

# A Novel Construction of Mutually Orthogonal Three Disjoint Union of Certain Trees Squares

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**Abstract:** A family of decompositions  $\{\mathcal{G}_0, \mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_{k-1}\}$  of a complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,n}$  is a set of  $k$  mutually orthogonal graph squares (MOGS) if  $\mathcal{G}_i$  and  $\mathcal{G}_j$  are orthogonal for all  $i, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$  and  $i \neq j$ . For any subgraph  $G$  of  $K_{n,n}$  with  $n$  edges,  $N(n, G)$  denotes the maximum number  $k$  in a largest possible set  $\{\mathcal{G}_0, \mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_{k-1}\}$  of MOGS of  $K_{n,n}$  by  $G$ . In this paper we compute some new extensions of the well-known  $N(n, G) \geq 3$ , using a novel approach, where  $G$  represents disjoint unions of certain small trees subgraphs of  $K_{n,n}$ .

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper,  $K_{m,n}$  denotes to the complete bipartite graph with partition sets of sizes  $m$  and  $n$ . Furthermore,  $P_n$  for the path on  $n$  vertices,  $sG$  for  $s$  disjoint copies of  $G$  and  $K_n$  for the complete graph on  $n$  vertices. We have shown that, there exist mutually orthogonal graph squares (MOGS) of complete bipartite graphs by disjoint union of graphs using orthogonal squares. For thus reason, (MOGS) is referred to as an extended mutually orthogonal Latin squares (MOLS). It is well-known that orthogonal Latin squares exist for every  $n \notin \{2, 6\}$ . A family of  $k$  orthogonal Latin squares of order  $n$  is a set of  $k$  Latin squares any two of which are orthogonal. It is customary to denote  $N(n) = \text{Max}\{k : \exists k \text{ MOLS}\}$  by the maximal number of squares in the largest possible set of MOLS of side  $n$ . In [1] display the fundamental result of (MOLS), That is  $N(n, nK_2) = N(n) = n - 1$ , where  $n$  is a prime power. An edge decomposition of  $K_{n,n}$  by  $nK_2 \simeq nK_{1,1}$  is equivalent to a Latin square of side  $n$ , two edge decompositions  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $K_{n,n}$  by  $nK_{1,1}$  are orthogonal if and only if the corresponding Latin squares of side  $n$  are orthogonal; thus  $N(n, nK_{1,1}) = N(n)$ . The computation of  $N(n)$  is one of the most complicated problems in combinatorial designs; see the survey articles by Abel et al. [2] and Colbourn and Dinitz in [3]. It is

clear that  $N(n, G)$  is a natural generalization of  $N(n)$ . Many authors studied MOGS of  $K_{n,n}$  by  $G$ , where  $G \neq nK_2$  ( see the survey articles [4],[5],[6]). The two sets  $\{0_0, 1_0, \dots, (n-1)_0\}$  and  $\{0_1, 1_1, \dots, (n-1)_1\}$  denote the vertices of the partition sets of  $K_{n,n}$ . If there is no chance of confusion, we will write  $(x, y)$  instead of  $\{x_0, y_1\}$  for the edge between the vertices  $x_0$  and  $y_1$ , see any row in Figure 1.

## 2 Materials and Discussion

In the following, We now provide the basic definitions of a  $G$ -Square over additive group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . We will represent the graph  $G_f$  by function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$ . We define  $E(G_f) = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ . Note that the page of  $G_f$  has the property that  $v(x) = 1$  (degree of  $x$ ) for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . That is, it represents unions of stars which has the same direction. In El-Shanawany (see [6]) give the formal definitions of the terms of subgraph of  $K_{n,n}$  induced by a function over additive group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  as the follow,

**Definition 1.** Let  $G$  be a subgraph of  $K_{n,n}$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then  $G$  is called  $f$ -starter if  $E(G) = \cup_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_n} (x, f(x))$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $G$  be a  $f$ -starter graph, and let  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then the graph  $G_f + \beta$  with edge

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$E(G_f + \beta) = \{(x, f(x) + \beta) : (x, f(x)) \in E(G_f)\}$  is called the  $(\beta, f)$ -translate of  $G_f$ .

**Definition 3.** If  $G$  is a  $f$ -starter graph, then the union of all translates of  $G_f$  forms an edge decomposition of  $K_{n,n}$  i.e.  $\cup_{\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_n} E(G_f + \beta) = E(K_{n,n})$ .

In the next, we introduce now the formal basic definitions of a  $G$ -Square over additive group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

**Definition 4.** (see [6]) Let  $G$  be a subgraph of  $K_{n,n}$ . A square matrix  $L$  of order  $n$  is called a  $G$ -square if every element in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  occur exactly  $n$  times and the graphs  $G^\alpha, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  with  $E(G^\alpha) = \{(x, y) : L(x, y) = \alpha, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$  are isomorphic to graph  $G$ .

For an edge decomposition  $G^i$  we may associate bijectively a  $n \times n$ -square with entries belonging to  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  denoted by  $L_i = L_i(x, y), 0 \leq i \leq k - 1, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  with

$$L_i(x, y) = \alpha \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in E(G^{\alpha, i}), \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_n. \quad (1)$$

Similar to Definition 4, we define:

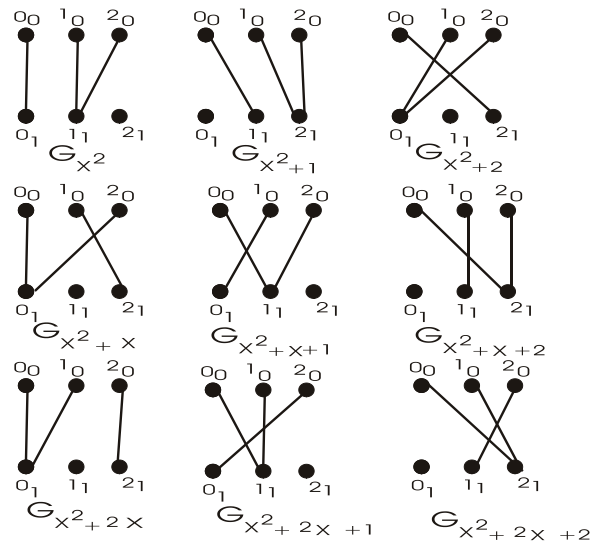
**Definition 5.** (see [6]) Let  $i, j$  be different positive integers. Two square matrices  $L_i$  and  $L_j$  of order  $n$  are said to be orthogonal if for any ordered pair  $(a, b)$ , there is exactly one position  $(x, y)$  for  $L_i(x, y) = a$ , and  $L_j(x, y) = b$ . That is, the two graph squares have the property that, when superimposed, every ordered pair occurs exactly once.

In [6] El-Shanawany presented an immediate result of the Definition 4,  $N(3, K_2 \cup K_{1,2}) = 3$ . Define the 3 mutually orthogonal  $(K_2 \cup K_{1,2})$ -squares of order 3 (i.e. 3 mutually orthogonal decompositions (MODs) of  $K_{3,3}$  by  $K_2 \cup K_{1,2}$ ) as follows:

$$M_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

As an immediate consequence of the Definition 4 and the Equation 1, we will illustrate the following example.

**Example 1.** The subgraph  $G \simeq K_2 \cup K_{1,2}$  of  $K_{3,3}$  is a  $f$ -starter graph  $G_f$  induced by the function  $f : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_3$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2 + sx$ , for all  $s, x \in \mathbb{Z}_3$  as shown in figure 1. Note that every row in figure 1 represents edge decompositions of  $K_{3,3}$  by  $(K_2 \cup K_{1,2})$ . That is equivalent  $M_s$  squares,  $s = 0, 1, 2$ .



**Fig. 1:** MODs  $G_f = K_1 \cup K_{1,2}$ , of  $K_{3,3}$  induced by the function  $f$  w.r.t.  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ .

### 3 Results and discussion

In this section, we use starter functions method to give some new direct constructions for  $N(n, G) = k \geq 3$ , where  $G$  represent a disjoint unions of certain small trees of  $K_{n,n}$ .

Let  $p$  a prime number, Let  $f$ -starter function of subgraph  $G$  of  $K_{p,p}$  with  $p$  edges,  $N(p, G_f)$  denotes the maximum number  $k$  in a largest possible set  $\{G_0, G_1, \dots, G_{k-1}\}$  of MOGS of  $K_{p,p}$  by  $G_f$ . For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Let  $L_s(x, y) = j$ , where  $y = f(x) + sx + j$ , for all  $0 \leq s \leq k - 1, j \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Since  $j = y - f(x) - sx$ , then we can write

$$L_s(x, y) = y - f(x) - sx. \quad (2)$$

It is easily verified that for all different  $0 \leq s, r \leq k - 1$  the pair  $(L_s; L_r)$  is orthogonal for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  under the condition:

$$(L_s(x, y), L_r(x, y)) = (y - f(x) - sx, y - f(x) - rx). \quad (3)$$

**Theorem 1.**  $N(11, K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 4K_2) \geq 10$

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = (x + 1)^4$  be the starter function of the subgraph  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 4K_2)$  of  $K_{11,11}$ . From the equation 1, 2, we have  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 4K_2)$ -Squares  $L_s$  of order 11 which is defined as follows:

$$L_s(x, y) = y - f(x) - sx, \text{ for all } 1 \leq s \leq 10. \quad (4)$$

That is mean, there exist 10 MODs of  $K_{11,11}$  by  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 4K_2)$ . Applying Definition 5, it is easily to see that for all different  $1 \leq k, r < 10$  the pair  $(L_k; L_r)$  is orthogonal under the condition

$$(L_k(x, y), L_r(x, y)) = (y - f(x) - kx, y - f(x) - rx), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$$

We prove that the page obtained from the entries in  $L_1$  equal to zero is isomorphic to  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 4K_2)$ . Also, a similar argument can be applied to the other pages in  $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{10}$ . It is clear that every row contains one zero, there is exactly 1 column has 3 zeros, 2 columns have 2 zeros, 4 columns have one zero, 4 columns have no zeros. That is, for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ , all vertices  $x_0$  have degree one. There is exactly 1 vertex  $x_1$  has degree 3, exactly 2 vertices  $x_1$  have degree 2, 4 vertices have degree one, and exactly 4 vertices have degree zero.

As a direct construction of this theorem for  $s = 1, 2$  in 4 is the following to Squares  $L_s$  of order 11.

$$L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$L_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

**Theorem 2.**  $N(13, K_{1,4} \cup 3K_{1,2} \cup 3K_2) \geq 4$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = (x + 1)^4$  be the starter function of the subgraph  $(K_{1,4} \cup 3K_{1,2} \cup 3K_2)$  of  $K_{13,13}$ . From the equation 1, 2, we have  $(K_{1,4} \cup 3K_{1,2} \cup 3K_2)$  –Squares  $L_s$  of order 13 which is defined as follows:

$$L_s(x, y) = y - f(x) - sx, \text{ for all } s \in \{1, 5, 8, 12\}. \quad (5)$$

that is mean, there exist 4 MODs of  $K_{13,13}$  by  $(K_{1,4} \cup 3K_{1,2} \cup 3K_2)$ . Applying Definition 5, it is easily to see that for all different  $k, r \in \{1, 5, 8, 12\}$ . the pair  $(L_k; L_r)$  is orthogonal under the condition

$$(L_k(x, y), L_r(x, y)) = (y - f(x) - kx, y - f(x) - rx), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}$$

We prove that the page obtained from the entries in  $L_1$  equal to zero is isomorphic to  $(K_{1,4} \cup 3K_{1,2} \cup 3K_2)$ . Also, a similar argument can be applied to the other pages in  $L_1, L_5, L_8, L_{12}$ . It is clear that every row contains one zero, there is exactly one column has 4 zeros, three columns have two zeros, three columns have one zero, and six columns have no zeros. That is,

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}$ , all vertices  $x_0$  have degree one. There is exactly one vertex  $x_1$  has degree 4, exactly 3 vertices  $x_1$  have degree two, exactly 3 vertices have one degree, and exactly 6 vertices have degree zeros.

As a direct construction of this theorem for  $s = 1, 5$  in 5 is the following to Squares  $L_s$  of order 13.

$$L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$L_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 3.**  $N(13, K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2) \geq 6$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = (x^3 + 1)^5$  be the starter function of the subgraph  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$  of  $K_{13,13}$ . From the equation 1, 2, we have  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$  –Squares  $L_s$  of order 13 which is defined as follows:

$$L_s(x, y) = y - f(x) - sx, \text{ for all } s \in \{2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12\} \quad (6)$$

That is mean, there exist 6 MODs of  $K_{13,13}$  by  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$ . Applying Definition 5. It is easily to see that for all different  $k, r \in \{2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12\}$  the pair  $(L_k; L_r)$  is orthogonal under the condition

$$(L_k(x, y), L_r(x, y)) = (y - f(x) - kx, y - f(x) - rx), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}.$$

We prove that the page obtained from the entries in  $L_2$  equal to zero is isomorphic to  $(K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$ . Also, a similar argument can be applied to the other pages in  $L_2, L_4, L_5, \dots, L_{12}$ . It is clear that every row contains one zero, there is exactly one column have 3 zeros, 2 columns have two zero, exactly 6 columns have one zeros, and 4 columns have no

zeros. That is, for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{13}$ , all vertices  $x_0$  have degree one. There is exactly 1 vertex  $x_1$  has degree 3, exactly 2 vertices  $x_1$  have degree two, exactly 6 vertices  $x_1$  have degree one, and 4 columns have degree zero.

As a direct construction of this theorem for  $s = 2, 4$  in 6 is the following to Squares  $L_s$  of order 13.

$$L_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$L_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Theorem 4.**  $N(17, K_{1,3} \cup 4K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2) \geq 16$ .

*Proof.* Let  $f(x) = (x + 1)^4$  be the starter function of the subgraph  $(K_{1,3} \cup 4K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$  of  $K_{17,17}$ . From the equation 1, 2, we have  $(K_{1,3} \cup 4K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$  -Squares  $L_s$  of order 17 which is defined as follows:

$$L_s(x, y) = y - f(x) - sx, \text{ for all } 1 \leq s \leq 16. \quad (7)$$

That is mean, there exist 16 MODs of  $K_{17,17}$  by  $(K_{1,3} \cup 4K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$ . Applying Definition 5, it is easily to see that for all different  $1 \leq k, r < 16$  the pair  $(L_k; L_r)$  is orthogonal under the condition:

$$(L_k(x, y), L_r(x, y)) = (y - f(x) - kx, y - f(x) - rx), \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{17}$$

We prove that the page obtained from the entries in  $L_1$  equal to zero is isomorphic to  $(K_{1,3} \cup 4K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2)$ . Also, a similar argument can be applied to the other pages in  $L_1, L_2, L_3, \dots, L_{16}$ . It is clear that every row contains one zero, there is exactly one column have 3 zeros, 4 columns have two

zero, exactly 6 columns have one zeros, and 6 columns have no zeros. That is, for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{17}$ , all vertices  $x_0$  have degree one. There is exactly 1 vertex  $x_1$  has degree 3, exactly 4 vertices  $x_1$  have degree two, exactly 6 vertices  $x_1$  have degree one, and 6 columns have degree zero.

As a direct construction of this theorem for  $s = 1, 2$  in 7 is the following to Squares  $L_s$  of order 16.

$$L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$L_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\ 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

### 4 conclusion

In conclusion, we can summarize our results in the following table:

$n$	$G$	$N(n, G)$
11	$K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 4K_2$	$\geq 10$
13	$K_{1,4} \cup 3K_{1,2} \cup 3K_2$	$\geq 4$
13	$K_{1,3} \cup 2K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2$	$\geq 6$
17	$K_{1,3} \cup 4K_{1,2} \cup 6K_2$	$\geq 16$

Furthermore, we conjecture that obtain superior outcomes to those in the above table.

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