

**CHROMATIC EQUIVALENCE OF A FAMILY OF
 K_4 -HOMEOMORPHS WITH GIRTH 9**

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Abstract: For a graph G , let $P(G, \lambda)$ denote the chromatic polynomial of G . Two graphs G and H are chromatically equivalent (or simply χ -equivalent), denoted by $G \sim H$, if $P(G, \lambda) = P(H, \lambda)$. A graph G is chromatically unique (or simply χ -unique) if for any graph H such as $H \sim G$, we have $H \cong G$, i.e, H is isomorphic to G . A K_4 -homeomorph is a subdivision of the complete graph K_4 . In this paper, we determine when two K_4 -homeomorphs of the form $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$ and $K_4(1, 2, 6, d', e', f')$ are chromatically equivalent. The result obtained can be extended in the study of chromatic equivalence classes of $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$ and chromatic uniqueness of K_4 -homeomorphs with girth 9.

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1. Introduction

All graphs considered here are simple graphs. For such a graph G , let $P(G, \lambda)$ denote the chromatic polynomial of G . Two graphs G and H are chromatically equivalent (or simply χ -equivalent), denoted by $G \sim H$, if $P(G, \lambda) = P(H, \lambda)$.

A graph G is chromatically unique (or simply χ -unique) if for any graph H such as $H \sim G$, we have $H \cong G$, i.e, H is isomorphic to G .

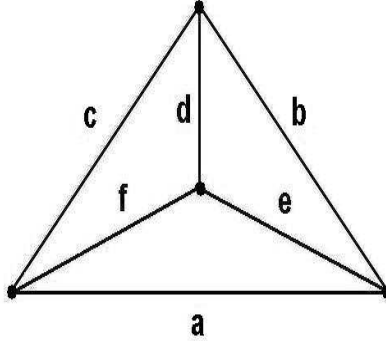


Figure 1: $K_4(a, b, c, d, e, f)$

A K_4 -homeomorph is a subdivision of the complete graph K_4 . Such a homeomorph is denoted by $K_4(a, b, c, d, e, f)$ if the six edges of K_4 are replaced by the six paths of length a, b, c, d, e, f , respectively, as shown in Figure 1. So far, the chromaticity of K_4 -homeomorphs with girth g , where $3 \leq g \leq 7$ has been studied by many authors (see [2,6,7,8]). Recently, Zhao et al. [9] studied the chromaticity of one family of K_4 -homeomorphs with girth 8, i.e., $K_4(2, 3, 3, d, e, f)$. In [10], Shi has solved completely the chromaticity of K_4 -homeomorphs with girth 8. When referring to the chromaticity of K_4 -homeomorphs with girth 9, we know that ten types of K_4 -homeomorphs need to be solved, i.e.,

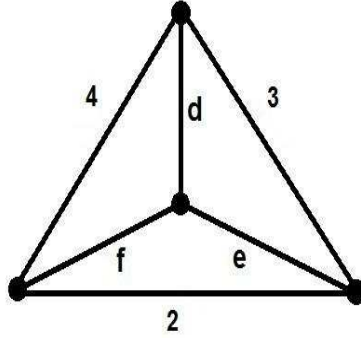
$$K_4(1, 2, 6, d, e, f), K_4(1, 3, 5, d, e, f), K_4(1, 4, 4, d, e, f), K_4(2, 2, 5, d, e, f),$$

$$K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f), K_4(1, 2, c, 2, e, 4), K_4(1, 2, c, 4, e, 2), K_4(1, 2, c, 3, e, 3),$$

$$K_4(1, 3, c, 2, e, 3) \text{ and } K_4(2, 2, c, 2, e, 3).$$

In this paper, we consider one family of K_4 -homeomorphs with girth 9, i.e., $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$.

Hasni et al. [3,4] characterized chromatically equivalence pairs of K_4 -homeomorphs, $K_4(1, 3, 5, d, e, f)$ with $K_4(1, 3, 5, d', e', f')$; and $K_4(1, 4, 4, d, e, f)$

Figure 2: $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$

with $K_4(1, 4, 4, d', e', f')$. In this paper, we shall discuss a chromatically equivalence pair of K_4 -homeomorphs, $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$ (as shown in Figure 2) and $K_4(1, 2, 6, d', e', f')$. Our main aim is to provide a result which can be extended to the study of the chromatic equivalence classes of $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$. Such results are an indispensable tool in the study of the chromatic uniqueness of K_4 -homeomorphs with girth 9.

2. Preliminary Results

In this section, we give some known results used in the sequel.

Lemma 2.1. *Assume that G and H are χ -equivalent. Then*

- (1) $|V(G)| = |V(H)|$, $|E(G)| = |E(H)|$ (see [5]);
- (2) G and H has the same girth and same number of cycles with length equal to their girth (see [12]);
- (3) If G is a K_4 -homeomorph, then H must itself be a K_4 -homeomorph (see [1]);
- (4) Let $G = K_4(a, b, c, d, e, f)$ and $H = K_4(a', b', c', d', e', f')$, then

- (i) $\min(a, b, c, d, e, f) = \min(a', b', c', d', e', f')$ and the number of times that this minimum occurs in the list $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ is equal to the number of times that this minimum occurs in the list $\{a', b', c', d', e', f'\}$ (see[11]);
- (ii) if $\{a, b, c, d, e, f\} = \{a', b', c', d', e', f'\}$ as multisets, then $H \cong G$ (see [6]).

Theorem 2.1. (Hasni et al. [3]) Let $K_4(1, 3, 5, d, e, f)$ and $K_4(1, 3, 5, d', e', f')$ be chromatically equivalent, then

$$\begin{aligned} K_4(1, 3, 5, i, i + 6, i + 1) &\sim K_4(1, 3, 5, i + 2, i, i + 5), \\ K_4(1, 3, 5, i, i + 1, i + 4) &\sim K_4(1, 3, 5, i + 2, i + 3, i). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.2. (Hasni et al. [4]) Let $K_4(1, 4, 4, d, e, f)$ and $K_4(1, 4, 4, d', e', f')$ be chromatically equivalent, then

$$K_4(1, 4, 4, i, i + 1, i + 5) \sim K_4(1, 4, 4, i + 2, i, i + 4).$$

Theorem 2.3. (Zhao et al. [9]) K_4 -homeomorph $K_4(2, 3, 3, d, e, f)$ with girth 8 is not χ -unique if and only if it is isomorphic to $K_4(2, 3, 3, 1, 6, \delta)$ ($\delta \geq 6$), $K_4(2, 3, 3, 1, \beta, \beta + 2)$ ($\beta \geq 4$), or $K_4(2, 3, 3, 1, 5, 6)$.

3. Main Results

In this section, we present our main result.

Theorem 3.1. If G is in the type of $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$, and H is in the type of $K_4(1, 2, 6, d', e', f')$, then $G \sim H$ if G is isomorphic to $K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 7, f)$, $K_4(2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 6)$, $K_4(2, 3, 4, 7, 1, 5)$ or $K_4(2, 3, 4, 4, 1, 6)$, or $K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 7, 6)$, or $K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 8)$, where $f \geq 7$.

Proof. Let G and H be two graphs such that $G \cong K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$ and $H \cong K_4(1, 2, 6, d', e', f')$. Since the girth of G is 9, there is at most 1 among d, e and f .

Let

$$Q(K_4(a, b, c, d, e, f)) = -(s + 1)(s^a + s^b + s^c + s^d + s^e + s^f) + s^{a+d} + s^{b+f} +$$

$$s^{c+e} + s^{a+b+e} + s^{b+d+c} + s^{a+c+f} + s^{d+e+f}.$$

Let $s = 1 - \lambda$ and x is the number of edges in G . From [11], we have the chromatic polynomial of K_4 -homeomorphs $K_4(a, b, c, d, e, f)$ is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P(K_4(a, b, c, d, e, f)) \\ = (-1)^{x-1} \frac{s}{(s-1)^2} \left[(s^2 + 3s + 2) + Q(K_4(a, b, c, d, e, f)) - s^{x-1} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $P(G) = P(H)$ if and only if $Q(G) = Q(H)$. We solve the equation $Q(G) = Q(H)$ to get all solutions. Let the lowest remaining power and the highest remaining power be denoted by l.r.p. and h.r.p., respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} Q(G) &= -(s+1)(s^2 + s^3 + s^4 + s^d + s^e + s^f) + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + \\ &\quad s^{4+e} + s^{5+e} + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f} + s^{d+e+f}. \\ Q(H) &= -(s+1)(s + s^2 + s^6 + s^{d'} + s^{e'} + s^{f'}) + s^{1+d'} + s^{2+f'} + \\ &\quad s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + s^{8+d'} + s^{7+f'} + s^{d'+e'+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

We can assume $e \leq f$. Since $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$ has exactly 1 path of length 1 and $e \leq f$, we have $\min \{d, e, f\} = \{d, e\} = 1$. From Lemma 2.1 (1),

$$d + e + f = d' + e' + f' \quad (1)$$

There are two cases to be considered.

Case 1. $\min \{d, e\} = d = 1$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1(G) &= -2s^4 - s^5 - s^{e+1} - s^{f+1} - s^e - s^f + s^{3+f} + s^{4+e} + s^{5+e} + s^8 + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_1(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{d'} - s^{e'} - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + \\ &\quad s^{8+d'} + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

After comparing the h.r.p in $Q_1(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_1(H)$, we have the h.r.p in $Q_1(G)$ is $6 + f$. Considering the h.r.p in $Q_1(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_1(H)$, we know that there are three cases to be considered.

Case 1.1 $\max \{6 + e', 8 + d', 7 + f'\} = 6 + e' = 6 + f$. So $e' = f$. From $Q_1(G)$ and $Q_1(H)$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2(G) &= -2s^4 - s^5 - s^{e+1} - s^e + s^{4+e} + s^{5+e} + s^8, \\ Q_2(H) &= -s^7 - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{d'} - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^{8+d'} + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the $-2s^4$ in $Q_2(G)$. Since $-2s^4$ cannot be cancelled by the terms in $Q_2(G)$, there are two terms in $Q_2(H)$ which are equal to $-s^4$. So $f'+1 = d = 4$ or $f' = d' = 4$.

If $f'+1 = d' = 4$, from Equa (1), we get $e = 6$. So $Q_2(G) \neq Q_2(H)$, a contradiction.

If $f' = d' = 4$, from Equa (1), we get $e = 7$. In this case, we obtain a solution where G is isomorphic to $K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 7, f)$ and H isomorphic to $K_4(1, 2, 6, 4, f, 4)$, i.e., $K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 7, f) \sim K_4(1, 2, 6, 4, f, 4)$.

Case 1.2 $\max\{6+e', 8+d', 7+f'\} = 7+f' = 6+f$. So $1+f' = f$. From $Q_1(G)$ and $Q_1(H)$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3(G) &= -2s^4 - s^5 - s^{e+1} - s^{f+1} - s^e + s^{3+f} + s^{4+e} + s^{5+e} + s^8, \\ Q_3(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^6 - s^{d'} - s^{e'} - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + s^{8+d'}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume $6+e' < 6+f = 7+f'$ since $6+e' = 6+f$ has been discussed in Case 1.1. As the term $8+d' \leq 7+f'$, the term $s^{2+f'}$ cannot be cancelled by any negative terms in $Q_3(H)$, then none of the terms in $Q_3(H)$ are equal to the term $-s^{f+1}$ in $Q_3(G)$ by noting $f+1 = f'+2$. Therefore, $2s^{2+f'}$ (or $-2s^{f+1}$) $\in Q_3(G)$. We also get $4+e = 8 = 2+f'$. Thus, $e = 4$, $f' = 6$ and $f = 7$. Then $-3s^4 \in Q_3(G)$, but $-3s^4 \notin Q_3(G)$, a contradiction.

Case 1.3 $\max\{6+e', 8+d', 7+f'\} = 8+d' = 6+f$. After discussing the case $6+e' = 6+f$ in Case 1.1, then we suppose that $6+e' < 6+f$. From $Q_1(G)$ and $Q_1(H)$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_4(G) &= -2s^4 - s^5 - s^{e+1} - s^{f+1} - s^e - s^f + s^{3+f} + s^{4+e} + s^{5+e} + s^8, \\ Q_4(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{d'} - s^{e'} - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the l.r.p in $Q_4(G)$ and the l.r.p in $Q_4(H)$, we have $d' = e' = 4$ or $d' = f' = 4$ or $e' = f' = 4$.

Case 1.3.1 If $d' = e' = 4$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_5(G) &= -s^{e+1} - s^{f+1} - s^e - s^f + s^{3+f} + s^{4+e} + s^{5+e} + s^8, \\ Q_5(H) &= -s^7 - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^{10} + s^7 + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the h.r.p in $Q_5(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_5(H)$, we have $7+f' = 3+f$ or $7+f' = 5+e$.

If $7+f' = 3+f$, from Equa (1), we get $e = 3$. Then $Q_5(G) \neq Q_5(H)$, a contradiction.

If $7+f' = 5+e$, from Equa (1), we get $f = 5$. Then $Q_5(G) \neq Q_5(H)$, a contradiction.

Case 1.3.2 If $d' = f' = 4$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_6(G) &= -s^{e+1} - s^{f+1} - s^e - s^f + s^{3+f} + s^{4+e} + s^{5+e} + s^8, \\ Q_6(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^{e'} + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + s^{11}. \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the h.r.p in $Q_6(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_6(H)$, we have $6+e' = 3+f$ or $6+e' = 5+e$.

If $6+e' = 3+f$, from Equa (1), we get $e = 4$. Then $Q_6(G) \neq Q_6(H)$, a contradiction.

If $6+e' = 5+e$, from Equa (1), we get $f = 6$. Then $e' = 6$ and $e = 7$. So we obtain a solution where $G \cong K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 7, 6)$ and $H \cong K_4(1, 2, 6, 4, 6, 4)$.

Case 1.3.3 If $e' = f' = 4$, from Equa (1), we get $e = 5$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_7(G) = -s^{f+1} - s^f + s^{3+f} + s^9 + s^8, \quad Q_7(H) = -s^{d'} + s^6 + s^{11}.$$

It is clear that $d' = 6$ and $f = 8$. So we obtain a solution where $G \cong K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 8)$ and $H \cong K_4(1, 2, 6, 6, 4, 4)$.

Case 2. $\min \{d, e\} = e = 1$. Since $d+e \geq 6$, $e+f \geq 7$, we have $d \geq 5$ and $f \geq 6$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_8(G) &= -s^3 - 2s^4 - s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^6 + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_8(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{d'} - s^{e'} - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + \\ & s^{8+d'} + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the l.r.p in $Q_8(G)$ and the l.r.p in $Q_8(H)$, we have $\min \{d', e', f'\} = 3$.

Case 2.1 $d' = 3$. From $Q_8(G)$ and $Q_8(H)$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_9(G) &= -2s^4 - s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^6 + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_9(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{e'} - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + s^{11} + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the $-2s^4$ in $Q_9(G)$. Since $Q_9(G) = Q_9(H)$, there are two terms in $Q_9(H)$ which are equal to $-s^4$. So we have $e' = f' = 4$ or $e' = f' + 1 = 4$ or $f' = e' + 1 = 4$.

If $e' = f' = 4$, then we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{10}(G) &= -s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{10}(H) &= -s^7 - s^5 - s^5 - s^6 + s^{10} + s^7 + s^{11} + s^{11}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the h.r.p in $Q_{10}(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_{10}(H)$. If $7 + d = 11$, then $d = 4$ which contradicts $d \geq 5$. If $6 + f = 11$, then $f = 5$ which contradicts $f \geq 6$.

If $e' = f' + 1 = 4$, then we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11}(G) &= -s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^6 + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{11}(H) &= -s^7 - s^5 - s^6 - s^3 + s^5 + s^{10} + s^7 + s^{11} + s^{10}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that $d \geq 5$. Then $-s^3 \in Q_{11}(H)$ but not in $Q_{11}(G)$, a contradiction.

If $f' = e' + 1 = 4$, then we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{12}(G) &= -s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^6 + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{12}(H) &= -s^7 - s^5 - s^3 - s^3 + s^9 + s^6 + s^{11} + s^{11}. \end{aligned}$$

Then $-2s^3 \in Q_{12}(H)$ but not in $Q_{12}(G)$, a contradiction.

Case 2.2 $e' = 3$. From $Q_8(G)$ and $Q_8(H)$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{13}(G) &= -s^4 - s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{13}(H) &= -s^7 - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{d'} - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^9 + s^{8+d'} + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the l.r.p in $Q_{13}(G)$ and the l.r.p in $Q_{13}(H)$. So we have $d' = 4$ or $f' = 4$.

Case 2.2.1 $d' = 4$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{14}(G) &= -s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{14}(H) &= -s^7 - s^{f'+1} - s^6 - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^9 + s^{12} + s^{7+f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the h.r.p in $Q_{14}(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_{14}(H)$. So we have $7 + f' = 7 + d$ or $7 + f' = 6 + f$.

If $7 + f' = 7 + d$, from Equa (1), we get $f = 6$. We have $Q_{14}(G) = Q_{14}(H)$. Thus, $G \cong H$.

If $7 + f' = 6 + f$, from Equa (1), we get $d = 5$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_{15}(G) = -s^5 + s^7 + s^{3+f}, \quad Q_{15}(H) = -s^7 - s^{f'} + s^{2+f'} + s^9.$$

It is easy to see that $f' = 5$ and $f = 6$. Thus we obtain a solution where G is isomorphic to $K_4(2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 6)$ and H is isomorphic to $K_4(1, 2, 6, 4, 3, 5)$.

Case 2.2.2 $f' = 4$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{16}(G) &= -s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{16}(H) &= -s^7 - s^5 - s^{d'} + s^9 + s^{8+d'} + s^{11}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the h.r.p in $Q_{16}(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_{16}(H)$. So we have $8 + d' = 7 + d$ or $8 + d' = 6 + f$.

If $8 + d' = 7 + d$, from Equa (1), we get $f = 5$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_{17}(G) = -s^{d+1} - s^6 - s^d + s^{2+d} + s^8, \quad Q_{17}(H) = -s^7 - s^{d'} + s^9.$$

It is easy to see that $d' = 6$ and $d = 7$. Thus we obtain a solution where G is isomorphic to $K_4(2, 3, 4, 7, 1, 5)$ and H is isomorphic to $K_4(1, 2, 6, 6, 3, 4)$.

If $8 + d' = 6 + f$, from Equa (1), we get $d = 4$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_{18}(G) = -s^{f+1} - s^4 - s^f + s^6 + s^{3+f} + s^{6+f}, \quad Q_{18}(H) = -s^7 - s^{d'} + s^9 + s^{12}.$$

It is easy to see that $d' = 4$ and $f = 6$. Thus we obtain $G \cong H$.

Case 2.3 $f' = 3$. From $Q_8(G)$ and $Q_8(H)$, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{19}(G) &= -s^4 - s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^6 + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{19}(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^6 - s^{d'} - s^{e'} + s^5 + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + s^{8+d'} + s^{11}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the l.r.p in $Q_{19}(G)$ and the l.r.p in $Q_{19}(H)$. So we have $d' = 4$ or $e' = 4$.

Case 2.3.1 $d' = 4$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{20}(G) &= -s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^6 + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{20}(H) &= -s^7 - s^{e'+1} - s^6 - s^{e'} + s^5 + s^{6+e'} + s^{3+e'} + s^{12} + s^{10}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the h.r.p in $Q_{20}(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_{20}(H)$. We obtain $7 + d = 6 + e'$ or $6 + f = 6 + e'$.

If $6 + f = 6 + e'$, from Equa (1), we get $d = 6$. Then $Q_{20}(G) \neq Q_{20}(H)$, a contradiction.

If $7 + d = 6 + e'$, from Equa (1), we get $7 = 6$. Then $Q_{20}(G) \neq Q_{20}(H)$, a contradiction.

Case 2.3.2 $e' = 4$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{21}(G) &= -s^{d+1} - s^{f+1} - s^d - s^f + s^{2+d} + s^{3+f} + s^6 + s^{7+d} + s^{6+f}, \\ Q_{21}(H) &= -s^6 - s^{d'} + s^{10} + s^{8+d'} + s^{10}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the h.r.p in $Q_{21}(G)$ and the h.r.p in $Q_{21}(H)$. We obtain $7 + d = 8 + d'$ or $6 + f = 8 + d'$.

If $7 + d = 8 + d'$, from Equa (1), we get $f = 5$. Then $Q_{21}(G) \neq Q_{21}(H)$, a contradiction.

If $6 + f = 8 + d'$, from Equa (1), we get $d = 4$. Then $Q_{21}(G) \neq Q_{21}(H)$, a contradiction.

So far, we have solved the equation $Q(G) = Q(H)$ and obtained the solutions as follows:

$$K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 7, a) \sim K_4(1, 2, 6, 4, a, 4),$$

$$K_4(2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 6) \sim K_4(1, 2, 6, 4, 3, 5),$$

$$K_4(2, 3, 4, 7, 1, 5) \sim K_4(1, 2, 6, 6, 3, 4),$$

$$K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 7, 6) \sim K_4(1, 2, 6, 4, 6, 4),$$

$$K_4(2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 8) \sim K_4(1, 2, 6, 6, 4, 4),$$

where $a \geq 4$.

The proof is completed. □

We close the paper with the following open problems.

Problem 1. Study the chromatic equivalence of the graph G is in the type of $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$ and H is in the type of the following graphs:

$$K_4(1, 3, 5, d, e, f), K_4(1, 4, 4, d, e, f), K_4(2, 2, 5, d, e, f), K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f),$$

$$K_4(1, 2, c, 2, e, 4), K_4(1, 2, c, 4, e, 2), K_4(1, 2, c, 3, e, 3), K_4(1, 3, c, 2, e, 3)$$

and $K_4(2, 2, c, 2, e, 3)$.

Problem 2. Study the chromatic uniqueness of the graph $K_4(2, 3, 4, d, e, f)$, where $d + e \geq 6$, $d + f \geq 5$ and $e + f \geq 7$.

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