# Gallai-Ramsey numbers for graphs with five vertices and chromatic number four

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#### Abstract

Given a graph H and an integer  $k \geq 1$ , the Gallai-Ramsey number  $GR_k(H)$  is defined to be the minimum integer n such that every k-edge coloring of the complete graph  $K_n$  contains either a rainbow (all different colors) triangle or a monochromatic copy of H. In this paper, we determine the Gallai-Ramsey numbers for all connected graphs with five vertices and chromatic number 4. With our results, the Gallai-Ramsey numbers for all isolated-free graphs with five vertices except  $K_5$  are determined.

## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we only deal with finite, simple and undirected graphs. Given a graph G and the vertex set V(G), let |G| denote the number of vertices of G and G[W] denote the subgraph of G induced by a set  $W \subseteq V(G)$ . Given disjoint vertex sets  $X, Y \subseteq V(G)$ , if each vertex in X is adjacent to all vertices in Y and all the edges between X and Y are colored with the same color, then we say that X is *mc-adjacent* to Y, that is, X is *blue-adjacent* to Y if all the edges between X and Y are colored with blue. We use  $P_n$  and  $K_n$  to denote the path and complete graph on n vertices, respectively. We define  $[k] = \{1, \ldots, k\}$  for any integers  $k \geq 1$ .

The complete graphs under edge coloring without a rainbow triangle usually have pretty interesting and somehow beautiful structures. In 1967, Gallai studied the structure under the guise of transitive orientations and obtained the following result [7] which was restated in [10] in the terminology of graphs.

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**Theorem 1.1** ([7, 10]). For a complete graph G under any edge coloring without a rainbow triangle, there exists a partition of V(G) (called a Gallai-partition) with parts  $V_1, V_2, \ldots, V_{\ell}, \ell \geq 2$ , such that there are at most two colors on the edges between the parts and only one color on the edges between each pair of parts.

In honor of Gallai's result, the edge coloring of a complete graph without a rainbow triangle is called Gallai coloring. We use (G, c) to denote a complete graph G under the Gallai coloring  $c: E(G) \to [k]$ . Given graphs  $H_1, \ldots, H_k$  and an integer  $k \geq 1$ , the Ramsey number  $R(H_1, \ldots, H_k)$  is defined to be the minimum integer n such that every k-edge coloring of  $K_n$  contains a monochromatic copy of  $H_i$  in color  $i \in |k|$ , and the Gallai-Ramsey number  $GR(H_1, \ldots, H_k)$  is defined to be the minimum integer n such that every Gallai k-coloring of  $K_n$  contains a monochromatic copy of  $H_i$  in color  $i \in [k]$ . We simply write  $R_k(H)$  and  $GR_k(H)$ when  $H = H_1 = \cdots = H_k$ , and R((k-r)K, rH) and  $GR_k((k-r)K, rH)$  when  $H = H_1 = \cdots = H_r$  and  $K = H_{r+1} = \cdots = H_k$ . Similar to the notation  $GR_k((k - k))$ (s-r)F, sK, rH) when  $F = H_1 = \cdots = H_{k-s-r}, K = H_{k-s-r+1} = \cdots = H_{k-r}$  and  $H = H_{k-r+1} = \cdots = H_k$ . Given a Gallai-partition  $V_1, V_2, \ldots, V_\ell$  of a complete graph G, we define  $\mathcal{G} = G[\{v_1, \ldots, v_\ell\}] = K_\ell$  as a reduced graph of G, where  $v_i \in V_i$  for all  $i \in [\ell]$ . Obviously, there exists a monochromatic copy of H in  $\mathcal{G}$  if  $\ell \geq R_2(H)$ , which leads to a monochromatic copy of H in G. Clearly,  $GR_2(K, H) = R(K, H)$ and  $GR_k(H) \leq R_k(H)$  for  $k \geq 1$ . The exact values of  $R_2(K_t)$  for  $t \geq 5$  are not determined so far. Similarly, determining the exact value of  $GR_k(H)$  for a graph H is far from trivial sometimes, even for a small graph. The general behavior of  $GR_k(H)$  for all graphs H was established in [9].

**Theorem 1.2** ([9]). Let H be a fixed graph with no isolated vertices. Then  $GR_k(H)$  is exponential in k if H is not bipartite, linear in k if H is bipartite but not a star, and constant (does not depend on k) when H is a star.

In 2015, Fox, Grinshpun and Pach [4] posed a conjecture for  $GR_k(K_t)$ . It is worth mentioning that the cases t = 3, 4 were proved in [1],[9] and [13]. Recently, Magnant and Schiermeyer [14] have made a breakthrough for the case t = 5 while there are not any results for the cases  $t \ge 6$ . More information on Gallai-Ramsey number can be found in [6,21,22].

Let  $\mathscr{G}$  denote a class of isolated-free graphs with five vertices (see Figure 1). It is worth mentioning that the Gallai-Ramsey numbers for all the graphs in  $\mathscr{G}$  with chromatic number 2 have been determined for  $G_1-G_4$  in [3], for  $G_5$  in [5,21], for  $G_6$ in [12] and for  $G_7$  in [20]. Recently, the Gallai-Ramsey numbers for all the graphs in  $\mathscr{G}$  with chromatic number 3 were determined by [15] for  $G_8$ , [16,18] for  $G_9$ , [24] for  $G_{10}$ , [12] for  $G_{11}-G_{14}$ , [19] for  $G_{15}$  and  $G_{16}$  and [23] for  $G_{11}-G_{19}$ . In this paper, we obtain the exact values of  $GR_k(H)$  for  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ , as follows. With our results, the Gallai-Ramsey numbers for all graphs in  $\mathscr{G} \setminus \{G_{23}\}$  are determined.

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ . For all  $k \ge 1$ , we have

$$GR_k(H) = \begin{cases} (R_2(H) - 1) \cdot 17^{(k-2)/2} + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is even}, \\ 4 \cdot 17^{(k-1)/2} + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$



Figure 1: All isolated-free graphs with five vertices.

In order to prove Theorem 1.3, we give a unified proof for the following two results.

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$ . For all  $k \ge 1$  and r with  $0 \le r \le k$ ,

$$GR_k((k-r)K_3, rH) =$$

$$5^{(k-r)/2} \cdot 17^{r/2} + 1$$
, if  $(k-r)$  and  $r$  are both even,  $(a_1)$ 

- $(a_2)$
- $(a_3)$
- $\begin{cases} 5^{(k-r)/2} \cdot 17^{r/2} + 1, & \text{if } (k-r) \text{ is odd and } r \text{ is even,} \\ 2 \cdot 5^{(k-r-1)/2} \cdot 17^{r/2} + 1, & \text{if } (k-r) \text{ is odd and } r \text{ is even,} \\ 8 \cdot 5^{(k-r-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2} + 1, & \text{if } (k-r) \text{ and } r \text{ are both odd,} \\ 4 \cdot 5^{(k-r)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2} + 1, & \text{if } (k-r) \text{ is even and } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$  $(a_4)$

**Theorem 1.5.** For all  $k \ge 1$ , s and r with  $0 \le s \le k$  and  $0 \le r \le k$ ,

$$GR_k((k-s-r)P_3, sK_3, rG_{22}) =$$

$\left[5^{s/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor + 1,\right]$	if $s, r$ are both even and $s + r = k$ ,	$(b_1)$
$2 \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot 17^{r/2} + 1,$	if $s, r$ are both even and $s + r < k$ ,	$(b_2)$
$5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot \lfloor 42 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor + 1,$	if s is odd, r is even and $s + r = k$ ,	$(b_3)$
$4 \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{r/2} + 1,$	if s is odd, r is even and $s + r < k$ ,	$(b_4)$
$10 \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2} + 1,$	if $s, r$ are both odd and $s + r = k$ ,	$(b_5)$
$16 \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2} + 1,$	if $s, r$ are both odd and $s + r < k$ ,	$(b_6)$
$4 \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2} + 1,$	if s is even, r is odd and $s + r = k$ ,	$(b_{7})$
$\lfloor 32 \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \rfloor \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2} + 1,$	if s is even, r is odd and $s + r < k$ .	$(b_8)$

## 2 Preliminaries

For ease of notation, let  $GR_k((k-r)K_3, rH) = w(k, r) + 1$  with  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  and  $GR_k((k-s-r)P_3, sK_3, rG_{22}) = f(k, s, r) + 1$ . We start this section by using w(k, r), f(k, s, r) and the functions listed in the Appendix to derive the following two tables based on the cases  $a_1-a_4$  and  $b_1-b_8$ .

By applying the functions listed in the Appendix and Tables 1 and 2, we can get the following inequalities that will be used in Section 3. One can check the inequalities (a)-(e), (h)-(n) and (q) by easy computations. In order to be convenient to check the rest of the inequalities, we refer the readers to Table 3 for more details.

Case	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$rac{w(k-1,r)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$
$\frac{w(k-2,r)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$
$\frac{w(k,r-1)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{8}{17}$	$\frac{10}{17}$	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$rac{w(k-1,r-1)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{4}{17}$	$\frac{4}{17}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
$\frac{w(k-2,r-1)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{8}{85}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{10}$
$rac{w(k,r-2)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$
$\frac{w(k-1,r-2)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	$\frac{5}{34}$	$\frac{5}{34}$	$\frac{2}{17}$
$\frac{w(k-2,r-2)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$

Table 1: The ratios of corresponding functions to w(k, r).

Case	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$	$b_6$	$b_7$	$b_8$
$\frac{f(k-1,s-1,r)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$s = 1 : \frac{3}{8}$ $s \ge 3 : \frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{f(k-2,s-2,r)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$s = 2 : \frac{3}{16}$ $s \ge 4 : \frac{1}{5}$
$\frac{f(k,s+1,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{10}{21}$	$\frac{8}{17}$	$\frac{10}{21}$	$\frac{8}{17}$	$r = 1 : \frac{1}{2}$ $r \ge 3 : \frac{21}{34}$	<u>5</u> 8	$r = 1 : \frac{1}{2}$ $r \ge 3 : \frac{21}{34}$	$s = 0: \frac{2}{3}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{5}{8}$
$\frac{f(k-1,s,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{4}{21}$	$s = 0: \frac{3}{17}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{16}{85}$	$\frac{5}{21}$	$\frac{4}{17}$	$r = 1 : \frac{1}{5}$ $r \ge 3 : \frac{21}{85}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$r = 1 : \frac{1}{4}$ $r \ge 3 : \frac{21}{68}$	$s = 0 : \frac{1}{3}$ $s \ge 2 : \frac{5}{16}$
$\frac{f(k,s,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$s = 0: \frac{2}{7}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{32}{105}$	$s = 0: \frac{3}{17}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{16}{85}$	$\frac{8}{21}$	$\frac{4}{17}$	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$s = 0 : \frac{1}{3}$ $s \ge 2 : \frac{5}{16}$
$\frac{f(k-1,s-1,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{16}{105}$	$\frac{8}{85}$	$s = 1 : \frac{1}{7}$ $s \ge 3 : \frac{16}{105}$	$s = 1 : \frac{3}{34}$ $s \ge 3 : \frac{8}{85}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$\frac{f(k-2,s-1,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{2}{21}$	$\frac{8}{85}$	$\frac{2}{21}$	$s = 1 : \frac{3}{34}$ $s \ge 3 : \frac{8}{85}$	$r = 1 : \frac{1}{10}$ $r \ge 3 : \frac{21}{170}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$r = 1 : \frac{1}{10}$ $r \ge 3 : \frac{21}{170}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
$\frac{f(k,s+2,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$r = 2: \frac{5}{21}$ $r \ge 4: \frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$r = 2 : \frac{5}{21}$ $r \ge 4 : \frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$\frac{5}{17}$	$s = 0: \frac{16}{51}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{5}{17}$
$\frac{f(k,s+1,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{4}{21}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	$\frac{5}{21}$	$\frac{5}{34}$	$\frac{16}{85}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	$\frac{4}{17}$	$s = 0: \frac{8}{51}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{5}{34}$
$\frac{f(k-1,s+1,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$r = 2: \frac{2}{21}$ $r \ge 4: \frac{2}{17}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	$r = 2 : \frac{5}{42}$ $r \ge 4 : \frac{5}{34}$	$\frac{5}{34}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	$\frac{2}{17}$	$\frac{5}{34}$	$s = 0: \frac{8}{51}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{5}{34}$
$\frac{f(k-2,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$r = 2 : \frac{1}{21}$ $r \ge 4 : \frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$r = 2 : \frac{1}{21}$ $r \ge 4 : \frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{1}{17}$
$\frac{\frac{f(k-1,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}}{=\frac{f(k,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}}$	$\frac{2}{21}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	$\frac{2}{21}$	$\frac{1}{17}$	<u>8</u> 85	$\frac{1}{17}$	$s = 0: \frac{3}{34}$ $s \ge 2: \frac{8}{85}$	$\frac{1}{17}$

Table 2: The ratios of corresponding functions to f(k, s, r).

For all  $k \ge 3$  and  $r \ge 1$ , we have w(k, r) + 1 > 1

$$4w(k-1,r-1) \ge w(k-1,r-1) + k + 1$$
, where  $w(k-1,r-1) \ge k + 1$ , (a)

$$5w(k-2,r) \ge 2w(k-1,r) \ge w(k-1,r) + k$$
, where  $w(k-1,r) \ge k$ , (b)

$$\begin{cases} 4w(k-1,r-1) \ge w(k-1,r-1) + k + 1, \text{ where } w(k-1,r-1) \ge k + 1, \quad (a) \\ 5w(k-2,r) \ge 2w(k-1,r) \ge w(k-1,r) + k, \text{ where } w(k-1,r) \ge k, \quad (b) \\ w(k,r-1) + w(k-1,r-1) \ge w(k,r-1) + r + 4, \quad (c) \\ w(k-2,r-1) \ge 5w(k-2,r-1) + r \ge r + 6, \text{ where } w(k-2,r-1) \ge r, \quad (d) \\ 8w(k-2,r-2) \ge 12w(k-2,r-2) + r, \text{ where } w(k-2,r-2) \ge r, \quad (e) \\ w(k-1,r) + 2w(k-1,r-1), \quad (f) \\ 2w(k-1,r-2) + w(k,r-1) + w(k-2,r-2). \quad (g) \end{cases}$$

where 
$$w(k-1, r-1) \ge r+4$$
, (c)

$$8w(k-2,r-1) \ge 5w(k-2,r-1) + r \ge r+6$$
, where  $w(k-2,r-1) \ge r$ , (d)

$$17w(k-2,r-2) \ge 12w(k-2,r-2) + r$$
, where  $w(k-2,r-2) \ge r$ , (e)

$$w(k-1,r) + 2w(k-1,r-1), (f)$$

$$2w(k-1,r-2) + w(k,r-1) + w(k-2,r-2).$$
(g)

 $\begin{aligned} & \text{For all } k \geq 3 \text{ and } s+r \geq 1, \text{ we have } f(k,s,r)+1 > \\ & 2f(k,s,r-1) \geq f(k,s,r-1)+s+r+1, \text{ where } f(k,s,r-1) \geq s+r+1, \quad (h) \\ & 2f(k-1,s-1,r) \geq f(k-1,s-1,r)+s+r, \\ & \text{where } f(k-1,s-1,r) \geq s+r, \quad (i) \\ & 3f(k-1,s,r-1) \geq 2f(k-1,s,r-1)+r, \text{ where } f(k-1,s,r-1) \geq r, \quad (j) \\ & 8f(k-2,s-1,r-1) \geq 5f(k-2,s-1,r-1)+r, \\ & \text{where } f(k-2,s-1,r-1) \geq r, \quad (k) \\ & f(k-1,s,r-1)+f(k,s+1,r-1), \quad (l) \\ & 5f(k-2,s-2,r), \quad (m) \\ & 5f(k-1,s-1,r-1), \quad (n) \\ & 2f(k-1,s,r-1)+3f(k-2,s-1,r-1), +2f(k-2,s-1,r-1). \quad (p) \end{aligned}$ 

For abbreviation, we use  $\{\alpha; \beta\} + \{\gamma; \theta\}$  and  $\alpha + \beta + \{\gamma; \theta; \varphi\}$  to denote  $\{\alpha + \gamma, \alpha + \theta, \beta + \gamma, \beta + \theta\}$  and  $\{\alpha + \beta + \gamma, \alpha + \beta + \theta, \alpha + \beta + \varphi\}$  in the following inequalities, respectively. For all  $k \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 2$ , we have f(k, s, r) + 1 > 1

$$17f(k-2, s, r-2) \ge 14f(k-2, s, r-2) + r, \text{ where } f(k-2, s, r-2) \ge r, \quad (q)$$

$$f(k, s+2, r-2) + 2f(k-1, s, r-1),$$
(r)

$$4f(k-1, s, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-1),$$
(s)

$$\{ f(k, s+1, r-2) + f(k, s, r-1); f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-1) \}$$
  
+  $\{ 3f(k-2, s, r-2); 2f(k-1, s, r-2) \}, (t)$ 

$$3f(k,s+1,r-2) + f(k-2,s,r-2) + 2f(k-1,s,r-2), \qquad (u)$$

$$6f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + f(k-2, s, r-2),$$
(v)  

$$2f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + f(k-s+1, r-2) + (4f(k-2, s, r-2)),$$
(v)

$$3f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-2) + \{4f(k-2, s, r-2); f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + 2f(k-2, s, r-2); 2f(k-1, s, r-2) + f(k-2, s, r-2)\}.$$
(w)

We next list many known results that shall be applied in the proofs of Theorems 1.4 and 1.5.

**Theorem 2.1** ([1,9]). *For all*  $k \ge 1$ ,

$$GR_k(K_3) = \begin{cases} 5^{k/2} + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is even,} \\ 2 \cdot 5^{(k-1)/2} + 1, & \text{if } k \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.2** ([2]).  $R(K_3, G_{20}) = R(K_3, G_{21}) = 9$  and  $R(K_3, G_{22}) = 11$ . **Theorem 2.3** ([3]). For all  $k \ge 1$ ,  $GR_k(P_3) = 3$ . **Theorem 2.4** ([8]).  $R_2(K_3) = 6$ ,  $R(K_3, K_4) = 9$  and  $R_2(K_4) = 18$ . **Theorem 2.5** ([11]).  $R_2(G_{20}) = R_2(G_{21}) = 18$  and  $R_2(G_{22}) = 22$ . **Theorem 2.6** ([17]).  $R(P_3, K_3) = 5$  and  $R(P_3, G_{22}) = 7$ .

## 3 Proofs of Theorems 1.4 and 1.5

We first show that  $GR_k((k-r)K_3, rH) \ge w(k, r) + 1$  with  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  and  $GR_k((k-s-r)P_3, sK_3, rG_{22}) \ge f(k, s, r) + 1$  for  $k \ge 1$  and s, r with  $0 \le s \le k$  and  $0 \le r \le k$  by construction. We iteratively construct a k-edge colored complete graph  $I_k$  for all  $k \ge 1$  which contains neither a rainbow triangle nor an appropriately colored monochromatic copy of  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  or  $K_3$  or  $P_3$  by the following iterative procedures. In other words, we first distribute the first r colors to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  for Theorems 1.4 and 1.5, then we distribute the last k-r colors to  $K_3$  for Theorem 1.4; the middle s colors to  $K_3$  and the last k-s-r colors to  $P_3$  for Theorem 1.5.

Let  $i \geq 0$  be an even number in each of the following iterative procedures. By Theorems 2.2–2.4, let  $G^1$  be a 2-edge colored  $K_{17}$  with colors i + 1 and i + 2 which contains no a monochromatic copy of  $K_4$ ,  $G^2$  be a 2-edge colored  $K_{10}$  with colors r and r + 1 which contains neither a monochromatic copy of  $G_{22}$  in color r nor a monochromatic copy of  $K_3$  in color r + 1,  $G^3$  be a 2-edge colored  $K_8$  with colors r and r + 1 which contains neither a monochromatic copy of  $K_4$  in color r nor a monochromatic copy of  $K_3$  in color r + 1,  $G^4$  be a 2-edge colored  $K_8$  with colors rand r + 1 which contains neither a monochromatic copy of  $K_4$  in color r nor a monochromatic copy of  $K_3$  in color r + 1,  $G^4$  be a 2-edge colored  $K_8$  with colors rand r + 1 which contains neither a monochromatic copy of  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  in color r nor a monochromatic copy of  $K_3$  in color r + 1,  $G^5$  be a 2-edge colored  $K_5$  with colors i and i + 1 which contains no a monochromatic copy of  $K_3$ ,  $G^6$  be a 2-edge colored  $K_5$  with colors i + 1 and i + 2 which contains no a monochromatic copy of  $K_3$  and  $G^7$  be a 1-edge colored  $K_2$  with colors in  $[k] \setminus [s + r]$  which contains no a monochromatic copy of  $P_3$ . Let  $I_0$  be a single vertex. Suppose we have constructed  $I_{i-1}$  or  $I_i$  for some i < k whenever running an iterative procedure. We distinguish two cases.

#### (I) s + r = k. (respectively, k - r + r = k for the constructions of Theorem 1.4)

- 1. If  $i \leq r-2$ , then we construct  $I_{i+2}$  by replacing each vertex of  $G^1$  with a copy of  $I_i$  which begins with  $I_2$  for all even  $r \geq 4$  and  $I_0$  for all odd  $r \geq 3$ , where  $I_2$ is a 2-edge colored  $K_{21}$  with colors 1 and 2 which contains no a monochromatic copy of  $G_{22}$ . (respectively, we construct  $I_{i+2}$  by replacing each vertex of  $G^1$ with a copy of  $I_i$  which begins with  $I_0$ .)
- 2. If i = r 1, then we construct  $I_{i+2}$  by replacing each vertex of  $I_i$  with a copy of  $G^2$  (respectively,  $G^4$ ) when s (respectively, k r) is odd and construct  $I_{i+1}$  by replacing each vertex of  $I_i$  with a monochromatic copy of  $K_4$  in color r when s (respectively, k r) is even.
- 3. If  $r \leq i \leq s + r 2$  (respectively,  $r \leq i \leq k 2$ ), then we construct  $I_{i+1}$  by replacing each vertex of  $G^5$  with a copy of  $I_{i-1}$  when s (respectively, k r) is even and r is odd, otherwise we construct  $I_{i+2}$  by replacing each vertex of  $G^6$  with a copy of  $I_i$ .
- 4. If  $r \leq i$  and i = s + r 1 (respectively,  $r \leq i$  and i = k 1), then we construct  $I_{i+1}$  by replacing each vertex of  $I_{i-1}$  with a copy of  $G^5$  when s (respectively,

(k-r) is even and r is odd, and construct  $I_{i+1}$  by connecting two copies of  $I_i$  with all new edges in color k when s (respectively, (k-r)) is odd and r is even.

One can obtain the desired construction  $I_k$  for cases  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  from procedures 1 and 3, cases  $a_2$  and  $b_3$  from procedures 1, 3 and 4, cases  $a_3$  and  $b_5$  from procedures 1–3 and cases  $a_4$  and  $b_7$  from procedures 1–4.

(II) s + r < k.

- 5. If  $i \leq r-2$ , then we construct  $I_{i+2}$  by replacing each vertex of  $G^1$  with a copy of  $I_i$ .
- 6. If i = r 1, then we construct  $I_{i+1}$  by replacing each vertex of  $I_i$  with a copy of  $K_3$  in color r when s = 0 and construct  $I_{i+2}$  by replacing each vertex of  $I_i$  with a copy of  $G^3$  when  $s \ge 1$ .
- 7. If  $r \leq i \leq s + r 2$ , then we construct  $I_{i+2}$  by replacing each vertex of  $G^6$  with a copy of  $I_i$ .
- 8. If  $r \leq i$  and i = s + r 1, then we construct  $I_{i+1}$  by connecting two copies of  $I_i$  with all new edges in color s + r.
- 9. If  $s + r \leq i < k$ , then we construct  $I_k$  by replacing each vertex of  $I_{s+r}$  with a copy of  $G^7$ .

One can obtain the desired construction  $I_k$  for case  $b_2$  from procedures 5,7 and 9, case  $b_4$  from procedures 5 and 7–9, case  $b_6$  from procedures 5–7 and 9, and case  $b_8$  from procedures 5–9.

Now, it suffices to show that  $GR_k((k-r)K_3, rH) \leq w(k,r) + 1$  with  $H \in$  $\{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  and  $GR_k((k-s-r)P_3, sK_3, rG_{22}) \leq f(k, s, r) + 1$  for all  $k \geq 1$  and s, r with  $0 \le s \le k$  and  $0 \le r \le k$ . For the simplicity of the notations, we use C1.4 and C1.5 to represent the cases  $GR_k((k-r)K_3, rH)$  with  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  and  $GR_k((k-s-r)P_3, sK_3, rG_{22})$ , respectively. We proceed the proofs by induction on k + r for C1.4 and k + s + 2r for C1.5. The case for k = 1 is trivial. By Theorems 2.2–2.6,  $GR_2(H) = R_2(H) = w(2,2) + 1$ ,  $GR_2(K_3, H) = R(K_3, H) = w(2,1) + 1$  and  $GR_2(K_3) = R_2(K_3) = w(2,0) + 1$  for C1.4;  $GR_2(G_{22}) = R_2(G_{22}) = f(2,0,2) + 1$ ,  $GR_2(K_3) = R_2(K_3) = f(2,2,0) + 1, \ GR_2(K_3,G_{22}) = R(K_3,G_{22}) = f(2,1,1) +$ 1,  $GR_2(P_3, G_{22}) = R(P_3, G_{22}) = f(2, 0, 1) + 1$  and  $GR_2(P_3, K_3) = R(P_3, K_3) = R(P_3,$ f(2,1,0) + 1 for C1.5. The case r = 0 for C1.4 is Theorem 2.1, and the cases s = kand s + r = 0 for C1.5 are Theorems 2.1 and 2.3, respectively. Therefore, we may assume that  $k \ge 3$  and  $1 \le r \le k$  for C1.4;  $k \ge 3$ ,  $1 \le s + r \le k$  and  $0 \le s < k$  for C1.5. Suppose that Theorem 1.4 holds for all k' + r' < k + r and Theorem 1.5 holds for all k' + s' + 2r' < k + s + 2r, where k' is the total number of colors, s' is the number of colors assigned to  $K_3$  and r' is the number of colors assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ . Now we consider a complete graph G with w(k, r) + 1 and f(k, s, r) + 1 vertices for C1.4 and C1.5, respectively. Let  $c : E(G) \to [k]$  be any Gallai k-coloring of G. Suppose that (G, c) contains neither a monochromatic copy

of  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  in any of the first r colors nor a monochromatic copy of  $K_3$  in any of the last k - r colors for C1.4 and (G, c) contains no a monochromatic copy of  $G_{22}$ in any of the first r colors,  $K_3$  in any of the middle s colors and  $P_3$  in any of the last k - s - r colors for C1.5. Choose (G, c) with k minimum.

Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be disjoint sets of V(G) such that  $X_1$  is color *i*-adjacent to  $X_2$ ,  $i \in [k]$ . It is easily seen that  $G[X_1 \cup X_2]$  contains a monochromatic copy of  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  in color *i* if condition 1 holds or  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  in color *i* if any one of conditions 2–4 holds.

- 1. Both  $G[X_1]$  and  $G[X_2]$  have an edge in color *i* and  $|X_1 \cup X_2| \ge 5$ .
- 2.  $|X_1| \ge 2$  and  $G[X_2]$  contains a  $K_3$  in color *i*.
- 3.  $|X_1| \ge 1$  and  $G[X_2]$  contains a  $K_4 e$  in color *i*.
- 4.  $G[X_1]$  has an edge in color *i* and  $G[X_2]$  has a  $P_3$  in color *i*.

Let  $t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_m \in V(G)$  be a maximum sequence of vertices chosen as follows: for each  $j \in [m]$ , all edges between  $t_j$  and  $V(G) \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_j\}$  are colored the same color under c. Let  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_m\}$ . Notice that T is possibly empty. For each  $t_j \in T$ , let  $c(t_j)$  be the unique color on the edges between  $t_j$  and  $V(G) \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_j\}$ .

Claim 1.  $c(t_i) \neq c(t_j)$  for all  $i, j \in [m]$  with  $i \neq j$ . Thus all colors in  $\{c(t_1), \ldots, c(t_m)\}$  are assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $c(t_i) = c(t_j)$  for some  $i, j \in [m]$  with  $i \neq j$ . We may assume that  $t_j$  is the first vertex in the sequence  $t_1, \ldots, t_m$  such that  $c(t_i) = c(t_j)$  for some  $i \in [m]$  with i < j. We may further assume that the color  $c(t_i)$  is red. Thus the edge  $t_i t_j$  is colored with red under c. Let  $A = V(G) \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_j\}$ . Then all the edges between  $\{t_i, t_j\}$  and A are colored with red under c. For C1.4, as  $t_j$  is the first vertex in the sequence  $t_1, \ldots, t_m$  such that  $c(t_i) = c(t_j)$  for some  $i \in [m]$  with i < j, by the pigeonhole principle, we see that  $j \leq k+1$ . Since  $A = V(G) \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_j\},$  we have  $|A| \ge |G| - (k+1) > k+1 \ge 4$  by (a). Therefore, red cannot be assigned to  $K_3$  as  $t_i t_j$  is a red edge. Furthermore, to avoid condition 1, there are no red edges in (G[A], c). By induction,  $|A| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$ . By (a), we have  $|G| \leq w(k-1, r-1) + k + 1 < w(k, r) + 1$ , contrary to the fact that |G| = w(k,r) + 1. For C1.5, by (h) and (i),  $|G| - (s+r) \ge 3$  as  $s+r \ge 1$ and  $f(k-1, s-1, r) \ge 2$ . So no color in  $\{c(t_1), \ldots, c(t_j)\}$  can be assigned to  $P_3$ . By the pigeonhole principle again, we see that  $j \leq s + r + 1$  as  $t_j$  is the first vertex in the sequence  $t_1, \ldots, t_m$  such that  $c(t_i) = c(t_j)$  for some  $i \in [m]$  with i < j. Since  $A = V(G) \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_j\}$  and  $|G| - (s+r) \ge 3$ , we have  $|A| \ge |G| - (s+r+1) \ge 2$ . Therefore, red cannot be assigned to  $K_3$  as  $t_i t_j$  is a red edge. To avoid condition 4, there does not exist a red  $P_3$  in (G[A], c). By induction,  $|A| \leq f(k, s, r-1)$ . By (h), we have  $|G| \leq f(k, s, r-1) + s + r + 1 < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $c(t_i) \neq c(t_j)$  for all  $i, j \in [m]$  with  $i \neq j$ .

Since  $|G| - (s + r) \ge 3$ , all colors in  $\{c(t_1), \ldots, c(t_m)\}$  will be assigned to  $K_3$ or  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ . This implies that  $|T| \le k$  for C1.4 and  $|T| \le s + r$  for C1.5. If there exists a color in  $\{c(t_1), \ldots, c(t_m)\}$  which is assigned to  $K_3$ , say green, then  $(G \setminus T, c)$  contains no green edges. By induction,  $|G \setminus T| \le w(k-1, r)$  and  $|G \setminus T| \le f(k-1, s-1, r)$ . By (b) and (i), we have  $|G| \le w(k-1, r) + k < w(k, r) + 1$ and  $|G| \le f(k-1, s-1, r) + s + r < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are impossible and thus the statement follows.

By Claim 1, we see that  $|T| \leq r$ . Consider a Gallai-partition of  $G \setminus T$  with parts  $V_1, V_2, \ldots, V_\ell$  such that  $\ell \geq 2$  is as small as possible. Assume that  $|V_1| \geq |V_2| \geq \ldots \geq |V_\ell|$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the reduced graph of  $G \setminus T$  with vertices  $v_1, \ldots, v_\ell$ . By Theorem 1.1, we may further assume that the edges of  $\mathcal{G}$  are colored with red or blue. Clearly, any monochromatic copy of  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  or  $K_3$  or  $P_3$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  would yield a monochromatic copy of  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  or  $K_3$  or  $P_3$  in  $G \setminus T$ . Let

 $\mathcal{V}_r = \{V_i \mid V_i \text{ is red-adjacent to } V_1 \text{ under } c, i \in \{2, \dots, \ell\}\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_b = \{V_i \mid V_i \text{ is blue-adjacent to } V_1 \text{ under } c, i \in \{2, \dots, \ell\}\}.$ 

Let  $R = \bigcup_{V_i \in \mathcal{V}_r} V_i$  and  $B = \bigcup_{V_i \in \mathcal{V}_b} V_i$ . Then we see that  $|G| = |V_1 \cup R \cup B \cup T| = |V_1| + |R| + |B| + |T|$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $|B| \leq |R|$ . Obviously,  $|R| \geq 2$ , otherwise the vertex in R or B can be added to T, contrary to the maximality of m in T. Therefore, red cannot be assigned to  $P_3$  for C1.5.

Claim 2.  $|V_1| \ge 2$ .

Proof. For C1.4, by Theorem 2.5,  $\ell \leq R_2(H) - 1 = 17$  with  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$ . As  $|G \setminus T| \geq w(3, 1) = 20$  for all  $k \geq 3$  and  $1 \leq r \leq k$ , it follows that  $|V_1| \geq 2$ . For C1.5, if  $|V_1| = 1$ , then  $(G \setminus T, c)$  is only colored with red and blue. By Claim 1,  $r \geq 1$  as  $k \geq 3$ . Moreover, since red cannot be assigned to  $P_3$ ,  $|G \setminus T| \geq f(3, 1, 1) = 16$ . If there is at most one of red and blue which is assigned to  $G_{22}$ , then by Theorems 2.2, 2.4 and 2.6,  $|G \setminus T| = \ell \leq R(K_3, G_{22}) - 1 = 10$ , a contradiction. If both red and blue are assigned to  $G_{22}$ , then by Theorem 2.5,  $\ell \leq R_2(G_{22}) - 1 = 21$ . Thus by Claim 1,  $r \geq 3$ , and hence  $|G \setminus T| \geq f(3, 0, 3) - 2 > 21$ , which is a contradiction.

**Claim 3.** No vertex in T is red-adjacent to  $V(G) \setminus T$  under c.

Proof. Suppose not. Then red must be assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  by Claim 1. As  $|R| \geq 2$  and  $|V_1| \geq 2$ , to avoid condition 3, there are no red edges in either  $(G[V_1], c)$  or (G[R], c). For C1.4, by induction,  $|V_1| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$  and  $|B| \leq |R| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$ . Then by (a), we have  $|G| \leq 3w(k-1, r-1) + r < w(k, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. For C1.5, by induction,  $|B| \leq |R| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1)$ . If  $|B| \leq 1$ , then  $(G[V_1 \cup B], c)$  contains no red edges and thus  $|V_1 \cup B| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1)$ . By (j), we have  $|G| \leq 2f(k-1, s, r-1) + r < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction again. Therefore,  $|B| \geq 2$  and hence blue cannot be assigned to  $P_3$ . If blue is assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ , then, to avoid condition 2, there is not a blue  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1| \leq f(k-1, s+1, r-2) \leq 3f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . Note that  $r \geq 2$  as both red and blue are assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ . Then  $|B| \leq |R| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1)$ . which is impossible. So blue must be assigned to  $K_3$  and there are no blue edges in  $(G[V_1], c)$ . Now  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains neither a red nor a blue edge. By induction,  $|V_1| \leq f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . As (G[R], c) contains no a red edge, to avoid a blue  $K_3$ , R has at most two parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$ . It follows that  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 2|V_1|$ . By (k), we have  $|G| \leq 5f(k-2, s-1, r-1) + r < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , yielding a contradiction.  $\Box$ 

## **Claim 4.** $|B| \ge 2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose not. Assume that red is assigned to  $K_3$ . Then by Claims 1–3, there are no red edges in either  $(G[V_1 \cup B \cup T], c)$  or (G[R], c). By induction,  $|V_1 \cup B \cup C|$  $|T| \leq w(k-1,r)$  and  $|R| \leq w(k-1,r); |V_1 \cup B \cup T| \leq f(k-1,s-1,r)$  and  $|R| \leq f(k-1, s-1, r)$ . By (b) and (i), we have  $|G| \leq 2w(k-1, r) < w(k, r) + 1$ and  $|G| \leq 2f(k-1, s-1, r) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are impossible. Therefore, red must be assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ . If  $(G[V_1], c)$  does not contain red edge, and neither does  $(G[V_1 \cup B \cup T], c)$  by Claim 3. Moreover, to avoid condition 2, there is not a red  $K_3$  in (G[R], c) as  $|V_1| \ge 2$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup B \cup T| \le w(k-1, r-1)$ and  $|R| \le w(k, r-1); |V_1 \cup B \cup T| \le f(k-1, s, r-1)$  and  $|R| \le f(k, s+1, r-1).$ By (c) and (l), we have  $|G| \leq w(k-1, r-1) + w(k, r-1) < w(k, r) + 1$  and  $|G| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1) + f(k, s+1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are impossible. Thus there are red edges in  $(G[V_1], c)$ . For C 1.4, we see that  $|V_1 \cup R| \ge 5$  as |G| > r + 5by (d). To avoid conditions 1 and 2, there does not exist a red edge in (G[R], c)and a red  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1], c)$ . Similar to the above arguments, |G| < w(k, r) + 1. For C1.5, to avoid condition 4, there is not a red  $P_3$  in (G[R], c). By the above arguments, we only need to consider the case that (G[R], c) contains red edges. Clearly,  $(G[V_1], c)$  does not contain a red  $P_3$ , and neither does  $(G[V_1 \cup B \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup B \cup T| \leq f(k, s, r-1)$  and  $|R| \leq f(k, s, r-1)$ . By (h), we have  $|G| \le 2f(k, s, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , this yields a contradiction. 

By Claims 2 and 4, blue is assigned to  $K_3$  or  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ . Define  $Y_1 = \{V_i : |V_i| = 1, i \in \{2, ..., \ell\}\}$  and  $Y_2 = \{V_i : |V_i| \ge 2, i \in \{2, ..., \ell\}\}$ . Then  $|Y_1 \cup Y_2| = |R \cup B|$ . Let  $|R \cap Y_t|$  and  $|B \cap Y_t|$  be the number of the common parts in  $\{V_2, ..., V_\ell\}$ , where t = 1, 2.

**Claim 5.** Suppose that blue is assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  and (G[B], c) contains no blue edges (respectively, blue  $P_3$ ). Then  $|B \cap Y_2| \leq 3$ . In particular,

- (1) if  $|B \cap Y_2| = 3$ , then  $|B \cap Y_1| = 0$ ;
- (2) if  $|B \cap Y_2| = 2$ , then  $|B \cap Y_1| \le 1$  (respectively,  $|B \cap Y_1| \le 2$ );
- (3) if  $|B \cap Y_2| = 1$ , then  $|B \cap Y_1| \le 2$  (respectively,  $|B \cap Y_1| \le 4$ );
- (4) if  $|B \cap Y_2| = 0$ , then  $|B \cap Y_1| \le 4$  (respectively,  $|B \cap Y_1| \le 6$ );
- (5)  $|B| \leq 3|V_1|$ .

Moreover, if red is assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  and (G[R], c) contains no red edges (respectively, a red  $P_3$ ), then similar properties hold for R.

*Proof.* We only give the proof for B. The proof for R is similar. It is easily seen that  $|B \cap Y_2| \leq 3$ . If (G[B], c) contains no blue edges, then the edges between any two parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$  in B are colored with red. In order to avoid a red  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}, B$  has at most three parts unless  $|B \cap Y_2| = 0$ . However, if  $|B \cap Y_2| = 0$ , then  $|B \cap Y_1| \leq 4$ , otherwise we can get a red  $K_5$  that contains all red  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ . If (G[B], c) contains no a blue  $P_3$ , then  $Y_1$  is red-adjacent to  $Y_2$  in (G[B], c). Also, all the parts of  $Y_2$  in B are red-adjacent to each other. For (1), there exists a red  $K_4 - e$  in  $(G[B \cap Y_2], c)$ . Thus, to avoid condition 3, we have  $|B \cap Y_1| = 0$ . Suppose that  $|B \cap Y_1| \ge 3$  for (2). Let  $V_i, V_j, V_k \in Y_1$ . Since  $(G[B \cap Y_2], c)$  contains red edges, to avoid condition 4, there exists a blue  $P_3$  in  $(G[V_i \cup V_j \cup V_k], c)$ , which is a contradiction. Suppose that  $|B \cap Y_1| \geq 5$  for (3). Then there will be a red  $K_3$  in  $(G[B \cap Y_1], c)$  as  $R(P_3, K_3) = 5$ . To avoid condition 2, we have  $|B \cap Y_2| = 0$ , which is also a contradiction. For (4), to avoid a red  $G_{22}$ , (G[B], c) must have at most  $R(P_3, G_{22}) - 1 = 6$  parts. Since  $|B \cap Y_2| = 0$ , it follows that  $|B \cap Y_1| \leq 6$ . Recall that  $|V_1| \geq 2$ . So (5) holds based on (1)–(4). 

#### **Claim 6.** No vertex in T is blue-adjacent to $V(G) \setminus T$ under c.

Proof. Suppose not. Then blue will be assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  by Claim 1. As  $|B| \geq 2$  and  $|V_1| \geq 2$ , to avoid condition 3, there does not exist blue edges in either  $(G[V_1], c)$  or (G[B], c). If red is assigned to  $K_3$ , then there are no red edges in either  $(G[V_1], c)$  or (G[R], c). Now  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains neither a red nor a blue edge. By induction,  $|V_1| \leq w(k-2, r-1)$  and  $|V_1| \leq f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . Since (G[R], c) contains no a red edge, the edges between any two parts in R are colored with blue. Thus, to avoid a blue  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ , R contains at most four parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$ . In particular, if R has four parts, then |R| = 4. Hence  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 3|V_1|$ . By (d) and (k), we have  $|G| \leq 7w(k-2, r-1)+r < w(k, r)+1$  and  $|G| \leq 7f(k-2, s-1, r-1)+r < f(k, s, r)+1$ , which are impossible. Recall that red cannot be assigned to  $P_3$ . Therefore, red must be assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$  and thus  $r \geq 2$ .

Assume that  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains red edges. For C1.4, we see that  $|V_1 \cup R| \ge 5$ as |G| > r + 6 by (d). To avoid condition 1, there are no red edges in (G[R], c). By induction,  $|V_1| \le w(k-1, r-1)$  and  $|B| \le |R| \le w(k-1, r-1)$ . By (a), we have  $|G| \le 3w(k-1, r-1) + r < w(k, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. For C1.5, if (G[R], c) contains no a red edge, then by the similar arguments as in the proof of Claim 3, we can show that  $|G| \le 16f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ . Thus (G[R], c)contains red edges. To avoid condition 4, there is not a red  $P_3$  in either  $(G[V_1], c)$  or (G[R], c). So by induction and  $(5), |V_1| \le f(k-1, s, r-2) \le 2f(k-2, s, r-2)$  and  $|B| \le |R| \le 3|V_1|$ . By (q), we have  $|G| \le 14f(k-2, s, r-2) + r < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. Therefore, we conclude that  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains no red edges. Now there is neither a red nor a blue edge in  $(G[V_1], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1| \le w(k-2, r-2)$ and  $|V_1| \le f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . To avoid condition 2, there is not a red  $K_3$  in (G[R], c). Thus R has at most  $R(K_3, H) - 1 = 8$  parts with  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$  for C1.4 and  $R(K_3, G_{22}) - 1 = 10$  parts for C1.5. Recall that (G[B], c) contains no blue edges. So  $|B| \le 3|V_1|$  by (5). By (e) and (q), we have  $|G| \le 12w(k-2, r-2) + r < w(k, r) + 1$  and  $|G| \leq 14f(k-2, s, r-2) + r < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are impossible.

Obviously, if  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains red or blue edges, then so does  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By Claims 3 and 6, if  $(G[V_1], c)$  does not contain any red or blue edges, then neither does  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . We next consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.** Blue and red are the colors assigned to  $K_3$ .

Recall that  $|R| \ge |B| \ge 2$ . So  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains neither red nor blue edges. By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \le w(k-2,r)$  and  $|V_1 \cup T| \le f(k-2, s-2, r)$ . Furthermore, by Theorem 2.4, we see that  $\ell \le R_2(K_3) - 1 = 5$ . By (b) and (m),  $|G| \le 5w(k-2,r) < w(k,s) + 1$  and  $|G| \le 5f(k-2, s-2, r) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are impossible. Thus this completes the proof of Case 1.

**Case 2.** Blue (respectively, red) is assigned to  $K_3$  and red (respectively, blue) is assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ .

Clearly,  $r \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$  in this case. As  $|R| \geq |B| \geq 2$ ,  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no blue (respectively, red) edges. For C1.4, if  $(G[V_1], c)$  does not contain red (respectively, blue) edge, then neither does  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq w(k-2, r-1)$ . Since  $\ell \leq R(K_3, H) - 1 = 8$  with  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$ , by (d), we have  $|G| \leq 8w(k-2, r-1) < w(k, r)+1$ , contrary to the fact that |G| = w(k, r)+1, and hence  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains red (respectively, blue) edges. For the former case, as |G| > r + 6 and  $|T| \leq r$ , we see that  $|V_1 \cup R| \geq 5$ . To avoid conditions 1 and 2, there does not exist red edges in (G[R], c) and a red  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|B| \leq |R| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$  and  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$ . By (a), we have  $|G| \leq 3w(k-1, r-1) < w(k, r) + 1$ , yielding a contradiction. For the latter case, obviously, (G[R], c) has no red edges. To avoid conditions 1 and 2, there does not exist  $|V_1 \cup B| \leq 4$ , and a blue  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$ ,  $|R| \leq w(k-1, r)$  and  $|B| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$ . By (f), we have  $|G| \leq w(k-1, r) + 2w(k-1, r-1) < w(k, r) + 1$ , which is impossible.

For C1.5, we may first assume that  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains no red (respectively, blue) edges. By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . Obviously,  $\ell \leq R(K_3, G_{22}) - 1 =$ 10. In particular, if  $9 \leq \ell \leq 10$ , then there exists a red  $K_4$  in the reduced graph  $\mathcal{G}$  as  $R(K_3, K_4) = 9$ . Note that a monochromatic copy of  $K_4$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  only has four vertices in  $G \setminus T$ , otherwise we can get a monochromatic copy of  $G_{22}$ . This means that  $|G| \leq$  $6|V_1 \cup T| + 4 \leq 8|V_1 \cup T|$ . By (k), we have  $|G| \leq 8f(k-2, s-1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. Therefore, there exist red (respectively, blue) edges in  $(G[V_1], c)$ . For the former case, if (G[R], c) contains no red edges, then, to avoid condition 2, there is not a red  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1)$  and  $|B| \leq$  $|R| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1)$ . By (j), we have  $|G| \leq 3f(k-1, s, r-1) < f(k, s, r)+1$ , which is a contradiction. So (G[R], c) contains red edges. To avoid condition 4, there is not a red  $P_3$  in either (G[R], c) or  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s-1, r-1)$ . Moreover, by Theorem 2.6, R has at most  $R(P_3, K_3) - 1 = 4$  parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$ and thus there are at most two independent red edges between the parts in R. It is easy to check that  $|R| \leq 4$  when R has two such edges,  $|R| \leq |V_1| + 2$  when R has only one such edge and  $|R| \leq 2|V_1|$  when R does not contain such an edge. It follows that  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 2|V_1|$ . By (n), we have  $|G| \leq 5f(k-1, s-1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , this yields a contradiction.

For the latter case, it is obvious that (G[R], c) contains no a red edge. To avoid a blue  $G_{22}$ , R has at most four parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$  and the edges between any two parts are colored with blue. Assume that (G[B], c) contains blue edges. Then there is not a blue  $P_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s-1)$  $1, r-1 \leq 2f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . If R has four parts, then  $|R| \leq 4$ , and if R has three parts, then, to avoid a blue  $G_{22}$ , none of these parts contain blue edges unless  $|R \cap Y_2| \leq 1$ . By induction,  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 3f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . By (k), we have  $|G| \leq 8f(k-2, s-1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which is a contradiction. Finally, if  $|R \cap Y_2| \leq 1$  or R has at most two pars, then  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 2|V_1|$  and thus, by (n), we have  $|G| \leq 5f(k-1, s-1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction again. So (G[B], c) has no a blue edge and thus there is not a blue  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \le f(k-1, s, r-1) \le 3f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . Note that  $\ell \ge 3$ as  $|B| \geq 2$ . This implies that each part of  $\{V_1, \ldots, V_\ell\}$  cannot be only red or blueadjacent to the rest of parts, otherwise we can get a Gallai-partition of  $G \setminus T$  with only two parts. Hence there are no red edges in each part. To avoid red  $K_3$ , B has at most two parts. So by induction,  $|B| \leq 2f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . Similar to above arguments, if R has at least three parts, then  $|R| \leq 3f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$  and thus |G| < f(k, s, r) + 1. Now we consider the case that R has two parts. According to above calculations, at least one part in R contains blue edges. If R only has one part with blue edges, then, by induction,  $|R| \leq |V_1| + f(k-2, s-1, r-1)$ . By (o), we have  $|G| \le 2f(k-1, s, r-1) + 3f(k-2, s-1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. If both parts contain blue edges, then, to avoid condition 4, there does not exist a blue  $P_3$  in both parts. By induction,  $|R| \leq 2f(k-1, s-1, r-1)$ . By (p), we have  $|G| \le f(k-1, s, r-1) + 2f(k-1, s-1, r-1) + 2f(k-2, s-1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1,$ a contradiction again. Finally, if R only has one part, then  $|R| \leq |V_1|$ . Similar to the above calculations, there is a contradiction. Thus this completes the proof of Case 2.

**Case 3.** Blue and red are assigned to  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}, G_{22}\}$ .

In this case, we see that  $r \geq 2$ . Suppose that  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no blue edges. If  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no red edges, then by induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq w(k-2, r-2)$  and  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . For C1.4, we see that  $\ell \leq R_2(H) - 1 = 17$  with  $H \in \{G_{20}, G_{21}\}$ . For C1.5, to avoid condition 2, there is not a red  $K_3$  in (G[R], c). So R has at most  $R(K_3, G_{22}) - 1 = 10$  parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, v_\ell\}$ . Since a monochromatic copy of  $K_4$  in the reduced graph  $\mathcal{G}$  only contains four vertices in  $G \setminus T$ ,  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 6|V_1| + 4 \leq 8|V_1|$  as  $R(K_3, K_4) = 9$ . By (e) and (q), we have  $|G| \leq 17w(k-2, r-2) < w(k, r) + 1$  and  $|G| \leq 17f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are impossible. Hence  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains red edges. Note that  $|V_1 \cup R| \geq 5$  for C1.4 as |G| > r+6 by (d). To avoid conditions 1 and 4, there are no red edges for C1.4 and a red  $P_3$  for C1.5 in (G[R], c). If (G[R], c) contains no red edges for both C1.4 and C1.5, then there does not exist a red  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq w(k-1, r-2) \leq w(k-1, r)$  and  $|B| \leq |R| \leq w(k-1, r-1)$ ;  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s+1, r-2) \leq 3f(k-2, s, r-2)$  and  $|B| \leq |R| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1) \leq 6f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . By (f) and (q), we have  $|G| \leq w(k-1, r) + 2w(k-1, r-1) < w(k, r) + 1$  and  $|G| \leq 15f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are also impossible. Thus (G[R], c) contains red edges but does not contain red  $P_3$  for C1.5, and hence there is not a red  $P_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s, r-2) \leq 2f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . Furthermore, by (5),  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 3|V_1|$ . By (q), we have  $|G| \leq 14f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , yielding a contradiction. Therefore, there exist blue edges in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ .

Claim 7. Suppose that (G[B], c) contains no blue edges.

- (6) If  $|B \cap Y_2| = 3$ , then  $|B| \le 3w(k-2, r-2)$  for C1.4 and  $|B| \le 3f(k-2, s, r-2)$  for C1.5;
- (7) if  $|B \cap Y_2| \le 2$ , then  $|B| \le |V_1| + w(k-2, r-2)$  for C1.4 and  $|B| \le 2f(k-1, s, r-2)$  or  $|B| \le |V_1| + f(k-2, s, r-2)$  for C1.5.

Proof. Let  $|B \cap Y_2| = 3$ . To avoid condition 3, there are no red edges in each part of  $B \cap Y_2$ . By induction and (1), (6) holds. Let  $|B \cap Y_2| \leq 1$ . By (3) and (4), we see that  $|B| \leq |V_1| + 2$ . Let  $|B \cap Y_2| = 2$ . By (2),  $|B \cap Y_1| \leq 1$ . So we first assume that  $|B \cap Y_1| = 1$ . By the same reason as above,  $|B| \leq 2w(k-2, r-2) + 1$  and  $|B| \leq 2f(k-2, s, r-2) + 1$ . We next assume that  $|B \cap Y_1| = 0$ . Now B only has two parts. To avoid condition 1, there is at least one part without a red edge for C1.4 unless |B| = 4. By induction,  $|B| \leq |V_1| + w(k-2, r-2)$ . For C1.5, if both two parts have red edges, then, to avoid condition 4, there is not a red  $P_3$  in either of them. By induction,  $|B| \leq 2f(k-1, s, r-2)$ . If there is at least one part without a red edge, then by induction,  $|B| \leq |V_1| + f(k-2, s, r-2)$ .

For C1.4, if there exist red edges in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ , then  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains red and blue edges and so does  $(G[V_1], c)$  by Claim 6, and hence  $|V_1| \ge 3$ . Recall that  $|R| \ge 2$  and  $|B| \ge 2$ . To avoid conditions 1 and 2, (G[R], c) contains no red edges and  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains neither a red nor a blue  $K_3$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \le w(k, r-2) \le w(k-1, r)$  and  $|B| \le |R| \le w(k-1, r-1)$ . By (f), we have  $|G| \le w(k-1, r) + 2w(k-1, r-1) < w(k, r) + 1$ , yielding a contradiction. Thus  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no a red edge. Similar to above arguments, there does not exist a blue  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  and a red  $K_3$  in (G[R], c). By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \le w(k-1, r-2)$  and  $|R| \le w(k, r-1)$ . Note that  $|V_1 \cup B| \ge 5$  as |G| > w(k, r-1) + r + 4 by (c). Since  $(G[V_1], c)$  contains blue edges, there are no blue edges in (G[B], c). By Claim 5, we see that  $|B \cap Y_2| \le 3$ . Furthermore, by Claim 7,  $|B| \le 3w(k-2, r-2) \le w(k-1, r-2) + w(k-2, r-2)$ . Then by (g), we have  $|G| \le 2w(k-1, r-2) + w(k, r-1) + w(k-2, r-2) < w(k, r) + 1$ , contrary to the fact that |G| = w(k, r) + 1. Thus this completes the proof of C1.4.

For C1.5, as  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains blue edges, there is not a blue  $P_3$  in (G[B], c). Assume that (G[B], c) contains blue edges. Then there is not a blue  $P_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . T], c). We may further assume that  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains red edges. If (G[R], c) also has red edges, then there is not a red  $P_3$  in either  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  or (G[R], c). By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k, s, r-2) \leq 2f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . Moreover, by (5),  $|B| \leq |R| \leq 3|V_1|$ . Then by (q), we have  $|G| \leq 14f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. So (G[R], c) contains no red edges. Thus there is not a red  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k, s+1, r-2) \leq f(k, s+2, r-2)$  and  $|B| \leq |R| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1)$ . By (r), we have  $|G| \leq f(k, s+2, r-2) + 2f(k-1, s, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction again. So  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no a red edge. Hence there does not exist a red  $K_3$  in (G[R], c). So by induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s, r-2)$ and  $|R| \leq f(k, s+1, r-1)$ . As (G[B], c) contains no a blue  $P_3$ , by (5),  $|B| \leq 3|V_1|$ . Then by (s), we have  $|G| \leq 4f(k-1, s, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which is impossible. Therefore, there are no blue edges in (G[B], c).

Clearly,  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no a blue  $K_3$ . Assume that  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains red edges. If (G[R], c) has no red edges, then there does not exist a red  $K_3$  in  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$ . By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k, s+2, r-2)$  and  $|B| \leq |R| \leq f(k-1, s, r-1)$ . By (r), we have  $|G| \leq f(k, s+2, r-2) + 2f(k-1, s, r-1) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. Thus there exist red edges in (G[R], c), and hence there is not a red  $P_3$  in either  $G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  or (G[R], c). By induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k, s+1, r-2)$  and  $|R| \leq f(k, s, r-1)$ . Since (G[B], c) contains no blue edges, by Claim 5,  $|B \cap Y_2| \leq 3$ . By (t), (6) and (7), we have  $|G| \leq f(k, s+1, r-2) + f(k, s, r-1) + \{3f(k-2, s, r-2); 2f(k-1, s, r-2)\} < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which is a contradiction. By (7)again, what is left is to consider the case that  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k, s+1, r-2)$  and  $|B| \leq |V_1| + f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . As (G[R], c) contains no a red  $P_3$ , we have the following claim.

Claim 8.  $|R| \le f(k, s+1, r-2) + 2f(k-1, s, r-2).$ 

*Proof.* By Claim 5,  $|R \cap Y_2| \leq 3$ . Similar to the proofs of (6) and (7), we see that  $|R| \leq 3f(k-1, s, r-2)$  when  $|R \cap Y_2| = 3$ ,  $|R| \leq |V_1| + 4$  when  $|R \cap Y_2| \leq 1$  and  $|R| \leq 2f(k-1, s, r-2) + 2$  when  $|R \cap Y_2| = 2$  and  $|R \cap Y_1| \geq 1$ . Furthermore, if  $|R \cap Y_2| = 2$  and  $|R \cap Y_1| = 0$ , then we have  $|R| \leq 2f(k, s, r-2) = 2f(k-1, s, r-2)$  or  $|R| \leq |V_1| + f(k-1, s, r-2) \leq |V_1| + 2f(k-1, s, r-2)$ . Recall that  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k, s+1, r-2)$ . Also, by Table 2,  $2 \leq f(k-1, s, r-2) \leq f(k, s+1, r-2)$ . Therefore,  $|R| \leq 3f(k-1, s, r-2) \leq f(k, s+1, r-2) + 2f(k-1, s, r-2)$ . □

By Claim 8 and (u), we have  $|G| \leq 3f(k, s+1, r-2) + f(k-2, s, r-2) + 2f(k-1, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , contrary to the fact that |G| = f(k, s, r) + 1. So  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no red edges.

Obviously, there does not exist a red  $K_3$  in (G[R], c). As  $(G[V_1 \cup T], c)$  contains no a blue  $K_3$ , by induction,  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s+1, r-2)$  and  $|R| \leq f(k, s+1, r-1)$ . Then by (t), (6) and (7), we have  $|G| \leq f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-1) + \{3f(k-2, s, r-2); 2f(k-1, s, r-2)\} < f(k, s, r)+1$ , yielding a contradiction. Therefore, by (7) again, it remains to consider the case that  $|V_1 \cup T| \leq f(k-1, s+1, r-2) \leq 3f(k-2, s, r-2)$ and  $|B| \leq |V_1| + f(k-2, s, r-2) \leq 4f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . As (G[R], c) contains no a red  $K_3$ , we have the following claim. Claim 9.  $|R| \le 10f(k-2, s, r-2).$ 

Proof. Suppose that R contains a part of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$  with red edges, say  $V^r$ . In order to avoid the red  $K_3$ ,  $V^r$  must be blue-adjacent to the rest of parts in R. Furthermore, there is neither a red nor a blue  $K_3$  in  $(G[R \setminus V^r], c)$ . So R contains at most  $R_2(K_3) =$ 6 parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$ . Note that R has at least 5 parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$ , otherwise we have  $|R| \leq 4|V_1|$  and then, by (v),  $|G| \leq 6f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , a contradiction. Moreover, each part of  $R \setminus V^r$  cannot be only red or blue-adjacent to the rest of parts in  $R \setminus V^r$ , otherwise we can obtain a blue or a red  $K_3$  as  $R(K_2, K_3) = 3$ . This means that all parts of  $R \setminus V^r$  contain neither red nor blue edges. By induction,  $|R| \leq |V_1| + 5f(k-2, s, r-2) \leq 8f(k-2, s, r-2)$ . Then by (q), we have  $|G| \leq 15f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which is a contradiction.

Suppose that R has a part of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$  with blue edges, say  $V^b$ . Let  $N_b(V^b)$  and  $N_r(V^b)$  be the vertex sets of R such that  $R = V^b \cup N_r(V^b) \cup N_b(V^b)$  and all the vertices of  $N_b(V^b)$  and  $N_r(V^b)$  are blue and red-adjacent to  $V^b$ , respectively. Then there does not exist a red  $K_3$  and a blue  $P_3$  in  $(G[N_b(V^b)], c)$ . By induction,  $|N_b(V^b)| \leq f(k, s+1, r-2)$ . Moreover, there are no red edges in  $(G[N_r(V^b)], c)$  and thus  $|N_r(V^b) \cap Y_2| \leq 3$ . Similar to the proofs of (6) and (7), we have  $|N_r(V^b)| \leq 3f(k-2, s, r-2)$  when  $|N_r(V^b) \cap Y_2| = 3$  and  $|N_r(V^b)| \leq |V_1| + f(k-2, s, r-2)$  or  $|N_r(V^b)| \leq 2f(k-1, s, r-2)$  when  $|N_r(V^b) \cap Y_2| \leq 2$ . It follows that  $|R| \leq |V_1| + 3f(k-2, s, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-2)$  or  $|R| \leq |V_1| + 2f(k-1, s, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-2)$  when  $|N_r(V^b) \cap Y_2| = 3$  and  $|R| \leq 2|V_1| + f(k-2, s, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-2)$  or  $|R| \leq |V_1| + 2f(k-1, s, r-2) + f(k, s+1, r-2) + \{4f(k-2, s, r-2); f(k-1, s+1, r-2) + 2f(k-2, s, r-2); 2f(k-1, s, r-2) + f(k-2, s, r-2)\} < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , which are impossible.

By the above discussions, we can see that all the parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$  in R contain neither red nor blue edges. Since R contains at most  $R(K_3, G_{22}) - 1 = 10$  parts of  $\{V_2, \ldots, V_\ell\}$ , by induction,  $|R| \leq 10f(k-2, s, r-2)$ .

By Claim 9 and (q), we have  $|G| \leq 17f(k-2, s, r-2) < f(k, s, r) + 1$ , yielding a contradiction. Thus this completes the proof of C1.5 and the proof of Case 3.

This completes the proofs of Theorems 1.4 and 1.5.

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## Appendix

Using the expressions of w(k,r) and f(k,s,r), we obtain the following functions. Note that the sequence for all cases in each of the following functions is consistent with w(k,r) or f(k,s,r).

$$\begin{split} & w(k-1,r) = & w(k-2,r) = & w(k,r-1) = \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{2}{5}, 5^{(k-r)/2}, 17^{r/2}, \\ \frac{2}{5}, 5^{(k-r-1)/2}, 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{2}{5}, 5^{(k-r)/2}, 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{2}{5}, 5^{(k-r)/2}, 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{2}{5}, 5^{(k-r)/2}, 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{2}{5}, 5^{(k-r)/2}, 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{7}, 5^{$$

$$\begin{split} f(k-1,s-1,r) &= & f(k-2,s-2,r) = \\ \begin{cases} \frac{2}{5} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{4}{5} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{4}{5} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{4}{5} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{2}{5} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{2}{5} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot \lfloor 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{5} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot \lfloor 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{5} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot \lfloor 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{6} \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \cdot \lfloor 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{4}{5} \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \rfloor \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{4}{5} \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \rfloor \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{4}{17} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot \lfloor \frac{42}{17} \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{4}{17} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot \lfloor 17^{r/2}, \\ \frac{5}{5} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{4}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot \lfloor 21 \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2} \rfloor, \\ \frac{10}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{r/2}, \\ \frac{20}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{32}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{32}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{32}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{10}{19} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{10}{10} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{10}{10} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{10}{10} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{10}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{10}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{16}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2},$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{17}{20} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{32}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{10}{17} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{80}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \end{cases} \qquad \begin{cases} \frac{17}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{16}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{4}{17} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{17} \cdot \lfloor 32 \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \rfloor \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{split} f(k,s,r-2) &= f(k-1,s,r-2) = & f(k,s+1,r-1) = \\ & \begin{cases} 2 \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2}, \\ \frac{2}{17} \cdot 5^{s/2} \cdot 17^{r/2}, \\ 4 \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2}, \\ \frac{4}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-2)/2}, \\ \frac{16}{17} \cdot 5^{(s-1)/2} \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{17} \cdot \lfloor \frac{32}{5} \cdot 5^{s/2} \rfloor \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{17} \cdot \lfloor 32 \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \rfloor \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \\ \frac{1}{17} \cdot \lfloor 32 \cdot 5^{(s-2)/2} \rfloor \cdot 17^{(r-1)/2}, \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Case	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$				
$(f): \frac{w(k-1,r)+2w(k-1,r-1)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{74}{85}$	$\frac{33}{34}$	1	$\frac{9}{10}$				
$(g): \frac{2w(k-1,r-2)+w(k,r-1)+w(k-2,r-2)}{w(k,r)}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{16}{17}$	$\frac{133}{136}$	$\frac{27}{34}$				
Case	$b_1$	$b_2$	$b_3$	$b_4$	$b_5$	$b_6$	$b_7$	$b_8$
$(o): \frac{2f(k-1,s,r-1)+3f(k-2,s-1,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{56}{85}$	$\frac{16}{21}$	$\frac{64}{85}$	$\frac{147}{170}$	$\frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{84}{85}$	1
$(p): \frac{f(k-1,s,r-1)+2f(k-1,s-1,r-1)+2f(k-2,s-1,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{24}{35}$	$\frac{48}{85}$	$\frac{77}{105}$	$\frac{52}{85}$	$\frac{76}{85}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{65}{68}$	$\frac{13}{16}$
$(r): \frac{f(k,s+2,r-2)+2f(k-1,s,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{241}{357}$	$\frac{57}{85}$	$\frac{275}{357}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{67}{85}$	$\frac{27}{34}$	$\frac{31}{34}$	$\frac{50}{51}$
$(s): \frac{4f(k-1,s,r-2)+f(k,s+1,r-1)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{6}{7}$	$\frac{12}{17}$	$\frac{6}{7}$	$\frac{12}{17}$	$\frac{169}{170}$	$\frac{117}{136}$	$\frac{169}{170}$	$\frac{46}{51}$
$(t): \frac{f(k,s+1,r-2)+f(k,s,r-1)+3f(k-2,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{1199}{1785}$	$\frac{41}{85}$	$\frac{284}{357}$	$\frac{19}{34}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{37}{68}$	$\frac{31}{34}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
$(t): \frac{f(k,s+1,r-2)+f(k,s,r-1)+2f(k-1,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{24}{35}$	$\frac{36}{85}$	$\frac{17}{21}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{66}{85}$	$\frac{33}{68}$	$\frac{157}{170}$	$\frac{31}{51}$
$(t): \frac{f(k-1,s+1,r-2)+f(k,s+1,r-1)+3f(k-2,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{275}{357}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{571}{714}$	$\frac{27}{34}$	$\frac{31}{34}$	$\frac{125}{136}$	$\frac{16}{17}$	1
$(t): \frac{f(k-1,s+1,r-2)+f(k,s+1,r-1)+2f(k-1,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{40}{51}$	$\frac{12}{17}$	$\frac{83}{102}$	$\frac{25}{34}$	$\frac{157}{170}$	$\frac{117}{136}$	$\frac{81}{85}$	$\frac{16}{17}$
$(u): \frac{3f(k,s+1,r-2)+f(k-2,s,r-2)+2f(k-1,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{293}{357}$	$\frac{9}{17}$	$\frac{344}{357}$	$\frac{21}{34}$	$\frac{69}{85}$	$\frac{9}{17}$	$\frac{81}{85}$	$\frac{11}{17}$
$(v): \frac{6f(k-1,s+1,r-2)+f(k-2,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{16}{17}$	$\frac{16}{17}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{16}{17}$	1
$(w): \frac{3f(k-1,s+1,r-2) + f(k,s+1,r-2) + 4f(k-2,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{278}{357}$	$\frac{12}{17}$	$\frac{653}{714}$	$\frac{14}{17}$	$\frac{66}{85}$	$\frac{12}{17}$	$\frac{31}{34}$	$\frac{44}{51}$
$(w): \frac{4f(k-1,s+1,r-2) + f(k,s+1,r-2) + 2f(k-2,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{278}{357}$	$\frac{12}{17}$	$\frac{337}{357}$	$\frac{29}{34}$	$\frac{66}{85}$	$\frac{12}{17}$	$\frac{16}{17}$	$\frac{46}{51}$
$(w): \frac{3f(k-1,s+1,r-2) + f(k,s+1,r-2) + 2f(k-1,s,r-2) + f(k-2,s,r-2)}{f(k,s,r)}$	$\frac{283}{357}$	$\frac{11}{17}$	$\frac{13}{14}$	$\frac{13}{17}$	$\frac{67}{85}$	$\frac{11}{17}$	$\frac{157}{170}$	$\frac{41}{51}$

We create the following Table 3 by taking the maximum values from each of cases  $a_1-a_4$  and  $b_1-b_8$  in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 3: The ratios of the sum of functions to w(k, r) and f(k, s, r).

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