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Fair 1-factorizations, fair holey 1-factorizations and fair holey hamiltonian decompositions of complete multipartite graphs.

A k -factor of G is a k -regular spanning subgraph of G . A k -factorization is a partition of $E(G)$ into k -factors. Let $K(n, p)$ be the complete multipartite graph with p parts, each of size n . If V_1, \dots, V_p are the p parts of $V(K(n, p))$, then a holey k -factor of deficiency V_i of $K(n, p)$ is a k -factor of $K(n, p) - V_i$ for some i . Hence a holey k -factorization is a set of holey k -factors whose edges partition $E(K(n, p))$. In particular a holey hamiltonian decomposition is a holey 2-factorization of $K(n, p)$ where each holey 2-factor is a connected subgraph of $K(n, p) - V_i$ for some i . A (holey) k -factorization of $K(n, p)$ is said to be fair if between each pair of parts the color classes have size within one of each other. In this work the existence of fair 1-factorizations, fair holey 1-factorizations and fair holey hamiltonian decompositions of $K(n, p)$ are completely settled. The second result can be used to construct symmetric quasigroups of order np with holes of size n with the additional property that the permitted symbols are shared as evenly as possible among the cells in each $n \times n$ “box”. The third result simultaneously settles the existence of cycle frames of type n^p for cycles of the longest length. (Received September 15, 2014)