

Vertex Distinguishing General-total Coloring of $K_{2,5,p}$

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Abstract

Review Article

With the wide application of graph coloring in real life, it has gradually become one of the important fields studied by many scholars. A general total coloring of graph G refers to mapping $f: V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow [1, k]$. For any $x \in V(G)$, let $C_f(x)$ or $C(x)$ be the set of colors of vertex x and edges incident with x under f , which is called the color set of point x under f . For any $u, v \in V(G)$, if $C(u) \neq C(v)$, then f is called a k -vertex distinguishing general-total coloring of graph G (k -GVDTTC). The minimum number of colors required for a VDIETC of G is denoted by $\chi_{gvt}(G)$, which is called the vertex distinguishing general-total chromatic number of graph G . Vertex distinguishing general-total coloring of complete tripartite graph $K_{2,5,p}$ is discussed in this paper by using the methods of distributing the color sets in advance, constructing the colorings and contradiction. The vertex distinguishing general-total chromatic numbers of $K_{2,5,p}$ are determined.

Keywords: complete tripartite graphs; general-total coloring; vertex distinguishing general-total coloring; vertex distinguishing general-total chromatic number.

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INTRODUCTION

The point distinguishing general edge coloring of graphs are raised by Harary F in [1] and then be studied in [1-6] deeply. For a total coloring (proper or not) f of G and a vertex x of G , let $C(x)$ be the set of colors of vertex x and edges incident with x under f . For a proper total coloring, if $C(u) \neq C(v)$, for any two distinct vertices u and v , then the coloring is called a vertex distinguishing (proper) total coloring, or a VDT coloring of G for short. The minimum number of colors required for a VDT coloring of G is denoted by $\chi_{gvt}(G)$. The vertex distinguishing (proper) total coloring of graph was introduced and studied in [7]. In the following we consider not necessarily proper general total coloring which are vertex distinguishing. A general total coloring f of G is an assignment of some colors to the vertices and edges of G , for any $u, v \in V(G)$, $u \neq v$, we have $C(u) \neq C(v)$, then f is called a vertex distinguishing general total coloring, or a GVDTTC briefly. Vertex distinguishing general-total coloring was presented in [8]. The minimum number of colors required for a GVDTTC of graph G is denoted by $\chi_{gvt}(G)$.

In this paper, we consider vertex distinguishing general coloring of $K_{2,5,p}$, its general vertex distinguishing chromatic of $K_{2,5,p}$ will be determined as well. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$, $Z = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p\}$. $V(K_{m,n,p}) = X \cup Y \cup Z$, and $E(K_{m,n,p}) = \{x_i y_j | i=1, 2, \dots, m, j=1, 2, \dots, n\} \cup \{y_j z_t | j=1, 2, \dots, n, t=1, 2, \dots, p\} \cup \{x_i z_t | i=1, 2, \dots, m, t=1, 2, \dots, p\}$.

For convenience of description, we make the following agreements: When an l -GVDTTC of a graph is mentioned or is to be given herein, we always think that the l color used is $1, 2, \dots, l$; An i -subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ is a subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ containing i elements; If A is a subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, l\}$, then \bar{A} is used to denote the complement set of A .

Preliminaries

Lemma 1: If $k \geq 11$ and $p > \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k-1}{i} - 6$, then $K_{2,5,p}$ has no $(k-1)$ -GVDTC.

Proof: Suppose $K_{2,5,p}$ has a $(k-1)$ -GVDTC coloring f .

Claim 1: Any 1-subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ cannot be the color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. Otherwise, if $\{1\}$ is the color sets of the vertices in X , then the subsets of all vertices in Z contain color "1". The number of the subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$ which may become the color sets of vertices in Z is $\binom{k-2}{1} + \binom{k-2}{2} + \dots + \binom{k-2}{7}$. However, $p > \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k-1}{i} - 6$. This is a contradiction.

Claim 2: There are at least three 1-subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$, which cannot be the color sets of vertices in Z .

Otherwise, without loss of generality, we may assume that $\{3\}, \{4\}, \dots, \{k-1\}$ are all the color sets of vertices in Z . That is to say, $C(x_i) \cap C(y_j) \supseteq \{3, 4, \dots, k-1\}$. Thus, the color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$ can only be $\{3, 4, \dots, k-1\}, \{1, 3, 4, \dots, k-1\}, \{2, 3, 4, \dots, k-1\}$ or $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$, which cannot distinguish the 7 vertices in $X \cup Y$. This is a contradiction.

From Claim 2, we can assume that $\{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$ cannot be the color sets of vertices in Z . Combining Claim 1, we know $\{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$ are not available for any vertex in the graph. Because $\overline{C(x_i)}$ and $\overline{C(y_j)}, i=1, 2, j=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, the 7 subsets are different, and at least 3 of them are not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$. We can assume that $\overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ or $\overline{C(y_5)}$ are all not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$.

(i) When $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 3, j=3, 4, 5$, we know that $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ and $\overline{C(y_5)}$ can not be the color sets of vertices in Z . Then the available color sets of vertices in Z are the 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 8-subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ and $\overline{C(y_5)}$. So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k-1}{i} - 6$, a contradiction.

(ii) $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \geq 4$ for $j \in \{3, 4, 5\}$. We know that 1-subset, 2-subset, 3-subset and 4-subset of $\overline{C(y_j)}$ cannot be the color sets of vertices in Z . So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k-1}{i} - 15$, a contradiction.

Lemma 2: If $k \geq 11$ and $\sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k-1}{i} - 6 < p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k}{i} - 6$, then $K_{2,5,p}$ exist a k -GVDTC.

Proof: In the first, we distribute subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ to the vertices of $K_{2,5,p}$. Put $D(x_1) = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, $D(x_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{2\}$, $D(y_1) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1\}$, $D(y_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{3\}$, $D(y_3) = D(x_1) \setminus \{4\}$, $D(y_4) = D(x_1) \setminus \{5\}$, $D(y_5) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1, 3\}$, $D(z_i) = \{i+5\}, i=1, 2, \dots, k-5$, $D(z_{k-4}) = \{1, 6\}$, $D(z_{k-3}) = \{2, 6\}$, $D(z_{k-2}) = \{3, 6\}$, $D(z_{k-1}) = \{4, 6\}$, $D(z_k) = \{5, 6\}$. Let \mathfrak{R} be the sequence, which is consist of the subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ with cardinal numbers between 2 and 8, except for $\{1, 3\}, \{1, 6\}, \{2, 6\}, \{3, 6\}, \{4, 6\}$ and $\{5, 6\}$, noticing that $|\mathfrak{R}| = \binom{k}{2} + \binom{k}{3} + \dots + \binom{k}{8} - 6$. Let $D(z_{k+1}), D(z_{k+2}), \dots, D(z_p)$ be the $1, 2, \dots, p-k$ terms in \mathfrak{R} , respectively. This is reasonable, for $p-k \leq \binom{k}{2} + \binom{k}{3} + \dots + \binom{k}{8} - 6$, i.e. $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k}{i} - 6$.

In the following, we give a k -GVDTC coloring f of $K_{2,5,p}$ using colors $1, 2, \dots, k$. Put $g(x_i) = 1, i=1, 2, g(y_j) = 1, j=1, 2, \dots, 5, g(z_t) = \max D(z_t), t=1, 2, \dots, p. \forall x \in X, y \in Y$, let $g(xy) = \min[D(x) \cap D(y)]$. When $u \in X \cup Y, |D(z_t)| = 2$, let $g(u z_t) = \min[D(u) \cap D(z_t)]$; When $|D(z_t)| = 3$, we assume that $D(z_t) = \{a, b, c\}$ and $a < b < c$. Color edges $x_1 z_t, y_1 z_t$ and $x_2 z_t$ with a, b and c . When $u \in \{y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5\}, g(u z_t) = \min[D(u) \cap D(z_t)]$; When $|D(z_t)| = 4$, we assume that $D(z_t) = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $a < b < c < d$. Color edges $x_1 z_t, y_1 z_t, x_2 z_t$ and $y_2 z_t$ with a, b, c and d . When $u \in \{y_3, y_4, y_5\}, g(u z_t) = \min[D(u) \cap D(z_t)]$; When $|D(z_t)| = 5$, we assume that $D(z_t) = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ and $a < b < c < d < e$. Color edges $x_1 z_t, y_1 z_t, x_2 z_t, y_2 z_t$ and $y_3 z_t$ with a, b, c, d and e . When $u \in \{y_4, y_5\}, g(u z_t) = \min[D(u) \cap D(z_t)]$; When $|D(z_t)| = 6$, we assume that $D(z_t) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6\}$ and $a_1 < a_2 < a_3 < a_4 < a_5 < a_6$. Color edges $x_1 z_t, y_1 z_t, x_2 z_t, y_2 z_t, y_3 z_t$ and $y_4 z_t$ with a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5 and a_6 , let $g(y_5 z_t) = \min[D(y_5) \cap$

$D(z_l)$; When $|D(z_l)|=7$ or 8 , we assume that $D(z_l) = \{a_j | j=1,2,\dots,l\} (l=7 \text{ or } 8)$ and $a_1 < a_2 < a_3 < a_4 < a_5 < a_6 < a_7 (< a_8)$. Color edges $x_1z_l, y_1z_l, x_2z_l, y_2z_l, y_3z_l, y_4z_l$ and y_5z_l with $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6$ and a_7 .

It is not hard to see that $C(v)=D(v), \forall v \in V(K_{2,5,p})$. Therefore our coloring g is a vertex distinguishing general-total coloring.

MAIN RESULTS AND ITS PROOFS

Theorem 1: For any positive integer $p \geq 5$, we have:

$$\chi_{gvt}(K_{2,5,p}) = \begin{cases} 5, & \text{when } 5 \leq p \leq 18; \\ 6, & \text{when } 19 \leq p \leq 50; \\ 7, & \text{when } 51 \leq p \leq 114; \\ 8, & \text{when } 115 \leq p \leq 242; \\ 9, & \text{when } 243 \leq p \leq 498; \\ 10, & \text{when } 499 \leq p \leq 1006; \\ k, & \text{when } \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k-1}{i} - 6 < p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k}{i} - 6, k \geq 11 \end{cases}$$

Proof: From Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, we know that if $l \geq 11$ and $\sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k-1}{i} - 6 < p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{k}{i} - 6$, then the conclusion is true. Now we consider the other 6 cases.

Case 1: If $499 \leq p \leq 1006$, then $\chi_{gvt}(K_{2,5,p})=10$.

Assume that $K_{2,5,p}$ has a 9-GVDTC. From Claim 1 in Lemma 1, when $l=10$, we know that any 1-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,9\}$ cannot be the color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. From Claim 2 in Lemma 1, when $l=10$, we know that at least three 1-subsets of $\{1,2,\dots,9\}$ cannot be any color set of vertex in Z . So we can assume that $\{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$ cannot be the color sets of vertices in the graph. Because $\overline{C(x_i)}$ and $\overline{C(y_j)}$, $i=1,2, j=1,2,3,4,5$, the 7 subsets are different, and at least 3 of them are not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$. We can assume that $\overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ or $\overline{C(y_5)}$ are all not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$.

(i) When $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 3, j=3,4,5$, the available color sets of vertices in Z are the 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 8-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,9\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ and $\overline{C(y_5)}$ and at least 6 color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{9}{i} - 12 = 498$, a contradiction.

(ii) $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 4$ for $j \in \{3,4,5\}$. we know that 1-subset, 2-subset, 3-subset and 4-subset of $\overline{C(y_j)}$ cannot be the color set of any vertex in Z . So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{9}{i} - 15 = 496$, a contradiction.

A 10-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,p}$ can be obtained by 10-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,1006}$, which is limited by $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p\}$. Then we give a 10-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,1006}$. Put $D(x_1) = \{1,2,\dots,10\}$, $D(x_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{2\}$, $D(y_1) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1\}$, $D(y_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{3\}$, $D(y_3) = D(x_1) \setminus \{4\}$, $D(y_4) = D(x_1) \setminus \{5\}$, $D(y_5) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1,3\}$. Put 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 8-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,10\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1,3\}$, as the color sets of vertices in Z . By the second paragraph of Lemma 2, we could get the specific coloring method of $K_{2,5,1006}$.

Case 2: If $243 \leq p \leq 498$, then $\chi_{gvt}(K_{2,5,p})=9$.

Assume that $K_{2,5,p}$ has a 8-GVDTC. From Claim 1 in Lemma 1, when $l=9$, we know that any 1-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,8\}$ cannot be the color set of vertices in $X \cup Y$. From Claim 2 in Lemma 1, when $l=9$, we know that at least three 1-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,8\}$ cannot be a color set of vertex in Z . So we can assume that $\{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$ are not the color sets of vertices in the graph. Because $\overline{C(x_i)}$ and $\overline{C(y_j)}$, $i=1,2, j=1,2,3,4$,

5, the 7 subsets are different, and at least 3 of them are not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$. We can assume that $\overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ or $\overline{C(y_5)}$ are all not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$.

(i) When $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 3, j=3,4,5$, the available color set of vertices in Z are the 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 8-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,8\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ and $\overline{C(y_5)}$ and all color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{8}{i} - 13 = 242$, a contradiction.

(ii) $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 4$ for $j \in \{3,4,5\}$, we know that 1-subset, 2-subset, 3-subset and 4-subset of $\overline{C(y_j)}$ cannot be the color set of any vertex in Z . So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^8 \binom{8}{i} - 15 = 240$, a contradiction.

A 9-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,p}$ can be obtained by 9-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,498}$, which is limited by $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p\}$. Then we give a 9-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,498}$. Put $D(x_1) = \{1,2,\dots,9\}$, $D(x_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{2\}$, $D(y_1) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1\}$, $D(y_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{3\}$, $D(y_3) = D(x_1) \setminus \{4\}$, $D(y_4) = D(x_1) \setminus \{5\}$, $D(y_5) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1,3\}$. Put 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 8-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,9\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1,3\}$, as the color sets of vertices in Z . By the second paragraph of Lemma 2, we could get the specific coloring method of $K_{2,5,498}$.

Case 3: If $115 \leq p \leq 242$, then $\chi_{gvt}(K_{2,5,p}) = 8$.

Assume that $K_{2,5,p}$ has a 7-GVDTC g . From Claim 1 and Claim 2 in Lemma 1, when $l=8$, we can assume that $\{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$ are not the color sets of vertices in the graph. Because $\overline{C(x_i)}$ and $\overline{C(y_j)}, i=1,2, j=1,2,3,4,5$, the 7 subsets are different, and at least 3 of them are not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$. We can assume that $\overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ or $\overline{C(y_5)}$ are all not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$.

(i) When $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 3, j=3,4,5$, the available color set of vertices in Z are the 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 7-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,7\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ and $\overline{C(y_5)}$ and all color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^7 \binom{7}{i} - 13 = 114$, a contradiction.

(ii) $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 4$ for $j \in \{3,4,5\}$, we know that 1-subset, 2-subset, 3-subset and 4-subset of $\overline{C(y_j)}$ can not be the color set of any vertex in Z . So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^7 \binom{7}{i} - 15 = 112$, a contradiction.

A 8-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,p}$ can be obtained by 8-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,242}$, which is limited by $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p\}$. Then we give a 8-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,242}$. Put $D(x_1) = \{1,2,\dots,8\}$, $D(x_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{2\}$, $D(y_1) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1\}$, $D(y_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{3\}$, $D(y_3) = D(x_1) \setminus \{4\}$, $D(y_4) = D(x_1) \setminus \{5\}$, $D(y_5) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1,3\}$. Put 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 8-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,8\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1,3\}$, as the color sets of vertices in Z . By the second paragraph of Lemma 2, we could get the specific coloring method of $K_{2,5,242}$.

Case 4: If $51 \leq p \leq 114$, then $\chi_{gvt}(K_{2,5,p}) = 7$.

Assume that $K_{2,5,p}$ has a 6-GVDTC g . From Claim 1 and Claim 2 in Lemma 1, when $l=7$, we can assume that $\{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$ are not the color sets of vertices in the graph. Because $\overline{C(x_i)}$ and $\overline{C(y_j)}, i=1,2, j=1,2,3,4,5$, the 7 subsets are different, and at least 3 of them are not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$. We can assume that $\overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ or $\overline{C(y_5)}$ are all not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$.

(i) When $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 3, j=3,4,5$, the available color sets of vertices in Z are the 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 6-subset of $\{1,2,\dots,6\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ and $\overline{C(y_5)}$ and all color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^6 \binom{6}{i} - 13 = 50$, a contradiction.

(ii) $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 4$ for $j \in \{3,4,5\}$.we know that 1-subset,2-subset,3-subset and 4-subset of $\overline{C(y_j)}$ cannot be the color set of any vertex in Z . So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^6 \binom{6}{i} - 15 = 48$, a contradiction.

A 7-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,p}$ can be obtained by 7-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,114}$, which is limited by $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p\}$. Then we give a 7-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,114}$. Put $D(x_1) = \{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$, $D(x_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{2\}$, $D(y_1) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1\}$, $D(y_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{3\}$, $D(y_3) = D(x_1) \setminus$

$\{4\}$, $D(y_4) = D(x_1) \setminus \{5\}$, $D(y_5) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1, 3\}$. Put 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 7-subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1, 3\}$, as the color sets of vertices in Z . By the second paragraph of Lemma 2, we could get the specific coloring method of $K_{2,5,114}$.

Case 5: If $19 \leq p \leq 50$, then $\chi_{gvt}(K_{2,5,p}) = 6$.

Assume that $K_{2,5,p}$ has a 5-GVDTC g . From Claim 1 and Claim 2 in Lemma 1, when $l=6$, we can assume that $\{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$ are not the color sets of vertices in the graph. Because $\overline{C(x_i)}$ and $\overline{C(y_j)}$, $i=1, 2, j=1, 2, 3, 4, 5$, the 7 subsets are different, and at least 3 of them are not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$. We can assume that $\overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ or $\overline{C(y_5)}$ are all not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$.

(i) When $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 3, j=3, 4, 5$, the available color sets of vertices in Z are the 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 5-subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, 5\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ and $\overline{C(y_5)}$ and all color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^5 \binom{5}{i} - 13 = 18$, a contradiction.

(ii) $|\overline{C(y_j)}| \leq 4$ for $j \in \{3,4,5\}$.we know that 1-subset,2-subset,3-subset and 4-subset of $\overline{C(y_j)}$ cannot be the color set of any vertex in Z . So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^5 \binom{5}{i} - 15 = 16$, a contradiction.

A 6-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,p}$ can be obtained by 6-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,50}$, which is limited by $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p\}$. Then we give a 6-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,50}$. Put $D(x_1) = \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$, $D(x_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{2\}$, $D(y_1) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1\}$, $D(y_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{3\}$, $D(y_3) = D(x_1) \setminus \{4\}$, $D(y_4) = D(x_1) \setminus \{5\}$, $D(y_5) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1, 3\}$. Put 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 6-subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1, 3\}$, as the color sets of vertices in Z . By the second paragraph of Lemma 2, we could get the specific coloring method of $K_{2,5,50}$.

Case 6: If $5 \leq p \leq 18$, then $\chi_{gvt}(K_{2,5,p}) = 5$.

Assume that $K_{2,5,p}$ has a 5-GVDTC g .

Claim 3: Any 1-subset of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ cannot be the color sets of vertices in X .

Otherwise, we can assume that $g(x_1) = \{1\}$, then any vertex in $Y \cup Z$ contains color "1". There are only 8 subsets which contain color "1", so they cannot distinguish at least 11 vertices in $Y \cup Z \cup \{x_1\}$, a contradiction.

Claim 4: There are at least three 1-subsets of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, which cannot be the color sets of vertices in Z .

Otherwise, we can assume that only $\{1\}$ or $\{2\}$ are not the color sets of vertices in Z . $C(x_i) \cap C(y_j) \supseteq \{3, 4\}$, so the color sets which can be assigned are: $\{3, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}$ and $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. That 4 sets can not distinguish the 7 vertices in $X \cup Y$. This is a contradiction.

Claim 5: When $p \geq 6$, any 1-subset of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ can not be the color sets of vertices in Y .

Otherwise, we could assume $g(y_1) = \{1\}$, then any vertex in $X \cup Z$ must contain color "1". There are only 8 subsets which contain color "1", so they can not distinguish at least 9 vertices in $X \cup Z \cup \{y_1\}$, a contradiction.

The following are discussed in two cases:

(i) When $p \geq 6$,

From Claim 2, we can assume $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$ can not be the color sets of vertices in Z . Because $\overline{C(x_i)}$ and $\overline{C(y_j)}$, $i=1,2, j=1,2,3,4,5$, the 7 subsets are different, and at least 3 of them are not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}$ or $\{3\}$. We can assume that $\overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}$ or $\overline{C(y_5)}$ are all not $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}$. Then the available color sets of vertices in Z are the 1-subset, 2-subset, 3-subset, 4-subset of $\{1,2,3,4\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \overline{C(y_3)}, \overline{C(y_4)}, \overline{C(y_5)}$ and all color sets of vertices in $X \cup Y$. So $p \leq \sum_{i=1}^4 \binom{4}{i} - 13 = 2$, a contradiction.

(ii) When $p=5$,

$\{1,2,3,4\}$ has 15 subsets, they could be the color sets of vertices in $K_{2,5,5}$. There are 14 subsets except for $\{1,2,3,4\}$, which are complementary to each other. So there are 7 pairs of sets which are complementary to each other. The color sets in X and Y , Y and Z , Z and X must not complement each other. We consider if there are two vertices complementing to each other in X , then any 1-subset cannot be the color sets of vertices in Z . $p+7 \leq \sum_{i=1}^4 \binom{4}{i} - 4$, $p \leq 4$, a contradiction. Similarly, the color sets of any two vertices in Y or Z cannot complement each other. So there are only 7 subsets which could be the color sets of vertices in $K_{2,5,5}$, a contradiction.

A 5-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,p}$ can be obtained by 5-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,18}$, which is limited by $\{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_5, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_p\}$. Then we give a 5-GVDTC of $K_{2,5,18}$. Put $D(x_1) = \{1, 2, \dots, 5\}$, $D(x_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{2\}$, $D(y_1) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1\}$, $D(y_2) = D(x_1) \setminus \{3\}$, $D(y_3) = D(x_1) \setminus \{4\}$, $D(y_4) = D(x_1) \setminus \{5\}$, $D(y_5) = D(x_1) \setminus \{1, 3\}$. Put 1-subset, 2-subset, ..., 5-subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, 5\}$, except for $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}, \{1, 3\}$, as the color sets of vertices in Z . By the second paragraph of Lemma 2, we could get the specific coloring method of $K_{2,5,18}$.

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