

Decompositions of the Complete Digraph and the Complete Graph which admit Certain Automorphisms

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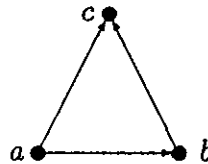
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Abstract. Decompositions of the complete digraph into isomorphic copies of orientations of 4-cycles and 5-cycles are considered. Necessary and sufficient conditions for such decompositions admitting cyclic or rotational automorphisms are given. Some new decompositions of the complete digraph into certain (non-self-converse) orientations of the 6-cycle are also given. The spectrum of 4-, 6-, and 8-cycle systems admitting either a reverse automorphism or a k -rotational automorphism for any k are determined.

1 Introduction

Let D_v denote the complete digraph on v vertices. If g is a digraph, then a g -decomposition of D_v is a set $\gamma = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$ of arc-disjoint subgraphs of D_v each of which is isomorphic to g and such that $\bigcup_{i=1}^n A(g_i) = A(D_v)$, where $A(G)$ is the arc set of digraph G . Several of these decompositions are equivalent to block designs. For example, a D_3 -decomposition of D_v is equivalent to a Steiner triple system of order v . A k -circuit decomposition of D_v is equivalent to a k -Mendelsohn design of order v , denoted $M(k, v)$.

There are two orientations of the 3-cycle: the 3-circuit and the digraph (called a "transitive triple"):

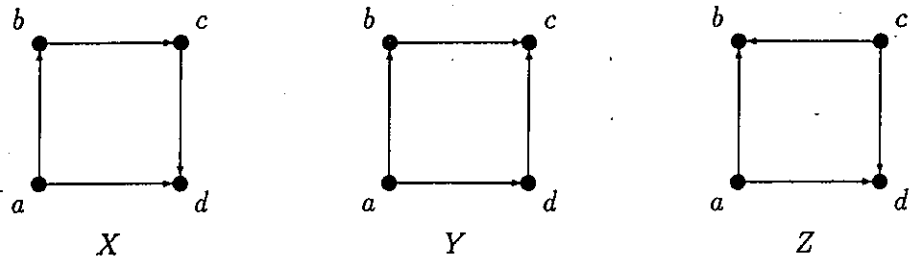


A decomposition of D_v into 3-circuits is equivalent to a Mendelsohn triple system of order v (or a $M(3, v)$) which exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{3}$, $v \neq 6$ [14]. A

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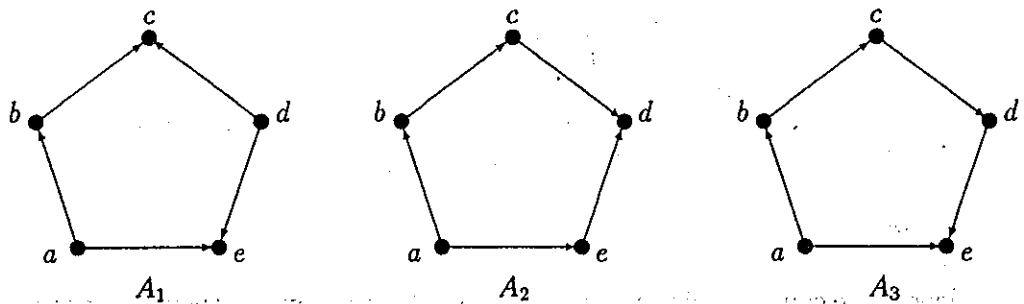
decomposition of D_v into transitive triples is equivalent to a directed triple system of order v , which exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{3}$ [11].

There are four orientations of the 4-cycle: the 4-circuit and the following



We represent X as $[a, b, c, d]_x$, Y as $[a, b, c, d]_y$, and Z as $[a, b, c, d]_z$. A $M(4, v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{4}$, $v \neq 4$ [23]. A X -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{4}$, $v \neq 5$, a Y -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{4}$, $v \notin \{4, 5\}$, and a Z -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ [10].

There are four orientations of the 5-cycle: the 5-circuit and the following



We represent A_i as $[a, b, c, d, e]_i$, for $i = 1, 2, 3$. A $M(5, v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{5}$ [2]. This is also the spectrum of an A_i -decomposition of D_v for $i = 1, 2, 3$ [1].

A digraph d is said to be *self-converse* if reversing each of the arcs produces a digraph isomorphic to d . Each of the orientations of the 3-cycle, 4-cycle and 5-cycle are self-converse. These are the only cycles for which each orientation is self-converse [9]. Varma [26] gave necessary and sufficient conditions for the decomposition of D_v into self-converse orientations of 6-cycles, 7-cycles and 8-cycles.

An *automorphism* of a digraph decomposition of D_v is a permutation of the vertex set of D_v which fixes the collection of isomorphic digraphs in the decomposition. A decomposition of D_v admitting an automorphism consisting of a cycle of length v is said to be *cyclic*. A decomposition of D_v admitting an automorphism consisting of a fixed point and a cycle of length $v - 1$ is said to be *rotational*. Necessary and sufficient conditions are known for the existence of cyclic $M(k, v)$ s for $k = 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8$ [6, 15, 16]. Necessary and sufficient conditions are known for the existence of rotational $M(k, v)$ s for $k = 3, 4, 5$ [4, 18]. Cyclic directed triple systems exist if and only if $v \equiv 1, 4$, or $7 \pmod{12}$ [7] and rotational directed triple systems exist if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ [5]. The purpose of this paper is to explore cyclic and rotational automorphisms of decompositions of D_v into orientations of 4-cycles and 5-cycles. In addition, we

address the existence question for decompositions of D_v into copies of the non-self-converse orientations of the 6-cycle. Finally, we present some related results for cycle systems (i.e. decompositions of the complete graph into cycles of a given length).

2 Cyclic Decompositions

In this section, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of cyclic decompositions of D_v into orientations of 4-cycles and 5-cycles. Throughout this section, we assume D_v has vertex set Z_v and the automorphism is the permutation $\alpha = (0, 1, \dots, v-1)$. With each arc (a, b) of D_v , we associate a *difference* of $b-a \pmod{v}$. The existence of a cyclic X -decomposition and of a cyclic Y -decomposition of D_v implies a partitioning of the set of differences $\{1, 2, \dots, v-1\}$ into difference 4-tuples (d_i, d_j, d_k, d_l) such that

$$d_i + d_j + d_k \equiv d_l \pmod{v} \text{ for } X\text{-decompositions, or}$$

$$d_i + d_j \equiv d_k + d_l \pmod{v} \text{ for } Y\text{-decompositions.}$$

Therefore, a necessary condition for either such decomposition is that $v-1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. We show this condition is sufficient in the next two theorems.

Theorem 2.1 *A cyclic X -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, $v \neq 5$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, say $v = 8t + 1$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 1 + i, 6t + 2 + 2i, 2t + 1 + i]_x \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1, \text{ and}$$

$$[0, t + 1 + i, 1 + 2i, 5t + 1 + i]_x \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1.$$

Case 2. Suppose $v \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, say $v = 8t + 5$, $t > 0$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 1, 2t + 3, 4t + 6]_x, [0, 2 + i, 1, 2t + 5 + 2i]_x \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t, \text{ and}$$

$$[0, t + 3 + i, 1, 4t + 8 + 2i]_x \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-2 \text{ (omit if } t = 1).$$

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under α , form a cyclic X -decomposition of D_v . ■

Theorem 2.2 *A cyclic Y -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, $v \neq 5$.*

Proof. Suppose $v = 4t + 1$, $t > 1$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 2t - 1, 2t - 2, 4t - 1]_y, \text{ and } [0, 1 + i, 4t - 1, 2t + 1 + i]_y \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-2.$$

These blocks, along with their images under α , form a cyclic Y -decomposition of D_v . ■

Theorem 2.3 *A cyclic Z -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.*

Proof. The necessary conditions follow from the spectrum of a Z -decomposition of D_v . Suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, say $v = 4t + 1$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 1 + i, 2t + 2 + 2i, 2t + 1 + i]_z \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1.$$

These blocks, along with their images under α , form a cyclic Z -decomposition of D_v . ■

We now turn our attention to the existence of cyclic A_i -decompositions of D_v for $i = 1, 2, 3$. We have as a necessary condition:

Lemma 2.1 *If a cyclic A_i -decomposition of D_v exists, where $i = 1, 2, 3$, then $v \equiv 1, 11, \text{ or } 16 \pmod{20}$.*

Proof. The existence of such a decomposition implies a partitioning of the set of differences $\{1, 2, \dots, v-1\}$ into difference 5-tuples $(d_i, d_j, d_k, d_l, d_m)$ such that

$$d_i + d_j + d_k \equiv d_l + d_m \pmod{v} \text{ for } A_1\text{- and } A_2\text{-decompositions, or}$$

$$d_i + d_j + d_k + d_l \equiv d_m \pmod{v} \text{ for } A_3\text{-decompositions.}$$

Therefore, $v-1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ is necessary. Notice that from the above condition on the difference 5-tuples, we can partition the difference set into two sets A and B such that the sum of the elements of A is congruent to the sum of the elements of B modulo v . That is, there exists a and b such that $a + b = \frac{v(v-1)}{2}$ and $a \equiv b \pmod{v}$. But if $v \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$, say $v = 20t + 6$, then $a + b = (20t + 5)(10t + 3)$ which is odd. But if $a \equiv b \pmod{20t + 6}$ then $a + b$ is even. Therefore $v \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$ is not possible and the necessary conditions for such a system are $v \equiv 1, 11, \text{ or } 16 \pmod{20}$. ■

We now show the necessary conditions of Lemma 2.1 are also sufficient.

Theorem 2.4 *A cyclic A_1 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1, 11, \text{ or } 16 \pmod{5}$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t + 1$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 1 + i, 5t + 1, 4t - i, 4t - 1 - 2i]_1 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1, \text{ and}$$

$$[0, 2t + 2 + 2i, 7t + 3 + 3i, 8t + 4 + 4i, 6t + 2 + 2i]_1 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1.$$

Case 2. Suppose $v \equiv 16 \pmod{20}$, say $v = 20t + 16$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 20t + 14 - 2i, 7t + 4 - i, 20t + 15, 1 + 2i]_1 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, 2t-1 \text{ (omit if } t = 0),$$

$$[0, 4t + 3, 13t + 9, 8t + 4, 4t + 1]_1, [0, 4t + 2, 19t + 14, 9t + 6, 5t + 4]_1,$$

$$[0, 10t + 9 + i, 3t + 3, 10t + 8 - i, 20t + 15 - 2i]_1 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t, \text{ and}$$

$$[0, 5t + 3 - i, 17t + 12 - 2i, 19t + 15, 14t + 12 + i]_1 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1 \text{ (omit if } t = 0).$$

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under α , form a cyclic A_1 -decomposition of D_v . ■

Theorem 2.5 *A cyclic A_2 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1, 11, \text{ or } 16 \pmod{5}$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t + 1$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 1 + i, 5t + 1, 5t - i, 4t - 1 - 2i]_2 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1, \text{ and}$$

$$[0, 2t + 2 + 2i, 7t + 3 + 3i, 5t + 1 + i, 6t + 2 + 2i]_2 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1.$$

Case 2. Suppose $v \equiv 16 \pmod{20}$, say $v = 20t + 16$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 20t + 14 - 2i, 7t + 4 - i, 7t + 6 + i, 7t + 5 - i]_2 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, 2t-1 \text{ (omit if } t = 0), [0, 4t + 3, 13t + 9, 9t + 6, 4t + 1]_2, [0, 16t + 14, 11t + 10, 15t + 12, 5t + 4]_2,$$

$[0, 10t + 9 + i, 3t + 3, 13t + 10 - i, 13t + 11 + i]_2$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t$, and
 $[0, 15t + 13 + i, 7t + 6, 12t + 9 - i, 18t + 13 - 2i]_2$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ (omit if $t = 0$).
 In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under α , form a cyclic A_2 -decomposition of D_v . ■

Theorem 2.6 *A cyclic A_3 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1, 11$, or $16 \pmod{5}$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t + 1$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + i, t + 2 + 2i, 5t + 1, 5t - i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$, and

$[0, 2t + 2 + 2i, t + 1 + i, 7t + 3 + 3i, 5t + 1 + i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$.

Case 2. Suppose $v \equiv 16 \pmod{20}$, say $v = 20t + 16$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + 2i, 20t + 15, 7t + 4 - i, 7t + 6 + i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, 2t - 1$ (omit if $t = 0$),

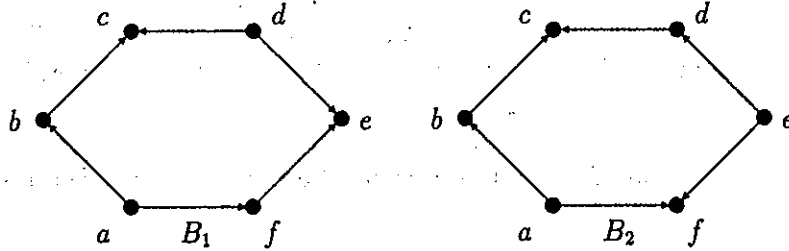
$[0, 4t + 1, 8t + 4, 13t + 9, 9t + 6]_3$, $[0, 5t + 4, 9t + 6, 19t + 14, 15t + 12]_3$,

$[0, 20t + 15 - 2i, 10t + 8 - i, 3t + 3, 13t + 10 - i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t$, and

$[0, 14t + 12 + i, 19t + 15, 17t + 12 - 2i, 12t + 9 - i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ (omit if $t = 0$).

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under α , form a cyclic A_3 -decomposition of D_v . ■

We now consider the cyclic decomposition of D_v into the following orientations of the 6-cycle:



We represent B_1 as $[a, b, c, d, e, f]_1$ and B_2 as $[a, b, c, d, e, f]_2$. Neither of these orientations is self-converse. However, B_1 is the converse of B_2 . Necessary and sufficient conditions are known for the decompositions of D_v into the remaining orientations of the 6-cycle (each of which is self-converse) [26]. Necessary conditions for the existence of B_1 - or B_2 -decompositions of D_v are that $v \equiv 0, 1$, or $3 \pmod{6}$.

Theorem 2.7 *A cyclic B_1 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$.*

Proof. As above, a necessary condition for such a system is that the number of differences be divisible by 6. That is, $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ is necessary. We show sufficiency in three cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$, say $v = 12t + 1$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + 12i, 4 + 24i, 2 + 12i, 9 + 24i, 5 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$, and

$[0, 6 + 12i, 16 + 24i, 8 + 12i, 20 + 24i, 11 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$.

Case 2. Suppose $v \equiv 7 \pmod{24}$, say $v = 24t + 7$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + 12i, 6 + 24i, 3 + 12i, 10 + 24i, 4 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ (omit if $t = 0$),

$[0, 8 + 12i, 18 + 24i, 9 + 12i, 23 + 24i, 12 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$),
 $[0, 12t + 5 + 12i, 24t + 14 + 24i, 12t + 7 + 12i, 24t + 18 + 24i, 12t + 8 + 12i]_1$ for
 $i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$),
 $[0, 12t + 12 + 12i, 24t + 26 + 24i, 12t + 13 + 12i, 24t + 31 + 24i, 12t + 16 + 12i]_1$ for
 $i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$), and $[0, 2, 12t + 6, 3, 12t + 4, 24t + 5]_1$.

Case 3. Suppose $v \equiv 19 \pmod{24}$, say $v = 24t + 19$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + 12i, 6 + 24i, 3 + 12i, 10 + 24i, 4 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t$,
 $[0, 8 + 12i, 18 + 24i, 9 + 12i, 23 + 24i, 12 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$),
 $[0, 12t + 12 + 12i, 24t + 26 + 24i, 12t + 13 + 12i, 24t + 31 + 24i, 12t + 16 + 12i]_1$ for
 $i = 0, 1, \dots, t$,
 $[0, 12t + 17 + 12i, 24t + 38 + 24i, 12t + 19 + 12i, 24t + 42 + 24i, 12t + 20 + 12i]_1$ for
 $i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$), and $[0, 2, 12t + 11, 1, 12t + 9, 24t + 17]_1$.

In each case, the blocks, along with their images under α , form a cyclic B_1 -decomposition of D_v . ■

Since B_2 is the converse of B_1 , the existence of a cyclic B_1 -decomposition of D_v implies the existence of a cyclic B_2 decomposition of D_v (and conversely). We therefore have:

Theorem 2.8 *A cyclic B_2 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$.*

3 Rotational Decompositions

In this section, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of rotational decompositions of D_v into orientations of 4-cycles and 5-cycles. Throughout this section, we assume D_v has vertex set $\{\infty\} \cup \mathbb{Z}_{v-1}$ and the automorphism is the permutation $\beta = (\infty)(0, 1, \dots, v-2)$.

Lemma 3.1 *If a rotational X - or Y -decomposition of D_v exists, then $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.*

Proof. The existence of a rotational X - or Y -decomposition of D_v implies the partitioning of the set of differences $\{1, 2, \dots, v-2\} \setminus \{d_1, d_2\}$, where d_1 and d_2 are two differences, into difference 4-tuples (d_i, d_j, d_k, d_l) such that

$$d_i + d_j + d_k \equiv d_l \pmod{v} \text{ for } X\text{-decompositions, or}$$

$$d_i + d_j \equiv d_k + d_l \pmod{v} \text{ for } Y\text{-decompositions.}$$

Therefore, a necessary condition for either such decomposition is that $v-4 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$. ■

We show this condition is sufficient in the next two theorems.

Theorem 3.1 *A rotational X -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$, say $v = 8t$. Consider the blocks:

$$[6t-1, \infty, 0, 6t-2]_x, [0, 1+i, 6t+2i, 2t+i]_x \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1, \text{ and}$$

$[0, t + 1 + i, 8t + 2i, 5t - 1 + i]_x$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$).

Case 2. Suppose $v \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$, say $v = 8t + 4$. Consider the blocks:

$[1, \infty, 0, 6t + 2]_x$, $[0, 1 + i, 6t + 4 + 2i, 2t + 1 + i]_x$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ (omit if $t = 0$), and

$[0, t + 1 + i, 8t + 4 + 2i, 5t + 1 + i]_x$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ (omit if $t = 0$).

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under the permutation β , form a rotational X -decomposition of D_v . ■

Theorem 3.2 *A rotational Y -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, $v \neq 4$.*

Proof. Suppose $v \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, say $v = 4t$, $t \geq 2$. Consider the blocks:

$[1, \infty, 4t - 3, 0]_y$, and $[0, 1 + i, 4t - 3, 2t - 1 + i]_y$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$.

These blocks along with their images under the permutation $\pi = (\infty)(0, 1, \dots, 4t - 2)$, form a Y -decomposition of D_v where the point set of D_v is $\{\infty\} \cup \mathbb{Z}_{4t-1}$. ■

We note that Theorems 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, and 3.2 combine to give direct constructions of X -, Y -, and Z -decompositions of D_v for all admissible v .

Concerning rotational Z -decompositions of D_v we have:

Theorem 3.3 *A rotational Z -decomposition of D_v does not exist for any v .*

Proof. Such a system must have a block containing the fixed point ∞ . So there must be either a block of the form $A = [a, \infty, b, c]_z$ or $B = [c, a, \infty, b]_z$. If we apply β^{b-a} to block A , we get the arc (a, ∞) twice in the decomposition, a contradiction. If we apply β^{b-a} to block B , we get the arc (∞, a) twice in the decomposition, another contradiction. Therefore, a rotational Z -decomposition of D_v does not exist. ■

We now turn our attention to rotational A_i -decompositions of D_v for $i = 1, 2, 3$.

Lemma 3.2 *If a rotational A_i -decomposition of D_v exists for $i = 1, 2$ or 3 , then $v \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.*

Proof. As in Lemma 3.1, the existence of such a decomposition implies a partitioning of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, v - 2\} \setminus \{d_1, d_2, d_3\}$ into difference 5-tuples such that

$$d_i + d_j + d_k \equiv d_l + d_m \pmod{v - 1} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \text{ or}$$

$$d_i + d_j + d_k + d_l \equiv d_m \pmod{v - 1} \text{ for } i = 3.$$

Therefore, a necessary condition for such a system is that $v - 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$. ■

We show this condition is sufficient in the next three theorems.

Theorem 3.4 *A rotational A_1 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t$. Consider the blocks:

$$[0, 1 + i, 4t + 1 + 2i, 7t + 1 + 3i, 7t + 2i]_1 \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1,$$

$[0, t + 2 + 2i, 7t + i, 4t - 1, 3t - 3 - 2i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$); and $[0, \infty, 6t, 1, 3t]_1$.

Case 2. If $v = 5$, consider the block $[0, \infty, 2, 3, 1]_1$. Next, suppose $v \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t + 5$, $t \geq 1$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 6t + 3 - i, 9t + 4, 6t + 4 + i, 1 + 2i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$,
 $[0, 4 + 2i, 7t + 7 + i, 3, 10t + 3 - 2i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $[0, 6t + 4, t + 1, 3t + 2, 8t + 5]_1$, and $[0, \infty, 5t + 2, 5t, 10t + 2]_1$.

These blocks, along with their images under β , form a rotational A_1 -decomposition of D_v . ■

Theorem 3.5 *A rotational A_2 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + i, 4t + 1 + 2i, 4t + i, 7t + 2i]_2$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$,
 $[0, t + 2 + 2i, 7t + i, 6t - 2 - i, 3t - 3 - 2i]_2$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$), and
 $[0, 3t - 1, \infty, 9t - 1, 3t]_2$.

Case 2. Suppose $v \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t + 5$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 3t + 1 + i, 9t + 4, 3t + 1 + i, 3t - i]_2$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$,
 $[0, 7t + 3 - i, 7t + 7 + i, 7t + 3 - i, 10t + 3 - 2i]_2$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $[0, 6t + 4, t + 1, 6t + 4, 8t + 5]_2$, and $[0, \infty, 5t - 2, 5t, 10t + 2]_2$.

These blocks, along with their images under β , form a rotational A_2 -decomposition of D_v . ■

Theorem 3.6 *A rotational A_3 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 6t - 1, \infty, 1, 3t]_3$, $[0, 1 + i, 7t, 4t + 1 + 2i, 4t + i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$, and
 $[0, t + 2 + 2i, 4t + 3 + 3i, 7t + i, 6t - 2 - i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$).

Case 2. If $v = 5$, consider the block $[0, 1, \infty, 3, 2]_3$. Next, suppose $v \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$, say $v = 10t + 5$, $t \geq 1$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + 2i, 6t + 4 + i, 9t + 4, 3t + 1 + i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$,
 $[0, 10t + 3 - 2i, 10t + 7, 7t + 7 + i, 7t + 3 - i]_3$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $[0, 8t + 3, 3t, 8t + 3, 6t + 4]_3$, and $[0, \infty, 5t - 2, 5t, 10t + 2]_3$.

These blocks, along with their images under β , form a rotational A_3 -decomposition of D_v . ■

We note that Theorems 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6 combine to give direct constructions of A_i -decompositions of D_v for all admissible v except for $v \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$.

We now consider B_1 - and B_2 -decompositions of D_v which admit a rotational automorphism. We have:

Theorem 3.7 A rotational B_1 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.

Proof. An argument similar to those in Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2 shows that $v \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ is necessary. For sufficiency, we consider two cases.

Case 1. Suppose $v \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$, say $v = 12t$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + 12i, 4 + 24i, 2 + 12i, 9 + 24i, 5 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$,
 $[0, 6 + 12i, 16 + 24i, 8 + 12i, 20 + 24i, 11 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$),
and $[0, \infty, 12t - 8, 12t - 3, 12t - 5, 12t - 2]_1$.

Case 2. If $v = 6$, consider the block $[0, \infty, 3, 1, 2, 4]_1$. Next suppose $v \equiv 6 \pmod{12}$, say $v = 12t + 6$, $t \geq 1$. Consider the blocks:

$[0, 1 + 12i, 4 + 24i, 2 + 12i, 9 + 24i, 5 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$,
 $[0, 6 + 12i, 16 + 24i, 8 + 12i, 20 + 24i, 11 + 12i]_1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$, and
 $[0, \infty, 12t - 3, 12t, 12t - 1, 12t + 1]_1$.

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under β , form a rotational B_1 -decomposition of D_v . ■

Since B_2 is the converse of B_1 , the existence of a rotational B_1 -decomposition of D_v implies the existence of a rotational B_2 -decomposition of D_v (and conversely). We therefore have:

Theorem 3.8 A rotational B_2 -decomposition of D_v exists if and only if $v \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$.

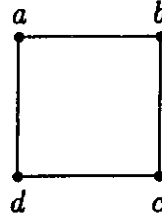
We note that Theorems 2.7, 2.8, 3.7, and 3.8 combine to give the existence of a B_1 - or B_2 -decomposition of D_v when $v \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{6}$. We leave the case $v \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ open.

4 Related Results For Cycle Systems

The decomposition of a graph is defined similarly to the decomposition of a digraph, and an automorphism of a graph decomposition is analogous to an automorphism of a digraph decomposition. An n -cycle system of order v , denoted $nCS(v)$, is a decomposition of K_v (the complete graph on v vertices) into cycles of length n . A $4CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ [12], a $6CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1$ or $19 \pmod{12}$ [20], and an $8CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ [12]. For a survey of results on cycle systems see [13]. A cyclic 3-cycle system (or Steiner triple system) exists if and only if $v \equiv 1$ or $3 \pmod{6}$, $v \neq 9$ [17]. Cyclic cycle systems in general are explored in [20] and [21]. We slightly generalize the idea of a rotational automorphism by defining a k -rotational automorphism as one consisting of a fixed point and k cycles each of length $\frac{v-1}{k}$. k -rotational $3CS(v)$ s are explored in [3, 19] in which the spectrum is determined for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$. An n -cycle system is said to be *reverse* if it admits an automorphism consisting of a fixed point and $\frac{v-1}{2}$ transpositions. A reverse $3CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1, 3, 9$ or $19 \pmod{24}$ [8, 22, 24, 25]. In this section, we give necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of k -rotational $nCS(v)$ s and reverse $nCS(v)$ s for all k and for $n = 4, 6, 8$.

We consider k -rotational $nCS(v)$ s on the point set $\{\infty\} \cup Z_N \times Z_k$, where $N = \frac{v-1}{k}$, and with automorphism $\pi_k = (\infty)(0_0, 1_0, \dots, (N-1)_0) \cdots (0_{k-1}, 1_{k-1}, \dots, (N-1)_{k-1})$, where we represent the ordered pair $(x, y) \in Z_N \times Z_k$ as x_y .

We will represent the 4-cycle



by any cyclic shift of (a, b, c, d) or (d, c, b, a) . We have the following necessary condition:

Lemma 4.1 *If a k -rotational $4CS(v)$ exists, then k is even.*

Proof. Suppose there is a k -rotational $4CS(v)$ with point set and automorphism as described above. A set of n -cycles is said to be a *set of base n -cycles* for an $nCS(v)$ under the automorphism π if the images of the n -cycles under the powers of π produce the $nCS(v)$. For each $i \in Z_k$, there must be exactly one 4-cycle in a set of base 4-cycles under the automorphism π_k which contains the edge (∞, a_i) , for some $a \in Z_N$. Base 4-cycles containing ∞ must be of one of the following types:

1. (∞, x_i, y_i, z_j) where $i \neq j$, or
2. (∞, x_i, y_j, z_m) where i, j and m are distinct.

Each of these types of 4-cycles contains exactly two edges of the form (∞, a_i) where $a_i \in Z_N \times Z_k$. Therefore, k must be even. ■

Notice that the argument of Lemma 4.1 can be extended to show that if a k -rotational $nCS(v)$ exists where n is even, then k must be even.

We can now establish sufficiency.

Lemma 4.2 *A 2-rotational $4CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$.*

Proof. Suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, say $v = 8t + 1$. Let $N = 4t$. Consider the collection of 4-cycles:

- $$\begin{aligned} &(\infty, 0_0, t_1, (2t)_1), (0_0, t_0, (2t)_0, (3t)_0), (0_0, 0_1, (2t)_0, (2t)_1), (0_0, (3t)_1, t_1, (2t)_0), \\ &(0_0, i_1, (2i)_1, (2t+i)_0) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1 \text{ (omit if } t = 1), \text{ and} \\ &(0_0, (4t-i)_1, (2t)_1, i_0) \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, t-1 \text{ (omit if } t = 1). \end{aligned}$$

These blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational $4CS(v)$. ■

The results of Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2 allow us to establish necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a k -rotational $4CS(v)$, for all k .

Theorem 4.1 *A k -rotational $4CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, k is even and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$.*

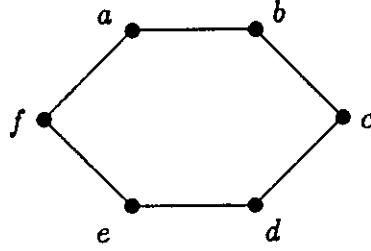
Proof. In light of Lemma 4.1, the necessary conditions follow trivially. Now suppose v and k satisfy the stated hypotheses. Then there is a 2-rotational $4CS(v)$ admitting

automorphism π_2 . Since $v \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$, we have $\pi_2^{k/2} = \pi_k$ and so the 2-rotational $4CS(v)$ is also k -rotational. ■

Theorem 4.1 immediately classifies reverse $4CS(v)$ s:

Corollary 4.1 *A reverse $4CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$.*

We will represent the 6-cycle



by any cyclic shift of (a, b, c, d, e, f) or (f, e, d, c, b, a) . We now consider k -rotational $6CS(v)$ s. As with Lemma 4.1, a necessary condition for the existence of a k -rotational $6CS(v)$ is that k is even.

We now establish sufficiency. In each of the constructions, we represent certain blocks with the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned} A_j(a, i) &= (0_j, (a+6+12i)_j, (2a+8+24i)_j, (3a+8+36i)_j, (2a+4+24i)_j, (a+1+12i)_j), \\ B_j(b, i) &= (0_j, (b+6+12i)_j, (2b+10+24i)_j, (3b+10+36i)_j, (2b+5+24i)_j, (b+2+12i)_j), \\ C(c, i) &= (0_0, (c+6+12i)_1, 2_0, (c+4+12i)_1, 1_0, (c+1+12i)_1), \text{ and} \\ D(d, i) &= (0_0, (d+6+12i)_1, 1_0, (d+5+12i)_1, 2_0, (d+2+12i)_1). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.3 *If $v \equiv 1 \pmod{48}$ then there exists a 2-rotational $6CS(v)$.*

Proof. First, suppose that $v = 49$. Consider the collection of 6-cycles:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\infty, 3_0, 0_0, 2_1, 5_1, 11_1), (0_0, 6_0, 10_1, 22_1, 18_0, 12_0), (0_0, 11_1, 1_0, 8_1, 3_0, 9_1), \\ &(0_0, 8_1, 8_0, 16_1, 16_0, 0_1), (0_0, 1_1, 2_1, 4_1, 1_0, 2_0), C(12, 0), D(17, 0), \\ &(0_j, 4_j, 8_j, 12_j, 16_j, 20_j) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \text{ and } B_j(5, 0) \text{ for } j = 0, 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose $v \equiv 1 \pmod{48}$, say $v = 48t + 1$ where $t > 1$. Consider the collection of 6-cycles:

$$\begin{aligned} &(\infty, 3_0, 0_0, 2_1, 5_1, 9_1), (0_0, 4_0, 8_1, (12t+8)_1, (12t+4)_0, (12t)_0), \\ &(0_0, (8t)_1, (8t)_0, (16t)_1, (16t)_0, 0_1), (0_0, 1_1, 2_1, 4_1, 1_0, 2_0), \\ &(0_j, (4t)_j, (8t)_j, (12t)_j, (16t)_j, (20t)_j) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \end{aligned}$$

along with

Case 1. if $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, the 6-cycles

$$\begin{aligned} &A_j(5, i) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-3}{3} \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \\ &B_j(10, i) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-6}{3} \text{ for } j = 0, 1 \text{ (omit if } t = 3), \\ &(0_j, (4t+4)_j, (8t+6)_j, (12t+7)_j, (8t+1)_j, (4t-2)_j) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \\ &B_j(4t+5, i) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-3}{3} \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \\ &A_j(4t+12, i) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-6}{3} \text{ for } j = 0, 1, \\ &C(5, i) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-3}{3}, D(10, i) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-6}{3}, \\ &(0_0, (8t+6)_1, 2_0, (8t+5)_1, 4_0, (8t+2)_1), D(8t+5, i) \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-3}{3}, \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$C(8t + 12, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-6}{3}$;
Case 2. if $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, $t > 1$, the 6-cycles
 $A_j(5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-4}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-7}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 4$),
 $(0_j, (4t + 2)_j, (8t)_j, (12t - 6)_j, (8t - 7)_j, (4t - 4)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $(0_j, (4t + 7)_j, (8t + 13)_j, (12t + 12)_j, (8t + 7)_j, (4t + 3)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(4t + 8, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(4t + 13, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $C(5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$, $D(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$,
 $(0_0, (8t + 3)_1, 1_0, (8t)_1, 3_0, (8t + 1)_1)$, $C(8t + 4, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-4}{3}$, and
 $D(8t + 9, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-4}{3}$;
Case 3. if $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, the 6-cycles
 $A_j(5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $B_j(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $(0_j, (4t + 3)_j, (8t + 2)_j, (12t)_j, (8t - 2)_j, (4t - 3)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(4t + 4, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-4}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(4t + 9, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-4}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $C(5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-4}{3}$, $D(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-7}{3}$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $(0_0, (8t + 2)_1, 3_0, (8t)_1, 2_0, (8t - 4)_1)$, $D(8t + 1, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-2}{3}$, and
 $C(8t + 8, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-5}{3}$.

In each case, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational 6CS(v).

Lemma 4.4 *If $v \equiv 9 \pmod{24}$ then there exists a 2-rotational 6CS(v).*

Proof. First, suppose that $v = 9$. Consider the collection of 6-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, 0_1, 1_0, 3_1, 2_1)$ and $(0_0, 1_0, 2_1, 0_1, 3_0, 2_0)$.

Now, suppose $v \equiv 9 \pmod{24}$, say $v = 24t + 9$ where $t > 0$. Consider the collection of 6-cycles:

$(\infty, 2_0, 0_0, 3_1, 4_1, 8_1)$, $(0_0, 3_0, 4_0, 6_1, 3_1, 1_1)$, $(0_0, 9_1, 15_1, 7_0, 17_1, 6_0)$,

$(0_0, 4_0, 4_1, (6t + 6)_1, (6t + 6)_0, (6t + 2)_0)$, $(0_0, 5_1, 10_1, 6_0, 12_1, 5_0)$,

$C(16, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$),

$D(21, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$),

along with

Case 1. if $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, the 6-cycles

$(0_0, 13_1, 20_1, 8_0, 22_1, 7_0)$, $A_j(8, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-3}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$),

and

$B_j(13, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-3}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$);

Case 2. if $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, $t > 0$, the 6-cycles

$(0_0, 12_1, 20_1, 7_0, 22_1, 8_0)$, $B_j(7, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-2}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$, and

$A_j(14, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-4}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 2$).

In each case, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational 6CS(v).

Lemma 4.5 *If $v \equiv 13 \pmod{48}$ then there exists a 2-rotational 6CS(v).*

Proof. First, suppose that $v = 13$. Consider the collection of blocks:

$(\infty, 0_0, 2_0, 0_1, 1_1, 3_1), (0_0, 1_0, 4_1, 1_1, 4_0, 3_0), (0_0, 1_1, 2_0, 3_1, 4_0, 5_1),$
and $(0_0, 2_1, 2_0, 4_1, 4_0, 0_1).$

Next, suppose that $v = 61$. Consider the collection of blocks:

$(\infty, 3_0, 0_0, 2_1, 5_1, 9_1), (0_0, 4_0, 21_1, 36_1, 19_0, 15_0), (0_0, 5_1, 11_1, 4_0, 10_1, 6_0),$
 $(0_0, 1_1, 2_1, 4_1, 1_0, 2_0), (0_0, 10_1, 10_0, 20_1, 20_0, 0_1), (0_0, 9_1, 16_1, 4_0, 15_1, 7_0),$
 $(0_j, 5_j, 10_j, 15_j, 20_j, 25_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$, $B_j(8, 0)$ for $j = 0, 1$, $(0_0, 14_1, 23_1, 7_0, 22_1, 9_0),$
 $C(18, 0)$ for $j = 0, 1$, and $D(23, 0)$ for $j = 0, 1$.

Now, suppose $v \equiv 13 \pmod{48}$, say $v = 48t + 13$ where $t > 1$. Consider the collection of 6-cycles:

$(\infty, 3_0, 0_0, 2_1, 5_1, 9_1), (0_0, 4_0, 21_1, (12t + 24)_1, (12t + 7)_0, (12t + 3)_0),$
 $(0_0, 1_1, 2_1, 4_1, 1_0, 2_0), (0_0, (8t + 2)_1, (8t + 2)_0, (16t + 4)_1, (16t + 4)_0, 0_1),$
 $(0_j, (4t + 1)_j, (8t + 2)_j, (12t + 3)_j, (16t + 4)_j, (20t + 5)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $(0_0, 5_1, 10_1, 6_0, 12_1, 5_0), (0_0, 9_1, 15_1, 7_0, 17_1, 6_0), (0_0, 13_1, 20_1, 8_0, 22_1, 7_0),$

along with

Case 1. if $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, $t > 0$, the 6-cycles

$A_j(8, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-3}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(13, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-6}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 3$),
 $A_j(4t + 3, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-3}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(4t + 8, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-3}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$, $D(16, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-6}{3}$,
 $C(23, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-9}{3}$ (omit if $t = 3$), $(0_0, (8t+5)_1, 1_0, (8t+2)_1, 3_0, (8t+3)_1),$
 $C(8t + 6, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-3}{3}$, and $D(8t + 11, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-3}{3}$;

Case 2. if $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, $t > 1$, the 6-cycles

$A_j(8, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-4}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(13, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-7}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 4$),
 $(0_j, (4t + 7)_j, (8t + 7)_j, (12t + 4)_j, (8t + 1)_j, (4t - 1)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $(0_j, (4t + 10)_j, (8t + 16)_j, (12t + 21)_j, (8t + 12)_j, (4t + 4)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(4t + 11, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(4t + 16, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $D(16, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-8}{3}$, $C(23, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-8}{3}$,
 $(0_0, (8t + 4)_1, 3_0, (8t + 2)_1, 2_0, (8t - 2)_1), D(8t + 3, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-1}{3}$, and
 $C(8t + 10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-4}{3}$;

Case 3. if $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, the 6-cycles

$A_j(8, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $B_j(13, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $B_j(4t, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-1}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(4t + 7, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-4}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $D(16, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-7}{3}$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $C(23, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-7}{3}$ (omit if $t = 2$), $(0_0, (8t+8)_1, 2_0, (8t+7)_1, 3_0, (8t+3)_1),$
 $D(8t + 7, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-2}{3}$, and $C(8t + 14, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-5}{3}$.

In each case, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational 6CS(v). ■

Lemma 4.6 *If $v \equiv 21 \pmod{24}$ then there exists a 2-rotational 6CS(v).*

Proof. Suppose $v \equiv 21 \pmod{24}$, say $v = 24k + 21$. Consider the collection of 6-cycles:

$(0_0, 3_0, 2_0, 6_1, 4_1, 1_1), D(3, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t$,

$C(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$),
along with

Case 1. if $t \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, the 6-cycles

$(\infty, 2_0, 0_0, 2_1, 3_1, 7_1)$, $(0_0, 4_0, 4_1, (6t+9)_1, (6t+9)_0, (6t+5)_0)$,
 $A_j(5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-2}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 0$), and
 $B_j(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-2}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 0$);

Case 2. if $t \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, the 6-cycles

$(\infty, 2_0, 0_0, 2_1, 3_1, 8_1)$, $(0_0, 5_0, 5_1, (6t+10)_1, (6t+10)_0, (6t+5)_0)$,
 $(0_j, 4_j, 12_j, 22_j, 16_j, 9_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(11, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-3}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$), and
 $B_j(16, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-3}{2}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$).

In each case, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational 6CS(v).

Lemma 4.7 *If $v \equiv 25 \pmod{48}$ then there exists a 2-rotational 6CS(v).*

Proof. First suppose that $v = 25$. Consider the collection of blocks:

$(\infty, 0_0, 5_0, 11_1, 2_1, 7_1)$, $(0_0, 3_0, 5_1, 11_1, 9_0, 6_0)$, $(0_0, 1_1, 2_1, 6_1, 3_0, 4_0)$,
 $(0_0, 4_1, 4_0, 8_1, 8_0, 0_1)$, $D(5, 0)$, $(0_j, 2_j, 4_j, 6_j, 8_j, 10_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$.

Now suppose $v \equiv 25 \pmod{48}$, say $v = 48t + 25$ where $t > 0$. Consider the collection of 6-cycles:

$(\infty, 3_0, 0_0, 2_1, 5_1, 10_1)$, $(0_0, 5_0, 9_1, (12t+15)_1, (12t+11)_0, (12t+6)_0)$,
 $(0_0, 1_1, 2_1, 4_1, 1_0, 2_0)$, $(0_0, (8t+4)_1, (8t+4)_0, (16t+8)_1, (16t+8)_0, 0_1)$,
 $(0_j, (4t+2)_j, (8t+4)_j, (12t+6)_j, (16t+8)_j, (20t+10)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,

along with

Case 1. if $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, $t > 0$, the 6-cycles

$B_j(4, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-3}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(11, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-6}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 3$),
 $(0_j, (4t+5)_j, (8t+6)_j, (12t+6)_j, (8t+2)_j, (4t-1)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(4t+6, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-3}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(4t+11, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-3}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$, $C(5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-3}{3}$,
 $D(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-6}{3}$, $(0_0, (8t+6)_1, 3_0, (8t+4)_1, 2_0, (8t)_1)$,
 $D(8t+5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t}{3}$, and $C(8t+12, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-3}{3}$;

Case 2. if $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, the 6-cycles

$B_j(4, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-4}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $A_j(11, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-4}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $(0_j, (4t+8)_j, (8t+13)_j, (12t+13)_j, (8t+7)_j, (4t+3)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(4t+7, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-2}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $A_j(4t+14, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $C(5, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-2}{3}$, $D(10, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-5}{3}$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $(0_0, (8t+10)_1, 2_0, (8t+9)_1, 3_0, (8t+5)_1)$, $D(8t+9, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-1}{3}$, and
 $C(8t+16, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{4t-4}{3}$;

Case 3. if $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, the 6-cycles

$B_j(4, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $A_j(11, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{t-5}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 2$),
 $(0_j, (4t+4)_j, (8t+3)_j, (12t-1)_j, (8t-2)_j, (4t-2)_j)$ for $j = 0, 1$,
 $B_j(4t+3, i)$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, \frac{2t-1}{3}$ for $j = 0, 1$,

In each case, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational $6CS(v)$. ■

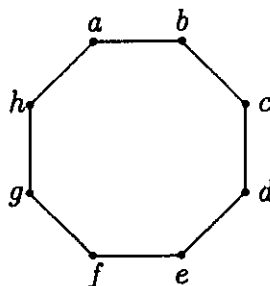
As in Theorem 4.1, the results of Lemmas 4.3 to 4.8 allow us to establish necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a k -rotational $6CS(v)$, for all k .

Theorem 4.2 *A k -rotational $6CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1$ or $9 \pmod{12}$, k is even and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$.*

Theorem 4.2 immediately classifies reverse $6CS(v)$ s:

Corollary 4.2 *A reverse $6CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1$ or $9 \pmod{12}$.*

We will represent the 8-cycle



by any cyclic shift of (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h) or (h, g, f, e, d, c, b, a) . We now consider k -rotational $8CS(v)$ s. Again, as with Lemma 4.1, a necessary condition for the existence of a k -rotational $8CS(v)$ is that k is even.

We now establish sufficiency for $k = 2$ in a series of lemmas.

Lemma 4.9 *If $v \equiv 1 \pmod{64}$ then there exists a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$.*

Proof. First suppose that $v = 65$. Consider the collection of 8-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, 4_0, 16_0, 31_1, 15_0, 0_1, 12_1)$, $(0_0, 8_0, 8_1, 0_1, 16_1, 24_1, 24_0, 16_0)$,
 $(0_1, 4_1, 8_1, 12_1, 16_1, 20_1, 24_1, 28_1)$, $(0_0, 4_1, 8_0, 12_1, 16_0, 20_1, 24_0, 28_1)$,
 $(0_0, 12_1, 24_0, 4_1, 16_0, 28_1, 8_0, 20_1)$, $(0_i, 3_i, 8_i, 14_i, 21_i, 2_i, 13_i, 23_i)$ for $i = 0, 1$,
 $(0_0, 1_0, 16_0, 17_1, 15_0, 14_1, 15_1, 30_1)$, $(0_0, 2_0, 16_0, 19_1, 14_0, 11_1, 13_1, 27_1)$,
 $(0_0, 26_1, 3_0, 28_1, 4_0, 10_1, 2_0, 9_1)$, and $(0_0, 22_1, 4_0, 25_1, 6_0, 16_1, 3_0, 14_1)$.

Now suppose $v = 64t + 1$ where $t > 1$. Consider the collection of 8-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, (4t)_0, (12t)_0, (28t - 1)_1, (12t - 1)_0, (28t)_1, (20t)_1)$,
 $(0_0, (12t)_0, (12t)_1, 0_1, (16t)_1, (28t)_1, (28t)_0, (16t)_0)$,
 $(0_1, (4t)_1, (8t)_1, (12t)_1, (16t)_1, (20t)_1, (24t)_1, (28t)_1)$,
 $(0_0, (4t)_1, (8t)_0, (12t)_1, (16t)_0, (20t)_1, (24t)_0, (28t)_1)$,
 $(0_0, (12t)_1, (24t)_0, (4t)_1, (16t)_0, (28t)_1, (8t)_0, (20t)_1)$,
 $(0_0, 1_0, (16t)_0, (16t + 1)_1, (16t - 1)_0, (16t - 2)_1, (16t - 1)_1, (32t - 2)_1)$,
 $(0_0, 2_0, (16t)_0, (16t + 3)_1, (16t - 1)_0, (16t - 4)_1, (16t - 2)_1, (32t - 4)_1)$,
 $(0_i, (3 + 4s)_i, (7 + 8s)_i, (12 + 12s)_i, (18 + 16s)_i, (16t + 15 + 12s)_i, (11 + 8s)_i, (16t + 6 + 4s)_i)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ and $i = 0, 1$,
 $(0_i, (4t - 1)_i, (8t)_i, (12t + 2)_i, (16t + 5)_i, (28t + 6)_i, (8t + 5)_i, (20t + 3)_i)$ for $i = 0, 1$,

$(0_i, (4t + 4 + 4s)_i, (8t + 9 + 8s)_i, (12t + 15 + 12s)_i, (16t + 22 + 16s)_i, (28t + 18 + 12s)_i, (8t + 13 + 8s)_i, (20t + 7 + 4s)_i)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ and $i = 0, 1$,
 $(0_0, (32t - 5 - 4s)_1, 3_0, (32t - 3 - 4s)_1, 4_0, (9 + 4s)_1, 2_0, (8 + 4s)_1)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 3$
 (omit if $t = 2$),
 $(0_0, (28t + 3)_1, 4_0, (28t + 6)_1, 5_0, (4t + 2)_1, 3_0, (4t + 1)_1)$,
 $(0_0, (28t - 2 - 4s)_1, 3_0, (28t - 4s)_1, 4_0, (4t + 6 + 4s)_1, 2_0, (4t + 5 + 4s)_1)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, 2t - 2$,
 $(0_0, (20t + 2)_1, 4_0, (20t + 5)_1, 6_0, (12t + 4)_1, 3_0, (12t + 2)_1)$, and
 $(0_0, (20t - 3 - 4s)_1, 3_0, (20t - 1 - 4s)_1, 4_0, (12t + 7 + 4s)_1, 2_0, (12t + 6 + 4s)_1)$ for
 $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$.

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$. ■

Lemma 4.10 *If $v \equiv 17 \pmod{64}$ then there exists a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$.*

Proof. First suppose that $v = 17$. Consider the collection of 8-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, 2_0, 5_0, 1_1, 3_0, 3_1, 6_1)$, $(0_0, 1_0, 3_1, 1_1, 5_1, 7_1, 5_0, 4_0)$,
 $(0_1, 1_1, 2_1, 3_1, 4_1, 5_1, 6_1, 7_1)$, $(0_0, 1_1, 2_0, 3_1, 4_0, 5_1, 6_0, 7_1)$, and
 $(0_0, 3_1, 6_0, 1_1, 4_0, 7_1, 2_0, 5_1)$.

Now suppose $v = 64t + 17$ where $t > 0$. Consider the collection of 8-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, (4t + 1)_0, (12t + 3)_0, (28t + 8)_1, (12t + 4)_0, (28t + 7)_1, (20t + 5)_1)$,
 $(0_0, (12t + 3)_0, (12t + 3)_1, 0_1, (16t + 4)_1, (28t + 7)_1, (28t + 7)_0, (16t + 4)_0)$,
 $(0_1, (4t + 1)_1, (8t + 2)_1, (12t + 3)_1, (16t + 4)_1, (20t + 5)_1, (24t + 6)_1, (28t + 7)_1)$,
 $(0_0, (4t + 1)_1, (8t + 2)_0, (12t + 3)_1, (16t + 4)_0, (20t + 5)_1, (24t + 6)_0, (28t + 7)_1)$,
 $(0_0, (12t + 3)_1, (24t + 6)_0, (4t + 1)_1, (16t + 4)_0, (28t + 7)_1, (8t + 2)_0, (20t + 5)_1)$,
 $(0_i, (1 + 4s)_i, (3 + 8s)_i, (6 + 12s)_i, (10 + 16s)_i, (16t + 13 + 12s)_i, (7 + 8s)_i, (16t + 8 + 4s)_i)$
 for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ and $i = 0, 1$,
 $(0_i, (4t + 2 + 4s)_i, (8t + 5 + 8s)_i, (12t + 9 + 12s)_i, (16t + 14 + 16s)_i, (28t + 16 + 12s)_i, (8t + 9 + 8s)_i, (20t + 9 + 4s)_i)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$ and $i = 0, 1$,
 $(0_0, (32t + 7 - 4s)_1, 3_0, (1 - 4s)_1, 4_0, (5 + 4s)_1, 2_0, (4 + 4s)_1)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 1$,
 $(0_0, (28t + 6 - 4s)_1, 3_0, (28t + 8 - 4s)_1, 4_0, (4t + 6 + 4s)_1, 2_0, (4t + 5 + 4s)_1)$ for
 $s = 0, 1, \dots, 2t - 1$,
 $(0_0, (20t + 6)_1, 4_0, (20t + 8)_1, 5_0, (12t + 7)_1, 2_0, (12t + 6)_1)$, and
 $(0_0, (20t + 1 - 4s)_1, 3_0, (20t + 3 - 4s)_1, 4_0, (12t + 11 + 4s)_1, 2_0, (12t + 10 + 4s)_1)$ for
 $s = 0, 1, \dots, t - 2$ (omit if $t = 1$).

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$. ■

Lemma 4.11 *If $v \equiv 33 \pmod{64}$ then there exists a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$.*

Proof. First suppose that $v = 33$. Consider the collection of 8-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, 2_0, 6_0, 13_1, 5_0, 14_1, 2_1)$, $(0_0, 6_0, 6_1, 0_1, 8_1, 14_1, 14_0, 8_0)$,
 $(0_1, 2_1, 4_1, 6_1, 8_1, 10_1, 12_1, 14_1)$, $(0_0, 2_1, 4_0, 6_1, 8_0, 10_1, 12_0, 14_1)$,
 $(0_0, 6_1, 12_0, 2_1, 8_0, 14_1, 4_0, 10_1)$, $(0_0, 1_0, 8_0, 9_1, 6_0, 5_1, 6_1, 13_1)$, and
 $(0_0, 3_0, 8_0, 12_1, 7_0, 3_1, 6_1, 11_1)$.

Now suppose $v = 64t + 33$ where $t > 0$. Consider the collection of 8-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, (4t + 2)_0, (12t + 6)_0, (28t + 13)_1, (12t + 5)_0, (28t + 14)_1, (20t + 10)_1)$,

$(0_0, (12t+6)_0, (12t+6)_1, 0_1, (16t+8)_1, (28t+14)_1, (28t+14)_0, (16t+8)_0,$
 $(0_1, (4t+2)_1, (8t+4)_1, (12t+6)_1, (16t+8)_1, (20t+10)_1, (24t+12)_1, (28t+14)_1),$
 $(0_0, (4t+2)_1, (8t+4)_0, (12t+6)_1, (16t+8)_0, (20t+10)_1, (24t+12)_0, (28t+14)_1),$
 $(0_0, (12t+6)_1, (24t+12)_0, (4t+2)_1, (16t+8)_0, (28t+14)_1, (8t+4)_0, (20t+10)_1),$
 $(0_0, 1_0, (16t+8)_0, (16t+9)_1, (16t+7)_0, (16t+6)_1, (16t+7)_1, (32t+14)_1),$
 $(0_0, 2_0, (16t+8)_0, (16t+11)_1, (16t+7)_0, (16t+4)_1, (16t+6)_1, (32t+12)_1),$
 $(0_i, (3+4s)_i, (7+8s)_i, (12+12s)_i, (18+16s)_i, (16t+23+12s)_i, (11+8s)_i, (16t+$
 $14+4s)_i)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-2$ and $i = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 1$),
 $(0_i, (4t-1)_i, (8t-1)_i, (12t)_i, (16t+3)_i, (28t+12)_i, (8t+4)_i, (20t+11)_i)$ for $i = 0, 1,$
 $(0_i, (4t+4+4s)_i, (8t+9+8s)_i, (12t+15+12s)_i, (16t+22+16s)_i, (28t+26+$
 $12s)_i, (8t+13+8s)_i, (20t+15+4s)_i)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ and $i = 0, 1,$
 $(0_0, (32t+11-4s)_1, 3_0, (32t+13-4s)_1, 4_0, (9+4s)_1, 2_0, (8+4s)_1)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-2$
(omit if $t = 1$),
 $(0_0, (28t+15)_1, 4_0, (28t+17)_1, 5_0, (4t+6)_1, 2_0, (4t+5)_1),$
 $(0_0, (28t+10-4s)_1, 3_0, (28t+12-4s)_1, 4_0, (4t+10+4s)_1, 2_0, (4t+9+4s)_1)$ for
 $s = 0, 1, \dots, 2t-1$, and
 $(0_0, (20t+9-4s)_1, 3_0, (20t+11-4s)_1, 4_0, (12t+11+4s)_1, 2_0, (12t+10+4s)_1)$ for
 $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$.

In both cases, the blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$. ■

Lemma 4.12 *If $v \equiv 49 \pmod{64}$ then there exists a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$.*

Proof. Suppose $v = 64t + 49$ where $t \geq 0$. Consider the collection of 8-cycles:

$(\infty, 0_0, (4t+3)_0, (12t+9)_0, (28t+20)_1, (12t+8)_0, (28t+21)_1, (20t+15)_1),$
 $(0_0, (12t+9)_0, (12t+9)_1, 0_1, (16t+12)_1, (28t+3)_1, (28t+3)_0, (16t+12)_0),$
 $(0_1, (4t+3)_1, (8t+6)_1, (12t+9)_1, (16t+12)_1, (20t+15)_1, (24t+18)_1, (28t+21)_1),$
 $(0_0, (4t+3)_1, (8t+6)_0, (12t+9)_1, (16t+12)_0, (20t+15)_1, (24t+18)_0, (28t+21)_1),$
 $(0_0, (12t+9)_1, (24t+18)_0, (4t+3)_1, (16t+12)_0, (28t+21)_1, (8t+6)_0, (20t+15)_1),$
 $(0_i, (1+4s)_i, (3+8s)_i, (6+12s)_i, (10+16s)_i, (16t+21+12s)_i, (7+8s)_i, (16t+16+4s)_i)$
for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ and $i = 0, 1$ (omit if $t = 0$),
 $(0_i, (4t+1)_i, (8t+3)_i, (12t+7)_i, (16t+12)_i, (28t+23)_i, (8t+9)_i, (20t+17)_i)$ for
 $i = 0, 1,$
 $(0_i, (4t+6+4s)_i, (8t+13+8s)_i, (12t+21+12s)_i, (16t+30+16s)_i, (28t+36+$
 $12s)_i, (8t+17+8s)_i, (20t+21+4s)_i)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ and $i = 0, 1$ (omit
if $t = 0$),
 $(0_0, (32t+23-4s)_1, 3_0, (32t+25-4s)_1, 4_0, (5+4s)_1, 2_0, (4+4s)_1)$ for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$
(omit if $t = 0$),
 $(0_0, (28t+23)_1, 4_0, (28t+26)_1, 6_0, (4t+7)_1, 3_0, (4t+5)_1),$
 $(0_0, (28t+18-4s)_1, 3_0, (28t+20-4s)_1, 4_0, (4t+10+4s)_1, 2_0, (4t+9+4s)_1)$ for
 $s = 0, 1, \dots, 2t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$),
 $(0_0, (20t+18)_1, 4_0, (20t+21)_1, 5_0, (12t+11)_1, 3_0, (12t+10)_1)$, and
 $(0_0, (20t+13-4s)_1, 3_0, (20t+15-4s)_1, 4_0, (12t+15+4s)_1, 2_0, (12t+14+4s)_1)$
for $s = 0, 1, \dots, t-1$ (omit if $t = 0$).

These blocks, along with their images under π_2 , form a 2-rotational $8CS(v)$. ■

As in Theorem 4.1, the results of Lemmas 4.9 to 4.12 allow us to establish necessary

and sufficient conditions for the existence of a k -rotational $8CS(v)$, for all k .

Theorem 4.3 *A k -rotational $8CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$, k is even and $v \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$.*

Theorem 4.3 immediately classifies reverse $8CS(v)$ s:

Corollary 4.3 *A reverse $8CS(v)$ exists if and only if $v \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$.*

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