

Chromatic Uniqueness of Certain Bipartite Graphs with Six Edges Deleted

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Abstract : For integers p, q, s with $p \geq q \geq 2$ and $s \geq 0$, let $\mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$ denote the set of 2-connected bipartite graphs which can be obtained from $K_{p,q}$ by deleting a set of s edges. F.M.Dong et al. (Discrete Math. vol.224 (2000) 107–124) proved that for any graph $G \in \mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$ with $p \geq q \geq 3$ and $0 \leq s \leq \min \{4, q-1\}$, then G is chromatically unique. In this paper, we study the chromaticity of any graph $G \in \mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$ when $p \geq 6, q = 4$ and $s = 6$.

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1 Introduction

All graphs considered here are simple graphs. For a graph G , let $V(G)$, $\Delta(G)$ and $P(G, \lambda)$ be the vertex set, maximum degree and the chromatic polynomial of G , respectively.

Two graphs G and H are said to be *chromatically equivalent* (or simply χ -equivalent), symbolically $G \sim H$, if $P(G, l) = P(H, l)$. The equivalence class determined by G under \sim is denoted by $[G]$. A graph G is *chromatically unique* (or simply χ -unique) if $H \cong G$ whenever $H \sim G$, i.e., $[G] = \{G\}$ up to isomorphism. For a set \mathcal{G} of graphs, if $[G] \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ for every $G \in \mathcal{G}$, then \mathcal{G} is said to be χ -closed. For two sets \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 of graphs, if $P(G_1, \lambda) \neq P(G_2, \lambda)$ for every $G_1 \in \mathcal{G}_1$ and $G_2 \in \mathcal{G}_2$, then \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 are said to be chromatically disjoint, or simply χ -disjoint.

For integers p, q, s with $p \geq q \geq 2$ and $s \geq 0$, let $\mathcal{K}^{-s}(p, q)$ (resp. $\mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$) denote the set of connected (resp. 2-connected) bipartite graphs which can be obtained from $K_{p,q}$ by deleting a set of s edges.

In [4, 5], Dong et al. proved the following results.

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Lemma 1.1. *If $p \geq q \geq 3$ and $s \leq p + q - 4$, then for any $G \in K^{-s}(p, q)$ with $\delta(G) \geq 2$, then G is 2-connected.*

Theorem 1.2. *For integers p, q, s with $p \geq q \geq 2$ and $0 \leq s \leq q - 1$, $K_2^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -closed.*

Teo and Koh [13] showed that every graph in $\mathcal{K}(p, q) \cup \mathcal{K}^{-1}(p, q)$ is χ -unique. The case when $s \geq 2$ has been studied by Giudici and Lima de Sa [6], Peng [7], Borowiecki and Drgas-Burchardt [1]. Their typical results are of the following:

- (i) If $2 \leq s \leq 4$ and $p - q$ is *small enough*, then each graph in $\mathcal{K}^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -unique;
- (ii) If $G \in \mathcal{K}^{-s}(p, q)$, where $0 \leq p - q \leq 1$, such that the set of s edges deleted forms a matching, then G is χ -unique.

Chen [2] showed that if $G \in \mathcal{K}^{-s}(p, q)$, where $3 \leq s \leq p - q$ and

$$q \geq \max \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(p - q)(s - 1) + \frac{3}{2}, \frac{8}{27}(p - q)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(p - q) + 5s + 6 \right\},$$

and the set of s edges deleted forms a matching or a star, then G is χ -unique. In [5], Dong et al. proved that any 2-connected graph obtained from $K_{p,q}$ by deleting a set of edges that forms a matching of size at most $q - 1$ or that induces a star is chromatically unique.

Very recently, Dong et al. [4] showed that any graph in $K_2^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -unique if $p \geq q \geq 3$ and $1 \leq s \leq \min\{4, q - 1\}$. In [9], we proved that any graph in $K_2^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -unique if $p \geq q \geq 6$ and $s = 5$; or $p \geq q \geq 7$ and $s = 6$. In [10, 11], we extended this study for the case $p > q = 5$ and $s = 5$; or $p > q = 4$ and $s = 5$. In this paper, we shall study the chromaticity of any graph in $K_2^{-s}(p, q)$ when $p \geq 6$, $q = 4$ and $s = 6$.

2 Preliminary Results and Notation

For a bipartite graph $G = (A, B; E)$ with bipartition A and B and edge set E , let $G' = (A', B'; E')$ be the bipartite graph induced by the edge set $E' = \{xy \mid xy \notin E, x \in A, y \in B\}$, where $A' \subseteq A$ and $B' \subseteq B$. We write $G' = K_{p,q} - G$, where $p = |A|$ and $q = |B|$.

For a graph G and a positive integer k , a partition $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k\}$ of $V(G)$ is called a *k-independent partition* in G if each A_i is a non-empty independent set of G . Let $\alpha(G, k)$ denote the number of k -independent partitions in G . For any graph G of order n , we have (see [8]):

$$P(G, \lambda) = \sum_{k=1}^n \alpha(G, k) \lambda(\lambda - 1) \cdots (\lambda - k + 1).$$

Thus, we have

Lemma 2.1. *If $G \sim H$, then $\alpha(G, k) = \alpha(H, k)$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots$*

For any bipartite graph $G = (A, B; E)$ with bipartition A and B and edge set E , let

$$\alpha'(G, 3) = \alpha(G, 3) - (2^{|A|-1} + 2^{|B|-1} - 2). \tag{2.1}$$

For a bipartite graph $G = (A, B; E)$, let

$$\Omega(G) = \{ Q \mid Q \text{ is an independent set in } G \text{ with } Q \cap A \neq \emptyset, Q \cap B \neq \emptyset \}.$$

Lemma 2.2. *(Dong et al. [5]) For $G \in \mathcal{K}^{-s}(p, q)$,*

$$\alpha'(G, 3) = |\Omega(G)| \geq 2^{\Delta(G')} + s - 1 - \Delta(G').$$

For a bipartite graph $G = (A, B; E)$, the number of 4-independent partitions $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4\}$ in G with $A_i \subseteq A$ or $A_i \subseteq B$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{|A|-1} - 1)(2^{|B|-1} - 1) + \frac{1}{3!}(3^{|A|} - 3 \cdot 2^{|A|} + 3) + \frac{1}{3!}(3^{|B|} - 3 \cdot 2^{|B|} + 3) \\ &= (2^{|A|-1} - 2)(2^{|B|-1} - 2) + \frac{1}{2}(3^{|A|-1} + 3^{|B|-1}) - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\alpha'(G, 4) = \alpha(G, 4) - \{ (2^{|A|-1} - 2)(2^{|B|-1} - 2) + \frac{1}{2}(3^{|A|-1} + 3^{|B|-1}) - 2 \}.$$

Observe that for $G, H \in \mathcal{K}^{-s}(p, q)$,

$$\alpha(G, 4) = \alpha(H, 4) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \alpha'(G, 4) = \alpha'(H, 4).$$

The following results will be used to prove our main theorem.

Lemma 2.3. *(Dong et al. [3]) For $G = (A, B; E) \in \mathcal{K}^{-s}(p, q)$ with $|A| = p$ and $|B| = q$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha'(G, 4) &= \sum_{Q \in \Omega(G)} (2^{p-1-|Q \cap A|} + 2^{q-1-|Q \cap B|} - 2) + \\ & \quad \left| \{ \{ Q_1, Q_2 \} \mid Q_1, Q_2 \in \Omega(G), Q_1 \cap Q_2 = \emptyset \} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.4. *(Dong et al. [5]) For a bipartite graph $G = (A, B; E)$, if uvw is a path in G' with $d_{G'}(u) = 1$ and $d_{G'}(v) = 2$, then for any $k \geq 2$,*

$$\alpha(G, k) = \alpha(G + uv, k) + \alpha(G - \{u, v\}, k - 1) + \alpha(G - \{u, v, w\}, k - 1).$$

Theorem 2.5. *(Dong et al. [5]) For integers p, q, s with $p \geq q \geq 3$ and $0 \leq s \leq 2q - 3$, and $G \in \mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$,*

$$[G] \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q),$$

if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i) $s \leq q - 1$;
- (ii) $s = q \geq 6$ and $p \geq 2$;
- (iii) $p \geq q + 4$;
- (iv) $p \in \{q + 3, q + 1\}$ and $0 \leq s \leq 2q - 4$;
- (v) $p = q + 2$ and $\Delta(G') \geq s + 3 - q$;
- (vi) $p = q$ and $\alpha'(G_i, 3) < 2^{p-2}$.

3 Main Result

In [9], we proved that every graph in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -unique if $p \geq q \geq 6$ and $s = 5$ or $s = 6$. In [10], we showed that every graph in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -unique if $p > q = 5$ and $s = 5$. In [11], we proved that every graph in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -unique if $p > q = 4$ and $s = 5$. In this section, we shall prove that every graph in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-s}(p, q)$ is χ -unique if $p \geq 6$, $q = 4$ and $s = 6$.

Let G be any graph in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-6}(p, q)$, and $G' = K(p, q) - G$. By construction method and Lemma 1.1, one can easily verify that there are 44 structures of G' ($q = 4$ and G is 2-connected), which are named as $G'_1, G'_2, \dots, G'_{44}$ (see Table 1). We group the graphs G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{44} according to their values of $\alpha'(G_i, 3)$, which can be calculated by using Lemma 2.2 and these values are in column three of Table 1. Thus we have the following observations.

- (i) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 8$, for $i=1$;
- (ii) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 9$, for $i=2,3,4,5$;
- (iii) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 10$, for $i=6,7,\dots,11$;
- (iv) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 11$, for $i=12,13,\dots,17$;
- (v) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 12$, for $i=18,19,\dots,25$;
- (vi) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 13$, for $i=26,27,28$;
- (vii) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 14$, for $i=29,30$;
- (viii) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 15$, for $i=31,32$;
- (ix) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 17$, for $i=33,34$;
- (x) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 18$, for $i=35,36,37$;
- (xi) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 19$, for $i=38,39$;
- (xii) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 20$, for $i=40$;
- (xiii) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 21$, for $i=41$;
- (xiv) $\alpha'(G_i, 3) = 32$, for $i=42$;

$$(xv) \quad \alpha'(G_i, 3) = 33, \quad \text{for } i=43;$$

$$(xvi) \quad \alpha'(G_i, 3) = 63, \quad \text{for } i=44.$$

We then group these graphs according to their $\alpha'(G_i, 3)$. Hence we have the following classification of the graphs.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_1 &= \{ G_1 \} \\ \mathcal{T}_2 &= \{ G_2, G_3, G_4, G_5 \} \\ \mathcal{T}_3 &= \{ G_6, G_7, \dots, G_{11} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_4 &= \{ G_{12}, G_{13}, \dots, G_{17} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_5 &= \{ G_{18}, G_{19}, \dots, G_{25} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_6 &= \{ G_{26}, G_{27}, G_{28} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_7 &= \{ G_{29}, G_{30} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_8 &= \{ G_{31}, G_{32} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_9 &= \{ G_{33}, G_{34} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_{10} &= \{ G_{35}, G_{36}, G_{37} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_{11} &= \{ G_{38}, G_{39} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_{12} &= \{ G_{40} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_{13} &= \{ G_{41} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_{14} &= \{ G_{42} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_{15} &= \{ G_{43} \} \\ \mathcal{T}_{16} &= \{ G_{44} \} \end{aligned}$$

We also calculate the values of $\alpha'(G_i, 4)$ by using Lemma 2.3 and we list them in column four of Table 1. We now present our main result in the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. *Every graph in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-6}(p, q)$ with $p > q = 4$ is χ -unique if one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

$$(i) \quad p \geq 7,$$

$$(ii) \quad p = 6 \text{ and } \Delta(G') \geq 5.$$

Proof Observe that for any i, j with $1 \leq i < j \leq 16$, $\alpha'(G, 3) < \alpha'(H, 3)$ if $G \in \mathcal{T}_i$ and $H \in \mathcal{T}_j$. Thus by Lemma 2.1 and Equation (2.1), \mathcal{T}_i and \mathcal{T}_j ($1 \leq i < j \leq 16$) are χ -disjoint and since $\mathcal{K}_2^{-6}(p, 4)$ is χ -closed under the conditions (iii) or (iv) of Theorem 2.5, then each \mathcal{T}_i ($1 \leq i \leq 16$) is χ -closed. Hence, for each i , to show that all graphs in \mathcal{T}_i are χ -unique, it suffices to show that for any two graphs, $G, H \in \mathcal{T}_i$, if $G \not\cong H$, then either $\alpha'(G, 4) \neq \alpha'(H, 4)$ or $\alpha(G, 5) \neq \alpha(H, 5)$. Note that $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_{12}, \mathcal{T}_{13}, \mathcal{T}_{14}, \mathcal{T}_{15}$ and \mathcal{T}_{16} contains only one graph $G_1, G_{41}, G_{42}, G_{43}$ and G_{44} , respectively and hence $G_1, G_{40}, G_{41}, G_{42}, G_{43}$ and G_{44} are χ -unique. The remaining work is to compare every two graphs in \mathcal{T}_i

for $2 \leq i \leq 11$. Note that all graphs in \mathcal{T}_i ($2 \leq i \leq 11$) are not considerable for the case $p = 6$ since $\Delta(G') < 5$. Thus, for all \mathcal{T}_i ($2 \leq i \leq 11$), we only consider the case $p \geq 7$.

[1] \mathcal{T}_2

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_4, 4) - \alpha'(G_2, 4) \\ &= \left[3 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 3 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 21 \right] - \left[4 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 14 \right] \\ &= -2^{p-3} + 2^{q-3} + 7 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_2, 4) - \alpha'(G_3, 4) \\ &= \left[4 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 14 \right] - \left[4 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] \\ &= -4 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_3, 4) - \alpha'(G_5, 4) \\ &= \left[4 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] - \left[4 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 21 \right] \\ &= -3 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can conclude that $\alpha'(G_i, 4) \neq \alpha'(G_j, 4)$ for $2 \leq i < j \leq 5$.

[2] \mathcal{T}_3

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{11}, 4) - \alpha'(G_7, 4) \\ &= \left[7 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 4 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 16 \right] - \left[5 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 7 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] \\ &= -3 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 2^{q-3} - 2 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_7, 4) - \alpha'(G_6, 4) \\ &= \left[5 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 7 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] - \left[6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 14 \right] \\ &= -2^{p-3} + 2^{q-3} + 4 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_6, 4) - \alpha'(G_8, 4) \\ &= \left[6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 14 \right] - \left[6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] = -4 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_8, 4) - \alpha'(G_9, 4) \\ &= \left[6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] - \left[6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_8, 4) - \alpha'(G_{10}, 4) \\ &= \left[6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] - \left[6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 19 \right] = -1 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can conclude that $\alpha'(G_i, 4) \neq \alpha'(G_j, 4)$ for $6 \leq i < j \leq 12$ except for

the graphs G_8 and G_9 . Since $\alpha'(G_8, 4) = \alpha'(G_9, 4)$, we need to compare $\alpha(G_8, 5)$ and $\alpha(G_9, 5)$. By using Lemma 2.4, we can show that $\alpha(G_8, 5) \neq \alpha(G_9, 5)$ (see [12]).

[3] \mathcal{T}_4

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha'(G_{15}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{17}, 4) \\
&= \left[9 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 21 \right] - \left[11 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12 \right] \\
&= -2^{p-3} + 2^{q-3} + 9 < 0, \\
& \alpha'(G_{17}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{16}, 4) \\
&= \left[11 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12 \right] - \left[11 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 21 \right] = -9 < 0, \\
& \alpha'(G_{16}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{14}, 4) \\
&= \left[11 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 21 \right] - \left[7 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 7 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 11 \right] \\
&= -3 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 2 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 10 < 0, \\
& \alpha'(G_{14}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{12}, 4) \\
&= \left[7 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 7 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 11 \right] - \left[7 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 8 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 15 \right] \\
&= -2^{q-3} - 4 < 0, \\
& \alpha'(G_{12}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{13}, 4) \\
&= \left[7 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 8 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 15 \right] - \left[7 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 8 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 15 \right] \\
&= -2^{p-3} + 2^{q-3} < 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can conclude that $\alpha'(G_i, 4) \neq \alpha'(G_j, 4)$ for $13 \leq i < j \leq 18$.

[4] \mathcal{T}_5 : We consider two cases $p = 7$ and $p \geq 8$.

(4.1) **Case 1:** When $p = 7$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{25}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{23}, 4) \\ &= \left[13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12 \right] - \left[13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] - 6 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{23}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{22}, 4) \\ &= \left[13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] - \left[15 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 10 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 8 \right] \\ &= -2 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 2^{q-3} + 10 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{22}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{21}, 4) \\ &= \left[15 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 10 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 8 \right] - \left[13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 24 \right] \\ &= -2 \cdot 2^{p-4} - 2^{q-3} - 16 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{21}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{24}, 4) \\ &= \left[13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 24 \right] - \left[15 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 10 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] \\ &= -2 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 2^{q-3} + 6 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{24}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{18}, 4) \\ &= \left[15 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 10 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18 \right] - \left[8 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 17 \right] \\ &= -2^{p-4} + 2^{q-3} + 1 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{18}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{20}, 4) \\ &= \left[8 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 17 \right] - \left[9 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12 \right] \\ &= -2^{p-3} + 5 < 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha'(G_{20}, 4) - \alpha'(G_{19}, 4) \\ &= \left[9 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12 \right] - \left[8 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 17 \right] \\ &= 2^{q-3} - 5 < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have $\alpha'(G_{25}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{23}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{22}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{21}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{24}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{18}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{20}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{19}, 4)$.

(4.2) Case 2: When $p \geq 8$, we can easily show that $\alpha'(G_{25}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{23}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{21}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{22}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{24}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{18}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{20}, 4) < \alpha'(G_{19}, 4)$.

Thus, we conclude that $\alpha'(G_i, 4) \neq \alpha'(G_j, 4)$ for $18 \leq i < j \leq 25$.

Similarly, we can show that for any two graphs, $G, H \in \mathcal{T}_i$ ($6 \leq i \leq 11$), then $\alpha'(G, 4) \neq \alpha'(H, 4)$. For details, see [12]. Hence, the proof of the theorem is now completed. \square

In view of Theorem 3.1 and results in [9], we posed the following problem:

Problem. Study the chromaticity of any graph in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-6}(p, q)$ with $p > q$ and $q = 5, 6$.

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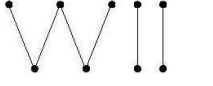


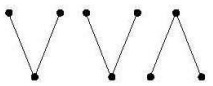


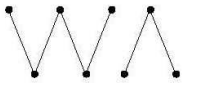
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G_1		A'	8	$2 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 2 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18$
	B'			
G_2		A'	9	$4 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 14$
	B'			
G_3		A'	9	$4 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18$
	B'			
G_4		A'	9	$3 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 3 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 21$
	B'			
G_5		A'	9	$4 \cdot 7^{p-3} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 21$
	B'			
G_6		A'	10	$6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 14$
	B'			
G_7		A'	10	$5 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 7 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18$
	B'			
G_8		A'	10	$6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18$
	B'			

TABLE 1 (1 of 6): Graphs in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-6}(p, 4)$, $p \geq 6$


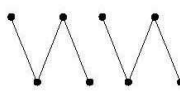
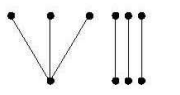

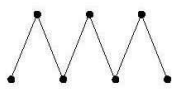
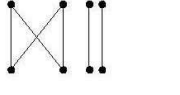
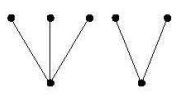
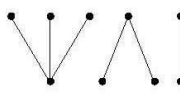
Name of Graph, G_i	Graphs G'_i ($G'_i = K_{p,4} - G_i$) $ A' = p, B' = 4$	$\alpha'(G_i, 3)$	$\alpha'(G_i, 4) - 6(2^{p-2} + 2^{q-2} - 2)$
G_9		A' B'	10 $6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18$
G_{10}		A' B'	10 $6 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 6 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 19$
G_{11}		A' B'	10 $7 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 4 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 16$
G_{12}		A' B'	11 $7 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 8 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 15$
G_{13}		A' B'	11 $2 \cdot 7^{p-3} + 8 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 15$
G_{14}		A' B'	11 $7 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 7 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 11$
G_{15}		A' B'	11 $9 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 5 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 21$
G_{16}		A' B'	11 $11 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 21$

TABLE 1 (2 of 6): Graphs in $\mathcal{K}_2^{-6}(p, 4)$, $p \geq 6$

Name of Graph, G_i	Graphs G'_i ($G'_i = K_{p,4} - G_i$) $ A' = p, B' = 4$	$\alpha'(G_i, 3)$	$\alpha'(G_i, 4) - 6(2^{p-2} + 2^{q-2} - 2)$	
G_{17}		A' B'	11	$11 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12$
G_{18}		A' B'	12	$8 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 17$
G_{19}		A' B'	12	$8 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 17$
G_{20}		A' B'	12	$9 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 9 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12$
G_{21}		A' B'	12	$13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 24$
G_{22}		A' B'	12	$15 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 10 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 8$
G_{23}		A' B'	12	$13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18$
G_{24}		A' B'	12	$15 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 10 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 18$

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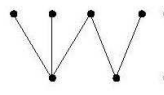
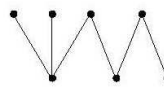
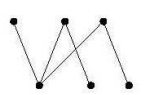
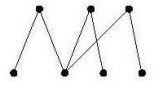
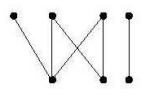
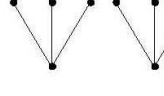
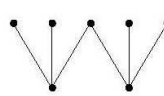
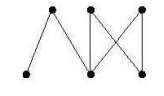
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G_{17}	 A' B'	12	$13 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 12$
G_{18}	 A' B'	13	$17 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 12 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 15$
G_{27}	 A' B'	13	$17 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 12 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 9$
G_{28}	 A' B'	13	$19 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 4$
G_{29}	 A' B'	14	$9 \cdot 2^{p-3} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 6$
G_{30}	 A' B'	14	$14 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 8 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 33$
G_{31}	 A' B'	15	$18 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 17 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 15$
G_{32}	 A' B'	15	$23 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 14 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 1$

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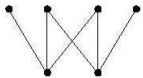





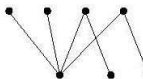
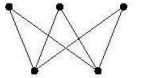
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G_{33}		A' B'	17 $24 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 19 \cdot 2^{q-3} - 1$
G_{34}		A' B'	17 $33 \cdot 2^{p-5} + 11 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 9$
G_{35}		A' B'	18 $37 \cdot 2^{p-5} + 12 \cdot 2^{q-2} + 21$
G_{36}		A' B'	18 $12 \cdot 2^{p-2} + 37 \cdot 2^{q-5} + 21$
G_{37}		A' B'	18 $41 \cdot 2^{p-5} + 23 \cdot 2^{q-3}$
G_{38}		A' B'	19 $45 \cdot 2^{p-5} + 25 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 3$
G_{39}		A' B'	19 $49 \cdot 2^{p-5} + 25 \cdot 2^{q-3} + 3$
G_{40}		A' B'	20 $49 \cdot 2^{p-4} + 17 \cdot 2^{q-2} - 22$

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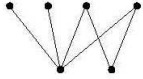
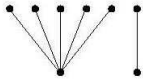
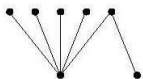
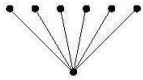
Name of Graph, G_i	Graphs G'_i ($G'_i = K_{p,4} - G_i$) $ A' = p, B' = 4$	A' B' $\alpha'(G_i, 3)$	$\alpha'(G_i, 4) - 6(2^{p-2} + 2^{q-2} - 2)$
G_{41}		A' B' 21	$?? \cdot 2^{p-4} + ? \cdot 2^{q-3} + ???$
G_{42}		A' B' 32	$?? \cdot 2^{p-5} + ??? \cdot 2^{q-3} + ???$
G_{43}		A' B' 33	$?? \cdot 2^{p-5} + ??? \cdot 2^{q-2} + ???$
G_{44}		A' B' 63	$?? \cdot 2^{p-2} + ??? \cdot 2^{q-5} + ???$

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