



On Cyclic Orthogonal Double Covers of Circulant Graphs using Infinite Graph Classes

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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 $\{u, v\} \in E(H)$ and it is 0 if $\{u, v\} \notin E(H)$. 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} . In this paper, the CODCs of certain circulants with a specific regularity by certain infinite graph classes are concerned.

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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 $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, |V(H)|\}$, for some graph G , 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 $V(H)$,

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$$|E(\phi(u)) \cap E(\phi(v))| = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \{u, v\} \in E(H), \\ 0 & \text{if } \{u, v\} \notin E(H). \end{cases}$$

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 $\sigma: V(H) \rightarrow V(H)$ such that $\{\sigma(G_1), \sigma(G_2), \dots, \sigma(G_{|V(H)|})\} = \mathcal{G}$, where for $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, |V(H)|\}$, $\sigma(G_i)$ is a subgraph of H with $V(\sigma(G_i)) = \{\sigma(v) : v \in V(G_i)\}$ and $E(\sigma(G_i)) = \{\{\sigma(u), \sigma(v)\} : \{u, v\} \in E(G_i)\}$. 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} .

Throughout this article, we used the usual notation: K_n for the complete graph on n vertices, $K_{m,n}$ for the complete bipartite graph with partition sets of sizes m and n , P_{n+1} for a path on $n+1$ vertices, C_n for the cycle on n vertices, S_n for the star on $n+1$ vertices.

For a sequence $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ of positive integers with $1 \leq d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$, the circulant graph $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\})$ has vertex set $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$; two vertices v_1 and v_2 are adjacent if and only if $v_1 - v_2 \equiv \pm d_i \pmod{n}$ for some i , $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. For an edge $\{v_1, v_2\}$ in $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\})$, the length of $\{v_1, v_2\}$ is $\min\{|v_1 - v_2|, n - |v_1 - v_2|\}$.

Given two edges $e_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}$ and $e_2 = \{u_1, u_2\}$ of the same length l in $Circ(n; \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\})$, the *rotation-distance* $r(l)$ between e_1 and e_2 is $r(l) = \min\{r_1, r_2 : \{v_1 + r_1, v_2 + r_1\} = e_2, \{u_1 + r_2, u_2 + r_2\} = e_1\}$, where addition and difference are calculated inside \mathbb{Z}_n (that is, addition and difference are reduced modulo n). Note that if $r(l) = l$, then the edges e_1 and e_2 are adjacent; if $r(l) \neq l$, then the edges e_1 and e_2 are nonadjacent.

Consider the complete graph $K_n = Circ(n; \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right\})$. The author of [1] introduced the notion of an orthogonal labelling. 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:

- (1) For every $l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{(n-1)}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$, G contains exactly two edges of length l , and exactly one edge of length $(n/2)$ if n is even, and
- (2) $\left\{r(l) : \left\{l \in 1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{(n-1)}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}\right\} = \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{(n-1)}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$.

The following theorem of Gronau et al. [1] relates CODCs of K_n and the orthogonal labelling.

Theorem 1 *A CODC of K_n by a graph G exists if and only if there exists an orthogonal labelling of G .*

Sampathkumar and Srinivasan [2] called the orthogonal labelling an orthogonal $\left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$ -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 $1 \leq d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$

a) 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 $l \in \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$, G contains exactly two edges of length l , and
- (ii) $\{r(l) : l \in \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}\} = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$.

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

The following theorem of Sampathkumar and Simaranga [2] is a generalization of Theorem 1.

Theorem 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 .*

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

In [4], we proved the following. (i) All 3-regular Cayley graphs, except K_4 , have ODCs by P_4 .

(ii) All 3-regular Cayley graphs on Abelian groups, except K_4 , have ODCs by $P_3 \cup K_2$. (iii) All 3-regular Cayley graphs on Abelian groups, except K_4 and the 3-prism, have ODCs by $3K_2$.

In [5], Sampathkumar et al. introduced a special kind of orthogonal labelling called orthogonal σ -labelling and they found it for some caterpillars of diameters 4.

In [2], Sampathkumar et al. completely settled the existence problem of CODCs of 4-regular circulant graphs.

Other results of ODCs by different graph classes can be found in [1,2,4,6].

The above results on ODCs of graphs with lower degree motivated me to consider CODCs by certain infinite graph classes which has an orthogonal $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ -labelling, these graph classes are:

$H_{1,2n} : n > 0, v \in \mathbb{Z}_{2n}$, graphs consisting of the edges set:

$$E(H_{1,2n}) = \{\{v, v+n+j\}, \{v+n+j, v+2j\} : 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \cup \{v, v+n\}.$$

$H_{2,2n} : n \geq 2, v \in \mathbb{Z}_{2n}$, graphs consisting of $(n-1)C_3$ sharing an edge, whose edges set is

$$E(H_{2,2n}) = \{\{v, v+2j\}, \{v+1, v+2j\} : 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} \cup \{v, v+1\}.$$

$H_{3,n} : n \geq 4$, graphs consisting of $n-1$ vertices $x, y, z, a_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-4$ and edges set

$$E(H_{3,n}) = \{\{x, y\}, \{y, z\}, \{z, x\}, \{z, a_i\} : 1 \leq i \leq n-4\}.$$

$H_{4,n} : n \geq 8$, graphs consisting of $n-3$ vertices $x, y, z, w, u, v, a_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-8$ and edges set

$$E(H_{4,n}) = \{\{x, y\}, \{y, v\}, \{x, z\}, \{z, v\}, \{x, u\}, \{u, v\}, \{v, x\}, \{s, a_i\} : 1 \leq i \leq n-8\}.$$

$H_{5,2n} : n \geq 11$, graphs consisting of 11 vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{11} connected to form two cycles of length 6 where they share a vertex then its edges set is

$$E(H_{5,2n}) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \{\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4\}, \{v_4, v_5\}, \{v_5, v_6\}, \{v_6, v_1\}\} \cup \\ & \{\{v_1, v_7\}, \{v_7, v_8\}, \{v_8, v_9\}, \{v_9, v_{10}\}, \{v_{10}, v_{11}\}, \{v_{11}, v_1\}\} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$H_{6,2n} : n \geq 11$, graphs consisting of 12 vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{12} connected to form two cycles of length 6 and an edge where all of them share a vertex then its edges set is

$$E(H_{6,2n}) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \{\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4\}, \{v_4, v_5\}, \{v_5, v_6\}, \{v_6, v_1\}\} \cup \\ & \{\{v_1, v_7\}, \{v_7, v_8\}, \{v_8, v_9\}, \{v_9, v_{10}\}, \{v_{10}, v_{11}\}, \{v_{11}, v_1\}\} \cup \\ & \{\{v_1, v_{12}\}\} \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

$H_{7,2n} : n \geq 11$, graphs consisting of 14 vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{14} connected to form two cycles of length 6 and a star S_3 where they share the center vertex of the star then its edges set is

$$E(H_{7,2n}) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \{\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4\}, \{v_4, v_5\}, \{v_5, v_6\}, \{v_6, v_1\}\} \cup \\ & \{\{v_1, v_7\}, \{v_7, v_8\}, \{v_8, v_9\}, \{v_9, v_{10}\}, \{v_{10}, v_{11}\}, \{v_{11}, v_1\}\} \cup \\ & \{\{v_1, v_i\} : 12 \leq i \leq 14\} \end{aligned} \right\}.$$

$H_{8,n} : n \geq 17$, graphs consisting of 11 vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{11} connected to form two cycles of length 5 where they share a vertex and each of which connected to an edge then its edges set is

$$E(H_{8,n}) = \left\{ \left\{ \{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \{v_3, v_4\}, \{v_4, v_5\}, \{v_5, v_1\} \right\} \cup \left\{ \{v_1, v_6\}, \{v_6, v_7\}, \{v_7, v_8\}, \{v_8, v_9\}, \{v_9, v_1\} \right\} \cup \left\{ \{v_9, v_{10}\}, \{v_5, v_{11}\} \right\} \right\}.$$

Finally, for any positive integers m and n , let G be a graph that has an orthogonal $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ -labelling, then the edges of length $d_i \in A = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ are $\{u_{d_i}, u_{d_i} + d_i\}$ and $\{u_{-d_i}, u_{-d_i} - d_i\}$ where $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ and $u_{d_i}, u_{-d_i} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. Also, let H be a graph that has an orthogonal $\{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_s\}$ -labelling, then the edges of length $t_j \in B = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_s\}$ are $\{v_{t_j}, v_{t_j} + t_j\}$ and $\{v_{-t_j}, v_{-t_j} - t_j\}$ where $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ and $v_{t_j}, v_{-t_j} \in \mathbb{Z}_m$. Then let us define a new graph $P(G, H)$ to be the graph with edges set $\left\{ \left((u_{d_i}, v_{t_j}), (u_{d_i} + d_i, v_{t_j} + t_j) \right) : d_i \in A \text{ and } t_j \in B \right\}$. For this definition, Theorem 11 can be deduced.

2 CODCs by Certain Infinite Graph Classes

Theorem 3 For any positive integer n , there exists a CODC of $(2n-1)$ -regular $Circ(2n, \{1, 2, \dots, n\})$ by $H_{1,2n}$.

Proof. In $H_{1,2n}$, the edge of length n is $\{v, v+n\}$; the other lengths are the elements of $\{|n+j| : 1 < j \leq n-1\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ and $\{|n-j| : 1 \leq j \leq n-1\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$, $H_{1,2n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\{r(l) : l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$.

From (i) and (ii), $H_{1,2n}$ has an orthogonal $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ -labelling. ■

Theorem 4 For any positive integer n , there exists a CODC of $(2n-1)$ -regular $Circ(2n, \{1, 2, \dots, n\})$ by $H_{2,2n}$.

Proof. In $H_{2,2n}$,

Case 1. n is even.
The edge of length

n is $\{v, v+n\}$ and the edges of lengths $\left\{ |2j| : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right\}$ are $\left\{ \{v, v+2j\} : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right\}$ and $\left\{ \{v, v+2j\} : \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \right\}$; ones of lengths $\left\{ |2j-1| : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right\}$ are

$\left\{ \{v+1, v+2j\} : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right\}$ and $\left\{ \{v+1, v+2j\} : \frac{n}{2} + 1 \leq j \leq n-1 \right\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$, $H_{2,2n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\{r(l) : l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$.

Case 2. n is odd.

The edge of length n is $\{v+1, n+1\}$ and the edges of lengths $\left\{ |2j| : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$ are $\left\{ \{v, v+2j\} : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \{v, v+2j\} : \frac{n+1}{2} \leq j \leq n-1 \right\}$; ones of lengths $\left\{ |2j-1| : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$ are $\left\{ \{v+1, v+2j\} : 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$ and $\left\{ \{v+1, v+2j\} : \frac{n+1}{2} \leq j \leq n-1 \right\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$, $H_{2,2n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\{r(l) : l \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}\} = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$. From (i) and (ii), $H_{2,2n}$ has an orthogonal $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ -labelling. ■

Theorem 5 For any positive integer $n \geq 4$, there exists a CODC of $(n-1)$ -regular $Circ(n, \{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\})$ by $H_{3,n}$.

Proof. Consider the following labelling ψ of $H_{3,n} : \psi(x) = 0; \psi(y) = 1; \psi(z) = 2; \psi(a_i) = i+3$ if $1 \leq i \leq n-4$.

Case 1. n is even.

The edge of length $\frac{n}{2}$ is $\left\{2, \frac{n}{2} + 2\right\}$; ones of length 1 are $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{1, 2\}$; ones of length l where $2 \leq l \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1$ are $\left\{\{2, j\} : 4 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1\right\}$ and $\left\{\{2, j\} : \frac{n}{2} + 3 \leq j \leq n - 1\right\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\}$, $H_{3,n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\left\{r(l) : l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\}\right\} = \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\}$.

Case 2. n is odd.

The edges of length 1 are $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{1, 2\}$; ones of length l where $2 \leq l \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ are $\left\{\{2, j\} : 4 \leq j \leq \frac{n+3}{2}\right\}$ and $\left\{\{2, j\} : \frac{n+5}{2} \leq j \leq n - 1\right\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$, $H_{3,n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\left\{r(l) : l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}\right\} = \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$. ■

Theorem 6 For any positive integer $n \geq 8$, there exists a CODC of $(n-1)$ -regular $Circ(n, \{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\})$ by $H_{4,n}$.

Proof. Consider the following labelling ψ of $H_{4,n}$: $\psi(x) = 0$; $\psi(y) = 1$; $\psi(z) = 2$; $\psi(u) = n - 1$; $\psi(v) = 4$; $\psi(a_i) = i + 6$ if $1 \leq i \leq n - 8$.

Case 1. n is even.

The edge of length $\frac{n}{2}$ is $\left\{4, \frac{n}{2} + 4\right\}$; ones of length 1 are $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{0, n - 1\}$; ones of length 2 are $\{0, 2\}$ and $\{2, 4\}$ ones of length l where $3 \leq l \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1$ are $\left\{\{4, j\} : 7 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2} + 3\right\}$ and $\left\{\{4, j\} : \frac{n}{2} + 5 \leq j \leq n - 2\right\}$, then (i) for every

$l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\}$, $H_{4,n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\left\{r(l) : l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\}\right\} = \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\}$.

Case 2. n is odd.

The edges of length 1 are $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{0, n-1\}$; ones of length 2 are $\{0, 2\}$ and $\{2, 4\}$ ones of length l where $3 \leq l \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ are $\left\{\{4, j\} : 7 \leq j \leq \frac{n+7}{2}\right\}$ and $\left\{\{4, j\} : \frac{n+9}{2} \leq j \leq n-2\right\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$, $H_{4,n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\left\{r(l) : l \in \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2} - 1\right\}\right\} = \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$. ■

Theorem 7 For any positive integer $n \geq 11$, there exists a CODC of the 12-regular $Circ(2n, \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4\})$ by $H_{5,2n}$.

Proof. Consider the following labelling ψ of $H_{5,2n}$: $\psi(v_1) = 0$; $\psi(v_2) = 1$; $\psi(v_3) = 4$; $\psi(v_4) = 7$; $\psi(v_5) = n+3$; $\psi(v_6) = 2n-1$; $\psi(v_7) = 2$; $\psi(v_8) = 6$; $\psi(v_9) = 10$; $\psi(v_{10}) = n+4$; $\psi(v_{11}) = 2n-2$.

Then the edges of length 1 are $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{0, 2n-1\}$; ones of length 2 are $\{0, 2\}$ and $\{0, 2n-2\}$; ones of length 3 are $\{1, 4\}$ and $\{4, 7\}$; ones of length 4 are $\{2, 6\}$ and $\{6, 10\}$; ones of length $n-6$ are $\{10, n+4\}$ and $\{n+4, 2n-2\}$; ones of length $n-4$ are $\{7, n+3\}$ and $\{n+3, 2n-1\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4\}$, $H_{5,2n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\{r(l) : l \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4\}\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4\}$. ■

Theorem 8 For any positive integer $n \geq 11$, there exists a CODC of the 13-regular $Circ(2n, \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4, n\})$ by $H_{6,2n}$.

Proof. Consider the following labelling ψ of $H_{6,2n}$: $\psi(v_1) = 0$; $\psi(v_2) = 1$; $\psi(v_3) = 4$; $\psi(v_4) = 7$; $\psi(v_5) = n+3$; $\psi(v_6) = 2n-1$; $\psi(v_7) = 2$; $\psi(v_8) = 6$; $\psi(v_9) = 10$; $\psi(v_{10}) = n+4$; $\psi(v_{11}) = 2n-2$; $\psi(v_{12}) = n$.

Then the edge of length n is $\{0, n\}$; ones of length 1 are $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{0, 2n-1\}$; ones of length 2 are $\{0, 2\}$ and $\{0, 2n-2\}$; ones of length 3 are $\{1, 4\}$ and $\{4, 7\}$; ones of length 4 are $\{2, 6\}$ and $\{6, 10\}$; ones of length $n-6$ are $\{10, n+4\}$ and $\{n+4, 2n-2\}$; ones of length $n-4$ are $\{7, n+3\}$ and $\{n+3, 2n-1\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4\}$, $H_{6,2n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\{r(l) : l \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4\}\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-6, n-4\}$. ■

Theorem 9 For any positive integer $n \geq 11$, there exists a CODC of the 15-regular $Circ(2n, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, n-6, n-4, n\})$ by $H_{7,2n}$.

Proof. Consider the following labeling ψ of $H_{7,2n}$:

$\psi(v_1) = 0$; $\psi(v_2) = 1$; $\psi(v_3) = 4$; $\psi(v_4) = 7$; $\psi(v_5) = n+3$; $\psi(v_6) = 2n-1$; $\psi(v_7) = 2$; $\psi(v_8) = 6$; $\psi(v_9) = 10$; $\psi(v_{10}) = n+4$; $\psi(v_{11}) = 2n-2$; $\psi(v_{12}) = 5$; $\psi(v_{13}) = n$; $\psi(v_{14}) = 2n-5$.

Then the edge of length n is $\{0, n\}$; ones of length 1 are $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{0, 2n-1\}$; ones of length 2 are $\{0, 2\}$ and $\{0, 2n-2\}$; ones of length 3 are $\{1, 4\}$ and $\{4, 7\}$; ones of length 4 are $\{2, 6\}$ and $\{6, 10\}$; ones of length 5 are $\{0, 5\}$ and $\{0, 2n-5\}$; ones of length $n-6$ are $\{10, n+4\}$ and $\{n+4, 2n-2\}$; ones of length $n-4$ are $\{7, n+3\}$ and $\{n+3, 2n-1\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, n-6, n-4\}$, $H_{7,2n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\{r(l) : l \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, n-6, n-4\}\} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, n-6, n-4\}$. ■

Theorem 10 For any positive integer $n \geq 17$, there exists a CODC of the 12-regular $Circ(n, \{1, 2, 3, 4, n-12, n-8\})$ by $H_{8,n}$.

Proof. Consider the following labelling ψ of $H_{8,n}$: $\psi(v_1) = 0$; $\psi(v_2) = 1$; $\psi(v_3) = 4$; $\psi(v_4) = 7$; $\psi(v_5) = n-1$; $\psi(v_6) = 2$; $\psi(v_7) = 6$; $\psi(v_8) = 10$; $\psi(v_9) = n-2$; $\psi(v_{10}) = n-14$; $\psi(v_{11}) = n-9$.

Then the edges of length 1 are $\{0,1\}$ and $\{0,n-1\}$; ones of length 2 are $\{0,2\}$ and $\{0,n-2\}$; ones of length 3 are $\{1,4\}$ and $\{4,7\}$; ones of length 4 are $\{2,6\}$ and $\{6,10\}$; ones of length $n-12$ are $\{10,n-2\}$ and $\{n-14,n-2\}$; ones of length $n-8$ are $\{7,n-1\}$ and $\{n-1,n-9\}$, then (i) for every $l \in \{1,2,3,4,n-12,n-8\}$, $H_{8,n}$ contains exactly two edges of length l , and (ii) since every two edges of the same length are adjacent then $\{r(l) : l \in \{1,2,3,4,n-12,n-8\}\} = \{1,2,3,4,n-12,n-8\}$. ■

Theorem 11 For any positive integers m and n there exists a CODC of $4|A||B|$ -regular $Circ(mn, A \times B)$ by $P(G, H)$ with respect to $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$.

Proof. Since G and H have Orthogonal A -labellings and Orthogonal B -labellings respectively then the two edges of length (d_i, t_j) in $P(G, H)$ are $\{(u_{d_i}, v_{t_j}), (u_{d_i} + d_i, v_{t_j} + t_j)\}$ and $\{(u_{-d_i}, v_{-t_j}), (u_{-d_i} - d_i, v_{-t_j} - t_j)\}$ and the set of all rotation distances will be $A \times B$. Then $P(G, H)$ has orthogonal $A \times B$ -labellings with respect to $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_m$.

3 Conclusion

In this paper, the existences of the CODCs using certain infinite classes of graphs are completely settled (see Theorem 3 to Theorem 11).

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