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## CYCLIC ORTHOGONAL DOUBLE COVERS OF 6-REGULAR CIRCULANT GRAPHS BY DISCONNECTED FORESTS

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**ABSTRACT.** An orthogonal double cover (ODC) of a graph  $H$  is a collection  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_v : v \in V(H)\}$  of  $|V(H)|$  subgraphs of  $H$  such that every edge of  $H$  is contained in exactly two members of  $\mathcal{G}$  and for any two members  $G_u$  and  $G_v$  in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $|E(G_u) \cap E(G_v)|$  is 1 if  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $H$  and is 0 if  $u$  and  $v$  are nonadjacent in  $H$ . An ODC  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $H$  is *cyclic* if the cyclic group of order  $|V(H)|$  is a subgroup of the automorphism group of  $\mathcal{G}$ ; otherwise it is *noncyclic*. Recently, Sampathkumar and Srinivasan settled the problem of the existence of cyclic ODCs of 4-regular circulant graphs. An ODC  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $H$  is *cyclic* (CODC) if the cyclic group of order  $|V(H)|$  is a subgroup of the automorphism group of  $\mathcal{G}$ , the set of all automorphisms of  $\mathcal{G}$ ; otherwise it is *noncyclic*. In this paper, we have completely settled the existence problem of CODCs of 6-regular circulant graphs by four acyclic disconnected graphs.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $H$  be any graph and let  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{|V(H)|}\}$  be a collection of  $|V(H)|$  subgraphs of  $H$ .  $\mathcal{G}$  is a *double cover* (DC) of  $H$  if every edge of  $H$  is contained in exactly two members in  $\mathcal{G}$ . If  $G_i \cong G$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, |V(H)|\}$ , then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a *DC* of  $H$  by  $G$ . If  $\mathcal{G}$  is a DC of  $H$  by  $G$ , then  $|V(H)||E(G)| = 2|E(H)|$ .

A DC  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $H$  is an *orthogonal double cover* (ODC) of  $H$  if there exists a bijective mapping  $\phi : V(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  such that for every choice of distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V(H)$ ,  $|E(\phi(u)) \cap E(\phi(v))|$  is 1 if  $uv \in E(H)$  and is 0 otherwise. If  $G_i \cong G$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, |V(H)|\}$ , then  $\mathcal{G}$  is an *ODC* of  $H$  by  $G$ .

An *automorphism* of an ODC  $\mathcal{G} = \{G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{|V(H)|}\}$  of  $H$  is a permutation  $\pi : V(H) \rightarrow V(H)$  such that  $\{\pi(G_1), \pi(G_2), \dots, \pi(G_{|V(H)|})\} = \mathcal{G}$ , where for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, |V(H)|\}$ ,  $\pi(G_i)$  is a subgraph of  $H$  with  $V(\pi(G_i)) = \{\pi(v) : v \in V(G_i)\}$  and  $E(\pi(G_i)) = \{\pi(u)\pi(v) : uv \in E(G_i)\}$ . An ODC  $\mathcal{G}$  of  $H$  is *cyclic* (CODC) if the cyclic group of order  $|V(H)|$  is a subgroup of the automorphism group of  $\mathcal{G}$ , the set of all automorphisms of  $\mathcal{G}$ ; otherwise it is *noncyclic*.

For results on ODCs of graphs, see [3], a survey by Gronau et al.

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Consider the complete graph  $K_n = Circ(n; \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\})$ . Recall that: given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $n - 1$  edges, a 1-1 mapping  $\psi : V \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  is an *orthogonal labelling* of  $G$  if:

- (i) for every  $\ell \in \{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor\}$ ,  $G$  contains exactly *two* edges of length  $\ell$ , and exactly *one* edge of length  $\frac{n}{2}$  if  $n$  is even, and
- (ii)  $\{r(\ell) : \ell \in \{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor\}\} = \{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor\}$ .

Following theorem of Gronau, Mullin and Rosa [2] relates CODCs of  $K_n$  and orthogonal labellings.

**Theorem 1.1.** [2] *A CODC of  $K_n$  by a graph  $G$  exists if and only if there exists an orthogonal labelling of  $G$ .*

Sampathkumar and Simaringa called an orthogonal labelling as an orthogonal  $\{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$ -labelling and generalized it to an orthogonal  $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ -labelling, where  $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$  is a sequence of positive integers with  $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ .

I. *Either  $n$  is odd or  $n$  is even and  $d_k \neq \frac{n}{2}$ :*

Given a subgraph  $G$  of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\})$  with  $2k$  edges, a labelling of  $G$ , in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , is an *orthogonal  $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ -labelling* of  $G$  if:

- (i) for every  $\ell \in \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ ,  $G$  contains exactly *two* edges of length  $\ell$ , and
- (ii)  $\{r(\ell) : \ell \in \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}\} = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ .

II.  *$n$  is even and  $d_k = \frac{n}{2}$ :*

Given a subgraph  $G$  of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{k-1}, \frac{n}{2}\})$  with  $2k - 1$  edges, a labelling of  $G$ , in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , is an *orthogonal  $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{k-1}, \frac{n}{2}\}$ -labelling* of  $G$  if:

- (i) for every  $\ell \in \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{k-1}\}$ ,  $G$  contains exactly *two* edges of length  $\ell$ , and  $G$  contains exactly *one* edge of length  $\frac{n}{2}$ , and
- (ii)  $\{r(\ell) : \ell \in \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{k-1}\}\} = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{k-1}\}$ .

Following theorem, of Sampathkumar and Simaringa [4], is a generalization of Theorem 1.1. Proof of Theorem 1.2 is similar to that of Theorem 1.1.

**Theorem 1.2.** *A CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\})$  by a graph  $G$  exists if and only if there exists an orthogonal  $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ -labelling of  $G$ .*

In [5] Sampathkumar and Srinivasan have completely settled the existence problem of CODCs 4-regular circulant graphs by any graph  $G$  with 4 edges,

In [6] Sampathkumar and Srinivasan have completely settled the existence problem of CODCs 5-regular circulant graphs by any graph  $G$  with 5 edges,

In [7], Sampathkumar and Srinivasan have completely settled the existence problem of CODCs of 6-regular circulant graphs by trees. In this paper we have completely settled the existence problem of CODCs of 6-regular circulant graphs by ten acyclic disconnected graphs. Recall that, for ODCs of 6-regular circulant graphs by a graph  $G$ ,  $G$  has to have six edges.

Throughout the article we make use of the usual notations:

$K_n$  for the complete graph on  $n$  vertices,

$K_{m,n}$  for the complete bipartite graph with independent sets of sizes  $m$  and  $n$ ,

$K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k}$  for the complete  $k$ -partite graph in which partite sets are of sizes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$ ,

$P_n$  for the path on  $n$  vertices,

$C_n$  for the cycle on  $n$  vertices,

$\ell G$  for  $\ell$  disjoint copies of  $G$  and

$G + H$  for the disjoint union  $G \cup H$  of  $G$  and  $H$ .

Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r$ ,  $r \geq 1$ , be integers,  $n_1, n_r \geq 1$  and  $n_i \geq 0$  for  $i \in \{2, 3, \dots, r-1\}$ . The *caterpillar*  $C_r(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r)$  is the tree obtained from the path  $P_r := x_1 x_2 \dots x_r$  by joining vertex  $x_i$  to  $n_i$  new vertices,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ .

Other terminology not defined here can be found in [1].

## 2. SECTION 2

Let  $1 \leq d_1 < d_2 < d_3 \leq \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor$ , and  $G$  be any simple acyclic disconnected graph with six edges. Then  $G \in \{6K_2, P_3 + 4K_2, 2P_3 + 2K_2, K_{1,3} + 3K_2, P_4 + 3K_2, 3P_3, P_4 + P_3 + K_2, K_{1,3} + P_3 + K_2, P_5 + 2K_2, K_{1,4} + 2K_2, C_2(1, 2) + 2K_2, 2P_4, K_{1,3} + P_4, 2K_{1,3}, P_5 + P_3, K_{1,4} + P_3, C_2(1, 2) + P_3, P_6 + K_2, C_3(1, 0, 2) + K_2, C_3(1, 1, 1) + K_2, C_2(1, 3) + K_2, C_2(2, 2) + K_2, K_{1,5} + K_2\}$ . In this section, we find a CODC of the circulant graph  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $G$ , where  $G \in \{K_{1,4} + 2K_2, K_{1,5} + K_2, K_{1,3} + P_4, 2K_{1,3}\}$ . By Theorem 1.2, we have to find a 1-1 mapping  $\psi : V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  such that  $G$  contains two edges of length  $d_1$ , two edges of length  $d_2$ , two edges of length  $d_3$ , and  $\{r(d_1), r(d_2), r(d_3)\} = \{d_1, d_2, d_3\}$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $n \geq 9$ . A CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $K_{1,4} + 2K_2$  exists if and only if  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \notin \{(\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7}), (\frac{n}{8}, \frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{8})\}$ .*

**Proof:** First assume that  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \notin \{(\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7}), (\frac{n}{8}, \frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{8})\}$ .

*Case 1.*  $d_2 \neq 2d_1$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{d_3 - d_1, d_3\}$  and  $\{d_3 - d_1 + d_2, d_3 + d_2\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{d_3 - d_2, d_3\}$  and  $\{d_3 - d_2 + d_1, d_3 + d_1\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{0, d_3\}$  and  $\{d_3, 2d_3\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_2$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_1$ , and  $r(d_3) = d_3$ .

*Case 2.*  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .

*Subcase 2.1.*  $d_3 \neq 3d_1$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_1\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $2d_1$  are  $\{n - 2d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, 2d_1\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{n - d_1, d_3 - d_1\}$  and  $\{0, d_3\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_3$ ,  $r(2d_1) = 2d_1$ , and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

*Subcase 2.2.*  $d_3 = 3d_1$ .

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \neq (\frac{n}{10}, \frac{n}{5}, \frac{3n}{10})$ , edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $2d_1$  are  $\{0, 2d_1\}$  and  $\{3d_1, 5d_1\}$ ; and ones of  $3d_1$  are  $\{n - 5d_1, n - 2d_1\}$  and  $\{n - 3d_1, 0\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(2d_1) = 3d_1$ , and  $r(3d_1) = 2d_1$ . (If either  $n - d_1 = 5d_1$  or  $n - 5d_1 = d_1$ , then  $d_3 = 3d_1 = \frac{n}{2}$ , a contradiction.) (If either  $n - 2d_1 = 5d_1$  or  $n - 5d_1 = 2d_1$ , then  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (d_1, 2d_1, 3d_1) = (\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7})$ , a contradiction.) (If either  $n - 3d_1 = 5d_1$  or  $n - 5d_1 = 3d_1$ , then  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (d_1, 2d_1, 3d_1) = (\frac{n}{8}, \frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{8})$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n - 5d_1 = 5d_1$ , then  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (d_1, 2d_1, 3d_1) = (\frac{n}{10}, \frac{n}{5}, \frac{3n}{10})$ , a contradiction.)

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{10}, \frac{n}{5}, \frac{3n}{10})$ , edges of length  $\frac{n}{10}$  are  $\{0, \frac{n}{10}\}$  and  $\{\frac{3n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10}\}$ ; ones of  $\frac{n}{5}$  are  $\{\frac{4n}{5}, 0\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{n}{5}\}$ ; and ones of  $\frac{3n}{10}$  are  $\{\frac{6n}{10}, \frac{9n}{10}\}$  and  $\{\frac{7n}{10}, 0\}$ .  $r(\frac{n}{10}) = \frac{3n}{10}$ ,  $r(\frac{n}{5}) = \frac{n}{5}$ , and  $r(\frac{3n}{10}) = \frac{n}{10}$ .

Conversely, assume that  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \in \{(\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7}), (\frac{n}{8}, \frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{8})\}$ . Suppose there exists a CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $K_{1,4} + 2K_2$ . As the edge set of  $K_{1,4} + 2K_2$  cannot be partitioned into subsets inducing subgraphs isomorphic to  $P_3$ ,  $r(d_i) = d_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  is impossible; again as the edge set of  $K_{1,4} + 2K_2$  cannot be partitioned into subsets inducing subgraphs isomorphic to  $2K_2$ ,  $r(d_i) \neq d_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  is impossible. Hence,  $r(d_i) = d_i$ ,  $r(d_j) = d_k$  and  $r(d_k) = d_j$  for  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . We consider two cases and three subcases in each.

*Case 1.*  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7})$ .

*Subcase 1.1.*  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ .

Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length  $\frac{n}{7}$  are  $\{\frac{6n}{7}, 0\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{n}{7}\}$ . The

edge of length  $\frac{2n}{7}$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, \frac{2n}{7}\}$  or  $\{0, \frac{5n}{7}\}$ . By symmetry, assume that it is  $\{0, \frac{2n}{7}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{2n}{7}) = \frac{3n}{7}$ , the edge of length  $\frac{2n}{7}$  not incident at 0 is  $\{\frac{3n}{7}, \frac{5n}{7}\}$ . This forces the edge of length  $\frac{3n}{7}$  incident at 0 is  $\{0, \frac{4n}{7}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{3n}{7}) = \frac{2n}{7}$ , there is no edge of length  $\frac{3n}{7}$  not incident at 0, a contradiction.

*Subcase 1.2.*  $r(d_1) = d_3, r(d_2) = d_2$  and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length  $\frac{2n}{7}$  are  $\{\frac{5n}{7}, 0\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{2n}{7}\}$ . The edge of length  $\frac{n}{7}$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, \frac{n}{7}\}$  or  $\{0, \frac{6n}{7}\}$ . By symmetry, assume that it is  $\{0, \frac{n}{7}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{n}{7}) = \frac{3n}{7}$ , the edge of length  $\frac{n}{7}$  not incident at 0 is  $\{\frac{3n}{7}, \frac{4n}{7}\}$ . This forces that there is no edge of length  $\frac{3n}{7}$  incident at 0, a contradiction.

*Subcase 1.3.*  $r(d_1) = d_2, r(d_2) = d_1$  and  $r(d_3) = d_3$ .

Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length  $\frac{3n}{7}$  are  $\{\frac{4n}{7}, 0\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{3n}{7}\}$ . The edge of length  $\frac{n}{7}$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, \frac{n}{7}\}$  or  $\{0, \frac{6n}{7}\}$ . By symmetry, assume that it is  $\{0, \frac{n}{7}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{n}{7}) = \frac{2n}{7}$ , the edge of length  $\frac{n}{7}$  not incident at 0 is  $\{\frac{5n}{7}, \frac{6n}{7}\}$ . This forces the edge of length  $\frac{2n}{7}$  incident at 0 is  $\{0, \frac{2n}{7}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{2n}{7}) = \frac{n}{7}$ , there is no edge of length  $\frac{2n}{7}$  not incident at 0, a contradiction.

*Case 2.*  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{8}, \frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{8})$ .

*Subcase 2.1.*  $r(d_1) = d_1, r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ .

Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length  $\frac{n}{8}$  are  $\{\frac{7n}{8}, 0\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{n}{8}\}$ . The edge of length  $\frac{n}{4}$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, \frac{n}{4}\}$  or  $\{0, \frac{3n}{4}\}$ . By symmetry, assume that it is  $\{0, \frac{n}{4}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{n}{4}) = \frac{3n}{8}$ , the edge of length  $\frac{n}{4}$  not incident at 0 is  $\{\frac{3n}{8}, \frac{5n}{8}\}$ . This forces that there is no edge of length  $\frac{3n}{8}$  incident at 0, a contradiction.

*Subcase 2.2.*  $r(d_1) = d_3, r(d_2) = d_2$  and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length  $\frac{n}{4}$  are  $\{\frac{3n}{4}, 0\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{n}{4}\}$ . The edge of length  $\frac{n}{8}$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, \frac{n}{8}\}$  or  $\{0, \frac{7n}{8}\}$ . By symmetry, assume that it is  $\{0, \frac{n}{8}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{n}{8}) = \frac{3n}{8}$ , the edge of length  $\frac{n}{8}$  not incident at 0 is  $\{\frac{3n}{8}, \frac{n}{2}\}$ . This forces the edge of length  $\frac{3n}{8}$  incident at 0 is  $\{0, \frac{5n}{8}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{3n}{8}) = \frac{n}{8}$ , there is no edge of length  $\frac{3n}{8}$  not incident at 0, a contradiction.

*Subcase 2.3.*  $r(d_1) = d_2, r(d_2) = d_1$  and  $r(d_3) = d_3$ .

Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length  $\frac{3n}{8}$  are  $\{\frac{5n}{8}, 0\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{3n}{8}\}$ . The edge of length  $\frac{n}{8}$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, \frac{n}{8}\}$  or  $\{0, \frac{7n}{8}\}$ . By symmetry, assume that it is  $\{0, \frac{n}{8}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{n}{8}) = \frac{n}{4}$ , the edge of length  $\frac{n}{8}$  not incident at 0 is  $\{\frac{3n}{4}, \frac{7n}{8}\}$ . This forces the edge of length  $\frac{n}{4}$  incident at 0 is  $\{0, \frac{n}{4}\}$ . As  $r(\frac{n}{4}) = \frac{n}{8}$ , there is no edge of length  $\frac{n}{8}$  not incident at 0, a contradiction.

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $n \geq 8$ . There is no CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $K_{1,5} + K_2$ .*

**Proof:** Suppose a CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $K_{1,5} + K_2$  exists. If  $r(d_i) = d_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then the edge set of  $K_{1,5} + K_2$  can be partitioned into subsets each inducing a subgraph isomorphic to  $P_3$ , which is impossible. If  $r(d_i) \neq d_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then the edge set of  $K_{1,5} + K_2$  can be partitioned into subsets each inducing a subgraph isomorphic to  $2K_2$ , which is again impossible. Hence,  $r(d_i) = d_i, r(d_j) = d_k$  and  $r(d_k) = d_j$ , where  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Consequently, the edge set of  $K_{1,5} + K_2$  can be partitioned into three subsets one inducing a subgraph isomorphic to  $P_3$  and the remaining two each inducing a subgraph isomorphic to  $2K_2$ . As this partition is also impossible, we have the required contradiction.

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $n \geq 8$ . A CODC of  $\text{Circ}(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $K_{1,3} + P_4$  exists if and only if  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \notin \{(\frac{n}{8}, \frac{2n}{8}, \frac{3n}{8}), (\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7})\}$ .*

**Proof:** First assume that  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \notin \{(\frac{n}{8}, \frac{2n}{8}, \frac{3n}{8}), (\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7})\}$ .

*Case 1.*  $n \neq d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ ,  $n \neq d_1 + 2d_3$ ,  $n \neq d_2 + 2d_3$ , and  $n \neq d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{0, d_1\}$  and  $\{d_3, d_1 + d_3\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{n - d_2, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_2\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{d_3, 2d_3\}$  and  $\{d_3 + d_1, 2d_3 + d_1\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_3$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_2$  and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

*Case 2.*  $d_2 \neq 2d_1$ ,  $d_3 \neq 2d_1$ ,  $n \neq 2d_1 + d_2$ , and  $n \neq 2d_1 + d_3$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - 2d_1, n - d_1\}$  and  $\{d_2 - 2d_1, d_2 - d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{n - d_1, d_2 - d_1\}$  and  $\{0, d_2\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{n - d_3, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_3\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_2$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_1$  and  $r(d_3) = d_3$ .

By Cases 1 and 2, we have to consider 16 possible cases.

*Case 3.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  and  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_2\}$  and  $\{0, d_2\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{n - 2d_3, n - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - 2d_3 + d_2, n - d_3 + d_2\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $n - d_1 = n - d_3 + d_2$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , and hence  $d_3 = \frac{n}{2}$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_2$ , then  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ .) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_1$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ .)

*Case 4.*  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$  and  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \neq (\frac{n}{9}, \frac{2n}{9}, \frac{4n}{9})$ , edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{d_2, 2d_2\}$  and  $\{d_2 + d_3, 2d_2 + d_3\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{0, d_3\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_2 + d_3\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $d_3 = 2d_2$ , then  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{9}, \frac{2n}{9}, \frac{4n}{9})$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_3 = 2d_2$ , and hence  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{9}, \frac{2n}{9}, \frac{4n}{9})$ .) (If  $n = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then as  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_1 + d_3 = 2d_2$ , and hence  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7})$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n + d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = -d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ ,  $2d_2 = 2d_1 + d_3$ , and hence  $d_3 = 2d_1$ , a contradiction to  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .)

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{9}, \frac{2n}{9}, \frac{4n}{9})$ , edges of length  $\frac{n}{9}$  are  $\{\frac{6n}{9}, \frac{7n}{9}\}$  and  $\{\frac{8n}{9}, 0\}$ ; ones of  $\frac{2n}{9}$  are  $\{\frac{5n}{9}, \frac{7n}{9}\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{2n}{9}\}$ ; and ones of  $\frac{4n}{9}$  are  $\{0, \frac{4n}{9}\}$  and  $\{\frac{n}{9}, \frac{5n}{9}\}$ .  $r(\frac{n}{9}) = \frac{2n}{9}$ ,  $r(\frac{2n}{9}) = \frac{4n}{9}$  and  $r(\frac{4n}{9}) = \frac{n}{9}$ .

*Case 5.*  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \neq (\frac{n}{10}, \frac{2n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10})$ , edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{d_2, 2d_2\}$  and  $\{d_2 + d_3, 2d_2 + d_3\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{0, d_3\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_2 + d_3\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $d_3 = 2d_2$ , then  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{10}, \frac{2n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10})$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 < d_2 + 2d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n - d_1 = d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , and hence  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{8}, \frac{2n}{8}, \frac{3n}{8})$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then as  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_2 = d_3$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n + d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = -d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_3 = d_2 - d_1$ , a contradiction.)

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{10}, \frac{2n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10})$ , edges of length  $\frac{n}{10}$  are  $\{\frac{9n}{10}, 0\}$  and  $\{\frac{3n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10}\}$ ; ones of  $\frac{2n}{10}$  are  $\{0, \frac{2n}{10}\}$  and  $\{\frac{n}{10}, \frac{3n}{10}\}$ ; and ones of  $\frac{4n}{10}$  are  $\{\frac{4n}{10}, \frac{8n}{10}\}$  and  $\{\frac{6n}{10}, 0\}$ .  $r(\frac{n}{10}) = \frac{4n}{10}$ ,  $r(\frac{2n}{10}) = \frac{n}{10}$  and  $r(\frac{4n}{10}) = \frac{2n}{10}$ .

*Case 6.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \neq (\frac{n}{9}, \frac{2n}{9}, \frac{3n}{9})$ , edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_2\}$  and  $\{0, d_2\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{n - 2d_3, n - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - 2d_3 + d_2, n - d_3 + d_2\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $n - d_1 = n - d_3 + d_2$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , and hence  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{9}, \frac{2n}{9}, \frac{3n}{9})$ .) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_2$ , then  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ , a

contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$ .) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_1$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$ .)

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{9}, \frac{2n}{9}, \frac{3n}{9})$ , edges of length  $\frac{n}{9}$  are  $\{\frac{7n}{9}, \frac{8n}{9}\}$  and  $\{0, \frac{n}{9}\}$ ; ones of  $\frac{2n}{9}$  are  $\{0, \frac{2n}{9}\}$  and  $\{\frac{3n}{9}, \frac{5n}{9}\}$ ; and ones of  $\frac{3n}{9}$  are  $\{\frac{5n}{9}, \frac{8n}{9}\}$  and  $\{\frac{6n}{9}, 0\}$ .  $r(\frac{n}{9}) = \frac{2n}{9}$ ,  $r(\frac{2n}{9}) = \frac{3n}{9}$  and  $r(\frac{3n}{9}) = \frac{n}{9}$ .

*Case 7.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_2\}$  and  $\{0, d_2\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{n - 2d_3, n - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - 2d_3 + d_2, n - d_3 + d_2\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $n - d_1 = n - d_3 + d_2$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_2$ , then  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ .) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_1$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ .)

*Case 8.*  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \neq (\frac{2n}{10}, \frac{3n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10})$ , edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{d_2, 2d_2\}$  and  $\{d_2 + d_3, 2d_2 + d_3\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{0, d_3\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_2 + d_3\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $d_3 = 2d_2$ , then we have a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 < d_1 + 2d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n - d_1 = d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_3 = 2d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .) (If  $n = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then as  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ ,  $2d_2 = d_1 + d_3$ , and hence  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{2n}{10}, \frac{3n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10})$ .) (If  $n + d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = -d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_3 = 2(d_2 - d_1)$ . This together with  $d_3 = 2d_1$  implies that  $d_2 = 2d_1$ , and hence  $d_3 = d_2$ , a contradiction.)

For  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{2n}{10}, \frac{3n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10})$ , edges of length  $\frac{2n}{10}$  are  $\{\frac{8n}{10}, 0\}$  and  $\{\frac{2n}{10}, \frac{4n}{10}\}$ ; ones of  $\frac{3n}{10}$  are  $\{\frac{7n}{10}, 0\}$  and  $\{\frac{9n}{10}, \frac{2n}{10}\}$ ; and ones of  $\frac{4n}{10}$  are  $\{\frac{6n}{10}, 0\}$  and  $\{\frac{9n}{10}, \frac{3n}{10}\}$ .  $r(\frac{2n}{10}) = \frac{4n}{10}$ ,  $r(\frac{3n}{10}) = \frac{2n}{10}$  and  $r(\frac{4n}{10}) = \frac{3n}{10}$ .

*Case 9.*  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{d_2, 2d_2\}$  and  $\{d_2 + d_3, 2d_2 + d_3\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{0, d_3\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_2 + d_3\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $d_3 = 2d_2$ , then we have a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 < d_2 + 2d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n - d_1 = d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ .) (If  $n - d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .) (If  $n = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then as  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_2 = d_3$ , a contradiction.) (If  $n + d_1 = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n = -d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ ,  $d_3 = d_2 - d_1$ , a contradiction.)

*Case 10.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .

Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{n - d_1, 0\}$  and  $\{0, d_1\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_2\}$  and  $\{0, d_2\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3$  are  $\{n - 2d_3, n - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - 2d_3 + d_2, n - d_3 + d_2\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_1$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ . (If  $n - d_1 = n - d_3 + d_2$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_2$ , then  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$ .) (If  $n - 2d_3 = d_1$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$ .)

*Case 11.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

Then  $d_3 = d_1$ , a contradiction.

*Case 12.*  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

Then  $n = d_1 + 2d_3 > 2d_1 + d_2 = n$ , a contradiction.

*Case 13.*  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

Then  $d_3 = d_1$ , a contradiction.

*Case 14.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

Then  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3 > 2d_1 + d_2 = n$ , a contradiction.

*Case 15.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ .

Then  $d_2 = d_1$ , a contradiction.

*Case 16.*  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ .

Then  $d_3 = d_1$ , a contradiction.

*Case 17.*  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ .

Then  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 > 2d_1 + d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.

*Case 18.*  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ .

Then  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3 > 2d_1 + d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.

Conversely, assume that  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) \in \{(\frac{n}{8}, \frac{2n}{8}, \frac{3n}{8}), (\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7})\}$ . Suppose there exists a CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ . We consider two cases.

*Case 1.*  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7})$ .

Observe that:  $Circ(n; \{\frac{n}{7}, \frac{2n}{7}, \frac{3n}{7}\}) \cong \frac{n}{7}K_7$ ; for each  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , any two edges of length  $\frac{in}{7}$  with rotation-distance  $\frac{jn}{7}$  are in the same component of  $\frac{n}{7}K_7$ ; and in the CODC there exists  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , an edge  $e'$  of  $K_{1,3}$ , and an edge  $e''$  of  $P_4$  such that the edges  $e'$  and  $e''$  are of same length  $d_i$ . Consequently, in the CODC, all the edges of  $K_{1,3} + P_4$  are in the same component of  $\frac{n}{7}K_7$ . Hence, we have a component of  $\frac{n}{7}K_7$  with at least 8 vertices, a contradiction.

*Case 2.*  $(d_1, d_2, d_3) = (\frac{n}{8}, \frac{2n}{8}, \frac{3n}{8})$ .

Observe that:  $Circ(n; \{\frac{n}{8}, \frac{2n}{8}, \frac{3n}{8}\}) \cong \frac{n}{8}Circ(8; \{1, 2, 3\})$ ; for each  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , any two edges of length  $\frac{in}{8}$  with rotation-distance  $\frac{jn}{8}$  are in the same component of  $\frac{n}{8}Circ(8; \{1, 2, 3\})$ ; and in the CODC there exists  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , an edge  $e'$  of  $K_{1,3}$ , and an edge  $e''$  of  $P_4$  such that the edges  $e'$  and  $e''$  are of same length  $d_i$ . Consequently, in the CODC, all the edges of  $K_{1,3} + P_4$  are in the same component of  $\frac{n}{8}Circ(8; \{1, 2, 3\})$ . Hence, the CODC of  $\frac{n}{8}Circ(8; \{1, 2, 3\})$  by  $K_{1,3} + P_4$  yields a CODC of  $Circ(8; \{1, 2, 3\})$  by  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ .

Now consider a CODC of  $Circ(8; \{1, 2, 3\})$  by  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ . If  $r(1) = 1$ ,  $r(2) = 2$  and  $r(3) = 3$ , then the edge set of  $K_{1,3} + P_4$  can be partitioned into subsets inducing subgraphs isomorphic to  $P_3$ , which is impossible. Thus we consider five subcases.

*Subcase 2.1.*  $r(1) = 1$ ,  $r(2) = 3$  and  $r(3) = 2$ .

Let  $A = \{\{7, 0\}, \{0, 1\}\}$ . Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length 1 are the edges of  $A$ . Let  $B_0 = \{\{0, 2\}, \{3, 5\}\}$ ,  $B_1 = \{\{1, 3\}, \{4, 6\}\}$ ,  $B_2 = \{\{2, 4\}, \{5, 7\}\}$  and  $B_3 = \{\{3, 5\}, \{6, 0\}\}$ . The edges of length 2 are the edges of one of the sets  $B_0, B_1, B_2, B_3$ . Let  $C_0 = \{\{0, 3\}, \{2, 5\}\}$ ,  $C_1 = \{\{1, 4\}, \{3, 6\}\}$ ,  $C_2 = \{\{2, 5\}, \{4, 7\}\}$  and  $C_3 = \{\{3, 6\}, \{5, 0\}\}$ . The edges of length 3 are the edges of one of the sets  $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3$ . Observe that, for any  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , the subgraph induced by the edge set  $A \cup B_i \cup C_j$  is not isomorphic to  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ , a contradiction.

*Subcase 2.2.*  $r(1) = 2$ ,  $r(2) = 1$  and  $r(3) = 3$ .

Let  $A = \{\{0, 1\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ . Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length 1 are the edges of  $A$ . Let  $B_2 = \{\{2, 4\}, \{3, 5\}\}$ ,  $B_3 = \{\{3, 5\}, \{4, 6\}\}$ ,  $B_5 = \{\{5, 7\}, \{6, 0\}\}$  and  $B_6 = \{\{6, 0\}, \{7, 1\}\}$ . The edges of length 2 are the edges of one of the sets  $B_2, B_3, B_5, B_6$ . Let  $C_1 = \{\{1, 4\}, \{4, 7\}\}$ ,  $C_4 = \{\{4, 7\}, \{7, 2\}\}$ ,  $C_6 = \{\{6, 1\}, \{1, 4\}\}$  and  $C_7 = \{\{7, 2\}, \{2, 5\}\}$ . The edges of length 3 are the edges of one of the sets  $C_1, C_4, C_6, C_7$ . Observe that, for any  $i \in \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$  and for any  $j \in \{1, 4, 6, 7\}$ , the subgraph induced by the edge set  $A \cup B_i \cup C_j$  is not isomorphic to  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ , a contradiction.

*Subcase 2.3.*  $r(1) = 2$ ,  $r(2) = 3$  and  $r(3) = 1$ .

Let  $A = \{\{0, 1\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ . Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length 1 are the edges of  $A$ . Let  $B_1 = \{\{1, 3\}, \{4, 6\}\}$ ,  $B_2 = \{\{2, 4\}, \{5, 7\}\}$ ,  $B_3 = \{\{3, 5\}, \{6, 0\}\}$ ,  $B_4 = \{\{4, 6\}, \{7, 1\}\}$ ,  $B_5 = \{\{5, 7\}, \{0, 2\}\}$  and  $B_7 = \{\{7, 1\}, \{2, 4\}\}$ . The edges of length 2 are the edges of one of the sets  $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5, B_7$ . Let  $C_1 = \{\{1, 4\}, \{2, 5\}\}$ ,  $C_2 = \{\{2, 5\}, \{3, 6\}\}$ ,  $C_3 = \{\{3, 6\}, \{4, 7\}\}$ ,  $C_4 = \{\{4, 7\}, \{5, 0\}\}$ ,  $C_5 = \{\{5, 0\}, \{6, 1\}\}$

and  $C_6 = \{\{6, 1\}, \{7, 2\}\}$ . The edges of length 3 are the edges of one of the sets  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6$ . Observe that, for any  $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$  and for any  $j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , the subgraph induced by the edge set  $A \cup B_i \cup C_j$  is not isomorphic to  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ , a contradiction.

*Subcase 2.4.*  $r(1) = 3, r(2) = 1$  and  $r(3) = 2$ .

Let  $A = \{\{0, 1\}, \{3, 4\}\}$ . Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length 1 are the edges of  $A$ . Let  $B_2 = \{\{2, 4\}, \{3, 5\}\}$ ,  $B_3 = \{\{3, 5\}, \{4, 6\}\}$ ,  $B_4 = \{\{4, 6\}, \{5, 7\}\}$ ,  $B_5 = \{\{5, 7\}, \{6, 0\}\}$ ,  $B_6 = \{\{6, 0\}, \{7, 1\}\}$  and  $B_7 = \{\{7, 1\}, \{0, 2\}\}$ . The edges of length 2 are the edges of one of the sets  $B_2, B_3, B_4, B_5, B_6, B_7$ . Let  $C_0 = \{\{0, 3\}, \{2, 5\}\}$ ,  $C_2 = \{\{2, 5\}, \{4, 7\}\}$ ,  $C_3 = \{\{3, 6\}, \{5, 0\}\}$ ,  $C_4 = \{\{4, 7\}, \{6, 1\}\}$ ,  $C_5 = \{\{5, 0\}, \{7, 2\}\}$  and  $C_7 = \{\{7, 2\}, \{1, 4\}\}$ . The edges of length 3 are the edges of one of the sets  $C_0, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_7$ . Observe that, for any  $i \in \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  and for any  $j \in \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}$ , the subgraph induced by the edge set  $A \cup B_i \cup C_j$  is not isomorphic to  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ , a contradiction.

*Subcase 2.5.*  $r(1) = 3, r(2) = 2$  and  $r(3) = 1$ .

Let  $A = \{\{0, 1\}, \{3, 4\}\}$ . Without loss of generality assume that the edges of length 1 are the edges of  $A$ . Let  $B_2 = \{\{2, 4\}, \{4, 6\}\}$ ,  $B_3 = \{\{3, 5\}, \{5, 7\}\}$ ,  $B_5 = \{\{5, 7\}, \{7, 1\}\}$  and  $B_6 = \{\{6, 0\}, \{0, 2\}\}$ . The edges of length 2 are the edges of one of the sets  $B_2, B_3, B_5, B_6$ . Let  $C_1 = \{\{1, 4\}, \{2, 5\}\}$ ,  $C_2 = \{\{2, 5\}, \{3, 6\}\}$ ,  $C_3 = \{\{3, 6\}, \{4, 7\}\}$ ,  $C_4 = \{\{4, 7\}, \{5, 0\}\}$ ,  $C_5 = \{\{5, 0\}, \{6, 1\}\}$ ,  $C_6 = \{\{6, 1\}, \{7, 2\}\}$  and  $C_7 = \{\{7, 2\}, \{0, 3\}\}$ . The edges of length 3 are the edges of one of the sets  $C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7$ . Observe that, for any  $i \in \{2, 3, 5, 6\}$  and for any  $j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ , the subgraph induced by the edge set  $A \cup B_i \cup C_j$  is not isomorphic to  $K_{1,3} + P_4$ , a contradiction.

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $n \geq 8$ . A CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $2K_{1,3}$  exists if and only if  $(n, d_3) = (3d_1 + 3d_2, 2d_1 + d_2)$ .*

**Proof:** Suppose a CODC of  $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, d_3\})$  by  $2K_{1,3}$  exists. If  $r(d_i) = d_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then the edge set of  $2K_{1,3}$  can be partitioned into subsets inducing subgraphs isomorphic to  $P_3$ , which is impossible. If  $r(d_i) = d_i, r(d_j) = d_k$  and  $r(d_k) = d_j$  with  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then the edge set of  $2K_{1,3}$  can be partitioned into three subsets one inducing a subgraph isomorphic to  $P_3$  and the remaining two each inducing a subgraph isomorphic to  $2K_2$ , which is again impossible. Hence,  $r(d_i) \neq d_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Consequently, the edge set of  $2K_{1,3}$  can be partitioned into subsets inducing subgraphs isomorphic to  $2K_2$ . Also, each vertex of degree 3 in  $2K_{1,3}$  is incident with one edge of length  $d_1$ , one edge of length  $d_2$ , and one edge of length  $d_3$ . Without loss of generality, assume that one vertex of degree 3 in  $2K_{1,3}$  is 0 and the edge of length  $d_1$  incident at 0 is  $\{0, d_1\}$ . The edge of length  $d_2$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, d_2\}$  or  $\{0, n - d_2\}$  and the edge of length  $d_3$  incident at 0 is either  $\{0, d_3\}$  or  $\{0, n - d_3\}$ . We consider four cases and in each of the four cases we consider two subcases.

*Case 1.* Edges incident at 0 are  $\{0, d_1\}, \{0, d_2\}$  and  $\{0, d_3\}$ .

*Subcase 1.1.*  $r(d_1) = d_2, r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1, d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, d_2, d_3\}$  are, respectively,  $\{n - d_2, n + d_1 - d_2\}, \{n - d_3, n + d_2 - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, d_3 - d_1\}$ .

First, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_2, n + d_1 - d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, d_3 - d_1\}$ . As  $n - d_2 \neq n - d_1, n - d_2 \neq d_3 - d_1$  and  $n + d_1 - d_2 \neq d_3 - d_1$ , we have  $n + d_1 - d_2 = n - d_1$ , and hence  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .

Next, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_3, n + d_2 - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, d_3 - d_1\}$ . As  $n - d_3 \neq n - d_1, n - d_3 \neq d_3 - d_1$  and  $n + d_2 - d_3 \neq d_3 - d_1$ , we have  $n + d_2 - d_3 = n - d_1$ ,



and hence  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , i.e.,  $d_3 = 3d_1$ .

Now the edges incident at 0 are  $\{0, d_1\}$ ,  $\{0, 2d_1\}$  and  $\{0, 3d_1\}$ ; and the edges not incident at 0 are  $\{n - 2d_1, n - d_1\}$ ,  $\{n - 3d_1, n - d_1\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, 2d_1\}$ ; a contradiction to the fact that  $2d_1$  belongs to both  $K_{1,3}$ 's.

*Subcase 1.2.*  $r(d_1) = d_3$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_1$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, d_2, d_3\}$  are, respectively,  $\{n - d_3, n + d_1 - d_3\}$ ,  $\{n - d_1, d_2 - d_1\}$  and  $\{n - d_2, d_3 - d_2\}$ .

First, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_1, d_2 - d_1\}$  and  $\{n - d_3, n + d_1 - d_3\}$ . As  $n - d_1 \neq n - d_3$ ,  $d_2 - d_1 \neq n - d_3$  and  $d_2 - d_1 \neq n + d_1 - d_3$ , we have  $n - d_1 = n + d_1 - d_3$ .

Next, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_2, d_3 - d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_3, n + d_1 - d_3\}$ . As  $n - d_2 \neq n - d_3$ ,  $d_3 - d_2 \neq n - d_3$  and  $d_3 - d_2 \neq n + d_1 - d_3$ , we have  $n - d_2 = n + d_1 - d_3$ . Consequently,  $n - d_1 = n - d_2$ , i.e.,  $d_1 = d_2$ , a contradiction.

*Case 2.* Edges incident at 0 are  $\{0, d_1\}$ ,  $\{0, d_2\}$  and  $\{0, n - d_3\}$ .

*Subcase 2.1.*  $r(d_1) = d_2$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, d_2, n - d_3\}$  are, respectively,  $\{n - d_2, n + d_1 - d_2\}$ ,  $\{d_3, d_3 + d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_3 - d_1, n - d_1\}$ .

First, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_2, n + d_1 - d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_3 - d_1, n - d_1\}$ . As  $n - d_2 \neq n - d_1$ ,  $n - d_2 \neq n - d_3 - d_1$  and  $n - d_3 - d_1 \neq n + d_1 - d_2$  (i.e.,  $d_2 \neq d_3 + 2d_1$ ), we have  $n - d_1 = n + d_1 - d_2$ , and hence,  $d_2 = 2d_1$ .

Next, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_2, n + d_1 - d_2\}$  and  $\{d_3, d_3 + d_2\}$ . As  $n - d_2 \neq d_3$  and  $n + d_1 - d_2 \neq d_3$ , we have either  $n - d_2 = d_3 + d_2$  or  $n + d_1 - d_2 = d_3 + d_2$ . Hence, we have either  $n = 2d_2 + d_3$  or  $n = -d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . As  $d_2 = 2d_1$ , we have either  $n = 4d_1 + d_3$  or  $n = 3d_1 + d_3$ . As  $d_2 = 2d_1$  and  $n - d_3 - d_1$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's, they are not equal, and hence  $n \neq 3d_1 + d_3$ . Thus,  $n = 4d_1 + d_3$ .

Finally, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_3, d_3 + d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_3 - d_1, n - d_1\}$ . As  $n - d_1 \neq d_3$ , we have one of the following:  $n - d_1 = d_3 + d_2$ ,  $n - d_3 - d_1 = d_3$  and  $n - d_3 - d_1 = d_3 + d_2$ . As  $d_2 = 2d_1$ , we have one of the following:  $n = 3d_1 + d_3$ ,  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$  and  $n = 3d_1 + 2d_3$ . As  $d_2 = 2d_1$  and  $n - d_3 - d_1$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's, they are not equal, and hence  $n \neq 3d_1 + d_3$ . Thus, we have either  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$  or  $n = 3d_1 + 2d_3$ . If  $n = 3d_1 + 2d_3$ , then as  $n = 4d_1 + d_3$ , we have  $d_1 = d_3$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ .

$n = 4d_1 + d_3$  and  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$  implies that  $d_3 = 3d_1$  and  $n = 7d_1$ . Now  $n - d_3 = 4d_1$  and  $n + d_1 - d_2 = 4d_1$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's, a contradiction.

*Subcase 2.2.*  $r(d_1) = d_3$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_1$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, d_2, n - d_3\}$  are, respectively,  $\{d_3, d_1 + d_3\}$ ,  $\{n - d_1, d_2 - d_1\}$  and  $\{n - d_2 - d_3, n - d_2\}$ .

First, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_3, d_1 + d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, d_2 - d_1\}$ . As  $d_3 \neq n - d_1$ ,  $d_3 \neq d_2 - d_1$  and  $d_1 + d_3 \neq d_2 - d_1$ , we have  $d_3 + d_1 = n - d_1$ , and hence  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ .

Next, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_3, d_1 + d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_2 - d_3, n - d_2\}$ . As  $d_3 \neq n - d_2$ , we have one of the following:  $d_3 = n - d_2 - d_3$ ,  $d_1 + d_3 = n - d_2 - d_3$ , and  $d_1 + d_3 = n - d_2$ ; i.e., we have one of the following:  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ ,  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$ , and  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ .

If  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ , then as  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ , we have  $n = 2d_1 + d_3 < d_2 + 2d_3 = n$ , a contradiction. If  $n = d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3$ , then again as  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ , we have  $n = 2d_1 + d_3 < d_1 + d_2 + 2d_3 = n$ , a contradiction. If  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , then once again as  $n = 2d_1 + d_3$ , we have  $d_1 = d_2$ , a contradiction.

*Case 3.* Edges incident at 0 are  $\{0, d_1\}$ ,  $\{0, n - d_2\}$  and  $\{0, d_3\}$ .

*Subcase 3.1.*  $r(d_1) = d_2$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, n - d_2, d_3\}$

are, respectively,  $\{d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$ ,  $\{n - d_3 - d_2, n - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, d_3 - d_1\}$ .

First, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_3 - d_2, n - d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, d_3 - d_1\}$ . As  $n - d_3 \neq n - d_1$ ,  $n - d_3 \neq d_3 - d_1$  and  $n - d_3 - d_2 \neq n - d_1$ , we have  $n - d_3 - d_2 = d_3 - d_1$ , and hence  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ .

Next, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_3 - d_2, n - d_3\}$ . As  $d_2 \neq n - d_3$ , we have one of the following:  $d_2 = n - d_3 - d_2$ ,  $d_1 + d_2 = n - d_3 - d_2$ , and  $d_1 + d_2 = n - d_3$ ; i.e., we have one of the following:  $n = 2d_2 + d_3$ ,  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ , and  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ .

If  $n = 2d_2 + d_3$ , then as  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ , we have  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , a contradiction to the fact that  $d_3$  and  $d_1 + d_2$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's. Thus, we have either  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$  or  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ .

Finally, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_1, d_3 - d_1\}$ . As  $d_2 \neq n - d_1$ , we have one of the following:  $d_2 = d_3 - d_1$ ,  $d_1 + d_2 = n - d_1$ , and  $d_1 + d_2 = d_3 - d_1$ ; i.e., we have one of the following:  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ , and  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

As  $d_3$  and  $d_1 + d_2$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's,  $d_3 \neq d_1 + d_2$ . Thus, we have either  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$  or  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

If  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ , then  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 < d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.

If  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  and  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ , then  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 < d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.

If  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ , then as  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ , we have  $d_3 = 2d_1$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

Hence,  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ . Consequently,  $n = 3d_1 + 3d_2$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

*Subcase 3.2.*  $r(d_1) = d_3$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_1$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, n - d_2, d_3\}$  are, respectively,  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_1\}$ ,  $\{n - d_1 - d_2, n - d_1\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_2 + d_3\}$ .

First, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_1\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_2 + d_3\}$ . As  $n - d_3 \neq d_2$  and  $n - d_3 + d_1 \neq d_2$ , we have either  $n - d_3 = d_2 + d_3$  or  $n - d_3 + d_1 = d_2 + d_3$ . Hence, we have either  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$  or  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ .

Next, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_3, n - d_3 + d_1\}$  and  $\{n - d_1 - d_2, n - d_1\}$ . As  $n - d_3 \neq n - d_1$ , we have one of the following:  $n - d_3 = n - d_1 - d_2$ ,  $n - d_3 + d_1 = n - d_1 - d_2$ , and  $n - d_3 + d_1 = n - d_1$ . Hence, we have one of the following:  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ ,  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ , and  $d_3 = 2d_1$ . If  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , then  $n - d_2$  and  $n - d_3 + d_1 = n - d_2$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's, a contradiction. Thus, we have either  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$  or  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .

Finally, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{n - d_1 - d_2, n - d_1\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_2 + d_3\}$ . As  $n - d_1 \neq d_2$ , we have one of the following:  $n - d_1 = d_2 + d_3$ ,  $n - d_1 - d_2 = d_2$ , and  $n - d_1 - d_2 = d_2 + d_3$ . Hence, we have one of the following:  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ ,  $n = d_1 + 2d_2$  and  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . If  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , then  $d_3$  and  $n - d_1 - d_2 = d_3$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's, a contradiction. Thus, we have either  $n = d_1 + 2d_2$  or  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ .

We consider all the eight possibilities.

If  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ , either  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$  or  $d_3 = 2d_1$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_2$ , then  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 < d_2 + 2d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.

If  $n = d_2 + 2d_3$ , either  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$  or  $d_3 = 2d_1$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , a contradiction to either  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$  or  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .

If  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ ,  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_2$ , then  $n > 2d_3 = 4d_1 + 2d_2 > d_1 + 2d_2 = n$ , a contradiction.

If  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ ,  $d_3 = 2d_1$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_2$ , then  $d_3 = d_2$ , a contradiction.

If  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ ,  $d_3 = 2d_1$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ , then  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ , a

contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_1$ .

Hence,  $n = d_2 + 2d_3 - d_1$ ,  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3$ . Consequently,  $n = 3d_1 + 3d_2$  and  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

*Case 4.* Edges incident at 0 are  $\{0, d_1\}$ ,  $\{0, n - d_2\}$  and  $\{0, n - d_3\}$ .

*Subcase 4.1.*  $r(d_1) = d_2$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_3$  and  $r(d_3) = d_1$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, n - d_2, n - d_3\}$  are, respectively,  $\{d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$ ,  $\{d_3 - d_2, d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_1 - d_3, n - d_1\}$ .

First, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$  and  $\{d_3 - d_2, d_3\}$ . As  $d_2 \neq d_3$ , we have one of the following:  $d_2 = d_3 - d_2$ ,  $d_1 + d_2 = d_3 - d_2$ , and  $d_1 + d_2 = d_3$ . Hence, we have one of the following:  $d_3 = 2d_2$ ,  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ , and  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ . If  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , then  $d_1$  and  $d_3 - d_2 = d_1$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's, a contradiction. Thus, we have either  $d_3 = 2d_2$  or  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ .

Next, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$  and  $\{n - d_1 - d_3, n - d_1\}$ . As  $d_2 \neq n - d_1$ , we have one of the following:  $d_2 = n - d_1 - d_3$ ,  $d_1 + d_2 = n - d_1 - d_3$ , and  $d_1 + d_2 = n - d_1$ . Hence, we have one of the following:  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , and  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ . If  $n = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , then  $n - d_3 = d_1 + d_2$  and  $d_1 + d_2$  are vertices of disjoint  $K_{1,3}$ 's, a contradiction. Thus, we have either  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  or  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ .

Finally, consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_3 - d_2, d_3\}$  and  $\{n - d_1 - d_3, n - d_1\}$ . As  $d_3 - d_2 \neq n - d_1$  and  $d_3 \neq n - d_1$ , we have either  $d_3 - d_2 = n - d_1 - d_3$  or  $d_3 = n - d_1 - d_3$ . Hence, we have either  $n = d_1 - d_2 + 2d_3$  or  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ .

We consider all the eight possibilities.

If  $d_3 = 2d_2$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , and  $n = d_1 - d_2 + 2d_3$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_2$ .

If  $d_3 = 2d_2$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = 2d_2$ .

If  $d_3 = 2d_2$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ , and  $n = d_1 - d_2 + 2d_3$ , then  $2d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ , and this together with  $d_3 = 2d_2$  implies that  $d_3 = d_1$ , a contradiction.

If  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ ,  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ , and either  $d_3 = 2d_2$  or  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ , then  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 < d_1 + 2d_3 = n$ , a contradiction.

If  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , and  $n = d_1 + 2d_3$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ .

If  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2$ , and  $n = d_1 - d_2 + 2d_3$ , then  $2d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ , a contradiction to  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ .

If  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$ ,  $n = 2d_1 + d_2 + d_3$ , and  $n = d_1 - d_2 + 2d_3$ , then  $d_3 = d_1 + 2d_2$  and  $n = 3d_1 + 3d_2$ . As  $d_3 < \frac{n}{2}$ ,  $2d_3 < n$ , and hence  $2(d_1 + 2d_2) < 3d_1 + 3d_2$ .

This implies that  $d_2 < d_1$ , a contradiction.

*Subcase 4.2.*  $r(d_1) = d_3$ ,  $r(d_2) = d_1$  and  $r(d_3) = d_2$ .

Then the edges of lengths  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_3$  not incident at vertices in  $\{0, d_1, n - d_2, n - d_3\}$  are, respectively,  $\{d_3, d_1 + d_3\}$ ,  $\{n - d_1 - d_2, n - d_1\}$  and  $\{n + d_2 - d_3, d_2\}$ .

Consider the two adjacent edges  $\{d_3, d_1 + d_3\}$  and  $\{n + d_2 - d_3, d_2\}$ . As  $d_3 \neq n + d_2 - d_3$ ,  $d_3 \neq d_2$ , and  $d_1 + d_3 \neq d_2$ , we have  $d_1 + d_3 = n + d_2 - d_3$ , and hence  $n = d_1 - d_2 + 2d_3$ , a contradiction to  $d_1 < d_2$  and  $2d_3 < n$ .

Conversely, assume that  $(n, d_3) = (3d_1 + 3d_2, 2d_1 + d_2)$ . Edges of length  $d_1$  are  $\{0, d_1\}$  and  $\{d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$ ; ones of  $d_2$  are  $\{d_1 + d_2, d_1 + 2d_2\}$  and  $\{3d_1 + 2d_2, 0\}$ ; and ones of  $d_3 = 2d_1 + d_2$  are  $\{2d_1 + 3d_2, d_1 + d_2\}$  and  $\{0, 2d_1 + d_2\}$ .  $r(d_1) = d_2$ ,  $r(d_2) = 2d_1 + d_2$  and  $r(2d_1 + d_2) = d_1$ .

This completes the proof.

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