

A k -uniform hypergraph H is ℓ -Hamiltonian saturated, $1 \leq \ell \leq k - 1$, if H does not contain an ℓ -overlapping Hamiltonian cycle $C_n^{(k)}(\ell)$ but every hypergraph obtained from H by adding one more edge does contain $C_n^{(k)}(\ell)$. Let $sat(n, k, \ell)$ be the smallest number of edges in an ℓ -Hamiltonian saturated k -uniform hypergraph on n vertices. Clark and Entringer proved in 1983 that $sat(n, 2, 1) = \lceil \frac{3n}{2} \rceil$ and the second author showed recently that $sat(n, k, k-1) = \Theta(n^{k-1})$. In this paper we prove that $sat(n, k, \ell) = \Theta(n^\ell)$ for $\ell = 1$ as well as for all $\ell \geq 0.8k$.