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Chromatically unique 6-bridge graph $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$

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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 if they share the same chromatic polynomial. A graph G is chromatically unique if for any graph chromatically equivalent to G is isomorphic to G. In this paper, the chromatically unique of a new family of 6-bridge graph $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$ where $2 \le a \le b \le c$ is investigated.

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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, l) = P(H, l). 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.

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The chromaticity of a graph G refers to questions about the chromatic equivalence class or chromatic uniqueness of G. For terminologies and notations which are not explained here, the reader is referred to [6, 20].

Let k be an integer with $k \ge 2$ and let a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k be positive integers with $a_i + a_j \ge 3$ for all i, j and $1 \le i \le j \le k$. Let $\theta(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$ denote the graph obtained by connecting two distinct vertices with k independent (internally disjoint) paths of length a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k , respectively. The graph $\theta(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$ is called a multi-bridge (more specifically k-bridge) graph.

Given positive integers a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k , where $k \ge 2$, what is the necessary and sufficient condition on a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k for $\theta(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$ to be chromatically unique? Many papers [4, 5, 14, 15] have been published on this problem, but it is still far from being completely solved.

For two non-empty graphs G and H, an *edge-gluing* of G and H is a graph obtained from G and H by identifying one edge of G with one edge of H. For example, the graph $K_4 - e$ (obtained from K_4 by deleting one edge) is an edge-gluing of K_3 and K_3 . There are many edge-gluings of G and H. Let $g_e(G, H)$ denote the family of all edge-gluings of G and H. Zykov [25] showed that any member of $g_e(G, H)$ has chromatic polynomial

$$\frac{P(G,\lambda)P(H,\lambda)}{(\lambda(\lambda-1))} \tag{1}$$

Thus any two members in $g_e(G, H)$ are χ -equivalent.

For any integer $k \ge 2$ and non-empty graphs G_0, G_1, \dots, G_k , we can recursively define

$$g_e(G_0, G_1, \cdots, G_k) = \bigcup_{0 \le i \le k} g_e(G_i, G')$$
(2)

where $G' \in g_e(G_0, \dots, G_{i-1}, G_{i+1}, \dots, G_k)$.

Each graph in $g_e(G_0, G_1, \dots, G_k)$ is also called an *edge-gluing* of G_0, G_1, \dots, G_k . By (1), any two graphs in $g_e(G_0, G_1, \dots, G_k)$ are χ -equivalent.

Let C_p denote the cycle of order p. It was shown independently in [19] and [21] that if G is χ -equivalent to a graph in $g_e(C_{i_0}, C_{i_1}, \dots, C_{i_k})$, then $G \in g_e(C_{i_0}, C_{i_1}, \dots, C_{i_k})$. In other words, this family is a χ -equivalence class.

A 2-bridge graph is simply a cycle graph, which is χ -unique. Chao and Whitehead Jr. [2] showed that every 3-bridge graph $\theta(1, a_2, a_3)$ (or a theta graph) is χ -unique. Loerinc [18] extended the above result to all 3-bridge graphs by showing that all 3-bridge graphs (or generalized θ -graph) are χ -unique. Assume therefore that $k \ge 4$. It is clear that if $a_i = 1$ for some i say i = 1, then $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$ is a member of $g_e(C_{a_2+1}, C_{a_3+1}, \dots, C_{a_k+1})$ and thus $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$ is not χ -unique. Assume therefore that $a_i \ge 2$ for all i. For k = 4, Chen et al. [3] found that $\theta(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ may not be χ -unique.

Theorem 1.1. (*Chen et al.* [3]) (a) Let a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 be integers with $2 \le a_1 \le a_2 \le a_3 \le a_k$. Then $\theta(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ is χ -unique if and only if $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \ne (2, b, b + 1, b + 2)$ for any integer $b \ge 2$.

(b) The χ -equivalence class of $\theta(2, b, b+1, b+2)$ is

$$\{\theta(2, b, b+1, b+2)\} \cup g_e(\theta(3, b, b+1), C_{b+2}).$$

Thus the problem of the chromaticity of $\theta(a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_k)$ has been completely settled for $k \leq 4$.

The results on the chromaticity of some families of 5-bridge graphs have been obtained by Bao and Chen [1], Li and Wei [17], Li [16], Khalaf [7], Khalaf and Peng [8], Khalaf et al. [13]. Ye [23, 24] proved that $\theta(2, 2, 2, 2, a, b)$ where $3 \le a + 1 \le b$ and $\theta(2, 2, \ldots, 2, a, b)$ where $3 \le a \le b$ and $k \ge 5$ are χ -unique, respectively. Khalaf and Peng [9] also proved that $\theta(a, a, \ldots, a, b)$ for $a \le b$ is χ -unique. The study on the chromaticity of 6-bridge graphs, $\theta(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6)$ where $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6$ assume exactly two distinct values and $\theta(3, 3, 3, 3, b, c)$ was done by Khalaf and Peng [10, 12]. Later on, Khalaf and Peng in [7, 11] solved the chromaticity of two types of 6bridge graph $\theta(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6)$ where $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6$ assume exactly three distinct values, that is, the graphs $\theta(a, a, a, b, c, c)$ and $\theta(a, a, a, a, b, c)$, respectively. The aim of this paper is to investigate the chromaticity of another type of such graphs, that is, 6-bridge graphs $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$ (see Figure 1).



Figure 1. $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$

2. Preliminary Results and Notations

In this section, we cite some results to be used in this paper. The following result is due to Xu et al. [22].

Lemma 2.1. For $k \ge 4$, $\theta(a_1, a_2, ..., a_k)$ is χ -unique if $k - 1 \le a_1 \le a_2 \le ... \le a_k$.

Li and Wei [17] established that the 5-bridge graph $\theta(2, 2, 2, a, b)$ is χ -unique if and only if $(a, b) \neq (3, 4)$. Ye [23] extended the above result to any k-bridge graph $\theta(2, 2, ..., 2, a, b)$ with $b \ge a \ge 3$ and $k \ge 5$. For each positive integer h, the graph G(h) is obtained from G by replacing each edge of G by a path of length h, respectively and is called the h-uniform subdivision of G. Xu et al. [21] showed that any h-uniform subdivision of θ_k denoted as $\theta_k(h)$, is χ -unique, as stated in the following theorem.

Lemma 2.2. (*Xu et al.* [21]) For $k \ge 2$, the graph $\theta_k(h)$ is χ -unique.

Dong et al. [5] proved the following result.

Lemma 2.3. (Dong et al. [5]) If $2 \le a_1 \le a_2 \le ... \le a_k < a_1 + a_2$ where $k \ge 3$, then the graph $\theta(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$ is χ -unique.

Let $k, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in N$, where N is natural number set and $G = \theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$. Then (see [4])

$$P(G,\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda^{k-1}(\lambda-1)^{k-1}} \prod_{i=1}^{k} \left((\lambda-1)^{a_i+1} + (-1)^{a_i+1}(\lambda-1) \right) \\ + \frac{1}{\lambda^{k-1}} \prod_{i=1}^{k} \left((\lambda-1)^{a_i} + (-1)^{a_i}(\lambda-1) \right)$$

Let $\lambda = 1 - x$, then

$$P(G, 1-x) = \frac{(-1)^{a_1+a_2+\dots+a_k+1}}{(1-x)^{k-1}} \left(x \prod_{i=1}^k (x^{a_i}-1) - \prod_{i=1}^k (x^{a_i}-x)\right)$$
$$= \frac{(-1)^{e(G)+1}}{(1-x)^{e(G)-v(G)+1}} \left(x \prod_{i=1}^k (x^{a_i}-1) - \prod_{i=1}^k (x^{a_i}-x)\right)$$

where $e(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i$ and $v(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i - k + 2$. Also define Q(G, x) for any graph G and real number x as:

$$Q(G, x) = (-1)^{e(G)+1}(1-x)^{e(G)-v(G)+1}P(G, 1-x).$$

Then we have

Lemma 2.4. (Dong et al. [5]) For any $k, a_1, a_2, ..., a_k \in N$,

$$Q(\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k), x) = x \prod_{i=1}^k (x^{a_i} - 1) - \prod_{i=1}^k (x^{a_i} - x).$$

Lemma 2.5. (Dong et al. [5]) For any graphs G and H,

- 1. If $H \sim G$, then Q(H, x) = Q(G, x),
- 2. If Q(H, x) = Q(G, x) and v(H) = v(G), then $H \sim G$.

Lemma 2.6. (Dong et al. [5]) Suppose that $\theta(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k) \sim \theta(b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_k)$ where $k \geq 3$, $2 \le a_1 \le a_2 \le \ldots \le a_k$ and $2 \le b_1 \le b_2 \le \ldots \le b_k$, then $a_i = b_i$ for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$.

Lemma 2.7. (Dong et al. [5]) Let $H \sim \theta(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$ where $k \geq 3$ and $a_i \geq 2$ for all *i*, then one of the following is true:

(i) $H \cong \theta(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$,

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(ii) $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_t), C_{b_{t+1}+1}, \dots, C_{b_k+1})$, where $3 \leq t \leq k-1$ and $b_i \geq 2$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Lemma 2.8. (Dong et al. [5]) Let $k, t, b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_k \in N$ where $3 \le t \le k - 1$ and $b_i \ge 2$ for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, k$. If $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_t), C_{b_{t+1}+1}, \ldots, C_{b_k+1})$, then

$$Q(H,x) = x \prod_{i=1}^{k} (x^{b_i} - 1) - \prod_{i=1}^{t} (x^{b_i} - x) \prod_{i=t+1}^{k} (x^{b_i} - 1).$$

Lemma 2.9. (*Koh & Teo* [14]) *If* $G \sim H$, *then*

(*i*) v(G) = v(H),

(*ii*) e(G) = e(H),

(iii) g(G) = g(H),

(iv) G and H have the same number of shortest cycle.

where v(G), v(H), e(G), e(H), g(G) and g(H) denote the number of vertices, the number of edges and the girth of G and H, respectively.

Lemma 2.10. (*Khalaf & Peng [11]*) A 6-bridge graph $\theta(a_1, a_2, ..., a_6)$ is χ -unique if the positive integers $a_1, a_2, ..., a_6$ assume exactly two distinct values.

3. Main Results

In this section, we present our main result on the chromaticity of 6-bridge graph $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$.

Theorem 3.1. The graph 6-bridge $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$, where $a \le b \le c$, is χ -unique.

Proof. Let G be a 6-bridge graph of the form $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$ where $2 \le a \le b \le c$. By Lemma 2.3, G is χ -unique if c < 2a. Suppose $c \ge 2a$ and $H \sim G$. We shall solve 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. By Lemma 2.9, g(G) = g(H) = 2a and H has the same number of shortest cycles as G. Thus, we have

$$3a + 2b + c = b_1 + b_2 + b_3 + b_4 + b_5 + b_6 \tag{3}$$

By Lemmas 2.6 and 2.7, we have three cases to consider, (A) $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3), C_{b_4+1}, C_{b_5+1}, C_{b_6+1})$ where $2 \le b_1 \le b_2 \le b_3$ and $2 \le b_4, b_5, b_6$ or (B) $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4), C_{b_5+1}, C_{b_6+1})$ where $2 \le b_1 \le b_2 \le b_3 \le b_4$ and $2 \le b_5, b_6$ or (C) $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5), C_{b_6+1})$ where $2 \le b_1 \le b_2 \le b_3 \le b_4 \le b_5$ and $2 \le b_6$.

<u>**Case A**</u> $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3), C_{b_4+1}, C_{b_5+1}, C_{b_6+1})$ where $2 \le b_1 \le b_2 \le b_3$ and $2 \le b_4, b_5, b_6$. As $G \cong \theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$ and $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3), C_{b_4+1}, C_{b_5+1}, C_{b_6+1})$, then by Lemma 2.8, we have

$$Q(G) = x(x^{a}-1)^{3}(x^{b}-1)^{2}(x^{c}-1) - (x^{a}-x)^{3}(x^{b}-x)^{2}(x^{c}-x),$$

$$Q(H) = x(x^{b_{1}}-1)(x^{b_{2}}-1)(x^{b_{3}}-1)(x^{b_{4}}-1)(x^{b_{5}}-1)(x^{b_{6}}-1) - (x^{b_{1}}-x)(x^{b_{2}}-x)(x^{b_{3}}-x)(x^{b_{4}}-1)(x^{b_{5}}-1)(x^{b_{6}}-1).$$

By equation 3, Q(G) = Q(H) yields

Compare the l.r.p. in $Q_1(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_1(H)$. Thus, a = 2. Therefore, g(G) = g(H) = 2a = 4 and both G and H has three cycles of length 4, respectively. Without loss of generality, we have four cases to consider, (1) $b_4 = b_5 = b_6 = 3$ or (2) $b_4 = b_5 = 3, b_6 \neq 3$ or (3) $b_4 = 3, b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$ or (4) $b_4 \neq 3, b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$.

<u>**Case 1**</u> $b_4 = b_5 = b_6 = 3$. Note that there is $-3x^{a+1}$ in $Q_1(G)$. Hence, there are another two terms in $Q_1(H)$ that are equal to $-x^3$. Thus, we have $b_1 = b_2 = 2$ or $b_1 = b_3 = 2$ or $b_2 = b_3 = 2$. <u>**Case 1.1**</u> $b_1 = b_2 = 2$. Therefore, H has four cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 1.2</u> $b_1 = b_3 = 2$. So $b_2 = 2$. Therefore, *H* has six cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 1.3</u> $b_2 = b_3 = 2$. So $b_1 = 2$. Therefore, *H* has six cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2</u> $b_4 = b_5 = 3, b_6 \neq 3$. Since the girth of H is 4, then $b_6 \geq 4$. Given that H has three cycles of length 4, then $b_1 + b_2 = 4$. So $b_1 = b_2 = 2$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_3 + b_6 + 4$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_2(G) &= x^{2b+c+3} + 12x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 6x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 8x^{b+7} + \\ & 6x^{b+3} + 4x^{c+7} + 3x^{c+3} + x^9 + 2x^7 + 3x^5 - (x^{2b+c+1} + \\ & 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 6x^{b+c+3} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + \\ & 2x^{b+8} + 6x^{b+6} + 4x^{b+5} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+8} + 3x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + \\ & x^{c+1} + 3x^8 + x^6), \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_2(H) &= 3x^{b_3+b_6+5} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+10} + 3x^{b_3+8} + 3x^{b_3+4} + x^{b_3+2} + \\ & 3x^{b_6+9} + 3x^{b_6+7} + 3x^{b_6+3} + 2x^{10} + 6x^6 - (3x^{b_3+b_6+4} + \\ & x^{b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_3+11} + 3x^{b_3+7} + 3x^{b_3+5} + x^{b_3+1} + 2x^{b_6+10} + \\ & 6x^{b_6+6} + x^{b_6+1} + 3x^9 + 3x^7). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the l.r.p. in $Q_2(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_2(H)$. We have b = c = 4. Therefore, $G \cong \theta(2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4)$. By Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique.

<u>Case 3</u> $b_4 = 3, b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$. Since the girth of H is 4, then $b_5 \ge 4$ and $b_6 \ge 4$. Given that H has three cycles of length 4, then $b_1 + b_2 = 4$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 4$. So $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 2$. Now, H has four cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 4</u> $b_4 \neq 3, b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$. Since the girth of H is 4, then $b_4 \ge 4, b_5 \ge 4$ and $b_6 \ge 4$. Given that H has three cycles of length 4, then $b_1 + b_2 = 4, b_1 + b_3 = 4$ and $b_2 + b_3 = 4$. Thus, $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 2$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + b_6$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_{3}(G) = 12x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 6x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 8x^{b+7} + 6x^{b+3} + 4x^{c+7} + 3x^{c+3} + x^{9} + 2x^{7} + 3x^{5} - (x^{2b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 6x^{b+c+3} + 2x^{b+8} + 6x^{b+6} + 4x^{b+5} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+8} + 3x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + x^{c+1} + 3x^{8} + x^{6}),$$

$$Q_{3}(H) = x^{b_{4}+b_{5}+6} + 3x^{b_{4}+b_{5}+4} + x^{b_{4}+b_{5}+1} + x^{b_{4}+b_{6}+6} + 3x^{b_{4}+b_{6}+4} + x^{b_{4}+b_{6}+1} + x^{b_{4}+7} + 4x^{b_{4}+3} + x^{b_{5}+b_{6}+6} + 3x^{b_{5}+b_{6}+4} + x^{b_{5}+b_{6}+1} + x^{b_{5}+7} + 4x^{b_{5}+3} + x^{b_{6}+7} + 4x^{b_{6}+3} + x^{6} + 3x^{4} - (x^{b_{4}+b_{5}+b_{6}+1} + x^{b_{4}+b_{5}+7} + 4x^{b_{4}+b_{5}+3} + x^{b_{4}+b_{6}+7} + 4x^{b_{4}+b_{6}+3} + x^{b_{4}+6} + 3x^{b_{4}+4} + x^{b_{4}+1} + x^{b_{5}+b_{6}+7} + 4x^{b_{5}+b_{6}+3} + x^{b_{5}+6} + 3x^{b_{5}+4} + x^{b_{5}+1} + x^{b_{6}+6} + 3x^{b_{6}+4} + x^{b_{6}+1} + x^{7} + x^{3}).$$

Compare the l.r.p. in $Q_3(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_3(H)$. We have b = 2 or c = 2. If b = 2, then $G \cong \theta(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, c)$. By Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique. If c = 2, then $G \cong \theta(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$. By Lemma 2.2, G is χ -unique.

 $\underbrace{ \textbf{Case B}}_{As \; G \;\cong\; \theta(a, a, a, b, b, c) \text{ and } H \in g_e \big(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4), C_{b_5+1}, C_{b_6+1} \big) \text{ where } 2 \leq b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3 \leq b_4 \text{ and } 2 \leq b_5, b_6.$ As $G \cong \theta(a, a, a, b, b, c) \text{ and } H \in g_e \big(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4), C_{b_5+1}, C_{b_6+1} \big), \text{ then}$

$$Q_{4}(G) = x(x^{a}-1)^{3}(x^{b}-1)^{2}(x^{c}-1) - (x^{a}-x)^{3}(x^{b}-x)^{2}(x^{c}-x),$$

$$Q_{4}(H) = x(x^{b_{1}}-1)(x^{b_{2}}-1)(x^{b_{3}}-1)(x^{b_{4}}-1)(x^{b_{5}}-1)(x^{b_{6}}-1) - (x^{b_{1}}-x)(x^{b_{2}}-x)(x^{b_{3}}-x)(x^{b_{4}}-x)(x^{b_{5}}-1)(x^{b_{6}}-1).$$

By equation 3, $Q_4(G) = Q_4(H)$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} Q_5(G) &= & 2x^{3a+b+1} + x^{3a+c+1} + x^{3a+3} + 3x^{2a+2b+1} + 6x^{2a+b+c+1} + \\ & & 6x^{2a+b+3} + 3x^{2a+c+3} + 3x^{2a+1} + 3x^{a+2b+c+1} + 3x^{a+2b+3} + \\ & & 6x^{a+b+c+3} + 6x^{a+b+1} + 3x^{a+c+1} + 3x^{a+5} + x^{2b+c+3} + \\ & & x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 2x^{b+5} + x^{c+5} - (2x^{3a+b+2} + x^{3a+c+2} + \\ & & x^{3a+1} + 3x^{2a+2b+2} + 6x^{2a+b+c+2} + 6x^{2a+b+1} + 3x^{2a+c+1} + \\ & & 3x^{2a+4} + 3x^{a+2b+c+2} + 3x^{a+2b+1} + 6x^{a+b+c+1} + 6x^{a+b+4} + \\ & & 3x^{a+c+4} + 3x^{a+1} + x^{2b+c+1} + x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 2x^{b+1} + \\ & & x^{c+1} + x^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_5(H) &= x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_5} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+1} + \\ x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+1} + \\ x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+1} + \\ x^{b_1+b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+3} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+1} + x^{b_2+b_5+b_6+3} + \\ x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+1} + x^{b_2+3} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+2} + \\ x^{b_3+b_4+b_6+2} + x^{b_3+b_4+1} + x^{b_3+b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_3+3} + x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_5+4} + x^{b_6+4} - (x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_1+b_2+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_1+b_2+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+2} + \\ x^{b_1+b_4+2} + x^{b_1+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+2} + \\ x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+2} + \\ x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+2} + \\ x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+2} + \\ x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+2} + \\ x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+2} + \\ x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+b_6+2} + \\ x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + \\ x^{b_3+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+3} + \\ x^{b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+3} + \\ x^{b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+3} + \\ x^{b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_6$$

Since $2 \le a \le b \le c$, by comparing the l.r.p. in $Q_5(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_5(H)$, we have a = 2 or a = 3.

<u>Case 1</u> a = 2. Then g(G) = g(H) = 2a = 4. There are three cycles of length 4 in G, and H has the same number as well. Without loss of generality, we have the following cases to consider.

<u>Case 1.1</u> $b_5 = b_6 = 3$. Since *H* has three cycles of length 4, then $b_1 + b_2 = 4$. So $b_1 = b_2 = 2$. Note that there is $-3x^{a+1}$ in $Q_5(G)$. Hence, there is one more term in $Q_5(H)$ that equal to $-x^3$. Thus, $b_3 = 2$ or $b_4 = 2$.

If $b_3 = 2$, then H has five cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

If $b_4 = 2$, then $b_3 = 2$. So *H* has eight cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 1.2</u> $b_5 = 3, b_6 \neq 3$. Since *H* has girth 4, then $b_6 \ge 4$. Given that *H* has three cycles of length 4, then $b_1 + b_2 = 4$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 4$. So $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 2$. Now *H* has four cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 1.3</u> $b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$. Since *H* has girth 4, then $b_5 \geq 4$ and $b_6 \geq 4$. Given that *H* has three cycles of length 4, then $b_1 + b_2 = 4, b_1 + b_3 = 4$ and $(b_1 + b_4 = 4 \text{ or } b_2 + b_3 = 4)$. Therefore, we have two cases to consider.

<u>Case 1.3.1</u> $b_1 + b_4 = 4$. So $b_1 = b_4 = 2$. Thus, $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 2$. Hence *H* has six cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 1.3.2</u> $b_2 + b_3 = 4$. So $b_2 = b_3 = 2$. Thus, $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 2$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + b_6$. Then we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{split} Q_6(G) &= & 6x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 12x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 8x^{b+7} + 6x^{b+3} + \\ & & 4x^{c+7} + 3x^{c+3} + x^9 + 2x^7 - \left(x^{2b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + \right. \\ & & 3x^{2b+3} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 6x^{b+c+3} + 2x^{b+8} + x^{b+6} + \\ & & 4x^{b+5} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+8} + 3x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + x^{c+1} + 3x^8), \\ Q_6(H) &= & x^{b_4+b_5+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_4+b_6+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+4} + \\ & & x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+7} + 4x^{b_4+3} + 6x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+6} + \\ & & x^{b_5+4} + 3x^{b_5+3} + 3x^{b_6+6} + x^{b_6+4} + 3x^{b_6+3} + 3x^{5} - \\ & & \left(x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_5+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_6+3} + \\ & & x^{b_4+6} + 3x^{b_4+4} + x^{b_4+1} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+6} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+3} + \\ & & 3x^{b_5+6} + 6x^{b_5+5} + x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+5} + x^{b_6+1} + 2x^6 + x^4). \end{split}$$

Comparing the l.r.p. in $Q_6(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_6(H)$, we have b = 3 or c = 3. If c = 3, then b = 2 or b = 3. By Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique for both cases. So b = 3. Note that there is $2x^{b+1}$ in $Q_6(G)$, thus, $b_4 = 3$. Simplifying $Q_6(G)$ and $Q_6(H)$, we obtain the following.

$$Q_{7}(G) = 5x^{c+8} + x^{c+7} + x^{c+4} + 3x^{c+3} + 4x^{11} + 6x^{10} + 3x^{7} + 4x^{6} - (3x^{c+9} + 6x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + x^{c+1} + 3x^{12} + 7x^{9} + 7x^{8}),$$

$$Q_{7}(H) = x^{b_{5}+9} + 3x^{b_{5}+7} + 2x^{b_{5}+4} + 3x^{b_{5}+3} + x^{b_{6}+9} + 3x^{b_{6}+7} + 2x^{b_{6}+4} + 3x^{b_{6}+3} + 3x^{5} - (2x^{b_{5}+b_{6}+4} + x^{b_{5}+10} + x^{b_{5}+6} + 6x^{b_{5}+5} + x^{b_{5}+1} + x^{b_{6}+10} + x^{b_{6}+6} + 6x^{b_{6}+5} + x^{b_{6}+1} + 3x^{7}).$$

Consider the term $3x^5$ in $Q_7(H)$. Thus, $b_5 = 4$ and $b_6 = 4$. Therefore c = 5. However, we obtain $Q_7(G) \neq Q_7(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>**Case 2**</u> a = 3. Therefore, g(G) = g(H) = 2a = 6. There are three cycles of length 6 in G and H, respectively. Without loss of generality, we have three cases to consider, that are $b_5 = b_6 = 5$ or $b_5 = 5, b_6 \neq 5$ or $b_5 \neq 5, b_6 \neq 5$.

<u>Case 2.1</u> $b_5 = b_6 = 5$. Therefore, $b_1 + b_2 = 6$. Thus, we have $b_1 = 2, b_2 = 4$ or $b_1 = b_2 = 3$. <u>Case 2.1.1</u> $b_1 = 2, b_2 = 4$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_3 + b_4 + 7$. Since $3 \le b \le c$ and $4 \le b_3 \le b_4$, by cancelling the equal terms, there is $-x^3$ in $Q_5(H)$ but not in $Q_5(G)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.1.2</u> $b_1 = b_2 = 3$. From equation 3, we obtain

$$2b + c = b_3 + b_4 + 7 \tag{4}$$

We obtain the following after simplification.

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$$Q_{8}(G) = x^{2b+c+3} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+7} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+10} + 6x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+5} + 6x^{b+4} + x^{c+10} + 3x^{c+9} + x^{c+5} + 3x^{c+4} + x^{12} + 3x^{8} + 2x^{7} - (x^{2b+c+1} + 6x^{b+c+8} + 8x^{b+c+4} + 3x^{2b+8} + 4x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+11} + 12x^{b+7} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+11} + 6x^{c+7} + x^{c+1} + 4x^{10} + x^{6}),$$

$$Q_{8}(H) = 3x^{b_{3}+b_{4}+7} + x^{b_{3}+b_{4}+1} + 2x^{b_{3}+14} + x^{b_{3}+13} + 4x^{b_{3}+10} + 2x^{b_{3}+6} + 2x^{b_{3}+4} + x^{b_{3}+3} + 2x^{b_{4}+14} + x^{b_{4}+13} + 4x^{b_{4}+10} + 2x^{b_{4}+6} + 2x^{b_{4}+4} + x^{b_{4}+3} + x^{17} + 2x^{16} + 2x^{13} + 6x^{9} - (3x^{b_{3}+b_{4}+6} + x^{b_{3}+b_{4}+2} + 2x^{b_{3}+15} + x^{b_{3}+11} + 4x^{b_{3}+9} + 2x^{b_{3}+8} + 2x^{b_{3}+5} + x^{b_{3}+b_{4}+2} + 2x^{b_{3}+15} + x^{b_{3}+11} + 4x^{b_{3}+9} + 2x^{b_{3}+8} + 2x^{b_{3}+5} + x^{b_{3}+15} + x^{b_{3}+11} + 4x^{b_{3}+9} + 2x^{b_{3}+8} + 2x^{b_{3}+5} + x^{b_{3}+15} + x^{b_{3}+11} + 4x^{b_{3}+9} + 2x^{b_{3}+8} + 2x^{b_{3}+5} + x^{b_{3}+15} + x^{b_{3}+11} + 4x^{b_{3}+9} + 2x^{b_{3}+8} + 2x^{b_{3}+5} + x^{b_{3}+15} + x^{b_{3}+11} + 4x^{b_{3}+9} + 2x^{b_{3}+8} + 2x^{b_{3}+5} + x^{b_{3}+5} + x^{b_{3}+5}$$

$$x^{b_3+b_4+2} + 2x^{b_3+15} + x^{b_3+11} + 4x^{b_3+9} + 2x^{b_3+8} + 2x^{b_3+5} + x^{b_3+1} + 2x^{b_4+15} + x^{b_4+11} + 4x^{b_4+9} + 2x^{b_4+8} + 2x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + x^{18} + 3x^{14} + 2x^{12} + 3x^{11} + x^8).$$

Comparing the l.r.p. in $Q_8(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_8(H)$, we have $b_3 = 5$ or $b_4 = 5$. **<u>Case 2.1.2.1</u>** $b_3 = 5$. Then we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{9}(G) &= x^{2b+c+3} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+7} + 3x^{2b+6} + \\ & x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+10} + 6x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+5} + 6x^{b+4} + x^{c+10} + 3x^{c+9} + \\ & x^{c+5} + 3x^{c+4} + x^{12} + 3x^{8} + 2x^{7} - (x^{2b+c+1} + 6x^{b+c+8} + \\ & 8x^{b+c+4} + 3x^{2b+8} + 4x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+11} + 12x^{b+7} + 2x^{b+1} + \\ & x^{c+11} + 6x^{c+7} + x^{c+1} + 2x^{10}), \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{9}(H) &= 2x^{b_{4}+14} + x^{b_{4}+13} + 3x^{b_{4}+12} + 4x^{b_{4}+10} + 3x^{b_{4}+6} + 2x^{b_{4}+4} + \\ & x^{b_{4}+3} + 2x^{19} + x^{17} + x^{16} + 4x^{15} + 8x^{9} - (2x^{b_{4}+15} + 4x^{b_{4}+11} + \\ & 4x^{b_{4}+9} + 2x^{b_{4}+8} + x^{b_{4}+7} + 2x^{b_{4}+5} + x^{b_{4}+1} + 2x^{20} + 7x^{14} + \\ & 2x^{12} + x^{11}). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the term $2x^7$ in $Q_9(G)$. We have b = 6 or c = 6. If b = 6, then $c = b_4$. However, $Q_9(G) \neq Q_9(H)$, a contradiction. If c = 6, then we obtain b = 6 and $b_4 = 6$. Therefore, $G \cong \theta(3, 3, 3, 6, 6, 6)$. By Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique. $\underbrace{\mathbf{Case \ 2.1.2.2}}_{\mathbf{Case \ 2.1.2.2(a)}} b_4 = 5$. Then, we have $b_3 = 3$ or $b_3 = 4$ or $b_3 = 5$. $\underbrace{\mathbf{Case \ 2.1.2.2(a)}}_{\mathbf{Case \ 2.1.2.2(b)}} \text{ If } b_3 = 3$, then H has five cycles of length 6, a contradiction. $\underbrace{\mathbf{Case \ 2.1.2.2(b)}}_{\mathbf{If \ } b_3 = 4}$, then there is $-x^5$ in $Q_8(H)$. Hence, b = 4 or c = 4. If b = 4, by equation 4 we have c = 8. But $Q_8(G) \neq Q_8(H)$, a contradiction.

If c = 4, by equation 4 we have b = 6. But $3 \le b \le 4$, a contradiction.

<u>**Case 2.1.2.2(c)**</u> If $b_3 = 5$, then it follows from equation 4 that 2b + c = 17. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_{10}(G) = x^{2b+c+3} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+7} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+10} + 6x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+5} + 6x^{b+4} + x^{c+10} + 3x^{c+9} + x^{c+5} + 3x^{c+4} + x^{12} + 2x^8 + 2x^7 - (x^{2b+c+1} + 6x^{b+c+8} + 8x^{b+c+4} + 3x^{2b+8} + 4x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+11} + 12x^{b+7} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+11} + 6x^{c+7} + x^{c+1}),$$

$$Q_{10}(H) = 4x^{19} + x^{18} + 4x^{17} + 8x^{15} + 2x^{11} + 10x^9 - (4x^{20} + 3x^{16} + 11x^{14} + 2x^{13} + 3x^{12} + x^6).$$

Compare the l.r.p. in $Q_{10}(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_{10}(H)$. We have b = 5 or c = 5. Since the coefficient of $-x^{b+1}$ is 2, then c = 5. If c = 5, we have b = 6. But $3 \le b \le 5$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.2</u> $b_5 = 5, b_6 \neq 5$. Therefore, $b_1 + b_2 = 6$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 6$. Thus, $b_2 = b_3$. Hence, we have $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 4$ or $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$.

<u>Case 2.2.1</u> $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 4$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_6 + 6$. However, cancelling the equal terms we obtain $Q_5(G) \neq Q_5(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.2.2</u> $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$. Then *H* has four cycles of length 6, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.3</u> $b_5 \neq 5, b_6 \neq 5$. Note that the girth of H is 6, thus $b_5 \geq 6$ and $b_6 \geq 6$. Since H has three cycles of length 6, therefore $b_1 + b_2 = 6, b_1 + b_3 = 6$ and $(b_1 + b_4 = 6 \text{ or } b_2 + b_3 = 6)$.

<u>Case 2.3.1</u> $b_1 + b_4 = 6$. Considering $b_1 + b_2 = 6$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 6$, then $b_2 = b_3 = b_4$. Hence, we have $b_1 = 2$, $b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$ or $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 3$.

<u>Case 2.3.1.1</u> $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_5 + b_6 + 5$. Cancelling the equal terms we obtain $Q_5(G) \neq Q_5(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.3.1.2</u> $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 3$. Then *H* has six cycles of length 6, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.3.2</u> $b_2 + b_3 = 6$. Considering $b_1 + b_2 = 6$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 6$, we have $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + b_6$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{11}(G) &= 6x^{b+c+7} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+7} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+1} + \\ &= 2x^{b+10} + 6x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+5} + 6x^{b+4} + x^{c+10} + 3x^{c+9} + x^{c+5} + \\ &= 3x^{c+4} + x^{12} + 3x^8 - (6x^{b+c+8} + 8x^{b+c+4} + 3x^{2b+8} + 4x^{2b+4} + \\ &= 2x^{b+11} + 12x^{b+7} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+11} + 6x^{c+7} + x^{c+1} + 4x^{10} + x^6), \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{11}(H) &= x^{b_4+b_5+9} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+5} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_4+b_6+9} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+5} + \\ &= x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+10} + 3x^{b_4+4} + x^{b_4+3} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+7} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+6} + \\ &= x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+8} + 4x^{b_5+4} + 3x^{b_6+8} + 4x^{b_6+4} + 3x^6 - \\ &= (x^{b_4+b_5+10} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+10} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+4} + \\ &= x^{b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+9} + 3x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+8} + 4x^{b_5+b_6+4} + \\ &= x^{b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+9} + 3x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+8} + 4x^{b_5+b_6+4} + \\ &= 3x^{b_5+7} + 3x^{b_5+6} + x^{b_5+1} + 3x^{b_6+7} + 3x^{b_6+6} + x^{b_6+1} + 3x^8 + x^4). \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the l.r.p. in $Q_{11}(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_{11}(H)$, we have b = 3 or c = 3. If b = 3, then $G \cong \theta(3, 3, 3, 3, 3, c)$. By Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique. If c = 3, then $G \cong \theta(3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)$. By Lemma 2.2, G is χ -unique.

 $\underbrace{ \textbf{Case C}}_{As \ G \cong \theta(a, a, a, b, b, c) \text{ and } H \in g_e \big(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5), C_{b_6+1} \big) \text{ where } 2 \leq b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3 \leq b_4 \leq b_5 \text{ and } 2 \leq b_6.$

$$Q_{12}(G) = x(x^{a}-1)^{3}(x^{b}-1)^{2}(x^{c}-1) - (x^{a}-x)^{3}(x^{b}-x)^{2}(x^{c}-x),$$

$$Q_{12}(H) = x(x^{b_{1}}-1)(x^{b_{2}}-1)(x^{b_{3}}-1)(x^{b_{4}}-1)(x^{b_{5}}-1)(x^{b_{6}}-1) - (x^{b_{1}}-x)(x^{b_{2}}-x)(x^{b_{3}}-x)(x^{b_{4}}-x)(x^{b_{5}}-x)(x^{b_{6}}-1).$$

By equation 3, $Q_{12}(G) = Q_{12}(H)$ yields,

$$Q_{13}(G) = 2x^{3a+b+1} + x^{3a+c+1} + x^{3a+3} + 3x^{2a+2b+1} + 6x^{2a+b+c+1} + 6x^{2a+b+3} + 3x^{2a+c+3} + 3x^{2a+1} + 3x^{a+2b+c+1} + 3x^{a+2b+3} + 6x^{a+b+c+3} + 6x^{a+b+1} + 3x^{a+c+1} + 3x^{a+5} + x^{2b+c+3} + x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 2x^{b+5} + x^{c+5} - (2x^{3a+b+2} + x^{3a+c+2} + x^{3a+1} + 3x^{2a+2b+2} + 6x^{2a+b+c+2} + 6x^{2a+b+c+1} + 3x^{2a+c+1} + 3x^{2a+c+1} + 3x^{a+2b+c+2} + 3x^{a+2b+1} + 6x^{a+b+c+1} + 6x^{a+b+c+1} + 3x^{a+c+4} + 3x^{a+1} + x^{2b+c+1} + x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+1} + x^{6}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{13}(H) &= x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_5} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_4+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_2+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+3} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+3} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_2+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+3} + x^{b_3+b_4+1} + x^{b_3+b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+4} + x^{b_3+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+4} + x^{b_3+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+4} + x^{b_3+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+4} + x^{b_3+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+4} + x^{b_3+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+4} + x^{b_3+1} + x^{b$$

Consider the l.r.p. in $Q_{13}(G)$ that is a + 1 and the l.r.p. in $Q_{13}(H)$, that is 5. Since a = 4 and $a \ge 2$, we have three cases to consider, (1) a = 2 or (2) a = 3 or (3) a = 4.

<u>**Case 1**</u> a = 2. Therefore, g(G) = g(H) = 2a = 4 and H has three cycles of length 4. Hence, we have $b_6 = 3$ or $b_6 \neq 3$.

<u>Case 1.1</u> $b_6 = 3$. Then, we have $b_1 + b_2 = 4$ or $b_1 + b_3 = 4$. Thus, $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 2$. However, H has four cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 1.2</u> $b_6 \neq 3$. Note that g(H) = 4, then $b_6 \ge 4$. Then, we have $b_1 + b_2 = 4$, $b_1 + b_3 = 4$ and $(b_1 + b_4 = 4 \text{ or } b_2 + b_3 = 4)$. So, we have two cases to consider.

<u>Case 1.2.1</u> $b_1 + b_4 = 4$. Since $b_1 + b_2 = 4$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 4$, then we know that $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 2$. Now *H* has six cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

<u>Case 1.2.2</u> $b_2 + b_3 = 4$. Since $b_1 + b_2 = 4$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 4$, then $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 2$. From equation 3, we obtain

$$2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + b_6 \tag{5}$$

Then, we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{14}(G) &= & 6x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 12x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 8x^{b+7} + 6x^{b+3} + 4x^{c+7} + \\ & 3x^{c+3} + x^9 + 2x^7 + x^5 - (x^{2b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + \\ & 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 6x^{b+c+3} + 2x^{b+8} + 6x^{b+6} + 4x^{b+5} + \\ & 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+8} + 3x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + x^{c+1} + 3x^8 + x^6), \end{aligned}$$

$$Q_{14}(H) &= & x^{b_4+b_5+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + 6x^{b_4+b_6+5} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + \\ & 3x^{b_4+6} + x^{b_4+4} + 3x^{b_4+3} + 6x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+6} + \\ & x^{b_5+4} + 3x^{b_5+3} + 4x^{b_6+7} + 3x^{b_6+3} + x^8 + 3x^6 - (x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + \\ & x^{b_4+b_5+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_5+3} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+6} + x^{b_4+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+3} + \\ & 6x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+6} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+3} + 6x^{b_5+5} + \\ & x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+8} + 3x^{b_6+6} + 2x^{b_6+5} + x^{b_6+1} + 4x^7). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the l.r.p. in $Q_{14}(G)$. We have b = 4 or c = 4.

<u>**Case 1.2.2.1**</u> b = 4. Since there is $-2x^{b+1}$ in $Q_{14}(G)$, we have $b_4 = 4$ or $b_5 = 4$ or $b_6 = 4$. If $b_4 = 4$, then it follows from equation 5 that $c + 4 = b_5 + b_6$. However, $Q_{14}(G) \neq Q_{14}(H)$, a contradiction.

If $b_5 = 4$, then it follows from equation 5 that $c + 4 = b_4 + b_6$. However, $Q_{14}(G) \neq Q_{14}(H)$, a contradiction.

If $b_6 = 4$, then it follows from equation 5 that $c + 4 = b_4 + b_5$. However, $Q_{14}(G) \neq Q_{14}(H)$, a contradiction.

Case 1.2.2.2 c = 4. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_{15}(G) = 5x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 12x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+7} + 6x^{b+3} + 4x^{11} + 5x^7 - (3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + 6x^{b+10} + 4x^{b+8} + 6x^{b+6} + 2x^{b+5} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{12} + 3x^{10} + x^9 + 3x^8),$$

$$Q_{15}(H) = x^{b_4+b_5+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + 6x^{b_4+b_6+5} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_4+6} + x^{b_4+4} + 3x^{b_4+3} + 6x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+6} + x^{b_5+4} + 3x^{b_5+3} + 4x^{b_6+7} + 3x^{b_6+3} + x^8 + 4x^6 - (x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_5+3} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+6} + x^{b_4+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+3} + 6x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+3} + 6x^{b_5+5} + x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+8} + 3x^{b_6+6} + 2x^{b_6+5} + x^{b_6+5} + x^{b_6+1} + 4x^7).$$

Compare the l.r.p. in $Q_{15}(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_{15}(H)$. Then we have b = 3. Simplifying $Q_{15}(G)$ and $Q_{15}(H)$, we obtain the following.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{16}(G) &= 8x^{12} + 5x^{11} + 6x^7 + 6x^6 - \left(6x^{13} + 2x^{10} + 10x^9 + 5x^8 + 2x^4\right), \\ Q_{16}(H) &= x^{b_4 + b_5 + 6} + 3x^{b_4 + b_5 + 4} + x^{b_4 + b_5 + 1} + 6x^{b_4 + b_6 + 5} + x^{b_4 + b_6 + 1} + \\ &\quad 3x^{b_4 + 6} + x^{b_4 + 4} + 3x^{b_4 + 3} + 6x^{b_5 + b_6 + 5} + x^{b_5 + b_6 + 1} + 3x^{b_5 + 6} + \\ &\quad x^{b_5 + 4} + 3x^{b_5 + 3} + 4x^{b_6 + 7} + 3x^{b_6 + 3} + x^8 + 4x^6 - \left(x^{b_4 + b_5 + b_6 + 1} + x^{b_4 + b_5 + 3} + 3x^{b_4 + b_6 + 6} + x^{b_4 + b_6 + 4} + 3x^{b_4 + b_6 + 3} + \\ &\quad 6x^{b_4 + 5} + x^{b_4 + 1} + 3x^{b_5 + b_6 + 6} + x^{b_5 + b_6 + 4} + 3x^{b_5 + b_6 + 3} + 6x^{b_5 + 5} + \\ &\quad x^{b_5 + 1} + x^{b_6 + 8} + 3x^{b_6 + 6} + 2x^{b_6 + 5} + x^{b_6 + 1} + 4x^7 \end{aligned}$$

Considering the term $-2x^4$ in $Q_{16}(G)$, we have $b_4 = 3$ and $b_5 = 3$. It follows from equation 5 that $b_6 = 4$. However, we obtain $Q_{16}(G) \neq Q_{16}(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2</u> a = 3. So g(G) = g(H) = 2a = 6. Both G and H has three cycles of length 6, respectively. Then, we have $b_6 = 5$ or $b_6 \neq 5$.

<u>Case 2.1</u> $b_6 = 5$. Therefore, $b_1 + b_2 = 6$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 6$. So $b_2 = b_3$. Thus, we have $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 4$ or $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$.

<u>Case 2.1.1</u> $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 4$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + 4$. However, we obtain $Q_{13}(G) \neq Q_{13}(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.1.2</u> $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$. Then *H* has four cycles of length 6, a contradiction.

<u>**Case 2.2**</u> $b_6 \neq 5$. Since *H* has three cycles of length 6, then we have $b_1 + b_2 = 6$, $b_1 + b_3 = 6$ and $(b_1 + b_4 = 6 \text{ or } b_2 + b_3 = 6)$.

<u>Case 2.2.1</u> $b_1 + b_4 = 6$. Note that $b_1 + b_2 = 6$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 6$. Therefore, $b_2 = b_3 = b_4$. Hence, we have $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$ or $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 3$.

<u>Case 2.2.1.1</u> $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_5 + b_6 + 5$. However, after simplification, we obtain $Q_{13}(G) \neq Q_{13}(H)$, a contradiction. <u>Case 2.2.1.2</u> $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 3$. Therefore, *H* has six cycles of length 6, a contradiction. <u>Case 2.2.2</u> $b_2 + b_3 = 6$. Note that $b_1 + b_2 = 6$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 6$. Therefore $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$. From equation 3, we have

$$2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + b_6 \tag{6}$$

We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{array}{lll} Q_{17}(G) &=& 3x^{2b+7}+3x^{2b+6}+x^{2b+1}+6x^{b+c+7}+6x^{b+c+6}+2x^{b+c+1}+\\ && 2x^{b+10}+6x^{b+9}+2x^{b+5}+6x^{b+4}+x^{c+10}+3x^{c+9}+x^{c+5}+\\ && 3x^{c+4}+x^{12}+3x^8-\left(3x^{2b+8}+4x^{2b+4}+6x^{b+c+8}+\right.\\ && 8x^{b+c+4}+2x^{b+11}+12x^{b+7}+2x^{b+1}+x^{c+11}+6x^{c+7}+\\ && x^{c+1}+3x^{10}+x^6\right),\\ Q_{17}(H) &=& x^{b_4+b_5+9}+3x^{b_4+b_5+5}+x^{b_4+b_5+1}+3x^{b_4+b_6+7}+3x^{b_4+b_6+6}+\\ && x^{b_4+b_6+1}+3x^{b_4+8}+4x^{b_4+4}+3x^{b_5+b_6+7}+3x^{b_5+b_6+6}+\\ && x^{b_5+b_6+1}+3x^{b_5+8}+4x^{b_5+4}+x^{b_6+10}+3x^{b_6+9}+x^{b_6+5}+\\ && 3x^{b_6+4}+x^{11}+3x^7-\left(x^{b_4+b_5+10}+3x^{b_4+b_5+4}+x^{b_4+b_5+3}+\right.\\ && 3x^{b_4+b_6+8}+4x^{b_4+b_6+4}+3x^{b_5+7}+3x^{b_4+6}+x^{b_4+1}+\\ && 3x^{b_5+b_6+8}+4x^{b_5+b_6+4}+3x^{b_5+7}+3x^{b_5+6}+x^{b_5+1}+x^{b_6+11}+\\ && 6x^{b_6+7}+x^{b_6+1}+3x^9+x^5\right). \end{array}$$

Compare the l.r.p. in $Q_{17}(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_{17}(H)$. We have b = 4 or c = 4.

<u>Case 2.2.2.1</u> b = 4. There is one term in $Q_{17}(H)$ that equal to $-x^5$. Since $b_6 \ge 6$, we have $b_4 = 4$ or $b_5 = 4$.

If $b_4 = 4$, then it follows from equation 6 that $c + 4 = b_5 + b_6$. Cancelling the equal terms, we obtain $b_5 = 5$ and $b_6 = 6$. So c = 7. But, $Q_{17}(G) \neq Q_{17}(H)$, a contradiction.

If $b_5 = 4$, then it follows from equation 6 that $c + 4 = b_4 + b_6$. Since $b_6 \ge 6$, by cancelling the equal terms in $Q_{17}(G)$ and $Q_{17}(H)$, we obtain $b_4 = 5$. But $3 \le b_4 \le 4$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 2.2.2.2</u> c = 4. Therefore, b = 3 or b = 4. If b = 3, then $G \cong \theta(3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4)$. By Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique. If b = 4, then $G \cong \theta(3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4)$. Similarly, by Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique.

<u>Case 3</u> a = 4. Therefore, g(G) = g(H) = 2a = 8 and both G and H has three cycles of length 8, respectively. Then, we have to consider for $b_6 = 7$ or $b_6 \neq 7$.

<u>Case 3.1</u> $b_6 = 7$. Therefore, $b_1 + b_2 = 8$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 8$. So, we know that $b_2 = b_3$. Hence, we have $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 6$ or $b_1 = 3, b_2 = b_3 = 5$ or $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 4$.

<u>Case 3.1.1</u> $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 6$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + 9$. Since $4 \le b \le c$, after simplification, we obtain $-x^3$ is in $Q_{13}(H)$ but not in $Q_{13}(G)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 3.1.2</u> $b_1 = 3, b_2 = b_3 = 5$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + 8$. Similar to Case 3.1.1, we obtain $Q_{13}(G) \neq Q_{13}(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 3.1.3</u> $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 4$. But *H* has four cycles of length 8, a contradiction.

<u>**Case 3.2**</u> $b_6 \neq 7$. Since the girth of H is 8, then $b_6 \geq 8$. So $b_1 + b_2 = 8$, $b_1 + b_3 = 8$ and $(b_1 + b_4 = 8 \text{ or } b_2 + b_3 = 8)$. Hence, we have two cases to consider.

<u>Case 3.2.1</u> $b_1 + b_4 = 8$. Since $b_1 + b_2 = 8$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 8$, we know that $b_2 = b_3 = b_4$. So we have $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 6$ or $b_1 = 3, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 5$ or $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$.

<u>Case 3.2.1.1</u> $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 6$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_5 + b_6 + 8$. Similar to the above cases, we obtain $Q_{13}(G) \neq Q_{13}(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 3.2.1.2</u> $b_1 = 3, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 5$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_5 + b_6 + 6$. Similar to the above cases, we obtain $Q_{13}(G) \neq Q_{13}(H)$, a contradiction.

<u>Case 3.2.1.3</u> $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$. But *H* has six cycles of length 8, a contradiction.

<u>Case 3.2.2</u> $b_2 + b_3 = 8$. Since $b_1 + b_2 = 8$ and $b_1 + b_3 = 8$, we know that $b_1 = b_2 = b_3$. Therefore, $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 4$. It follows from equation 3 that $2b + c = b_4 + b_5 + b_6$. We obtain the following after simplification.

$$Q_{18}(G) = 3x^{2b+9} + 3x^{2b+7} + x^{2b+1} + 6x^{b+c+9} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 2x^{b+13} + 6x^{b+11} + 8x^{b+5} + x^{c+13} + 3x^{c+11} + 4x^{c+5} + x^{15} + 3x^9 - (3x^{2b+10} + 3x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+4} + 6x^{b+c+10} + 6x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 2x^{b+14} + 6x^{b+9} + 6x^{b+8} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+14} + 3x^{c+9} + 3x^{c+8} + x^{c+1} + 3x^{12} + x^6),$$

$$\begin{split} Q_{18}(H) &= x^{b_4+b_5+12} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+6} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+9} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+7} + \\ & x^{b_4+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_4+10} + 3x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+4} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+9} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+7} + \\ & x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+10} + 3x^{b_5+5} + x^{b_5+4} + x^{b_6+13} + 3x^{b_6+11} + \\ & 4x^{b_6+5} + x^{14} + 3x^8 - (x^{b_4+b_5+13} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+5} + x^{b_4+b_5+3} + \\ & 3x^{b_4+b_6+10} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+5} + x^{b_4+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_4+9} + 3x^{b_4+7} + x^{b_4+1} + \\ & 3x^{b_5+b_6+10} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_5+9} + 3x^{b_5+7} + x^{b_5+1} + \\ & x^{b_6+14} + 3x^{b_6+9} + 3x^{b_6+8} + x^{b_6+1} + 3x^{11} + x^5). \end{split}$$

Compare the l.r.p. in $Q_{18}(G)$ and the l.r.p. in $Q_{18}(H)$. We have b = 4 or c = 4. If b = 4, then $G \cong \theta(4, 4, 4, 4, c)$. By Lemma 2.10, G is χ -unique. If c = 4, then $G \cong \theta(4, 4, 4, 4, 4)$. By Lemma 2.2, G is χ -unique. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

4. Conclusion

It is natural to ask the following question: for which choices (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6) where $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_6$, the graph $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6)$ is χ -unique? In general, this problem still remains open. In the next paper, the chromaticity of another type of the graph $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6)$ where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6 assume exactly three distinct values will be given.

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