The n-th MARM: Maximum Red Matching Free of Blue-Red Alternating Cycles in a Complete Blue-Red Bipartite Graph of Degree n

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Given a complete bipartite graph of degree n whose edges are blue or red, find a maximum red matching not appearing in a blue-red alternating cycle.

The n-th MARM can be solved in polynomial time if $n \le 2$ and is NP-hard if n = 4. What is the complexity status of the 3-rd MARM?

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