

Balanced C_6 -Bowtie Designs – p -Orbits and L -orbits –

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1. Introduction

Let K_n denote the complete graph of n vertices. The complete multi-graph λK_n is the complete graph K_n in which every edge is taken λ times. Let C_6 be the 6-cycle (or the cycle on 6 vertices). The C_6 -bowtie is a graph of 2 edge-disjoint C_6 's with a common vertex and the common vertex is called the center of the C_6 -bowtie.

When λK_n is decomposed into edge-disjoint sum of C_6 -bowties, we say that λK_n has a C_6 -bowtie decomposition. Moreover, when every vertex of λK_n appears in the same number of C_6 -bowties, we say that λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition and this number is called the replication number. This balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of λK_n is called a balanced C_6 -bowtie design.

In this paper, it is shown that the necessary condition for the existence of a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of λK_n is $\lambda(n-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$ and $n \geq 11$. Sufficient conditions and decomposition algorithms are also given.

It is a well-known result that K_n has a C_3 decomposition if and only if $n \equiv 1$ or $3 \pmod{6}$. This decomposition is known as a Steiner triple system. See Colbourn and Rosa[2] and Wallis[15]. Horák and Rosa[3] proved that K_n has a C_3 -bowtie decomposition if and only if $n \equiv 1$ or $9 \pmod{12}$. This decomposition is known as a C_3 -bowtie system.

For combinatorial designs, see [1,4,5,15]. Another type of foil-decompositions, see [6–14].

2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of λK_n

Notation. We consider the vertex set V of λK_n as $V = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. We denote a C_6 -bowtie passing through $1-2-3-4-5-6-1, 1-7-8-9-10-11-1$ by $\{(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), (1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)\}$. In the followings, the vertex additions $i+x$ are taken modulo n with residues $1, 2, \dots, n$.

Theorem 1. If λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition, then $\lambda(n-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$ and $n \geq 11$.

Proof. Suppose that λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition. Let b be the number of C_6 -bowties and r be the replication number. Then $b = \lambda n(n-1)/24$ and $r = 11\lambda(n-1)/24$. Among r C_6 -bowties having a vertex v of λK_n , let r_1 and r_2 be the numbers of C_6 -bowties in which v is the center and v is not the center, respectively. Then $r_1 + r_2 = r$. Counting the number of vertices adjacent to v , $4r_1 + 2r_2 = \lambda(n-1)$. From these relations, $r_1 = \lambda(n-1)/24$ and $r_2 = 10\lambda(n-1)/24$. Thus, $\lambda(n-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$. Since a C_6 -bowtie is a subgraph of λK_n , $n \geq 11$.

Note. The condition $\lambda(n-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$ and $n \geq 11$ in Theorem 1 can be classified as follows:

- (i) $\lambda \geq 1$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$, $n \geq 25$,
- (ii) $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$, $n \geq 13$,
- (iii) $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, $n \geq 17$,
- (iv) $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$, $n \geq 13$,
- (v) $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, $n \geq 13$,

- (vi) $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, $n \geq 13$,
- (vii) $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$ and $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $n \geq 11$, and
- (viii) $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$ and $n \geq 11$.

Theorem 2. If λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition, then $(s\lambda)K_n$ has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition for every s .

Definition. The C_6 - t -foil is a graph of t edge-disjoint C_6 's with a common vertex and the C_6 - t -foiloid is a multi-graph of t C_6 's with a common vertex.

For example, $\{(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), (1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11), (1, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16), (1, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21)\}$ is a C_6 -4-foil. $\{(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), (1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11), (1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8), (1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 18)\}$ is a C_6 -4-foiloid.

Theorem 3. When $\lambda \geq 1$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$, and $n \geq 25$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 3.1. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of K_{25} .

$\{(i, i+1, i+6, i+19, i+10, i+3), (i, i+2, i+8, i+22, i+12, i+4)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 25)$.

Example 3.2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of K_{49} .

$\{(i, i+1, i+10, i+35, i+18, i+5), (i, i+2, i+12, i+38, i+20, i+6)\},$
 $\{(i, i+3, i+14, i+41, i+22, i+7), (i, i+4, i+16, i+44, i+24, i+8)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 49)$.

Example 3.3. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of K_{73} .

$\{(i, i+1, i+14, i+51, i+26, i+7), (i, i+2, i+16, i+54, i+28, i+8)\},$
 $\{(i, i+3, i+18, i+57, i+30, i+9), (i, i+4, i+20, i+60, i+32, i+10)\},$
 $\{(i, i+5, i+22, i+63, i+34, i+11), (i, i+6, i+24, i+66, i+36, i+12)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 73)$.

Theorem 4. When $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$, and $n \geq 13$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 4.1. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $2K_{13}$.

$\{(i, i+1, i+9, i+5, i+4, i+8), (i, i+2, i+12, i+10, i+3, i+6)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 13)$.

Example 4.2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $2K_{25}$.

$\{(i, i+1, i+10, i+2, i+18, i+17), (i, i+4, i+16, i+11, i+24, i+20)\},$
 $\{(i, i+2, i+12, i+5, i+20, i+18), (i, i+3, i+14, i+8, i+22, i+19)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 25)$.

Example 4.3. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $2K_{37}$.

$\{(i, i+1, i+14, i+2, i+26, i+25), (i, i+6, i+24, i+17, i+36, i+30)\},$
 $\{(i, i+2, i+16, i+5, i+28, i+26), (i, i+3, i+18, i+8, i+30, i+27)\},$
 $\{(i, i+4, i+20, i+11, i+32, i+28), (i, i+5, i+22, i+14, i+34, i+29)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 37)$.

Theorem 5. When $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, and $n \geq 17$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 5.1. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $3K_{17}$.

$\{(i, i+1, i+6, i+11, i+10, i+3), (i, i+2, i+8, i+16, i+12, i+4)\},$
 $\{(i, i+1, i+6, i+13, i+10, i+3), (i, i+2, i+8, i+14, i+12, i+4)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 17)$.

Example 5.2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $3K_{25}$.

$$\{(i, i+1, i+8, i+15, i+14, i+4), (i, i+2, i+10, i+19, i+16, i+5)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+3, i+12, i+23, i+18, i+6), (i, i+1, i+8, i+16, i+14, i+4)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+10, i+20, i+16, i+5), (i, i+3, i+12, i+24, i+18, i+6)\} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 25).$$

Example 5.3. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $3K_{33}$.

$$\{(i, i+1, i+10, i+19, i+18, i+5), (i, i+4, i+16, i+32, i+24, i+8)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+12, i+23, i+20, i+6), (i, i+3, i+14, i+27, i+22, i+7)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+4, i+16, i+31, i+24, i+8), (i, i+1, i+10, i+20, i+18, i+5)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+12, i+24, i+20, i+6), (i, i+3, i+14, i+28, i+22, i+7)\} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 33).$$

Theorem 6. When $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$, and $n \geq 13$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 6.1. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $4K_{19}$.

$$\{(i, i+7, i+17, i+1, i+14, i+13), (i, i+8, i+3, i+5, i+6, i+4)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+9, i+2, i+18, i+10, i+15), (i, i+7, i+17, i+1, i+14, i+13)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+8, i+3, i+5, i+6, i+4), (i, i+9, i+2, i+18, i+10, i+15)\} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 19).$$

Example 6.2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $4K_{31}$.

$$\{(i, i+1, i+12, i+2, i+22, i+21), (i, i+4, i+18, i+11, i+28, i+24)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+14, i+5, i+24, i+22), (i, i+3, i+16, i+8, i+26, i+23)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+5, i+20, i+14, i+30, i+25), (i, i+1, i+12, i+2, i+22, i+21)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+14, i+5, i+24, i+22), (i, i+3, i+16, i+8, i+26, i+23)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+4, i+18, i+11, i+28, i+24), (i, i+5, i+20, i+14, i+30, i+25)\} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 31).$$

Example 6.3. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $4K_{43}$.

$$\{(i, i+1, i+16, i+2, i+30, i+29), (i, i+6, i+26, i+17, i+40, i+34)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+18, i+5, i+32, i+30), (i, i+3, i+20, i+8, i+34, i+31)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+4, i+22, i+11, i+36, i+32), (i, i+5, i+24, i+14, i+38, i+33)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+7, i+28, i+20, i+42, i+35), (i, i+1, i+16, i+2, i+30, i+29)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+18, i+5, i+32, i+30), (i, i+3, i+20, i+8, i+34, i+31)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+4, i+22, i+11, i+36, i+32), (i, i+5, i+24, i+14, i+38, i+33)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+6, i+26, i+17, i+40, i+34), (i, i+7, i+28, i+20, i+42, i+35)\} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 43).$$

Theorem 7. When $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, and $n \geq 13$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 7.1. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $6K_{21}$.

$$\{(i, i+1, i+2, i+3, i+13, i+11), (i, i+10, i+8, i+18, i+19, i+20)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+4, i+7, i+3, i+12), (i, i+9, i+18, i+14, i+17, i+19)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+3, i+6, i+11, i+5, i+13), (i, i+4, i+8, i+15, i+7, i+14)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+5, i+10, i+19, i+9, i+15), (i, i+6, i+12, i+2, i+11, i+16)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+7, i+14, i+6, i+13, i+17), (i, i+8, i+16, i+10, i+15, i+18)\} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 21).$$

Example 7.2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $6K_{29}$.

$$\{(i, i+1, i+2, i+3, i+17, i+15), (i, i+14, i+12, i+26, i+27, i+28)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+2, i+4, i+7, i+3, i+16), (i, i+13, i+26, i+22, i+25, i+27)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+3, i+6, i+11, i+5, i+17), (i, i+12, i+24, i+18, i+23, i+26)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+4, i+8, i+15, i+7, i+18), (i, i+11, i+22, i+14, i+21, i+25)\},$$

$$\{(i, i+5, i+14, i+4, i+9, i+19), (i, i+6, i+12, i+23, i+11, i+20)\},$$

$\{(i, i + 7, i + 14, i + 27, i + 13, i + 21), (i, i + 8, i + 16, i + 2, i + 15, i + 22)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 18, i + 6, i + 17, i + 23), (i, i + 10, i + 20, i + 25, i + 15, i + 24)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 29).$

Example 7.3. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $6K_{45}$.

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 2, i + 3, i + 25, i + 23), (i, i + 22, i + 20, i + 42, i + 43, i + 44)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 4, i + 7, i + 3, i + 24), (i, i + 21, i + 42, i + 38, i + 41, i + 43)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 6, i + 11, i + 5, i + 25), (i, i + 20, i + 40, i + 34, i + 39, i + 42)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 8, i + 15, i + 7, i + 26), (i, i + 19, i + 38, i + 30, i + 37, i + 41)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 10, i + 19, i + 9, i + 27), (i, i + 18, i + 36, i + 26, i + 35, i + 40)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 12, i + 23, i + 11, i + 28), (i, i + 17, i + 34, i + 22, i + 33, i + 39)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 14, i + 27, i + 13, i + 29), (i, i + 8, i + 16, i + 31, i + 15, i + 30)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 18, i + 35, i + 17, i + 31), (i, i + 14, i + 28, i + 10, i + 27, i + 36)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 10, i + 20, i + 39, i + 19, i + 32), (i, i + 13, i + 26, i + 6, i + 25, i + 35)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 11, i + 22, i + 43, i + 21, i + 33), (i, i + 12, i + 24, i + 2, i + 23, i + 34)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 15, i + 30, i + 14, i + 29, i + 37), (i, i + 16, i + 32, i + 18, i + 31, i + 38)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 45).$

Theorem 8. When $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, and $n \geq 13$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 8.1. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $8K_{16}$.

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

Example 8.2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $8K_{22}$.

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

Example 8.3. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $8K_{28}$.

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 20, i + 2, i + 11, i + 10), (i, i + 9, i + 8, i + 26, i + 27, i + 18)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 24, i + 8, i + 15, i + 12), (i, i + 4, i + 26, i + 11, i + 17, i + 13)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 19, i + 14, i + 9, i + 23), (i, i + 6, i + 2, i + 17, i + 21, i + 15)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 4, i + 20, i + 23, i + 16), (i, i + 3, i + 24, i + 8, i + 15, i + 12)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 8, i + 26, i + 27, i + 18), (i, i + 1, i + 20, i + 2, i + 11, i + 10)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 22, i + 5, i + 13, i + 11), (i, i + 8, i + 6, i + 23, i + 25, i + 17)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 26, i + 11, i + 17, i + 13), (i, i + 5, i + 19, i + 14, i + 9, i + 23)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 2, i + 17, i + 21, i + 15), (i, i + 7, i + 4, i + 20, i + 23, i + 16)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 8, i + 6, i + 23, i + 25, i + 17), (i, i + 2, i + 22, i + 5, i + 13, i + 11)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 28).$

Theorem 9. When $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$, $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, and $n \geq 11$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 9.1.p. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $12K_{11}$.

p -orbit : 1 2 4 8 5 10 9 7 3 6 1 ($L = 11, g = 2$)

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 2, i + 4, i + 8, i + 5), (i, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3, i + 6)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 4, i + 8, i + 5, i + 10), (i, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3, i + 6, i + 1)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 6, i + 1, i + 2, i + 4), (i, i + 8, i + 5, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 8, i + 5, i + 10, i + 9), (i, i + 7, i + 3, i + 6, i + 1, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3), (i, i + 6, i + 1, i + 2, i + 4, i + 8)\}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 11$).

Example 9.2.L. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $12K_{15}$.

L -orbit : 1 2 9 4 10 7 3 1 ($L = 8$)

L -orbit : 5 8 12 14 13 6 11 5 ($L = 8$)

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 2, i + 9, i + 4, i + 10), (i, i + 14, i + 13, i + 6, i + 11, i + 5)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 9, i + 4, i + 10, i + 7), (i, i + 13, i + 6, i + 11, i + 5, i + 8)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 1, i + 2, i + 9, i + 4), (i, i + 12, i + 14, i + 13, i + 6, i + 11)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 10, i + 7, i + 3, i + 1), (i, i + 11, i + 5, i + 8, i + 12, i + 14)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 8, i + 12, i + 14, i + 13), (i, i + 10, i + 7, i + 3, i + 1, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 11, i + 5, i + 8, i + 12), (i, i + 9, i + 4, i + 10, i + 7, i + 3)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 3, i + 1, i + 2, i + 9), (i, i + 8, i + 12, i + 14, i + 13, i + 6)\}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 15$).

Example 9.3.p. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $12K_{23}$.

p -orbit : 1 5 2 10 4 20 8 17 16 11 9 22 18 21 13 19 3 15 6 7 12 14 1 ($L = 23, g = 5$)

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

Example 9.3. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $12K_{23}$.

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

Conjecture 10. When $\lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$ and $n \geq 11$, λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition.

Example 10.1.LA Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $24K_{12}$.

L -orbit : 1 7 8 10 2 9 6 5 3 11 4 1 ($L = 12$)

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 7, i + 8, i + 10, i + 2), (i, i + 9, i + 6, i + 5, i + 3, i + 11)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 9, i + 6, i + 5, i + 3), (i, i + 11, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 8)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 11, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7), (i, i + 8, i + 10, i + 2, i + 9, i + 6)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 8, i + 10), (i, i + 2, i + 9, i + 6, i + 5, i + 3)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 3, i + 11, i + 4, i + 1), (i, i + 7, i + 8, i + 10, i + 2, i + 9)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 5, i + 3, i + 11, i + 4), (i, i + 1, i + 7, i + 8, i + 10, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 8, i + 10, i + 2, i + 9), (i, i + 6, i + 5, i + 3, i + 11, i + 4)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 8, i + 10, i + 2, i + 9, i + 6), (i, i + 5, i + 3, i + 11, i + 4, i + 1)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 6, i + 5, i + 3, i + 11), (i, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 8, i + 10)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 10, i + 2, i + 9, i + 6, i + 5), (i, i + 3, i + 11, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 11, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 8), (i, i + 10, i + 2, i + 9, i + 6, i + 5)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 12).$

Example 10.1.LB Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $24K_{12}$.

L -orbit : 1 7 2 3 5 9 6 11 10 8 4 1 ($L = 12$)

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 7, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5), (i, i + 9, i + 6, i + 11, i + 10, i + 8)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 6), (i, i + 11, i + 10, i + 8, i + 4, i + 1)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 6, i + 11), (i, i + 10, i + 8, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 2, i + 3), (i, i + 5, i + 9, i + 6, i + 11, i + 10)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 9, i + 6, i + 11, i + 10), (i, i + 8, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 11, i + 10, i + 8, i + 4), (i, i + 1, i + 7, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9), (i, i + 6, i + 11, i + 10, i + 8, i + 4)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 8, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 2), (i, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 6, i + 11)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 6, i + 11, i + 10, i + 8), (i, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7, i + 2, i + 3)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 10, i + 8, i + 4, i + 1, i + 7), (i, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 6)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 11, i + 10, i + 8, i + 4, i + 1), (i, i + 7, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 12).$

Example 10.2. Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $24K_{14}$.

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 8, i + 2, i + 10, i + 6), (i, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13, i + 5, i + 9)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 10, i + 6, i + 4, i + 7), (i, i + 13, i + 5, i + 9, i + 11, i + 1)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 2, i + 3, i + 12, i + 10), (i, i + 7, i + 6, i + 11, i + 1, i + 8)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 8, i + 9, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13), (i, i + 12, i + 14, i + 5, i + 2, i + 3)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 11, i + 1, i + 8, i + 2), (i, i + 12, i + 10, i + 13, i + 4, i + 3)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 10, i + 13, i + 12, i + 3, i + 5), (i, i + 11, i + 1, i + 8, i + 9, i + 4)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 1, i + 8, i + 9, i + 4, i + 7), (i, i + 2, i + 3, i + 12, i + 10, i + 13)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 5, i + 2, i + 11, i + 12), (i, i + 10, i + 8, i + 4, i + 7, i + 6)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 7, i + 6, i + 11, i + 1), (i, i + 13, i + 12, i + 3, i + 5, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 13, i + 5, i + 9, i + 11), (i, i + 8, i + 2, i + 10, i + 6, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13, i + 5), (i, i + 11, i + 1, i + 8, i + 2, i + 10)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 1, i + 10, i + 13, i + 12), (i, i + 6, i + 11, i + 4, i + 8, i + 9)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 4, i + 7, i + 12, i + 11), (i, i + 5, i + 9, i + 13, i + 1, i + 8)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 14).$

Example 10.3.LA Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $24K_{20}$.

L -orbit : 1 11 12 14 18 6 1 ($L = 7$)

L -orbit : 2 13 16 2 ($L = 4$)

L -orbit : 3 15 10 9 7 3 ($L = 6$)

L -orbit : 4 17 4 ($L = 3$)

L -orbit : 5 19 8 5 ($L = 4$)

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 11, i + 12, i + 14, i + 18), (i, i + 3, i + 15, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 5, i + 16, i + 7, i + 13), (i, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 12, i + 14)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 15, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7), (i, i + 1, i + 11, i + 12, i + 14, i + 18)\},$

$\{(i, i + 7, i + 11, i + 4, i + 17, i + 13), (i, i + 19, i + 16, i + 5, i + 14, i + 8)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 14, i + 8, i + 2, i + 19), (i, i + 7, i + 3, i + 15, i + 10, i + 9)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 12, i + 14), (i, i + 2, i + 5, i + 16, i + 7, i + 13)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 3, i + 15, i + 10, i + 9), (i, i + 5, i + 14, i + 8, i + 2, i + 19)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 8, i + 2, i + 19, i + 16, i + 5), (i, i + 18, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 12)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3, i + 15, i + 10), (i, i + 8, i + 2, i + 19, i + 16, i + 5)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3, i + 15), (i, i + 12, i + 14, i + 18, i + 6, i + 1)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 11, i + 12, i + 14, i + 18, i + 6), (i, i + 15, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 12, i + 14, i + 18, i + 6, i + 1), (i, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3, i + 15)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 13, i + 19, i + 2, i + 5, i + 16), (i, i + 17, i + 4, i + 11, i + 14, i + 7)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 14, i + 18, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11), (i, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3, i + 15, i + 10)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 15, i + 10, i + 9, i + 7, i + 3), (i, i + 11, i + 12, i + 14, i + 18, i + 6)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 16, i + 7, i + 13, i + 19, i + 2), (i, i + 14, i + 18, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 17, i + 4, i + 11, i + 14, i + 7), (i, i + 13, i + 19, i + 2, i + 5, i + 16)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 18, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 12), (i, i + 16, i + 7, i + 13, i + 19, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 19, i + 16, i + 5, i + 14, i + 8), (i, i + 7, i + 11, i + 4, i + 17, i + 13)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 20).$

Example 10.3.LB Balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition of $24K_{20}$.

L -orbit : 1 11 2 3 5 9 17 14 8 15 10 19 18 16 12 4 7 13 6 1 ($L = 20$)

$\{(i, i + 1, i + 11, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5), (i, i + 9, i + 17, i + 14, i + 8, i + 15)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 17), (i, i + 14, i + 8, i + 15, i + 10, i + 19)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 17, i + 14), (i, i + 8, i + 15, i + 10, i + 19, i + 18)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13, i + 6, i + 1), (i, i + 11, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 5, i + 9, i + 17, i + 14, i + 8), (i, i + 15, i + 10, i + 19, i + 18, i + 16)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 2, i + 3), (i, i + 5, i + 9, i + 17, i + 14, i + 8)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 7, i + 13, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11), (i, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 17)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 8, i + 15, i + 10, i + 19, i + 18), (i, i + 16, i + 12, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 9, i + 17, i + 14, i + 8, i + 15), (i, i + 10, i + 19, i + 18, i + 16, i + 12)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 10, i + 19, i + 18, i + 16, i + 12), (i, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13, i + 6, i + 1)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 11, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9), (i, i + 17, i + 14, i + 8, i + 15, i + 10)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 12, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13, i + 6), (i, i + 1, i + 11, i + 2, i + 3, i + 5)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 13, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 2), (i, i + 3, i + 5, i + 9, i + 17, i + 14)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 14, i + 8, i + 15, i + 10, i + 19), (i, i + 18, i + 16, i + 12, i + 4, i + 7)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 15, i + 10, i + 19, i + 18, i + 16), (i, i + 12, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13, i + 6)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 16, i + 12, i + 4, i + 7, i + 13), (i, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 2, i + 3)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 17, i + 14, i + 8, i + 15, i + 10), (i, i + 19, i + 18, i + 16, i + 12, i + 4)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 18, i + 16, i + 12, i + 4, i + 7), (i, i + 13, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11, i + 2)\},$
 $\{(i, i + 19, i + 18, i + 16, i + 12, i + 4), (i, i + 7, i + 13, i + 6, i + 1, i + 11)\} \ (i = 1, 2, \dots, 20).$

Main Conjecture. λK_n has a balanced C_6 -bowtie decomposition if and only if $\lambda(n - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{24}$ and $n \geq 11$.

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