each set in  $\{\{0_i, \dots, 13_i\}, 2 \leq i \leq t\}$ , place an H-decomposition of  $K_{14}$  as in example 3.1. Place an H-decomposition of  $K_{15}$  on the vertices  $\{0_0, 0_1, \dots, 13_1\}$  as in example 3.2. If r = 8, then place an H-decomposition of K(14, 7) on the vertices  $\{1_0, \dots, 7_0, 0_1, \dots, 6_1\}$  such that the hole consists of the vertices in  $\{1_0, \dots, 7_0\}$ . Place an H-decomposition of  $K_{7,7}$  on the complete bipartite graph on the vertices  $\{1_0, \dots, 7_0, 7_1, \dots 13_1\}$ . Now, place an H-decomposition of  $K_{14,14}$  (or  $K_{14+r,14}$ ) on the vertices complete bipartite graphs  $K_{14,14_j}$ ,  $2 \leq i < j \leq t$  (on the vertices complete bipartite graphs  $K_{14+r,14_j}$ ,  $2 \leq j \leq t$ ).

# 4 Packing and Covering $K_m$

Since H has 7 vertices, we consider the complete graphs  $K_m$  such that  $m \geq 7$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** A maximal H- Packing of  $K_m, m \geq 7$  has leave L, where  $|E(K_m)| \equiv |E(L)| \pmod{7}$ , except when  $m \in \{7,8\}$ , in which case |E(L)| = 7.

*Proof.* Since |E(H)| = 7, then it is necessary that in any packing of  $K_m$  with leave L, to consider  $|E(K_m)|$  (mod 7). Therefore, such a packing

with  $|E(K_m)| \equiv |E(L)| \pmod{7}$  would be maximal. If  $m \in \{7,8\}$ , then  $|E(K_m)| \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , but there is not an H-decomposition of  $K_m$ . So for  $m \in \{7,8\}$  there is an H-packing of  $K_m$  with leave L, where |E(L)| = 7 would be maximal.

Case 1. Suppose m = 7, the set  $\{[2, 5, 3, 6; (4, 1, 0)], [0, 6, 1, 4; (2, 5, 3)]\}$  is a maximal packing of  $K_7$  with leave L, where  $E(L) = \{\{0, 1\}, \{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{5, 4\}, \{0, 5\}, \{4, 6\}\}\}$ . So, |E(L)| = 7.

Case 2. Suppose m = 8, the set  $\{[7, 1, 5, 2; (0, 4, 3)], [4, 2, 6, 5; (3, 0, 1)], [7, 6, 0, 4; (5, 3, 1)]\}$  is a maximal packing of  $K_8$  with leave L, where  $E(L) = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{3, 7\}, \{3, 0\}, \{4, 6\}, \{0, 5\}\}\}$ . So, |E(L)| = 7.

Case 3. Suppose  $m \equiv 2$  or 6 (mod 7), since  $|E(K_m)| \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ , |E(L)| =1 would be optimal. First, if  $m = 2 \pmod{7}$ , we consider packing of  $K_{7t+2}$ . For t = 1,  $K_9 = K(9,2) \cup K_2$ . For  $t \ge 2$ ,  $K_{7t+2} = tK(9,2) \cup {t \choose 2}K_{7,7} \cup K_2$ . From Theorem 2.1,  $K_{7,7}$  has an H-decomposition. The graph K(9,2) has an H-decomposition given by the following set  $\{[5_1, 1_2, 3_1, 4_1; (2_1, 6_1, 1_1)],$  $[1_1, 0_1, 2_1, 0_2; (1_2, 6_1, 4_1)], [6_1, 4_1, 0_2, 3_1; (1_1, 1_2, 0_1)],$  $[3_1, 2_1, 6_1, 5_1; (0_1, 1_2, 0_2)], [1_1, 5_1, 0_1, 4_1; (2_1, 0_2, 1_2)]$ . So, |E(L)| = 1 given by  $K_2$ . Second, if  $m = 6 \pmod{7}$ , we consider packing of  $K_{7t+6}$ . For t = 1,  $K_{13} = K(13,2) \cup K_2$ , where K(13,2) has an H-decomposition given by the following set:  $\{[8_1, 0_1, 7_1, 1_1; (3_1, 6_1, 9_1)], [9_1, 2_1, 6_1, 1_2; (1_1, 10_1, 8_1)],$  $[9_1, 10_1, 0_2, 8_1; (4_1, 5_1, 2_1)], [7_1, 3_1, 5_1, 6_1; (2_1, 9_1, 8_1)],$  $[1_1, 2_1, 4_1, 5_1; (0_2, 8_1, 6_1)], [4_1, 3_1, 2_1, 0_1; (0_2, 6_1, 1_2)],$  $[5_1, 9_1, 0_1, 1_2; (2_1, 6_1, 3_1)], [1_1, 6_1, 0_2, 0_1; (1_2, 10_1, 9_1)],$  $[1_2, 8_1, 7_1, 4_1; (3_1, 10_1, 0_2)], [4_1, 10_1, 3_1, 1_1; (8_1, 1_2, 0_3)],$  $[5_1, 7_1, 10_1, 0_1; (0_2, 1_2, 1_1)]$ . For  $t \ge 2$ , we consider  $k_{7t+6} = K(13, 2) \cup (t-1)K(9, 2) \cup {t-2 \choose 2}K_{7,7} \cup K_2 \cup (t-1)K_{7,11}$ , where all of K(13, 2), K(9, 2),  $K_{7,7}$  and  $K_{7,11}$  has an H-decomposition and |E(L)| = 1 given by  $K_2$ .

Case 4. Suppose  $m \equiv 3$  or 5 (mod 7). Since  $|E(K_m)| = 3$  (mod 7), |E(L)| = 3 would be optimal. First, if m = 3 (mod 7), we consider packing of  $K_{7t+3}$ . For t = 1,  $K_{10}$  has an H-packing given by the following set:  $\{[7_1, 2_1, 3_1, 5_1; (4_1, 8_1, 9_1)], [5_1, 6_1, 7_1, 0_1; (1_1, 2_1, 8_1)], [9_1, 1_1, 4_1, 5_1; (2_1, 7_1, 6_1)], [3_1, 8_1, 0_1, 4_1; (6_1, 5_1, 1_1)], [0_1, 2_1, 1_1, 3_1; (6_1, 5_1, 8_1)], [4_1, 9_1, 6_1, 8_1; (2_1, 0_1, 1_1)]\}$  with a leave L given by the  $P_4$  edges  $\{\{3_1, 7_1\}, \{7_1, 9_1\}, \{8_1, 9_1\}\}$ . For t = 2,  $K_{17} = K(10, 3) \cup K_{7,7} \cup K_{10}$ . It is sufficient to construct an H-decomposition of K(10, 3) as follows  $\{[0_2, 2_1, 3_1, 5_1; (4_1, 1_2, 2_2)], [5_1, 6_1, 0_2, 0_1; (1_1, 2_1, 3_1)], [2_2, 1_1, 4_1, 5_1; (2_1, 0_2, 6_1)], [3_1, 1_2, 0_1, 4_1; (6_1, 5_1, 1_1)], [0_1, 2_1, 1_1, 3_1; (6_1, 5_1, 1_2)], [4_1, 2_2, 6_1, 1_2; (2_1, 0_1, 1_1)]\}$ . For  $t \geq 3$ ,  $K_{7t+3} = K_{7(t-1)} \cup (t-1)K_{7,10} \cup k_{10}$ .

It is obvious that  $K_{7t+3}$  has an H-packing with a leave isomorphic to  $P_4$ .

Second, if  $m \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$ , we consider packing of  $K_{7t+5}$ . For  $t=1, K_{12}$  has an H-packing given by the following set  $\{[6_1, 1_1, 5_1, 4_1; (8_1, 11_1, 9_1)], [6_1, 7_1, 10_1, 3_1; (2_1, 9_1, 4_1)], [2_1, 8_1, 9_1, 3_1; (10_1, 5_1, 6_1)], [1_1, 2_1, 4_1, 3_1; (7_1, 9_1, 8_1)], [5_1, 0_1, 1_1, 6_1; (2_1, 4_1, 8_1)], [0_1, 7_1, 11_1, 6_1; (10_1, 5_1, 2_1)], [0_1, 9_1, 1_1, 11_1; (2_1, 4_1, 5_1)], [8_1, 10_1, 3_1, 0_1; (11_1, 1_1, 5_1)], [7_1, 4_1, 11_1, 3_1; (2_1, 1_1, 5_1)]\}. So, <math>|E(L)| = 3$  is given by the  $P_4$  edges in  $\{\{7_1, 10_1\}, \{10_1, 9_1\}, \{9_1, 11_1\}\}$ . For t=2,  $K_{19} = K(14, 7) \cup K_{7,5} \cup K_{12}$ . Since there is an H-decomposition of each of K(14, 7) and  $K_{7,5}$ , and an H-packing of  $K_{12}$ , we get an H-packing of  $K_{19}$  with a leave consisting of  $P_4$ . For  $t \geq 3$ ,  $K_{7t+5} = K_{7(t-1)} \cup K_{7(t-1),12} \cup K_{12}$ . It is obvious that  $K_{7t+5}$  has an H-packing with a leave isomorphic to  $P_4$ .

Case 5. Suppose  $m \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ , since  $|E(K_v)| = 6 \pmod{7}$ , |E(L)| = 6 would be optimal. The following is an H-packing of  $K_{11}$ :  $\{[3,0,1,2;(7,4,6)],[3,4,5,6;(10,9,0)],[6,7,8,9;(2,10,1)],[9,10,0,2;(1,4,8)],$  [3,5,7,1;(9,10,4)],[8,10,1,4;(3,2,5)],[6,8,2,4;(10,0,7)] with a leave consisting of the following 6 edges in  $\{\{10,5\},\{2,5\},\{5,9\},\{9,7\},\{9,0\},\{0,6\}\}\}$ .

Since  $K_{18} = K(14,7) \cup K_{11} \cup K_{7,4}$ , there is an H-packing of  $K_{18}$  with a leave consisting of 6 edges. For  $t \geq 3$ ,  $K_{7t+4} = K_{7(t-1)} \cup K_{11} \cup K_{7(t-1),11}$ . It is obvious that  $K_{7t+4}$  has an H-packing with a leave consisting of 6 edges.

**Theorem 4.2.** A minimal H- covering of  $K_m$ ,  $m \geq 7$  has padding P, where  $|E(K_m)| \equiv -|E(P)| \pmod{7}$ , except when  $m \in \{7,8\}$  in which case |E(L)| = 7.

*Proof.* Since |E(H)| = 7, then it is necessary that in any H-covering of  $K_m$  with padding P, we have  $|E(K_m)| + |E(P)| \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$  or that  $|E(K_m)| \equiv -|E(P)| \pmod{7}$ . So, if  $|E(K_m)| \equiv -|E(P)| \pmod{7}$ , then the covering is minimal. If  $m \in \{7,8\}$ , then  $|E(K_m)| = 0 \pmod{7}$ , but there is no H-decomposition of  $K_m$ . So, for  $m \in \{7,8\}$ , an H-covering of  $K_m$  with padding P, where |E(P)| = 7 would be minimal.

Case 1. Suppose m = 7 the set  $\{[6,3,0,4;(5,2,1)], [1,3,4,5;(2,0,6)], [2,6,1,4;(5,0,3)], [5,0,2,3;(1,4,6)]\}$  is a minimal covering of  $K_7$  with padding P, where  $E(P) = \{\{3,2\}, \{3,0\}, \{4,6\}, \{1,3\}, \{0,4\}, \{2,6\}, \{5,1\}\}\}$ . So, |E(P)| = 7.

Case 2. Suppose m=8. The set  $\{[1,5,3,7;(0,4,6)], [1,2,4,6;(3,0,7)], [7,2,6,5;(0,1,4)], [5,2,3,4;(0,6,7)], [7,4,0,6;(2,1,3)]\}$  is a minimal covering of  $K_8$  with padding P, where  $E(P)=\{\{4,5\}, \{4,7\}, \{2,1\}, \{6,4\},$ 

 $\{2,6\}, \{3,7\}, \{7,2\}\}.$  So, |E(P)| = 7.

Case 3. Suppose  $m \equiv 2$  or 6 (mod 7),  $m \geq 9$ . Adding a copy of H that contains the leave edge in the packing of  $K_m$  will result in a covering of  $K_m$  with a padding of 6 edges, i.e.  $|E(P)| = 6 = -|E(K_m)|$  (mod 7).

Case 4. Suppose  $m \equiv 3$  or 5 (mod 7). Adding a copy of H that contains the leave edges in the packing of  $K_m$  will result in a covering of  $K_m$  with a padding of 4 edges, i.e.  $|E(P)| = 4 = -|E(K_m)| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 5. Suppose  $m \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ ,  $m \ge 11$ . Adding a copy of H that contains the leave edges in the packing of  $K_m$  will result in a covering of  $K_m$  with a padding consisting of a single edge, i.e.  $|E(P)| = 1 = -|E(K_m)| \pmod{5}$ .

# 5 Packing and Covering the Complete Bipartite Graph $K_{m,n}$

In this section, we consider the H-packing and H-covering of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ . We assume the partite sets of  $K_{m,n}$  are  $\{1_1, 2_1, ..., (m)_1\}$  and  $\{1_2, 2_2, ..., (n)_2\}$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** A maximal H-packing of  $K_{M,N}$  has leave L, where |E(L)| = MN if  $M, N \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $|E(K_{M,N})| \equiv |E(L)|$  (mod 7), otherwise, except possibly  $K_{3,9}$ .

Proof. If  $M, N \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , it is obvious that H is not a subgraph of  $K_{m,n}$ , and the leave will have mn edges. Let  $M = 7t_1 + m$  and  $N = 7t_2 + n$ . For  $m \geq 3$ , and  $n \geq 4$  An H-decomposition of  $K_{M,N}$  with leave L,  $|E(L)| = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$  would be minimal. For  $M \geq 3$ ,  $N \geq 4$ , since  $K_{m+7i,n+7j} = K_{m,n} \cup K_{m,7j} \cup K_{7i,7j} \cup K_{7i,n}$ , there is an H-packing of  $K_{m+7i,n+7j}$  with leave L for all  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  if there is an H-packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L. The maximal H-packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L is described in the following cases:

Case 1. Suppose  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{8,8} \cup (t_1 - 1)(t_2 - 1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1 - 1)K_{7,8} \cup (t_2 - 1)K_{8,7}$ .  $K_{8,8}$  has a maximal packing given by the following set  $\{[2_2, 1_1, 1_2, 2_1; (7_1, 5_2, 6_1)], [3_1, 2_2, 6_1, 6_2; (5_2, 5_1, 3_2)], [3_1, 3_2, 4_1, 4_2; (7_2, 5_1, 8_2)], [4_2, 5_1, 7_2, 2_1; (6_1, 8_2, 4_1)], [4_2, 1_1, 3_2, 8_1; (7_1, 6_2, 2_1)], [1_2, 7_1, 8_2, 3_1; (4_1, 7_2, 1_1)], [8_1, 6_2, 7_1, 5_2; (1_2, 2_1, 3_2)], [8_1, 8_2, 6_1, 7_2; (2_2, 2_1, 5_2)], [4_1, 5_2, 5_1, 6_2; (2_2, 2_1, 1_2)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{(1_1, 7_2)\}; |E(L)| = 1$ . Therefore, there is a maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L where |E(L)| = 1

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|E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}.
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Case 2. Suppose m \equiv 1 \pmod{7} and n \equiv 2 \pmod{7} then K_{m,n} = K_{8,9} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_2-1)K_{8,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{9,7}. K_{8,9} has a maximal packing given by the following \{[1_1,1_2,2_1,2_2;(9_2,5_1,6_2)],[4_1,5_2,3_1,3_2;(9_2,8_1,7_2)],[5_1,4_2,2_1,3_2;(2_2,8_1,5_2)],[6_1,7_2,5_1,6_2;(1_2,2_1,9_2),[5_2,7_1,8_2,5_1;(6_1,2_2,4_1)],[9_2,7_1,7_2,8_1;(2_1,6_2,4_1)],[6_1,4_2,1_1,3_2;(2_2,4_1,7_2)],[3_1,2_2,4_1,6_2;(9_2,8_1,1_2)],[3_1,1_2,7_1,4_2;(8_2,8_1,3_2)],[8_1,8_2,1_1,6_2;(3_2,6_1,5_2)]\} with leave L = \{\{2_1,8_2\},\{6_1,9_2\}\}; |E(L)| = 2. Therefore, there is a maximal packing of K_{m,n} with leave L, where |E(L)| = 2 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}.
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- Case 3. Suppose  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{8,3} \cup (t_1 1)(t_2 1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_2 1)K_{8,7} \cup (t_1 1)K_{10,7}$ .  $K_{8,3}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[2_2, 1_1, 1_2, 2_1; (5_1, 3_2, 3_1)], [2_2, 4_1, 3_2, 3_1; (7_1, 1_2, 5_1)], [3_2, 6_1, 1_2, 8_1; (2_1, 2_2, 7_1)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{5_1, 1_2\}, \{7_1, 3_2\}, \{8_1, 2_2\}\}, |E(L)| = 3$ . Therefore, there is a maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 3 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 4. Suppose  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{8,4} \cup (t_2)K_{8,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{11,7}$ .  $K_{8,4}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[1_2, 1_1, 2_2, 2_1; (8_1, 3_2, 3_1)], [4_2, 3_1, 3_2, 4_1; (1_1, 1_2, 2_1)], [6_1, 3_2, 8_1, 4_2; (1_2, 5_1, 2_2)], [5_1, 1_2, 7_1, 2_2; (4_2, 4_1, 3_2)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{4_1, 2_2\}, \{6_1, 2_2\}, \{7_1, 4_2\}, \{2_1, 4_2\}\}$ . Therefore, there is a maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 4 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 5. Suppose  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{8,5} \cup (t_2)K_{8,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{7,12}$ .  $K_{8,5}$  has a maximal packing given by the following  $\{[1_1,1_2,2_1,2_2;(3_2,8_1,5_2)],[4_2,3_1,3_2,4_1;(8_1,5_2,2_1)],[5_1,4_2,6_1,5_2;(1_2,7_1,3_2)],[5_2,7_1,3_2,8_1;(1_1,2_2,5_1)],[1_2,4_1,2_2,3_1;(7_1,5_2,8_1)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{1_2,6_1\},\{2_2,5_1\},\{2_2,6_1\},\{4_2,1_1\},\{4_2,2_1\}\},\ |E(L)| = 5$ . Therefore, there is a maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 5 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 6. Suppose  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{8,6} \cup (t_2)K_{8,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{7,13}$ .  $K_{8,6}$  has a maximal packing given by the following  $\{[1_2,4_1,2_2,3_1;(6_1,4_2,5_1)],[1_1,1_2,2_1,2_2;(3_2,7_1,5_2)],[5_2,4_1,6_2,3_1;(7_1,3_2,1_1)],[4_2,2_1,3_2,3_1;(1_1,6_2,6_1)],[6_1,5_2,5_1,6_2;(4_2,1_1,3_2)],[8_1,2_2,7_1,6_2;(5_2,6_1,3_2)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{5_1,1_2\},\{5_1,4_2\},\{7_1,4_2\},\{8_1,3_2\};\{8_1,4_2\};\{8_1,1_2\}\},|E(L)| = 6$ . Thus, there is a maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 6 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

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Case 7. Suppose m \equiv 2 \pmod{7} and n \equiv 2 \pmod{7} then K_{m,n} = K_{9,9} \cup (t_2-1)K_{9,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{9,7}. K_{9,9} has a maximal packing given by the following \{[1_1,1_2,2_1,2_2;(5_2,9_1,6_2)],[3_1,3_2,4_1,4_2;(6_2,5_1,2_2)],[5_1,5_2,6_1,6_2;(2_2,2_1,3_2)],[7_1,7_2,8_1,8_2;(1_2,1_1,5_2)],[8_1,6_2,9_1,9_2;(2_2,4_1,5_2)],[1_1,3_2,2_1,4_2;(8_2,9_1,9_2)],[3_1,2_2,7_1,5_2;(7_2,9_1,3_2)],[5_1,7_2,4_1,1_2;(8_2,2_1,5_2)],[6_1,8_2,9_1,7_2;(2_2,4_1,4_2)],[4_2,7_1,9_2,5_1;(6_1,6_2,4_1)],[1_2,3_1,9_2,6_1;(8_1,8_2,1_1)]\} with leave L = \{\{1_1,6_2\},\{2_1,8_2\},\{8_1,4_2\},\{8_1,3_2\}\}. Therefore, there is an maximal packing of K_{m,n} with leave L; where |E(L)| = 4 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}.
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Case 8. Suppose  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{10,9} \cup (t-2)K_{9,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{7,10}$ .  $K_{10,9}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[1_1, 2_2, 2_1, 1_2; (9_2, 8_1, 6_2)], [3_1, 3_2, 4_1, 2_2; (10_2, 8_1, 1_2)], [5_1, 4_2, 6_1, 3_2; (2_2, 9_1, 6_2)], [7_1, 6_2, 8_1, 5_2; (2_2, 9_1, 1_2)], [9_1, 10_2, 8_1, 8_2; (2_1, 1_1, 7_2)], [1_1, 4_2, 2_1, 3_2; (6_2, 4_1, 5_2)], [6_1, 1_2, 3_1, 5_2; (2_2, 7_1, 9_2)], [7_1, 8_2, 1_1, 7_2; (3_2, 2_1, 5_2)], [7_2, 8_1, 9_2, 5_1; (4_1, 4_2, 2_1)], [4_1, 6_2, 3_1, 7_2; (10_2, 5_1, 8_2)], [5_1, 5_2, 9_1, 1_2; (8_2, 4_1, 3_2)], [10_2, 7_1, 9_2, 6_1; (2_1, 4_2, 8_1)]\}$ . with leave  $L = \{\{9_1, 7_2\}, \{7_2, 6_1\}, \{6_1, 8_2\}, \{8_2, 4_1\}, \{9_1, 9_2\}, \{7_2, 2_1\}\}$ . Therefore, there is an maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 6 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 9. Suppose  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{9,4} \cup (t_2)K_{9,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{7,11}$ .  $K_{9,4}$  has a maximal packing given by the following  $\{[2_1, 2_2, 1_1, 1_2; (3_2, 5_1, 4_2)], [3_2, 3_1, 2_2, 4_1; (1_1, 4_2, 8_1)], [4_2, 5_1, 3_2, 6_1; (2_1, 1_2, 9_1)], [1_2, 7_1, 4_2, 8_1; (3_1, 3_2, 4_1)], [1_2, 9_1, 2_2, 6_1; (4_1, 4_2, 7_1)]\}$ . with leave  $L = \{\{8_1, 3_2\}\}$ . Thus, there is an maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 1 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 10. Suppose  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{9,5} \cup (t_2)K_{9,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{7,12}$ .  $K_{9,5}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[2_2,1_1,1_2,2_1;(9_1,3_2,6_1)],[3_2,3_1,4_2,2_1;(4_1,2_2,5_1)],[5_2,4_1,1_2,3_1;(5_1,2_2,8_1)],[3_2,5_1,2_2,6_1;(8_1,1_2,7_1)],[4_2,7_1,5_2,6_1;(1_1,3_2,2_1)],[9_1,5_2,8_1,4_2;(3_2,1_1,2_2)]\}$ . with leave  $L = \{\{4_1,4_2\},\{7_1,1_2\},\{9_1,1_2\}\}$ . Therefore, there is an maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 3 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 11. Suppose  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{9,6} \cup (t_2)K_{9,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{7,13}$ .  $K_{9,6}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[2_2, 1_1, 1_2, 2_1; (4_1, 5_2, 3_1)], [2_1, 3_2, 3_1, 4_2; (5_2, 5_1, 6_2)], [5_2, 4_1, 6_2, 3_1; (6_1, 1_2, 7_1)], [5_1, 1_2, 6_1, 6_2; (4_2, 7_1, 3_2)],$ 

- $[7_1, 4_2, 8_1, 5_2; (2_2, 9_1, 1_2)], [8_1, 2_2, 9_1, 6_2; (3_2, 5_1, 1_2)],$   $[4_2, 1_1, 3_2, 4_1; (6_1, 6_2, 7_1)]\}.$  with leave  $L = \{\{3_1, 2_2\}, \{5_1, 5_2\}, \{6_1, 2_2\}, \{9_1, 3_2\}, \{9_1, 5_2\}\}.$  Therefore, there is an maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 5 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 12. Suppose  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{10,3} \cup (t_2)K_{10,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{10,7}$ .  $K_{10,3}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[2_2, 1_1, 1_2, 2_1; (8_1, 3_2, 4_1)], [3_2, 3_1, 2_2, 4_1; (2_1, 1_2, 7_1)], [1_2, 6_1, 3_2, 7_1; (5_1, 2_2, 10_1)], [2_2, 9_1, 3_2, 5_1; (10_1, 1_2, 8_1)]\}$ . with leave  $L = \{\{8_1, 1_2\}, \{10_1, 1_2\}\}$ . Thus, there is an maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 2 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 13. Suppose  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{3,4} \cup (t_2) K_{3,7} \cup (t_1) (t_2) K_{7,7} \cup (t_1) K_{7,4}$ .  $K_{3,4}$  has a maximal packing given by the following  $\{[1_1, 2_2, 2_1, 1_2; (4_2, 3_1, 3_2)]\}$ . with leave  $L = \{\{3_1, 1_2\}, \{3_1, 3_2\}, \{3_1, 4_2\}, \{2_1, 4_2\}, \{1_1, 3_2\}\}$ , |E(L)| = 5. Therefore, there is an maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 5 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 14. Suppose  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{10,5} \cup (t_2-1)K_{10,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{7,12}$ .  $K_{10,5}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[1_2, 2_1, 2_2, 1_1; (5_1, 5_2, 4_1)], [3_2, 3_1, 4_2, 2_1; (9_1, 2_2, 1_1)], [1_2, 4_1, 5_2, 3_1; (6_1, 4_2, 7_1)], [5_2, 6_1, 4_2, 5_1; (8_1, 3_2, 7_1)], [2_2, 7_1, 3_2, 5_1; (6_1, 1_2, 4_1)], [4_2, 9_1, 5_2, 10_1; (8_1, 2_2, 1_1)], [1_2, 10_1, 3_2, 8_1; (9_1, 2_2, 1_1)]\}$ . with leave  $L = \{\{8_1, 2_2\}\}$ . Therefore, there is an maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 1 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 15. Suppose  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{10,6} \cup (t_2)K_{10,7} \cup (t_1-1)(t_2-1)K_{7,7} \cup (t_1-1)K_{13,7}$ .  $K_{10,6}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[2_2,1_1,1_2,2_1;(8_1,3_2,4_1)],[3_2,3_1,2_2,4_1;(2_1,1_2,7_1)],[1_2,6_1,3_2,7_1;(5_1,2_2,10_1)],[2_2,9_1,3_2,5_1;(10_1,1_2,8_1)],[5_2,1_1,4_2,2_1;(8_1,6_2,4_1)],[6_2,3_1,5_2,4_1;(2_1,4_2,7_1)],[5_2,1_1,4_2,2_1;(8_1,6_2,4_1)],[5_2,9_1,6_2,5_1;(10_1,4_2,8_1)]\}$  with  $L = \{\{8_1,1_2\},\{8_1,4_2\},\{10_1,1_2\},\{10_1,4_2\}\}$ ; where  $|E(L)| = 4 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 16. Suppose  $m \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{4,4} \cup (t_1)K_{7,4} \cup (t_2)K_{4,7} \cup (t_1)(t_2)K_{7,7}$ .  $K_{4,4}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[2_1, 2_2, 1_1, 1_2; (4_2, 3_1, 3_2)], [4_1, 4_2, 3_1, 3_2; (2_2, 1_1, 1_2)]\}$ . with leave  $L = \{\{2_1, 3_2\}, \{4_1, 1_2\}\}; E(L) = 2 = |E(K_{m,n})|$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 2 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .
- Case 17. Suppose  $m \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{4,5} \cup (t_2)K_{4,7} \cup (t_1)K_{5,7} \cup (t_1)(t_2)K_{7,7}$ . Now,  $K_{4,5}$  has a maximal packing given

by the following  $\{[1_1, 2_2, 2_1, 1_2; (3_2, 3_1, 4_2)], [4_2, 3_1, 3_2, 4_1; (1_1, 5_2, 2_1)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{1_1, 5_2\}, \{2_1, 5_2\}, \{3_1, 1_2\}, \{4_1, 1_2\}, \{4_1, 2_2\}, \{4_1, 5_2\}\}, |E(L)| = 6$ . Therefore, there is packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 6 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 18. Suppose  $m \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{4,6} \cup (t_2)K_{4,7} \cup (t_1)K_{6,7} \cup (t_1)(t_2)K_{7,7}$ . Now,  $K_{4,6}$  has a maximal packing given by  $\{[1_1, 2_2, 1_1, 1_2; (3_2, 4_1, 4_2)], [3_2, 3_1, 4_2, 4_1; (6_1, 1_2, 5_1)], [2_2, 5_1, 1_2, 6_1; (3_1, 3_2, 4_1)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{1_1, 4_2\}, \{2_1, 3_2\}, \{6_1, 4_2\}\}$ . Thus, there is a maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L; where  $|E(L)| = 3 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 19. Suppose  $m \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{5,5} \cup (t_2)K_{5,7} \cup (t_1)K_{5,7} \cup (t_1)(t_2)K_{7,7}$ . Now,  $K_{5,5}$  has a maximal packing given by the following  $\{[1_2, 1_1, 2_2, 2_1; (5_1, 4_2, 4_1)], [3_1, 4_2, 4_1, 3_2; (1_2, 5_1, 5_2)], [2_1, 3_2, 5_1, 5_2; (4_2, 1_1, 2_2)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{3_1, 2_2\}, \{3_1, 5_2\}, \{4_1, 1_2\}, \{1_1, 5_2\}\}; |E(L)| = 4$ . Therefore, there is packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L where  $|E(L)| = 4 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 20. Suppose  $m \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{5,6} \cup (t_2)K_{5,7} \cup (t_1)K_{7,6} \cup (t_1)(t_2)K_{7,7}$ . Now,  $K_{5,6}$  has a maximal packing given by the following  $\{[1_1, 1_2, 2_1, 2_2; (3_2, 4_1, 6_2)], [4_2, 3_1, 3_2, 4_1; (1_1, 5_2, 2_1)], [5_2, 5_1, 6_2, 4_1; (2_1, 3_2, 1_1)], [5_1, 2_2, 3_1, 1_2; (4_2, 4_1, 6_2)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{1_1, 5_2\}, \{2_1, 4_2\}\}$ . Thus, there is a maximal packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L where  $|E(L)| = 2 = |E(K_{m,n})| \pmod{7}$ .

Case 21. Suppose  $m \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  and  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  then  $K_{m,n} = K_{6,6} \cup (t_2)K_{6,7} \cup (t_1)K_{6,7} \cup (t_1)(t_2) \cup K_{7,7}$ .  $K_{6,6}$  has a maximal packing given by the following  $\{[1_1, 1_2, 2_1, 2_2; (3_2, 3_1, 5_2)], [3_2, 3_1, 4_2, 2_1; (6_1, 2_2, 1_1)], [5_2, 4_1, 6_2, 3_1; (1_1, 4_2, 2_1)], [5_1, 6_2, 6_1, 5_2; (1_2, 6_1, 4_2)], [4_1, 2_2, 5_1, 3_2; (1_2, 6_1, 4_2)]\}$  with leave  $L = \{\{6_1, 1_2\}\}, |E(L)| = 1$ . Thus, there is packing of  $K_{m,n}$  with leave L where  $|E(L)| = 1 = |E(K_{m,n})|$  (mod 7).

**Theorem 5.2.** A minimal H-covering of  $K_{m,n}$ , where  $m, n \notin \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $m+n \geq 7$  has padding P, where  $|E(P)| = -|E(K_{mn})| \pmod{7}$ .

Proof. If  $m, n \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  there is no subgraph of  $K_{m,n}$  exist. An H-Covering of  $K_{m,n}$  with padding P where  $|E(P)| = -|E(K_{m,n})|$  (mod 7) would be minimal. For  $m \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 4$  there is covering of  $K_{m+7i,n+7j}$  with padding P for all  $i, j \in N$ . There is an H-decomposition of  $K_{m,7j}$ ,  $K_{7i,7j}$  and  $K_{7i,n}$ . However,  $K_{m,n}$  has a minimal H-covering with padding P by adding a copy of H that contains the edges in the leave in Theorem 5.1.  $\square$ 

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