



# 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  $2 \leq a \leq b \leq c$  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  $\chi$ -equivalent), denoted by  $G \sim H$ , if  $P(G, \lambda) = P(H, \lambda)$ . A graph  $G$  is chromatically unique (or simply  $\chi$ -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  $k \geq 2$  and let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  be positive integers with  $a_i + a_j \geq 3$  for all  $i, j$  and  $1 \leq i < j \leq k$ . Let  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  denote the graph obtained by connecting two distinct vertices with  $k$  independent (internally disjoint) paths of length  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , respectively. The graph  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  is called a multi-bridge (more specifically  $k$ -bridge) graph.

Given positive integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$ , where  $k \geq 2$ , what is the necessary and sufficient condition on  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  for  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  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-gluing of  $G$  and  $H$ . Let  $g_e(G, H)$  denote the family of all edge-gluing 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  $\chi$ -equivalent.

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

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

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  $\chi$ -equivalent.

Let  $C_p$  denote the cycle of order  $p$ . It was shown independently in [19] and [21] that if  $G$  is  $\chi$ -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  $\chi$ -equivalence class.

A 2-bridge graph is simply a cycle graph, which is  $\chi$ -unique. Chao and Whitehead Jr. [2] showed that every 3-bridge graph  $\theta(1, a_2, a_3)$  (or a theta graph) is  $\chi$ -unique. Loerinc [18] extended the above result to all 3-bridge graphs by showing that all 3-bridge graphs (or generalized  $\theta$ -graph) are  $\chi$ -unique. Assume therefore that  $k \geq 4$ . 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  $\chi$ -unique. Assume therefore that  $a_i \geq 2$  for all  $i$ . For  $k = 4$ , Chen et al. [3] found that  $\theta(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$  may not be  $\chi$ -unique.

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

(b) The  $\chi$ -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  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  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  $3 \leq a + 1 \leq b$  and  $\theta(2, 2, \dots, 2, a, b)$  where  $3 \leq a \leq b$  and  $k \geq 5$  are  $\chi$ -unique, respectively. Khalaf and Peng [9] also proved that  $\theta(a, a, \dots, a, b)$  for  $a \leq b$  is  $\chi$ -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 6-bridge 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).

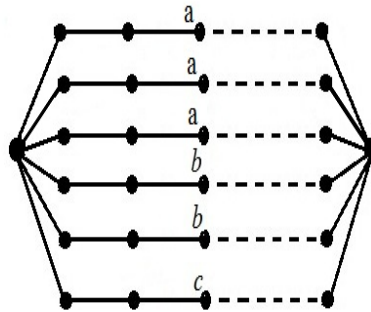


Figure 1.  $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$

## 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  $k \geq 4$ ,  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  is  $\chi$ -unique if  $k - 1 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_k$ .

Li and Wei [17] established that the 5-bridge graph  $\theta(2, 2, 2, a, b)$  is  $\chi$ -unique if and only if  $(a, b) \neq (3, 4)$ . Ye [23] extended the above result to any  $k$ -bridge graph  $\theta(2, 2, \dots, 2, a, b)$  with  $b \geq a \geq 3$  and  $k \geq 5$ . 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  $\theta_k$  denoted as  $\theta_k(h)$ , is  $\chi$ -unique, as stated in the following theorem.

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

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

**Lemma 2.3.** (Dong et al. [5]) *If  $2 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_k < a_1 + a_2$  where  $k \geq 3$ , then the graph  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  is  $\chi$ -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])

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

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  $k, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in N$ ,*

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

**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  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \sim \theta(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k)$  where  $k \geq 3$ ,  $2 \leq a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_k$  and  $2 \leq b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \dots \leq b_k$ , then  $a_i = b_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .*

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

- (i)  *$H \cong \theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$ ,*

(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  $k, t, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $3 \leq t \leq k - 1$  and  $b_i \geq 2$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . If  $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_t), C_{b_{t+1}+1}, \dots, C_{b_k+1})$ , 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  $\theta(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6)$  is  $\chi$ -unique if the positive integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6$  assume exactly two distinct values.

### 3. Main Results

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

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

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a 6-bridge graph of the form  $\theta(a, a, a, b, b, c)$  where  $2 \leq a \leq b \leq c$ . By Lemma 2.3,  $G$  is  $\chi$ -unique if  $c < 2a$ . Suppose  $c \geq 2a$  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  $2 \leq b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3$  and  $2 \leq b_4, b_5, b_6$  or (B)  $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4), C_{b_5+1}, C_{b_6+1})$  where  $2 \leq b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3 \leq b_4$  and  $2 \leq b_5, b_6$  or (C)  $H \in g_e(\theta(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5), C_{b_6+1})$  where  $2 \leq b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3 \leq b_4 \leq b_5$  and  $2 \leq b_6$ .

**Case 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  $2 \leq b_1 \leq b_2 \leq b_3$  and  $2 \leq b_4, b_5, b_6$ . 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

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(G) &= x(x^a - 1)^3(x^b - 1)^2(x^c - 1) - (x^a - x)^3(x^b - x)^2(x^c - x), \\
 Q(H) &= x(x^{b_1} - 1)(x^{b_2} - 1)(x^{b_3} - 1)(x^{b_4} - 1)(x^{b_5} - 1)(x^{b_6} - 1) - \\
 &\quad (x^{b_1} - x)(x^{b_2} - x)(x^{b_3} - x)(x^{b_4} - 1)(x^{b_5} - 1)(x^{b_6} - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_1(G) &= 2x^{3a+b+1} + x^{3a+c+1} + x^{3a+3} + 3x^{2a+2b+1} + 6x^{2a+b+c+1} + \\
 &\quad 6x^{2a+b+3} + 3x^{2a+c+3} + 3x^{2a+1} + 3x^{a+2b+c+1} + 3x^{a+2b+3} + \\
 &\quad 6x^{a+b+c+3} + 6x^{a+b+1} + 3x^{a+c+1} + 3x^{a+5} + x^{2b+c+3} + x^{2b+1} + \\
 &\quad 2x^{b+c+1} + 2x^{b+5} + x^{c+5} - (2x^{3a+b+2} + x^{3a+c+2} + x^{3a+1} + \\
 &\quad 3x^{2a+2b+2} + 6x^{2a+b+c+2} + 6x^{2a+b+1} + 3x^{2a+c+1} + 3x^{2a+4} + \\
 &\quad 3x^{a+2b+c+2} + 3x^{a+2b+1} + 6x^{a+b+c+1} + 6x^{a+b+4} + 3x^{a+c+4} + \\
 &\quad 3x^{a+1} + x^{2b+c+1} + x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+1} + x^6), \\
 Q_1(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} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_2+b_3} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_6+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_4+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} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+2} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + \\
 &\quad 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+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+2} + x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+3} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_5+3} + x^{b_6+3} - \\
 &\quad (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+b_3+b_4} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_5} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+1} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+b_6+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_4+2} + x^{b_2+b_5+b_6+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_5+2} + x^{b_2+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_3+b_4+b_5+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_4+2} + x^{b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_5+2} + x^{b_3+b_6+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_3+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_4+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+1} + x^3).
 \end{aligned}$$

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)  $b_4 \neq 3, b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$ .

**Case 1**  $b_4 = b_5 = b_6 = 3$ . 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  $b_2 = b_3 = 2$ .

**Case 1.1**  $b_1 = b_2 = 2$ . Therefore,  $H$  has four cycles of length 4, a contradiction.

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

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

**Case 2**  $b_4 = b_5 = 3, b_6 \neq 3$ . 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.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_2(G) &= x^{2b+c+3} + 12x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 6x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 8x^{b+7} + \\
 &6x^{b+3} + 4x^{c+7} + 3x^{c+3} + x^9 + 2x^7 + 3x^5 - (x^{2b+c+1} + \\
 &6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 6x^{b+c+3} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + \\
 &2x^{b+8} + 6x^{b+6} + 4x^{b+5} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+8} + 3x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + \\
 &x^{c+1} + 3x^8 + x^6), \\
 Q_2(H) &= 3x^{b_3+b_6+5} + x^{b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+10} + 3x^{b_3+8} + 3x^{b_3+4} + x^{b_3+2} + \\
 &3x^{b_6+9} + 3x^{b_6+7} + 3x^{b_6+3} + 2x^{10} + 6x^6 - (3x^{b_3+b_6+4} + \\
 &x^{b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_3+11} + 3x^{b_3+7} + 3x^{b_3+5} + x^{b_3+1} + 2x^{b_6+10} + \\
 &6x^{b_6+6} + x^{b_6+1} + 3x^9 + 3x^7).
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $\chi$ -unique.

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

**Case 4**  $b_4 \neq 3, b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$ . Since the girth of  $H$  is 4, then  $b_4 \geq 4, b_5 \geq 4$  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  $b_2 + b_3 = 4$ . 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.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_3(G) &= 12x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 6x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 8x^{b+7} + 6x^{b+3} + \\
 &4x^{c+7} + 3x^{c+3} + x^9 + 2x^7 + 3x^5 - (x^{2b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+6} + \\
 &x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 6x^{b+c+3} + 2x^{b+8} + \\
 &6x^{b+6} + 4x^{b+5} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+8} + 3x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + x^{c+1} + \\
 &3x^8 + x^6),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_3(H) = & x^{b_4+b_5+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_4+b_6+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+4} + \\
 & x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+7} + 4x^{b_4+3} + x^{b_5+b_6+6} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+4} + \\
 & x^{b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_5+7} + 4x^{b_5+3} + x^{b_6+7} + 4x^{b_6+3} + x^6 + 3x^4 - \\
 & (x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_5+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_6+3} + \\
 & x^{b_4+6} + 3x^{b_4+4} + x^{b_4+1} + x^{b_5+b_6+7} + 4x^{b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_5+6} + \\
 & 3x^{b_5+4} + x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+6} + 3x^{b_6+4} + x^{b_6+1} + x^7 + x^3).
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $\chi$ -unique.

If  $c = 2$ , then  $G \cong \theta(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2)$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $G$  is  $\chi$ -unique.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_4(G) &= x(x^a - 1)^3(x^b - 1)^2(x^c - 1) - (x^a - x)^3(x^b - x)^2(x^c - x), \\
 Q_4(H) &= x(x^{b_1} - 1)(x^{b_2} - 1)(x^{b_3} - 1)(x^{b_4} - 1)(x^{b_5} - 1)(x^{b_6} - 1) - \\
 & (x^{b_1} - x)(x^{b_2} - x)(x^{b_3} - x)(x^{b_4} - x)(x^{b_5} - 1)(x^{b_6} - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

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

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



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

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

**Case 1**  $a = 2$ . 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.

**Case 1.1**  $b_5 = b_6 = 3$ . 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.

**Case 1.2**  $b_5 = 3, b_6 \neq 3$ . Since  $H$  has girth 4, then  $b_6 \geq 4$ . 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.

**Case 1.3**  $b_5 \neq 3, b_6 \neq 3$ . 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  $(b_1 + b_4 = 4$  or  $b_2 + b_3 = 4)$ . Therefore, we have two cases to consider.

**Case 1.3.1**  $b_1 + b_4 = 4$ . 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.

**Case 1.3.2**  $b_2 + b_3 = 4$ . 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.

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

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  $\chi$ -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.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_7(G) &= 5x^{c+8} + x^{c+7} + x^{c+4} + 3x^{c+3} + 4x^{11} + 6x^{10} + 3x^7 + \\
 &4x^6 - (3x^{c+9} + 6x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + x^{c+1} + 3x^{12} + 7x^9 + \\
 &7x^8), \\
 Q_7(H) &= x^{b_5+9} + 3x^{b_5+7} + 2x^{b_5+4} + 3x^{b_5+3} + x^{b_6+9} + 3x^{b_6+7} + \\
 &2x^{b_6+4} + 3x^{b_6+3} + 3x^5 - (2x^{b_5+b_6+4} + x^{b_5+10} + x^{b_5+6} + \\
 &6x^{b_5+5} + x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+10} + x^{b_6+6} + 6x^{b_6+5} + x^{b_6+1} + 3x^7).
 \end{aligned}$$

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.

**Case 2**  $a = 3$ . 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  $b_5 \neq 5, b_6 \neq 5$ .

**Case 2.1**  $b_5 = b_6 = 5$ . Therefore,  $b_1 + b_2 = 6$ . Thus, we have  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = 4$  or  $b_1 = b_2 = 3$ .

**Case 2.1.1**  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = 4$ . It follows from equation 3 that  $2b + c = b_3 + b_4 + 7$ . Since  $3 \leq b \leq c$  and  $4 \leq b_3 \leq b_4$ , by cancelling the equal terms, there is  $-x^3$  in  $Q_5(H)$  but not in  $Q_5(G)$ , a contradiction.

**Case 2.1.2**  $b_1 = b_2 = 3$ . From equation 3, we obtain

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

We obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_8(G) &= x^{2b+c+3} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+7} + 3x^{2b+6} + \\
 &x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+10} + 6x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+5} + 6x^{b+4} + x^{c+10} + 3x^{c+9} + \\
 &x^{c+5} + 3x^{c+4} + x^{12} + 3x^8 + 2x^7 - (x^{2b+c+1} + 6x^{b+c+8} + \\
 &8x^{b+c+4} + 3x^{2b+8} + 4x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+11} + 12x^{b+7} + 2x^{b+1} + \\
 &x^{c+11} + 6x^{c+7} + x^{c+1} + 4x^{10} + x^6), \\
 Q_8(H) &= 3x^{b_3+b_4+7} + x^{b_3+b_4+1} + 2x^{b_3+14} + x^{b_3+13} + 4x^{b_3+10} + 2x^{b_3+6} + \\
 &2x^{b_3+4} + x^{b_3+3} + 2x^{b_4+14} + x^{b_4+13} + 4x^{b_4+10} + 2x^{b_4+6} + \\
 &2x^{b_4+4} + x^{b_4+3} + x^{17} + 2x^{16} + 2x^{13} + 6x^9 - (3x^{b_3+b_4+6} + \\
 &x^{b_3+b_4+2} + 2x^{b_3+15} + x^{b_3+11} + 4x^{b_3+9} + 2x^{b_3+8} + 2x^{b_3+5} + \\
 &x^{b_3+1} + 2x^{b_4+15} + x^{b_4+11} + 4x^{b_4+9} + 2x^{b_4+8} + 2x^{b_4+5} + \\
 &x^{b_4+1} + x^{18} + 3x^{14} + 2x^{12} + 3x^{11} + x^8).
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the l.r.p. in  $Q_8(G)$  and the l.r.p. in  $Q_8(H)$ , we have  $b_3 = 5$  or  $b_4 = 5$ .

**Case 2.1.2.1**  $b_3 = 5$ . Then we obtain the following after simplification.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_9(G) &= x^{2b+c+3} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+7} + 3x^{2b+6} + \\
 &x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+10} + 6x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+5} + 6x^{b+4} + x^{c+10} + 3x^{c+9} + \\
 &x^{c+5} + 3x^{c+4} + x^{12} + 3x^8 + 2x^7 - (x^{2b+c+1} + 6x^{b+c+8} + \\
 &8x^{b+c+4} + 3x^{2b+8} + 4x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+11} + 12x^{b+7} + 2x^{b+1} + \\
 &x^{c+11} + 6x^{c+7} + x^{c+1} + 2x^{10}), \\
 Q_9(H) &= 2x^{b_4+14} + x^{b_4+13} + 3x^{b_4+12} + 4x^{b_4+10} + 3x^{b_4+6} + 2x^{b_4+4} + \\
 &x^{b_4+3} + 2x^{19} + x^{17} + x^{16} + 4x^{15} + 8x^9 - (2x^{b_4+15} + 4x^{b_4+11} + \\
 &4x^{b_4+9} + 2x^{b_4+8} + x^{b_4+7} + 2x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + 2x^{20} + 7x^{14} + \\
 &2x^{12} + x^{11}).
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $\chi$ -unique.

**Case 2.1.2.2**  $b_4 = 5$ . Then, we have  $b_3 = 3$  or  $b_3 = 4$  or  $b_3 = 5$ .

**Case 2.1.2.2(a)** If  $b_3 = 3$ , then  $H$  has five cycles of length 6, a contradiction.

**Case 2.1.2.2(b)** 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  $3 \leq b \leq 4$ , a contradiction.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{10}(G) &= x^{2b+c+3} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+7} + 3x^{2b+6} + \\
 &\quad x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+10} + 6x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+5} + 6x^{b+4} + x^{c+10} + 3x^{c+9} + \\
 &\quad x^{c+5} + 3x^{c+4} + x^{12} + 2x^8 + 2x^7 - (x^{2b+c+1} + 6x^{b+c+8} + \\
 &\quad 8x^{b+c+4} + 3x^{2b+8} + 4x^{2b+4} + 2x^{b+11} + 12x^{b+7} + 2x^{b+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{c+11} + 6x^{c+7} + x^{c+1}), \\
 Q_{10}(H) &= 4x^{19} + x^{18} + 4x^{17} + 8x^{15} + 2x^{11} + 10x^9 - (4x^{20} + 3x^{16} + \\
 &\quad 11x^{14} + 2x^{13} + 3x^{12} + x^6).
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $3 \leq b \leq 5$ , a contradiction.

**Case 2.2**  $b_5 = 5, b_6 \neq 5$ . 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  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$ .

**Case 2.2.1**  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 4$ . 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.

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

**Case 2.3**  $b_5 \neq 5, b_6 \neq 5$ . 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  $(b_1 + b_4 = 6$  or  $b_2 + b_3 = 6)$ .

**Case 2.3.1**  $b_1 + b_4 = 6$ . 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  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 3$ .

**Case 2.3.1.1**  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$ . 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.

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

**Case 2.3.2**  $b_2 + b_3 = 6$ . 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.

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

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  $\chi$ -unique. If  $c = 3$ , then  $G \cong \theta(3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $G$  is  $\chi$ -unique.

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{12}(G) &= x(x^a - 1)^3(x^b - 1)^2(x^c - 1) - (x^a - x)^3(x^b - x)^2(x^c - x), \\
 Q_{12}(H) &= x(x^{b_1} - 1)(x^{b_2} - 1)(x^{b_3} - 1)(x^{b_4} - 1)(x^{b_5} - 1)(x^{b_6} - 1) - \\
 &\quad (x^{b_1} - x)(x^{b_2} - x)(x^{b_3} - x)(x^{b_4} - x)(x^{b_5} - x)(x^{b_6} - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 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} + \\
 &\quad 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} + \\
 &\quad 3x^{a+c+1} + 3x^{a+5} + x^{2b+c+3} + x^{2b+1} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 2x^{b+5} + x^{c+5} - \\
 &\quad (2x^{3a+b+2} + x^{3a+c+2} + x^{3a+1} + 3x^{2a+2b+2} + 6x^{2a+b+c+2} + 6x^{2a+b+1} + \\
 &\quad 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} + \\
 &\quad 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), \\
 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} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_2+b_4+2} + 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+3} + x^{b_1+b_2+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_3+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_6+3} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_5+b_6+3} + x^{b_1+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+4} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+2} + 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+3} + x^{b_2+b_3+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_6+3} + x^{b_2+b_4+1} + x^{b_2+b_5+b_6+3} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+4} + 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+3} + \\
 &\quad 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+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+3} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+4} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_5+4} + x^{b_6+5} - (x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_4+b_5+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_3+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_4+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_4+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+b_6+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_2+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_2+3} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_4+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_3+3} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+b_6+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_4+b_5+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_4+3} + x^{b_1+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_1+b_5+3} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_1+b_6+4} + x^{b_1+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_4+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+b_6+2} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_3+b_5+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_3+3} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+b_6+2} + x^{b_2+b_4+b_5+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_2+b_4+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_4+3} + x^{b_2+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_2+b_5+3} + x^{b_2+b_6+4} + x^{b_2+1} + \\
 &\quad 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+3} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_3+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_3+b_5+3} + x^{b_3+b_6+4} + x^{b_3+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_4+b_5+3} + x^{b_4+b_6+4} + x^{b_4+1} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+1} + x^5).
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $a \geq 2$ , we have three cases to consider, (1)  $a = 2$  or (2)  $a = 3$  or (3)  $a = 4$ .

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

**Case 1.1**  $b_6 = 3$ . 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.

**Case 1.2**  $b_6 \neq 3$ . Note that  $g(H) = 4$ , then  $b_6 \geq 4$ . Then, we have  $b_1 + b_2 = 4$ ,  $b_1 + b_3 = 4$  and  $(b_1 + b_4 = 4$  or  $b_2 + b_3 = 4)$ . So, we have two cases to consider.

**Case 1.2.1**  $b_1 + b_4 = 4$ . 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.

**Case 1.2.2**  $b_2 + b_3 = 4$ . 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.

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{14}(G) &= 6x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 12x^{b+c+5} + 2x^{b+c+1} + 8x^{b+7} + 6x^{b+3} + 4x^{c+7} + \\ & 3x^{c+3} + x^9 + 2x^7 + x^5 - (x^{2b+c+1} + 3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + \\ & 6x^{b+c+6} + 2x^{b+c+4} + 6x^{b+c+3} + 2x^{b+8} + 6x^{b+6} + 4x^{b+5} + \\ & 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+8} + 3x^{c+6} + 2x^{c+5} + x^{c+1} + 3x^8 + x^6), \\ Q_{14}(H) &= x^{b_4+b_5+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + 6x^{b_4+b_6+5} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + \\ & 3x^{b_4+6} + x^{b_4+4} + 3x^{b_4+3} + 6x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+6} + \\ & x^{b_5+4} + 3x^{b_5+3} + 4x^{b_6+7} + 3x^{b_6+3} + x^8 + 3x^6 - (x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + \\ & x^{b_4+b_5+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_5+3} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+6} + x^{b_4+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+3} + \\ & 6x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+6} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+3} + 6x^{b_5+5} + \\ & x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+8} + 3x^{b_6+6} + 2x^{b_6+5} + x^{b_6+1} + 4x^7). \end{aligned}$$

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

**Case 1.2.2.1**  $b = 4$ . 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.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{15}(G) &= 5x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+1} + 12x^{b+9} + 2x^{b+7} + 6x^{b+3} + 4x^{11} + 5x^7 - \\
 &\quad (3x^{2b+6} + x^{2b+4} + 3x^{2b+3} + 6x^{b+10} + 4x^{b+8} + 6x^{b+6} + \\
 &\quad 2x^{b+5} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{12} + 3x^{10} + x^9 + 3x^8), \\
 Q_{15}(H) &= x^{b_4+b_5+6} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+4} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + 6x^{b_4+b_6+5} + x^{b_4+b_6+1} + \\
 &\quad 3x^{b_4+6} + x^{b_4+4} + 3x^{b_4+3} + 6x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+6} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_5+4} + 3x^{b_5+3} + 4x^{b_6+7} + 3x^{b_6+3} + x^8 + 4x^6 - \\
 &\quad (x^{b_4+b_5+b_6+1} + x^{b_4+b_5+7} + 4x^{b_4+b_5+3} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+6} + x^{b_4+b_6+4} + \\
 &\quad 3x^{b_4+b_6+3} + 6x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+1} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + \\
 &\quad 3x^{b_5+b_6+3} + 6x^{b_5+5} + x^{b_5+1} + x^{b_6+8} + 3x^{b_6+6} + 2x^{b_6+5} + \\
 &\quad x^{b_6+1} + 4x^7).
 \end{aligned}$$

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.

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

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.

**Case 2**  $a = 3$ . 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  $b_6 \neq 5$ .

**Case 2.1**  $b_6 = 5$ . 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  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 3$ .

**Case 2.1.1**  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = 4$ . 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.

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

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

**Case 2.2.1**  $b_1 + b_4 = 6$ . 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  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 3$ .

**Case 2.2.1.1**  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$ . 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.

**Case 2.2.1.2**  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 3$ . Therefore,  $H$  has six cycles of length 6, a contradiction.

**Case 2.2.2**  $b_2 + b_3 = 6$ . 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.

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

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

**Case 2.2.2.1**  $b = 4$ . There is one term in  $Q_{17}(H)$  that equal to  $-x^5$ . Since  $b_6 \geq 6$ , 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  $b_6 \geq 6$ , by cancelling the equal terms in  $Q_{17}(G)$  and  $Q_{17}(H)$ , we obtain  $b_4 = 5$ . But  $3 \leq b_4 \leq 4$ , a contradiction.

**Case 2.2.2.2**  $c = 4$ . 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  $\chi$ -unique. If  $b = 4$ , then  $G \cong \theta(3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4)$ . Similarly, by Lemma 2.10,  $G$  is  $\chi$ -unique.

**Case 3**  $a = 4$ . 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  $b_6 \neq 7$ .

**Case 3.1**  $b_6 = 7$ . 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  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = 4$ .

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

**Case 3.1.2**  $b_1 = 3, b_2 = b_3 = 5$ . 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.

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



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

**Case 3.2.1**  $b_1 + b_4 = 8$ . 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  $b_1 = b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 4$ .

**Case 3.2.1.1**  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 6$ . 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.

**Case 3.2.1.2**  $b_1 = 3, b_2 = b_3 = b_4 = 5$ . 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.

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

**Case 3.2.2**  $b_2 + b_3 = 8$ . 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.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{18}(G) &= 3x^{2b+9} + 3x^{2b+7} + x^{2b+1} + 6x^{b+c+9} + 6x^{b+c+7} + 2x^{b+c+1} + \\
 & 2x^{b+13} + 6x^{b+11} + 8x^{b+5} + x^{c+13} + 3x^{c+11} + 4x^{c+5} + x^{15} + \\
 & 3x^9 - (3x^{2b+10} + 3x^{2b+5} + x^{2b+4} + 6x^{b+c+10} + 6x^{b+c+5} + \\
 & 2x^{b+c+4} + 2x^{b+14} + 6x^{b+9} + 6x^{b+8} + 2x^{b+1} + x^{c+14} + 3x^{c+9} + \\
 & 3x^{c+8} + x^{c+1} + 3x^{12} + x^6), \\
 Q_{18}(H) &= x^{b_4+b_5+12} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+6} + x^{b_4+b_5+1} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+9} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+7} + \\
 & x^{b_4+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_4+10} + 3x^{b_4+5} + x^{b_4+4} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+9} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+7} + \\
 & x^{b_5+b_6+1} + 3x^{b_5+10} + 3x^{b_5+5} + x^{b_5+4} + x^{b_6+13} + 3x^{b_6+11} + \\
 & 4x^{b_6+5} + x^{14} + 3x^8 - (x^{b_4+b_5+13} + 3x^{b_4+b_5+5} + x^{b_4+b_5+3} + \\
 & 3x^{b_4+b_6+10} + 3x^{b_4+b_6+5} + x^{b_4+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_4+9} + 3x^{b_4+7} + x^{b_4+1} + \\
 & 3x^{b_5+b_6+10} + 3x^{b_5+b_6+5} + x^{b_5+b_6+4} + 3x^{b_5+9} + 3x^{b_5+7} + x^{b_5+1} + \\
 & x^{b_6+14} + 3x^{b_6+9} + 3x^{b_6+8} + x^{b_6+1} + 3x^{11} + x^5).
 \end{aligned}$$

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  $G \cong \theta(4, 4, 4, 4, 4, c)$ . By Lemma 2.10,  $G$  is  $\chi$ -unique.

If  $c = 4$ , then  $G \cong \theta(4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4)$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $G$  is  $\chi$ -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  $\chi$ -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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