

## ON THE NORMALITY OF $t$ -CAYLEY HYPERGRAPHS OF ABELIAN GROUPS

R. BAYAT, M. ALAEIYAN AND S. FIROUZIAN\*

ABSTRACT. A  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is called *normal* for a finite group  $G$ , if the right regular representation  $R(G)$  of  $G$  is normal in the full automorphism group  $\text{Aut}(X)$  of  $X$ . In this paper, we investigate the normality of  $t$ -Cayley hypergraphs of abelian groups, where  $|S| \leq 4$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A *hypergraph*  $X$  is a pair  $(V, E)$ , where  $V$  is a finite nonempty set and  $E$  is a finite family of nonempty subsets of  $V$ . The elements of  $V$  are called *hypervertices* or simply *vertices* and the elements of  $E$  are called *hyperedges* or simply *edges*. Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are *adjacent* in hypergraph  $X=(V, E)$  if there is an edge  $e \in E$  such that  $u, v \in e$ . If for two edges  $e, f \in E$  holds  $e \cap f \neq \emptyset$ , we say that  $e$  and  $f$  are *adjacent*. A vertex  $v$  and an edge  $e$  are *incident* if  $v \in e$ . We denote by  $X(v)$  the *neighborhood* of a vertex  $v$ , i.e.  $X(v) = \{u \in V : \{u, v\} \in E\}$ . Given  $v \in V$ , denote the number of edges incident with  $v$  by  $d(v)$ ;  $d(v)$  is called the *degree* of  $v$ . A hypergraph in which all vertices have the same degree  $d$  is said to be *regular* of degree  $d$  or  *$d$ -regular*. The size, or the *cardinality*,  $|e|$  of a hyperedge is the number of vertices in  $e$ . A hypergraph  $X=(V, E)$  is *simple* if no edge is contained in any other edge and  $|e| \geq 2$  for all  $e \in E$ . A hypergraph is known as *uniform* or  *$k$ -uniform* if all the edges have cardinality  $k$ . Note that an ordinary graph with no isolated vertex is a 2-uniform hypergraph.

---

MSC(2010): Primary: 65F05; Secondary: 46L05, 11Y50.

Keywords: Hypergraph,  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph, normal  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph.

Received: 13 February 2018, Accepted: 15 December 2018.

\*Corresponding author.

A *path* of length  $k$  in a hypergraph  $(V, E)$  is an alternating sequence  $(v_1, e_1, v_2, \dots, v_k, e_k, v_{k+1})$  in which  $v_i \in V$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k+1$ ,  $e_i \in E$ ,  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}\} \subseteq e_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and  $v_i \neq v_j$  and  $e_i \neq e_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . A hypergraph is *connected* if there is a path between every pair of vertices.

Let  $X_1=(V_1, E_1)$  and  $X_2=(V_2, E_2)$  be two hypergraphs. A *homomorphism*  $\varphi : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  is a map  $\varphi : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  that preserves adjacencies, that is,  $\varphi(e) \in E_2$  for each  $e \in E_1$ . When  $\varphi$  is a bijection and its inverse map is also a homomorphism then  $\varphi$  is an *isomorphism* between the two hypergraphs and  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are isomorphic.

An isomorphism from a hypergraph  $X$  onto itself is an *automorphism*. The *automorphism group* of  $X$  is denoted by  $Aut(X)$ . For more information about hypergraphs, the readers are referred to [3, 4].

For a group  $G$  and a subset  $S$  of  $G$  such that  $1_G \notin S$  and  $S = S^{-1} := \{s^{-1} | s \in S\}$ , the *Cayley graph*  $X = Cay(G, S)$  of  $G$  with respect to  $S$  is defined as the graph with vertex set  $V(X) = G$ , and edge set  $E(X) = \{\{g, h\} | hg^{-1} \in S\}$ .

Obviously, the Cayley graph  $Cay(G, S)$  has valency  $|S|$ , and it easily follows that  $Cay(G, S)$  is connected if and only if  $G = \langle S \rangle$ , that is,  $S$  generates  $G$ . For a group  $G$ , denote  $R(G)$  as the right regular representation of  $G$ . Define

$$Aut(G, S) := \{\alpha \in Aut(G) | S^\alpha = S\},$$

acting naturally on  $G$ . Then, it is easy to see that each Cayley graph  $X = Cay(G, S)$  admits the group  $R(G).Aut(G, S)$  as a subgroup of automorphisms. Moreover (see [6]),  $N_{Aut(X)}(R(G)) = R(G).Aut(G, S)$ . Note that  $R(G) \cong G$ . So, we can identify  $G$  with  $R(G) \leq Aut(X)$  for  $X = Cay(G, S)$ . The Cayley graph  $X = Cay(G, S)$  is called *normal* if  $G$  is normal in  $Aut(X)$ . In this case,  $Aut(X) = G.Aut(G, S)$ .

Let  $G$  be a group and let  $S$  be a set of subsets  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  of  $G - \{1_G\}$  such that  $G = \langle \bigcup_{i=1}^n s_i \rangle$ , that is,  $\bigcup_{i=1}^n s_i$  generates  $G$ . A *Cayley hypergraph*  $CH(G, S)$  has vertex set  $G$  and edge set  $\{\{g, gs\} | g \in G, s \in S\}$ , where an edge  $\{g, gs\}$  is the set  $\{g\} \cup \{gx | x \in s\}$ . For all  $s \in S$ , if  $|s| = 1$ , then the Cayley hypergraph is a Cayley graph. Therefore, a Cayley hypergraph is a generalization of a Cayley graph [7]. Also, Lee and Kwon [7] proved that a hypergraph  $X$  is Cayley if and only if  $Aut(X)$  contains a subgroup which acts regularly on the vertex set of  $X$ . For example, the hypergraph  $X$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, \\ E(X) &= \{\{0, 1, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{2, 3, 5\}, \{3, 4, 6\}, \{4, 5, 0\}, \{5, 6, 1\}, \{6, 0, 2\}\} \end{aligned}$$

is considered. This hypergraph which is called the Fano plane, is the Cayley hypergraph  $X = CH(\mathbb{Z}_7, \{1, 3\})$ .

In 1994, Buratti [5] introduced the concept of a  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph as follows. Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $S$  a subset of  $G - \{1_G\}$  and  $t$  an integer satisfying  $2 \leq t \leq \max\{o(s) | s \in S\}$ . The  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  of  $G$  with respect to  $S$  is defined as the hypergraph with vertex set  $V(X) = G$ , and for  $E \subseteq G$ ,

$$E \in E(X) \iff \exists g \in G, \exists s \in S : E(X) = \{gs^i | 0 \leq i \leq t - 1\}.$$

Note that any 2-Cayley hypergraph is a Cayley graph and vice versa. For any  $s_i \in S$ , if  $s_i = \{s, \dots, s^{t-1}\}$  for some  $s \in G - \{1_G\}$ , then the Cayley hypergraph  $CH(G, S)$  is a  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph  $t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$ . Hence, a Cayley hypergraph is a generalization of a  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph. In fact every  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph is a subclass of the more general Cayley hypergraphs, or *group hypergraphs* which is defined by Shee in [8].

The concept of normality of the Cayley graph is known to be of fundamental importance for the study of arc transitive graphs. So, for a given finite group  $G$ , a natural problem is to determine all the normal or non-normal Cayley graph of  $G$ . Some meaningful results in this direction, especially for the undirected Cayley graphs, have been obtained. Baik et al. [1] determined all non-normal Cayley graphs of abelian groups of valency at most 4 and later [2] dealt with valency 5. For directed Cayley graphs, Xu et al. [10] determined all non-normal Cayley graphs of abelian groups of valency at most 3. In this paper, we extended the results of [1] to Cayley hypergraphs, and classify all normal  $t$ -Cayley hypergraphs, where  $G$  is a finite abelian group and  $|S| \leq 4$ .

The following theorem is the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  be a connected  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph of an abelian group  $G$  with respect to  $S$  with  $|S| \leq 4$ . Then  $X$  is normal except one of the following cases happens:*

- (1)  $X = n\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle a \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}\})$ , where  $n \geq 2$ .
- (2)  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, b\})$ .
- (3)  $X = 6\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_6 = \langle a \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, a^3\})$ .
- (4)  $X = 2\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_2^3 = \langle r \rangle \times \langle s \rangle \times \langle t \rangle, \{t, tr, ts, tsr\})$ .

- (5)  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4 = \langle a \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, a^2\}) \times K_2$ , where  $K_2 = 2\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle s \rangle, \{s\})$ .
- (6)  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle s \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, a^2s, s\})$ .
- (7)  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle r \rangle \times \langle s \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, r, s\})$ .
- (8)  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4 = \langle a \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}\}) \times m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_m = \langle b \rangle, \{b, b^{-1}\})$ .
- (9)  $X = 4m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4m} = \langle b \rangle, \{b, b^{-1}, b^m, b^{-m}\})$ , where  $m \geq 2$ .
- (10)  $X = 2m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4m} = \langle x \rangle, \{x^2, x^{-2}, x^m, x^{-m}\})$ , where  $m \geq 1$ .
- (11)  $X = 4m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4m} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle x \rangle \times \langle y \rangle, \{x, x^{-1}, x^m y, x^{-m} y\})$ , where  $m \geq 1$ .
- (12)  $X = m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, ab, a^{-1}b\})$ ,  $m \geq 4$ .
- (13)  $X = n\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_n = \langle a \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, a^3, a^{-3}\})$ , where  $n \geq 5$  and  $n \neq 6$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In this section, we introduce some preliminary results and definitions which will be needed in the subsequent section.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  be a  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph where  $S$  is a subset of  $G - \{1_G\}$ . Then  $\text{Aut}(G) \cap \text{Aut}(X) = \text{Aut}(G, S)$ .*

*Proof.* By definition we have  $\text{Aut}(G, S) = \{\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G) \mid S^\alpha = S\}$ . Suppose that  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(X) \cap \text{Aut}(G)$ . The claim is  $S^\alpha = S$ . Now,  $s \in S$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{1, s, s^2, s^3, \dots, s^{t-1}\} \in E(X) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{1, s, s^2, s^3, \dots, s^{t-1}\}^\alpha \in E(X) \\
\Leftrightarrow & \{1 = 1^\alpha, s^\alpha, (s^2)^\alpha, \dots, (s^{t-1})^\alpha\} \in E(X) \\
\Leftrightarrow & s^\alpha \in S,
\end{aligned}$$

therefore  $S^\alpha = S$ , and hence  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G, S)$ . So  $\text{Aut}(G) \cap \text{Aut}(X) \leq \text{Aut}(G, S)$ . Now assume  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G, S)$ , which by definition means that  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ . We will have  $e \in E(X)$  if and only if  $\exists s \in S$  such

that

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \{x, xs, xs^2, \dots, xs^{t-1}\} \in E(X) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \{x^\alpha, x^\alpha s^\alpha, x^\alpha (s^2)^\alpha, \dots, x^\alpha (s^{t-1})^\alpha\} \in E(X) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \{x^\alpha, x^\alpha s', x^\alpha (s')^2, \dots, x^\alpha (s')^{t-1}\} \in E(X), \end{aligned}$$

where  $s^\alpha = s'$ . Thus  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(X)$  and so  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(X) \cap \text{Aut}(G)$ , which implies  $\text{Aut}(G, S) \leq \text{Aut}(X) \cap \text{Aut}(G)$ .  $\square$

The coming result is obtained from previous lemma. Consider  $A := \text{Aut}(X)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  be a  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph of  $G$  with respect to  $S$ . Then  $N_A(R(G)) = R(G).\text{Aut}(G, S)$ . Furthermore, the stabilizer of  $1_G$  in  $N_A(R(G))$  is  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$ .*

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  be a  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph of  $G$  with respect to  $S$ . Then  $X$  is called *normal* if  $R(G) \triangleleft A$ .

The following obvious result is a direct consequence of Definition 2.3 and Lemma 2.2.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$ . Then  $X$  is normal if and only if  $A_1 = \text{Aut}(G, S)$ , where  $A_1$  is the stabilizer of  $1_G$  in  $A$ .*

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $G$  be a finite group, and let  $S$  be a generating set of  $G$  not containing the identity  $1_G$ , and  $\alpha$  an automorphism of  $G$ . Then  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is normal if and only if  $X' = t\text{-Cay}(G, S^\alpha)$  is normal.*

*Proof.* Let  $A' = \text{Aut}(X')$ . It will be shown that (1)  $\alpha^{-1}A\alpha = A'$ , and (2)  $\alpha^{-1}R(G)\alpha = R(G)$ . For the first equation, we suppose that  $\alpha^{-1}\rho\alpha \in \alpha^{-1}A\alpha$ , where  $\rho \in A$ . Now if  $E' \in E(X')$ , then  $E' = \{xs^i \mid 0 \leq i \leq t-1\}$  for some  $x \in G$  and  $s \in S$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (E')^{\alpha^{-1}\rho\alpha} &= \{(xs^i)^{\alpha^{-1}\rho\alpha} \mid 0 \leq i \leq t-1\} \\ &= \{x^{\alpha^{-1}}, x^{\alpha^{-1}}(s)^{\alpha^{-1}}, \dots, x^{\alpha^{-1}}(s^{t-1})^{\alpha^{-1}}\}^{\rho\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that,

$$(E')^{\alpha^{-1}\rho\alpha} = \{y, ys', y(s')^2, \dots, y(s')^{t-1}\}^{\rho\alpha},$$

where  $s' = s^{\alpha^{-1}}$  and  $x^{\alpha^{-1}} = y$ . Since  $\rho \in A$ ,

$$(E')^{\alpha^{-1}\rho\alpha} = \{z, zs'', \dots, z(s'')^{t-1}\}^\rho \in E(X'),$$

where  $s'' = (s')^\alpha$  and  $y^\alpha = z$ . By a similar argument  $A' \subseteq \alpha^{-1}A\alpha$  and so  $\alpha A\alpha^{-1} = A'$ . Also it is easy to see that  $\alpha^{-1}R(G)\alpha = R(G)$ . Now  $X$  is normal, that is,  $R(G) \triangleleft A$  if and only if  $R(G) = \alpha^{-1}R(G)\alpha \triangleleft \alpha^{-1}A\alpha = A'$ .  $\square$

By considering the above proposition, the following result is obtained.

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group, and let  $S$  be a generating set of  $G$  not containing the identity  $1_G$ . Assume  $S$  satisfies the condition  $s, t, u, v \in S$  with*

$$st = uv \neq 1 \Rightarrow \{s, t\} = \{u, v\}. \quad (2.1)$$

*Then the  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph is normal.*

Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two groups. Given  $(g_1, h_1)$  and  $(g_2, h_2) \in G \times H$  define the product by the rule:  $(g_1, h_1)(g_2, h_2) = (g_1g_2, h_1h_2)$ . With this rule for multiplication,  $G \times H$  becomes a group, called the *direct product* of  $G$  and  $H$ .

The direct product of two hypergraphs is as follows:

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two hypergraphs. The *direct product*  $X_1 \times X_2$  is defined as the graph with vertex set  $V(X_1 \times X_2) = V(X_1) \times V(X_2)$  such that for any two vertices  $x = (u_1, v_1)$  and  $y = (u_2, v_2)$  in  $V(X_1 \times X_2)$ ,  $[x, y]$  is an edge in  $X_1 \times X_2$  whenever the first element of all of the pairs is the same and the second element of all of the pairs be an edge in  $X_2$ , or the first elements of all of the pairs be an edge in  $X_1$  and the second element of all of the pair is the same.

Two hypergraphs are called *relatively prime* if they have no non-trivial common direct factor. We omit the easy proof of the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $G = G_1 \times G_2$  be the direct product of two finite groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ ,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  subsets of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , respectively, and  $S = S_1 \cup S_2$  the disjoint union of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . Let  $t, t', t''$  be integers where  $t = \max\{t', t''\}$ . Then*

$$(i) \ t\text{-Cay}(G, S) \cong t'\text{-Cay}(G_1, S_1) \times t''\text{-Cay}(G_2, S_2).$$

(ii) *If  $t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is normal, then  $t'\text{-Cay}(G_1, S_1)$  is also normal.*

(iii) *If  $t'\text{-Cay}(G_1, S_1)$  and  $t''\text{-Cay}(G_2, S_2)$  are both normal and relatively prime, then  $t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is normal.*

**Proposition 2.9.** [5, Proposition 1.10] *A  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is connected if and only if  $S$  is a set of generators for  $G$ .*

Let  $X = t\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  be a connected  $t$ -Cayley hypergraph of an abelian group  $G$  with respect to  $S$ , and  $T$  the subgroup generated by all non-involutions in  $S$ . Set  $K = T \cap S$  and  $J = S - K$  so that  $T = \langle K \rangle$ .

Let  $Y = t\text{-Cay}(T, K)$ . If  $J$  is independent, then  $\langle J \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_2^J$ , the direct product of  $J$  copies of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . So by Proposition 2.6,  $t\text{-Cay}(\langle J \rangle, J)$  is normal for  $\langle J \rangle$ . From Lemma 2.8, we have the following.

**Lemma 2.10.** *If  $T \cap \langle J \rangle = 1$  and  $J$  is independent, then  $G = T \times \mathbb{Z}_2^J$  and  $X = Y \times t\text{-Cay}(\langle J \rangle, J)$ . Moreover, if  $Y$  is normal and relatively prime with  $K_2$ , then  $X$  is normal.*

Now, we are ready to give the proof of Theorem 1.1.

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1

By Proposition 2.6, we can assume that  $S$  does not satisfy the condition (2.1). If  $S = \{a, a^{-1}\}$ , where  $o(a) = t$ , then the permutation  $(a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{t-2})$  is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X$  is not normal. Now suppose that  $|S| = 3$ , then the following cases are considered: i)  $S = \{r, s, t\}$  where  $r, s, t$  are involutions. In this case  $G$  is an elementary abelian 2-group and  $r, s, t$  are not independent by our assumption. Then  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2^2$  and  $X = K_4$ , so  $X$  is normal.

ii)  $S = \{a, a^{-1}, r\}$  where  $r$  is an involution but  $a$  is not. Then  $S^2 - 1 = \{a^2, ar, a^{-2}, a^{-1}r\}$ . By our assumption, we have either  $a^2 = a^{-2}$  or  $r = a^3$ . For the case of  $a^2 = a^{-2}$ , if  $r \in \langle a \rangle$ , then  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4$ , and  $|A_1| = |\text{Aut}(G, S)| = 2$ , where  $|\text{Aut}(G, S)| = \langle (a, a^3) \rangle$ . Therefore  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is normal. Otherwise,  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle r \rangle$  and the permutation  $(a, ar)(a^2, a^2r)(a^3, a^3r)$  is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is not normal, that is the case (2) in the theorem. For the case  $r = a^3$ , we have  $G = \mathbb{Z}_6$  and the permutation  $(a, a^2)(a^4, a^5)$  is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X = 6\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is not normal, that is the case (3).

Now we assume that  $|S| = 4$ , and the following cases are considered:

(i)  $S = \{r, s, t, u\}$  where  $r, s, t, u$  are involutions. In this case,  $G$  is an elementary abelian 2-group and  $r, s, t, u$  are not independent by our assumption. So  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2^3$ , if  $u = rs$ , then  $X = K_4 \times K_2$  and if  $u = rst$ , then  $X = K_{4,4}$ . When  $X = K_4 \times K_2$  it is normal by Lemma 2.10. When  $X = K_{4,4}$ , since the permutation  $(rs, rt, st)$  is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$ , and so it is not normal, that is the case (4) in the theorem.

(ii)  $S = \{a, a^{-1}, r, s\}$  where  $r, s$  are involutions, but  $a$  is not. Then  $S^2 - 1 = \{a^2, a^{-2}, ar, as, rs, a^{-1}r, a^{-1}s\}$ . By our assumption, we only need to consider the case of  $a^2 = a^{-2}$  and the case when  $a^3 = r$  or  $a^3 = s$ . For the case of  $a^2 = a^{-2}$ , if  $a^2 = r$  or  $a^2 = s$ , then  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Let  $Y = 4\text{-Cay}(\langle a \rangle, \{a, a^{-1}, a^2\})$ . Then  $Y$  is not normal, and so  $X = Y \times K_2$ , ( $K_2 = 2\text{-Cay}(\langle s \rangle, \{s\})$ ) is not normal, that is the case (5) in the theorem. If  $a^2 = rs$  again with the same reason

$X = 4\text{-Cay}(G, S = \{a, a^{-1}, a^2s, s\})$  is not normal, that is the case (6). Otherwise  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2^2$  and  $S = S_1 \cup S_2 = \{a, a^{-1}, r\} \cup \{s\}$ , again with the same reason and by Lemma 2.8,  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is not normal, that is the case (7) in the theorem.

(iii)  $S = \{a, a^{-1}, b, b^{-1}\}$  where  $a, b$  are not involutions. First, we suppose  $s^4 = 1$  for some  $s \in S$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $a^4 = 1$ . If  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = 1$ , then  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_m$  and by Lemma 2.8,  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4, \{a, a^{-1}\}) \times m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_m, \{b, b^{-1}\})$ . Since  $Y = 4\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_4, \{a, a^{-1}\})$  is not normal and so by Lemma 2.8,  $X$  is not normal, that is the case (8). If  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ , then  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{4m}$  with  $m \geq 2$ . We may assume that  $a = b^m$ , then the permutation  $b^i \rightarrow b^{m+i}$  where  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ , is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X = 4m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4m}, \{b, b^{-1}, b^m, b^{-m}\})$  is not normal, that is the case (9). Consider the case when  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \langle a^2 \rangle$ . If  $G$  be cyclic, then we have  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{4m} = \langle x \rangle$ , for some odd integer  $m > 2$ . We may assume  $a = x^m$  and  $b = x^2$ , if  $m$  is even, there is the permutation  $\sigma : x^i \rightarrow x^{m+i}$ , where  $1 \leq i < 4m (i \neq m, 2m, 3m)$  and  $\sigma(x^m) = x^m, \sigma(x^{2m}) = x^{2m}, \sigma(x^{3m}) = x^{3m}$ . Such that  $\sigma$  is in  $A_1$ , but it is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$ . Thus  $X = 2m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4m}, \{x^2, x^{-2}, x^m, x^{-m}\})$  is not normal. If  $m$  is odd, there is the permutation  $\sigma$  in  $A_1$  such that  $\sigma = \Pi_1^{4m-1}(x^i, x^{i+2})(x^{m+i}, x^{m+i-1})$ , but this is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$ . Thus  $X = 2m\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_{4m}, \{x^2, x^{-2}, x^m, x^{-m}\})$  is not normal, that is the case (10). For non-cyclic  $G$ , we have  $G = \langle x \rangle \times \langle y \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_{4m} \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $S = \{x, x^{-1}, x^m y, x^{-m} y\}$ , where  $m \geq 1, x = b$  and  $y = ab^{-1}$ , the permutation

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma &= (x, x^2, \dots, x^{2m-1}, x^{2m+1}, \dots, x^{4m-1}) \\ &\times (y, yx, yx^2, \dots, yx^{m-1}, yx^{m+1}, \dots, yx^{3m-1}, yx^{3m+1}, \dots, yx^{4m-1}) \end{aligned}$$

is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X = 4m\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is not normal, that is the case (11). We then assume that neither  $a^4 = 1$ , nor  $b^4 = 1$ . From our assumption, we have either (i)  $s^2 = t^2$  for some different  $s, t$  in  $S$  or (ii)  $s = t^3$  for some different  $s, t$  in  $S$ . For (i), without loss of generality we only need to consider the case when  $a^2 = b^2$ . In this case,  $|G| = 2m, m \geq 3$ . We have two cases:  $a$  generates  $G$ , or  $a$  does not generate  $G$ . In the second case,  $o(a) = m$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle$ . where  $S = \{a, a^{-1}, ab, a^{-1}b\}$ , if  $m \geq 4$  then the permutation  $(a, a^3)(a^2b, a^4b)$  is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X = m\text{-Cay}(G, S), (m \geq 4)$  is not normal. For  $m = 4$  we have  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 = \langle a \rangle \times \langle b \rangle$  and  $S = \{a, a^3, ab, a^3b\}$ . In this case, the permutation  $(ab, a^3b)(b, a^2b)(a, a^3)$  is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X = 4\text{-Cay}(G, S)$  is not normal, that is the case (12).

For (ii), it suffices to consider the case when  $b = a^3$ , then  $G = \mathbb{Z}_n$  where

$n \geq 5$  and  $X = n\text{-Cay}(\mathbb{Z}_n, \{a^1, a^{-1}, a^3, a^{-3}\})$ . For  $n \geq 5$ , while  $n = 6$  cannot happen, the permutation  $(a, a^2, \dots, a^{n-1})$  is not in  $\text{Aut}(G, S)$  but in  $A_1$  and so  $X$  is not normal, that is the case (13).

### Acknowledgements

The authors are highly thankful to the Editor-in-Chief and the referees for their valuable comments and suggestions for improving the paper.

### REFERENCES

1. Y. G. Baik, H. S. Sim, Y. Feng and M. Y. Xu, On the normality of Cayley graphs of abelian groups, *Algebra Colloq.*, **5** (1998), 297–304.
2. Y. G. Baik, Y. Feng and H. S. Sim, The normality of Cayley graphs of finite abelian groups with valency 5, *System Sci. Math. Sci.*, **13** (2000), 425–431.
3. C. Berge, *Graphs and Hypergraphs*, North-Holland, New York, (1976).
4. C. Berge, *Hypergraphs*, North-Holland, Amsterdam, (1989).
5. M. Buratti, Cayley, Marty and Schreier Hypergraphs, *Abh. Math. Sem. Univ. Hamburg*, **64** (1994), 151–162.
6. C. D. Godsil, On the full automorphism group of a graph, *Combinatorica*, **1** (1981), 243–256.
7. J. Lee and Y. S. Kwon, Cayley hypergraphs and Cayley hypermaps, *Discrete Math.*, **313** (2013), 540–549.
8. S. C. Shee, On group hypergraphs, *Southeast Asian Bull. Math.*, **14** (1990), 49–57.
9. M. Y. Xu, Automorphism groups and isomorphism of Cayley digraphs, *Discrete Math.*, **182** (1998), 309–319.
10. M. Y. Xu, Q. Zhang and J. X. Zhou, On the normality of directed Cayley graphs of abelian groups, *System Sci. Math. Sci.*, **25** (2005), 700–710.

#### Reza Bayat

Department of Mathematics, Payame Noor University, P.O. Box 19395-3697, Tehran, Iran.

Email: r.bayat.tajvar@gmail.com

#### Mehdi Alaeiyan

Department of Mathematics, Iran University of Science and Technology, Narmak, Tehran, Iran.

Email: alaeiyan@iust.ac.ir

#### Siamak Firouzian

Department of Mathematics, Payame Noor University, P.O. Box 19395-3697, Tehran, Iran.

Email: siamfirouzian@pnu.ac.ir

ON THE NORMALITY OF  $t$ -CAYLEY HYPERGRAPHS OF ABELIAN GROUPS

R. BAYAT, M. ALAEIYAN AND S. FIROUZIAN

ابرگراف‌های  $t$ -کیلی نرمال از گروه‌های آبدلی

رضا بیات<sup>۱</sup>، مهدی علائیان<sup>۲</sup> و سیامک فیروزیان<sup>۳</sup>  
<sup>۱</sup>دانشکده ریاضی، دانشگاه پیام نور، تهران، ایران  
<sup>۲</sup>دانشکده ریاضی، دانشگاه علم و صنعت، تهران، ایران  
<sup>۳</sup>دانشکده ریاضی، دانشگاه پیام نور، تهران، ایران

یک ابرگراف  $t$ -کیلی  $X = t - Cay(G, S)$  را نرمال گوئیم، هرگاه نمایش منظم راست  $R(G)$  از  $G$ ، در گروه خودریختی‌های  $Aut(X)$  از  $X$ ، نرمال باشد. در این مقاله، شرایط نرمال بودن ابرگراف‌های  $t$ -کیلی از گروه‌های آبدلی که  $|S| \leq 4$ ، مورد مطالعه قرار می‌گیرند.

کلمات کلیدی: ابرگراف، ابرگراف  $t$ -کیلی، ابرگراف  $t$ -کیلی نرمال.