

K-CYCLIC EVEN CYCLE SYSTEMS OF THE COMPLETE GRAPH

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Abstract. An (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle is the union of edge-disjoint m_i -cycles for $1 \leq i \leq r$. An (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of the complete graph K_v , (V, \mathcal{C}) , is said to be k -cyclic if $V = Z_v$ and for $k \in Z_v$, $C + k \in \mathcal{C}$ whenever $C \in \mathcal{C}$.

Let m_i ($1 \leq i \leq r$) be even integers (> 2) and let $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = m = ks$ with $\gcd(k, s) = 1$ and k odd. Suppose v is the least positive integer such that $v(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2m}$ and $\gcd(v, m) = k$. In this paper, it is proved that if there is a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v , then for any positive integer p , a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) cycle system of order $2pm + v$ exists.

As the main consequence of this paper, the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v with m_i even and $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i \leq 20$ are given.

1. INTRODUCTION

An m -cycle, written $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1})$, consists of m distinct vertices c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1} , and m edges $\{c_i, c_{i+1}\}$, $0 \leq i \leq m-2$, and $\{c_0, c_{m-1}\}$. Let m_1, \dots, m_r be integers greater than 2. An (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle is the union of edge-disjoint m_i -cycles for $1 \leq i \leq r$. An (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of a graph G is a pair (V, \mathcal{C}) , where V is the vertex set of G and \mathcal{C} is a collection of (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles whose edges partition the edges of G .

If $G = K_v$, the complete graph with v vertices, then such an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system is called an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v . In particular, If $m_1 = \dots = m_r = m$, it is known as an m -cycle system.

Given an m -cycle $C_m = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1})$, by $C_m + j$ we mean $(c_0 + j, c_1 + j, \dots, c_{m-1} + j)$, where $j \in Z_v$. Analogously, if $C = \{C_{m_1}, \dots, C_{m_r}\}$ is an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle, we use $C + j$ instead of $\{C_{m_1} + j, \dots, C_{m_r} + j\}$.

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An (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v , (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{C}) , is said to be k -cyclic if $\mathbf{V} = Z_v$ and for $k \in Z_v$, $C + k \in \mathbf{C}$ whenever $C \in \mathbf{C}$. In particular, if $k = 1$, then it is simply called *cyclic*. A cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system, of course, is also a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system for $k \in Z_v$.

The study of m -cycle systems of the complete graph has been one of the most interesting problems in graph decomposition. The existence question for m -cycle systems of the complete graph has been completely settled by Alspach and Gavlas [1] in the case of m odd and by Šajna [10] in the even case.

The existence question for cyclic m -cycle systems of order v has been completely solved for $m = 3$ [7], 5 and 7 [9]. For m even and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{2m}$, cyclic m -cycle systems of order v was proved for $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ [6] and for $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ [8]. Recently, it has been shown in [2, 4, 5] that for each pair of integers (m, n) , there exists a cyclic m -cycle system of order $2mn + 1$, and in particular, for each odd prime p , there exists a cyclic p -cycle system [2, 5]. For $v \equiv m \pmod{2m}$, cyclic m -cycle systems of order v are presented for $m \notin M$ [3], where $M = \{p^\alpha \mid p \text{ is prime, } \alpha > 1\} \cup \{15\}$, and in [11] for $m \in M$. More recently, combining the known results, it has also been proved in [12] that for $3 \leq m \leq 32$, there exists a cyclic m -cycle system and there exists a cyclic $2q$ -cycle system with q a prime power. Moreover, Fu and Wu [5] proved the following result.

Theorem 1.1. [5] *If m_1, \dots, m_r are integers with $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = m$, then there exists a cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order $2m + 1$.*

The main result of this article is the following.

Theorem 1.2. *Let m_i ($1 \leq i \leq r$) be even integers (> 2) and let $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = ks \leq 20$ with $\gcd(k, s) = 1$ and k odd. Then for each admissible value v such that $v(v-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2m}$ and $\gcd(v, m) = k$, there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v with the exception that $(v; m_1, \dots, m_r) = (9; 4, 6, 8)$ and $(9; 4, 4, 4, 6)$.*

2. THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS

All graphs considered here have vertices in Z_v . In what follows, assume $3 \leq m_1 \leq \dots \leq m_r$ and $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = m$. The necessary conditions for the existence of an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v is that $v \geq m_r$, m divides $v(v-1)/2$, and the degree of each vertex is even. Obviously, v must be odd.

Given any positive integers m_1, \dots, m_r with $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = m$, it is not easy to find each admissible value v such that an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v exists. However, if we fix an odd factor of m , say k , so that $m = ks$ with $\gcd(k, s) = 1$ and suppose $\gcd(v, m) = k$, then it turns out to be a simpler work.

A method to find out each admissible value v will be given. First, we need one basic fact from number theory.

Fact. The linear congruence $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ has a unique integral solution modulo m if and only if $\gcd(a, m) = 1$.

Throughout this paper, let $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = m = ks$ with k odd and $\gcd(k, s) = 1$.

Proposition 2.1. Let m and v be positive integers with $\gcd(m, v) = k$ and let c be the least positive integral solution of the linear congruence $kx \equiv 1 \pmod{2s}$ satisfying $kc \geq m_r$. If v is any admissible value of an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system, then

$$v = 2pm + kc$$

for some integer $p \geq 0$.

Proof. Since the value of v is admissible, we have $2m|v(v-1)$, and since $m = ks$ and $\gcd(m, v) = k$, it implies that $2s|v-1$ or, equivalently, $v \equiv 1 \pmod{2s}$ or, equivalently, $kx \equiv 1 \pmod{2s}$ for some positive integer x . Note that x is odd and $\gcd(x, 2s) = 1$. Now, by the fact stated above, the linear congruence $kx \equiv 1 \pmod{2s}$ has a unique least positive integral solution c , that is, $v = 2pm + kc$ for some integer $p \geq 0$ because $\gcd(m, v) = k$. ■

As usual, we use $Spec(m)$ to denote the set of all admissible values v . By Proposition 2.1, if m has n distinct odd factors then the number of residue classes (modulo $2m$) in $Spec(m)$ is 2^n . Consider, for instance, the m -cycle system with $m = 180$. It is clear that all possible values of k are 1, 3^2 , 5, or $3^2 \cdot 5$ and we have four residue classes modulo 360. An easy verification shows that $Spec(180) = \{v|v \equiv 1, 81, 145, \text{ or } 225 \pmod{360}\}$.

As a consequence of Proposition 2.1, which will be used later, we have $Spec(m)$ for $m = 6, 2^k$ ($k \geq 2$), 10, 12, 14, 18, and 20.

Corollary 2.2.

- (1) $Spec(6) = \{v|v \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{12}\}$.
- (2) $Spec(2^k) = \{v|v \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{k+1}}\}$ for $k \geq 2$.
- (3) $Spec(10) = \{v|v \equiv 1, 5 \pmod{20}\}$.
- (4) $Spec(12) = \{v|v \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{24}\}$.
- (5) $Spec(14) = \{v|v \equiv 1, 21 \pmod{28}\}$.
- (6) $Spec(18) = \{v|v \equiv 1, 9 \pmod{36}\}$.
- (7) $Spec(20) = \{v|v \equiv 1, 25 \pmod{40}\}$.

For any cycle with vertices in Z_v , it is proved in [13] that the sum of absolute differences of edges in C must be even.

Lemma 2.3. [13] *Let $C = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1})$ be an m -cycle with $c_i \in Z_v$ where $0 \leq i \leq m-1$ and v is any positive integer. Then the sum of absolute differences of edges in C is even.*

Proof. The proof follows immediately from the fact that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m |c_i - c_{i-1}| \equiv \sum_{i=1}^m (c_i - c_{i-1}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \quad \blacksquare$$

3. DEFINITIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

Assume $\{a, b\}$ to be any edge in K_v , we shall use $\pm|a - b|$ to denote the difference of the edge $\{a, b\}$.

Given a subset Ω of $Z_v \setminus \{0\}$ with $\Omega = -\Omega$, let $G_v[\Omega]$ denote the subgraph of K_v which contains the edges $\{a, a + b\}$ with $a \in Z_v$ and $b \in \Omega$. Where it is clear what v is, the subscript will be omitted and just write $G[\Omega]$.

Let C be an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle in a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v . The (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle orbit \dot{O} of C is defined as the set of distinct (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles $\{C + ik | i \in Z_v\}$. The length of an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle orbit is its cardinality, i.e., the minimum positive integer p such that $C + pk = C$. An (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle orbit of length v is called *full*, otherwise *short*. A base (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle of an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle orbit \dot{O} is an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle $C \in \dot{O}$ that is chosen arbitrarily. A base (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle corresponding to an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle orbit \dot{O} is said to be *full* (resp. *short*) if \dot{O} is full (resp. short). An (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle orbit \dot{O} is full if and only if the differences of edges of any base (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle in \dot{O} are distinct. Any k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order v could be generated from full or short base (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles.

Throughout this paper, we will restrict our attention to the case where m_i ($1 \leq i \leq r$) are all even (> 3).

Lemma 3.1. *Let $G[\Omega]$ be a subgraph of K_{2pm+kc} with $\Omega = \pm\{a_1, \dots, a_t\}$ and m even. If there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of $G[\Omega]$, then t is even and m divides kt .*

Proof. Let $\{a, b\}$ be any edge of $G[\Omega]$. Note that the edges $\{a, b\}$ and $\{a + i, b + i\}$ in $G[\Omega]$ with $i \in Z_{2pm+kc}$ have the same difference. Since $G[\Omega]$ has a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system, this means that the number of edges with the same difference occurring in the union of base (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles, say C , is

precisely k , and so the number of edges in C is equal to kt , which is a multiple of m . It follows that t must be even since m is even. ■

A set of integers is said to be a *complete residue system modulo k* if every integer is congruent modulo k to exactly one integer of the set. For instance, the set $\{0, 1, 7, 8, 4\}$ is a complete residue system of modulo 5.

Given a subgraph H of $G[\Omega]$ with ks edges, $\gcd(k, s) = 1$, and k odd, the graph H is called *modulo k -complete* on $G[\Omega]$ if the following conditions hold:

- (1) The edge set of H can be partitioned into s subsets such that each subset contains k edges;
- (2) All k edges in each subset have the same difference;
- (3) If $\{a_1, b_1\}, \dots, \{a_k, b_k\}$ with $a_i < b_i$ are distinct edges in a subset, then both of the sets $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ and $\{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$ are complete residue systems modulo k ; and
- (4) For each edge $\{a, b\}$ in H , the absolute difference of a and b is less than or equal to $\lfloor (v + 1)/2 \rfloor$.

Example 1. Consider a $(4, 8)$ -cycle $C = \{(1, 2, 3, 5), (0, 1, 4, 6, 2, 5, 7, 3)\}$, which is a subgraph of K_9 with $3 \cdot 4$ edges. It is easy to check that the $(4, 8)$ -cycle C is modulo 3-complete on K_9 , and by virtue of the fact that C is modulo 3-complete on K_9 , it follows that there exists a 3-cyclic $(4, 8)$ -cycle system of order 9.

The following consequence plays a crucial role for the construction of a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system and its proof follows immediately from the definition of modulo k -completeness on $G[\Omega]$.

Proposition 3.2. *Let C be the union of (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles with ks edges, $\gcd(k, s) = 1$, and k odd. If C is modulo k -complete on $G_{kc}[\Omega]$, then there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of $G_{kc}[\Omega]$.*

By D we mean the difference set in an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle. The following consequences can be found in [14].

Lemma 3.3. [14] *For any positive integers s and t , there exists a $4s$ -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 1, \dots, t + 4s - 1\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + 4s - 1) + 1$.*

Note that, by Lemma 2.3, there does not exist a $(4s + 2)$ -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 1, \dots, t + 4s + 1\}$ for any positive integer t .

Lemma 3.4. [14] *Let s and t be any positive integers.*

- (1) *There exists a $(4s + 2)$ -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 1, \dots, t + 4s, t + 4s + 2\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + 4s + 2) + 1$.*
- (2) *There exists a $(4s + 2)$ -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 2, \dots, t + 4s + 2\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + 4s + 2) + 1$.*

In order to construct cycles of even length with consecutive differences, one may utilize cycles of length congruent to 0 modulo 4 and/or an even number of cycles of length congruent to 2 modulo 4.

As immediate consequences of Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, we have the following two preliminary results.

Corollary 3.5. *If $m_i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, then for any positive integer t , there exists an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 1, \dots, t + m - 1\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + m - 1) + 1$.*

Corollary 3.6. *Let t be any positive integer.*

- (1) *If r is even and $m_i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, then there exists an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 1, \dots, t + m - 1\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + m - 1) + 1$.*
- (2) *If r is even and $m_i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, then there exists an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 2, \dots, t + m - 1, t + m + 1\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + m + 1) + 1$.*
- (3) *If r is odd and $m_i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, then there exists an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 1, \dots, t + m - 2, t + m\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + m) + 1$.*
- (4) *If r is odd and $m_i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, then there exists an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle with $D = \pm\{t, t + 2, \dots, t + m\}$ in K_v where v is odd with $v \geq 2(t + m) + 1$.*

By N we mean the number of cycles in an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle with length congruent to 2 modulo 4.

Proposition 3.7. *If there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order kc , then for any positive integer p , there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order $2pm + kc$.*

Proof. Set $q = \lfloor kc/2 \rfloor$. Note that by Lemma 3.1, q is congruent to 0 or 2 (mod 4). Let $\Omega_1 = \pm\{1, 2, \dots, q\}$, $\Omega_2 = \pm\{q + 1, q + 2, \dots, pm + q\}$, $\Omega_3 = \pm\{1, 2, \dots, q - 1, q + 1\}$, and $\Omega_4 = \pm\{q, q + 2, \dots, pm + q\}$. It is clear that K_{2pm+kc} is isomorphic to the union of $G[\Omega_1]$ and $G[\Omega_2]$ or $G[\Omega_3]$ and $G[\Omega_4]$. Since there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order kc , it suffices to

show that there exists a cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of $G[\Omega_2]$ or $G[\Omega_4]$ with full base (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles. Without loss of generality, we may assume $m_i \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ for $1 \leq i \leq w$ and $m_i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ for $w+1 \leq i \leq r$, where $0 \leq w \leq r$. Let us set $N = r - w$. We divide the proof into two cases depending on whether $q \equiv 0$ or $2 \pmod{4}$.

Case 1. $q \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.

If N is even or if N is odd and p is even, then by Corollaries 3.5 and 3.6-(1), we obtain the graph C , the union of p edge-disjoint (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles, with $D = \pm\{q+1, q+2, \dots, pm+q\}$; if N is odd and p is odd, by Corollaries 3.5 and 3.6-(3), we also have the graph C with $D = \pm\{q+1, q+2, \dots, pm+q\}$.

Case 2. $q \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$.

If N is even or if N is odd and p is even, then by Corollaries 3.5 and 3.6-(2), the graph C with $D = \pm\{q, q+2, q+3, \dots, pm+q\}$ is given; if N is odd and p is odd, by Corollaries 3.5 and 3.6-(4), we obtain the graph C with $D = \pm\{q, q+2, q+3, \dots, pm+q\}$.

Then use the graph C constructed in each case as the base (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles and the desired (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system follows. ■

For clarity, we give some examples to demonstrate the construction of a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system stated above.

Example 2. Consider the $(4, 8)$ -cycle C in Example 1. Use C as the base $(4, 8)$ -cycle and a 3-cyclic $(4, 8)$ -cycle system of $G_9[\Omega]$ with $\Omega = \pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ then follows. Since the absolute difference of each edge $\{a, b\}$ in C is less than or equal to 4, it means that the $(4, 8)$ -cycle C can also be used as the base $(4, 8)$ -cycle of a 3-cyclic $(4, 8)$ -cycle system of $G_{24p+9}[\Omega]$ and hence, a 3-cyclic $(4, 8)$ -cycle system of $G_{24p+9}[\Omega]$ does exist for $p \geq 0$.

Example 3. For $1 \leq i \leq 5$, let C_i be $(4, 10)$ -cycles with $7 \cdot 2$ edges given as

$$C_1 = \{(4, 5, 8, 10), (2, 8, 16, 9, 17, 6, 10, 7, 14, 3)\};$$

$$C_2 = \{(8, 17, 10, 19), (1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 14, 5, 9, 18, 7)\};$$

$$C_3 = \{(5, 10, 18, 11), (1, 6, 12, 20, 13, 9, 7, 3, 8, 4)\};$$

$$C_4 = \{(5, 7, 8, 6), (0, 5, 16, 7, 11, 19, 12, 8, 15, 6)\}; \text{ and}$$

$$C_5 = \{(4, 7, 6, 9), (2, 5, 3, 9, 20, 11, 6, 4, 15, 7)\}.$$

Assume C to be the union of $(4, 10)$ -cycles C_1, \dots, C_5 and let $v = 21 = 7 \cdot 3$. An easy verification shows that C is modulo 7-complete on K_{21} and a 7-cyclic $(4, 10)$ -cycle system of order $28t + 21$ exist for each $t \geq 0$.

4. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULT

We are now in a position to prove the main result in this paper.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. By virtue of Theorem 1.1, it follows that there exists a cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order $2pm + 1$ for $p \geq 1$. So, we need only consider the remaining case. By Propositions 2.1 and 3.7, it is enough to show that there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order kc if $kc < 2m + 1$, or that there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of $G_{kc}[\Omega]$ if $kc \geq 2m + 1$, where $\Omega = \pm\{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor kc/2 \rfloor - m\}$ or $\pm\{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor kc/2 \rfloor - m - 1, \lfloor kc/2 \rfloor - m + 1\}$.

In order to accomplish this objective, by Proposition 3.2, it suffices to prove that C , the union of (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles, is modulo k -complete on $G_{kc}[\Omega]$. For the convenience of notation, by $(G_{kc}[\Omega]; C_{m_1}, \dots, C_{m_r}; k)$ -CS we mean the union of (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycles which is modulo k -complete on $G_{kc}[\Omega]$. The proof is split into 6 cases depending on $m = 6, 10, 12, 14, 18, \text{ or } 20$. We recall that for each m , the $Spec(m)$ is given in Corollary 2.2.

Case 1. Suppose that $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = 6$.

$$(K_9; C_6; 3)\text{-CS} = \{(0, 1, 2, 5, 7, 3), (1, 5, 3, 2, 6, 4)\}.$$

Case 2. Suppose that $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = 10$.

$$(G_{25}[\pm\{1, 3\}]; C_{10}; 5)\text{-CS} = \{(0, 3, 6, 9, 8, 7, 4, 5, 2, 1)\}.$$

$$(G_{25}[\pm\{1, 3\}]; C_4, C_6; 5)\text{-CS} = \{(0, 1, 2, 3), (3, 4, 7, 10, 9, 6)\}.$$

Case 3. Suppose that $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = 12$.

$$(G_{33}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_{12}; 3)\text{-CS} = \{(1, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 15, 11, 10, 7, 3)\}.$$

$$(K_9; C_4, C_8; 3)\text{-CS} = \{(1, 2, 3, 5), (0, 1, 4, 6, 2, 5, 7, 3)\}.$$

$$(K_9; C_6, C_6; 3)\text{-CS} = \{(0, 3, 5, 8, 4, 1), (1, 2, 6, 5, 7, 3)\}.$$

$$(K_9; C_4, C_4, C_4; 3)\text{-CS} = \{(0, 1, 5, 2), (1, 2, 6, 3), (2, 3, 7, 4)\}.$$

Case 4. Suppose that $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = 14$.

$$\begin{aligned} (K_{21}; C_{14}; 7)\text{-CS} = \{ & (2, 3, 5, 4, 15, 7, 9, 17, 6, 11, 18, 10, 19, 8), \\ & (1, 2, 4, 3, 8, 10, 6, 14, 5, 11, 20, 9, 18, 7), \\ & (3, 14, 13, 12, 19, 11, 7, 10, 5, 9, 16, 8, 4, 6), \\ & (0, 5, 2, 7, 3, 9, 13, 16, 11, 14, 15, 8, 12, 6), \end{aligned}$$

$$(1, 4, 10, 17, 8, 5, 16, 7, 14, 12, 20, 13, 15, 6)\}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (K_{21}; C_4, C_{10}; 7)\text{-CS} = & \{(4, 5, 8, 10), (2, 8, 16, 9, 17, 6, 10, 7, 14, 3)\} \cup \\ & \{(8, 17, 10, 19), (1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 14, 5, 9, 18, 7)\} \cup \\ & \{(5, 10, 18, 11), (1, 6, 12, 20, 13, 9, 7, 3, 8, 4)\} \cup \\ & \{(5, 7, 8, 6), (0, 5, 16, 7, 11, 19, 12, 8, 15, 6)\} \cup \\ & \{(4, 7, 6, 9), (2, 5, 3, 9, 20, 11, 6, 4, 15, 7)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (K_{21}; C_6, C_8; 7)\text{-CS} = & \{(6, 10, 7, 18, 9, 17), (3, 8, 4, 15, 6, 11, 20, 9)\} \cup \\ & \{(7, 11, 19, 12, 8, 15), (0, 6, 1, 4, 10, 19, 8, 5)\} \cup \\ & \{(6, 12, 20, 13, 9, 7), (2, 5, 4, 3, 14, 6, 8, 7)\} \cup \\ & \{(1, 10, 5, 14, 7, 3), (2, 3, 5, 9, 4, 7, 16, 8)\} \cup \\ & \{(3, 10, 18, 11, 5, 6), (1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 16, 5, 7)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (K_{21}; C_4, C_4, C_6; 7)\text{-CS} = & \{(1, 4, 15, 6), (6, 9, 20, 11), (2, 8, 16, 9, 5, 3)\} \cup \\ & \{(2, 5, 16, 7), (0, 5, 14, 6), (6, 10, 7, 18, 9, 17)\} \cup \\ & \{(4, 5, 8, 10), (5, 7, 8, 6), (7, 11, 19, 12, 8, 15)\} \cup \\ & \{(8, 17, 10, 19), (3, 9, 4, 8), (6, 12, 20, 13, 9, 7)\} \cup \\ & \{(5, 10, 18, 11), (3, 4, 7, 14), (1, 2, 4, 6, 3, 7)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Case 5. Suppose that $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = 18$.

It follows from Lemma 3.1 that there does not exist 3-cyclic $(4, 6, 8)$ - and $(4, 4, 4, 6)$ -cycle systems of order 9

$$\begin{aligned} (G_{45}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_{18}; 9)\text{-CS} = & \\ & \{(1, 2, 5, 3, 7, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15, 19, 17, 16, 14, 13, 11, 8, 4), \\ & (7, 11, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 21, 20, 24, 23, 26, 27, 25, 22, 18, 14, 10)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (G_{45}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_4, C_{14}; 9)\text{-CS} = & \\ & \{(8, 9, 10, 12), (1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 14, 12, 13, 17, 15, 11, 9, 6, 4)\} \cup \\ & \{(4, 5, 8, 7), (5, 6, 10, 8, 11, 14, 18, 22, 20, 16, 15, 12, 9, 7)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (G_{45}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_6, C_{12}; 9)\text{-CS} = & \\ & \{(5, 7, 10, 9, 8, 6), (1, 5, 9, 12, 14, 17, 13, 10, 8, 7, 6, 2)\} \cup \\ & \{(3, 7, 11, 9, 6, 4), (2, 5, 4, 7, 9, 13, 11, 8, 12, 10, 6, 3)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$(G_{45}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_8, C_{10}; 9)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(9, 10, 14, 12, 13, 17, 15, 11), (4, 5, 8, 12, 10, 6, 9, 13, 11, 7)\} \cup \\ \{(7, 8, 11, 14, 16, 15, 12, 9), (1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 8, 9, 5, 6, 4)\}.$$

$$(G_{45}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_4, C_4, C_{10}; 9)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(0, 1, 5, 3), (3, 4, 8, 6), (4, 5, 8, 12, 10, 6, 9, 13, 11, 7)\} \cup \\ \{(7, 9, 11, 8), (2, 6, 7, 5), (1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 8, 9, 5, 6, 4)\}.$$

$$(G_{45}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_4, C_6, C_8; 9)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(0, 1, 5, 3), (6, 7, 10, 12, 8, 9), (1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 6, 3, 4)\} \cup \\ \{(5, 6, 10, 8), (4, 5, 9, 13, 11, 7), (2, 3, 7, 9, 11, 8, 4, 6)\}.$$

$$(G_{45}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_4, C_4, C_4, C_6; 9)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(0, 1, 5, 3), (1, 2, 6, 4), (2, 3, 7, 5), (6, 7, 10, 12, 8, 9)\} \cup \\ \{(3, 4, 8, 6), (5, 6, 10, 8), (7, 9, 11, 8), (4, 5, 9, 13, 11, 7)\}.$$

Case 6. Suppose that $\sum_{i=1}^r = 20$.

$$(K_{25}; C_{20}; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(1, 6, 15, 9, 8, 4, 14, 19, 22, 11, 17, 20, 21, 18, 13, 5, 16, 7, 12, 2), \\ (0, 4, 2, 13, 11, 9, 16, 8, 15, 10, 20, 18, 12, 24, 17, 5, 7, 3, 14, 6), \\ (2, 3, 12, 5, 4, 16, 6, 18, 11, 15, 24, 21, 17, 9, 20, 8, 14, 23, 13, 10)\}.$$

$$(K_{25}; C_4, C_{16}; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(4, 11, 16, 12), (2, 12, 7, 16, 17, 11, 22, 19, 14, 4, 8, 9, 15, 6, 18, 13)\} \cup \\ \{(0, 6, 5, 4), (2, 4, 16, 5, 7, 3, 14, 8, 20, 18, 12, 24, 15, 11, 13, 10)\} \cup \\ \{(2, 3, 12, 5), (0, 8, 18, 9, 1, 11, 3, 10, 5, 15, 4, 6, 13, 16, 19, 12)\}.$$

$$(K_{25}; C_6, C_{14}; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(4, 5, 6, 12, 16, 11), (0, 8, 18, 9, 1, 11, 5, 15, 4, 6, 13, 16, 19, 12)\} \cup \\ \{(5, 9, 17, 16, 7, 12), (2, 5, 10, 3, 14, 4, 8, 20, 18, 12, 24, 15, 11, 13)\} \cup \\ \{(2, 3, 7, 5, 16, 4), (2, 12, 3, 11, 22, 19, 14, 8, 9, 15, 6, 18, 13, 10)\}.$$

$$(K_{25}; C_8, C_{12}; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\{(1, 13, 4, 9, 6, 12, 3, 5), (0, 12, 2, 3, 1, 6, 7, 9, 8, 4, 16, 5)\} \cup \\ \{(1, 12, 4, 5, 2, 10, 3, 9), (0, 8, 2, 9, 15, 3, 6, 4, 14, 5, 12, 10)\} \cup \\ \{(0, 1, 11, 2, 14, 3, 13, 6), (2, 6, 15, 4, 11, 3, 7, 12, 9, 5, 8, 13)\}.$$

$$(K_{25}; C_{10}, C_{10}; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(0, 5, 16, 4, 9, 7, 6, 1, 3, 12), (2, 11, 3, 7, 12, 9, 5, 8, 13, 6)\} \cup \\ & \{(0, 10, 12, 5, 4, 6, 3, 9, 2, 8), (1, 9, 15, 3, 10, 2, 5, 14, 4, 12)\} \cup \\ & \{(0, 1, 5, 3, 14, 2, 13, 4, 15, 6), (1, 11, 4, 8, 9, 6, 12, 2, 3, 13)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(K_{25}; C_4, C_4, C_{12}; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(3, 12, 4, 9), (1, 5, 2, 3), (0, 12, 2, 11, 1, 6, 7, 9, 8, 4, 16, 5)\} \cup \\ & \{(2, 10, 3, 14), (1, 9, 6, 12), (0, 8, 2, 9, 15, 3, 6, 4, 14, 5, 12, 10)\} \cup \\ & \{(0, 1, 13, 6), (3, 5, 4, 13), (2, 6, 15, 4, 11, 3, 7, 12, 9, 5, 8, 13)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(K_{25}; C_4, C_6, C_{10}; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(3, 11, 4, 15), (2, 12, 7, 6, 4, 13), (0, 10, 12, 4, 5, 9, 7, 3, 13, 6)\} \cup \\ & \{(1, 9, 2, 5), (0, 1, 6, 2, 3, 12), (0, 8, 2, 11, 1, 3, 9, 4, 16, 5)\} \cup \\ & \{(2, 10, 3, 14), (5, 12, 6, 15, 9, 8), (1, 12, 9, 6, 3, 5, 14, 4, 8, 13)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(K_{25}; C_4, C_8, C_8; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(3, 11, 4, 15), (0, 8, 2, 11, 1, 9, 3, 12), (0, 5, 16, 4, 9, 2, 6, 1)\} \cup \\ & \{(1, 5, 2, 3), (0, 6, 7, 3, 13, 4, 12, 10), (4, 8, 9, 15, 6, 12, 5, 14)\} \cup \\ & \{(2, 10, 3, 14), (1, 12, 9, 6, 3, 5, 8, 13), (2, 13, 6, 4, 5, 9, 7, 12)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(K_{25}; C_6, C_6, C_8; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(1, 9, 5, 4, 8, 13), (2, 9, 7, 3, 14, 5), (0, 10, 12, 4, 15, 3, 13, 6)\} \cup \\ & \{(2, 12, 7, 6, 4, 13), (0, 1, 6, 2, 3, 12), (5, 12, 6, 8, 14, 9, 21, 10)\} \cup \\ & \{(1, 12, 9, 6, 3, 5), (2, 10, 3, 11, 4, 14), (5, 13, 7, 16, 6, 15, 9, 8)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(K_{25}; C_4, C_4, C_4, C_8; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(4, 14, 5, 8), (3, 11, 4, 15), (0, 4, 2, 7), (0, 8, 2, 11, 1, 9, 3, 12)\} \cup \\ & \{(1, 5, 2, 3), (1, 4, 3, 8), (1, 12, 2, 13), (0, 5, 16, 4, 9, 2, 6, 1)\} \cup \\ & \{(3, 5, 4, 6), (2, 10, 3, 14), (1, 7, 4, 10), (0, 6, 7, 3, 13, 4, 12, 10)\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(K_{25}; C_4, C_4, C_6, C_6; 5)\text{-CS} =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(4, 14, 5, 8), (1, 5, 2, 3), (1, 9, 3, 15, 4, 11), (0, 8, 2, 11, 3, 12)\} \cup \\ & \{(1, 4, 3, 8), (1, 12, 2, 13), (0, 5, 16, 4, 6, 1), (2, 6, 3, 5, 4, 9)\} \cup \\ & \{(2, 10, 3, 14), (1, 7, 4, 10), (0, 6, 7, 3, 13, 4), (0, 10, 12, 4, 2, 7)\}. \end{aligned}$$

■

5. CONCLUDING REMARK

So far, for each even m_i with $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i \leq 20$, a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system is given, but we can not find out an ingenious method to construct a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle in general. It is natural, however, to pose the following problem.

Conjecture. Suppose $\sum_{i=1}^r m_i = ks$ with m_i even, $\gcd(k, s) = 1$, and k odd and let c be the least positive integral solution of $kx \equiv 1 \pmod{2s}$ satisfying $kc \geq m_r$. Then there exists a k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system of order kc .

Moreover, we may ask whether the values of m_i 's in an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle could be odd. In fact, we believe that the existence problem for k -cyclic (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle system is still correct even though some of m_i 's in an (m_1, \dots, m_r) -cycle are odd. It turns out, however, a much more difficult problem. We conclude this paper with an example.

Let C be a $(3, 4, 5)$ -cycle with $3 \cdot 4$ edges and $v = 33 = 3 \cdot 11$. The base $(3, 4, 5)$ -cycles of the 3-cyclic $(3, 4, 5)$ -cycle system of order 33 are:

$(G_{33}[\pm\{1, 2, 3, 4\}]; C_3, C_4, C_5; 3)$ -CS = $\{(0, 1, 2), (1, 5, 2, 3), (2, 4, 7, 3, 6)\}$, and
 $(G_{33}[\pm\{5, 6, \dots, 16\}]; C_3, C_4, C_5; 1)$ -CS = $\{(0, 5, 11), (0, 12, 28, 13), (0, 7, 15, 24, 10)\}$.

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