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Let G be a graph and $s > 0$ be an integer. If, for any function $b : V(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{2s+1}$ with $\sum_{v \in V(G)} b(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{2s+1}$, G always has an orientation D such that the net outdegree at each v is congruent to $b(v) \pmod{2s+1}$, then G is strongly \mathbb{Z}_{2s+1} -connected. Contract all nontrivial strongly \mathbb{Z}_{2s+1} -connected subgraphs of G to get the \mathbb{Z}_{2s+1} -reduction G' . In this paper, we prove that for any integers $s, t > 0$ and real numbers a, b with $0 < a < 1$, there exist an integer N and a finite family \mathcal{Y} of non-strongly \mathbb{Z}_{2s+1} -connected graphs such that for any connected simple graph G with order $n \geq N$ and independence number $\alpha(G)$, if G satisfies one of the following conditions:

- (i) $\alpha(G) \leq t$ and for any edge $uv \in E(G)$, $\max\{d_G(u), d_G(v)\} \geq an + b$, or
- (ii) $\alpha(G) \leq t$ and for any $u, v \in V(G)$ with $\text{dist}_G(u, v) = 2$, $\max\{d_G(u), d_G(v)\} \geq an + b$, or
- (iii) for any $uv \notin E(G)$, $\max\{d_G(u), d_G(v)\} \geq an + b$,

then G is strongly \mathbb{Z}_{2s+1} -connected if and only if the \mathbb{Z}_{2s+1} -reduction of G is not in the finite family \mathcal{Y} . (Received August 11, 2015)