# On Uniquely r-bipancyclic Graphs

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Abstract Let  $r \geqslant 4$  be an even integer. A bipartite graph G if order 2n is said to be uniquely r-bipancyclic if G contains exactly one cycle of every even length t,  $r \leqslant t \leqslant 2n$ , and G contains no cycle of length less than r. If G is a uniquely r-bipancyclic graph, then G is called an r-graph. In this paper, we prove that there exist exactly six outerplanar r-UB-graphs and exactly twelve r-UB-graphs of order 2n and size 2n + m for  $m \leqslant 3$ . Key words—cycle; bipartite graph; uniquely r-bipancyclic graph

#### 1 Introduction and Notation

In 1973, Entringer R C raised the problem of determining which graph G is uniquely pancyclic<sup>[1]</sup>, that is, which G contains exactly one cycle of each length t,  $3 \le t \le |V(G)|$ . In 1983, Yap H P and Teo S K generalized the notion of a uniquely pancyclic graph and defined a notion of a uniquely r-pancyclic graph <sup>[2]</sup>. A graph G of order v is said to be uniquely r-pancyclic if G contains exactly one cycle of length t, for each  $t \le v$ , and G contains no cycle of length less than t. In [3] and [4], several important results of uniquely t-pancyclic graphs have been obtained. The main objective of this paper is to study analogous questions relating to bipartite graphs.

Let  $r \geqslant 4$  be an even integer. A bipartite graph G of order 2n is said to be uniquely r-bipancyclic if G contains exactly one cycle of every even length t,  $r \leqslant t \leqslant 2n$ , and G contains no cycle of length less than r. If G is a uniquely r-bipancyclic graph, then G is called an r-UB-graph. We

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usually abbreviate '4-UB-graph' to 'UB-graph'.

The main results of this paper are stated in the abstract above.

We shall require the following definitions and notation.

Suppose that G is a graph drawn on a plane P. If C is a cycle of G, then C divides P into two regions. The bounded (unbounded) region is called the interior (exterior) of C and is denoted by int C (ext C).

Let G be an r-UB-graph and let C be the Hamilton cycle of G. Then G is obtained from C by adding some edges joining some pairs of vertices of C. We assume that the edges of G other than those edges of G are drawn in the interior of G, and we call these edges the bridges of G. Two bridges G and G are said to be skew if they have no common end-vertex and they cross each other.

Let G be an r-UB-graph and let b be a bridge of G. Then G has precisely two cycles containing b and containing no other bridges. Of these two cycles, the one that is of smaller length is called the side cycle of b and is denoted by C(b). If the length of C(b) is k, then b is called a k-bridge and k is called the order of b. If there are no bridges in int C(b) and there is no other bridge b' such that b and b' are skew, then b is called a strict bridge and C(b) is called a strict side cycle. If C' is not a side cycle, then C' is called an inner cycle. If C' is a cycle containing only one bridge b, then the other cycle containing only b is denoted by  $\overline{C'}$ . A cycle of length k is called a k-cycle.

### 2 Outerplanar r-UB-graphs

In this section, the bridge having order  $2^i + 2$  is denoted by  $b_i$ . We shall determine all outer-planar r-UB-graphs. We first prove the following:

**Lemma 2.1** If G is an outerplanar r-UB-graph and G is not a cycle, then r=4.

**Proof** Let C' be the (2n-2)-cycle of G. Since G is outerplanar, C' contains only one bridge. Thus  $\overline{C}'$  is a 4-cycle. Hence r=4.

From this lemma, it follows that the only outerplanar r-UB-graphs, which are not cycles, are the UB-graphs. The following lemma enables us to find all outerplanar UB-graphs (See Theorem 2.3).

**Lemma 2.2** If G is an outerplanar UB-graph having  $m \ge 3$  bridges, then G contains exactly one  $(2^i + 2)$ -strict bridge  $b_i$  for each  $1 \le i \le m$ .

**Proof** We prove this lemma by induction on i. Since G has exactly one (2n-2)-cycle and one (2n-4)-cycle and G is outerplanar, G has exactly one  $(2^1+2)$ -strict bridge  $b_1$  and one  $(2^2+1)$ -cycle and G is outerplanar, G has exactly one  $(2^1+1)$ -strict bridge  $b_1$  and one  $(2^2+1)$ -cycle and G is outerplanar, G has exactly one  $(2^1+1)$ -strict bridge  $b_1$  and one  $(2^2+1)$ -cycle and G is outerplanar.

#### 2)-strict bridge $b_2$ .

Assume that G has exactly one  $(2^i+2)$ -strict bridge  $b_i$  for each  $i < k \le m$ . Since any positive even integer  $s \le 2^k-2$  has a unique expression

$$2^{i_1} + 2^{i_2} + \cdots + 2^{i_t}, \qquad 1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_t \leq k-1,$$

G has a unique (2n-s)-cycle containing exclusively the strict bridges  $b_{i_1}, b_{i_2}, \dots, b_{i_t}$ . Hence G does not contain any other strict bridge whose order is smaller than  $2^k + 2$ .

Let C' be the  $(2n-2^k)$ -cycle of G. Then C' contains one bridge  $b \notin B_1 = \{b_1, b_2, \cdots, b_{k-1}\}$ . If C' contains another bridge  $b' \neq b$ , then replacing the bridge b' by the path  $C(b') \cap C$ , we obtain a cycle C'' of length  $2n - (2^k - p)$  for  $p = |V(C(b') \cap C)| - 2 \geqslant 2$ . Thus G has two cycles of length  $2n - (2^k - p)$ , which is false. Hence C' contains only one bridge b, and b is a  $(2^k + 2)$ -bridge  $b_k$ .

We shall now prove by contradiction that  $b_k$  is strict.

Suppose that  $b_k$  is not strict. Then there is at least one bridge in ext C'. Since  $\overline{C}'$  is a  $(2^k + 2)$ -cycle and G contains no bridge  $b' \in B_1$  such that the order of b' is smaller than  $2^k + 2$ , the only bridges in ext C' are the bridges  $b_j$ ,  $j \leq k - 1$ .

Clearly  $b_{k-1}$  is contained in int C'. Otherwise, since  $2^k+2-2^{k-1}=2^{k-1}+2$ , it follows that G has an inner cycle of length  $2^{k-1}+2$  containing exclusively the bridges  $b_k$  and  $b_{k-1}$ , which contradicts the fact that the side cycle  $C(b_{k-1})$  is also of length  $2^{k-1}+2$ . We can thus assume that there is a smallest index  $j\leqslant k-2$  such that  $b_j,\cdots,b_{j+q-1}$  are contained in ext C' and  $b_{j+q}$  is contained in int C', where  $j+q\leqslant k-1$ . In the following we assume that  $j\neq 1$ . However, when j=1, the proof is similar.

Next, since any even integer s satisfying  $2^k < s \leqslant 2^k + 2^j - 2$  can be written uniquely in the form

$$2^{i_1} + 2^{i_2} + \dots + 2^{i_t} + 2^k$$
,  $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_t \le j-1$ ,

G has a (2n-s)-cycle containing exclusively the bridges  $b_{i_1}, b_{i_2}, \dots, b_{i_t}$  and  $b_k$ . Hence G has no bridge  $b' \notin B_2 = B_1 \cup \{b_k\}$  whose order is smaller than  $2^k + 2^j + 2$ .

Let C'' be the  $(2n-2^k-2^j)$ -cycle of G. Clearly C'' contains at least one bridge  $b^* \notin B_2$ . A similar discussion to that of the  $(2n-2^k)$ -cycle C' yields that  $b^*$  is a  $(2^k+2^j+2)$ -bridge. (See Fig. 1.) There are two cases, depending on whether  $b_i$  is contained in int C'' or not.

Case 1  $b_j$  is contained in int C''. In this case,  $b_k$  is contained in int C''. It follows that G has two  $(2n-2^k-2^{j+q})$  -cycles, one of which is the cycle containing exclusevely the two bridges  $b_k$  and  $b_{j+q}$ , the other is the cycle containing exclusively the bridges  $b_j, b_{j+1}, \cdots, b_{j+q-1}$  and  $b^*$ , which

is false.

Case 2  $b_j$  is contained in ext C''. In this case, G has two  $(2^k + 2)$ -cycles, one of which is the side cycle containing exclusively the bridge  $b_k$ , and the other is the cycle containing exclusively the two bridges  $b_j$  and  $b^*$ , which is false.

Thus  $b_k$  is a strict bridge, and hence the proof of the lemma is completed.

Figure 2 shows six outerplanar UB-graphs.

Theorem 2.3 Let G be an outerplanar r-UB-graph and G is not a cycle, then  $G \in \{H_8, H_{14}^{(1)}, H_{14}^{(2)}, H_{14}^{(3)}, H_{14}^{(4)}\}$ .

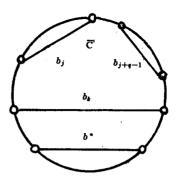


Figure 1

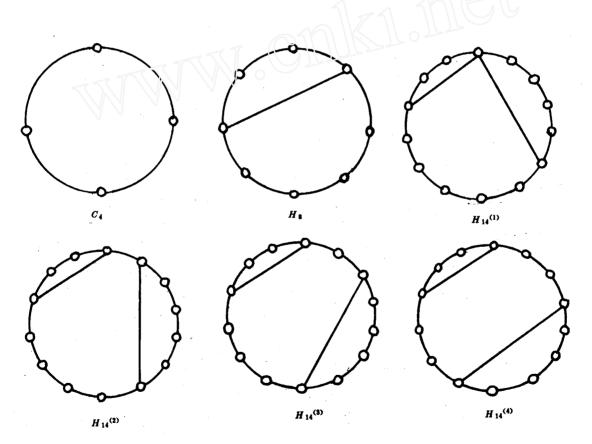


Figure 2

**Proof** By Lemma 2.1, r = 4. Let G have m bridges.

If  $m \geqslant 3$ , then by Lemma 2.2, these m bridges are  $(2^i + 2)$ -strict bridges  $b_i$ ,  $1 \leqslant i \leqslant m$ .

Thus G has m strict side cycles  $C(b_1)$ ,  $C(b_2)$ , ...,  $C(b_m)$ . Let  $P_i = C(b_i) \cap C$  for i = 1, 2, ..., m and let C' be any inner cycle of G. Then C' contains either  $b_i$  or  $P_i$  for i = 1, 2, ..., m. It follows that G has 2 inner cycles, and hence G has  $2^m + m$  cycles. Since the inner cycle of minimum length is the cycle containing all the m bridges, the length of this cycle is

$$2(2^m + m) + 2 - \sum_{i=1}^m 2^i = 2m + 4 \geqslant 10.$$

Hence G does not contain an 8-cycle and G is not an outerplanar UB-graph.

If 
$$m = 1$$
, then  $G = H_8$ . If  $m = 2$ , then  $G \in \{H_{14}^{(1)}, H_{14}^{(2)}, H_{14}^{(3)}, H_{14}^{(4)}\}$ .

### 3 r-UB-graphs with $m \leqslant 3$ bridges

Let  $b_1', b_2', \cdots, b_m'$  be the bridges of G and let  $v_{a_1}$ ,  $v_{a_2}, \cdots, v_{a_l}$  ( $\alpha_i$  is an integer,  $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \cdots < \alpha_l$ ) be the vertices of attachment of these bridges and these vertices appear in the clockwise order  $v_{a_1}, v_{a_2}, \cdots, v_{a_l}$  on G, where  $b_i' = x_i y_i, x_i, y_i \in \{v_{a_1}, v_{a_2}, \cdots, v_{a_l}\}, i = 1, 2, \cdots, m$ . Then the graph which satisfies the above conditions is represented by  $G(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2, \cdots, x_m y_m)$ . It is stressed that the bridges between parentheses appear in the order  $b_1', b_2', \cdots, b_m'$ . We frequently regard the  $G(x_1 y_1, x_2 y_2, \cdots, x_m y_m)$  as a diagram of G which manifests the

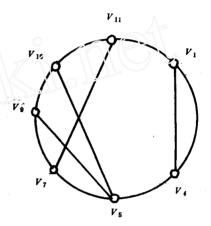


Figure 3

relation of relative positions holding between some of the bridges in G. For example, a diagram  $G(v_1v_4,v_5v_{10},v_7v_{11},v_5v_9)$  of a given graph G is shown in Figure 3. It shows that G contains four bridges  $b_1'=v_1v_4$ ,  $b_2'=v_5v_{10}$ ,  $b_3'=v_7v_{11}$ ,  $b_4'=v_5v_9$ , where  $b_3'$  and  $b_2'$  are skew,  $b_3'$  and  $b_4'$  are also skew, but  $b_1'$  does not skew to the other.

Let  $C[v_i, v_j]$  denote the  $(v_i, v_j)$ -path which follows the clockwise orientation of C. Similarly, the symbol  $C(v_i, v_j)$  denotes the path  $C[v_i, v_j] - \{v_i, v_j\}$ . And the symbol  $\overline{C[v_i, v_j]}$  is used to denote the reverse path of  $C[v_i, v_j]$ .

An r-UB-graph G is said to be a skew graph if G is not an outerplanar graph. An r-UB-graph G is said to be an m-skew graph if G is a skew graph with m bridges.

**Lemma 3.1** If G is a UB-graph and b is a 4-bridge in G, then b does not skew to the other bridges in G.

**Proof** Let  $b_1' = v_1v_3$  and  $b_1' \cup C[v_3, v_4]$  be a 4-cycle. Suppose that there is a bridge  $b_2'$ 

which skews to  $b_1'$  (See  $G(v_1v_3,v_2v_4)$ ), where  $b_2'=v_2v_4$ ). Clearly, there is exactly one vertex on  $C(v_3,v_4) \cup C(v_4,v_1)$ . We may assume that  $C(v_4,v_1)$  contains exactly one vertex. Then G contains two cycles  $b_1' \cup C[v_1,v_2] \cup b_2' \cup v_4v_3$  and  $b_2' \cup C[v_4,v_2]$  which have the same length, a contradiction.

**Lemma 3.2** None of the 2-skew graphs is an r-UB-graph.

**Proof** Let G be any 2-skew graph. Clearly G has exactly 7 cycles denoted by  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_7$ .

It is easy to verify that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{7} |E(C_i)| = 4|E(G)|.$$

Suppose that G is an r-UB-graph. Then

$$|V(G)| = 2n = r + (7-1) \times 2 = r + 12, |E(G)| = 2n + 2 = r + 14,$$
  
$$\sum_{i=1}^{7} |E(C_i)| = r + (r+2) + \dots + (r+12) = 7r + 42.$$

Thus 4(r+14) = 7r + 42, and hence 3r = 14, which is false.

The proof of the following lemma is not difficult and therefore is left to the reader.

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $|E(G)| = \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i l_i$  and  $a_1 \ge a_2 \ge \cdots \ge a_m > 0$  If  $l_{k_1} l_{k_2} \cdots l_{k_m}$  is a permutation of  $l_1 l_2 \cdots l_m$  with  $0 < l_{k_1} \le l_{k_2} \cdots \le l_{l_m}$ , then  $|E(G)| = \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i l_i$ .

Lemma 3.4 If G is a 3-skew UB-graph, then G contains one 4-bridge.

**Proof** We shall prove this lemma by contradiction. Suppose that G contains no 4-bridge. Then G must contain one 4-inner cycle, say  $C_4$ . We shall now consider the number of the bridges contained in  $C_4$ . There are two possible cases only.

Case 1  $C_4$  contains exactly two bridges, say  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$ . In this case, C is not a skew cycle, otherwise G has two Hamilton cycles, a contradiction.

Now both  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$  must skew to the third bridge  $b_3'$ . Otherwise we may assume that  $b_1'$  skews to  $b_3'$  and  $b_2'$  does not skew to  $b_3'$ . Let  $b_2' = v_2v_4$ . We may also assume that there are no bridges in int  $C[v_2, v_4] \cup b_2'$ . Further, let  $G^* = G - C(v_2, v_4)$ . Then  $b_1'$  is a 4-bridge of  $G^*$ . By the proof of Lemma 3.1, it is easily seen that  $G^*$  contains two cycles which have the same length, a contradiction.

We shall now consider two subcases, depending on whether  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$  are adjacent or not.

Case 1.1  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$  are adjacent (See  $G(v_1v_4,v_2v_4,v_3v_5)$ ). In this case, G contains two cycles  $b_3' \cup C[v_5,v_3]$  and  $C[v_5,v_1] \cup v_1v_4v_2 \cup C[v_2,v_3] \cup v_3v_5$  which have the same length, a contradiction.

Case 1. 2  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$  are not adjacent (See  $G(v_1v_5, v_2v_4, v_3v_6)$ ). In this case, G contains two cycles  $C[v_6, v_1] \cup v_1v_5 \cup \overline{C[v_3, v_5]} \cup v_3v_6$  and  $C[v_6, v_2] \cup v_2v_4 \cup \overline{C[v_3, v_4]} \cup v_3v_6$  which have the

same length, again a contradiction.

Case 2  $C_4$  contains exactly three bridges. Since G is a skew graph, there are two bridges in G which are skew (See  $G(v_1v_3,v_2v_4,v_1v_2)$ ). Let  $G^*=G-C(v_1,v_2)$  and  $v^*=|V(G^*)|$ . Then  $G^*$  contains two  $v^*$ -cycles, once more a contradiction.

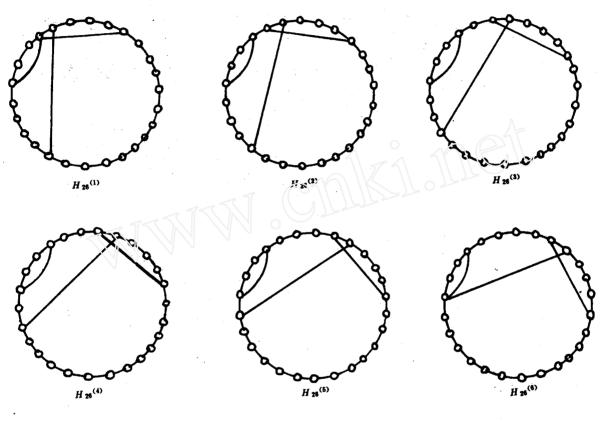


Figure 4

The graphs  $H_{26}^{(1)}$ ,  $H_{26}^{(2)}$ ,  $H_{26}^{(3)}$ ,  $H_{26}^{(4)}$ ,  $H_{26}^{(5)}$  and  $H_{26}^{(6)}$  are depicted in Figure 4.

**Lemma 3.5** A 3-skew graph G is an r-UB-graph if and only if  $G \in \{H_{26}^{(1)}, H_{26}^{(2)}, H_{26}^{(3)}, H_{26}^{(4)}, H_{26}^{(5)}, H_{26}^{(6)}\}$ .

**Proof** The sufficiency is easily seen by immediately checking  $H_{26}^{(i)}$  ( $i=1,2,\cdots,6$ ). We shall prove the necessity. Let  $b_1'$ ,  $b_2'$  and  $b_3'$  be the bridges of G and let  $b_1'$  skew to  $b_2'$ .

Consider the relation of the relative positions holding between  $b_3{}'$  and the other two bridges. We have three cases.

Case 1  $b_3$ ' does not skew to the other two bridges (See  $G(v_1v_3, v_2v_4, v_5v_6)$ ). We allow  $v_6 = v_1$  or  $v_4 = v_5$ . In this case G contains exactly 12 cycles. Let  $C_1 = b_3$ '  $\bigcup C[v_5, v_6]$ ,  $C_2 = b_1$ '  $\bigcup$ 

 $C[v_1, v_3], C_3 = b_2' \cup C[v_2, v_4], C_4 = b_2' \cup \overline{C[v_1, v_2]} \cup b_1' \cup C[v_3, v_4]$  and let  $C_5, C_6, \dots, C_{12}$  be the other cycles. In the coming discussion,  $|E(C_i)|$  is denoted by  $l_i$ . It is easy to verify that

$$4l_1 + 2(l_2 + l_3 + l_4) + \sum_{i=5}^{12} l_i = 8|E(G)|.$$
 (1)

Since G is a r-UB-graph, G contains exactly one k-cycle for each even k,  $r \le k \le r + 22$ . By Lemma 3.3,

$$|E(G)| \geqslant \frac{4r + 2(r + 2 + r + 4 + r + 6) + \sum\limits_{i=4}^{11} (r + 2i)}{8} = \frac{9r + 72}{4}.$$

Clearly |E(G)| = r + 25. Therefore  $r + 25 \geqslant \frac{9r + 72}{4}$ , i.e.,  $5r \leqslant 28$ .

Since  $r \ge 4$  is even, r = 4. Thus 2n = 26.

By Lemmas 3. 1 and 3. 4,  $b_3'$  is a 4-bridge and  $b_3' \cup C[v_5, v_6]$  is a 4-cycle. From (1), we have

$$3l_1 + (l_2 + l_3 + l_4) + \sum_{i=1}^{12} l_i = 8(2n + 3).$$

Hence

$$l_2 + l_3 + l_4 = 8 \times 29 - 3 \times 4 - \sum_{i=0}^{11} (4 + 2i) = 40.$$

Let  $Q_i = C[v_i, v_{i+1}]$ , for i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and let  $Q_6 = C[v_6, v_1]$ ,  $q_i = |E(Q_i)|$  for i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

It is easily seen that

$$40 = l_2 + l_3 + l_4 = 2(q_1 - 1 + q_2 - 1 + q_3 - 1) + 1$$
, i.e.,  $q_1 + q_2 + q_3 = 21$ .

Thus 
$$(q_4 - 1) + (q_6 - 1) = 26 - (q_1 + q_2 + q_3 + r - 4) = 5$$
, i.e.,  $q_4 + q_6 = 7$ .

Since each cycle other than  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $C_4$  contains the paths  $Q_4$  and  $Q_6$ , the 6-cycle of G must be one of the three cycles  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_4$ .

Suppose that  $C_4$  is the 6-cycle of G, then  $q_1+q_3=6$ . In this case, G has two 24-cycles  $b_3'\cup C[v_6,v_5]$  and  $b_2'\cup C[v_2,v_3]\cup b_1'\cup \overline{C[v_4,v_1]}$ , a contradiction. Therefore the 6-cycle of G must be  $C_2$  or  $C_3$ . We may assume that  $C_2$  is the 6-cycle of G. Then  $q_1+q_2=7$ . Since  $C_4$  is even cycle and  $q_3=21-7=14$ ,  $q_1$  is even. Also  $q_1\geqslant 2$ ,  $q_2\geqslant 2$ . It follows that  $q_1=2$  or  $q_1=4$ .

Suppose that  $q_1=4$ . Then  $q_2=3$ . In this case G has two 12-cycles  $b_{2'}\cup C\big[v_4,v_2\big]$  and  $b_{2'}\cup C\big[v_2,v_3\big]\cup b_{1'}\cup \overline{C\big[v_4,v_1\big]}$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $q_1=2$ . Consequently  $G\in\{H_{26}^{(1)},H_{26}^{(2)},H_{26}^{(2)},H_{26}^{(5)},H_{26}^{(6)}\}$ .

Case 2  $b_3'$  skews to exactly one of the two bridges  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$ . We may assume that  $b_3'$  skews to  $b_2'$ . Then  $G = G(v_1v_3, v_2v_4, v_3v_5)$  or  $G = G(v_1v_3, v_2v_5, v_4v_6)$ .

Case 2.1  $G = G(v_1v_3, v_2v_4, v_3v_5)$ . Clearly G has exactly 13 cycles. Let  $C_1 = b_2' \bigcup C[v_4, v_2]$  and let  $C_2, C_3, \dots, C_{13}$  be the other cycles. It is easy to verify that  $\sum_{i=2}^{13} l_i = 6 |E(G)|$ .

Since G is an r-UB-graph,  $2n = r + (13-1) \times 2 = 24 + r$ . Using Lemma 3. 3, we get  $6(24 + r + 3) \geqslant \sum_{i=0}^{11} (r + 2i) = 12r + 132$ ,

i e ,  $r \leq 5$ . Thus r = 4. By Lemmas 3. 4 and 3. 1, G has a strict 4-bridge, which is false.

Case 2. 2  $G = G(v_1v_3, v_2v_5, v_4v_6)$ . Clearly G has exactly 14 cycles. Let  $C_1 = b_1' \cup C[v_1, v_3]$ ,  $C_2 = b_3' \cup C[v_4, v_6]$  and let  $C_3, C_4, \dots, C_{14}$  be the other cycles. It is easy to verify that  $l_1 + l_2 + \sum_{i=1}^{14} l_i = 8 |E(G)|$ .

Since G is an r-UB-graph, 2n = r + 26. Using Lemma 3.3, we have

$$8(26+r+3) \geqslant 2r+2(r+2)+\sum_{i=2}^{13}(r+2i)=16r+184,$$

ie,  $r \leqslant 6$ . Thus r = 4 or r = 6.

A discussion similar to that of the case 2. 1 yields that  $r \neq 4$ . Therefore r = 6, and 2n = 26 + 6 = 32. From (2), we have  $8(2n + 3) = l_1 + l_2 + \sum_{i=3}^{16} 2i$ . i.e.,  $35 \times 8 = l_1 + l_2 + 266$ , Hence  $l_1 + l_2 = 14$ .

Clearly  $\{l_1, l_2\} = \{6, 8\}$  and  $b_1' \cup C[v_3, v_4] \cup b_3' \cup C[v_6, v_1]$  is a 22-cycle.

Let C' be the 30-cycle of G. Clearly C' contains at least two bridges and C' is a skew cycle. If C' contains exactly two bridges, we may assume that C' contains bridges  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$ . Then the other skew cycle containing exactly the two bridges  $b_1'$  and  $b_2'$  is a 6-cycle. Thus G has two 6-cycles, which is false. Therefore C' contains exactly three bridges. Thus the other skew cycle containing exactly the three bridges is an 8-cycle, and hence G has two 8-cycles, which is false.

Case 3  $b_3$ ' skews to both  $b_1$ ' and  $b_2$ '. In this case  $G = G(v_1v_4, v_2v_5, v_3v_6)$ . Cleary G has exactly 15 cycles, say  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{15}$ . It is easy to verify that,  $\sum_{i=1}^{15} l_i = 8 |E(G)|$ .

Since G is an r-UB-graph, 2n = 28 + r and  $8(28 + r + 3) = \sum_{i=0}^{14} (r + 2i)$ , i.e., 7r = 38, which is false.

Theorem 3.6 Let G be an r-UB-graph with  $m \le 3$  bridges. Then  $G \in \{C_4, H_8, H_{14}^{(1)}, H_{14}^{(2)}, H_{14}^{(3)}, H_{14}^{(4)}, H_{26}^{(4)}, H_{26}^{(5)}, H_{26}^{(5)}, H_{26}^{(5)}\}$ .

Proof This theorem follows immediately from Theorem 2.3, Lemmas 3.2 and 3.5.

We end this paper with the following conjecture.

Conjecture A graph G is an r-UB-graph if and only if  $G \in \{C_4, H_8, H_{14}^{(1)}, H_{14}^{(2)}, H_{14}^{(3)}, H_{14}^{(4)}, H_{14}^{(4)}, H_{14}^{(4)}, H_{14}^{(5)}, H_{26}^{(6)}\}$ .

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