

## **$G$ -Designs for the Connected Tripartite Unicyclic Graphs with Seven Edges**

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For a subgraph  $G$  of the complete graph  $K_n$ , a  $G$ -design of order  $n$  is a partition of the edge set of  $K_n$  into edge-disjoint copies of  $G$ . The spectrum problem in this context asks for which  $n$  a  $G$ -design of order  $n$  exists. This problem has been completely solved for every graph with 6 or less edges and most of the graphs with 7 or 8 edges. We solve the spectrum problem for one of the few remaining families of small graphs by proving that if  $G$  is a connected tripartite unicyclic graph with 7 edges, then a  $G$ -design of order  $n$  exists if and only if  $n \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{7}$ , with a few exceptions when  $n \in \{7, 8\}$ .

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