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## ABSTRACT

We solve the design spectrum problem for all theta graphs with $10,11,12,13,14$ and 15 edges.

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## 1 Introduction

Let $G$ be a simple graph. If the edge set of a simple graph $K$ can be partitioned into edge sets of graphs each isomorphic to $G$, we say that there exists a decomposition of $K$ into $G$. In the case where $K$ is the complete graph $K_{n}$, we refer to the decomposition as a $G$ design of order $n$. The spectrum of $G$ is the set of non-negative integers $n$ for which there exists a $G$ design of order $n$. For completeness we remark that the empty set is a $G$ design of order 0 as well as 1 ; these trivial cases will usually be omitted from discussion henceforth. A complete solution of the spectrum problem often seems to be very difficult. However it has been achieved in many cases, especially amongst the smaller graphs. We

[^0]Table 1: Design existence conditions for theta graphs

| $a+b+c$ | conditions |
| :---: | :--- |
| 10 | $n \equiv 0,1,5,16(\bmod 20), n \neq 5$ |
| 12 | $n \equiv 0,1,9,16(\bmod 24), n \neq 9$ |
| 14 | $n \equiv 0,1,8,21(\bmod 28), n \neq 8$ |
| 15 | $n \equiv 0,1,6,10(\bmod 15), n \neq 6,10$ |
| odd prime power $\geq 5$ | $n \equiv 0,1(\bmod a+b+c)$ |

refer the reader to the survey article of Adams, Bryant and Buchanan, [2], and, for more up to date results, the Web site maintained by Bryant and McCourt, [5].
A theta graph $\Theta(a, b, c), 1 \leq a \leq b \leq c, b \geq 2$ is the graph with $a+b+c-1$ vertices and $a+b+c$ edges that consists of three paths of lengths $a, b$ and $c$ with common end points but internally disjoint. Each of the two common end points of the paths has degree 3 and all other vertices have degree 2. Observe that $\Theta(a, b, c)$ is bipartite if $a \equiv b \equiv c(\bmod 2)$, tripartite otherwise.
The aim of this paper is to establish the design spectrum for every theta graph with 10 , $11,12,13,14$ or 15 edges. The design spectra for all theta graphs with 9 or fewer edges have been determined, [4]. Also there are some partial results for $\Theta(1, b, b)$, odd $b>1$, [3], and it is known that there exists a $\Theta(a, b, c)$ design of order $2(a+b+c)+1$, [10]. See [2, Section 5.5], specifically Theorems 5.9 and 5.10, for details and further references. For convenience, we record the main result of [10] as follows.

Theorem 1.1. (Punnim \& Pabhapote) If $1 \leq a \leq b \leq c$ and $b \geq 2$, then there exists $a \Theta(a, b, c)$ design of order $2(a+b+c)+1$.

It is clear that a $\Theta(a, b, c)$ design of order $n$ can exist only if (i) $n \leq 1$, or $n \geq a+b+c-1$, and (ii) $n(n-1) \equiv 0(\bmod 2(a+b+c))$. These necessary conditions are determined by elementary counting and given explicitly in Table 1 for some values of $a+b+c$. In this paper we show that the conditions are sufficient for $n=10,11,12,13,14$ and 15 . We state our results formally.

Theorem 1.2. Designs of order $n$ exist for all theta graphs $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=10$ if and only if $n \equiv 0,1,5$ or $16(\bmod 20)$ and $n \neq 5$.

Theorem 1.3. Designs of order $n$ exist for all theta graphs $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=11$ if and only if $n \equiv 0$ or $1(\bmod 11)$.

Theorem 1.4. Designs of order $n$ exist for all theta graphs $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=12$ if and only if $n \equiv 0,1,9$ or $16(\bmod 24)$ and $n \neq 9$.

Theorem 1.5. Designs of order $n$ exist for all theta graphs $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=13$ if and only if $n \equiv 0$ or $1(\bmod 13)$.

Theorem 1.6. Designs of order $n$ exist for all theta graphs $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=14$ if and only if $n \equiv 0,1,8$ or $21(\bmod 28)$ and $n \neq 8$.

Theorem 1.7. Designs of order $n$ exist for all theta graphs $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=15$ if and only if $n \equiv 0,1,6$ or $10(\bmod 15)$ and $n \neq 6,10$.

## 2 Constructions

We use Wilson's fundamental construction involving group divisible designs, [12]. Recall that a $K$-GDD of type $g_{1}^{t_{1}} \ldots g_{r}^{t_{r}}$ is an ordered triple $(V, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{B})$ where $V$ is a set of cardinality $v=t_{1} g_{1}+\cdots+t_{r} g_{r}, \mathcal{G}$ is a partition of $V$ into $t_{i}$ subsets each of cardinality $g_{i}, i=1, \ldots, r$, called groups and $\mathcal{B}$ is a collection of subsets of cardinalities $k \in K$, called blocks, which collectively have the property that each pair of elements from different groups occurs in precisely one block but no pair of elements from the same group occurs at all. A $\{k\}$ GDD is also called a $k$-GDD. As is well known, whenever $q$ is a prime power there exists a $q$-GDD of type $q^{q}$ and a $(q+1)$-GDD of type $q^{q+1}$ (arising from affine and projective planes of order $q$ respectively). A parallel class in a group divisible design is a subset of the block set in which each element of the base set appears exactly once. A $k$-GDD is called resolvable, and denoted by $k$-RGDD, if the entire set of blocks can be partitioned into parallel classes.
Propositions 2.1 and 2.2 are for dealing with bipartite graphs, the latter being used only for 15 -edge bipartite theta graphs, where a suitable decomposition of the form $K_{d r, d s}$ is not available. Propositions 2.3 to 2.8 deal with tripartite graphs.

Proposition 2.1. Let $d, f, r$ and $s$ be positive integers, let $g$ be a non-negative integer, and let $e=0$ or 1 . Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders $f d r s+e$ and $g d s+e$, and suppose there exists a decomposition into $G$ of the complete bipartite graph $K_{d r, d s}$. Then there exist $G$ designs of order $t f d r s+g d s+e$ for integers $t \geq 0$.

Proof If $t=0$, there is nothing to prove; so we may assume $t \geq 1$. Let $g=0$ and use induction on $t$. Assume there exists a $G$ design of order $t f d r s+e$ for some $t \geq 1$. Take a complete bipartite graph $K_{t f s, f r}$ and inflate the first part by a factor $d r$ and the second part by a factor of $d s$, so that the edges become $K_{d r, d s}$ graphs. If $e=1$, add an extra point, $\infty$. Overlay the inflated parts, together with $\infty$ when $e=1$, with $K_{t f d r s+e}$ or $K_{f d r s+e}$ as appropriate. The result is a complete graph $K_{(t+1) f d r s+e}$ which admits a decomposition into $G$ since there exist decompositions into $G$ of the components, $K_{t f d r s+e}, K_{f d r s+e}$ and $K_{d r, d s}$.
For $g \geq 1$, the same construction but starting with a complete bipartite graph $K_{t f s, g}$ yields a design of order $K_{t f d r s+g d s+e}$ since we may now assume that there exists a design of order $t f d r s+e$.

Proposition 2.2. Let $r$ and $s$ be not necessarily distinct positive integers, and let $e=0$ or 1. Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders $r+e$ and (if $s \neq r$ ) $s+e$, and suppose there exist decompositions into $G$ of the complete bipartite graphs $K_{r, r}$ and (if $s \neq r$ ) $K_{r, s}$.

Then there exist $G$ designs of order $t r+s+e$ for integers $t \geq 0$.
Proof If $t=0$, there is nothing to prove; so we may assume $t \geq 1$. Start with the graph $K_{t+1}$, inflate one point by a factor of $s$ and all others by $r$ so that the original edges become $K_{r, s}$ graphs and, when $t \geq 2, K_{r, r}$ graphs. Add a new point, $\infty$, if $e=1$. Overlay the $r$-inflated parts together with $\infty$ if $e=1$ by $K_{r+e}$. Overlay the $s$-inflated part together with $\infty$ if $e=1$ by $K_{s+e}$. The result is a graph $K_{t r+s+e}$ which admits a decomposition into $G$.

Proposition 2.3. Let $p$ be a positive integer. Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders $p$, $p+1,2 p$ and $2 p+1$. Suppose also there exist decompositions into $G$ of $K_{p, p, p}, K_{p, p, p, p}$ and $K_{p, p, p, p, p}$. Then there exist $G$ designs of order $n$ for $n \equiv 0,1(\bmod p)$.

Proof It is known that there exists a $\{3,4,5\}$-GDD of type $1^{t}$ for $t \geq 3, t \neq 6,8$; see [1]. Inflate each point of the GDD by a factor of $p$, thus expanding the blocks to complete multipartite graphs $K_{p, p, p}, K_{p, p, p, p}$ and $K_{p, p, p, p, p}$. Let $e=0$ or 1 . If $e=1$, add an extra point, $\infty$. Overlay each inflated group, together with $\infty$ if $e=1$, with $K_{p+e}$. Since a design of order $p+e$ and decompositions into $G$ of $K_{p, p, p}, K_{p, p, p, p}$ and $K_{p, p, p, p, p}$ exist, this construction creates a design of order $p t+e$ for $t \geq 3, t \neq 6,8$.
For order $6 p+e$, use a $p$-inflated 3-GDD of type $2^{3}$, plus an extra point if $e=1$, with decompositions into $G$ of $K_{2 p+e}$ and $K_{p, p, p}$. Similarly, for order $8 p+e$, use a 3-GDD of type $2^{4}$ instead.

Proposition 2.4. Let $p$ be a positive integer, let $f=0$ or 1 and write $f^{\prime}$ for $1-f$. Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders $3 p+f^{\prime}, 4 p, 4 p+1,5 p+f, 7 p+f^{\prime}, 8 p, 8 p+1$, $9 p+f, 11 p+f^{\prime}, 13 p+f$ and suppose there exist decompositions into $G$ of $K_{p, p, p, p}, K_{p, p, p, p, p}$, $K_{p, p, p, p, 3 p}$ and $K_{p, p, p, p, 4 p}, K_{2 p, 2 p, 2 p}$ and $K_{4 p, 4 p, 4 p, 5 p}$. Then there exist $G$ designs of order $n$ for $n \equiv 0,1, p+f, 3 p+f^{\prime}(\bmod 4 p), n \neq p+f$.

Proof Start with a 4 -RGDD of type $4^{3 t+1}, t \geq 1$, [8]; see also [9]. There are $4 t$ parallel classes. Let $x, y, z \geq 0$ and $w=x+y+z \leq 4$. If $w>0$, add a new group of size $w$ and adjoin each point of this new group to all blocks of a parallel class to create a $\{4,5\}$-GDD of type $4^{3 t+1} w^{1}, t \geq 1$, which degenerates to a 5 -GDD of type $4^{5}$ if $t=1$ and $w=4$. In the new group inflate $x$ points by a factor of $p, y$ points by a factor of $3 p$ and $z$ points by a factor of $4 p$. Inflate all points in the other groups by a factor of $p$. So the original blocks become $K_{p, p, p, p}$ graphs, and new ones $K_{p, p, p, p, p}$ or $K_{p, p, p, p, 3 p}$ or $K_{p, p, p, p, 4 p}$ graphs. Either overlay the groups with $K_{4 p}$ and, if $w>0, K_{p x+3 p y+4 p z}$, or add a new point and overlay with $K_{4 p+1}$ and, if $w>0, K_{p x+3 p y+4 p z+1}$. Using decompositions into $G$ of $K_{4 p}$, $K_{4 p+1}, K_{p, p, p, p}, K_{p, p, p, p, p}, K_{p, p, p, p, 3 p}$ and $K_{p, p, p, p, 4 p}$ this construction yields a design of order $12 p t+4 p+p x+3 p y+4 p z+e$ if $t \geq 1$, where $e=0$ or 1 , whenever a design of order $p x+3 p y+4 p z+e$ exists.
As illustrated in Table 2, all design orders $n \equiv 0,1, p+f, 3 p+f^{\prime}(\bmod 4 p), n \neq p+f$, are covered except for those values indicated as missing. The missing values not assumed as

Table 2: The construction for Proposition 2.4

| $12 p t+4 p$, | $x=0, y=0, z=0$, | $e=0$, | missing $4 p$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $12 p t+4 p+4 p$, | $x=0, y=0, z=1$, | $e=0$, | missing $8 p$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+8 p$, | $x=0, y=0, z=2$, | $e=0$, | missing $12 p$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+1$, | $x=0, y=0, z=0$, | $e=1$, | missing $4 p+1$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+4 p+1$, | $x=0, y=0, z=1$, | $e=1$, | missing $8 p+1$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+8 p+1$, | $x=0, y=0, z=2$, | $e=1$, | missing $12 p+1$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+5 p+f$, | $x=1, y=0, z=1$, | $e=f$, | missing $9 p+f$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+9 p+f$, | $x=1, y=0, z=2$, | $e=f$, | missing $13 p+f$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+13 p+f$, | $x=1, y=0, z=3$, | $e=f$, | missing $5 p+f, 17 p+f$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+3 p+f^{\prime}$, | $x=0, y=1, z=0$, | $e=f^{\prime}$, | missing $7 p+f^{\prime}$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+7 p+f^{\prime}$, | $x=0, y=1, z=1$, | $e=f^{\prime}$, | missing $11 p+f^{\prime}$ |
| $12 p t+4 p+11 p+f^{\prime}$, | $x=0, y=1, z=2$, | $e=f^{\prime}$, | $\operatorname{missing} 3 p+f^{\prime}, 15 p+f^{\prime}$ |

given are handled independently as follows. See [7, Tables 4.3 and 4.10] for lists of small 3 - and 4 -GDDs.
For $12 p+e$, use decompositions of $K_{4 p+e}$ and $K_{2 p, 2 p, 2 p}$ with a $2 p$-inflated 3-GDD of type $2^{3}$ plus an extra point if $e=1$.
For $15 p+f^{\prime}$, use decompositions of $K_{3 p+f^{\prime}}$ and $K_{p, p, p, p}$ with a $p$-inflated 4-GDD of type $3^{5}$ plus an extra point if $f^{\prime}=1$.
For $17 p+f$, use decompositions of $K_{4 p+f}, K_{5 p+f}, K_{4 p, 4 p, 4 p, 5 p}$ with the trivial 4-GDD of type $1^{4}$ plus an extra point if $f=1$.

Proposition 2.5. Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders 16, 20, 21, 25, 36, 40, 41, 45, 56, 65 and suppose there exist decompositions into $G$ of $K_{10,10,10}, K_{5,5,5,5}, K_{20,20,20,25}$, $K_{5,5,5,5,5}, K_{5,5,5,5,15}$ and $K_{5,5,5,5,20}$. Then there exist $G$ designs of order $n$ for $n \equiv 0,1,5,16(\bmod 20)$, $n \neq 5$.

Proof Use Proposition 2.4 with $p=5$ and $f=0$.
Proposition 2.6. Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders 16, 24, 25, 33, 40, 49, 57, 81 and suppose there exist decompositions into $G$ of $K_{8,8,8}, K_{8,8,8,8}$ and $K_{8,8,8,24}$. Then there exist $G$ designs of order $n$ for $n \equiv 0,1,9,16(\bmod 24), n \neq 9$.

Proof Start with a 3 -RGDD of type $3^{2 t+1}, t \geq 1$, [11] (see also [9]), which has $3 t$ parallel classes. Let $x, y \geq 0, x+y \leq 3$ and if $x+y>0$, add a new group of size $x+y$ and adjoin each point of this new group to all blocks of a parallel class to create a $\{3,4\}$-GDD of type $3^{2 t+1}(x+y)^{1}$. This degenerates to a 4-GDD of type $3^{4}$ if $t=1$ and $x+y=3$. In the new group inflate $x$ points by a factor of 8 and $y$ points by a factor of 24 . Inflate all other points by a factor of 8 . The original blocks become $K_{8,8,8}$ graphs and new ones $K_{8,8,8,8}$ or $K_{8,8,8,24}$ graphs. Either overlay the groups with $K_{24}$ and possibly $K_{8 x+24 y}$, or add a

Table 3: The construction for Proposition 2.6

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
48 t+24, & x=0, y=0, & e=0, & \text { missing } 24 \\
48 t+24+24, & x=0, y=1, & e=0, & \text { missing } 48 \\
48 t+24+1, & x=0, y=0, & e=1, & \text { missing } 25 \\
48 t+24+25, & x=0, y=1, & e=1, & \text { missing } 49 \\
48 t+24+33, & x=1, y=1, & e=1, & \text { missing } 57 \\
48 t+24+57, & x=1, y=2, & e=1, & \text { missing } 33,81 \\
48 t+24+16, & x=2, y=0, & e=0, & \text { missing } 40 \\
48 t+24+40, & x=2, y=1, & e=0, & \text { missing } 16,64
\end{array}
$$

new point and overlay the groups with $K_{25}$ and possibly $K_{8 x+24 y+1}$. Using decompositions into $G$ of $K_{24}, K_{25}, K_{8,8,8}, K_{8,8,8,8}$ and $K_{8,8,8,24}$ this construction yields a design of order $48 t+24+8 x+24 y+e, t \geq 1, e=0$ or 1 , whenever a design of order $8 x+24 y+e$ exists. As illustrated in Table 3, all design orders $n \equiv 0,1,9,16(\bmod 24), n \neq 9$, are covered except for those values indicated as missing. The missing values not assumed as given in the statement of the proposition, namely 48 and 64 , are constructed using decompositions of $K_{16}$ and $K_{8,8,8}$ with an 8 -inflated 3-GDD of type $2^{3}$ for 48 , or type $2^{4}$ for 64 .

Proposition 2.7. Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders 21, 28, 29, 36, 49, 56, 57, 64, 77, 92 and suppose there exist decompositions into $G$ of $K_{14,14,14}, K_{7,7,7,7}, K_{28,28,28,35}$, $K_{7,7,7,7}, K_{7,7,7,7,21}$ and $K_{7,7,7,7,28}$. Then there exist $G$ designs of order $n$ for $n \equiv 0,1,8,21(\bmod 28)$, $n \neq 8$.

Proof Use Proposition 2.4 with $p=7$ and $f=1$.
Proposition 2.8. Suppose there exist $G$ designs of orders 15, 16, 21, 25, 30, 31, 36, 40, 51, 55, 66 and 70, and suppose there exist decompositions into $G$ of $K_{5,5,5}$ and $K_{5,5,5,5}$. Then there exist $G$ designs of order $n$ for $n \equiv 0,1,6,10(\bmod 15), n \neq 6,10$.

Proof Start with a 3 -RGDD of type $3^{2 t+1}, t \geq 1$, [11] (see also [9]), which has $3 t$ parallel classes. Let $w \geq 0, w \leq 3 t$, and if $w>0$, add a new group of size $w$ and adjoin each point of this new group to all blocks of a parallel class to create a $\{3,4\}$-GDD of type $3^{2 t+1} w^{1}$. This degenerates to a 4-GDD of type $3^{4}$ if $t=1$ and $w=3$. Inflate all points by a factor of 5 , so that the original blocks become $K_{5,5,5}$ graphs and new ones $K_{5,5,5,5}$ graphs. Let $e=0$ or 1 , and if $e=1$, add a new point, $\infty$. Overlay each group, including $\infty$ if $e=1$, with $K_{15+e}$ or $K_{5 w+e}$, as appropriate. Using decompositions of $K_{15+e}, K_{5,5,5}$, and $K_{5,5,5,5}$ this construction yields a design of order $30 t+15+5 w+e, t \geq w / 3, e=0$ or 1 , whenever a design of order $5 w+e$ exists.
As illustrated in Table 4, all design orders $n \equiv 0,1,6,10(\bmod 15), n \neq 6,10$, are covered except for those values indicated as missing. The missing values not assumed as given are constructed as follows. See [7, Table 4.3] for a list of small 3-GDDs.

Table 4: The construction for Proposition 2.8

$$
\begin{array}{llll}
30 t+15, & w=0, e=0, & t \geq 1, & \text { missing } 15 \\
30 t+15+15, & w=3, e=0, & t \geq 1, & \text { missing } 30 \\
30 t+15+1, & w=0, e=1, & t \geq 1, & \text { missing } 16 \\
30 t+15+16, & w=3, e=1, & t \geq 1, & \text { missing } 31 \\
30 t+15+21, & w=4, e=1, & t \geq 2, & \text { missing } 36,66 \\
30 t+15+36, & w=7, e=1, & t \geq 3, & \text { missing } 21,51,81,111 \\
30 t+15+25, & w=5, e=0, & t \geq 2, & \text { missing 40, 70 } \\
30 t+15+40, & w=8, e=0, & t \geq 3, & \text { missing } 25,55,85,115
\end{array}
$$

For 81, use decompositons of $K_{21}$ and $K_{5,5,5}$ with a 5 -inflated 3-GDD of type $4^{4}$ and an extra point.
For 85, use decompositons of $K_{15}, K_{25}$ and $K_{5,5,5}$ with a 5 -inflated 3-GDD of type $3^{4} 5^{1}$. For 111, use decompositons of $K_{21}, K_{31}$ and $K_{5,5,5}$ with a 5 -inflated 3-GDD of type $4^{4} 6^{1}$ and an extra point.
For 115, use decompositons of $K_{15}, K_{25}$ and $K_{5,5,5}$ with a 5 -inflated 3-GDD of type $3^{1} 5^{4}$.

## 3 Proofs of the theorems

We deal with each of the theta graphs stated in the theorems. The lemmas in this section assert the existence of specific graph designs and decompositions of multipartite graphs. These are used as ingredients for the propositions of Section 2 to construct the decompositions of complete graphs required to prove the theorems. With a few exceptions, the details of the decompositions that constitute the proofs of the lemmas have been deferred to sections in the rather lengthy Appendix to this paper. If absent, the Appendix may be obtained from the ArXiv (identifier 1703.01483), or by request from the first author. In the presentation of our results we represent $\Theta(a, b, c)$ by a subscripted ordered $(a+b+c-1)$-tuple $\left(v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots, v_{a+b+c-1}\right)_{\Theta(a, b, c)}$, where $v_{1}$ and $v_{2}$ are the vertices of degree 3 and the three paths are
(i) $\quad\left(v_{1}, v_{2}\right)$ if $a=1, \quad\left(v_{1}, v_{3}, \ldots, v_{a+1}, v_{2}\right)$ if $a \geq 2$,
(ii) $\left(v_{1}, v_{a+2}, \ldots, v_{a+b}, v_{2}\right)$,
(iii) $\left(v_{1}, v_{a+b+1}, \ldots, v_{a+b+c-1}, v_{2}\right)$.

If a graph $G$ has $e$ edges, the numbers of occurrences of $G$ in a decomposition into $G$ of the complete graph $K_{n}$, the complete $r$-partite graph $K_{n^{r}}$ and the complete $(r+1)$-partite graph $K_{n^{r} m^{1}}$ are respectively

$$
\frac{n(n-1)}{2 e}, \quad \frac{n^{2} r(r-1)}{2 e} \quad \text { and } \quad \frac{n r(n(r-1)+2 m)}{2 e}
$$

The number of theta graphs with $e$ edges is $\left\lfloor e^{2} / 12-1 / 2\right\rfloor$ of which $\left\lfloor e^{2} / 48+(e \bmod 2)(e-8) / 8+\right.$ $1 / 2$ ］are bipartite；see［6］for example．
All decompositions were created by a computer program written in the C language，and a Mathematica program provided final assurance regarding their correctness．Most of the decompositions were obtained without difficulty．However，there were a few that seemed to present a challenge，notably $K_{20}$ for theta graphs of 10 edges，$K_{24}$ for theta graphs of 12 edges and $K_{30}$ for theta graphs of 15 edges．So，for these three cases，it is appropriate to include the decomposition details in the main body of the paper．

Lemma 3．1．There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders 16， 20 and 25 for $a+b+c=10$ ． There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders 36，40，41，45，56， 65 for $a+b+c=10$ with $a, b$ ， $c$ not all even．

Proof There are seven theta graphs of which two are bipartite．We present designs of order 20 here；the remaining decompositions are presented in the Appendix．
$\boldsymbol{K}_{\mathbf{2 0}}$ Let the vertex set be $Z_{20}$ ．The decompositions consist of the graphs

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(4,17,0,9,7,1,12,15,13) \Theta(1,2,7)},(11,17,18,10,1,13,3,7,16) 隹(1,2,7)
(1,6,18,14,11,12, 2, 0, 15) \Theta(1,2,7),
(12,4,10,18, 0, 8,15,3,11) \Theta(1,2,7),},(6,2,8,11,19,7,0,14,16) \Theta(1,2,7),
(2,4,18,7,15,10,14, 8,16) \Theta(1,2,7)},(6,12,0,10,16,3,18,14,19) \Theta(1,2,7)
(0,1, 9,18,12,15,4, 3, 5) \Theta(1,3,6),}(0,7,17,5,10,14,12,8,2) 隼(,3,6)
(8,6,14,1,13,3,17,4,19)自(1,3,6),
(3,15, 2, 1, 11, 17, 18,7,6) \Theta(1,3,6),},(3,7,14,11,19, 5, 6, 18, 10) \Theta(1,3,6),
(7, 19, 15,18,13,14, 2, 10,11) \Theta(1,3,6)},(15,19,11, 2, 14, 6,3,9,10) 隼(1,3,6),
(0,2,3,6,9,11,10,14, 8) \Theta(1,4,5), (17,2,7,12,13, 9, 0,18,11) \Theta(1,4,5),
(6,11, 5, 3, 17, 18, 8,0,7) \Theta(1,4,5),
(8,12,13,15,16,4,3,11,9) \Theta(1,4,5)},(1,8,3,15,7,16,13,0,5\mp@subsup{)}{\Theta(1,4,5)}{}\mathrm{ ,
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(10, 8, 11, 9, 0, 16,7,14,17) \Theta(2,2,6),
(5,1,7,3,8,13,11,17,15) \Theta(2,2,6),},(1,9,4,5,19,3,7,13,15) \Theta(2,2,6)
(5,17,0,19,11, 9, 13,16,1) \Theta(2,2,6)},(9,17,3,12,7,11,15,19,13) \Theta(2,2,6)
(0,5,18,2,10,4,9,8,17) \Theta(2,3,5), (13,5,2,11,9,3,7,6,12) 隹(2,3,5),
(7,6,0,1,15,2,12, 9,10) \Theta(2,3,5),
(11,3,12,16,15,0,8,7,4) \Theta(2,3,5), (3,7,10,0,15, 8,16,4,19) 隹(2,3,5),
(7, 19, 16, 14, 11, 12, 4, 15, 2) \Theta(2,3,5), (11, 19, 8, 3, 6, 18, 15, 12, 0) \Theta(2,3,5),
(8,2,7,5,13, 9, 4, 18,17) \Theta(2,4,4)},(18,6,10,9,8,0,7,17,4) () (2,4,4)
(13,11, 15, 8, 18, 0, 10, 3, 5) \Theta(2,4,4),
(7, 3, 6,13,4,11,15, 0, 9) \Theta(2,4,4)},(3,7,0,2,19,4, 8,11,10) 隹(2,4,4)
(15,19,12,3,16,5, 8, 17,11) \Theta(2,4,4),},(15,19,18,1,12,7,14,11,16) \Theta(2,4,4)
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$(15,10,18,13,6,12,11,0,8)_{\Theta(3,3,4)},(0,11,16,3,17,8,10,1,5)_{\Theta(3,3,4)}$,
$(5,7,0,13,3,8,17,19,14)_{\Theta(3,3,4)}$,
$(6,18,7,17,13,12,0,1,2)_{\Theta(3,3,4)},(6,10,5,4,14,18,2,16,17)_{\Theta(3,3,4)}$,
$(10,14,9,8,11,1,2,3,13)_{\Theta(3,3,4)},(14,18,10,6,15,5,2,9,19)_{\Theta(3,3,4)}$
under the action of the mapping $x \mapsto x+4(\bmod 20)$ for only the first three graphs in each design.

Lemma 3.2. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete bipartite graph $K_{10,5}$ for $a+b+c=10$ with $a, b, c$ all even. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete multipartite graphs $K_{10,10,10}, K_{5,5,5,5}, K_{20,20,20,25}, K_{5,5,5,5,5}, K_{5,5,5,5,15}$ and $K_{5,5,5,5,20}$ for $a+b+c=10$ with $a, b, c$ not all even.

Proof The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
Theorem 1.2 for $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=10$ follows from Theorem 1.1, Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, and Proposition 2.1 (with $d=5, r=2, s=1, f=2$ and $g=0,3$ or 5) if $a, b$ and $c$ are all even, Proposition 2.5 otherwise.

Lemma 3.3. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders 11 and 12 for $a+b+c=11$. There exists $a \Theta(a, b, c)$ design of order 22 for $a+b+c=11$ with $a, b, c$ not all odd.

Proof There are nine theta graphs of which three are bipartite. The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
Lemma 3.4. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete bipartite graph $K_{11,11}$ for $a+b+c=11$ with $a, b, c$ all odd. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete multipartite graphs $K_{11,11,11}, K_{11,11,11,11}$ and $K_{11,11,11,11,11}$ for $a+b+c=11$ with $a, b, c$ not all odd.

Proof The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
Theorem 1.3 for $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=11$ follows from Theorem 1.1, Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4, and Proposition 2.1 (with $d=11, r=s=f=1$ and $g=0$ ) if $a, b$ and $c$ are all odd, Proposition 2.3 otherwise.

Lemma 3.5. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders 16,24 and 33 for $a+b+c=12$. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders 40, 49, 57 and 81 for $a+b+c=12$ with $a, b, c$ not all even.

Proof There are eleven theta graphs of which three are bipartite. We present designs of order 24 here; the remaining decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
$\boldsymbol{K}_{24}$ Let the vertex set be $Z_{24}$. The decompositions consist of $(11,9,16,19,10,12,6,15,7,2,8)_{\Theta(1,2,9)},(8,0,10,7,6,19,18,1,20,22,12)_{\Theta(1,2,9)}$,
$(2,6,13,15,1,17,18,14,22,19,21)_{\Theta(1,2,9)},(10,7,1,3,21,8,14,9,19,16,13)_{\Theta(1,2,9)}$, $(16,21,1,7,9,22,15,19,5,17,4)_{\Theta(1,2,9)},(18,4,10,21,17,14,16,6,11,12,19)_{\Theta(1,2,9)}$, $(21,20,7,2,14,13,18,6,5,4,12)_{\Theta(1,2,9)},(21,12,13,22,10,5,15,20,16,3,9)_{\Theta(1,2,9)}$, $(4,20,0,1,19,23,11,15,3,7,5)_{\Theta(1,2,9)},(4,23,13,8,15,12,7,0,11,17,20)_{\Theta(1,2,9)}$, $(12,23,16,8,19,7,4,15,13,5,21)_{\Theta(1,2,9)}$,
$(22,18,1,11,8,16,17,13,9,15,2)_{\Theta(1,3,8)},(9,20,10,22,1,3,21,4,19,12,2)_{\Theta(1,3,8)}$, $(7,4,17,5,10,12,21,6,19,16,20)_{\Theta(1,3,8)},(16,2,3,9,21,22,0,18,13,15,11)_{\Theta(1,3,8)}$, $(18,19,14,7,9,12,11,13,0,6,22)_{\Theta(1,3,8)},(12,7,16,11,17,22,4,15,10,13,6)_{\Theta(1,3,8)}$, $(8,15,17,0,10,21,11,19,5,18,16)_{\Theta(1,3,8)},(5,21,13,7,15,6,11,3,22,9,0)_{\Theta(1,3,8)}$, $(7,23,8,5,22,12,0,2,13,16,1)_{\Theta(1,3,8)},(8,23,1,14,20,6,17,15,7,9,16)_{\Theta(1,3,8)}$, $(13,23,21,15,3,19,14,4,16,7,0)_{\Theta(1,3,8)}$,
$(22,19,10,9,20,11,16,8,2,21,4)_{\Theta(1,4,7)},(19,9,3,21,18,14,1,7,2,20,4)_{\Theta(1,4,7)}$, $(20,18,15,0,3,6,2,16,21,10,11)_{\Theta(1,4,7)},(21,0,7,20,22,14,18,16,15,3,13)_{\Theta(1,4,7)}$, $(4,11,7,18,15,8,12,0,9,17,13)_{\Theta(1,4,7)},(4,1,22,13,15,18,2,9,11,7,0)_{\Theta(1,4,7)}$, $(6,22,1,8,14,0,11,17,5,20,21)_{\Theta(1,4,7)},(7,9,15,14,6,22,8,19,1,13,21)_{\Theta(1,4,7)}$, $(1,22,5,21,15,23,7,14,13,9,16)_{\Theta(1,4,7)},(6,23,7,13,5,16,3,9,14,17,22)_{\Theta(1,4,7)}$, $(15,17,23,14,0,6,5,4,13,12,21)_{\Theta(1,4,7)}$,
$(1,6,22,19,9,8,5,13,12,11,17)_{\Theta(1,5,6)},(0,7,9,17,19,4,8,3,16,2,21)_{\Theta(1,5,6)}$, $(5,17,19,16,9,15,6,4,22,12,18)_{\Theta(1,5,6)},(3,15,22,16,12,10,21,8,20,9,4)_{\Theta(1,5,6)}$, $(13,4,22,15,7,12,16,20,3,5,18)_{\Theta(1,5,6)},(15,1,16,6,22,10,0,2,19,18,21)_{\Theta(1,5,6)}$, $(18,2,10,19,3,11,1,4,21,14,15)_{\Theta(1,5,6)},(5,7,0,18,15,11,12,9,2,6,10)_{\Theta(1,5,6)}$, $(7,13,22,11,19,6,3,14,23,2,8)_{\Theta(1,5,6)},(10,23,14,18,22,5,17,20,13,15,19)_{\Theta(1,5,6)}$, $(21,23,16,10,2,22,15,6,7,18,3)_{\Theta(1,5,6)}$,
$(11,15,2,13,19,1,0,4,12,3,20)_{\Theta(2,2,8)},(16,13,18,1,21,17,4,14,15,0,10)_{\Theta(2,2,8)}$, $(12,11,18,0,14,19,20,5,21,7,15)_{\Theta(2,2,8)},(13,3,17,14,20,18,15,19,22,0,8)_{\Theta(2,2,8)}$, $(12,14,2,17,13,19,18,9,22,7,8)_{\Theta(2,2,8)},(13,20,7,0,3,1,15,8,5,22,17)_{\Theta(2,2,8)}$, $(2,17,9,18,22,4,7,19,16,6,10)_{\Theta(2,2,8)},(14,2,6,10,18,22,15,3,0,17,1)_{\Theta(2,2,8)}$, $(1,2,7,8,23,17,15,12,6,22,13)_{\Theta(2,2,8)},(9,10,15,16,7,14,22,8,11,23,18)_{\Theta(2,2,8)}$, $(14,18,0,5,20,23,6,21,10,9,1)_{\Theta(2,2,8)}$,
$(7,11,0,1,14,3,15,10,22,17,16)_{\Theta(2,3,7)},(1,20,15,17,3,8,18,5,22,14,4)_{\Theta(2,3,7)}$, $(7,0,13,6,8,16,4,9,2,12,14)_{\Theta(2,3,7)},(10,14,13,1,5,2,3,21,19,17,18)_{\Theta(2,3,7)}$, $(9,7,21,20,18,6,19,15,22,4,5)_{\Theta(2,3,7)},(1,3,19,4,10,16,13,21,2,6,0)_{\Theta(2,3,7)}$, $(3,11,12,13,20,18,16,15,4,8,2)_{\Theta(2,3,7)},(13,15,17,4,7,8,10,19,20,0,18)_{\Theta(2,3,7)}$, $(5,23,12,0,2,9,7,10,16,21,1)_{\Theta(2,3,7)},(15,21,12,6,11,23,20,7,22,3,4)_{\Theta(2,3,7)}$, $(19,23,14,4,0,5,20,16,12,8,7)_{\Theta(2,3,7)}$,
$(4,5,18,0,12,3,7,16,6,8,15)_{\Theta(2,4,6)},(1,16,13,10,6,22,5,11,2,19,8)_{\Theta(2,4,6)}$, $(22,21,4,12,11,16,5,14,3,17,15)_{\Theta(2,4,6)},(18,9,17,8,4,5,0,13,21,12,14)_{\Theta(2,4,6)}$, $(15,17,10,19,12,7,4,1,20,18,6)_{\Theta(2,4,6)},(3,5,19,15,9,6,1,12,4,10,7)_{\Theta(2,4,6)}$, $(10,3,2,8,17,0,11,6,15,22,7)_{\Theta(2,4,6)},(3,18,22,9,0,2,6,7,15,14,19)_{\Theta(2,4,6)}$, $(10,18,13,5,2,21,23,0,1,8,7)_{\Theta(2,4,6)},(16,23,15,1,19,22,9,8,11,14,7)_{\Theta(2,4,6)}$,
$(16,23,19,18,10,14,17,11,15,2,6)_{\Theta(2,4,6)}$,
$(15,14,21,3,0,4,11,19,20,1,13)_{\Theta(2,5,5)},(14,0,18,15,2,4,19,8,16,1,5)_{\Theta(2,5,5)}$,
$(18,1,11,9,8,6,21,19,17,0,15)_{\Theta(2,5,5)},(10,21,2,13,5,19,8,7,14,0,20)_{\Theta(2,5,5)}$,
$(21,13,4,3,11,17,15,0,7,1,2)_{\Theta(2,5,5)},(19,22,10,21,7,15,11,14,12,18,1)_{\Theta(2,5,5)}$,
$(2,7,12,0,10,20,8,6,17,1,4)_{\Theta(2,5,5)},(10,18,8,15,6,12,4,14,9,20,23)_{\Theta(2,5,5)}$, $(4,22,17,14,1,12,9,20,15,16,18)_{\Theta(2,5,5)},(7,12,22,2,16,4,15,20,6,14,23)_{\Theta(2,5,5)}$, $(20,22,14,12,0,23,4,17,9,1,6)_{\Theta(2,5,5)}$,
$(14,13,20,7,16,9,22,17,18,21,0)_{\Theta(3,3,6)},(21,9,3,5,22,18,2,16,1,17,19)_{\Theta(3,3,6)}$,
$(21,12,4,13,16,18,14,15,20,17,11)_{\Theta(3,3,6)},(19,2,22,8,15,9,12,1,13,21,11)_{\Theta(3,3,6)}$,
$(7,2,21,10,9,4,14,17,16,22,12)_{\Theta(3,3,6)},(18,14,7,2,15,1,19,4,16,8,23)_{\Theta(3,3,6)}$, $(8,19,7,0,11,6,12,20,16,3,14)_{\Theta(3,3,6)},(14,3,5,7,12,15,18,11,16,23,0)_{\Theta(3,3,6)}$, $(0,3,11,19,20,22,4,7,23,15,8)_{\Theta(3,3,6)},(6,19,4,8,21,23,10,3,11,15,7)_{\Theta(3,3,6)}$, $(16,22,15,13,19,2,12,4,20,23,11)_{\Theta(3,3,6)}$,
$(16,9,17,13,2,11,4,8,22,14,19)_{\Theta(3,4,5)},(21,19,6,7,22,4,15,2,20,8,11)_{\Theta(3,4,5)}$, $(3,5,8,7,4,1,19,6,9,14,18)_{\Theta(3,4,5)},(22,4,5,17,10,11,0,20,6,2,7)_{\Theta(3,4,5)}$, $(14,11,16,9,8,10,13,7,1,17,15)_{\Theta(3,4,5)},(22,21,11,5,7,10,20,9,2,1,16)_{\Theta(3,4,5)}$, $(10,20,1,15,3,12,4,18,7,21,0)_{\Theta(3,4,5)},(16,20,10,12,7,0,13,5,23,9,18)_{\Theta(3,4,5)}$, $(2,16,10,23,15,7,13,4,8,21,12)_{\Theta(3,4,5)},(7,15,12,5,17,2,8,23,13,4,21)_{\Theta(3,4,5)}$, $(18,23,0,15,2,19,4,11,20,5,8)_{\Theta(3,4,5)}$,
$(20,6,21,4,11,14,18,17,2,10,5)_{\Theta(4,4,4)},(13,12,10,14,22,17,16,0,2,8,11)_{\Theta(4,4,4)}$, $(5,19,7,4,2,8,22,0,17,15,18)_{\Theta(4,4,4)},(8,1,14,15,22,13,21,3,7,2,16)_{\Theta(4,4,4)}$, $(5,21,14,12,8,19,3,15,20,0,7)_{\Theta(4,4,4)},(21,7,14,9,3,19,8,1,17,20,15)_{\Theta(4,4,4)}$, $(20,11,10,22,7,4,17,1,9,2,14)_{\Theta(4,4,4)},(11,18,2,15,1,20,7,16,22,19,6)_{\Theta(4,4,4)}$, $(2,4,0,15,19,12,23,9,17,7,18)_{\Theta(4,4,4)},(3,10,12,20,1,14,23,8,17,9,19)_{\Theta(4,4,4)}$, $(3,12,6,15,4,18,9,1,23,10,17)_{\Theta(4,4,4)}$
under the action of the mapping $x \mapsto x+8(\bmod 24)$ for only the first six graphs in each design.

Lemma 3.6. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete bipartite graph $K_{12,8}$ for $a+b+c=12$ with $a, b, c$ all even. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete multipartite graphs $K_{8,8,8}, K_{8,8,8,8}$ and $K_{8,8,8,24}$ for $a+b+c=12$ with $a, b$, c not all even.

Proof The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
Theorem 1.4 for $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=12$ follows from Theorem 1.1, Lemmas 3.5 and 3.6, and Proposition 2.1 (with $d=4, r=3, s=2, f=1$ and $g=0,2$ or 4) if $a, b$ and $c$ are all even, Proposition 2.6 otherwise.

Lemma 3.7. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders 13 and 14 for $a+b+c=13$. There exists $a \Theta(a, b, c)$ design of order 26 for $a+b+c=13$ with $a, b$, $c$ not all odd.

Proof There are thirteen theta graphs of which four are bipartite. The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.

Lemma 3.8. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete bipartite graph $K_{13,13}$ for $a+b+c=13$ with $a, b, c$ all odd. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete multipartite graphs $K_{13,13,13}, K_{13,13,13,13}$ and $K_{13,13,13,13,13}$ for $a+b+c=13$ with $a, b, c$ not all odd.

Proof The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
Theorem 1.5 for $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=13$ follows from Theorem 1.1, Lemmas 3.7 and 3.8, and Proposition 2.1 (with $d=13, r=s=f=1$ and $g=0$ ) if $a, b$ and $c$ are all odd, Proposition 2.3 otherwise.

Lemma 3.9. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of order 21, 28 and 36 for $a+b+c=14$. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of order 49, 56, 57, 64, 77 and 92 for $a+b+c=14$ with $a$, $b, c$ not all even.

Proof There are fifteen theta graphs of which four are bipartite. The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.

Lemma 3.10. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete bipartite graph $K_{14,7}$ for $a+b+c=14$ with $a, b, c$ all even. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete multipartite graphs $K_{14,14,14}, K_{7,7,7,7}, K_{28,28,28,35}, K_{7,7,7,7,7}, K_{7,7,7,7,21}$ and $K_{7,7,7,7,28}$ for $a+b+c=14$ with $a, b, c$ not all even.

Proof The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
Theorem 1.6 for $\Theta(a, b, c)$ with $a+b+c=14$ follows from Theorem 1.1, Lemmas 3.9 and 3.10, and Proposition 2.1 (with $d=7, r=2, s=1, f=2$ and $g=0,3$ or 5) if $a, b$ and $c$ are all even, Proposition 2.7 otherwise.

Lemma 3.11. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders 15, 16, 21, and 25 for $a+b+c=15$. There exist $\Theta(a, b, c)$ designs of orders $30,36,40,51,55,66$ and 70 for $a+b+c=15$ with $a, b, c$ not all odd.

Proof There are eighteen 15 -edge theta graphs of which six are bipartite. We present designs of order 30 here; the remaining decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
$\boldsymbol{K}_{\mathbf{3 0}}$ Let the vertex set be $Z_{30}$. The decompositions consist of the graphs
$(6,2,0,7,22,5,19,15,18,25,23,1,21,12)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$,
$(7,20,15,2,10,9,8,5,6,17,3,18,28,22)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$,
$(20,4,14,19,1,3,5,18,11,16,24,13,2,21)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$,
$(7,13,10,14,6,11,8,4,25,9,18,21,27,23)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$,
$(27,5,16,22,6,18,13,0,14,2,9,21,11,4)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$, $(5,17,26,11,23,2,15,22,4,6,10,28,21,8)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$, $(23,5,14,17,2,11,7,28,24,22,18,16,25,29)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$, $(17,29,11,13,4,0,28,16,12,10,22,1,5,20)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$, $(23,29,8,19,10,3,20,11,26,9,16,4,27,14)_{\Theta(1,2,12)}$, $(19,1,6,11,23,0,27,21,5,18,14,7,15,17)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(15,19,0,28,20,1,6,9,18,22,11,16,25,8)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(17,26,16,15,8,23,10,28,5,9,20,12,19,21)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(0,9,1,10,21,14,12,23,15,25,5,7,2,26)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(10,15,4,2,28,25,19,16,13,17,27,26,6,22)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(12,0,5,20,23,24,4,14,11,2,16,6,28,18)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(12,18,4,20,10,11,26,23,14,29,6,5,8,17)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(0,24,10,26,16,29,2,17,14,28,8,22,12,6)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(18,24,11,8,23,6,0,22,2,5,26,29,20,17)_{\Theta(1,4,10)}$, $(5,2,26,10,18,8,4,16,25,14,20,17,21,6)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(9,21,18,15,4,17,22,11,12,24,13,10,0,14)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(10,6,15,2,3,27,13,11,17,0,8,23,12,7)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(24,0,22,19,15,20,9,26,14,13,8,28,12,5)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(21,13,19,28,4,26,17,18,1,14,7,5,15,23)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(19,7,5,17,3,10,25,11,4,22,15,28,13,1)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(7,23,13,3,16,28,5,27,10,22,29,15,25,11)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(1,19,17,10,28,21,4,16,9,22,7,29,13,25)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(1,23,21,5,13,19,9,25,17,29,11,27,4,16)_{\Theta(1,6,8)}$, $(12,18,17,28,24,15,7,19,22,3,23,9,27,2)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(18,8,15,7,5,2,24,9,22,1,27,28,11,4)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(15,22,17,10,11,19,23,8,6,12,13,26,20,2)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(15,13,23,22,25,14,28,6,9,0,4,26,17,20)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(5,21,7,19,23,22,20,0,25,12,8,9,15,2)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(13,16,19,10,6,17,24,5,26,1,7,0,28,22)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(4,25,10,19,23,17,28,1,24,22,11,18,29,20)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(4,13,7,28,6,29,23,14,19,12,5,11,17,8)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(16,25,1,18,5,29,10,12,23,0,11,2,7,22)_{\Theta(2,2,11)}$, $(12,19,17,15,23,14,4,21,1,25,5,2,6,3)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(22,2,1,6,17,25,28,11,4,0,18,10,16,27)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(6,0,21,20,28,12,2,25,11,15,10,14,26,17)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(11,16,17,2,9,12,5,23,28,26,15,6,13,1)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(22,9,10,12,1,11,21,23,26,20,4,25,0,8)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(1,13,0,27,9,18,19,2,7,20,25,8,21,15)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(3,1,20,7,26,15,19,8,13,5,21,25,27,14)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(3,9,21,1,23,17,25,14,19,11,27,15,29,7)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$, $(9,13,26,15,2,3,27,21,19,6,7,24,25,12)_{\Theta(2,3,10)}$,
$(19,3,9,0,22,7,6,20,26,10,28,17,4,18)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(14,6,4,26,19,13,9,20,7,8,16,12,11,24)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(8,28,15,18,26,5,21,17,19,14,25,4,7,23)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(11,20,23,7,28,21,17,27,6,15,16,22,3,5)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(10,4,8,11,3,1,15,12,23,9,21,7,29,24)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(1,25,0,11,20,24,19,7,17,26,23,2,6,3)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(25,18,13,5,14,11,7,12,6,29,2,0,24,19)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(1,12,9,6,8,5,13,23,0,26,24,17,20,18)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$, $(12,18,14,13,21,24,8,29,19,27,0,6,7,15)_{\Theta(2,4,9)}$ $(5,15,17,7,4,20,28,16,26,25,9,27,18,2)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(25,27,24,6,26,5,1,3,2,8,11,18,10,7)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(11,24,4,0,12,6,22,19,14,18,17,26,8,1)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(26,28,21,7,9,15,24,3,6,14,12,25,13,19)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(5,3,18,22,27,28,23,0,25,10,19,2,17,11)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(5,11,25,9,28,22,10,21,2,4,8,27,16,14)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(10,17,21,14,3,22,16,4,28,29,15,26,23,7)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(5,10,8,4,22,26,28,19,29,13,23,9,20,16)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(11,17,1,27,23,22,20,15,4,16,28,2,29,3)_{\Theta(2,5,8)}$, $(4,7,25,26,27,15,23,10,9,12,28,14,16,22)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(26,12,16,9,19,11,8,1,5,6,24,18,27,13)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(3,5,14,22,1,20,26,11,7,17,12,2,9,10)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(13,0,11,8,5,23,27,2,18,14,26,22,4,7)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(7,18,1,8,24,2,19,5,11,10,17,27,25,3)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(21,22,0,15,12,4,27,24,28,17,3,5,16,9)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(22,27,11,12,3,16,18,10,15,28,6,4,23,21)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(9,21,18,6,29,15,24,4,23,0,3,10,12,5)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(9,27,3,15,17,24,16,6,11,18,28,0,10,29)_{\Theta(2,6,7)}$, $(19,17,3,15,13,16,9,23,7,24,12,14,21,2)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(11,25,16,17,18,24,2,1,19,28,8,3,6,10)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(4,14,9,10,15,11,20,2,5,7,26,1,6,27)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(6,15,26,14,17,0,9,2,19,18,7,4,12,28)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(11,19,22,12,21,6,9,27,1,3,25,16,29,20)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(22,11,16,4,28,20,17,10,12,26,23,24,8,5)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(10,22,16,8,17,23,29,26,4,6,5,0,28,14)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(10,29,28,5,4,22,24,2,16,23,18,17,12,11)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$, $(11,29,14,0,23,5,17,6,20,4,28,16,18,2)_{\Theta(3,4,8)}$,
$(21,6,10,11,5,2,16,3,8,24,17,27,23,4)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}$, $(2,6,18,25,7,27,8,14,26,19,4,28,24,15)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}$, $(11,16,4,8,0,17,25,22,6,23,15,10,7,26)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}$, $(4,22,17,13,16,14,27,24,0,3,5,10,19,15)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}$, $(7,24,8,9,19,18,0,13,20,12,11,26,23,2)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}$,

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\begin{aligned}
& (1,9,17,7,3,15,27,19,25,11,13,23,14,21)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}, \\
& (25,1,5,29,11,17,8,15,7,27,13,21,3,9)_{\Theta(3,6,6}, \\
& (9,19,27,21,2,11,5,26,3,15,13,7,23,29)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}, \\
& (19,25,17,23,5,7,21,15,1,13,29,20,27,3)_{\Theta(3,6,6)}, \\
& (19,9,5,1,12,26,15,22,16,10,23,21,7,28)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (13,3,2,28,18,19,24,7,14,5,10,25,23,15)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (10,20,12,3,25,22,11,15,9,4,0,1,21,5)_{\Theta(4,4)}, \\
& (9,23,7,20,18,26,4,12,0,24,6,22,2,3)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (6,1,20,17,23,13,22,19,14,8,15,21,18,11)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (11,14,24,23,16,8,10,26,12,2,6,5,18,17)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (14,20,23,22,29,28,26,0,18,8,17,5,2,4)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (11,29,10,17,0,23,5,28,2,14,24,20,8,26)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (20,29,2,16,17,22,8,12,23,6,26,5,4,11)_{\Theta(4,4,7)}, \\
& (11,7,6,8,15,18,4,9,19,28,27,0,10,26)_{\Theta(4,5,6}, \\
& (24,28,2,17,19,5,14,13,10,25,16,3,8,21)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}, \\
& (26,9,28,5,21,8,16,27,13,22,17,18,2,11)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}, \\
& (1,22,24,27,18,5,9,7,23,25,12,4,6,2)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}, \\
& (28,13,25,20,26,22,7,14,24,17,9,8,11,23)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}, \\
& (23,9,1,6,24,17,11,14,3,26,15,0,12,18)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}, \\
& (0,9,25,17,20,6,27,12,29,18,24,11,21,15)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}, \\
& (0,5,24,19,11,17,27,3,18,21,6,12,7,29)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}, \\
& (5,23,13,18,6,15,24,12,3,8,27,21,2,29)_{\Theta(4,5,6)}
\end{aligned}
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under the action of the mapping $x \mapsto x+6(\bmod 30)$ for only the first five graphs in each design.

Lemma 3.12. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete bipartite graphs $K_{15,15}, K_{15,20}$ and $K_{15,25}$ for $a+b+c=15$ with $a, b, c$ all odd. There exist decompositions into $\Theta(a, b, c)$ of the complete multipartite graphs $K_{5,5,5}$ and $K_{5,5,5,5}$ for $a+b+c=15$ with $a, b, c$ not all odd.

Proof The decompositions are presented in the Appendix.
Theorem 1.7 follows from Theorem 1.1, Lemmas 3.11 and 3.12, and Proposition 2.2 (with $(r, s, e)=(15,15,0),(15,15,1),(15,20,1)$ or $(15,25,0))$ if $a, b$ and $c$ are all odd, Proposition 2.8 otherwise.

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