

A DECOMPOSITION OF COMPLETE BIPARTITE 4-UNIFORM HYPERGRAPH  
 $K_{7,7}^4$  INTO LOOSE CYCLES

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**Abstract:-**

A  $k$ -uniform hypergraph  $H$  is a pair  $(V, \varepsilon)$ , where  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a set of  $n$  vertices and  $\varepsilon$  is a family of  $k$ -subset of  $V$  called hyperedges. We consider the problem of constructing a decomposition for complete bipartite uniform hypergraph into loose cycles.

**Keywords:-**Hypergraph, Loose Cycle, Decomposition

**INTRODUCTION**

A decomposition of graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a partition of the edge-set  $E$ . The problem of constructing decomposition is a long-standing and well-studied one in graph theory; in particular, for the complete graph  $K_n$ , it was solved in the 1890s by Walecki who showed that  $K_n$  has a Hamiltonian decomposition if and only if  $n$  is odd, while if  $n$  is even  $K_n$  has a decomposition into Hamiltonian cycles and a perfect matching. As many problem in graph theory, it seems natural to attempt a generalization to hypergraphs. Indeed, the notion of Hamiltonian was first generalized to uniform hypergraph by Berge in his book [1]. His definition of a Hamiltonian cycle in a hypergraph  $H = (V, E)$  is a sequence  $(v_0, e_1, v_1, e_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, e_n, v_0)$ , where  $V = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ , and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  are distinct elements of  $E$ , such that the hyperedges  $e_i$  contains both  $v_{i+1}$  and  $v_i(mod n)$ . The study of decomposition of complete 3-uniform hypergraph into cycles of this type was begun by Bermond et al in the 1970s [3] and completed by Verrall in 1994[6]. A  $k$ -uniform hypergraph  $H$  is a pair  $(V, \mathcal{E})$ , where  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a set of  $n$  vertices and  $\mathcal{E}$  is a family of  $k$ -subset of  $V$  called hyperedges. If  $\mathcal{E}$  consists of all  $k$ -subsets of  $V$ , then  $H$  is a complete  $k$ -uniform hypergraph on  $n$  vertices and denoted by  $K_n^k$ . At the same time we may refer a vertex  $v_i$  to  $v_{i+n}$ . A cycle of length  $l$  of  $H$  is a sequence of the form  $(v_1, e_1, v_2, e_2, \dots, v_l, e_l, v_1)$ , where  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_l$  are distinct vertices and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_l$  are  $k$ -hyperedges of  $H$ , satisfying the following conditions: (i)  $v_i, v_{i+1} \in e_i, 1 \leq i \leq l$ , where addition on the subscripts is module  $n$ ; (ii)  $e_i \cap e_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j$ . This cycle is known as a Berge cycle, having been introduced in [1]. A decomposition of  $H$  into cycles is a partition of the hyperedges of  $H$  into cycles length  $(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_m)$ .

In this paper, we consider the decomposition of bipartite complete 4-uniform hypergraph  $K_{q,q}^k$  for  $q = 7, k = 4$ .

**1 Main results**

Before giving the decomposition of hypergraph, we need some definitions about hypergraphs.

**Definition 1** A loose cycle is of length  $l$  is a hyperpraph made of  $l$  hyperedges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_l$  such that, for any  $i, j$ , if  $e_i \cap e_j \neq \emptyset$ , then  $|e_i \cap e_j| = t < k$ .

**Definition 2** A bipartite hypergraph is a pair  $(V, \mathcal{E})$ , where  $V = V_1 \cup V_2, V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ , and for any  $e_i \in \mathcal{E}, e_i \cap V_1 \neq \emptyset$  and  $e_i \cap V_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 1** Bipartite complete 4-uniform hypergraph  $K_{7,7}^4$  could be decomposed into loose cycles length 7 and 14, where for any two hyperedges  $e_i, e_j$  in a loose cycle, if  $e_i \cap e_j \neq \emptyset$ , then  $|e_i \cap e_j| = 2$ .

**Proof.** We construct the decomposition of  $K_{7,7}^4$ . Let  $V_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}, V_2 = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{6}, \bar{7}\}$ . We discuss it in two types.

**Type 1** First of all, we arrange 35 hyperedges as following:

- 123,345,567,712,234,456,671
- 135,572,246,613,357,724,461
- 147,736,625,514,473,362,251
- 124,457,713,346,672,235,561
- 245,571,134,467,723,356,612

Where every line is a cycle of length 7, after adding a vertex  $\bar{k} \in V_2$  to every hyperedge,

- 123 $\bar{k}$ , 345 $\bar{k}$ , 567 $\bar{k}$ , 712 $\bar{k}$ , 234 $\bar{k}$ , 456 $\bar{k}$ , 671 $\bar{k}$
- 135 $\bar{k}$ , 572 $\bar{k}$ , 246 $\bar{k}$ , 613 $\bar{k}$ , 357 $\bar{k}$ , 724 $\bar{k}$ , 461 $\bar{k}$
- 147 $\bar{k}$ , 736 $\bar{k}$ , 625 $\bar{k}$ , 514 $\bar{k}$ , 473 $\bar{k}$ , 362 $\bar{k}$ , 251 $\bar{k}$
- 124 $\bar{k}$ , 457 $\bar{k}$ , 713 $\bar{k}$ , 346 $\bar{k}$ , 672 $\bar{k}$ , 235 $\bar{k}$ , 561 $\bar{k}$
- 245 $\bar{k}$ , 571 $\bar{k}$ , 134 $\bar{k}$ , 467 $\bar{k}$ , 723 $\bar{k}$ , 356 $\bar{k}$ , 612 $\bar{k}$

Now we have  $\frac{\binom{7}{3}\binom{7}{1}}{7} = 35$  cycles of length 7.

Then by exchanging the positions for  $i$  and  $\bar{i}(i = 1, 2, \dots, 7)$ , we have another  $\frac{\binom{7}{1}\binom{7}{3}}{7} = 35$  cycles of length 7.

**Type 2** For convenience, we apply

$$\begin{pmatrix} i_1 & i_2 & i_3 & i_4 & i_5 & i_6 & i_7 & i_1 \\ j_1 & j_2 & j_3 & j_4 & j_5 & j_6 & j_7 & j_1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ OR } \begin{pmatrix} i_1 & i_2 & i_3 & i_4 & i_5 & i_6 & i_7 \\ j_1 & j_2 & j_3 & j_4 & j_5 & j_6 & j_7 \end{pmatrix}$$

To express cycle of length 7, where  $i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5 i_6 i_7$  is a permutation of  $V_1, j_1 j_2 j_3 j_4 j_5 j_6 j_7$  is a permutation of  $V_2$ , four adjacent elements in the upper and lower sides represent an hyperedge. Based on the above symbols,



Are 21 cycles of length 14? It is easy to verify for any two cycles above, there is no common hyperedge between these two cycles. Furthermore,  $|K_{7,7}^4| = 2 \binom{7}{3} \binom{7}{1} + \binom{7}{2} \binom{7}{2} = [(2 \times 35) \times 7] + [(21 \times 7) + (21 \times 14)]$ , where the parentheses in the first parenthesis is the number of cycles of length 7 for type 1, two 21 of second parentheses are the numbers of cycles of length 7, 14 for type 2 respectively.

We have completed the decomposition of hypergraphs  $K_{7,7}^4$ .

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