

**Theorem 1.1**  $\alpha \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$  if and only if one of the following statements holds:

$$1) (i_7 = 0) \text{ and } \beta \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, 0 \end{matrix} \right) = 1.$$

$$2) (i_7 \neq 0) \text{ and } (i_4 = 0) \text{ and}$$

$$\left( \exists i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}\} \right) \beta \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, 2, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

$$3) (i_7 \neq 0) \text{ and } (i_4 \neq 0) \text{ and}$$

$$\left( \exists i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}\} \right) \beta \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

**Proof:** First, suppose that  $\alpha \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$ . Let  $G$  be any graph

from the set  $A \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{matrix} \right)$ . Distinguish three cases:

CASE 1:  $i_7 = 0$ .

Note that  $G \in B \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{matrix} \right)$ . Therefore,

$$\beta \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, 0 \end{matrix} \right) = 1.$$

CASE 2:  $(i_7 \neq 0)$  and  $(i_4 = 0)$ .

Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained by replacing each (2-methyl-propyl)-thorn by isopropyl thorn. Denote by  $i$  the number of (2-methyl-propyl)-thorns in  $G$ . Obviously

$i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}\}$ ;  $\mu(G') = \left( \begin{matrix} m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{matrix} \right)$  and  $G'$  has exactly  $i$  isopropyl thorns. It follows that  $G' \in B \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{matrix} \right)$ . Hence, indeed

$$\left( \exists i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}\} \right) \beta \left( \begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, 2, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{matrix} \right) = 1.$$

CASE 3:  $(i_7 \neq 0)$  and  $(i_4 \neq 0)$ .

Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained by replacing each (2-methyl-propyl)-thorn by isopropyl thorn. Denote by  $i$  the number of (2-methyl-propyl)-thorns in  $G$ . Obviously

$i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}\}$ ;  $\mu(G') = \left( \begin{matrix} m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{matrix} \right)$  and  $G'$  has at least  $i$

isopropyl thorns. It follows that  $G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}-i, m_{13}+i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}-i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{array}\right)$ . Hence, indeed

$$\left(\exists i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}\}\right) \beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, 2, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}-i, m_{13}+i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}-i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Now, let us prove the opposite implication. First suppose that 1) holds. Let

$$G \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) \text{ be an arbitrary graph. Note that}$$

$$G \in A\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{array}\right). \text{ Therefore,}$$

$$\alpha\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Now, suppose that 2) holds. Let  $G \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, 2, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}-i, m_{13}+i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}-i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{array}\right)$  be an arbitrary

graph. Note that in  $G$  there are exactly  $i$  isopropyl thorns. Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained by replacing each of these thorns by a (2-methyl-propyl)-thorn. Note that  $G'$  doesn't have any isopropyl thorns, hence indeed

$$G \in A\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}-i+i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{array}\right) = A\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{array}\right).$$

If 3) holds, the proof is completely analogous as in the previous case. ■

Let function  $\gamma : \{0, 1\}^2 \times \{0, 1, 2\} \times \{0, 1\}^2 \times N_0^{11} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be given by

$$\gamma\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1 \text{ if and only "There is a thorny cycle } G \text{ such that}$$

$$\mu(G) = \left(\begin{array}{c} m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{array}\right) \text{ with the following thorn allowed: methyl-thorn (if } i_1 = 1\text{);}$$

ethyl-thorn (if  $j_2 = 1$ ); isopropyl-thorn (if  $i_4 > 1$ ); (2-methyl-propyl)-thorn (if  $i_6 = 1$ ); (2-methyl-propyl)-thorn (if  $i_7 = 1$ ); and (1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-thorn (if  $i_8 = 1$ ) and there are at least  $r$  isopropyl-thorns (if  $i_4 \neq 2$ ) or there are exactly  $r$  isopropyl-thorns (if  $i_4 = 2$ ). Denote

the set of all graphs by with these required properties by  $C\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ .

### Lemma 1.2

$$\begin{aligned} (\exists(m_{22} \in N)) &\left( \gamma\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1 \right) \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow (\forall(m_{22}' \in N, m_{22}' \geq m_{22})) \left( \gamma\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}', m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** Let  $G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that no edge that connects two

vertices of degree 2 can not be a part of any thorn. Therefore, it is a part of a cycle. Let  $G'$  be

a graph obtained by replacing an arbitrary of these edges by a path of length  $m_{22} - (m_{22} - 1)$ .

Note that  $G' \in C\left(j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}', m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right)$ , hence

$$\gamma\left(j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}', m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1. \square$$

**Theorem 1.3**  $\beta\left(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1$  if and only if one of the following statements hold:

$$1) (i_3 = 0) \text{ and } (i_5 = 0) \text{ and } \left( \gamma\left(i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$2) (i_2 = 0) \text{ and } (i_3 = 1) \text{ and } (i_5 = 0) \text{ and } (m_{22} \geq m_{12}) \text{ and}$$

$$\left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$3) (i_2 = 1) \text{ and } (i_3 = 1) \text{ and } (i_5 = 0) \text{ and one of the following holds:}$$

$$3.1) (m_{12} \geq m_{22}) \text{ and } \left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$3.2) \left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$4) (i_2 = 0) \text{ and } (i_3 = 0) \text{ and } (i_5 = 1) \text{ and } (m_{22} \geq 2 \cdot m_{12}) \text{ and}$$

$$\left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - 2 \cdot m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$5) (i_2 = 1) \text{ and } (i_3 = 0) \text{ and } (i_5 = 1) \text{ and one of the following holds:}$$

$$5.1) (2 \cdot m_{12} \geq m_{22}) \text{ and } (m_{22} = 0 \pmod{2}) \text{ and } \left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$5.2) \left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$6) (i_2 = 0) \text{ and } (i_3 = 1) \text{ and } (i_5 = 1) \text{ and } (m_{22} \geq m_{12}) \text{ and one of the following holds:}$$

$$6.1) (2 \cdot m_{12} \geq m_{22}) \text{ and } \left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$6.2) \left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$7) (i_2 = 1) \text{ and } (i_3 = 1) \text{ and } (i_5 = 1) \text{ and one of the following holds:}$$

$$7.1) (2 \cdot m_{12} \geq m_{22}) \text{ and } \left( \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1 \right)$$

$$7.2) \left( \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1 \right)$$

**Proof:** First, let us suppose that  $\beta \begin{pmatrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1$  and let

$$G \in B \begin{pmatrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Distinguish seven cases:}$$

CASE 1:  $(i_3 = 0)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$ .

Note that  $G \in C \begin{pmatrix} i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix}$ , hence indeed

$$\gamma \begin{pmatrix} i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$

CASE 2:  $(i_2 = 0)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$ .

Note that edges of type  $e_{12}$  in  $G$  are part of prophyl-thorns. Therefore, indeed  $(m_{22} \geq m_{12})$ .

Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each of the propyl-thorns by ethyl-thorns. Note that  $G' \in C \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence,

$$\gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$

CASE 3: Denote by  $t$  number of propyl-thorns in  $G$ . Note that  $m_{12} \geq t$ . Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each of the propyl-thorns by ethyl-thorns. Note that

$$G' \in C \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - t, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Therefore, } \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - t, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$

Distinguish two subcases:

SUBCASE 3.1:  $m_{22} - t = 0$ .

Note that  $m_{12} \geq t = m_{22}$ , hence 3.1) holds.

SUBCASE 3.2:  $m_{22} - t > 0$ .

Note that  $m_{22} \geq m_{22} - t$ , hence the claim follows from the Lemma 1.2

CASE 4:  $(i_2 = 0)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$ .

Note that edges of type  $e_{12}$  in  $G$  are part of butyl-thorns. Therefore, indeed  $(m_{22} \geq 2 \cdot m_{12})$ .

Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each of the butyl-thorns by ethyl-thorns. Note that  $G' \in C \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - 2 \cdot m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix}$ . Hence,

$$\gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - 2 \cdot m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$

CASE 5: Denote by  $t$  number of butyl-thorns in  $G$ . Note that  $m_{12} \geq t$ . Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each of the propyl-thorns by ethyl-thorns. Note that

$G' \in C\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - 2 \cdot t, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right)$ . Therfore,

$$\gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - 2 \cdot t, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1.$$

Distinguish two subcases:

SUBCASE 5.1:  $m_{22} - 2 \cdot t = 0$ .

Note that  $m_{12} \geq t = \frac{m_{22}}{2}$  and that  $m_{22}$  is even, hence 5.1) holds.

SUBCASE 5.2:  $m_{22} - 2 \cdot t > 0$ .

Note that  $m_{22} \geq m_{22} - 2 \cdot t$ , hence the claim follows from the Lemma 1.2

CASE 6: Denote by  $t_p$  number of propyl-thorns in  $G$  and by  $t_b$  number of butyl thorn.

Note that  $m_{12} = t_p + t_b \leq m_{22}$ . Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each of

the propyl-thorns by ethyl-thorns. Note that  $G' \in C\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right)$ .

$$\text{Therefore, } \gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1.$$

Distinguish two subcases:

SUBCASE 6.1:  $m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b = 0$ .

Note that  $m_{22} = t_p + 2t_b \leq 2(t_p + t_b) = 2m_{12}$  is even, hence 6.1) holds.

SUBCASE 6.2:  $m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b > 0$ .

Note that  $m_{22} \geq m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b$ , hence the claim follows from the Lemma 1.2

CASE 7: Denote by  $t_p$  number of propyl-thorns in  $G$  and by  $t_b$  number of butyl thorn. Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each of the propyl-thorns by ethyl-thorns.

Note that  $G' \in C\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right)$ . Therefore,

$$\gamma\left(1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r\right) = 1.$$

Distinguish two subcases:

SUBCASE 7.1:  $m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b = 0$ .

Note that  $m_{22} = t_p + 2t_b \leq 2(t_p + t_b) \leq 2m_{12}$  is even, hence 7.1) holds.

SUBCASE 7.2:  $m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b > 0$ .

Note that  $m_{22} \geq m_{22} - t_p - 2t_b$ , hence the claim follows from the Lemma 1.2

Now, let us prove the opposite implication.

First, suppose that 1) holds. Let  $G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that

$G \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therefore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Now, suppose that 2) holds. Let  $G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$  Note that all

edges of type  $e_{12}$  are part of ethyl-thorn. Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each ethyl-thorn by propyl-thorns. Note that

$G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therofore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$  and that 3.1) holds. Let

$G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that  $G$  has exactly  $m_{12}$  ethyl-thorns. Pick

arbitrary  $m_{22} (\leq m_{12})$  ethyl-thorns. Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained by replacing these thorn by

propyl-thorns. Note that  $G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therofore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$  and that 3.2) holds. Let

$G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that  $G \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ .

Therefore,  $\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1$ .

Now, suppose that 4) holds. Let  $G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - 2 \cdot m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$  Note that all

edges of type  $e_{12}$  are part of ethyl-thorn. Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each ethyl-thorn by buthyl-thorns. Note that

$G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therofore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 0)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  and that 5.1) holds. Let

$G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that  $G$  has exactly  $m_{12}$  ethyl-thorns. Pick

arbitrary  $\frac{m_{22}}{2} (\leq m_{12})$  ethyl-thorns. Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained by replacing these thorn by

buthyl-thorns. Note that  $G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therefore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 0)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  and that 5.2) holds. Let

$G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that  $G \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ .

Therefore,  $\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1$ .

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 0)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  and  $(m_{22} \geq m_{12})$  and 6.1) holds. Since

$m_{12} \leq m_{22} \leq 2m_{12}$ , there are numbers  $t_p, t_b \in N_0$  such that  $t_p + 2t_b = m_{22}$  and that  $t_p + t_b = m_{12}$ .

Let  $G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that  $G$  has exactly  $m_{12}$  ethyl-thorns. Let  $G'$

be a graph obtained from  $G$  by replacing  $t_p$  of this thorns by propyl-thorns and remaining  $t_b$

thorns by buthyl-thorns. Note that  $G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therefore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 0)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  and  $(m_{22} \geq m_{12})$  and 6.2) holds. Let

$G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Let  $G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$

Note that all edges of type  $e_{12}$  are part of ethyl-thorn. Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each ethyl-thorn by propyl-thorns. Note that

$G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therofore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  and 7.1) holds. Since  $m_{22} \leq 2m_{12}$ , there are numbers  $t_e, t_p, t_b \in N_0$  such that  $t_p + 2t_b = m_{22}$  and that  $t_e + t_p + t_b = m_{12}$ . Let

$G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Note that  $G$  has exactly  $m_{12}$  ethyl-thorns. Let  $G'$  be a

graph obtained from  $G$  by replacing  $t_p$  of this thorns by propyl-thorns and  $t_b$  thorns by

buthyl-thorns. Note that  $G' \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right)$ . Therefore,

$$\beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

Suppose that  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  and 7.2) holds. Let Let

$$G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right). \text{ Note that } G \in B\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right).$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \beta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

All the cases are exhausted and the theorem is proved.  $\square$

Let function  $\delta : \{0,1\}^2 \times \{0,1,2\} \times \{0,1\} \times N_0^{12} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be given by

$$\delta\left(\begin{array}{c} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{array}\right) = 1 \text{ if and only if "There is a thorny cycle } G \text{ such that}$$

$$\mu(G) = \left( \begin{array}{c} m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{array} \right) \text{ with the following thorn allowed: methyl-thorn (if } j_1 = 1);$$

ethyl-thorn (if  $j_2 = 1$ ); isopropyl-thorn (if  $j_3 > 1$ ); and (1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-thorn (if  $j_4 = 1$ ) there are at least  $r$  isopropyl-thorns (if  $i_4 \neq 2$ ) or there are exactly  $r$  isopropyl-thorns (if  $i_4 = 2$ ); and there are at least  $s$  ethyl-thorns. Denote the set of all graphs by with these

$$\text{required properties by } D\left(\begin{array}{c} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{array}\right).$$

**Theorem 1.4**  $\gamma\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{array}\right) = 1$  if and only if one of the following holds:

$$1) (i_6 = 0) \text{ and } \delta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, j_2, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, 0 \end{array}\right) = 1$$

$$2) (i_6 = 1) \text{ and } ((j_2 = 1) \text{ or } (m_{12} = 0)) \text{ and}$$

$$\left( \exists i = 0, \dots, \min \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{m_{13} - 2r}{2} \right\rfloor, m_{23} \right\} \right) \left( \delta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, 1, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} + i, m_{13} - 2 \cdot i, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, i \end{array}\right) = 1 \right)$$

**Proof:** First, suppose that  $\gamma\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{array}\right) = 1$ . Distinguish two cases:

CASE 1:  $i_6 = 0$ .

$$\text{Let } G \in C\left(\begin{array}{c} j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{array}\right) = 1. \text{ Note that}$$

$$G \in D\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, j_2, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, 0 \end{array}\right). \text{ Therefore, } \delta\left(\begin{array}{c} i_1, j_2, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, 0 \end{array}\right) = 1.$$

CASE 2:  $i_6 = 1$ .

Note that  $m_{12} = 0$  or  $j_2 = 1$ . Also note that in  $G$  there are at most  $\min\left\{\left\lfloor \frac{m_{13} - 2r}{2} \right\rfloor, m_{23} \right\}$  (2-methyl-propyl)-thorns. Denote their number by  $i$ . Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing each of these thorns by an ethyl thorn. Note that

$G' \in D\left(i_1, 1, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} + i, m_{13} - 2 \cdot i, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, i\right)$ , hence 2) holds.

Now, let us prove the opposite implication. Suppose that 1) holds.

Let  $G \in D\left(i_1, j_2, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, 0\right)$ . Note that  $G \in C\left(j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s\right)$ .

Therefore,  $\gamma\left(j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s\right) = 1$ .

Now, suppose that 2) holds. Let  $i \in \left\{0, \dots, \min\left\{\left\lfloor \frac{m_{13} - 2r}{2} \right\rfloor, m_{23} \right\}\right\}$  such that

$\delta\left(i_1, 1, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} + i, m_{13} - 2 \cdot i, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, i\right) = 1$  and let

$G \in D\left(i_1, 1, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} + i, m_{13} - 2 \cdot i, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, i\right)$ . Note that all edges of type  $e_{12}$  are part of ethyl-thorns in  $G$ . Therefore there are  $m_{12} + i$  ethyl-thorns in  $G$ . Let  $G'$  be a graph obtained from graph  $G$  by replacing  $i$  of these thorns by (2-methyl-propyl)-thorns. Note that

$C\left(j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s\right)$ , hence  $\gamma\left(j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s\right) = 1$ .

All the cases are exhausted and the theorem is proved.  $\square$

Let  $C$  be any cycle and let  $f$  be any function  $f : V(C) \rightarrow \{2, 3, 4\}$ . Denote

$\theta(C, f) = (x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44})$ , where

$$x_{ij} = \text{card} \{uv \in E(C) : f(u) = i \text{ and } f(v) = j\}, \text{ for each } 2 \leq i \leq j \leq 4.$$

Let us give an auxiliary result.

**Lemma 1.5** Let  $(x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44}) \in N_0^6$ . There is a cycle  $C$  and function  $f$  such that  $\theta(C, f) = (x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44})$  if and only if the following holds:

- 1)  $x_{23} + x_{34}, x_{24} + x_{34}$  are even numbers;
- 2)  $x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} + x_{33} + x_{34} + x_{44} \geq 3$ ;
- 3)  $(x_{23} + x_{24} > 0)$  or  $(x_{22} = 0)$  or  $(x_{23} = x_{24} = x_{33} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0)$ ;
- 4)  $(x_{23} = x_{33} = x_{34} = 0)$  or  $(x_{24} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0)$  or  $(x_{34} + \min\{x_{23}, x_{24}\} \geq 2)$ .

**Proof:** First, let us prove necessity. Distinguish seven cases:

CASE 1:  $x_{23} = x_{24} = x_{33} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0$ .

It is sufficient to take any cycle  $C$  with  $x_{22}$  vertices and the constant function that assigns number 2 to each vertex.

CASE 2:  $x_{22} = x_{23} = x_{33} = x_{34} = 0$ .

It is sufficient to take cycle  $C$  with vertices (in order of their appearance)  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{x_{24}+x_{44}}$  and function  $f : V(C) \rightarrow \{2, 3, 4\}$  such that

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2, & i \leq x_{24} \text{ and } i \text{ is even} \\ 4, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

CASE 3:  $x_{23} = x_{33} = x_{34} = 0$  and  $x_{22} > 0$  and  $x_{24} + x_{44} > 0$ .

Note that in graph  $C$  (note that here  $C$  is not simple if  $x_{24} + x_{44} < 3$ ) constructed in the previous case, there is at least one edge incident to vertices  $w$  and  $z$  such that  $f(w) = 2$  and  $f(z) = 4$ . Replace this edge by a path  $wu_1u_2\dots u_{x_{22}}z$  and extend the definition of the function  $f$  by  $f(u_i) = 2$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, x_{22}$ . Graph and function obtained in this way have the required properties.

CASE 4:  $x_{22} = x_{24} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0$ .

It is sufficient to take cycle  $C$  with vertices (in order of their appearance)  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{x_{23}+x_{33}}$  and function  $f : V(C) \rightarrow \{2, 3, 4\}$  such that

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 2, & i \leq x_{23} \text{ and } i \text{ is even} \\ 3, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

CASE 5:  $x_{24} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0$  and  $x_{22} > 0$  and  $x_{23} + x_{33} > 0$ .

Note that in graph  $C$  defined in the previous case, there is at least one edge incident to vertices  $w$  and  $z$  such that  $f(w) = 2$  and  $f(z) = 3$ . Replace this edge by a path  $wu_1u_2\dots u_{x_{22}}z$  and extend the definition of the function  $f$  by  $f(u_i) = 2$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, x_{22}$ . Graph and function obtained in this way have the required properties.

CASE 6:  $x_{34} + \min\{x_{23}, x_{24}\} \geq 2$  and  $x_{22} = 0$ .

Distinguish three subcases:

SUBCASE 6.1:  $x_{34} \leq 2$ .

Let cycle  $C_1$  be the cycle with vertices (in order of their appearance)  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{(x_{23}-(2-x_{34}))+x_{33}+1}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{(x_{24}-(2-x_{34}))+x_{44}+1}$  and define the function  $f : V(C) \rightarrow \{2, 3, 4\}$  by

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} 2, & (v = u_i, i \text{ is even and } i \leq x_{23} - (2 - x_{34})) \text{ or } (v = v_i, i \text{ is even and } i \leq x_{24} - (2 - x_{34})) \\ 3, & v = u_i \text{ and } (i \text{ is odd or } i > x_{23} - (2 - x_{34})) \\ 4, & v = v_i \text{ and } (i \text{ is odd or } i > x_{24} - (2 - x_{34})) \end{cases}$$

Note that cycle  $C$  has exactly two edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  such that function  $f$  assigns to their endvertices values 3 and 4. Replace exactly  $2 - x_{34}$  of these edges by a paths of length 2. Denote graph obtained in this way by  $C$  and extend the definition of the function  $f$  by putting  $f(v) = 2$  for all new vertices. Graph  $C$  and function  $f$  have required properties.

SUBCASE 6.2:  $x_{34} > 2$  even.

It is sufficient to take cycle  $C$  with vertices (in order of their appearance)

$$u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{x_{23}+x_{33}+1}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{x_{24}+x_{44}+1}, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{x_{34}-2}$$

and function  $f : V(C) \rightarrow \{2, 3, 4\}$  such that

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} 2, & (v = u_i, i \leq x_{23} \text{ and } i \text{ is even}) \text{ or } (v = v_i, i \leq x_{24} \text{ and } i \text{ is even}) \\ 3, & (v = u_i \text{ and } (i > x_{23} \text{ or } i \text{ is odd})) \text{ or } (v = z_i, i \text{ is odd}) \\ 4, & (v = v_i \text{ and } (i > x_{24} \text{ or } i \text{ is odd})) \text{ or } (v = z_i, i \text{ is even}) \end{cases}.$$

SUBCASE 6.3:  $x_{34} > 2$  odd.

It is sufficient to take cycle  $C$  with vertices (in order of their appearance)

$$u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{x_{23}+x_{33}}, w, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{x_{24}+x_{44}}, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{x_{34}-1}$$

and function  $f : V(C) \rightarrow \{2, 3, 4\}$  such that

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} 2, & (v = u_i, i \leq x_{23}-1 \text{ and } i \text{ is even}) \text{ or } (v = v_i, i \leq x_{24}-1 \text{ and } i \text{ is even}) \text{ or } (v = w) \\ 3, & (v = u_i \text{ and } (i > x_{23}-1 \text{ or } i \text{ is odd})) \text{ or } (v = z_i, i \text{ is odd}) \\ 4, & (v = v_i \text{ and } (i > x_{24}-1 \text{ or } i \text{ is odd})) \text{ or } (v = z_i, i \text{ is even}) \end{cases}.$$

CASE 7:  $x_{34} + \min\{x_{23}, x_{24}\} \geq 2$  and  $x_{22} = 0$ .

This case can be solved by the complete analogy with cases 3 and 6.

All the cases are exhausted and necessity is proved.

Now, let us prove sufficiency. Let the cycle  $C$  and function  $f$  have the required properties. Denote  $N_i = \{v : f(v) = i\}$  for each  $i = 2, 3, 4$ . Note that  $|N_3| = \frac{x_{23} + 2x_{33} + x_{34}}{2}$ ,

hence indeed  $x_{23} + x_{24}$  is an even number. Analogously  $|N_4| = \frac{x_{24} + x_{34} + 2x_{44}}{2}$  implies that

$x_{24} + x_{34}$  is an even number. Since  $C$  is cycle it must have at least three vertices, so 2) holds. Suppose that 3) doesn't hold. Then  $N_2$  and  $N_3 \cup N_4$  are nonempty set and  $e(N_2, N_3 \cup N_4) = \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction, therefore 3) holds. Now, suppose that 4) doesn't hold. Note that  $N_3$  and  $N_4$  are nonempty sets. Distinguish two cases:

CASE 1:  $m_{23} + m_{34} < 2$ .

We have  $e(N_3, N_2 \cup N_4) < 2$ , which is a contradiction.

CASE 2:  $m_{24} + m_{34} < 2$ .

We have  $e(N_4, N_2 \cup N_3) < 2$ , which is a contradiction.

All the cases are exhausted and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

Let us define the function  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}^6 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  by  $\phi(x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44}) = 1$  if and only if  $x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44} \geq 0$  and they satisfy the conditions 1) – 4) of the last Lemma.

Let us prove:

**Lemma 1.6**  $\delta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1$  if and only if:

- 1)  $m_{11} = 0$
- 2)  $n_3, n_4 \in N$
- 3)  $n_4 = 2n_3 + n_1$

4)  $m_{12} \geq s$

5) There are numbers  $m_3, m_4, d_3, d_4, t_3, t_4, q_3, q_4$  such that:

$$5.1) d_3 + d_4 = m_{12}$$

$$5.2) m_3 + 2t_3 + 2t_4 = m_{13}$$

$$5.3) m_4 + 3q_3 + 3q_4 = m_{14}$$

$$5.4) m_3 + d_3 + 2t_3 + t_4 + q_3 = n_3$$

$$5.5) t_3 + t_4 \geq r$$

$$5.6) t_3 + t_4 = r \text{ or } j_3 < 2$$

$$5.7) m_3 = m_4 = 0 \text{ or } j_1 > 0$$

$$5.8) d_3 = d_4 = 0 \text{ or } j_2 > 0$$

$$5.9) t_3 = t_4 = 0 \text{ or } j_3 > 0$$

$$5.10) q_3 = q_4 = 0 \text{ or } j_4 > 0$$

$$5.11) x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44} \geq 0$$

$$5.12) x_{23} + x_{34}, x_{24} + x_{34} \text{ are even numbers;}$$

$$5.13) x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} + x_{33} + x_{34} + x_{44} \geq 3;$$

$$5.14) (x_{23} + x_{24} > 0) \text{ or } (x_{22} = 0) \text{ or } (x_{23} = x_{24} = x_{33} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0);$$

$$5.15) (x_{23} = x_{33} = x_{34} = 0) \text{ or } (x_{24} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0) \text{ or } (x_{34} + \min\{x_{23}, x_{24}\} \geq 2),$$

where

$$x_{22} = m_{22}; x_{23} = m_{23} - d_3; x_{24} = m_{24} - d_4; x_{33} = m_{33} - t_3; x_{34} = m_{34} - q_3 - t_4; x_{44} = m_{44} - q_4;$$

$$n_1 = m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{14}; n_3 = \frac{m_{13} + m_{23} + 2m_{33} + m_{34}}{3} \text{ and } n_4 = \frac{m_{14} + m_{24} + m_{34} + 2m_{44}}{4}.$$

**Proof:** First, suppose that  $\delta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1$ . Let

$G \in D \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix}$ . Obviously, 1), 2) and 4) hold and 3) holds because

$G$  is monocyclical graph. Denote by  $m_j, j = 3, 4$ , the number of methyl-thorns adjacent to vertex of degree  $j$ ; by  $d_j, j = 3, 4$ , the number of ethyl-thorns adjacent to vertex of degree  $j$ ; by  $t_j, j = 3, 4$ , the number of isopropyl-thorns adjacent to vertex of degree  $j$ ; and by  $q_j, j = 3, 4$ , the number of (1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-thorns adjacent to vertex of degree  $j$ . It can be easily checked that relations 5.1) – 5.10) are satisfied. Note that  $x_{ij}$  is in fact number of edges in  $C(G)$  that connect vertices of degrees (in  $G$ )  $i$  and  $j$ . Therefore, 5.11) holds and relations 5.12) – 5.15) are implied by the last Lemma.

Now, let us prove the opposite inequality. Suppose that relations 1)-4) hold. From the relations 5.12) – 5.15), it follows that there is a cycle  $C$  and function  $f$  such that

$\theta(C, f) = (x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44})$ . Denote, as in the previous lemma,

$N_i = \{v : f(v) = i\}$  for each  $i = 2, 3, 4$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
|N_3| &= \frac{x_{23} + 2x_{33} + x_{34}}{2} = \frac{m_{23} - d_3 + 2m_{33} - 2t_3 + m_{34} - q_3 - t_4}{2} = \\
&= \frac{3n_3 - m_{13} - d_3 - q_3 - 2t_3 - t_4}{2} = \\
&= \frac{3(m_3 + d_3 + 2t_3 + t_4 + q_3) - (m_3 + 2t_3 + 2t_4) - d_3 - q_3 - 2t_3 - t_4}{2} \\
&= m_3 + d_3 + q_3 + t_3
\end{aligned}$$

and that

$$\begin{aligned}
|N_4| &= \frac{m_{24} - d_4 + m_{34} - t_4 - q_3 + 2m_{44} - 2q_4}{2} \\
&= \frac{4n_4 - m_{14} - d_4 - t_4 - q_3 - 2q_4}{2} \\
&= \frac{4 \cdot \frac{n_1 - n_3}{2} - m_{14} - d_4 - t_4 - q_3 - 2q_4}{2} \\
&= \frac{2(m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{14}) - 2(m_3 + d_3 + 2t_3 + t_4 + q_3) - m_{14} - d_4 - t_4 - q_3 - 2q_4}{2} = \\
&= \frac{2(d_3 + d_4) + 2(m_3 + 2t_3 + 2t_4) + (m_4 + 3q_3 + 3q_4) - 2m_3 - 2d_3 - d_4 - 4t_3 - 3t_4 - 3q_3 - 2q_4}{2} \\
&= \frac{m_4 + d_4 + q_4 + t_4}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $x_{24} + x_{34}$  is nonnegative even number, hence  $|N_4|$  is non-negative integer. Add to each vertex in  $N_3$  exactly one thorn in such way that there among added thorns there are  $m_3$  methyl-thorns,  $d_3$  ethyl-thorns,  $t_3$  isopropyl-thorns and  $q_3$  (1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-thorns and add to each vertex in  $N_4$  exactly two thorns in such way that there among added thorns there are  $m_4$  methyl-thorns,  $d_4$  ethyl-thorns,  $t_4$  isopropyl-thorns and  $q_4$  (1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-thorns. Denote graph obtained in this way by  $G$ . Simple calculation shows that

$$G \in D \left( \begin{matrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{matrix} \right) = 1. \text{ Therefore, } \delta \left( \begin{matrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{matrix} \right) = 1,$$

Which proves the claim.  $\square$

Let us observe the relations 5.1) - 5.4). They can be observed as the system of four equations with unknowns  $m_3, m_4, d_3, d_4, t_3, t_4, q_3$  and  $q_4$ . Solving this system, we get a four-parameter solution

$$\begin{aligned}
m_3 &= m_{13} - 2x - 2y \\
m_4 &= m_{14} - 3n_3 + 3m_{13} - 3y + 3u - 3z \\
d_3 &= u \\
d_4 &= m_{12} - u \tag{\#} \\
t_3 &= x \\
t_4 &= y \\
q_3 &= n_3 - m_{13} + y - u \\
q_4 &= z
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we can reformulate (by a straight forward calculation) the last theorem:

**Lemma 1.7**  $\delta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1$  if and only if:

- 1)  $m_{11} = 0$
- 2)  $n_3, n_4 \in N$
- 3)  $n_4 = 2n_3 + n_1$
- 4)  $m_{12} \geq s$
- 5)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13}$  is an even number
- 5) There are integers  $x, y, z, u$  such that:
  - 5.1)  $x + y \geq r$
  - 5.2)  $x \geq 0$
  - 5.3)  $y \geq 0$
  - 5.4)  $z \geq 0$
  - 5.5)  $u \geq 0$
  - 5.6)  $m_{13} - 2x - 2y \geq 0$
  - 5.7)  $n_3 - m_{13} + y - u \geq 0$
  - 5.8)  $m_{14} - 3n_3 + 3m_{13} - 3y + 3u - 3z \geq 0$
  - 5.9)  $m_{12} - u \geq 0$
  - 5.10)  $x + y = r$  or  $j_3 < 2$
  - 5.11)  $m_{13} - 2x - 2y = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$
  - 5.12)  $m_{14} - 3n_3 + 3m_{13} - 3y + 3u - 3z = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$
  - 5.13)  $u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$
  - 5.14)  $m_{12} - u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$
  - 5.15)  $x = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$
  - 5.16)  $y = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$
  - 5.17)  $n_3 - m_{13} + y - u = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$
  - 5.18)  $z = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$
  - 5.19)  $m_{22} + m_{23} + m_{24} + m_{33} + m_{34} - m_{12} - n_3 + m_{13} - 3 + u - x - 2y - z \geq 0$

5.20)  $(m_{22} = 0)$  or  $(m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} = 0)$  or

$$\left( x = m_{33}; y = \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u); z = m_{44}; u = m_{23}; m_{24} - m_{12} = m_{23} \right)$$

$$5.21) \left( u = m_{23}; x = m_{33}; y = \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u) \right) \text{ or}$$

$$\left( y = \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u); u = m_{12} - m_{24}; z = m_{44} \right) \text{ or}$$

$$\left( (m_{23} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 - 2y \geq 0) \text{ and } (m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 + 2u - 2y \geq 0) \right)$$

$$5.22) m_{23} - u \geq 0$$

$$5.23) m_{24} - m_{12} + u \geq 0$$

$$5.24) m_{33} - x \geq 0$$

$$5.25) m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2y + u \geq 0$$

$$5.26) m_{44} - z \geq 0$$

where

$$n_1 = m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{14}; n_3 = \frac{m_{13} + m_{23} + 2m_{33} + m_{34}}{3} \text{ and } n_4 = \frac{m_{14} + m_{24} + m_{34} + 2m_{44}}{4}. \square$$

It can be easily checked that

**Lemma 1.8.** Let  $x, y, z, u \in Z$  be the numbers that satisfy relation 5.1) – 5.26) and let  $\max\{0, r - y\} \leq x' \leq x$ . Then numbers  $x', y, z, u$  also satisfy relations 5.1) – 5.26) except possibly relations 5.10), 5.11) and 5.15).  $\square$

**Lemma 1.9.** Let  $x, y, z, u \in Z$  be the numbers that satisfy relation 5.1) – 5.26) and let  $x, y, 0, u$  also satisfy relations 5.1) – 5.26) except possibly relations 5.10) and 5.15).

$\square$

Using Lemmas 1.8 and 1.9 the relation 5.21 from the Lemma 1.7 can be reformulated as

$$5.21') \left( u = m_{23}; x = m_{33}; y = \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u); z = 0 \right) \text{ or}$$

$$\left( x = r - \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u); y = \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u); u = m_{12} - m_{24}; z = m_{44} \right) \text{ or}$$

$$\left( x = 0; y = \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u); u = m_{12} - m_{24}; z = m_{44} \right) \text{ or}$$

$$\left( x = \frac{m_{13}}{2} - y; y = \frac{1}{2}(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + u); u = m_{12} - m_{24}; z = m_{44} \right)$$

$$\left( (m_{23} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 - 2y \geq 0) \text{ and } (m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 + 2u - 2y \geq 0) \right)$$

Let function  $\varepsilon : \{0,1\}^2 \times \{0,1,2\} \times \{0,1\} \times N_0^{16} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be given by

$$\varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, x, y, z, u \end{matrix} \right) = 1 \text{ if and only if "There is a thorny cycle } G \text{ such that}$$

$$\mu(G) = \left( \begin{matrix} m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44} \end{matrix} \right) \text{ with the following thorn allowed: methyl-thorn (if } j_1 = 1);$$

ethyl-thorn (if  $j_2 = 1$ ); isopropyl-thorn (if  $j_3 > 1$ ); and (1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-thorn (if  $j_4 = 1$ ) there are at least  $r$  isopropyl-thorns (if  $i_4 \neq 2$ ) or there are exactly  $r$  isopropyl-thorns (if  $i_4 = 2$ ); there are at least  $s$  ethyl-thorns; there are  $u$  ethyl-thorns adjacent to vertices of degree 3;  $x$  isopropyl-thorns adjacent with vertices of degree 3;  $y$  isopropyl-thorns adjacent to vertices of degree 4;  $z$  (1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-thorns adjacent with vertices of degree 4; and there are  $n_3$  vertices of degree 3. Denote the set of all graphs by with these required

$$\text{properties by } E \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, n_3, r, s, x, y, u, v \end{matrix} \right).$$

Now, we can rewrite Lemma 1.7 as

$$\textbf{Lemma 1.10} \quad \delta \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{matrix} \right) = 1 \text{ if and only if } m_{12} \geq s; \quad m_{11} = 0;$$

$n_3, n_4 \in N$ ;  $n_1 = 2n_4 + n_3$  and one of the following claims hold:

$$1) \quad m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2} \text{ and } \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, \\ m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, m_{44}, m_{23} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

2)  $j_1 = 1$  and one of the following claims hold

$$2.1) \quad m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2} \text{ and } \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, \\ m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, 0, m_{23} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

2.2)  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and one of the following claims hold

$$2.2.1) \quad \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, \\ 0, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

$$2.2.2) \quad \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, r - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, \\ (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

3)  $j_1 = 0$  and one of the following claims hold

3.1)  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $m_{14} = 0 \pmod{3}$  and

$$\mathcal{E} \left( \begin{array}{l} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, \\ m_{14}/3 - n_3 + m_{13} - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2 + m_{23}, m_{23} \end{array} \right) = 1$$

3.2)  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and

$$\mathcal{E} \left( \begin{array}{l} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{13}/2 - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23})/2, \\ (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \end{array} \right) = 1$$

4) The following holds:

4.1)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13}$  is an even number

4.2)  $(m_{22} = 0)$  or  $(m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} = 0)$

4.3) There are integers  $x, y, z, u$  such that:

4.3.1)  $x + y \geq r$

4.3.2)  $x \geq 0$

4.3.3)  $y \geq 0$

4.3.4)  $z \geq 0$

4.3.5)  $u \geq 0$

4.3.6)  $m_{13} - 2x - 2y \geq 0$

4.3.7)  $n_3 - m_{13} + y - u \geq 0$

4.3.8)  $m_{14} - 3n_3 + 3m_{13} - 3y + 3u - 3z \geq 0$

4.3.9)  $m_{12} - u \geq 0$

4.3.10)  $x + y = r$  or  $j_3 < 2$

4.3.11)  $m_{13} - 2x - 2y = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$

4.3.12)  $m_{14} - 3n_3 + 3m_{13} - 3y + 3u - 3z = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$

4.3.13)  $u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$

4.3.14)  $m_{12} - u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$

4.3.15)  $x = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

4.3.16)  $y = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

4.3.17)  $n_3 - m_{13} + y - u = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

4.3.18)  $z = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

4.3.19)  $m_{22} + m_{23} + m_{24} + m_{33} + m_{34} - m_{12} - n_3 + m_{13} - 3 + u - x - 2y - z \geq 0$

4.3.20)  $m_{23} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 - 2y \geq 0$

4.3.21)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 + 2u - 2y \geq 0$

4.3.22)  $m_{23} - u \geq 0$

4.3.23)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + u \geq 0$

4.3.24)  $m_{33} - x \geq 0$

4.3.25)  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2y + u \geq 0$

4.3.26)  $m_{44} - z \geq 0$

where

$$n_1 = m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{14}; \quad n_3 = \frac{m_{13} + m_{23} + 2m_{33} + m_{34}}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad n_4 = \frac{m_{14} + m_{24} + m_{34} + 2m_{44}}{4}. \quad \square$$

Let function  $\zeta : \{0,1\}^2 \times \{0,1,2\} \times \{0,1\} \times N_0^{12} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be given by

$$\zeta \left( \begin{matrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{matrix} \right) = 1 \text{ if and only if they satisfy the condition 4) of the last Lemma. Now, we can reformulate the last Lemma as:}$$

**Theorem 1.11**  $\delta \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{matrix} \right) = 1 \text{ if and only if } m_{12} \geq s; \quad m_{11} = 0;$

$n_3, n_4 \in N$  and one of the following claims hold:

$$1) \quad m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2} \text{ and } \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, \\ m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, m_{44}, m_{23} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

2)  $j_1 = 1$  and one of the following claims hold

$$2.1) \quad m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2} \text{ and } \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, \\ m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, 0, m_{23} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

2.2)  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and one of the following claims hold

$$2.2.1) \quad \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, \\ 0, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

$$2.2.2) \quad \varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, r - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, \\ (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

3)  $j_1 = 0$  and one of the following claims hold

3.1)  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $m_{14} = 0 \pmod{3}$  and

$$\varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, \\ m_{14}/3 - n_3 + m_{13} - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2 + m_{23}, m_{23} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

3.2)  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  and

$$\varepsilon \left( \begin{matrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{13}/2 - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23})/2, \\ (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \end{matrix} \right) = 1$$

$$4) \zeta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1 \square$$

Straight forward analysis shows that

$$\textbf{Theorem 1.12 } \varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, \\ m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, x, y, z, u \end{pmatrix} = 1 \text{ if and only if the following holds:}$$

- 1)  $m_{12} \geq s$
- 2)  $m_{11} = 0$
- 3)  $n_3, n_4 \in N$
- 4)  $n_1 = 2n_4 + n_3$
- 5)  $m_3, m_4, d_3, d_4, t_3, t_4, q_3, q_4 \geq 0$
- 6)  $t_3 + t_4 = r$  or  $j_3 < 2$
- 7)  $m_3 = m_4 = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$
- 8)  $d_3 = d_4 = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$
- 9)  $t_3 = t_4 = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$
- 10)  $q_3 = q_4 = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$
- 11)  $d_3 + d_4 \geq s$
- 12)  $\phi(m_{22}, m_{23} - d_3, m_{24} - d_4, m_{33} - t_3, m_{34} - t_4 - q_3, m_{44} - q_4) = 1$

where  $n_1, n_3$  and  $n_4$  are defined as in the last theorem; and  $m_3, m_4, d_3, d_4, t_3, t_4, q_3$  and  $q_4$  are defined as in (#).  $\square$

We have

$$\textbf{Theorem 1.13 } \zeta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1 \text{ if and only if}$$

- 1)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13}$  is an even number
- 2)  $(m_{22} = 0)$  or  $(m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} > 0)$
- 3) There are integers  $x, y, u$  such that:
  - 3.1)  $x + y \geq r$
  - 3.2)  $x \geq 0$
  - 3.3)  $y \geq 0$
  - 3.4)  $u \geq 0$
  - 3.5)  $m_{13} - 2x - 2y \geq 0$
  - 3.6)  $a + y - u \geq 0$
  - 3.7)  $m_{12} - u \geq 0$
  - 3.8)  $m_{23} - u \geq 0$
  - 3.9)  $f + u \geq 0$
  - 3.10)  $m_{33} - x \geq 0$
  - 3.11)  $g - 2y + u \geq 0$
  - 3.12)  $d - 2y \geq 0$

- 3.13)  $e + 2u - 2y \geq 0$   
 3.14)  $x + y = r$  or  $j_3 < 2$   
 3.15)  $m_{13} - 2x - 2y = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 3.16)  $u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 3.17)  $m_{12} - u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 3.18)  $x = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$   
 3.19)  $y = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$   
 3.20)  $a + y - u = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$   
 3.21) There is an integer  $z$  such that  
 3.21.1)  $z \geq 0$   
 3.21.2)  $b - 3y + 3u - 3z \geq 0$   
 3.21.3)  $m_{44} - z \geq 0$   
 3.21.4)  $c + u - x - 2y - z \geq 0$   
 3.21.5)  $b - 3y + 3u - 3z = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 3.21.6)  $z = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= n_3 - m_{13} \\ b &= m_{14} - 3n_3 + m_{13} \\ c &= m_{22} + m_{23} + m_{24} + m_{33} + m_{34} + m_{44} - m_{12} - n_3 + m_{13} - 3 \\ d &= m_{23} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 \\ e &= m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} - 2 \\ f &= m_{24} - m_{12} \\ g &= m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} \end{aligned}$$

and  $n_1, n_3$  and  $n_4$  are defined as in the last theorem.  $\square$

Note that condition 3.21) can be rewritten as

3.21') There is an integer  $z$  such that

- 3.21'.1)  $z \geq 0$   
 3.21'.2)  $z \leq \left\lfloor \frac{b}{3} - y + u \right\rfloor$   
 3.21'.3)  $z \leq m_{44}$   
 3.21'.4)  $z \leq c + u - x - 2y$   
 3.21'.5)  $z = \frac{b}{3} - y + u$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 3.21'.6)  $z = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

Another reformulation of this conditions is the following:

- 1)  $0 \leq \frac{b}{3} - y + u$   
 2)  $0 \leq c + u - x - 2y$

$$3) \frac{b}{3} - y + u \leq m_{44} \text{ or } j_1 > 0$$

$$4) \frac{b}{3} - y + u \leq c + u - x - 2y \text{ or } j_1 > 0$$

$$5) (b = 0 \pmod{3}) \text{ or } j_1 > 0$$

$$6) \frac{b}{3} - y + u = 0 \text{ or } j_1 > 0 \text{ or } j_4 > 0$$

This allows us to rewrite Theorem 1.13 as

**Theorem 1.14**  $\zeta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1$  if and only if

$$1) m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} \text{ is an even number}$$

$$2) (m_{22} = 0) \text{ or } (m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} > 0)$$

$$3) (b = 0 \pmod{3}) \text{ or } j_1 > 0$$

4) There are integers  $y, u$  such that:

$$4.1) y \geq 0$$

$$4.2) u \geq 0$$

$$4.3) a + y - u \geq 0$$

$$4.4) m_{12} - u \geq 0$$

$$4.5) m_{23} - u \geq 0$$

$$4.6) f + u \geq 0$$

$$4.7) g - 2y + u \geq 0$$

$$4.8) d - 2y \geq 0$$

$$4.9) e + 2u - 2y \geq 0$$

$$4.10) u = 0 \text{ or } j_2 > 0$$

$$4.11) m_{12} - u = 0 \text{ or } j_2 > 0$$

$$4.12) y = 0 \text{ or } j_3 > 0$$

$$4.13) a + y - u = 0 \text{ or } j_4 > 0$$

$$4.14) u - y \geq -h$$

$$4.15) u - y \leq i \text{ or } j_1 > 0$$

$$4.16) h - y + u = 0 \text{ or } j_1 > 0 \text{ or } j_4 > 0$$

4.17) There is an integer  $x$  such that

$$4.17.1) x + y \geq r$$

$$4.17.2) x \geq 0$$

$$4.17.3) m_{13} - 2x - 2y \geq 0$$

$$4.17.4) m_{33} - x \geq 0$$

$$4.17.5) u - x - 2y \geq -c$$

$$4.17.6) x + y = r \text{ or } j_3 < 2$$

$$4.17.7) m_{13} - 2x - 2y = 0 \text{ or } j_1 > 0$$

$$4.17.8) x = 0 \text{ or } j_3 > 0$$

4.17.9)  $x + y \leq j$  or  $j_1 > 0$

where

$$h = \lfloor b/3 \rfloor$$

$$i = m_{44} - h$$

$$j = c - h$$

and  $n_1, n_3, n_4, a, b, c, d, e, f$  and  $g$  are defined as before.  $\square$

Note that condition 4.17) of the last theorem can be reformulated as

4.17') There is an integer  $x$  such that

4.17'.1)  $x \geq r - y$

4.17'.2)  $x \geq 0$

4.17'.3)  $x \leq k - y$

4.17'.4)  $x \leq m_{33}$

4.17'.5)  $x \leq u - 2y + c$

4.17'.6)  $x = r - y$  or  $j_3 < 2$

4.17'.7)  $x = k - y$  or  $j_1 > 0$

4.17'.8)  $x = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

4.17'.9)  $x \leq j - y$  or  $j_1 > 0$

4.17'.10)  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  or  $j_1 > 0$

where  $k = \lfloor m_{13}/2 \rfloor$

This can be further reformulated as

1)  $r \leq k$

2)  $y \geq l$

3)  $y - u \leq m$

4)  $y \leq k$

5)  $u - 2y \geq -c$

6)  $y \leq r$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$

7)  $y \geq o$  or  $j_1 > 0$

8)  $y - u \leq p$  or  $j_1 > 0$

9)  $y \geq r$  or  $j_3 > 0$

10)  $k \leq j$  or  $j_1 > 0$

11)  $y = k$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

12)  $k = r$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$

13)  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  or  $j_1 > 0$

where  $l = r - m_{33}$ ;  $m = c - r$ ;  $o = k - m_{33}$  and  $p = c - k$ .

Now, theorem 1.14 can be reformulated as:

**Theorem 1.15**  $\zeta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1$  if and only if

1)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13}$  is an even number

2)  $(m_{22} = 0)$  or  $(m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} > 0)$

3)  $(b = 0 \pmod{3})$  or  $j_1 > 0$

4)  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  or  $j_1 > 0$

5)  $k \leq j$  or  $j_1 > 0$

6)  $r \leq k$

7)  $k = r$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$

8) There is an integer  $y$  such that:

8.1)  $y \geq 0$

8.2)  $d - 2y \geq 0$

8.3)  $y = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

8.4)  $y \geq l$

8.5)  $y \leq k$

8.6)  $y \leq r$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$

8.7)  $y \geq o$  or  $j_1 > 0$

8.8)  $y \geq r$  or  $j_3 > 0$

8.9)  $y = k$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

8.10) There is an integer  $u$  such that

8.10.1)  $u \geq 0$

8.10.2)  $a + y - u \geq 0$

8.10.3)  $m_{12} - u \geq 0$

8.10.4)  $m_{23} - u \geq 0$

8.10.5)  $f + u \geq 0$

8.10.6)  $g - 2y + u \geq 0$

8.10.7)  $e + 2u - 2y \geq 0$

8.10.8)  $u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$

8.10.9)  $m_{12} - u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$

8.10.11)  $a + y - u = 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

8.10.12)  $u - y \geq -h$

8.10.13)  $u - y \leq i$  or  $j_1 > 0$

8.10.14)  $h - y + u = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

8.10.15)  $y - u \leq m$

8.10.16)  $u - 2y \geq -c$

8.10.17)  $y - u \leq p$  or  $j_1 > 0$

where  $n_1, n_3, n_4, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, o$  and  $p$  are defined as before.  $\square$

Further, this can be reformulated as

**Theorem 1.16**  $\zeta \begin{pmatrix} j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \end{pmatrix} = 1$  if and only if

1)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13}$  is an even number

2)  $(m_{22} = 0)$  or  $(m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} > 0)$

3)  $(b = 0 \pmod{3})$  or  $j_1 > 0$

4)  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  or  $j_1 > 0$

5)  $k \leq j$  or  $j_1 > 0$

6)  $r \leq k$

7)  $m_{12} = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$

8)  $a = -h$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

9)  $0 \geq r$  or  $j_3 > 0$

10)  $k = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

11)  $k = r$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$

12) There is an integer  $y$  such that:

12.1)  $y \geq fd$

12.2)  $y \leq fc$

12.3)  $y \geq o$  or  $j_1 > 0$

12.4)  $y = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$

12.5)  $y \leq r$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$

12.6) There is an integer  $u$  such that

12.6.1)  $u \geq fa$

12.6.2)  $u \leq a + y$

12.6.3)  $u \leq fee$

12.6.4)  $u \geq fb + 2y$

12.6.5)  $u \geq ff + y$

12.6.6)  $u \leq i + y$  or  $j_1 > 0$

12.6.7)  $u \geq -p + y$  or  $j_1 > 0$

12.6.8)  $u = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$

12.6.9)  $u = a + y$  or  $j_4 > 0$

where

$$fa = \max\{-f, 0\}$$

$$fb = \max\{-c, -g\}$$

$$fc = \min\{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor, k\}$$

$$fd = \max\{0, l\}$$

$$fee = \min\{m_{12}, m_{23}\}$$

$$ff = \max\{\lceil -e/2 \rceil, -h, -m\}$$

and where  $n_1, n_3, n_4, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, o$  and  $p$  are defined as before.  $\square$

The condition 12.6) of the last theorem can be reformulated as:

1)  $fa \leq fe$

2)  $y \geq fa - a$

3)  $y \leq fe - ff$

- 4)  $ff \leq a$   
 5)  $y \leq \left\lfloor \frac{fe - fb}{2} \right\rfloor$   
 6)  $y \leq a - fb$   
 7)  $y \geq fg$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 8)  $ff \leq i$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 9)  $y \leq fh$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 10)  $0 \leq fe$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 11)  $y \geq -a$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 12)  $0 \geq fa$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 13)  $y \leq fi$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 14)  $y \leq fj$  or  $j_4 > 0$   
 15)  $a \leq i$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$   
 16)  $y \geq -i$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 17)  $y = -a$  or  $j_2 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

where

$$\begin{aligned} fg &= fa - i \\ fh &= i - fb \\ fi &= \min\{-ff, \lfloor -fb/2 \rfloor\} \\ fj &= fe - a \end{aligned}$$

This gives us another reformulation of the last theorem:

**Theorem 1.16**  $\zeta \left( j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \right) = 1$  if and only if

- 1)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13}$  is an even number  
 2)  $(m_{22} = 0)$  or  $(m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} > 0)$   
 3)  $(b = 0 \pmod{3})$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 4)  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 5)  $k \leq j$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 6)  $r \leq k$   
 7)  $m_{12} = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 8)  $a = -h$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$   
 9)  $0 \geq r$  or  $j_3 > 0$   
 10)  $k = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$   
 11)  $k = r$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$   
 12)  $fa \leq fee$   
 13)  $ff \leq a$   
 14)  $ff \leq i$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 15)  $0 \leq fee$  or  $j_2 > 0$

- 16)  $0 \geq fa$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 17)  $a \leq i$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$   
 18) There is an integer  $y$  such that  
 18.1)  $y \geq fk$   
 18.2)  $y \leq fl$   
 18.3)  $y = 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$   
 18.4)  $y \leq r$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$   
 18.5)  $y \leq fh$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 18.6)  $y \geq fg$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 18.7)  $y \geq o$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 18.8)  $y \geq -a$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 18.9)  $y \leq fi$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 18.10)  $y \leq fj$  or  $j_4 > 0$   
 18.11)  $y \geq -i$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 18.12)  $y = -a$  or  $j_2 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$

Using these theorems we can make an efficient algorithm that solves our problem. An algorithm consists of 7 functions: TestA, TestB, TestC, TestD, TestE, TestF and TestG. First the function TestA is invoked and than it invokes TestB and so on. At the end (in the time that is proportional or less then the product of  $\min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\} \cdot \{m_{13}/2, m_{23}\}$ ) we get a required solution. Here is the pseudocode of our algorithm:

- TestG** (Input data:  $j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, n_3, r, s$ )
- 1) If  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  then return 0
  - 2) If  $m_{22} > 0$  and  $m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} \leq 0$  then return 0
  - 3) Let  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, o, p, fa, fb, fc, fd, fee, ff, fg, fh, fi, fj, fk$  and  $fl$  be defined as before
  - 4) If at least one of the following conditions in not satisfied return 0
    - 4.1)  $m_{24} - m_{12} + m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13}$  is an even number
    - 4.2)  $(m_{22} = 0)$  or  $(m_{23} + m_{24} - m_{12} > 0)$
    - 4.3)  $(b = 0 \pmod{3})$  or  $j_1 > 0$
    - 4.4)  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$  or  $j_1 > 0$
    - 4.5)  $k \leq j$  or  $j_1 > 0$
    - 4.6)  $r \leq k$
    - 4.7)  $m_{12} = 0$  or  $j_2 > 0$
    - 4.8)  $a = -h$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$
    - 4.9)  $0 \geq r$  or  $j_3 > 0$
    - 4.10)  $k = 0$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 > 0$
    - 4.11)  $k = r$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_3 \neq 2$
    - 4.12)  $fa \leq fee$
    - 4.13)  $ff \leq a$

- 4.14)  $ff \leq i$  or  $j_1 > 0$   
 4.15)  $0 \leq fee$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 4.16)  $0 \geq fa$  or  $j_2 > 0$   
 4.17)  $a \leq i$  or  $j_1 > 0$  or  $j_4 > 0$   
 5)  $dm = fk$   
 6) If  $j_3 = 0$  then  $dm = \max\{dm, 0\}$   
 7) If  $j_1 = 0$  then  $dm = \max\{dm, fg, o, -i\}$   
 8) If  $j_2 = 0$  then  $dm = \max\{dm, -a\}$   
 9)  $gm = fl$   
 10) If  $j_3 = 0$  then  $gm = \min\{gm, 0\}$   
 11) If  $j_3 = 2$  then  $gm = \min\{gm, r\}$   
 12) If  $j_2 = 0$  then  $gm = \min\{gm, fi\}$   
 13) If  $j_4 = 0$  then  $gm = \min\{gm, ff\}$   
 14) If  $(j_2 = 0 \text{ and } j_4 = 0)$  then  $gm = \min\{gm, -a\}$   
 15) If  $j_1 = 0$  then  $gm = \min\{gm, fh\}$   
 16) If  $dm \leq gm$  then return 1  
 17) return 0

**TestF** ( Input data:  $x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44}$  )

- 1) If  $x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{44} \geq 0$  and  $x_{23} + x_{34} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $x_{24} + x_{34} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $x_{22} + x_{23} + x_{24} + x_{33} + x_{34} + x_{44} \geq 3$  and  
 $((x_{23} + x_{24} > 0) \text{ or } (x_{22} = 0) \text{ or } (x_{22} = x_{23} = x_{24} = x_{33} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0))$  and  
 $((x_{23} = x_{33} = x_{34} = 0) \text{ or } (x_{24} = x_{34} = x_{44} = 0) \text{ or } (x_{34} + \min\{x_{23}, x_{24}\} \geq 2))$  then  
 1.1) Return 1  
 2) Return 0

**TestE** (Input data:  $j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, n_3, r, s, x, y, z, u$ )

- 1) Let  $m_3, m_4, d_3, d_4, t_3, t_4, q_3, q_4$  be defined as in (#)  
 2) If  $j_1 = 0$  then  
 2.1) If not  $m_3 = m_4 = 0$  then return 0  
 3) Else  
 3.1) If not  $m_3, m_4 < 0$  then return 0  
 4) If  $j_2 = 0$  then  
 4.1) If not  $d_3 = d_4 = 0$  then return 0  
 5) Else  
 5.1) If not  $d_3, d_4 < 0$  then return 0  
 6) If  $j_3 = 0$  then  
 6.1) If not  $t_3 = t_4 = 0$  then return 0  
 7) Else

- 7.1) If not  $t_3, t_4 < 0$  then return 0  
 8) If  $j_4 = 0$  then  
 8.1) If not  $q_3 = q_4 = 0$  then return 0  
 9) Else  
 9.1) If not  $q_3, q_4 < 0$  then return 0  
 10) If  $j_3 = 2$  then  
 10.1) If  $t_3 + t_4 \neq r$  then return 0  
 11) Else  
 11.1) If  $t_3 + t_4 < r$  then return 0  
 12) If  $d_3 + d_4 < s$  then return 0  
 13) Return  $\text{TestF}(m_{22}, m_{23} - d_3, m_{24} - d_4, m_{33} - t_3, m_{34} - t_4 - q_3, m_{44} - q_4)$

**TestD** (Input data:  $j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s$ )

- 1) If  $m_{12} < s$  then return 0  
 2) If  $m_{11} \neq 0$  then return 0  
 3) If  $m_{13} + m_{23} + 2m_{33} + m_{34} \neq 0 \pmod{3}$  then return 0  
 4) If  $m_{14} + m_{24} + m_{34} + 2m_{44} \neq 0 \pmod{4}$  then return 0  
 5)  $n_1 = m_{11} + m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{14}$   
 6)  $n_3 = (m_{13} + m_{23} + 2m_{33} + m_{34})/3$   
 7)  $n_4 = (m_{14} + m_{24} + m_{34} + 2m_{44})/4$   
 8) If  $n_1 \neq n_3 + 2n_4$  then return 0  
 9) If  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2}$  then  
 9.1) If  $\text{TestE}\left(j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, m_{44}, m_{23}\right)$  then return 1  
 10) If  $j_1 = 1$  then  
 10.1) If  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2}$  then  
 10.1.1) If  $\text{TestE}\left(j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, 0, m_{23}\right)$  then return 1  
 10.2) If  $m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} = 0 \pmod{2}$  then  
 10.2.1) If  $\text{TestE}\left(j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, 0, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24}\right)$  then return 1

10.2.2) If  $\text{TestE} \left( j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, r - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \right)$  then return 1

11) Else

11.1) If  $(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2})$  and  $m_{14} = 0 \pmod{3}$ ) then

11.1.1) If  $\text{TestE} \left( j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{33}, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2, m_{14}/3 - n_3 + m_{13} - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{23})/2 + m_{23}, m_{23} \right)$  then return 1

11.2) If  $(m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23} = 0 \pmod{2})$  and  $m_{13} = 0 \pmod{2}$ ) then

11.2.1) If  $\text{TestE} \left( j_2, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s, m_{13}/2 - (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23})/2, (m_{34} - n_3 + m_{13} + m_{12} - m_{24} + m_{23})/2, m_{44}, m_{12} - m_{24} \right)$

then return 1

12) If  $\text{TestG} \left( j_1, j_2, j_3, j_4, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s \right)$  then return 1

13) Return 0

**TestC** ( Input data:  $j_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, s$  )

1) If  $i_6 = 0$  then return  $\text{TestD} \left( i_1, j_2, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, 0 \right)$

2) Else if  $((j_2 = 1) \text{ or } (m_{12} = 0))$  then

3) For  $i = 0$  to  $\min \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{m_{13} - 2r}{2} \right\rfloor, m_{23} \right\}$

3.1) If  $\text{TestD} \left( i_1, 1, i_4, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} + i, m_{13} - 2 \cdot i, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r, i \right)$  then return 1

4) Return 0

**TestB** ( Input data:  $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r$  )

1) If  $(i_3 = 0)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$  then

1.1) return  $\text{TestC} \left( i_2, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \right)$

2) Else if  $(i_2 = 0)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$

2.1) If  $m_{22} \geq m_{12}$  then return  $\left( 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \right)$

3) Else if  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 0)$  then

3.1) If  $(m_{12} \geq m_{22})$  then

3.1.1) If  $\left( \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1 \right)$  then return 1

3.2) Return  $\left( \gamma \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} = 1 \right)$

4) Else if  $(i_2 = 0)$  and  $(i_3 = 0)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  then

4.1) If  $m_{22} \geq 2 \cdot m_{12}$  then

4.1.1) If TestC  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - 2 \cdot m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} \right)$  then return 1

5) Else if  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 0)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$

5.1) If  $(2 \cdot m_{12} \geq m_{22})$  and  $(m_{22} = 0 \pmod{2})$  then

5.1.1) If TestC  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} \right)$  then return 1

5.2) Return TestC  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} \right)$

6) Else if  $(i_2 = 0)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  then

6.1) If  $m_{22} \geq m_{12}$  then

6.1.1) If  $2 \cdot m_{12} \geq m_{22}$

6.1.1.1) If TestC  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} \right)$  then return 1

6.1.2) Return TestC  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22} - m_{12}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} \right)$

7) If  $(i_2 = 1)$  and  $(i_3 = 1)$  and  $(i_5 = 1)$  then

7.1) If  $2 \cdot m_{12} \geq m_{22}$  then

7.1.1) If TestC  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ 0, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} \right)$  then return 1

7.2) Return TestC  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} 1, i_1, i_4, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, \\ m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, r \end{pmatrix} \right)$

8) Return 0

**TestA** ( Input data:  $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_7, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}$ )

1) If  $i_7 = 0$  then

1.1) If TestB  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12}, m_{13}, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23}, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, 0 \end{pmatrix} \right)$  then return 1

2) Else if  $(i_7 \neq 0 \text{ and } i_4 = 0)$  then

2.1) For  $i = 0$  to  $\min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}$

2.1.1) If TestB  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, 2, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{pmatrix} \right)$  then return 1

3) Else

3.1) For  $i = 0$  to  $\min\{m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{23}\}$

3.1.1) If  $\text{TestB}\left(\begin{matrix} i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5, i_6, i_8, m_{11}, m_{12} - i, m_{13} + i, \\ m_{14}, m_{22}, m_{23} - i, m_{24}, m_{33}, m_{34}, m_{44}, i \end{matrix}\right)$  then return 1