

# Weakly Ore type condition $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$ for vertex pancyclicity

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**Abstract:** Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$ . For graph to be Hamiltonian beginning with Dirac's classic result (Proc.London Math.Soc.2 (1952), 69-81), Dirac's Theorem was followed by that of Ore ( Amer.Math.Monthly 67(1960),55 ). In 1971 Bondy considered Ore condition:  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n$  for pancyclic and proved that if  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y$ , then  $G$  is pancyclic or  $G \in K_{n/2, n/2}$  ( J.Combin.Theory Ser.B 11(1971), 80-84 ). In 1985 Ainouche and Christofides considered  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for Hamiltonian and obtained that if  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian or  $K_{(n+1)/2}^C \vee G_{(n-1)/2}$  ( J. London Math.Soc. 32, 385-391 ). In 1994 Aldred, Holton and Zhang studied pancyclic and proved that if  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y$ , then  $G$  is pancyclic or  $G \in \{K_{(n+1)/2}^C \vee G_{(n-1)/2}, K_{n/2, n/2}\}$  ( Discrete Math.127,23-29 ). In this note we investigate vertex-pancyclic and obtain that if  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y$ , then  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic or  $G \in \{K_{(n+1)/2}^C \vee G_{(n-1)/2}, K_{n/2, n/2}, K_2^C \vee (K_1 \cup K_{n-3}), K_1 \vee K_3^1 : K_{n-4}, \}$ .

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## 1 Introduction

We consider finite, undirected, and simple graph  $G$  with the vertex set  $V(G)$  and the edge set  $E(G)$ . The complete graph of order  $n$  is denoted by  $K_n$  and the empty graph of order  $n$  is denoted by  $K_n^C$ . The complete bipartite graph with the partite sets  $A$  and  $B$  with  $|A| = p$  and  $|B| = q$  is denoted by  $K_{p,q}$ . We denote by  $\delta(G)$  ( or  $\delta$  ) the minimum degree. If  $H$  and  $S$  are subsets of  $V(G)$  or subgraphs of  $G$ , we denote by  $N_H(S)$  the set of vertices in  $H$  which are adjacent to some vertex in  $S$  and set  $|N_H(S)| = d_H(S)$ . In particular, when  $H = G$  and  $S = \{u\}$ , then let  $N_G(S) = N(u)$  and set  $d_G(S) = d(u)$  and  $N[u] = N(u) \cup \{u\}$ . We denote by  $G - H$  and  $G[S]$  the induced subgraphs of  $G$  on  $V(G) - V(H)$  and  $S$ , respectively. Let  $C_m = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m x_1$  denote a cycle of order  $m$ . Define

$N_{C_m}^+(u) = \{x_{i+1} : x_i \in N_{C_m}(u)\}$  and  $N_{C_m}^-(u) = \{x_{i-1} : x_i \in N_{C_m}(u)\}$ ,  $N_{C_m}^\pm(u) = N_{C_m}^+(u) \cup N_{C_m}^-(u)$ , where subscripts are taken modulo  $m$ .

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A graph  $G$  of order  $n$  is said to be Hamiltonian if  $G$  contains cycle of length  $n$ . And a graph  $G$  is said to be  $r$ -pancyclic if  $G$  contains a cycle of length  $k$  for each  $k$  such that  $r \leq k \leq n$ . 3-pancyclic short for pancyclic. A vertex of a graph  $G$  is  $r$ -pancyclic if it is contained in a cycle of length  $k$  for every  $k$  between  $r$  and  $n$ , and graph  $G$  is vertex  $r$ -pancyclic if every vertex is  $r$ -pancyclic, vertex 3-pancyclic short for vertex pancyclic.

We mention some fundamental results in order to increase generality.

**Theorem 1.1** (*Dirac,1952 [1]*) *If  $G$  is a graph of order  $n$  and  $\delta \geq n/2$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.*

**Theorem 1.2** (*Ore,1960 [2]*) *If  $G$  is a connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian..*

**Theorem 1.3** (*Erdős,1962 [6]*) *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ . If  $\delta \geq n/2$  or  $m \geq \max\{C_{n-\delta}^2 + \delta^2, C_{(n+2)/2}^2 + [(n-1)/2]^2\}$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.*

**Theorem 1.4** (*Erdős and Gallai,1959 [7]*) *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ . If  $m \geq n(n-1)/2$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian.*

In 1971 Bondy [3] obtained the following results on pancyclicity with Ore condition and graph size.

**Theorem 1.5** (*Bondy,1971 [3]*) *If  $G$  is a 2-connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , then  $G$  is pancyclic or  $G = K_{n/2, n/2}$ .*

**Theorem 1.6** (*Bondy,1971 [3]*) *If  $G$  is a Hamiltonian of order  $n$  and size  $m \geq n^2/4$ , then  $G$  is pancyclic or  $G = K_{n/2, n/2}$ .*

In 1985 Ainouche and Christofides [4] considered  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for Hamiltonian and obtained:

**Theorem 1.7** (*Ainouche and Christofides,1985 [4]*) *If  $G$  is a 2-connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , then  $G$  is Hamiltonian or  $K_{(n+1)/2}^C \vee G_{(n-1)/2}$ .*

**Theorem 1.8** (*Bollobás and Brightwell,1993 [4]*) *If  $G$  is a graph on  $n$  vertices and  $W \subseteq V(G)$ , and  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in W$ , then  $G$  has a cycle containing all the vertices of  $W$ .*

In 1994 Aldred, Holton and Zhang [5] relaxed Ore' condition for pancyclic graphs by considered condition  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  and obtained:

**Theorem 1.9** (Aldred, Holton and Zhang [5] or Theorem 36 of survey [6]) If  $G$  is a 2-connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , then  $G$  is pancyclic or  $G \in \{K_{(n+1)/2}^C \vee G_{(n-1)/2}, K_{n/2, n/2}, C_5\}$ .

**Theorem 1.10** ((Hendry [5] or see Corollary 7 in [11]) Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n \geq 3$  with  $\delta \geq (n+1)/2$ , then  $G$  is vertex pancyclic.

The following vertex pancyclic result is the Corollary 12 in Ref. [11] and Theorem 1.5 in Ref. [12].

**Theorem 1.11** (Randerath et al.[11] or Zhang et al.[12]) If  $G$  is a 2-connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , then  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic or  $G = K_{n/2, n/2}$ .

Now, we consider weakly Ore type condition  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for vertex pancyclic and obtain the following result.

**Theorem 1.12** If  $G$  is a 2-connected graph of order  $n \geq 7$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , then  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic or  $G \in \{G_{(n-1)/2} \vee K_{(n+1)/2}^C, K_{n/2, n/2}, K_2^c \vee (K_1 \cup K_{n-3}), K_1 \vee K_3^1 : K_{n-4}\}$ .

Where  $G_{(n-1)/2}$  is a subgraph of order  $(n-1)/2$ ,  $G_{(n-1)/2} \vee K_{(n+1)/2}^C$  is used to denote the graph obtained by taking the join of  $G_{(n-1)/2}$  and  $K_{(n+1)/2}^C$ .  $K_2^c \vee (K_1 \cup K_{n-3})$  and  $K_1 \vee K_3^1 : K_{n-4}$  can be found in Lemma 2.3.

**Note that:** Under the condition  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$ , when connectivity  $\kappa = 1$ , clearly then graph  $G$  is the graph consisting of two complete graphs joined at a point.

In Section 2 we discussion graphs of order  $n = 4, 5, 6$  and satisfying the condition  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  in Lemma 2.5.

## 2 The proof of Theorem

The proof will be divided into lemmas. It is readily seen that the Theorem 1.12 follows from Lemma 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and Theorem 1.7.

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $C_m = x_1x_2 \dots x_mx_1$  be a cycle length  $m$  of graph  $G$ , if there does not exist  $C_{m-2}$  containing  $v$  in  $G$ , then for any  $i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , we obtain the following are all true: (1). When  $v \notin \{x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}\}$ , then  $x_ix_{i+3} \notin E(G)$ . (2): When  $v \notin \{x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, x_{i+3}\}$ , then  $N_{G-C_m}(x_i) \cap N_{G-C_m}(x_{i+4}) = \emptyset$ . (3): If  $v \notin \{x_{i+1}\}$  and  $x_ix_{i+2} \in E(G)$ , then when  $v \notin \{x_{j+1}\}$  we have  $x_jx_{j+2} \in E(G)$  and when  $v \notin \{x_{j+1}, x_{j+2}\}$  we have  $N_{G-C_m}(x_j) \cap N_{G-C_m}(x_{j+3}) = \emptyset$  for any  $j \neq i, i+1$ ; On other hand, if  $v \notin \{x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}\}$  and  $N_{G-C_m}(x_i) \cap N_{G-C_m}(x_{i+3}) \neq \emptyset$ , then when  $v \notin \{x_{j+1}\}$

we have  $x_jx_{j+2} \notin E(G)$  and when  $v \notin \{x_{j+1}, x_{j+2}\}$  we have  $N_{G-C_m}(x_j) \cap N_{G-C_m}(x_{j+3}) = \emptyset$  for any  $j \neq i, i+1, i+2$ . (4): If  $x_ix_h \in E(G)$ ,  $h \neq i+1, i+2$ , then when  $v \notin \{x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}\}$  we have  $x_{i+3}x_{h+1} \notin E(G)$  and when  $v \notin \{x_{i+1}, x_{h+1}\}$  we have  $x_{i+2}x_{h+2} \notin E(G)$ .

**Proof.** (1). If  $x_ix_{i+3} \in E(G)$ , then there exists  $C_{m-2} = x_1x_2 \dots x_ix_{i+3} \dots x_mx_1$  in  $G$  containing  $v$ , a contradiction.

(2). If  $u \in N_{G-C_m}(x_i) \cap N_{G-C_m}(x_{i+4})$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_1x_2 \dots x_iux_{i+4} \dots x_mx_1$  in  $G$  containing  $v$ , a contradiction.

(3). If  $x_ix_{i+2} \in E(G)$  and if there exist  $j \neq i, i+1$  with  $x_jx_{j+2} \in E(G)$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $j \geq i$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_1x_2 \dots x_ix_{i+2} \dots x_jx_{j+2} \dots x_mx_1$  in  $G$  containing  $v$ , a contradiction. We can apply the similar arguments and obtain the rest of (3) are true.

(4). If  $x_ix_h \in E(G)$ , where  $h \neq i+1, i+2$  and  $x_{i+3}x_{h+1} \in E(G)$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $h \geq i$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_1x_2 \dots x_ix_hx_{h-1} \dots x_{i+3}x_{h+1}x_{h+2} \dots x_mx_1$  in  $G$  containing  $v$ , a contradiction. By the similar proof as above, if  $x_ix_h \in E(G)$ , where  $h \neq i+1, i+2$  and  $x_{i+2}x_{h+2} \in E(G)$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $h \geq i$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_1x_2 \dots x_ix_hx_{h-1} \dots x_{i+2}x_{h+2}x_{h+3} \dots x_mx_1$  in  $G$  containing  $v$ , a contradiction.

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $G$  be a 2-connected graph of order  $n \geq 7$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , if there exists  $C_m$  containing  $v$  ( $m \geq 7$ ), then  $G$  contains  $C_{m-2}$  containing  $v$ .

**Proof.** Assume, to the contrary, that there does not exist  $C_{m-2}$  containing  $v$ . Then let  $C_m = x_1x_2 \dots x_mx_1$ , we consider the following cases.

**Case 1.**  $m = 7$ .

Let  $C_7 = x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_7x_1$  without loss of generality, assume  $v = x_1$ .

In this case, clearly  $x_1x_4, x_1x_5 \notin E(G)$  (Otherwise, if  $x_1x_4 \in E(G)$ , we can obtain  $C_5 : x_1x_4x_5x_6x_7x_1$ , a contradiction. If  $x_1x_5 \in E(G)$ , we can obtain  $C_5 : x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_1$ , a contradiction).

Now, we consider the following two subcases.

**Subcase 1.1.**  $x_1x_3, x_2x_4 \notin E(G)$ .

In this case, if  $x_4x_6 \notin E(G)$ , then clearly we can check that  $d_{C_7}(x_1) + d_{C_7}(x_4) \leq 5$ . If  $x_4x_6 \in E(G)$ , then  $x_1x_6 \notin E(G)$  (Otherwise, if  $x_4x_6 \in E(G)$ , then we can obtain  $C_5 : x_1x_2x_3x_4x_6x_1$ , a contradiction.). Thus, we also have  $d_{C_7}(x_1) + d_{C_7}(x_4) \leq 5$ .

And we have that both  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  do not have any common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_7$  (Otherwise, if  $x \in V(G - C_7)$  with  $x_1x, x_4x \in E(G)$ , then we obtain a  $C_5 : x_1x_2x_3x_4x$ , a contradiction.). Hence we can check that  $d(x_1) + d(x_4) \leq n - 2$ , this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.2.

**Subcase 1.2.**  $x_1x_3$  or  $x_2x_4 \in E(G)$ .

In this case, we have  $x_1x_6, x_5x_7 \notin E(G)$  (Otherwise, we obtain a  $C_5$ : containing  $v$ , a contradiction.). By considering  $C_7 = x_1x_7x_6x_5x_4x_3x_2x_1$  so we can apply the similar arguments as subcase

1.1, and we have  $d(x_1) + d(5) \leq n - 2$ , this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.2.

**Case 2.**  $m \geq 8$ .

Let  $C_m = x_1x_2x_3x_4 \dots x_mx_1$  without loss of generality, assume  $v = x_1$ . Then we consider the following two subcases.

**Subcase 2.1.**  $x_1x_3$  or  $x_1x_{m-1} \in E(G)$ .

Without loss of generality, assume  $x_1x_3 \in E(G)$ . In this case, we have  $x_3x_6 \notin E(G)$  and both  $x_3$  and  $x_6$  do not have any common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_m$  (Otherwise, if  $x_3x_6 \in E(G)$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} : x_3x_6x_7 \dots x_3$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction. If  $u \in V(G - C_m)$  is adjacent to both  $x_3$  and  $x_6$ , we also can obtain a  $C_{m-2} = x_3ux_6x_7 \dots x_mx_1x_3$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction. ). Then we consider the following cases.

(1). If  $x_3x_7 \notin E(G)$ .

When  $x_r \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\} \setminus \{x_5\}$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , then  $x_{r-1}$  is not adjacent to  $x_3$  (Otherwise, we can obtain a  $C_{m-2} = x_3x_{r-1}x_{r-2} \dots x_6x_rx_{r+1} \dots x_3$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction). Since  $x_4, x_6, x_8$  are not adjacent to  $x_6$ , and  $x_3, x_5, x_7$  are not adjacent to  $x_3$ , respectively.

Hence we have  $d_{C_m}(x_3) \leq m - |N_{C_m}(x_6) \setminus \{x_5\}| - |\{x_3, x_5, x_7\}| \leq m - d_{C_m}(x_6) - 2$ , this implies

$$d_{C_m}(x_3) + d_{C_m}(x_6) \leq m - 2 \quad (1)$$

Since both  $x_3$  and  $x_6$  do not have any common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_m$ . Hence we have

$$d_{G-C_m}(x_3) + d_{G-C_m}(x_6) \leq |V(G - C_m)| \quad (2)$$

By the inequalities (1) and (2), we have

$d(x_3) + d(x_6) \leq |V(G - C_m)| + m - 2 \leq n - 2$ , this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.2.

(2) If  $x_3x_7 \in E(G)$ . Then we have  $x_5x_9 \notin E(G)$  (Otherwise, if  $x_5x_9 \in E(G)$ , we can obtain  $C_{m-2} : x_3x_7x_6x_5x_9x_{10} \dots x_3$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction. Where if  $m = 8$ , then  $x_9 = x_1$ ). Then by a similar arguments as above inequality (1), we can check

$$d_{C_m}(x_5) + d_{C_m}(x_8) \leq m - 2 \quad (3)$$

Clearly, both  $x_5$  and  $x_8$  do not have any common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_m$  ( Otherwise, if  $u \in V(G - C_m)$  is adjacent to both  $x_5$  and  $x_8$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_5ux_8x_9 \dots x_1x_3x_4x_5$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction. Where if  $m = 8$ , then  $x_9 = x_1$  ). Hence we have

$$d_{G-C_m}(x_5) + d_{G-C_m}(x_8) \leq |V(G - C_m)| \quad (4)$$

Clearly  $x_5x_8 \notin E(G)$ (Otherwise, if  $x_5x_8 \in E(G)$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_5x_8x_9 \dots x_5$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction. Where if  $m = 8$ , then  $x_9 = x_1$ ).

Combining inequalities (3) and (4), we have

$$d(x_5) + d(x_8) \leq |V(G - C_m)| + m - 2 \leq n - 2, \text{ this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.2.}$$

**Subcase 2.2.**  $x_1x_3, x_1x_{m-1} \notin E(G)$ .

In this case, we consider the following .

(1).  $x_ix_{i+2} \in E(G)$  for some  $i \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ .

Clearly, both  $x_1$  and  $x_{m-2}$  do not have any common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_m$  ( Otherwise, if  $u \in V(G - C_m)$  is adjacent to both  $x_1$  and  $x_{m-2}$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_1x_2 \dots x_ix_{i+2}x_{i+3} \dots x_{m-2}ux_1$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction.). Hence we have

$$d_{G-C_m}(x_5) + d_{G-C_m}(x_8) \leq |V(G - C_m)| \quad (5)$$

Clearly  $x_1x_{m-2} \notin E(G)$  (Otherwise, if  $x_1x_{m-2} \in E(G)$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} = x_1x_2 \dots x_{m-2}x_1$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction). Then by a similar arguments as above inequality (1), we can check

$$d_{C_m}(x_1) + d_{C_m}(x_{m-2}) \leq m - 2 \quad (6)$$

Combining inequalities (5) and (6), we have

$$d(x_5) + d(x_8) \leq |V(G - C_m)| + m - 2 \leq n - 2, \text{ this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.2.}$$

(2).  $x_ix_{i+2} \in E(G)$  for some  $i \in \{5, 6, \dots, m-2\}$ .

In this case, we replace  $x_1, x_{m-2}$  by  $x_1, x_4$  and we can apply the similar arguments as above (1) of Subcase 2.2, and obtain a contradiction.

(3).  $x_ix_{i+2} \notin E(G)$  for any  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ .

In this case, we consider the following subcases.

(3 - 1). Both  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  do not have any common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_m$ .

In this case, we have  $x_1x_4 \notin E(G)$  (Otherwise, if  $x_1x_4 \in E(G)$ , then we get  $C_{m-2} : x_1x_4x_5 \dots x_m$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction ).

Then, we can check

$$d(x_1) + d(x_4) \leq |V(G - C_m)| + m - 2 \leq n - 2, \text{ this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.2.}$$

(3 - 2). Both  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  have one common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_m$ . Then both  $x_5$  and  $x_8$  do not have any common neighbor vertex in  $G - C_m$ . (Otherwise, let  $u \in V(G - C_m)$  is adjacent to both  $x_1$  and  $x_4$ . If  $v \in V(G - C_m)$  is adjacent to both  $x_5$  and  $x_8$ . (i). When  $u = v$ , then we obtain a  $C_{m-2} = x_1ux_5x_6 \dots x_1$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction. (ii). When  $u \neq v$ , then we obtain a  $C_{m-2} = x_1ux_4x_5vx_8x_9 \dots x_1$  containing  $x_1$ , a contradiction.).

Hence, by the similar arguments as above we have

$d(x_4) + d(x_8) \leq |V(G - C_m)| + m - 2 \leq n - 2$ , this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.2.

**Lemma 2.3** *Let  $G$  be a 2-connected graph of order  $n \geq 7$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , if there does not exist  $C_4$  containing  $v$ , then  $G \in \{K_2^c \vee (K_1 \cup K_{n-3}), K_1 \vee K_3^1 : K_{n-4}\}$*

**proof.** For some vertex  $v$ , if there does not exist  $C_4$  containing  $v$ . Then induced subgraph  $G[N(v)]$  does contain any a path of order 3, and not two vertices of  $N(v)$  that have a common neighbor vertex in  $G - N[v]$ , then we claim that  $|N(v)| \leq 3$ . Otherwise, if  $|N(v)| \geq 4$ , then let  $x, y \in N(v)$  with  $xy \notin E(G)$ , then we can check that  $d(v) + d(u) \leq n - 2$ , a contradiction.

When  $|N(v)| = 2$ . In this case, clearly  $G - N[v]$  is a complete subgraph. Otherwise, if  $x, y \in V(G - N[v])$  with  $xy \notin E(G)$ , then we can check that  $d(v) + d(x) \leq n - 2$ , a contradiction. Hence we have  $G = K_2^c \vee (K_1 \cup K_{n-3})$

When  $|N(v)| = 3$ . In this case, clearly  $N(v)$  have adjacent two vertices (Otherwise, let  $x, y \in N(v)$ , then we can check that  $d(x) + d(y) \leq n - 2$ , a contradiction). Without loss of generality, say  $x, y \in N(v)$  with  $xy \in E(G)$ , Then we have (1). Each of  $\{x, y\}$  is adjacent to only one vertex of  $G - N[v]$  (Otherwise, if  $x$  is adjacent to at least two vertices of  $G - N[v]$ , let  $w = N(v) \setminus \{x, y\}$ , then we can check that  $d(y) + d(w) \leq n - 2$ , a contradiction). We also have  $G - N[v]$  is a complete subgraph. In this case, we have  $G = K_1 \vee K_3^1 : K_{n-4}$ .

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $G$  be a 2-connected Hamiltonian graph of order  $n \geq 7$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for each pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , for any vertex  $v$ , if there is not  $C_{n-1}$  containing  $v$  in  $G$ , then  $G \in \{K_{n/2, n/2}, K_{n/2, n/2} - e\}$ .*

**Proof.** Assume, to the contrary, that  $G \notin \{K_{n/2, n/2}, K_{n/2, n/2} - e\}$ , then we have the following claims.

**Claim 1.**  $x_i x_{i+3} \in E(G)$  or  $x_{i-1} x_{i+2} \in E(G)$  for every  $x_i \in V(C_n)$  with  $v \notin \{x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, x_{i+3}\}$

Since not  $C_{n-1}$ , then when  $x_h \in C_n$  is adjacent to  $x_{i+2}$ , then  $x_{h-1}$  is not adjacent to  $x_i$ . Namely none of  $N_{C_n}^-(x_{i+2})$  are adjacent  $x_i$ . Assume that Claim 1 is not true, then  $x_i x_{i+3}, x_{i-1} x_{i+2} \notin E(G)$ . Together with  $x_i x_{i-2}, x_{i+2} x_{i+4} \notin E(G)$  (Otherwise, if  $x_i x_{i-2} \in E(G)$ , then  $x_{i-2} x_i x_{i+1} x_{i+2} \dots x_{i-2} = C_{n-1}$ , a contradiction. If  $x_{i+2} x_{i+4} \in E(G)$ , then  $x_{i+2} x_{i+4} x_{i+5} \dots x_{i+2} = C_{n-1}$ , a contradiction). Hence we can check

$|N_{C_n}(x_i)| \leq |V(G)| - |N_{C_n}^-(x_{i+2})| - |\{x_{i+3}, x_{i-2}\}|$ , this implies  $d(x_i) + d(x_{i+2}) \leq n - 2$ , this contradicts the condition of lemma 2.4. The contradicts shows that claim 1 is true.

**Claim 2.**  $x_i x_j \notin E(G)$  or  $x_i x_{j+1} \notin E(G)$  for every vertex  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  in  $C_n$  with  $v \neq x_i$ .

Otherwise, if there exists  $x_j$  in  $C_n$  such that  $x_i x_j, x_i x_{j+1} \in E(G)$ . By Claim 1 we have  $x_{i-1} x_{i+2} \in E(G)$  or  $x_{i-2} x_{i+1} \in E(G)$ . Then we have  $x_{i-1} x_{i+2} x_{i+3} \dots x_j x_i x_{j+1} x_{j+2} \dots x_{i-1} = C_{n-1}$  or  $x_{i-2} x_{i+1} x_{i+2} \dots x_j x_i x_{j+1} x_{j+2} \dots x_{i-2} = C_{n-1}$ , respectively, contradiction.

**Claim 3.**  $\{x_1, x_3, x_5, \dots, x_{2m-1}, \dots\}$  is a independent set and  $\{x_2, x_4, x_6, \dots, x_{2m}, \dots\}$  is also a independent set.

Proof of Claim 3. By Claim 2, we know that  $d(x_i) \leq n/2$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) (Otherwise, if  $d(x_i) > n/2$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $x_i \neq v$ , then there must exist  $x_j, x_{j+1} \in V(C_n)$  which all adjacent to  $x_i$ , this contradicts Claim 2. If if  $d(v) > n/2$ ,  $x_i = v$ . Since not  $C_{n-1}$ , then  $x_i x_{i+2} \notin E(G)$ , so we have  $d(x_i) + d(x_{i+2}) \geq n - 1$ , this implies  $d(x_{i+2}) > n/2$ . Then there must exist  $x_j, x_{j+1} \in V(C_n)$  which all adjacent to  $x_{i+2}$ , this contradicts Claim 2).

Since not  $C_{n-1}$ , then  $x_{i-1}x_{i+1} \notin E(G)$ , so we have  $d(x_{i-1}) + d(x_{i+1}) \geq n - 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

This implies  $(n - 1)/2 \leq d(x_i) \leq n/2$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

Then for every  $x_i$  with  $x_i \neq v$ , since not  $C_{n-1}$ , by Claim 2, there do not exist  $x_j, x_{j+1}$  in  $C_n$  satisfying  $x_i x_j, x_i x_{j+1} \in E(G)$ . Then we have

Claim (3.1): If there exist  $x_h, x_{h+1}$  that are not adjacent to  $x_i$  with  $x_i \neq v$ , then  $x_i$  will be adjacent to every vertex of  $(\dots, x_{h-2m+1}, \dots, x_{h-3}, x_{h-1}, x_{h+2}, x_{h+4}, \dots, x_{h+2m} \dots)$ .

Claim (3.2). If there do not exist  $x_h, x_{h+1}$  that are not adjacent to  $x_i$  with  $x_i \neq v$ , then when  $i$  is even,  $x_i$  will be adjacent to every vertex of  $\{x_1, x_3, x_5, \dots, x_{2m-1}, \dots\}$ ; When  $i$  is odd,  $x_i$  will be adjacent to every vertex of  $\{x_2, x_4, x_6, \dots, x_{2m}, \dots\}$ .

(1). If there do not exist Claim (3.1).

(1 - 1). When  $x_i = v$  is not adjacent to any vertex of  $\{\dots, x_{i-4}, x_{i-2}, x_{i+2}, x_{i+4}, \dots\}$ . Then Claim 3 holds.

(1 - 2). When  $x_i = v$  is adjacent to some vertex of  $\{\dots, x_{i-4}, x_{i-2}, x_{i+2}, x_{i+4}, \dots\}$ .

For example, if  $x - i = v$  is adjacent to  $x_{i+2r}$ . Then  $x_{i+1}$  will be adjacent to  $x_{i+2r+2}$  or  $x_{i+1}$  will be adjacent to  $x_{i+2r-2}$ . Then we can get a  $C_{n-1}$  containing  $x_i$ , a contradiction.

(2). If there exist Claim (3.1).

(2 - 1). If there also exist Claim (3.2). Then clearly there exist  $x_j, x_{j+1}$  such that one vertex satisfying Claim (3.1) and another vertex satisfying Claim (3.2), this implies that both  $x_j$  and  $x_{j+1}$  will have at least two common vertices of  $C_n$ . Then by Claim 2, we have a  $C_{n-1}$  containing  $x_i$ , a contradiction.

(2 - 2). If there do not exist Claim (3.2).

In this case, By Claim 2, we have that if both  $x_h$  and  $x_{h+1}$  are not adjacent to  $x_i$ ; then both  $x_{h+2}$  and  $x_{h+1}$  or both  $x_h$  and  $x_{h-1}$  are not adjacent to  $x_{i+1}$  (Otherwise, both  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$  will have at least two common vertices of  $C_n$ . Then get a  $C_{n-1}$  containing  $x_i$ ).

In this case, we choose  $x_i = v$ , then by Claim 1 we have  $x_{i-1}x_{i+2} \in E(G)$  or  $x_i x_{i+3} \in E(G)$ . Then we can obtain a  $C_{n-1}$  containing  $x_i$ , a contradiction. (For example, if  $x_{i-1}x_{i+2} \in E(G)$ . Since both  $x_h$  and  $x_{h+1}$  are not adjacent to  $x_i$ , and both  $x_{h+2}$  and  $x_{h+1}$  or both  $x_h$  and  $x_{h-1}$  are not adjacent to  $x_{i+1}$ . Without loss of generality, assume both  $x_{h+2}$  and  $x_{h+1}$  are not adjacent to  $x_{i+1}$ , then we get  $C_{n-1} = x_h x_{h-1} \dots x_{i+2} x_{i-1} x_{i-2} \dots x_{h+2} x_i x_{i+1} x_{h+3} x_h$ ).

By the above (1) and Claim (3.2), we have that  $\{x_1, x_3, x_5, \dots, x_{2m-1}, \dots\}$  is a independent set and  $\{x_2, x_4, x_6, \dots, x_{2m}, \dots\}$  is also a independent set. By  $(n - 1)/2 \leq d(x_i) \leq n/2$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ), we get  $G \in \{K_{n/2, n/2}, K_{n/2, n/2} - e\}$ .



Therefore, Lemma 2.4 is proved.

**Lemma 2.5** *If  $G$  is a 2-connected graph of order  $n = 4, 5, 6$ ,  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for each pair of non-adjacent vertices  $x, y \in V(G)$ , then  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic or  $G \in \{K_{(n+1)/2}^C \vee G_{(n-1)/2}, K_{n/2, n/2}, C_6 + 2e, C_5 + e, C_5\}$ .*

**proof.** Under the condition of Lemma 2.5, by Theorem 1.7, if  $G \notin K_{(n+1)/2}^C \vee G_{(n-1)/2}$ , then  $G$  is a Hamiltonian. Then we consider  $v$ -4-pancyclic.

When  $n = 4$ . Clearly  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic.

When  $n = 5$ . Let  $C_5 = x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_1$  without loss of generality, assume  $v = x_1$ . If there does not exist  $C_4$  containing  $x_1$ , then we easy to see that  $G = C_5$  or  $G = C_5 + x_2x_5$ .

When  $n = 6$ . Let  $C_6 = x_1x_2x_3x_4x_5x_6x_1$  without loss of generality, assume  $v = x_1$ .

(1). When  $d(x_1) \geq 3$ .

(1 - 1). If  $x_1x_3 \in E(G)$ . Then there exist  $C_5$  containing  $x_1$ . (1 - 1 - 1). If  $x_4x_6 \notin E(G)$ , Then there exist  $C_4$  containing  $x_1$ . Thus,  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic. (1 - 1 - 2). If  $x_4x_6 \notin E(G)$ , by  $d(x_4) + d(x_6) \geq n - 1$ , this implies that  $d(x_4) \geq 3$  or  $d(x_6) \geq 3$ . Without loss of generality, assume  $d(x_4) \geq 3$ . If  $x_4x_1 \in E(G)$ , Then there exist  $C_4$  containing  $x_1$ . Thus,  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic. If  $x_4x_2 \in E(G)$ , Then there exist  $C_4 = x_1x_3x_4x_2x_1$  containing  $x_1$ . Thus,  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic.

(1 - 2). If  $x_1x_5 \in E(G)$ . By considering  $C_6 = x_1x_6x_5x_4x_3x_2x_1$  so we can apply the similar arguments as above (1 - 1). Thus,  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic.

(1 - 3). If  $x_1x_4 \in E(G)$ . In this case, there exist  $C_4$  containing  $x_1$ . (1 - 3 - 1). If  $x_2x_5 \notin E(G)$  or  $x_3x_6 \notin E(G)$ . Without loss of generality, say  $x_3x_6 \notin E(G)$ , then by  $d(x_3) + d(x_6) \geq n - 1$ , we have  $d(x_3) \geq 3$  or  $d(x_6) \geq 3$ . This implies  $x_3x_5 \in E(G)$  or  $x_6x_2 \in E(G)$  or  $x_6x_4 \in E(G)$ . For example, if  $x_6x_2 \in E(G)$ , then there exist  $C_5 = x_1x_2x_6x_5x_4x_1$  containing  $x_1$ . Thus,  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic. (1 - 3 - 2). If  $x_2x_5 \in E(G)$  and  $x_3x_6 \in E(G)$  with not  $C_5$  containing  $x_1$ . Then  $G = K_{n/2, n/2}$ .

(2). When  $d(x_1) = 2$ . In this case, by  $d(x_1) + d(x_3) \geq n - 1$ , we have  $d(x_3) \geq 3$ . This implies  $x_3x_5 \in E(G)$  or  $x_3x_6 \in E(G)$ . (2 - 1). If  $x_3x_6 \in E(G)$ , then there exist  $C_4$  containing  $x_1$ . Since  $d(x_1) = 2$ , then  $x_1x_4 \notin E(G)$ , by  $d(x_1) + d(x_4) \geq n - 1$ , we have  $d(x_4) \geq 3$ , this implies  $x_4x_2 \in E(G)$  or  $x_4x_6 \in E(G)$ . Hence we easy to see that there exist  $C_5$  containing  $x_1$ . Thus,  $G$  is vertex 4-pancyclic. (2 - 2). If  $x_3x_6 \notin E(G)$ . Since  $d(x_1) = 2$ , by the condition of Lemma 2.5, we have  $d(x_3) \geq 3$ ,  $d(x_4) \geq 3$ ,  $d(x_5) \geq 3$ . By  $x_3x_6 \notin E(G)$  this implies  $x_3x_5 \in E(G)$ , hence there exist  $C_5$  containing  $x_1$ . If there does not exist  $C_4$  containing  $x_1$ , this implies  $x_4x_6 \in E(G)$ . In this case,  $G = C_6 + x_3x_5 + x_4x_6$ .

The proof of Lemma 2.5 is complete.

Recent some results concerning cyclability of graphs were obtained. The following result is due to Favaron et al. [9] and Ota [13].

**Theorem 2.6** (Favaron et al. [9] and Ota [13]) *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$  and  $S$  is a subset of  $V(G)$  with  $|S| \geq 3$ . If  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in  $S$ , then  $S$  is cyclable in  $G$ .*

By the work in this paper, one will ask the following problem.

**Problem 2.7.** *What is the graph  $G$  of order  $n$  of non- $S$ -cyclable with  $d(x) + d(y) \geq n - 1$  for every pair of nonadjacent vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in  $S$ .*

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