

# On Some Cases of the Directed Uniform Hamilton-Waterloo Problem

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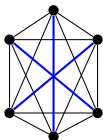
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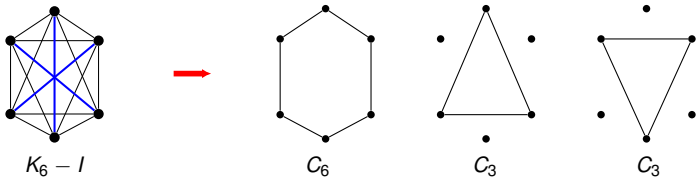


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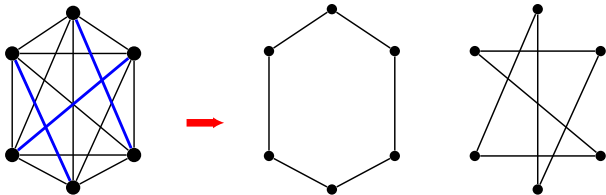
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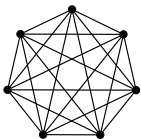
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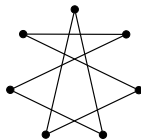
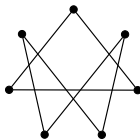
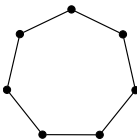
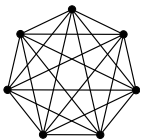


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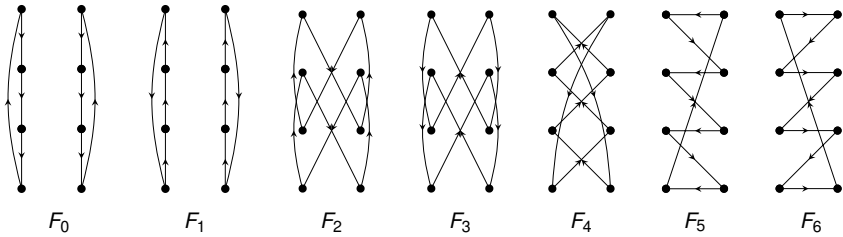
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- $(m, n) \in \{(3, 5), (3, 15), (5, 15)\}$  when  $v$  is odd*

*if and only if  $r + s = v - 1$  and  $\text{lcm}(m, n) \mid v$  except possibly  $s \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  when  $(m, n) = (3, 5)$  and  $s = 1$  when  $(m, n) = (3, 15)$ .*

# Main Result

## Theorem (F.Yetgin et al. (2023))

*Let  $r, s$  be nonnegative integers, and let  $m \geq 4$  be even. Then,  $\text{HWP}^*(v; m^r, (2m)^s)$  has a solution if and only if  $m|v$ ,  $r + s = v - 1$  and  $v \geq 4$  except for  $(s, v, m) \in \{(0, 4, 4), (0, 6, 3), (0, 6, 6)\}$ , and except possibly when  $s \in \{1, 3\}$ .*

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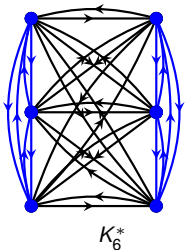
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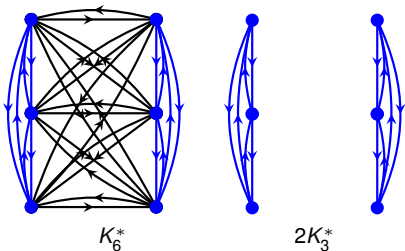


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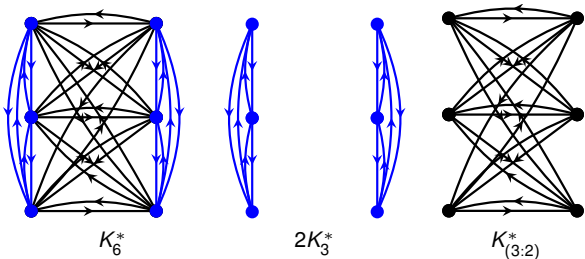


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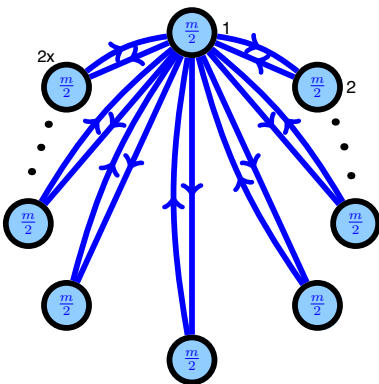
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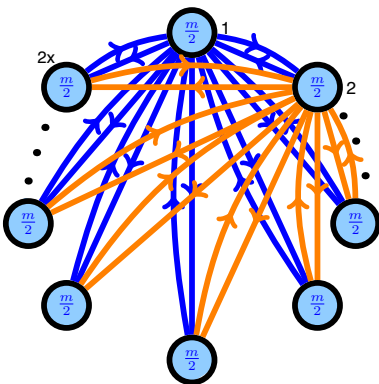


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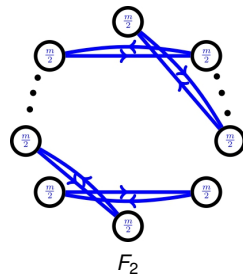
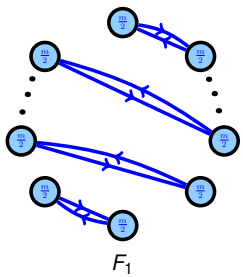




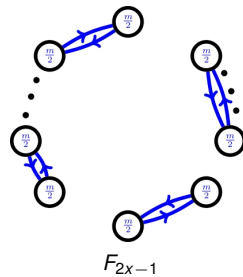
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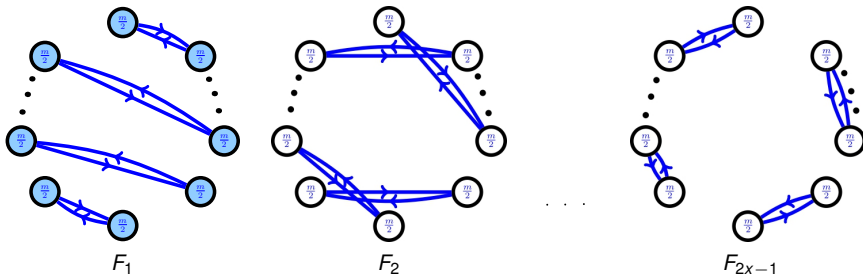
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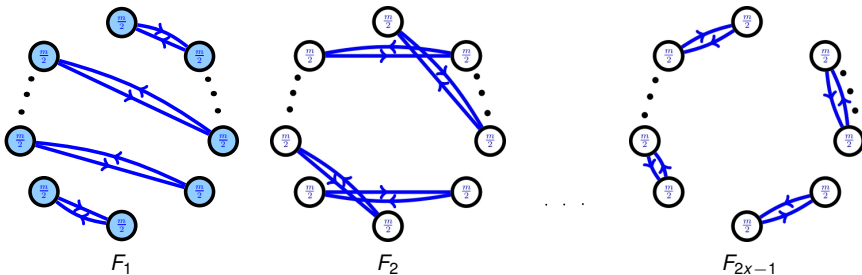


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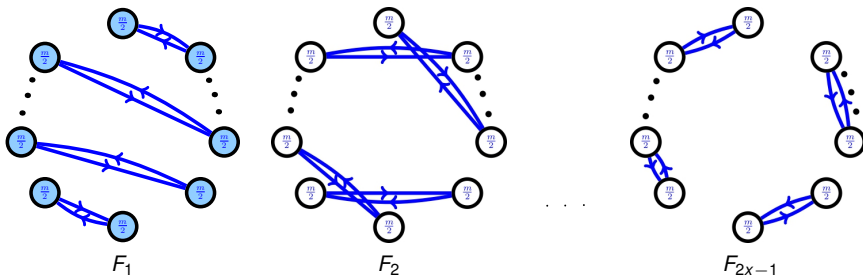


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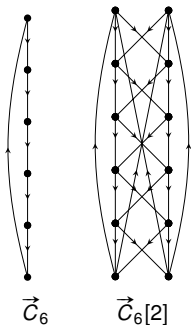


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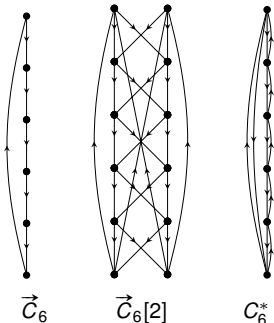


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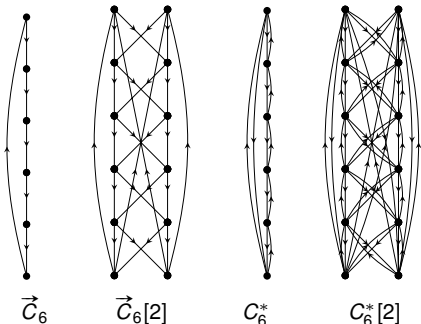


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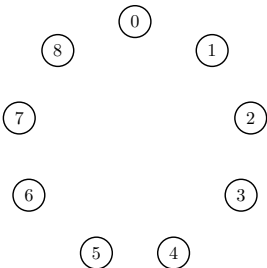
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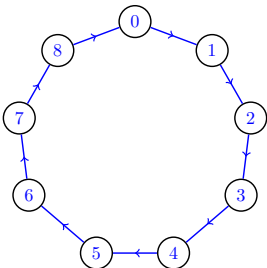
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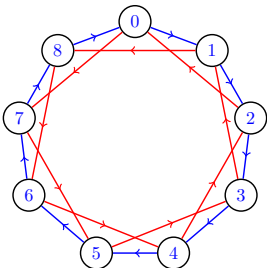
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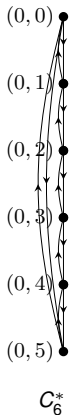
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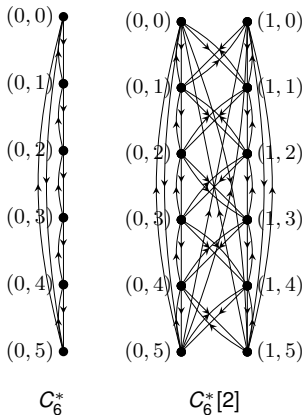
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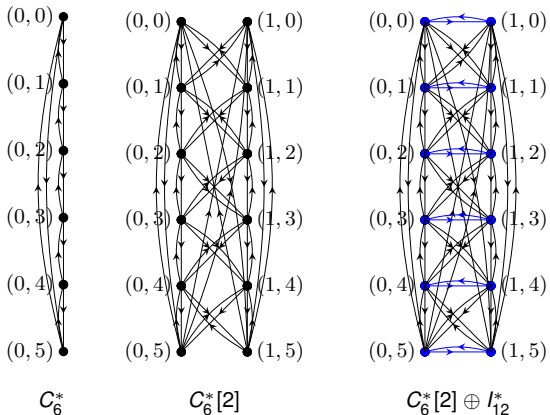
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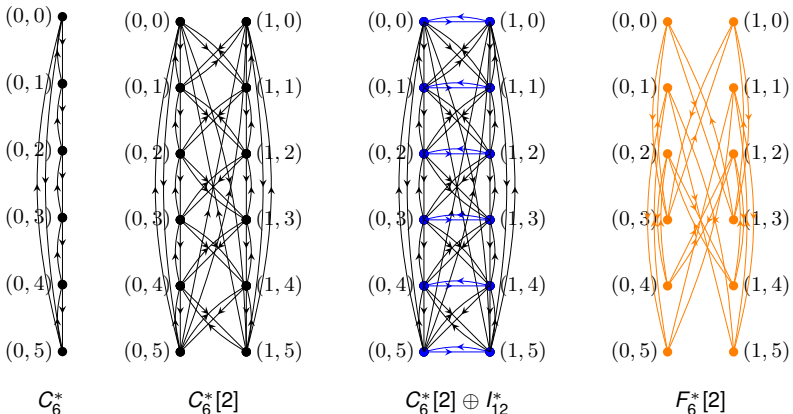
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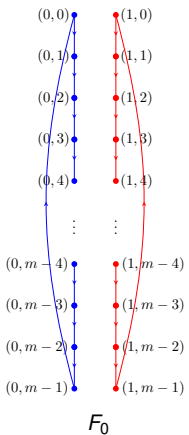
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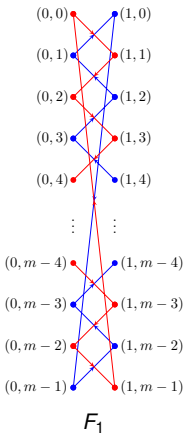
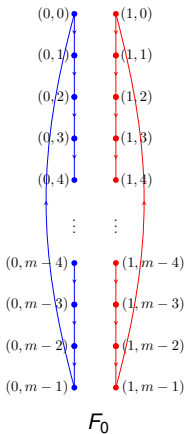
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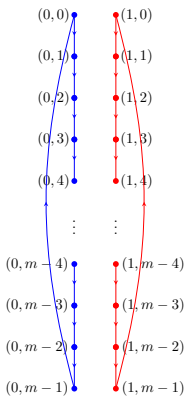
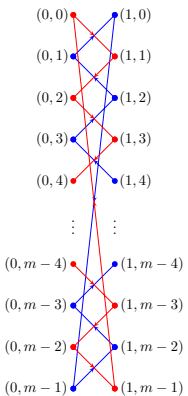
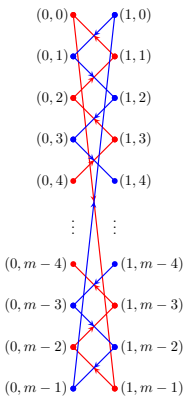
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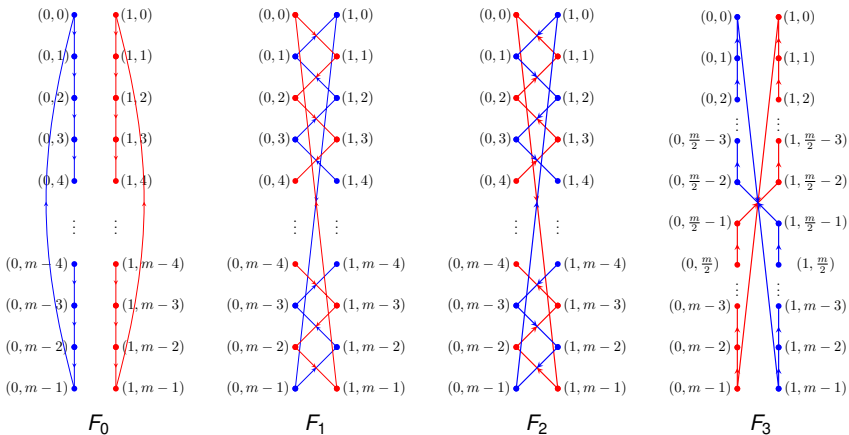
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Let  $r, s$  be nonnegative integers, and let  $m \geq 4$  be even. Then,  $\text{HWP}^*(v; m^r, (2m)^s)$  has a solution if and only if  $m \mid v$ ,  $r + s = v - 1$  and  $v \geq 4$  except for  $(s, v, m) \in \{(0, 4, 4), (0, 6, 3)\}$  and  $(r, v, m) \in \{(0, 6, 6)\}$ , and except possibly for  $s \in \{1, 3\}$ .

**Proof :** We can factorize  $K_{2mx}^*$  as follows :

$$K_{2mx}^* \cong xK_{2m}^* \oplus \underbrace{xK_{(m:2)}^* \oplus xK_{(m:2)}^* \oplus \dots \oplus xK_{(m:2)}^*}_{2x-2} \quad (3)$$

Also, we can factorize  $K_{2m}^*$  as follows :

$$K_{2m}^* \cong K_m^*[2] \oplus I_{2m}^* \cong C_m^*[2] \oplus C_m^*[2] \oplus \dots \oplus C_m^*[2] \oplus F_m^*[2] \oplus I_{2m}^* \quad (4)$$

So,  $K_{2m}^*$  has a  $\{(C_m^*[2])^{\frac{m-6}{2}}, C_m^*[2] \oplus I_{2m}^*, \Gamma_m^*\}$ -factorization.

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  - 3  $\Gamma_m^*$  must have a  $\{\vec{C}_m^r, \vec{C}_{2m}^s\}$ -factorization for  $s = 1$
  - 4  $K_{(m,2)}^*$  must have a  $\{\vec{C}_m^r, \vec{C}_{2m}^s\}$ -factorization for  $s = 1$

Thank You for Your Attention

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