

广义 Petersen 图 $P(n, k)$ 的等全着色

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摘要: 广义 Petersen 图 $P(n, k)$ 是着色问题中研究得最广泛的一类图, 但是当 $k \pmod{4} = 0$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的全着色还有待进一步研究。采用计算机搜索和数学证明相结合的方法, 求得 $k \pmod{16} = 4, 8, 12$ 以及 $k \pmod{16} = 0 \wedge n \pmod{2k} = 0, 1, 2, 4$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的等全色数。

关键词: 广义 Petersen 图; 等全着色; 等全色数

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Equitable total coloring of generalized Petersen graphs $P(n, k)$

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Abstract: Generalized Petersen graphs $P(n, k)$ are the most widely studied in coloring problems. However, the total chromatic number of $P(n, k)$ for $k \pmod{4} = 0$ needs to be further studied. By combining computer searching and mathematics techniques, the equitable total chromatic number of $P(n, k)$ for $k \pmod{16} = 4, 8, 12$ and $k \pmod{16} = 0 \wedge n \pmod{2k} = 0, 1, 2, 4$ are obtained.

Key words: generalized Petersen graph; equitable total coloring; equitable total chromatic number

0 引言

图着色是图论主要的研究方向, 不仅在理论上具有重要的研究意义, 而且在现实生活中也有广泛的应用^[1]。学者们在点着色和边着色的基础上, 又提出了全着色和等全着色的概念^[2-3], 该问题得到大量关注和研究。

定义 1 给定图 $G=(V, E)$, 对它的一个映射 $\sigma: V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, 若满足下列条件:

(1) $\forall u, v \in V, uv \in E$, 有 $\sigma(u) \neq \sigma(v)$, $\sigma(uv) \neq \sigma(u)$, $\sigma(uv) \neq \sigma(v)$;

(2) $\forall uv', uv'' \in E$, 有 $\sigma(uv') \neq \sigma(uv'')$,

则称 σ 是图 G 的一个 k -全着色。使图 G 可 k -全着色的最小 k 值称为 G 的全色数, 记为 $\chi''(G)$ 。

Sánchez-Arroyo^[4]证明了确定一个任意图的全色数是不确定多项式(non-deterministic polynomial, NP)困难的; Mcdiarmid 和 Sánchez-Arroyo^[5]证明了对于 $k \geq 3$, 确定一个 k -正则二部图的全色数也是 NP 困难的。

对图 $G=(V, E)$ 的一个映射 $\sigma: V \cup E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, 若除了满足定义 1 的(1)、(2)外, 还满足 $\forall i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, 有 $||\sigma^{-1}(i)| - |\sigma^{-1}(j)|| \leq 1$, 则称 σ 是图 G 的一个 k -等全着色。使图 G 可 k -等全着色的最小 k 值称为 G 的等全色数, 记为 $\chi''_{\leq}(G)$ 。Fu^[3]最早提出了等全着色的概念, 并猜想: 对于图 G , 若 $k \geq$

$\max(\chi''(G), \Delta(G)+2)$ ($\Delta(G)$ 为图 G 的最大度), 则图 G 存在 k -等全着色。Wang^[6] 进一步猜想: 对于图 G , 有 $\chi''(G) \leq \Delta(G)+2$ 。这些猜想对树、完全图、多部图、3-退化图和 $\Delta(G) \leq 3$ 的图等成立^[3,6-12]。也有一些特殊的图类, 如笛卡尔积图 $C_m \square C_n$ 、Knödel 图、snarks 图、平面图、联图等^[13-22], 求得了等全色数的确切值。

在与着色相关的图当中, 有一类非常重要的三正则图——广义 Petersen 图, 人们对其着色进行了广泛而深入的研究。Dantas 等^[23] 给出了 $n \geq (2k-1)(2k-2)$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的全色数, Tong 等^[24] 找到了 $k \pmod 4 = 1, 2, 3$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的等全色数, 但是 $k \pmod 4 = 0$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的全色数还有很多未知结果。本文研究了 $k \pmod 4 = 0$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的等全着色, 证明了 $k \pmod{16} = 4, 8, 12$ 以及 $k \pmod{16} = 0 \wedge n \pmod{2k} = 0, 1, 2, 4$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的等全色数是 4, 并猜想 $k \pmod{16} = 0$ 时 $P(n, k)$ 的等全色数也是 4。

1 引理及证明

定义 2 广义 Petersen 图 $P(n, k)$ ^[25] 是由顶点集 $V(P(n, k))$ 和边集 $E(P(n, k))$ 构成的具有 $2n$ 个顶点的图, 其中顶点集 $V(P(n, k)) = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}, u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}\}$, 边集 $E(P(n, k)) = \{v_i u_i, v_i v_{i+1}, u_i u_{i+k} \mid i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$, 所有顶点下标对 n 取模。通常, $v_i v_{i+1}$ 称为外圈的边, $u_i u_{i+k}$ 称为内圈的边, $v_i u_i$ 称为弦。图 1 给出了 Petersen 图 $P(5, 2)$ 。

令导出子图 $G_i = P(n, k)[v_{i-1}, v_i, v_{i+1}, u_{i-k}, u_i, u_{i+k}]$ ($0 \leq i \leq n-1$), 如图 2 所示。

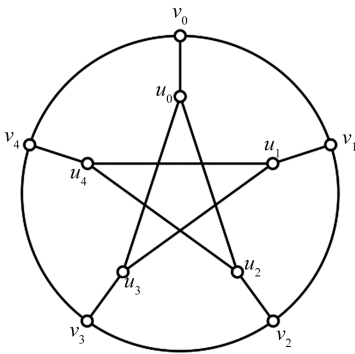


图 1 Petersen 图 $P(5, 2)$
Fig.1 Petersen graph $P(5, 2)$

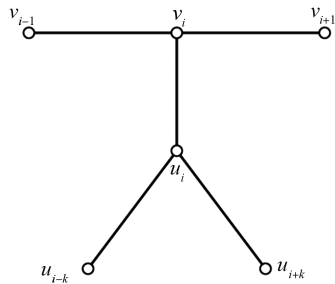


图 2 导出子图 G_i
Fig.2 Induced subgraph G_i

引理 1^[24] 如果 σ 是 $P(n, k)$ 的 4-全着色, 则:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(v_i u_i) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \sigma(E(G_i) - v_i u_i); \\ \sigma(v_i) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \sigma(\{v_{i-1} v_i, v_i v_{i+1}, v_i u_i\}); \\ \sigma(u_i) &= \{1, 2, 3, 4\} - \sigma(\{u_{i-k} u_i, u_i u_{i+k}, u_i v_i\}). \end{aligned}$$

令

$$\begin{aligned} E_1 &= \{v_i v_{i+1} : 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}; \\ E_2 &= \{u_i u_{i+k} : 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}; \\ E_3 &= \{v_i u_i : 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}; \\ V_1 &= \{v_i : 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}; \\ V_2 &= \{u_i : 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}. \end{aligned}$$

根据引理 1, 如果 σ 是 $P(n, k)$ 的 4-全着色, 则 σ 可由 $\sigma(E_1 \cup E_2)$ 决定, 因此, 在后面的证明过程中只给出 $\sigma(E_1 \cup E_2)$ 。

引理 2 当 $k \pmod 8 = 4$ 时, $P(n, k)$ 可 4-等全着色。

证明 用 $(i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4)^m$ 表示 $\underbrace{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 \dots i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4}_m$ ($i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$), 例如: $23(2431)^2 312 =$

2324312431312 。令 $n_8 = n \pmod 8$, 根据 n_8 的取值, 构造如下的 $\sigma(E_1 \cup E_2)$:

$$\sigma(E_1) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (12123434)^{\frac{n}{8}}, & n_8 = 0; \\ (34342121)^{\frac{n-k-5}{8}} (43421213)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 434242121, & n_8 = 1; \\ (23234141)^{\frac{n-2k-2}{8}} 23234141 (23234141)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} (21234341)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 21, & n_8 = 2; \\ (32341412)^{\frac{n-11}{8}} 32343434132, & k = 4, n_8 = 3; \\ (23234231)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 23234241 (41341431)^{\frac{k-12}{8}} 41341413214, & k \geq 12, n = 2k+3, n_8 = 3; \\ (32341412)^{\frac{n-2k-3}{8}} 323 (23414123)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 1434 (21324314)^{\frac{k-12}{8}} 213243134132, & k \geq 12, n \geq 2k+11, n_8 = 3; \\ (12323414)^{\frac{n-2k-4}{8}} 123234 (24324214)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 243213 (21314313)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 4; \\ (23141423)^{\frac{n-2k-5}{8}} 231412 (32314142)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 3234341 (24321341)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 5; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-k-2}{8}} 142343 (41212343)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 6; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-7}{8}} 1212343, & n_8 = 7. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\sigma(E_2) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (12123434)^{\frac{n}{8}}, & n_8 = 0; \\ (12134342)^{\frac{n-k-5}{8}} (21213434)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 212134342, & n_8 = 1; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-2k-2}{8}} 12123134 (13123134)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} (24124234)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 24, & n_8 = 2; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-11}{8}} 12123333424, & k = 4, n_8 = 3; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 12123324 (42423133)^{\frac{k-12}{8}} 42423133424, & k \geq 12, n = 2k+3, n_8 = 3; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-2k-3}{8}} 121 (22334411)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 1333 (34241242)^{\frac{k-12}{8}} 342412423424, & k \geq 12, n \geq 2k+11, n_8 = 3; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-2k-4}{8}} 121234 (23234141)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 232334 (12123434)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 4; \\ (13142423)^{\frac{n-2k-5}{8}} 131422 (33114422)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 3314123 (43143423)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 5; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-k-2}{8}} 124343 (41212343)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 6; \\ (12123434)^{\frac{n-7}{8}} 1212343, & n_8 = 7. \end{array} \right.$$

由引理 1, 可得到:

$$\sigma(E_3) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (23434121)^{\frac{n}{8}}, & n_8 = 0; \\ (21213434)^{\frac{n-k-5}{8}} 3213 (43421213)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 13434, & n_8 = 1; \\ (41412323)^{\frac{n-2k-2}{8}} 41412323 (41412323)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} (43412123)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 43, & n_8 = 2; \\ (41412323)^{\frac{n-11}{8}} 41412121241, & k = 4, n_8 = 3; \\ 31411142 (41411142)^{\frac{k-12}{8}} 41412133 (23212324)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 143, & k \geq 12, n = 2k+3, n_8 = 3; \\ (41412323)^{\frac{n-2k-3}{8}} 41 (41412323)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 42212 (13413123)^{\frac{k-12}{8}} 134131242241, & k \geq 12, n \geq 2k+11, n_8 = 3; \\ 44414 (12323414)^{\frac{n-2k-4}{8}} 13111 (13333111)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} (42442422)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 42, & n_8 = 4; \\ 3442 (32314142)^{\frac{n-2k-5}{8}} 34414 (23231414)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 1212 (31214212)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 5; \\ 2434 (12123434)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 4 (12123434)^{\frac{n-2k-6}{8}} 121231121 (23434121)^{\frac{k-4}{8}}, & n_8 = 6; \\ 4434 (12123434)^{\frac{k-4}{8}} 4 (12123434)^{\frac{n-k-3}{8}} 12, & n_8 = 7. \end{array} \right.$$

$$\sigma(V_1) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
 (34341212) \frac{n}{8}, & n_8 = 0; \\
 (42121343) \frac{n-k-5}{8} (21213434) \frac{k-4}{8} 212131343, & n_8 = 1; \\
 (34141232) \frac{n-2k-2}{8} 34141232 (34141232) \frac{k-4}{8} (34341212) \frac{k-4}{8} 34, & n_8 = 2; \\
 (14123234) \frac{n-11}{8} 14121212324, & k=4, n_8 = 3; \\
 1414(23143414) \frac{k-4}{8} 13(12324232) \frac{k-12}{8} 1232423232432, & k \geq 12, n = 2k+3, n_8 = 3; \\
 (14123234) \frac{n-2k-3}{8} 1(41412323) \frac{k-4}{8} 414321(34241242) \frac{k-12}{8} 342412421324, & k \geq 12, n \geq 2k+11, n_8 = 3; \\
 2314(12323414) \frac{n-2k-4}{8} 121324(31421324) \frac{k-4}{8} 34(13423124) \frac{k-4}{8}, & n_8 = 4; \\
 412323(14142323) \frac{n-2k-5}{8} (14142323) \frac{k-4}{8} 1412123(43143423) \frac{k-4}{8}, & n_8 = 5; \\
 4343(41212343) \frac{k-4}{8} (12123434) \frac{n-2k-6}{8} 1212323412(12343412) \frac{k-4}{8}, & n_8 = 6; \\
 2343(41212343) \frac{k-4}{8} (12123434) \frac{n-k-3}{8} 121, & n_8 = 7.
 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\sigma(V_2) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
 (41212343) \frac{n}{8}, & n_8 = 0; \\
 (34342121) \frac{n-k-5}{8} 143(42121343) \frac{k-4}{8} 442121, & n_8 = 1; \\
 23334(14123234) \frac{n-10}{8} 441112, & k=4, n_8 = 2; \\
 23334(11123334) \frac{n-2k-2}{8} (41122334) \frac{3k-n-2}{8} (44122234) \frac{n-2k-2}{8} (44112233) \frac{k-4}{8} 44112, & k \geq 12, 2k+2 \leq n \leq 3k-10, n_8 = 2; \\
 23334(11123334) \frac{k-4}{8} (14123234) \frac{n-3k+2}{8} (44122234) \frac{k-4}{8} (44112233) \frac{k-4}{8} 44112, & k \geq 12, n \geq 3k-2, n_8 = 2; \\
 2333(41412323) \frac{n-11}{8} 44441112, & k=4, n_8 = 3; \\
 2333(42212333) \frac{k-4}{8} (44411113) \frac{k-4}{8} 4441211, & k \geq 12, n = 2k+3, n_8 = 3; \\
 2333(41112333) \frac{n-2k-3}{8} 3(41112333) \frac{3k-n-1}{8} 4411223(34411223) \frac{n-2k-11}{8} 44441112(23344112) \frac{k-12}{8} 23334112, & k \geq 20, 2k+11 \leq n \leq 3k-9, n_8 = 3; \\
 2333(41112333) \frac{k-4}{8} (41412323) \frac{n-3k+1}{8} (34411223) \frac{k-4}{8} 44441112(23344112) \frac{k-12}{8} 23334112, & k \geq 12, n \geq 3k-1, n_8 = 3; \\
 312323(41412323) \frac{n-2k-4}{8} 444(22224444) \frac{k-4}{8} 211(31331311) \frac{k-4}{8}, & n_8 = 4; \\
 223(14142323) \frac{n-13}{8} 1412233444, & k=4, n_8 = 5; \\
 223(11142223) \frac{n-2k-5}{8} 1112223(11142223) \frac{3k-n-7}{8} (11442233) \frac{n-2k+3}{8} 444(22331144) \frac{k-4}{8}, & k \geq 12, 2k+5 \leq n \leq 3k-7, n_8 = 5; \\
 223(11142223) \frac{k-4}{8} (14142323) \frac{n-3k-1}{8} 1412233(11442233) \frac{k-4}{8} 444(22331144) \frac{k-4}{8}, & k \geq 12, n \geq 3k+1, n_8 = 5; \\
 3(12123434) \frac{n-k-2}{8} 12234(34121234) \frac{k-4}{8}, & n_8 = 6; \\
 3(12123434) \frac{n-7}{8} 121234, & n_8 = 7.
 \end{array} \right.$$

根据全着色的定义,可以证明 σ 是 $P(n, k)$ 的 4-全着色。由

$$|\sigma^{-1}(1)| = |\sigma^{-1}(2)| = |\sigma^{-1}(3)| = |\sigma^{-1}(4)| = \frac{5n}{4}, \quad n_8 = 0, 4;$$

$$|\sigma^{-1}(1)| = \frac{5n+3}{4}, \quad |\sigma^{-1}(2)| = |\sigma^{-1}(3)| = |\sigma^{-1}(4)| = \frac{5n-1}{4}, \quad n_8 = 1;$$

$$|\sigma^{-1}(1)| = |\sigma^{-1}(2)| = \frac{5n-2}{4}, \quad |\sigma^{-1}(3)| = |\sigma^{-1}(4)| = \frac{5n+2}{4}, \quad n_8 = 2;$$

$$|\sigma^{-1}(1)| = |\sigma^{-1}(2)| = |\sigma^{-1}(4)| = \frac{5n+1}{4}, \quad |\sigma^{-1}(3)| = \frac{5n-3}{4}, \quad n_8 = 3;$$

$$|\sigma^{-1}(1)| = |\sigma^{-1}(3)| = |\sigma^{-1}(4)| = \frac{5n-1}{4}, \quad |\sigma^{-1}(2)| = \frac{5n+3}{4}, \quad n_8 = 5;$$

$$|\sigma^{-1}(1)| = |\sigma^{-1}(4)| = \frac{5n-2}{4}, \quad |\sigma^{-1}(2)| = |\sigma^{-1}(3)| = \frac{5n+2}{4}, \quad n_8 = 6;$$

$$|\sigma^{-1}(1)| = |\sigma^{-1}(2)| = |\sigma^{-1}(3)| = \frac{5n+1}{4}, \quad |\sigma^{-1}(4)| = \frac{5n-3}{4}, \quad n_8 = 7,$$

得 $||\sigma^{-1}(i)| - |\sigma^{-1}(j)|| \leq 1 (1 \leq i \leq j \leq 4)$, 因此, 当 $k \pmod 8 = 4$ 时, σ 是 $P(n, k)$ 的 4-等全着色。

图 3 给出了 $n=9, 10, 11, 12$ 时 $P(n, 4)$ 的 4-等全着色。

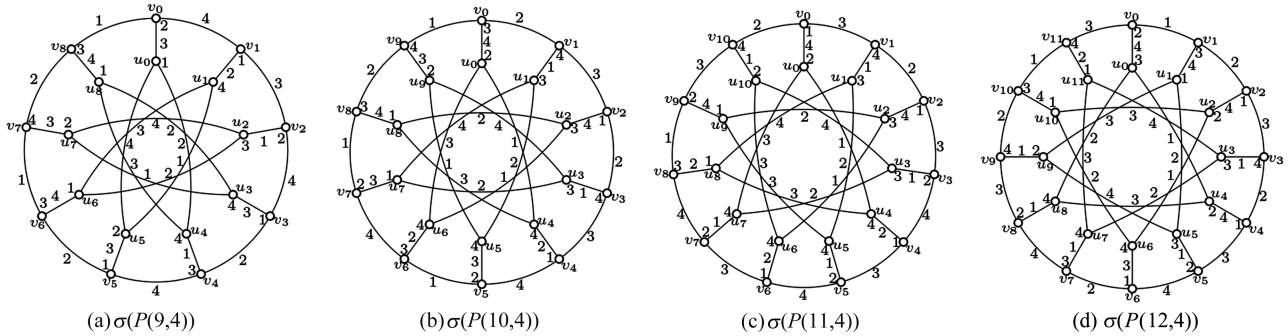


图 3 $n=9, 10, 11, 12$ 时 $\sigma(P(n, 4))$
Fig.3 $\sigma(P(n, 4))$ for $n=9, 10, 11, 12$

引理 3 当 $k \pmod{16} = 8$ 时, $P(n, k)$ 可 4-等全着色。

证明 令 $n_{16} = n \pmod{16}$, 构造如下的 $\sigma(E_1 \cup E_2)$:

$$\sigma(E_1) = \begin{cases} (1212121234343434)_{\frac{n}{16}}, & n_{16} = 0; \\ (23434343 \ 41212121)_{\frac{n-k-9}{16}} \ 23434343421212123 (4343434121212123)_{\frac{k-8}{16}}, & n_{16} = 1; \\ (1212343434341212)_{\frac{n-2k-2}{16}} \ 12121243 (1434342132121243)_{\frac{k-8}{16}} \ 1434312142 (1213432434312142)_{\frac{k-8}{16}}, & n_{16} = 2; \\ (12143434 \ 34321212)_{\frac{n-2k-3}{16}} \ 12143431 (3232121214143431)_{\frac{k-8}{16}} \ 32342421412 (4213142342421412)_{\frac{k-8}{16}}, & n_{16} = 3; \\ (2323232341414141)_{\frac{n-2k-4}{16}} \ 23232323 (1234131424132323)_{\frac{k-8}{16}} \ 123414142313 (2423412414142313)_{\frac{k-8}{16}}, & n_{16} = 4; \\ (12323434 \ 34141212)_{\frac{n-2k-5}{16}} \ 12323432 (3414121412323432)_{\frac{k-8}{16}} \ 3414131214232 (4243142431214232)_{\frac{k-8}{16}}, & n_{16} = 5; \\ (2323232341414141)_{\frac{n-2k-6}{16}} \ 23232323 (2412341421421323)_{\frac{k-8}{16}} \ 24123413413213 (2341231413413213)_{\frac{k-8}{16}}, & n_{16} = 6; \\ (12434121 \ 43123243)_{\frac{n-2k-7}{16}} \ 12434124 (1314242432434124)_{\frac{k-8}{16}} \ 131424241242323 (2142132141242323)_{\frac{k-8}{16}}, & n_{16} = 7; \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma(E_1) = & \left\{ \begin{aligned}
& (1414141232323234) \frac{n-2k-8}{16} 1414141241231341 (2341312341231341) \frac{k-8}{16} 34124234 (1234241234124234) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 8; \\
& (12123412 34341234) \frac{n-2k-9}{16} 1212341232434134 (1241234232434134) \frac{k-8}{16} 234124134 (1231234234124134) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 9; \\
& (41414141 23232323) \frac{n-2k-10}{16} 4141414123412314 (1421231323412314) \frac{k-8}{16} 1421423423 (2412341421423423) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 10; \\
& (4343212121214343) \frac{n-2k-11}{16} 4343212121241324 (3132314212141324) \frac{k-8}{16} 31323212343 (4143121323212343) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 11; \\
& (41414141 23232323) \frac{n-2k-12}{16} 4141414123232343 (4141412123232343) \frac{k-8}{16} 414124232323 (4241414124232323) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 12; \\
& (43432121 21214343) \frac{n-2k-13}{16} 4343212121214142 (4313132421243142) \frac{k-8}{16} 4313123214343 (4143212123214343) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 13; \\
& (1212121234343434) \frac{n-k-6}{16} 12121423434343 (4121212123434343) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 14; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-15}{16} 121212123434343, & n_{16} = 15.
\end{aligned} \right. \\
\sigma(E_2) = & \left\{ \begin{aligned}
& (1212121234343434) \frac{n}{16}, & n_{16} = 0; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-k-9}{16} 12121212334343434 (1212121234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 1; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-2k-2}{16} 12121122 (4134334423121122) \frac{k-8}{16} 4134343434 (1212121234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 2; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-2k-3}{16} 12121211 (2424343412421211) \frac{k-8}{16} 24234343434 (1212121234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 3; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-2k-4}{16} 12121212 (2323334441411212) \frac{k-8}{16} 232334343434 (1212121234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 4; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-2k-5}{16} 12121212 (2431343441131212) \frac{k-8}{16} 2431334342434 (121222234342434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 5; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-2k-6}{16} 12121213 (2323233441411113) \frac{k-8}{16} 23232334343434 (1212124234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 6; \\
& (1132343124431224) \frac{n-2k-7}{16} 11323431 (3244412243123131) \frac{k-8}{16} 324441224431224 (1112343124431224) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 7; \\
& (1212121234343434) \frac{n-2k-8}{16} 1212121241414141 (2323232341414141) \frac{k-8}{16} 34343434 (1212121234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 8; \\
& (1212341234341234) \frac{n-2k-9}{16} 1212341234241244 (1242312334241244) \frac{k-8}{16} 234341234 (1212341234341234) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 9; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-2k-10}{16} 1212121234414141 (4222232334414141) \frac{k-8}{16} 4234343434 (1312121234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 10; \\
& (1212121234343434) \frac{n-2k-11}{16} 1212121234313123 (2123134134313123) \frac{k-8}{16} 21234342434 (1212421234342434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 11; \\
& (1212121234343434) \frac{n-2k-12}{16} 1212121234342443 (1212422134342443) \frac{k-8}{16} 121231343434 (1312121231343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 12; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-2k-13}{16} 1212121234343131 (2121231343434131) \frac{k-8}{16} 2121234343434 (1212121234343434) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 13; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-k-6}{16} 12121243434343 (4121212123434343) \frac{k-8}{16}, & n_{16} = 14; \\
& (12121212 34343434) \frac{n-15}{16} 121212123434343, & n_{16} = 15.
\end{aligned} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

用与引理 2 类似的方法可证明,当 $k \pmod{16} = 8$ 时,该着色 σ 是 $P(n,k)$ 的 4-等全着色,此处不再赘述。图 4 给出了 $n=17,18,19,20$ 时 $P(n,8)$ 的 4-等全着色。

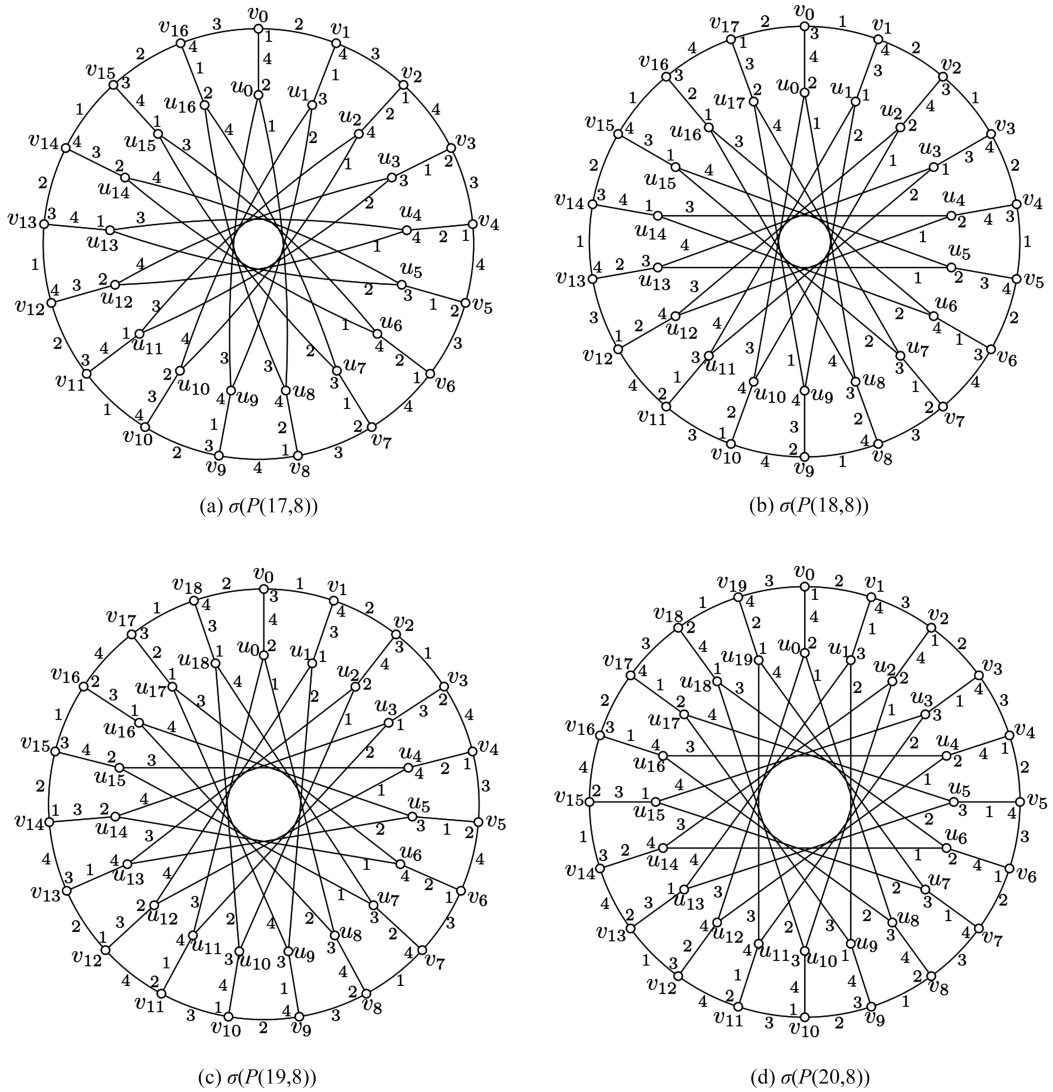


图 4 $n=17,18,19,20$ 时 $\sigma(P(n,8))$
Fig.4 $\sigma(P(n,8))$ for $n=17,18,19,20$

引理 4 当 $k \pmod{16} = 0 \wedge n \pmod{2k} = 0,1,2,4$ 时, $P(n,k)$ 可 4-等全着色。

证明 令 $n_{2k} = n \pmod{2k}$, 构造如下的 $\sigma(E_1 \cup E_2)$:

$$\sigma(E_1) = \begin{cases} ((12)^{\frac{k}{2}}(34)^{\frac{k}{2}})^{\frac{n}{2k}}, & n_{2k} = 0; \\ (23(43)^{\frac{k-2}{2}}41(21)^{\frac{k-2}{2}})^{\frac{n-2k-1}{2k}}23(43)^{\frac{k-2}{2}}42(12)^{\frac{k-2}{2}}3, & n_{2k} = 1; \\ ((12)^{\frac{k-4}{2}}3434(34)^{\frac{k-4}{2}}1212)^{\frac{n-2k-2}{2k}}(12)^{\frac{k-2}{2}}431(43)^{\frac{k-4}{2}}12142, & n_{2k} = 2; \\ (((23)^{\frac{k}{2}}(41)^{\frac{k}{2}})^{\frac{n-2k-4}{2k}}(23)^{\frac{k}{2}}1234(14)^{\frac{k-4}{2}}2313, & n_{2k} = 4. \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma(E_2) = \begin{cases} ((12)^{\frac{k}{2}}(34)^{\frac{k}{2}})^{\frac{n}{2k}}, & n_{2k} = 0; \\ ((12)^{\frac{k}{2}}(34)^{\frac{k}{2}})^{\frac{n-2k-1}{2k}}(12)^{\frac{k}{2}}3(34)^{\frac{k}{2}}, & n_{2k} = 1; \\ ((12)^{\frac{k}{2}}(34)^{\frac{k}{2}})^{\frac{n-2k-2}{2k}}(12)^{\frac{k-4}{2}}112241(34)^{\frac{k}{2}}, & n_{2k} = 2; \\ (((12)^{\frac{k}{2}}(34)^{\frac{k}{2}})^{\frac{n-2k-4}{2k}}(12)^{\frac{k}{2}}2323(34)^{\frac{k}{2}}, & n_{2k} = 4. \end{cases}$$

用与引理 2 类似的方法可证明,当 $k \pmod{16} = 0 \wedge n \pmod{2k} = 0,1,2,4$ 时,该着色 σ 是 $P(n,k)$ 的 4-

等全着色。

图 5 给出了 $n=33,34$ 时 $P(n,16)$ 的 4-等全着色。

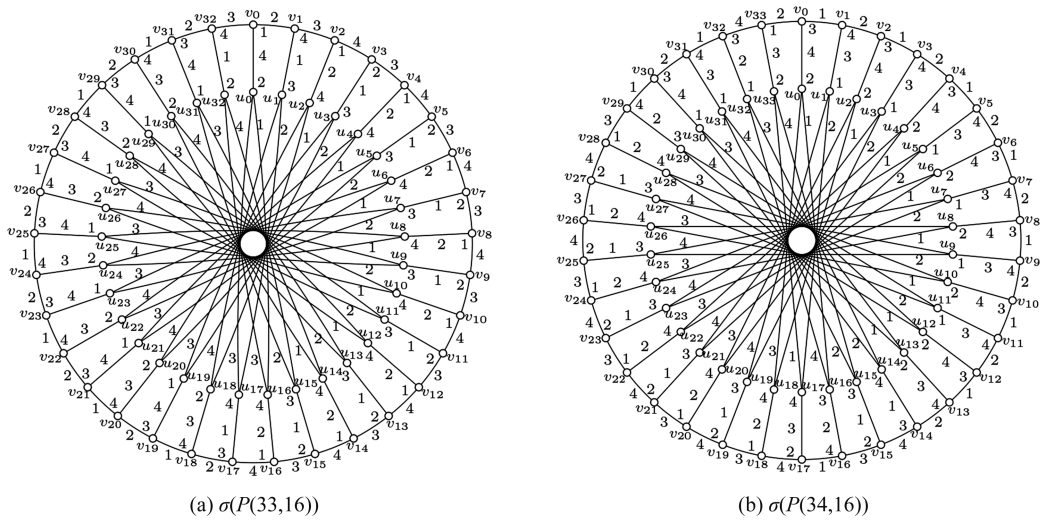


图 5 $n=33,34$ 时 $\sigma(P(n,16))$
Fig.5 $\sigma(P(n,16))$ for $n=33,34$

由引理 2,3 得,当 $k \pmod{16} = 4, 8, 12$ 时, $\chi''_=(P(n,k)) \leq 4$ 。又因为 $\chi''_=(P(n,k)) \geq \chi''(P(n,k)) \geq \Delta(P(n,k))+1=4$, 所以有如下定理:

定理 1 当 $k \pmod{16} = 4, 8, 12$ 时, $\chi''_=(P(n,k)) = 4$ 。

同理,由引理 4,可证明,当 $k \pmod{16} = 0 \wedge n \pmod{2k} = 0, 1, 2, 4$ 时, $\chi''_=(P(n,k)) = 4$ 。进一步,有如下猜想:

猜想 1 $k \pmod{16} = 0$ 时, $\chi''_=(P(n,k)) = 4$ 。

2 结论

证明了 $k \pmod{16} = 4, 8, 12$ 以及 $k \pmod{16} = 0 \wedge n \pmod{2k} = 0, 1, 2, 4$ 时 $P(n,k)$ 的等全色数是 4,并进一步猜想 $k \pmod{16} = 0$ 时 $P(n,k)$ 的等全色数也是 4,改进和扩展了 $P(n,k)$ 的等全色数的现有结果。

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