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A Note on Decomposition of Tensor Product of Complete Multipartite Graphs into Gregarious Kite

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Abstract: A *kite K* is a graph which can be obtained by joining an edge to any vertex of K_3 . A kite with edge set {*ab*, *bc*, *ca*, *cd*} can be denoted as (*a*, *b*, *c*; *cd*). If every vertex of a kite in the decomposition lies in different partite sets, then we say that a kite decomposition of a multipartite graph is a *gregarious* kite decomposition. In this manuscript, it is shown that there exists a decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ into gregarious kite if and only if $n^2 s^2 m(m-1)r(r-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$, where \otimes , \times denote the wreath product and tensor product of graphs respectively. We denote a gregarious kite decomposition as *GK*-decomposition.

Keywords: Decomposition, Kite, Tensor product, Wreath Product

1. Introduction

Many authors have been studied on kite-design and kite decomposition/ kite factorization and their special properties such as gregarious kite decomposition/ gregarious kite factorization. Bermond and Schonheim [1] proved that a kite-design of order n exists if and only if $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$. Wang and Chang [2, 3] considered the problem of a resolvable $(K_3 + e)$ and $(K_3 + e, \lambda)$ -group divisible designs of type $g^t u^1$. Wang [4] have proven that the necessary conditions to find a resolvable $(K_3 + e)$ -group divisible design of type g^u are also sufficient. Fu et al. [5] have demonstrated that there exists a *GK*-decomposition of $K_m(n)$ if and only if $n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$ for odd m or $n \ge 4$ for even m. Gionfriddo and Milici [6] considered the uniformly resolvable decompositions of K_v and $K_v - I$ into paths and kites. To know more about kite designs, refer [7–11]. Further, the authors A. Tamil Elakkiya and A. Muthusamy [12] have shown that there is a *GK*-decomposition of $K_m \times K_n$ if and only if $m(m-1)(n-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$. Moreover, the authors A. Tamil Elakkiya and A. Muthusamy [13] considered the existence of a *GK* factorization of tensor product of complete graphs.

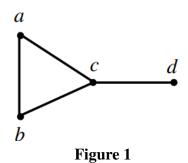
In this way, our main concern is to find a existence of a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. In this document, it is demonstrated that a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ holds, if and only if, $n^2 s^2 m(m-1)r(r-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$.

2. Preliminary Results

Definition 1. [12] A partition of a graph G into a collection of subgraphs G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_r such that each one of it is distinct mutually by their edges together with $E(G) = \bigcup_{i=1}^r E(G_i)$ is called a decomposition of G; We then write G as $G = G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus G_r$, where \oplus denotes edge-disjoint sum

of subgraphs. For an integer s, sG denotes s copies of G.

Definition 2. [12] A kite K is a graph which can be obtained by joining an edge to any vertex of K_3 , for instance see Figure 1. A kite with edge set {ab, bc, ca, cd} can be denoted as (a, b, c; cd). If every



vertex of a kite in the decomposition lies in different partite sets, then we say that a kite decomposition of a multipartite graph is a gregarious kite decomposition. Here we may consider a Gregarious Kite decomposition as a GK-decomposition for short.

Definition 3. [12] *The* tensor product $G \times H$ and the wreath product $G \otimes H$ of two graphs G and H are defined as follows: $V(G \times H) = V(G \otimes H) = \{(u, v) \mid u \in V(G), v \in V(H)\}$. $E(G \times H) = \{(u, v)(x, y) \mid u x \in E(G) \text{ and } vy \in E(H)\}$ and $E(G \otimes H) = \{(u, v)(x, y) \mid u = x \text{ and } vy \in E(H) \text{ or } ux \in E(G)\}$.

As tensor product has commutative and distributive property over an edge-disjoint sum of subgraphs, if decomposition of $G = G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus G_r$ holds, we then write as $G \times H = (G_1 \times H) \oplus (G_2 \times H) \oplus \ldots \oplus (G_r \times H)$.

Definition 4. [12] A graph G having partite sets $V_1, V_2, ..., V_m$ with $|V_i| = n, 1 \le i \le n$ and $E(G) = \{uv \mid u \in V_i \text{ and } v \in V_j, \forall i \ne j\}$ is called complete *m*-partite graph and is denoted by $K_m(n)$. Note that $K_m(n)$ is same as the $K_m \otimes \overline{K_n}$, where $\overline{K_n}$ is the complement of a complete graph on *n* vertices.

In order to prove our key result, we require the following:

Theorem 1. [5] *There exists a GK-decomposition of* $K_m(n)$ *if and only if* $m \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$, *for all odd* n (*or*) $m \ge 4$, *for even* n.

Remark 1. [5] Let K is a kite. Then there exists a GK-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_s$, for all s.

Lemma 1. [12] For all $n, n \neq 2$, there exists a GK-decomposition of $K \times K_n$, where K is a kite.

Theorem 2. [12] *There exists a GK-decomposition of* $K_m \times K_n$ *if and only if* $mn(m-1)(n-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$.

3. Existence of *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$

Lemma 2. A GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ exists, if $m \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$, $n, s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and for all $r, r \neq 2$.

Proof. By Theorem 1, we have a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n)$. Then $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) = K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. Now $K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \cong (K \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s$. As we have a kite decomposition of $K \times K_r$ from Lemma 1, we then write as $(K \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. A *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_s$ can be obtained from Remark 1. Thus all together provides a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$.

Lemma 3. A GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ exists, if $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and for all $m, r, s, \{m, r\} \neq 2$.

Proof. Case 1: Let $m = 3, n = 2b, b \ge 0$ and for all $r, s, (r \ne 2)$. We write $(K_3 \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \cong [(K_3 \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s = [(K_3 \oplus K_3 \oplus \ldots \oplus K_3) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s = [(K_3 \times K_r) \oplus (K_3 \times K_r) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K_3 \times K_r)] \otimes \overline{K}_s = [(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s] \oplus [(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s] \oplus \ldots \oplus [(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s]$. Theorem 2 gives a *GK*-decomposition for $K_3 \times K_r$. Now, we write as $(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. A *GK*-decomposition exists for $K \otimes \overline{K}_s$ according to Remark 1. As a consequence of it, a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_3 \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ has been derived.

Case 2: A *GK*-decomposition for $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ have been described as follows:

Let $m \ge 4$, n = 2b, $b \ge 0$ and for all r, s, $(r \ne 2)$. One can obtain a GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n)$ from Theorem 1. Then $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) = K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. Now $K \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \cong (K \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s$. A kite decomposition exits for $K \times K_r$ by using Lemma 1. Moreover, we then write, $(K \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. According to Remark 1, a GK-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_s$ has been proved.

Consequently, Cases 1 and 2 lead a *GK*-decomposition for $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ when $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and for all *m*, *r*, *s*, $\{m, r\} \neq 2$.

Lemma 4. A GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ exists, if $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $s \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, and for all $m, r, \{m, r\} \neq 2$.

Proof. Case 1: Let m = 3, n = 2b + 1, $b \ge 0$, s = 2c, $c \ge 0$ and for all r, $(r \ne 2)$. Let us consider $(K_3 \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \cong [(K_3 \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s = [(K_3 \oplus K_3 \oplus \ldots \oplus K_3) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s = [(K_3 \times K_r) \oplus (K_3 \times K_r) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K_3 \times K_r)] \otimes \overline{K}_s = [(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s] \oplus [(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s] \oplus \ldots \oplus [(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s].$ By Theorem 2, a *GK*-decomposition exists for $K_3 \times K_r$. Now $(K_3 \times K_r) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. Now, a *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_s$ follows from Remark 1. Thus, the above construction provides a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_3 \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$.

Case 2: Let $m \ge 4$, n = 2b + 1, $b \ge 0$, s = 2c, $c \ge 0$ and for all r, $(r \ne 2)$. By Theorem 1, there is a *GK*-decomposition for $(K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. Then $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) = (K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) = [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K] \oplus [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K] \oplus \ldots \oplus [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K]$.

Now $[(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K] \cong K \times (K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \cong (K \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n$. By Lemma 1, we have a kite decomposition of $K \times K_m$. Then $(K \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n)$. A *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_n$ follows from Remark 1. Thus, all together gives a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$.

Lemma 5. A GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ exists, if $m \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8}$, $n, s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and for all $r, r \neq 2$.

Proof. Let us consider $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \cong [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s$. We write as $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r \cong K_r \times (K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \cong (K_r \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n$. By Theorem 2, we have a *GK*-decomposition of $K_r \times K_m$. Then $(K_r \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n)$. By Remark 1, we can obtain a *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_n$. Further, $[(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. A *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_s$ follows from Remark 1. Thus, all together gives a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$.

Lemma 6. A GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ exists, if $m \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, m \neq 2, n, s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and $r \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{8}$.

Proof. A *GK*-decomposition of $K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s$ can be obtained from Theorem 1. We then write, $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) = (K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) = [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K] \oplus [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K] \oplus \ldots \oplus [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K]$. Now, we write as $[(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K] \cong K \times (K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \cong (K \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n$. A kite decomposition of $K \times K_m$ has been derived from Lemma 1. Then $(K \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n)$. A *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_n$ exists according to Remark 1. Consequently, a *GK*-decomposition exists for $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. **Lemma 7.** A GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ exists, if $m \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{4}, m \neq 2, n, s \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ and $r \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{8}$.

Proof. We write $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s) \cong [(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s$. Now $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r \cong K_r \times (K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \cong (K_r \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n$. By Theorem 2, we have a *GK*-decomposition of $K_r \times K_m$. Then $(K_r \times K_m) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_n = (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_n)$. A *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_n$ can be obtained from Remark 1. Further, $[(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times K_r] \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \oplus K \oplus \ldots \oplus K) \otimes \overline{K}_s = (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s) \oplus \ldots \oplus (K \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. A *GK*-decomposition of $K \otimes \overline{K}_s$ follows from Remark 1. Thus the above describes a *GK*-decomposition for $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$.

4. Main Result

Theorem 3. There exists a GK-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ if and only if $n^2 s^2 m(m-1)r(r-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$.

Proof. Necessity: The number of edges of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ is $\frac{n^2 s^2 m (m-1)r(r-1)}{2}$ and number of edges of a kite *K* is 4. Therefore, the edge divisibility condition for a graph $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$ is $\frac{n^2 s^2 m (m-1)r(r-1)}{2}$.

Sufficiency: It has been derived from Lemmas 2 - 7.

5. Conclusion

In Section 3, we give a complete solution for the existence of a *GK*-decomposition of $(K_m \otimes \overline{K}_n) \times (K_r \otimes \overline{K}_s)$. In future, one can find the existence of a *GK*-factorization of Tensor product complete multipartite graph.

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