

Abstract

On cyclic symmetric Hamilton cycle decompositions of complete multipartite graphs

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A decomposition of a graph with n vertices, labeled by Z_n , is cyclic if addition by 1 to the vertices acts on the decomposition, and the decomposition is d -symmetric for a divisor d of n if addition by n/d to the vertices acts invariantly on the decomposition. In a 2015 paper, Merola et al. established the necessary and sufficient conditions under which a complete multipartite graph with an even number of parts, each with d vertices, has a cyclic Hamilton cycle decomposition; these decompositions were also d -symmetric. In this paper we establish the necessary and sufficient conditions for the analogous question with complete multipartite graphs with an odd number of parts, which settles the existence of cyclic, d -symmetric Hamilton cycle decompositions for all balanced, complete multipartite graphs.

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