# Sum-free graphs

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An *n*-vertex graph is sum-free if the vertices can be labelled with  $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$  such that no vertex gets a label which is the sum of the labels of two of its neighbours. We prove that non-complete graphs with average degree two or less are sum-free. We also prove that graphs with maximum degree three and at least seven vertices are sum-free.

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In [4] the authors discuss combination graphs, in which vertices of G are labelled using a bijection  $f : V(G) \to \{1, \ldots, |V(G)|\}$  and an injective edge-labelling is induced by assigning the label  $\binom{a}{b}$  to the edge e = uv if  $\{f(u), f(v)\} = \{a, b\}$ , with a > b. This labelling problem is somewhat complicated by the fact that it is possible to have  $\binom{a}{b} = \binom{c}{d}$ , for  $a \neq c$ .

Here we consider the presumably easier problem of characterizing which graphs have sum-free labellings. For an *n*-vertex simple graph G, with vertex set V(G), a sum-free labelling of G is a bijection  $f : V(G) \to I_n =$  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ , such that for every path P = uvw,  $f(v) \neq f(u) + f(w)$ . If G is a simple graph and G has a sum-free labelling, we call G sum-free. Obviously, a combination graph is a sum-free graph, but a graph could be sum-free without being a combination graph. In the special case that  $V(G) = I_n$  and the sum-free function f is the identity function on  $I_n$ , we say that G is a labelled sum-free graph.

All graphs in this note will be finite and simple. Throughout, unless otherwise stated, we shall assume that G is a finite simple graph with n vertices and m edges. Our notation will generally follow that of [2]. For a graph G, V (G) is the vertex set of G, and E (G) the edge set. For  $v \in V(G)$ , the degree of v is denoted d(v), the set of neighbours of v is N(v), the closed neighbourhood is  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . If G is assumed to be sum-free, we will use f for some sum-free labelling of G. **Observation 1.** Following [4], we note that if G is sum-free, then  $|E(G)| \leq \frac{1}{4} |V(G)|^2$ .

Proof. Let  $v = f^{-1}(n) \in V(G)$ . Then, since G is sum-free, no two neighbours of G can have labels in  $\{j, n-j\}$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{2}$ . Hence,  $d_G(v) \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ . Note that f when restricted to  $V(G) - \{v\}$  yields a sum-free labelling of G - v. Hence, for  $w = f^{-1}(n-1) \in V(G-v)$ ,  $d_{G-v}(w) \leq \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor$ , and  $d_G(v) + d_{G-v}(w) \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor = n-1$ . Now, if  $|E(G-\{v,w\})| \leq \frac{1}{4} |V(G-\{v,w\})|^2 = \frac{1}{4} (n-2)^2$ , then  $|E(G)| \leq \frac{1}{4} (n-2)^2 + (n-1) = \frac{1}{4}n^2$ . To complete a proof by induction, it is only necessary to note that the desired inequality holds for simple graphs on one or two vertices.

**Observation 2.** Any *n*-vertex sum-free graph *G* can be embedded as a subgraph in an *n*-vertex sum-free graph *H* with  $|E(H)| = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{4}n^2 \right\rfloor$ . Hence, a list of all of the *n*-vertex *m*-edge sum-free graphs, with  $m = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{4}n^2 \right\rfloor$ , contains all of the *n*-vertex sum-free graphs as subgraphs.

Proof. Let  $v = f^{-1}(n) \in V(G)$ , and again note that G - v is sum-free with labelling  $g = f - \{(v, n)\}$ . By the obvious induction, we may embed G - v in a sum-free graph  $H_1$  with the same labelling g, and with  $\left\lfloor \frac{1}{4} (n-1)^2 \right\rfloor$  edges. Now, select  $X \subseteq V(H_1)$  such that  $N(v) \subseteq X$  and for each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $|f(X) \cap \{i, n-i\}| = 1$ . Let  $H = H_1 \cup \{vw : w \in X\}$ . Then, H is sum-free with labelling f, and  $|E(H)| = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{4}n^2 \right\rfloor$ .

**Observation 3.** The processes in Observation 1 and Observation 2 specify an algorithm for generating all edge-maximal labelled sum-free graphs on n vertices. For a labelled sum-free graph G on n-1 vertices, let  $Y(G) = \left\{ X \subseteq V(G) = I_{n-1} : |X| = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  and  $|X \cap \{i, n-i\}| = 1, 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}$ .

For  $X \in Y(G)$ , let  $s(G, X) = G \cup \{n\} \cup \{\{n, x\} : x \in X\}.$ 

Suppose that  $L_{n-1} = \{G_k\}_{k=1}^q$  is the set of all labelled *n*-vertex sum-free graphs. Then,  $L_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^q \{s(G_k, X) : X \in Y(G_k)\}.$ 

We note that  $|L_n| = 2^q |L_{n-1}|$ , where  $q = \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ , and  $|L_n| = 2^t$ , where  $t = \left\lfloor \frac{(n-1)^2}{4} \right\rfloor$ . For example,  $L_4$  has four labelled graphs. One of these is a 4-cycle, the other three are isomorphic. In general, one would expect the number of non-isomorphic graphs in  $L_n$  to be far smaller than  $|L_n|$ . Of course, the number of non-isomorphic graphs in  $L_n$  is at least  $\frac{1}{n!} |L_n| = \frac{2^{\lfloor (n-1)^2/4 \rfloor}}{n!}$ , which grows rather quickly.

A simple graph on *n* vertices and  $\left\lfloor \frac{1}{4}n^2 \right\rfloor$  edges is not necessarily sumfree. We will show later that  $K_{3,3}$  is not sum-free, yet  $K_{3,3}$  has 6 vertices and  $\left\lfloor \frac{1}{4} \cdot 6^2 \right\rfloor = 9$  edges.

For a graph G, let  $R(G,k) = \{v \in V(G) : d(v) \ge k\}$ . For a positive integer n, let  $r(n,k) = \max\{|R(G,k)| : G \in L_n\}$ .

**Lemma 4.** If f is a sum-free labelling of G, and if  $v \in V(G)$  with d(v) = n - j, then  $f(v) \leq 2j$  and  $R(n, n - j) \subseteq \{f^{-1}(k) : 1 \leq k \leq 2j\}$ . Hence,  $r(n, n - j) \leq 2j$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f(v) \ge 2j + 1$ . Then, for  $1 \le i \le j$ ,

$$\left| \left\{ f^{-1}(i), f^{-1}(n-i) \right\} \cap N(v) \right| \leq 1,$$

and  $d(v) \leq (n-1) - j$ . since this is impossible,  $f(v) \leq 2j$ .

We noted that  $K_{2,2}$  is sum-free. (It is in  $L_4$ .) Assign  $\{2,3\}$  to one colour class, and  $\{1,4\}$  to the other.

**Lemma 5.**  $K_{2,3}$  is not sum-free and  $K_{k,k}$  is not sum-free, for  $k \ge 3$ .

*Proof.* We consider the case of  $G \cong K_{k,k}$ ,  $k \ge 3$ , first. Let (X, Y) be a bipartition of G, and let f be a sum-free labelling of G. Without loss of generality,  $f^{-1}(1) \in X$ . Now, if  $f^{-1}(i) \in X$ , for  $2 \le i \le 2k - 1$ , then  $f^{-1}(i+1) \notin Y$ , and we must have  $f^{-1}(i+1) \in X$ . But then  $X = \{f^{-1}(1), f^{-1}(k+2), f^{-1}(k+3), \ldots, f^{-1}(2k)\}$ , and

$$Y = \left\{ f^{-1}(2), f^{-1}(3), f^{-1}(4), \dots, f^{-1}(k+1) \right\}.$$

Since  $k \ge 3$ ,  $f^{-1}(k+1)$ ,  $f^{-1}(k-1) \in Y = N(f^{-1}(2k))$ , contradicting the choice of f as a sum-free labelling. Hence,  $K_{k,k}$  is not sum-free, for  $k \ge 3$ .

Now, let  $G \cong K_{2,3}$ , with bipartition (X, Y), where |X| = 2. By Lemma 4,  $f(X) \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Thus,  $f^{-1}(5) \in Y$ , and  $f(X) \notin \{\{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ . Now, if  $f(X) = \{1, j\}$ , with  $j \in \{2, 3\}$ , then  $j + 1 \in F(Y)$ , which is impossible. If  $f(X) = \{2, 4\}$ , then  $\{1, 3\} \in f(Y)$ , which is impossible. Finally, if  $f(X) = \{3, 4\}$ , then  $\{1, 2\} \in f(Y)$ , which is impossible. Thus,  $K_{2,3}$  is not sumfree.

**Corollary 6.** Let  $n \ge 5$ . If  $K_{k,n-k} \subseteq G$ , for  $2 \le k \le n-2$ , then G is not sum-free. Since  $K_{2,n-2}$  cannot be a subgraph of G if  $n \ge 5$ ,  $|R(G, n-1)| \le 1$  and any two vertices of degree n-2 are adjacent.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $K_{k,n-k} \cong H \subseteq G$ , where  $n \ge 5$  and  $2 \le k \le n-2$ , and that f is a sum-free labelling of G. Then, f is a sum-free labelling of H. Let H have bipartition (X, Y), with  $|X| \le |Y|$ . By Lemma 4,  $f^{-1}(X) \subseteq \{1, 2, \ldots, 2 |X|\}$ . Let  $M = G [f^{-1}(\{1, 2, \ldots, 2 |X|\})]$ , if  $|X| \ge 3$ , and let  $M = G [f^{-1}(\{1, 2, \ldots, 5\})]$ , if |X| = 2. Then, f restricted to M is a sum-free labelling of M. But, by Lemma 5, M has no sum-free labelling. □

By Corollary 6, there are examples of graphs on n vertices,  $n \ge 5$ , which are not sum-free but have only 2n - 4 edges, far below the  $\frac{1}{4}n^2$  bound.

It may be possible to limit the total number of vertices of high degree, as in the next two Lemmas.

**Lemma 7.** If G is sum-free,  $n \ge 5$ , and G has a vertex of degree n-1, then G has at most one vertex of degree n-2.

*Proof.* Suppose that d(u) = n - 1, d(v) = n - 2, and d(w) = n - 2, with  $v \neq w$ . By Corollary 6,  $vw \in E(G)$ . By Lemma 4,  $f(\{u, v, w\}) \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Since  $G[\{u, v, w\}] \cong K_3$  and G is sum-free,

$$f(\{u, v, w\}) \in \{\{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}.$$

Suppose that  $f(\{u, v, w\}) = \{2, 3, 4\}$ . Then, f(u) = 2. Without loss of generality, f(v) = 3 and f(w) = 4. Let  $z = f^{-1}(1)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(5)$ . Then,  $zv \notin E(G)$ . Hence,  $yv \in E(G)$ ,  $yu \in E(G)$ , and f(y) = f(u) + f(v), contradicting the choice of f as sum-free. Thus,  $f(\{u, v, w\}) \neq \{2, 3, 4\}$ .

Now, suppose that  $f(\lbrace u, v, w \rbrace) = \lbrace 1, 2, 4 \rbrace$  and f(u) = 1. Then,

$$|N(f^{-1}(4)) \cap \{f^{-1}(3), f^{-1}(5)\}| \ge 1,$$

and both of these are impossible.

Finally, suppose that  $f(\{u, v, w\}) = \{1, 2, 4\}$  and f(u) = 2. Without loss of generality, f(v) = 1 and f(w) = 4. Let  $z = f^{-1}(3)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(5)$ . Since  $wz, vz \notin E(G)$ , we must have  $wy, vy \in E(G)$ . But then, f(y) = f(w) + f(v), contradicting the choice of f as sum-free. This exhausts all cases. Hence, G has at most one vertex of degree n - 2.

**Lemma 8.** If G is sum-free,  $n \ge 5$ , and G has no vertex of degree n - 1, then G has at most three vertices of degree n - 2.

*Proof.* By Corollary 6, if G has four vertices of degree n-2, these four vertices are pairwise adjacent, and by Lemma 4, they have labels in  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Hence,  $\{f^{-1}(1), f^{-1}(2)\} \in N(f^{-1}(3))$ , which is impossible.

**Lemma 9.** If G is sum-free,  $n \ge 6$ , and G has no vertex of degree n-1, then G has at most two vertices of degree n-2. Hence,  $r(n, n-2) \le 2$  for  $n \ge 6$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that u, v, w are distinct vertices in G, each with degree n-2. By Corollary 6, if  $G[\{u, v, w\}] \cong K_3$ , and, by Lemma 4,  $f(\{u, v, w\}) \subseteq \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Since G is sum-free,  $f(\{u, v, w\}) \in \{\{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ .

Suppose that  $f(\{u, v, w\}) = \{1, 2, 4\}$ . Without loss of generality, f(u) = 1, f(v) = 2, f(w) = 4. Let  $z = f^{-1}(3)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(5)$ . Then,  $z \notin N(u) \cap N(v)$ ,  $z \notin N(w)$ . But then,  $y \in N(w)$ , and thus  $y \notin N(u)$ . Then,  $z \in N(u)$  and  $z \notin N(v)$ . Now,  $f^{-1}(6) \in N(v) \cap N(w)$ , which is impossible.

Suppose that  $f(\{u, v, w\}) = \{2, 3, 4\}$ . Without loss of generality, f(u) = 2, f(v) = 3, f(w) = 4. Let  $z = f^{-1}(1)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(5)$ . Here,  $z \notin N(v) \cup N(w)$ . If  $n \ge 7$ , then  $f^{-1}(7) \in N(v) \cap N(w)$ , which is impossible. For n = 6,  $f^{-1}(5)$ ,  $f^{-1}(6) \in N(v) \cap N(w)$ . Hence,  $f^{-1}(5)$ ,  $f^{-1}(6) \notin N(u)$ , and  $d(u) \le n-3$ , contradicting our assumptions.

#### Lemma 10.

(a) If  $n \ge 2j$ , then  $r(n+1, n+1-j) \le r(n, n-j)$ . Hence,  $r(n, n-j) \le r(2j, j)$ , for  $n \ge 2j$ .

(b) Suppose that  $G \in L_N$  has  $R(G_0, N-j) = I_k$ , where  $j, k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Then,  $r(n, n-j) \geq k$ , for  $n \geq N$ .

*Proof.* We only need prove part (a) for graphs on  $L_{n+1}$ . Let  $G \in L_{n+1}$  and let  $H = G - \{v_{n+1}\}$ , where we use  $v_{n+1}$  for the vertex of G with label n + 1 merely to remind the reader that this is a vertex of G. Note that  $R(G, n+1-j) \subseteq R(H, n-j) \cup \{v_{n+1}\}$ , but  $d_G(v_{n+1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rfloor < 1$ 

n+1-j. Thus,  $R(G, n+1-j) \subseteq R(H, n-j)$ . Since this is true for any  $G \in L_{n+1}$ ,  $r(n+1, n+1-j) \leq r(n, n-j)$ . Now, a straightforward induction gives  $r(2j+k, j+k) \leq r(2j, j)$ , for  $k \geq 0$ , proving part (a).

Now, suppose that  $G \in L_N$  has  $R(G_0, N-j) = I_k$ , where  $j, k \leq \left\lfloor \frac{N}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Then, there is some  $X \subseteq Y(G)$  such that  $I_k \subseteq X$ . Thus,  $H = s(G, X) \in L_{N+1}$  has  $R(H, N+1-j) = I_k$ . Induction then establishes  $r(n, n-j) \geq |R(G, N-j)| = k$ , for  $n \geq N$ , proving part (b).

We now have simple proofs of Lemma 4, of one of the statements in Corollary 6, and of Lemma 9 using the lists  $L_n$ . We state this as Corollary 11.

#### Corollary 11.

- (a) r(n, n-1) = 1 for  $n \ge 4$ .
- (b) r(n, n-2) = 2 for  $n \ge 6$ .
- (c) r(n, n-3) = 4 for  $n \ge 8$ .
- (d)  $r(n, n-j) \leq 2j$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Since  $|R(G,3)| \leq 1$  for any of the four graphs  $G \in L_4$ ,  $r(n, n-1) \leq 1$  for  $n \geq 4$ . There is a graph  $G_4 \in L_4$  with adjacency matrix  $M_4$  shown below.  $R(G_4,3) = \{1\}$ . Thus, by Lemma 10, (a) holds.

Since  $|R(G,4)| \leq 2$  for any of the 64 graphs  $G \in L_6$ ,  $r(n, n-2) \leq 2$  for  $n \geq 6$ . There is a graph  $G_6 \in L_4$  with adjacency matrix  $M_6$  shown below.  $R(G_6, 4) = \{1, 2\}$ . Thus, by Lemma 10, (b) holds.

Let  $G_{11}$  denote the labelled sum-free graph with adjacency matrix  $M_{11}$ , displayed below. Note that  $R(G_{11}, 8) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . From the possible degree sequences in  $L_8$ , we know that r(8, 5) = 4 and, hence, by Lemma  $10(a), r(n, n-3) \leq 4$ , for  $n \geq 8$ . But, by Lemma  $10(b), r(n, n-3) \geq$  $|R(G_{11}, 8)| = 4$ , for  $n \geq 11$ . Hence, r(n, n-3) = 4, for  $n \geq 8$ . This established part (c).

Since  $r(n, j) \leq 2j$  trivially for  $n \leq 2j$ , we deduce that  $r(n, n - j) \leq 2j$ , for all  $n \geq 0$ . This proves part (d).

$$M_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \ M_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
$M_{11} =$	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Now for a few positive examples.

**Lemma 12.** If  $n \ge 4$ , and if G has maximum degree two, then G is sum-free.

*Proof.* Suppose that G is a minimum counterexample. That is, for any graph H with  $\Delta(H) \leq 2$  and  $4 \leq |V(H)| < n$ , H is sum-free.

Suppose that G has a component C with k vertices,  $k \leq 3$ , and let H = G - V(C). If  $|V(H)| \geq 4$ , label C with  $\{j\}_{j=n-k+1}^{n}$ . Note that if C has a path *uvw*, then  $f(u) \leq n < 2n-3 \leq f(v) + f(w)$ . Let g be a sum-free labelling of H, and set f(x) = g(x) for  $x \in V(H) \subseteq V(G)$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of G.

If |V(H)| = 3, label H with  $\{1, 2, 4\}$  and C with  $\{3, 5, 6\} \cap \{j\}_{j=1}^{n}$ . If |V(H)| = 2, label H with  $\{1, 2\}$  and C with  $\{3, 4, 5\} \cap \{j\}_{j=1}^{n}$ . If |V(H)| = 1, label H with  $\{1\}$  and C with  $\{2, 3, 4\}$ .

We may now assume that all components of G have at least four vertices. Let C be a component of G, and let  $P = v_1 v_2 \cdots v_k$  be a longest path in C. (This is C = P or  $C = P \cup \{v_k v_1\}$ .) Consider the function  $g(v_i) = n + 1 - i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Note that for 1 < i < k,  $g(v_i) = n + 1 - i$  and  $g(v_{i-1}) + g(v_{i+1}) = 2(n + 1 - i)$ . If C = P, then using a sum-free labelling h of H = G - V(C), the labelling f give by f(x) = g(x) for  $x \in C$  and f(x) = h(x) for  $x \in H$ is a sum-free labelling of G. Hence, we may assume that  $C = P \cup \{v_k v_1\}$ .

We note that  $g(v_k) = n - k + 1$  and  $g(v_{k-1}) + g(v_1) = (n - k + 2) + n > g(v_k)$ . Also,  $g(v_k) + g(v_2) - g(v_1) = (n - k + 1) + (n - 1) - n = n - k \neq 0$  if k < n. Hence, for k < n, G is sum-free.

We have one remaining case and in this case, G is a cycle  $v_1v_2\cdots v_nv_1$ , with  $n \ge 4$ . Let  $f(v_i) = i$ , for  $1 \le i \le n-2$ , and let  $f(v_{n-1}) = n$  and  $f(v_n) = n-1$ . Now, as above, for 1 < i < n-2,  $2f(v_i) = f(v_{i-1}) + f(v_{i+1})$ , and we need only check the sums at  $v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n$ , and  $v_1$ .

$$f(v_{n-3}) + f(v_{n-1}) - f(v_{n-2}) = (n-3) + n - (n-2) = n - 1 \neq 0.$$

$$f(v_{n-2}) + f(v_n) - f(v_{n-1}) = (n-2) + (n-1) - n = n - 3 \neq 0.$$
  
$$f(v_{n-1}) + f(v_1) - f(v_n) = n + 1 - (n-1) = 2 \neq 0.$$
  
$$f(v_n) + f(v_2) - f(v_1) = (n-1) + 2 - 1 = n \neq 0.$$

Hence, f is a sum-free labelling of G in this case.

The next result is fairly trivial, but perhaps useful.

**Lemma 13.** If G is acyclic, then G is sum-free.

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on n = |V(G)|. By reviewing  $L_n$ ,  $n \leq 3$ , or by Lemma 12, the result is true for any acyclic graph on at most three vertices, establishing our base cases. Since G is acyclic, there is a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  such that  $d_G(v) \leq 1$ . Let H = G - v and note that H is acyclic. Let g be a sum-free labelling of H and let f(x) = g(x) for  $x \in V(H)$  and f(v) = n. Then, f is a sum-free labelling of G.

In the following Lemma,  $K_1 \vee 2K_3$  is the graph with one vertex v of degree six and with G - v the disjoint union of two triangles.

**Lemma 14.** If  $n = |V(G)| \ge 7$ ,  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\Delta(G - v) \le 2$ , and G is not  $K_1 \lor 2K_3$ , then G is sum-free.

*Proof.* Let H = G - v. Let the connected components of H - v be  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_s$ , with  $A_1$  not a triangle, if possible. We will first consider the case in which  $A_1$  is a triangle, since it gives an introduction to the method for the remaining cases.

Suppose that  $A_1 \cong K_3$ . Then,  $A_1 \cong A_2 \cong \cdots \cong A_s \cong K_3$ . Note that,  $s \ge 2$ . If s = 2, then since G is not  $K_1 \lor 2K_3$ , without loss of generality, there is a vertex  $w \in V(A_1)$  such that  $vw \notin E(G)$ . Let f(v) = 1, f(w) = 6,  $f(N(w) - \{v\}) = \{3, 5\}$  and  $f(V(A_2)) = \{2, 4, 7\}$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of G.

Suppose that  $A_1 \cong K_3$  and s = 3. Here, n = 10. Select any bijection  $f: V(G) \to I_{10}$  such that f(v) = 1,  $f(V(A_1)) = \{2, 4, 8\}$ ,  $f(V(A_2)) = \{3, 6, 10\}$ , and  $f(V(A_3)) = \{5, 7, 9\}$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of G.

Next, we suppose that  $A_1 \cong K_3$  and s = 2k,  $k \ge 2$ . Here, n is odd. By Lemma 12,  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_k$  has a sum-free labelling g. Let  $B = A_{k+1} \cup A_{k+2} \cup \cdots \cup A_s$ . Let h be any bijection from V(B) to  $\{3, 5, \ldots, n\}$ and define  $f : V(G) \to I_n$  by f(v) = 1, f(x) = 2g(x) for  $x \in V(A)$ , and f(x) = h(x) for  $x \in V(B)$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of G.

The remaining case with  $A_1 \cong K_3$  has  $s = 2k+1, k \ge 2$ , and  $n = 6k+4 \ge 16$ . Let  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_k$  and let  $B = A_{k+2} \cup A_{k+3} \cup \cdots \cup A_s$ . Let g be a sum-free labelling of A, let h be any bijection from V(B) to  $\{5, 7, \ldots, n-1\}$ , and let r be a bijection from  $V(A_{k+1})$  to  $\{3, n-2, n\}$ . Define  $f : V(G) \to I_n$ 

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by f(v) = 1, f(x) = 2g(x) for  $x \in V(A)$ , f(x) = r(x) for  $x \in V(A_{k+1})$ , and f(x) = h(x) for  $x \in V(B)$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of G.

We may now assume that  $A_1$  is not a triangle. As in the constructions above, we shall use f(v) = 1, unless otherwise specified.

Let t be the integer such that  $|V(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_t)| \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  and

$$|V(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_{t+1})| > \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Let  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_t$ . If  $|V(A)| = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ , B = H - V(A). Since A is not a triangle, there is a sum-free labelling g of A. Let h be any bijection from V(B) to  $\left\{3, 5, ..., 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rfloor\right\}$ . Let f(v) = 1, f(x) = 2g(x) for  $x \in V(A)$ , and f(x) = h(x) for  $x \in V(B)$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of G.

We may now assume that  $|V(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_t)| < \left|\frac{n}{2}\right|$  and

$$|V(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_{t+1})| > \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Let  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_t$ ,  $M = A_{t+1}$ , and let  $B = A_{t+2} \cup A_{t+3} \cup \cdots \cup A_s$ .

We note that M is either a path or a cycle. We intend to use a mixture of even and odd labels on M. There are  $k = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - |V(A)|$  even labels and  $\ell = \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor - |V(B)|$  odd labels available for M. We note that k > 1 and  $\ell > 1$ , since  $|V(A)| < \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor < |V(A \cup A_{t+1})|$ . Let  $V(M) = \{m_j\}_{j=1}^q$  and either  $E(M) = \{m_j m_{j+1}\}_{j=1}^{q-1}$  or  $E(M) = \{m_j m_{j+1}\}_{j=1}^{q-1} \cup \{m_q m_1\}$ . For convenience, let  $n_1 = 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \ge 6$  denote the largest possible even label and  $n_2 = 2 \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor + 1$  denote the largest possible odd label.

Let  $f(m_{\ell}) = 3$  and, if  $\ell \ge 2$ , let  $f(m_j) = 2j + 3$  for  $1 \le j < \ell$ . Let  $f(m_{k+\ell}) = n_1$  and, if  $k \ge 2$ , let  $f(m_{\ell+j}) = n_1 - 2j$  for  $1 \le j < k$ . Since A is not a triangle, we pick a sum-free labelling g of A and let f(x) = 2g(x) for  $x \in V(A)$ . We pick an arbitrarily bijection h from V(B) to  $\{2\ell + 3, 2\ell + 5, \ldots, n_2\}$  and let f(x) = h(x) for  $x \in V(B)$ . Also, we have f(v) = 1. The function f defined this way is a sum-free labelling of G if  $|(n_1 - 2) - 3| \neq 1$  and  $n_1 \neq 6$ . Thus, if  $n \ge 8$ , the function f is a sum-free labelling of G. The only remaining case is n = 7.

If H is contained in a 6-cycle C assign the labels (2, 4, 6, 3, 7, 5) cyclically along C. We may therefore assume that H has a cycle of length at most 5.

If *H* has a 5-cycle *C*, assign the labels (2, 4, 6, 3, 7) cyclically along *C*, and assign the label 5 to the vertex in V(H) - V(C).

If H has a 4-cycle C, assign the labels (2, 4, 7, 5) cyclically along C, and assign  $\{3, 6\}$  to V(H) - V(C).

Finally, if H has a 3-cycle C, then we may assume that D = H - V(C) is not a 3-cycle, since we have already considered this case. Assign the labels (2, 4, 7) cyclically along C, and assign  $\{5, 3, 6\}$  to V(H) - V(C) so that the vertex of degree two in D, if any, receives the label 3.

We next investigate some of the properties of a smallest 3-regular nonsum-free graph G.

**Lemma 15.** If  $|E(G)| \leq |V(G)|$  and  $|V(G)| \geq 4$ , then G is sum-free.

*Proof.* We consider a smallest counterexample. Let G be a simple graph which is not sum-free but which has  $|E(G)| \leq |V(G)|$  and  $|V(G)| \geq 4$ , and, subject to this, suppose that n = |V(G)| is as small as possible.

By Lemma 12, we may assume that G has a vertex of degree at least three. Suppose that G has a vertex v of degree one, and let H = G - v. Note that  $|E(H)| = |E(G)| - 1 \leq |V(G)| - 1 = |V(H)|$ .

If  $|V(H)| \ge 4$ , then H has a sum-free labelling g, and we extend this labelling to a sum-free labelling f of G which agrees with g on H and has f(v) = n. On the other hand, if |V(H)| = 3, then let w be the neighbour of v in G, let  $f(V(H) - w) = \{2, 4\}$  and set f(w) = 1 and f(v) = 3, yielding a sum-free labelling of G. Hence, we may assume that G has no vertex of degree one.

Suppose that M is a connected component of G, with  $2 \leq |V(M)| \leq 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ , and let H = G - V(M). Note that every vertex of M has degree at least two and, thus,  $|E(M)| \geq |V(M)|$  and  $|E(H)| \leq |V(H)|$ . If  $|V(H)| \leq 3$ , then either H is sum-free or H is a 3-cycle. In the case that H is a 3-cycle,  $|E(M)| = |E(G)| - 3 \leq |V(G)| - 3 = |V(M)|$ , but M has no vertex of degree one, and thus G is regular of degree two and is sum-free. Hence, we may assume that H is sum-free for  $|V(H)| \leq 3$ . By our choice of G, H is sum-free if  $|V(H)| \geq 4$ . Thus, for any value of |V(H)|, we may assume that H is sum-free labelling of H, and extend g to any bijection  $f: V(G) \to I_n$ , that agrees with g on H. Since f restricted to M has no values less than  $n + 1 - |V(M)| = n - \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ , f is a sum-free labelling of G.

Note that G cannot have two connected components  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  with  $|V(H_2)| \ge |V(H_1)| \ge 2$ , since then  $H_1$  is a connected component with  $|V(H_1)| \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ . Hence, we may now assume that G has one non-trivial

connected component M. Since every vertex of M has degree at least two, and since M has at least one vertex of degree at least three, |E(M)| > |V(M)|. All of the other components of G are isolated vertices. Furthermore, there must be at least |E(M)| - |V(M)| > 0 isolated vertices in G, and  $|V(M)| \ge 2 + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n+4}{2} \rfloor$ .

Suppose that G has a vertex v with d(v) = 2. Let w be a vertex of G with d(w) = 0, let  $N(v) = \{x, y\}$ , and let  $H = G - \{v, w\}$ . Then,  $H \cong K_3$  or H has a sum-free labelling f. If  $H \cong K_3$ , then we assign  $\{2, 4\}$  to  $\{x, y\}$ ,  $\{1, 5\}$  to the vertices of degree two in G and 3 to the vertex of degree zero. Hence, we may assume that H is sum-free, with labelling f. If f(x) + f(y) = n, extend f to V(G) by assigning f(v) = n - 1 and f(w) = n. Otherwise, assign f(v) = n and f(w) = n - 1. In either case, f is a sum-free labelling of G. Hence, we may assume that G has no vertices of degree two.

We can bound the number of vertices of degree three, if there are enough vertices of degree zero. Suppose that u and v are non-adjacent vertices of degree three in G, and that W is a set of four vertices of degree zero. Let  $N(u) = \{u_1, u_2, u_2\}$  and  $N(v) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . We allow the possibility that  $|N(u) \cap N(v)| > 0$ . Let  $H = G - \{u, v\} - W$ . Again,  $H \cong$  $K_3$  or H has a sum-free labelling f. If  $H \cong K_3$ , then |V(M)| = 5 = $\frac{n+1}{2}$ , contradicting our previous bound that  $|V(M)| \ge \left|\frac{n+4}{2}\right|$ . Thus, H has a sum-free labelling f. For a vertex  $z \in V(G) - V(H)$ , let B(z) = $\{f(x) + f(y) : x, y \in N(z), x \neq y\}$  and let  $Q = I_n - I_{n-6}$ . We extend f to V(G) by selecting  $f(u) \in Q - B(u)$ ,  $f(v) \in Q - B(v) - \{f(u)\}$ , and assigning  $Q - \{f(u), f(v)\}$  to W. This is a sum-free labelling of G. Hence, we may assume that either G has at most four vertices of degree three (and the vertices of degree three are pairwise adjacent) or G has at most three vertices of degree zero. Note that if G has four vertices of degree three, then  $M \cong K_4, 4 = |V(M)| \ge \left|\frac{n+4}{2}\right|, n \le 5 < |E(M)|.$  Hence, we may assume that G has at most three vertices of degree three.

Let  $k_0$  denote the number of vertices of degree zero in G,  $k_3$  denote the number of vertices of degree three in G, and  $k_4$  denote the number of vertices of degree four or more in G. Then,  $n = k_0 + k_3 + k_4$ . Since  $n \ge |E(G)| \ge 2k_4 + \frac{3}{2}k_3, k_0 + k_3 + k_4 \ge 2k_4 + \frac{3}{2}k_3$ , and  $k_0 \ge k_4 + \frac{1}{2}k_3$ . From  $k_3 + k_4 = |V(M)| \ge \left\lfloor \frac{n+4}{2} \right\rfloor \ge \frac{n+3}{2}$ , we have  $2k_3 + 2k_4 \ge k_0 + k_3 + k_4 + 3$ , and  $k_3 + k_4 \ge k_0 + 3$ . Combining  $k_0 \ge k_4 + \frac{1}{2}k_3$  and  $k_3 + k_4 \ge k_0 + 3$ , we obtain  $k_3 + k_4 \ge k_0 + 3 \ge k_4 + \frac{1}{2}k_3 + 3$  and  $\frac{1}{2}k_3 \ge 3$ . Hence  $k_3 \ge 6$ , contradicting our previous bound,  $k_3 \le 4$ . Therefore, there is no graph G that remains, proving the Lemma.

Sometimes, we prefer a different set of labels. For a set of k integers  $X, X \subseteq I_n$ , we say an n-vertex graph G is X-skew if there is a bijection  $f: V(G) \to I_{n+k}-X$ , such that for any path uvw in  $G, f(v) \neq f(u)+f(w)$ . The function f will be called an X-skew labelling. If  $X = I_k$ , we refer to G as k-skew and f as a k-skew labelling. We establish the following lemma to demonstrates a few small constructions similar to those we will use in the study of graphs with maximum degree three, and which prove useful for Conjecture 29.

#### Lemma 16.

- (a) For any *n*-vertex graph G, any bijection  $f: V(G) \to I_{2n-1} I_{n-1}$  is an (n-1)-skew labelling and any bijection  $g: V(G) \to I_{2n-2} - I_{n-2}$ is an (n-2)-skew labelling.
- (b) If G is a 4-vertex graph,  $v \in V(G)$ , and  $j \in I_7 \{1, 2, 4\}$ , then G has a  $\{1, 2, 4\}$ -skew labelling f such that f(v) = j.
- (c) If G is a 5-vertex graph with maximum degree at most three,  $v \in V(G)$ , and  $j \in I_7 I_2$ , then G has a 2-skew labelling f such that f(v) = j.

*Proof.* Statement (a) is obvious, since there are no triples (a, b, c) in  $I_{2n-1} - I_{n-1}$  with a, b, c distinct and a + b = c.

Statement (b) is also obvious, since any bijection  $f : V(G) \to I_7 - \{1, 2, 4\}$  is a  $\{1, 2, 4\}$ -skew labelling. Select one such that f(v) = j.

Now suppose that If G is a 5-vertex graph with maximum degree at most three,  $v \in V(G)$ , and  $j \in I_7 - I_2$ . If  $j \notin \{3,7\}$ , then let  $w \in N(v)$  and let  $z \in V(G) - N[v]$ . Let  $f: V(G) \to I_7 - I_2$  be a bijection such that f(v) = j, f(w) = 3, and f(z) = 7. Then, f is a 2-skew labelling of G with the required property. If  $j \in \{3,7\}$ , then let  $w \in N(v)$  and let  $z \in V(G) - N[v]$ . Let  $g: V(G) \to I_7 - I_2$  be a bijection such that g(v) = j, and f(z) = 10 - j. Then, f is a 2-skew labelling of G with the required property, completing the proof of (c).

We now consider 3-regular graphs, and more generally graphs with maximum degree three. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  denote the set of finite graphs each of which has maximum degree three, is not sum-free and has at least seven vertices. We would like to show that  $|\mathcal{F}| = 0$ . Suppose that  $|\mathcal{F}| \neq 0$ , and let  $G_*$  denote a graph in  $\mathcal{F}$  with the least possible number of vertices. By Lemma 12, we know that  $G_*$  has maximum degree three. As usual,  $n = |V(G_*)|$  in the following lemmas.

#### **Lemma 17.** $K_3$ is not a connected component of $G_*$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $K_3 \cong M \subseteq G_*$  and let  $H = G_* - V(M)$ . Note that H has a vertex of degree three. If  $|V(H)| \ge 7$ , then H has a sum-free labelling f and for any bijection  $g : V(M) \to \{n, n-1, n-2\}, f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . If |V(H)| = 4, let  $f : V(M) \to \{3, 5, 6\}$  and  $g : V(H) \to \{1, 2, 4, 7\}$  be bijections. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Hence, we know that  $|V(H)| \in \{5, 6\}$ .

Suppose that |V(H)| = 5. Let  $v \in V(H)$  such that d(v) = 3 and let  $w \in V(H) - N[v]$ . Let  $f: V(M) \to \{1, 2, 8\}$  and  $g: V(H) \to \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be bijections, such that g(v) = 7 and g(w) = 3. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

Finally, suppose that |V(H)| = 6. Let  $v \in V(H)$  such that d(v) = 3, let  $N(v) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and let  $V(H) - N[v] = \{w_1, w_2\}$ . If  $x_i w_j \notin E(H)$ , then let  $f: V(M) \to \{1, 2, 4\}$  and  $g: V(H) \to \{3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  be bijections, such that g(v) = 9,  $g(x_i) = 8$ , and  $g(w_j) = 3$ . Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Hence, we may assume that  $x_i w_j \in E(H)$ , for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ , and thus  $H \cong K_{3,3}$  and  $G_* \cong K_3 \cup K_{3,3}$ . Let  $f: V(M) \to \{4, 5, 6\}$ ,  $g: \{v, w_1, w_2\} \to \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $h: \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \to \{7, 8, 9\}$  be bijections. Then,  $f \cup g \cup h$  is a sum-free labelling of G. This eliminates all possibilities and hence  $G_*$  cannot have  $K_3$  as a connected component.

**Lemma 18.**  $K_4$  is not a connected component of  $G_*$ . Hence,  $K_4$  is not a subgraph of  $G_*$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $K_4 \cong M \subseteq G_*$  and let  $H = G_* - V(M)$ . If  $|V(H)| \ge 7$ , then H has a sum-free labelling f and for any bijection  $g: V(M) \to \{n, n-1, n-2, n-3\}, f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . If |V(H)| = 3, let  $f: V(H) \to \{3, 5, 6\}$  and  $g: V(M) \to \{1, 2, 4, 7\}$  be bijections. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . If |V(H)| = 4, let  $f: V(M) \to \{3, 5, 6, 7\}$  and  $g: V(H) \to \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$  be bijections. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Hence, we know that  $|V(H)| \in \{5, 6\}$ .

If |V(H)| = 5, then H has a vertex v with  $d(v) \leq 2$ . Let  $\{w, z\} \subseteq V(H) - N[v]$ , with  $w \neq z$ . Let  $f: V(M) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 4, 7\}$  and  $g: V(H) \rightarrow \{3, 5, 6, 8, 9\}$  be bijections, with g(w) = 9 and g(z) = 8. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

Finally, suppose that |V(H)| = 6. Let  $v \in V(H)$  and let  $\{w, z\} \subseteq V(H) - N[v]$ , with  $w \neq z$ . Let  $f: V(M) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 4, 7\}$  and  $g: V(H) \rightarrow \{3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$  be bijections, with g(w) = 9 and g(z) = 8. Then,  $f \cup g$ 

is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . This eliminates all possibilities and hence  $G_*$  cannot have  $K_3$  as a subgraph.

**Lemma 19.** Neither  $K_{3,3}$  nor  $K_{2,3}$  is a connected component of  $G_*$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $M \subseteq G_*$ , and that  $K_{2,3} \cong M$  or  $K_{3,3} \cong M$ . Let (X, Y) be a bipartition of M with |X| = 3, and let  $H = G_* - V(M)$ . If |V(M)| = 5, let  $Q = \{n, n-1\}$  and  $R = \{n, n-1, n-2, n-3, n-4\}$ . If |V(M)| = 6, let  $Q = \{n, n-1, n-2\}$  and  $R = \{n, n-1, n-2, n-3, n-4, n-5\}$ .

If  $|V(H)| \ge 7$ , then H has a sum-free labelling f and for any bijection  $g: V(M) \to R, f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . If |V(H)| = 1, then |V(M)| = 6. Let  $f: X \to \{2, 4, 6\}, g: Y \to \{3, 5, 7\}$  and  $h: V(H) \to \{1\}$  be bijections. Then,  $f \cup g \cup h$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Hence, we may assume that  $2 \le |V(H)| \le 6$ .

If  $|V(H)| = k, 2 \leq k \leq 5$ , let  $f: V(H) \to I_{3+k} - I_3, g: X \to \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $h: Y \to Q$  be bijections. Then,  $f \cup g \cup h$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

In the remaining case, |V(H)| = 6. Let  $v \in V(H)$  and let  $w \in V(H) - N[v]$ . Let  $f: V(H) \to I_9 - I_3$  be a bijection such that f(v) = 4 and f(w) = 9. Let  $g: X \to \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $h: Y \to \{n, n-1\}$  be bijections. Then,  $f \cup g \cup h$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Hence  $G_*$  cannot have  $K_{2,3}$  or  $K_{3,3}$  as a connected component.

**Lemma 20.**  $G_*$  is connected and 3-colourable.

*Proof.* We note that  $G_*$  has no component isomorphic to any of  $K_3$ ,  $K_4$ ,  $K_{2,3}$ ,  $K_{3,3}$ , and that  $G_*$  has at least one vertex of degree three. That  $G_*$  is 3-colourable follows directly from Brooks' theorem [3].

Now, suppose that  $G_* = M \cup K$ , where  $|V(M) \cap V(K)| = 0$ , and  $|V(M)| \neq 0$  but, subject to this, with m = |V(M)| as small as possible. Hence,  $|V(M)| \leq |V(K)|$ , and M is connected. If  $|V(K)| \geq 7$ , or if K has no vertex of degree three, then K has a sum-free labelling f. Let  $g: V(M) \to I_n - I_{n-m}$  be a bijection. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Thus, we may assume that K has a vertex of degree three and that  $4 \leq |V(K)| \leq 6$ .

If |V(K)| = 4, then  $|V(M)| \leq 4$ . If  $|V(M)| \geq 2$ , use  $I_n - \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$ on V(M) and  $\{3, 4, 5, 6\}$  on V(K). If |V(M)| = 1, use  $\{1\}$  on V(M) and  $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$  on V(K), assigning labels 2 and 5 to a pair of non-adjacent vertices.

If |V(K)| = 5, then  $|V(M)| \leq 5$ . If |V(M)| = 5, let v be a vertex of degree two or less in M and let  $w, z \in V(M) - N[v]$ , with  $w \neq z$ . Let  $f: V(M) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 9, 10\}$  such that f(v) = 1, f(w) = 3 and f(z) = 10. Let  $g: V(K) \rightarrow \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  be a bijection. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If |V(K)| = 5 and |V(M)| = 4, let v and w be non-adjacent vertices of M. Let  $f: V(M) \to \{1, 2, 3, 9\}$  such that f(v) = 1, and f(w) = 3. Let  $g: V(K) \to \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  be a bijection. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If |V(K)| = 5 and |V(M)| = 3, let v and w be non-adjacent vertices of M. Let  $f: V(M) \to \{1, 2, 3\}$  such that f(v) = 1, and f(w) = 3. Let  $g: V(K) \to \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  be a bijection. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If |V(K)| = 5 and |V(M)| = 2, let v and w be non-adjacent vertices of K. Let  $f: V(M) \to \{1, 2\}$  and let  $g: V(K) \to \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be a bijection such that g(v) = 3 and g(w) = 7. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If |V(K)| = 5 and |V(M)| = 1, let  $v \in V(K)$ , with  $d(v) \leq 2$ , and let  $w, z \in V(K) - N[v]$ , with  $w \neq z$ . Let  $f: V(M) \rightarrow \{1\}$  and let  $g: V(K) \rightarrow \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  be a bijection such that g(v) = 2, g(w) = 5 and g(z) = 6. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

In the remaining cases, |V(K)| = 6.

If |V(K)| = 6 and |V(M)| = 1, let  $V(M) = \{q\}$ , and let  $v \in V(K)$ , with d(v) as small as possible. If d(v) = 3, then K is the prism  $K_2 \times K_3$ , with two 3-cycles joined by a matching. Label one 3-cycle 1, 2, 5 and the other 3, 4, 6, so that the vertices labelled 1 and 3 are neighbours, and the vertices 5 and 6 are neighbours. Then, label V(M) with  $\{7\}$ . In the remaining cases,  $d(v) \leq 2$ . Let  $\{x, y, z\} \subseteq V(H) - N[v]$ , with  $|\{x, y, z\}| = 3$ . Suppose that there is a vertex w such that  $w \notin \{v, x, y, z\}$  and w is not adjacent to x. Let  $g: V(K) \to \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be a bijection such that g(v) = 2, g(w) = 3, g(x) = 7, g(y) = 5, g(z) = 6. Let  $f: V(M) \to \{1\}$ . Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Hence, we may assume that x is adjacent to every vertex of  $Y = V(H) - \{v, x, y, z\} = \{r, s\}$  and, similarly, we may assume that each of y and z is adjacent to every vertex of Y. At this point, d(r) = d(s) = 3 and, thus, d(v) = 0. We also note that  $K[\{x, y, z\}]$  has at most one edge, since each of these vertices has two edges to  $\{r, s\}$ . We may therefore assume that  $xz, yz \notin E(K)$ . Then,  $f = \{(q, 5), (s, 2), (r, 3), (x, 1), (y, 6), (z, 4), (v, 7)\}$ is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If |V(K)| = 6 and |V(M)| = 2, let  $v \in V(K)$ , and let  $w, z \in V(K) - N[v]$ , with  $w \neq z$ . Let  $f: V(M) \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$  and let  $g: V(K) \rightarrow \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  be a bijection such that g(v) = 3, g(w) = 7 and g(z) = 8. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If |V(K)| = 6 and |V(M)| = 3, let  $v \in V(K)$ , and let  $w \in V(K) - N[v]$ . Since M is not  $K_3$ , there is a sum-free labelling f of M, and let  $g: V(K) \rightarrow \{4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$  be a bijection such that g(v) = 4, and g(w) = 9. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . If |V(K)| = 6 and |V(M)| = 4, let  $v \in V(K)$ , and let  $w, z \in V(K) - N[v]$ , with  $w \neq z$ . Let  $f : V(M) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 4, 7\}$  and let  $g : V(K) \rightarrow \{3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10\}$  be a bijection such that g(v) = 3, g(w) = 8 and g(z) = 9. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If |V(K)| = 6 and  $|V(M)| \in \{5,6\}$ , let  $Q = \{4,5,8,9,10,11\}$  and  $R = I_n - Q \subseteq \{1,2,3,6,7,12\}$ . In K, we select non-adjacent vertices v and w, and let  $g: V(K) \to Q$  be a bijection with g(v) = 4 and g(w) = 9. In M select a vertex v' of minimum degree. Then there are at least two distinct vertices w' and z' which are not adjacent to v'. Let  $f: V(M) \to R$  be a bijection with f(v') = 1, f(w') = 3, and f(z') = 7. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . This concludes the proof of the lemma.

**Lemma 21.** Suppose that G is 3-regular, not  $K_4$  or  $K_{3,3}$ , and suppose that  $|V(G)| \leq 8$ . Then, G is sum-free.

*Proof.* There are two non-isomorphic connected 3-regular graphs on 6 vertices and five non-isomorphic connected 3-regular graphs on eight vertices. (See, for example, [1].)

The two non-isomorphic connected 3-regular graphs on 6 vertices are  $K_{3,3}$  and the prism  $K_2 \times K_3$ . We need only show that the prism has a sumfree labelling and this is easily shown by displaying the adjacency matrix  $M_6$  of a labelled sum-free prism.

$$M_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Similarly, adjacency matrices  $M_{8a}$ ,  $M_{8b}$ ,  $M_{8c}$ ,  $M_{8d}$ ,  $M_{8e}$ , for the five nonisomorphic connected 3-regular graphs on eight vertices are shown below, completing the proof of this lemma. Each of these matrices corresponds to a labelled sum-free version of a graph.

$$M_{8a} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \ M_{8b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

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$M_{8c} =$	$ \left[\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 0\\ 1\\ 1\\ 1\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{array}\right] $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\       1     \end{array} $	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       1 \\       1 \\       0     \end{array} $	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\     $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \end{array}$	, $M_{8d} =$	$ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} $	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\     $	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       1 \\       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0   \end{array} $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       1 \\       1 \\       0 \\     $	0 0 1 1 1 0 0	,
$M_{8e} =$	$ \left[\begin{array}{c} 0\\ 1\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0\\ 1\\ 0 \end{array}\right] $	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       1 \\       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0   \end{array} $	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\     $	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	$egin{array}{c} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{array}$	$     \begin{array}{c}       1 \\       0 \\       1 \\       0 \\       0 \\       0 \\       1 \\       1   \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \end{array}$										

**Lemma 22.**  $G_*$  has no vertex of degree one.

Proof. Suppose that v is a vertex of degree one, let  $H = G_* - v$ , and let q be the neighbour of v in  $G_*$ . If  $|V(H)| \ge 7$ , then H has a sum-free labelling f and, then,  $f \cup \{(v, n)\}$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Hence, we may assume that |V(H)| = 6. Note that H is connected and  $d(q) \le 2$ . Let x, y, z be distinct vertices which are not adjacent to q, and let r and s be the remaining two vertices of H. Since H is connected, we may assume that  $qr \in E(H)$ . But then, without loss of generality,  $rx \notin E(H)$ . Now,  $f = \{(v, 1), (q, 2), (r, 3), (s, 4), (y, 5), (z, 6), (x, 7)\}$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Thus  $G_*$  can have no vertex of degree one.

**Lemma 23.**  $G_*$  cannot have two adjacent vertices of degree two.

Proof. Suppose that  $v, w \in V(G_*)$ ,  $vw \in E(G_*)$ , d(v) = d(w) = 2, let  $u, x \in V(G_* - \{v, w\})$  with  $uv, wx \in E(G_*)$ , and let  $H = G_* - \{v, w\}$ . If H is connected, let M = H and if H is not connected, we note that  $u \neq x$ , and we let  $M = H \cup \{ux\}$ . In either case, M is a simple graph. If H has a sumfree labelling f, without loss of generality, we may assume that  $f(u) \neq 1$ . Now,  $f \cup \{(v, n), (w, n - 1)\}$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . If  $|V(H)| \ge 7$ , then M has a sum-free labelling f, and this provides a sum-free labelling of H. In the remaining cases,  $|V(H)| \in \{5, 6\}$ .

Suppose that |V(H)| = 5. Let  $z \in V(K) - N[u] - \{x\}$  and let  $f : V(K) \rightarrow \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  be a bijection such that f(u) = 3, f(x) = 4 and f(z) = 7. Then,  $f \cup \{(v, 1), (w, 2)\}$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

In the last case, |V(H)| = 6. Let  $w, z \in V(K) - N[u] - \{x\}$  and let  $f: V(K) \to \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  be a bijection such that f(u) = 3, f(x) = 4, f(w) = 8, and f(z) = 7. Then,  $f \cup \{(v, 1), (w, 2)\}$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . Thus,  $G_*$  cannot have two adjacent vertices of degree two.

**Lemma 24.**  $G_*$  cannot have two triangles which share an edge.

Proof. By Lemma 18,  $G_*$  has no  $K_4$ . Let M be a subgraph of  $G_*$  with  $V(M) = \{w, x, y, z\}$  and with  $E(M) = \{wy, wz, xy, xz, yz\}$ . Then,  $wx \notin V(G_*)$ . Let  $H = G_* - V(M)$ . If H has a sum-free labelling g, then  $g \cup \{(w, n-3), (x, n-2), (y, n-1), (z, n)\}$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . We need only consider the cases in which H does not have a sum-free labelling. Note that H is not 3-regular. We may assume that w has a neighbour w' in H. If x also has a neighbour in H, we label this neighbour x'. (Possibly, x' = w')

If  $|V(G_*)| \ge 11$ , then  $|V(H)| \ge 7$ , H has a sum-free labelling.

If  $|V(G_*)| = 10$ , then |V(H)| = 6. There is no harm in assuming x' exists. (If it doesn't, pick some arbitrary vertex of H and call it x'.) Suppose that  $x' \neq w'$ . Let  $f: V(H) \rightarrow \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  be any bijection with f(w') = 4 and f(x') = 6, and let  $g: V(M) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 10\}$  with g(z) = 10, g(y) = 1, g(w) = 2, g(x) = 3. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . The same argument holds if x' = w', with the exception that now f(w') = f(x') = 4.

If  $|V(G_*)| = 9$ , then |V(H)| = 5. As above, there is no harm in assuming x' exists. If  $x' \neq w'$ , let  $f: V(H) \rightarrow \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  be any bijection with f(w') = 4 and f(x') = 5, and let  $g: V(M) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 9\}$  by a bijection with g(z) = 9 and g(y) = 1. Then,  $f \cup g$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ . The same argument holds if x' = w', with the exception that now f(w') = f(x') = 4.

If  $|V(G_*)| = 8$ , then |V(H)| = 4. By Lemma 15, we may assume that  $|E(H)| \ge 5$ , and by Lemma 18,  $|E(H)| \le 5$ . Thus  $G_*$  consists of two copies of  $K_4 - e$ , linked by one or two independent edges. There is no harm in assuming both edges appear. Let y' and z' denote the two vertices in  $G_*$  which do not yet have names. Then,

$$\left\{ \left(w,1
ight),\left(x,5
ight),\left(y,4
ight),\left(z,8
ight),\left(x',6
ight),\left(w',7
ight),\left(y'2
ight),\left(z',3
ight)
ight\}$$

is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If  $|V(G_*)| = 7$ , then |V(H)| = 3. Since *H* has no sum-free labelling,  $H \cong K_3$ . Let  $V(H) = \{w', u, v\}$ . Then,

$$\{(u, 1), (v, 2), (w', 4), (w, 5), (x, 3), (y, 7), (z, 6)\}$$

is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

**Lemma 25.**  $G_*$  has no triangles.

*Proof.* Let T be a triangle in  $G_*$ ,  $V(T) = \{x, y, z\}$  and  $E(T) = \{xy, xz, xy\}$ . Let  $M = G_* - V(T)$ . By Lemma 24, no vertex of M is adjacent to more than one vertex of T. If a vertex t of T has a neighbour in M, we call that neighbour t'. In the arguments that follow, if some vertex t of T does not have a neighbour in M, then t' could be considered to be any vertex of M that is not already used for one of the other vertices of T. (Thus, we can avoid breaking into cases depending on the number of neighbours of T.)

Suppose that  $|V(G_*)| \ge 10$ . Let g be any sum-free labelling of  $G_* - \{x, y, z\}$ . Without loss of generality,  $g(x') \notin \{1, 2\}$ , and  $g(y') \ne 1$ . Then,  $g \cup \{(x, n), (y, n - 1), (z, n - 2)\}$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

In the remaining three cases, let f(x) = 1, f(y) = 2, f(z) = 3, f(x') = 4, f(y') = 5, f(z') = 6.

If  $|V(G_*)| = 9$ , then |V(M)| = 6. There are three vertices in M which have not yet been labelled. At most two of these are in  $N(x') \cap N(y')$ . Let  $q \in V(M) - \{x', y', z'\} - N(x') \cap N(y')$ . Let f(q) = 9, and assign the labels 7, 8 to the remaining two vertices of  $G_*$ , one to each vertex. Then, f is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If  $|V(G_*)| = 8$ , then |V(M)| = 5. Assign the labels 7, 8 to the remaining two vertices of  $G_*$ , one to each vertex. Then, f is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

If  $|V(G_*)| = 7$ , then |V(M)| = 4. Assign the label 7 to the remaining vertex of  $G_*$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

#### **Lemma 26.** $G_*$ has no 4-cycles.

*Proof.* By Lemma 25, any 4-cycle of  $G_*$  is induced subgraph. Let  $C = x_1x_2x_3x_4x_1$  be a 4-cycle in  $G_*$ , and let  $M - G_* - V(C)$ . As above, let  $x'_j$  denote the neighbour of  $x_j$  in M, if such exists. Note that each  $x'_j$  is adjacent to at most vertex in C. If  $x_j$  has no neighbour in M, and  $|V(G_*)| \ge 7$ , we select  $x'_j$  as in the previous lemma.

Suppose that  $|V(M)| \ge 7$ . Then, M has a sum-free labelling f. At most one vertex of  $N = \{x'_1, x'_2, x'_3, x'_4\}$  receives label 1 and at most one receives label 2. If 1 appears as label on a vertex on N, then, by rotating the labels on the cycle, we may assume that  $f(x'_3) = 1$ . If  $f(x'_2) = 2$ , replace C, by  $x_1x_4x_3x_2x_1$  and relabel, so that now  $f(x'_4) = 2$ , and if  $f\left(x'_j\right) = 1$ , then j = 3. Now, extend f by setting  $f(x_1) = n$ ,  $f(x_2) = n - 1$ ,  $f(x_3) = n - 3$ , and  $f(x_4) = n - 2$ . Now, f is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

Now, suppose that  $4 \leq |V(M)| \leq 6$ . Let  $f(x_1) = 1$ ,  $f(x_2) = 3$ ,  $f(x_3) = 4$ ,  $f(x_4) = 2$ ,  $f(x_1') = 5$ ,  $f(x_2') = 6$ ,  $f(x_3') = 7$ ,  $f(x_4') = 8$ , and assign the

remaining labels from  $I_n - I_8$  to the remaining vertices, one to each vertex. Then, f is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

The remaining case has |V(M)| = 3. Relabel C so that  $x_4$  has no neighbour in M, and choose  $N = \{x'_1, x'_2, x'_3\}$  as these have been previously chosen. The labelling for |V(M)| = 4, with the exception of labelling the now nonexistent  $x'_4$  is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

**Lemma 27.**  $G_*$  has no cycles.

*Proof.* Assume that  $G_*$  has a cycle, and let  $C = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_k x_1$  be a shortest cycle. We may therefore assume that C has no chords, and that  $k \ge 5$ . Let  $M = G_* - V(C)$ . We use  $x'_j$  as above:  $x'_j \in V(M) \cap N(x_j)$ , if possible; otherwise, we do not define  $x'_j$ . (There may not be enough room in M to allow for distinct  $x'_j$  for each  $x_j$ . When an undefined  $x'_j$  appears in a set, treat it as not being part of the set.)

Suppose that  $|V(M)| \ge 7$ . Then, M has a sum-free labelling f. At most one vertex of  $N = \{x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_k\}$  receives label 1 and at most one receives label k - 1. We relabel the vertices of C, if necessary, so that  $f(x'_1) \ne k - 1$ and  $f(x'_j) \ne 1$  for  $1 \le j \le k - 1$ . Now, assign  $f(x_j) = n + 1 - j$ , for  $1 \le j \le k$ . Then, f is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

Now, suppose that  $|V(M)| \leq 6$ . Let f be a sum-free labelling of C. If  $x'_j$  exists, and if  $f(x_j) + k \leq n$ , then set  $f(x'_j) = f(x_j) + k$ . Arbitrarily assign the remaining labels to the remaining vertices of M, one to each vertex. Note that if  $x'_j w \in E(M)$ , then  $f(x_j) + f(w) \neq f(x'_j)$ , since  $f(w) \neq k$ . If  $w_1, w_2, w_3 \in V(M)$ , then  $f(w_1) + f(w_2) \geq 2k + 2 = k + (k + 2) > k + |V(M)| = n \geq f(w_3)$ . Hence, f is a sum-free labelling of  $G_*$ .

**Theorem 28.**  $G_*$  cannot exist. Thus, every graph with maximum degree at most three and with at least seven vertices is sum-free.

*Proof.* By Lemma 27,  $G_*$  has no cycles. By Lemma 20,  $G_*$  is connected. Hence,  $G_*$  is a tree (on at least seven vertices). By Lemma 13,  $G_*$  is sumfree.

Further Directions. Proving 3-regular graphs are almost all sum-free seemed a natural goal. But, there may be a stronger result. From Lemma 4, we know that there are some graphs with n vertices and 2n - 4 edges but which are not sum-free. One might hope that these are the extremal non-sum-free graphs.

**Conjecture 29.** If  $|E(G)| \leq 2|V(G)| - 5$ , then G is sum-free.

Lemmas 15 and Theorem 28 are weaker forms of this.

**Computational Results.** Degree sequences of  $L_n$ ,  $1 \le n \le 9$ . Here, for example,  $3^2 4^5 6^1$  means 2 vertices of degree 3, 5 vertices of degree 4 and 1 vertex of degree 6. Note that r(8, 5) = 4 and not 3 as we might have hoped.

 $L_1: 0^1$ 

 $L_2: 1^2$ 

 $L_3: 1^2 2^1$ 

 $L_4: 1^1 2^2 3^1, 2^4$ 

 $L_5: 1^1 2^2 3^1 4^1, \ 1^1 2^1 3^3, \ 2^4 4^1, \ 2^3 3^2$ 

 $L_6: 1^{1}3^{4}5^{1}, \ 1^{1}3^{3}4^{2}, \ 2^{3}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}, \ 2^{2}3^{3}5^{1}, \ 2^{2}3^{2}4^{2}, \ 2^{1}3^{4}4^{1}, \ 3^{6}$ 

 $L_7: 1^{2}3^{3}4^{2}6^{1}, \, 1^{1}3^{3}4^{1}5^{2}, \, 1^{1}3^{2}4^{3}5^{1}, \, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{5}, \, 2^{2}3^{3}5^{1}6^{1}, \, 2^{2}3^{2}4^{2}6^{1}, \, 2^{2}3^{2}4^{1}5^{2}, \\ 2^{2}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}, \, 2^{1}3^{4}4^{1}6^{1}, \, 2^{1}3^{4}5^{2}, \, 2^{1}3^{3}4^{2}5^{1}, \, 2^{1}3^{2}4^{4}, \, 3^{6}6^{1}, \, 3^{5}4^{1}5^{1}, \, 3^{4}4^{3}, \\ \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{c} L_8:1^{1}3^{1}4^{4}5^{1}7^{1},\,1^{1}3^{1}4^{4}6^{2},\,1^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1},\,1^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{4},\,1^{1}4^{6}7^{1},\,1^{1}4^{5}5^{1}6^{1},\,1^{1}4^{4}5^{3},\\ 2^{2}4^{4}5^{1}7^{1},\,\,2^{2}4^{4}6^{2},\,\,2^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1},\,\,2^{2}4^{2}5^{4},\,\,2^{1}3^{3}4^{2}6^{1}7^{1},\,\,2^{1}3^{3}4^{1}5^{2}7^{1},\,\,2^{1}3^{3}4^{1}5^{1}6^{2},\\ 2^{1}3^{2}4^{3}5^{1}7^{1},\,\,2^{1}3^{2}4^{3}6^{2},\,2^{1}3^{2}4^{2}5^{2}6^{1},\,\,2^{1}3^{2}4^{1}5^{4},\,2^{1}3^{1}4^{5}7^{1},\,\,2^{1}3^{1}4^{4}5^{1}6^{1},\,2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{3},\\ 2^{1}4^{6}6^{1},\,\,2^{1}4^{5}5^{2},\,\,3^{5}4^{1}6^{1}7^{1},\,\,3^{4}4^{2}5^{1}7^{1},\,\,3^{4}4^{2}6^{2},\,\,3^{4}4^{1}5^{2}6^{1},\,\,3^{3}4^{4}7^{1},\,\,3^{3}4^{3}5^{1}6^{1},\\ 3^{3}4^{2}5^{3},\,3^{2}4^{5}6^{1},\,3^{2}4^{4}5^{2},\,3^{1}4^{6}5^{1},\,4^{8}\end{array}$ 

 $L_9: 1^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{2}7^{2}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{2}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{4}8^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{3}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3^{1}, 1^{1}3$  $1^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{2}6^{3}$ ,  $1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{5}7^{1}$ ,  $1^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{4}6^{2}$ ,  $1^{1}4^{5}5^{1}6^{1}8^{1}$ ,  $1^{1}4^{5}5^{1}7^{2}$ ,  $1^{1}4^{4}5^{3}8^{1}$  $1^{1}4^{4}5^{2}6^{1}7^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{4}5^{1}6^{3}, \ 1^{1}4^{3}5^{4}7^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{3}5^{3}6^{2}, \ 1^{1}4^{2}5^{5}6^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{7}, \ 2^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{7}, \ 2^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{7}, \ 2^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{7}, \ 2^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{7}, \ 2^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{7}, \ 2^{2}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{7}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}, \ 1^{1}4^{1}5^{1$  $2^2 4^3 5^2 7^2, \ 2^2 4^3 5^1 6^2 7^1, \ 2^2 4^2 5^4 8^1, \ 2^2 4^2 5^3 6^1 7^1, \ 2^2 4^2 5^2 6^3, \ 2^2 4^1 5^5 7^1, \ 2^2 4^1 5^4 6^2, \ 3^2 4^2 5^2 6^3, \ 3^2 5^2 6^3, \ 3^2 4^2 5^2 6^3, \ 3^2 5^2 6^3, \ 3^2 5^2 6^3, \ 3^2 5^2 6^3, \ 3^2 6^3 6^3, \ 3^2$  $2^{1}3^{2}4^{3}5^{1}7^{1}8^{1}$  $2^{1}3^{2}4^{3}6^{2}8^{1}$ .  $2^{1}3^{2}4^{3}6^{1}7^{2}$ .  $2^{1}3^{2}4^{2}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}$ .  $2^{1}3^{2}4^{2}5^{2}7^{2}$  $2^{1}3^{1}4^{4}5^{1}6^{1}8^{1}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{4}5^{1}7^{2}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{4}6^{2}7^{1}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{3}8^{1}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{2}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{3}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{3}, 2^{1}5^{1}6^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}, 2^{1$  $2^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{4}7^{1}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{2}5^{3}6^{2}, 2^{1}3^{1}4^{1}5^{5}6^{1}, 2^{1}4^{6}6^{1}8^{1}, 2^{1}4^{6}7^{2}, 2^{1}4^{5}5^{2}8^{1}, 2^{1}4^{5}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{1}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}7^{1}, 2^{1}7^{1},$  $2^{1}4^{5}6^{3}, 2^{1}4^{4}5^{3}7^{1}, 2^{1}4^{4}5^{2}6^{2}, 2^{1}4^{3}5^{4}6^{1}, 2^{1}4^{2}5^{6}, 3^{4}4^{2}5^{1}7^{1}8^{1}, 3^{4}4^{2}6^{2}8^{1}, 3^{4}4^{2}6^{1}7^{2}, 3^{4}6^{1}7^{2}, 3^{4}6^{1}7^{2}, 3^{4}7^{2$  $3^{4}4^{1}5^{2}6^{1}8^{1}, \ 3^{4}4^{1}5^{2}7^{2}, \ 3^{4}4^{1}5^{1}6^{2}7^{1}, \ 3^{3}4^{4}7^{1}8^{1}, \ 3^{3}4^{3}5^{1}6^{1}8^{1}, \ 3^{3}4^{3}5^{1}7^{2}, \ 3^{3}4^{3}6^{2}7^{1}$  $3^{3}4^{2}5^{3}8^{1}$ ,  $3^{3}4^{2}5^{2}6^{1}7^{1}$ ,  $3^{3}4^{2}5^{1}6^{3}$ ,  $3^{3}4^{1}5^{4}7^{1}$ ,  $3^{3}4^{1}5^{3}6^{2}$ ,  $3^{2}4^{5}6^{1}8^{1}$ ,  $3^{2}4^{5}7^{2}$  $3^{2}4^{4}5^{2}8^{1}, 3^{2}4^{4}5^{1}6^{1}7^{1}, 3^{2}4^{4}6^{3}, 3^{2}4^{3}5^{3}7^{1}, 3^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{4}6^{1}, 3^{2}4^{1}6^{6}, 3^{1}4^{6}5^{1}8^{1}, 3^{2}4^{3}5^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{4}6^{1}, 3^{2}4^{1}6^{6}, 3^{1}4^{6}5^{1}8^{1}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{4}6^{1}, 3^{2}4^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{4}6^{1}, 3^{2}4^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{4}6^{1}, 3^{2}4^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}4^{2}5^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}, 3^{2}6^{2}, 3^{2}, 3^{2}6^{2}, 3^{$  $3^{1}4^{6}6^{1}7^{1}$ ,  $3^{1}4^{5}5^{2}7^{1}$ ,  $3^{1}4^{5}5^{1}6^{2}$ ,  $3^{1}4^{4}5^{3}6^{1}$ ,  $3^{1}4^{3}5^{5}$ ,  $4^{8}8^{1}$ ,  $4^{7}5^{1}7^{1}$ ,  $4^{7}6^{2}$ ,  $4^{6}5^{2}6^{1}$ ,  $4^{5}5^{4}$ 

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