

# THE RAMSEY NUMBERS FOR STARS AND STRIPES\*

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**Abstract** Let  $\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^t (n_i - 1)$  and  $\Lambda = \sum_{j=1}^s (m_j - 1)$ . This paper considers the generalized Ramsey number  $R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}, m_1 K_2, \dots, m_s K_2)$  for any  $\Sigma$  and  $\Lambda$ . And the authors get their exact values if  $1 \leq \Lambda \leq \Sigma$  and their upper bounds if  $\Lambda > \Sigma$ .

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## 1 Introduction and Lemmas

All graphs will be finite and undirected without loops or multiple edges. All undefined terms see [2].  $\beta(G)$  is denoted the number of edges in the maximum matching of graph  $G$ . Let  $\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^t (n_i - 1)$  and  $\Lambda = \sum_{j=1}^s (m_j - 1)$ , where  $m_i, n_i$  are positive integers. Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m$  be simple graphs. The generalized Ramsey number  $R(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m)$  is the smallest integer  $n$  such that every  $m$ -edge coloring  $(E_1, E_2, \dots, E_m)$  of  $K_n$  contains, for some  $i$ , a subgraph isomorphic to  $G_i$  in color  $i$ . The problem of the generalized Ramsey number about the stars or stripes is interesting for many people such as [1], [3], [5] and [6].

**Theorem A**<sup>[1]</sup> (i) If  $\Sigma$  is odd, then  $R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}) = \Sigma + 2$ ;

(ii) If  $\Sigma$  is even and all  $n_i$  are odd, then  $R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}) = \Sigma + 2$ ;

(iii) If  $\Sigma$  is even and at least one  $n_i$  is even, then  $R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}) = \Sigma + 1$ .

**Theorem B**<sup>[3]</sup> Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_s$  be integers and  $m_1 = \max\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_s\}$ . Then  $R(m_1 K_2, m_2 K_2, \dots, m_s K_2) = m_1 + 1 + \Lambda$ .

In this paper, we consider the generalized form such as  $R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}, m_1 K_2, \dots, m_s K_2)$ . For this purpose, we need the following Lemmas:

**Lemma 1**<sup>[4]</sup> Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $|V(G)| > 2\delta(G)$ , then  $G$  contains a path with length  $\geq 2\delta(G)$ .

**Lemma 2**<sup>[4]</sup> Let  $G$  be a 2-connected graph with  $|V(G)| \geq 2\delta(G)$ , then  $G$  contains a cycle with length  $\geq 2\delta(G)$ .

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**Lemma 3** Let  $G$  be a connected graph, then  $\beta(G) \geq \min\{|V(G)|/2, \delta(G)\}$ .

**Proof** If  $\delta(G) \geq |V(G)|/2$ , thus  $G$  contains a Hamilton cycle. Hence  $\beta(G) = \lfloor |V(G)|/2 \rfloor$ . If  $\delta(G) < |V(G)|/2$ , thus  $|V(G)| > 2\delta(G)$ . Hence  $\beta(G) \geq \delta(G)$  by Lemma 1.

## 2 Theorems and Their Proofs

**Theorem 1** Let  $R =: R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}, mK_2)$ , thus

$$R = \begin{cases} 2m & \text{if } m \geq \Sigma + 1; \\ m + \Sigma + 1 & \text{if } m < \Sigma + 1 \text{ and } 2 \nmid \Sigma \text{ or } 2 \mid \Sigma \text{ and all of } n_i \text{ are odd;} \\ m + \Sigma & \text{if } m < \Sigma + 1 \text{ and } 2 \mid \Sigma \text{ and at least one of } n_i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof** (1)  $m \geq \Sigma + 1$ . Let all of edges of  $K_{2m-1}$  have color  $\alpha_{t+1}$ . Thus there is neither  $mK_2$  in color  $\alpha_{t+1}$  nor  $K_{1,n_i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ) in color  $\alpha_i$  on  $K_{2m-1}$ . Hence we have  $R \geq 2m$ . On the other hand, let  $K_{2m}$  be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{t+1}$ . If there is no  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ), we consider an edge induced subgraph  $H_1$  by all of edges in color  $\alpha_{t+1}$ . Clearly,  $\delta(H_1) \geq 2m - 1 - \Sigma \geq m$ . Thus  $H_1$  has a Hamilton cycle. So  $\beta(H_1) = m$ . Hence  $R \leq 2m$ . Therefore  $R = 2m$  if  $m \geq \Sigma + 1$ .

(2)  $m < \Sigma + 1$  and  $\Sigma$  is odd or  $\Sigma$  is even and all of  $n_i$  are odd. Since Theorem A(i) and (ii),  $G = K_{\Sigma+1} \cup K_{m-1}$  can be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_t$  such that  $G$  does not contain  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ). And  $G^c$  is colored by color  $\alpha_{t+1}$ . It is easy to get  $\beta(G^c) = m - 1 < m$ . Hence  $R \geq m + \Sigma + 1$ .

On the other hand, let  $K_{m+\Sigma+1}$  be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{t+1}$ . If there is no  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ), we consider the edges induced subgraph  $H_2$  by all of edges in color  $\alpha_{t+1}$ . Clearly,  $\delta(H_2) \geq (m + \Sigma) - \Sigma = m$ . If  $H_2$  is connected, by Lemma 3,  $\beta(H_2) \geq \min\{\lfloor (m + \Sigma + 1)/2 \rfloor, m\} = m$ . If  $H_2$  isn't connected, thus let  $C_1, C_2$  be two components of  $H_2$ . Since  $\delta(C_i) \geq \delta(H_2) \geq m$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $\beta(H_2) \geq \beta(C_1) + \beta(C_2) \geq \min\{\lfloor |V(C_1)|/2 \rfloor, \delta(C_1)\} + \min\{\lfloor |V(C_2)|/2 \rfloor, \delta(C_2)\} \geq 2 \min\{\lfloor (m + 1)/2 \rfloor, m\} \geq m$  by Lemma 3. Hence  $R \leq m + \Sigma + 1$ . Therefore  $R = m + \Sigma + 1$  if  $m < \Sigma + 1$  and  $\Sigma$  is odd or  $\Sigma$  is even and all of  $n_i$  are odd.

(3)  $m < \Sigma + 1$  and  $\Sigma$  is even and at least one of  $n_i$  is even. By Theorem A(iii), using an analogous to the proof of (2), we can get  $R \geq m + \Sigma$ .

Now we prove the reverse inequality. Let the edges of  $K_{m+\Sigma}$  be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{t+1}$ . If there is no edges of  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ), we consider the edge induced subgraph  $H_3$  by all of edges in color  $\alpha_{t+1}$ . Thus  $\delta(H_3) \geq (m + \Sigma - 1) - \Sigma = m - 1$ .

If  $H_3$  has at least three components, say  $C_1, C_2, C_3$ . Thus we have  $\delta(C_i) \geq \delta(H_3)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ). For  $m = 1, 2, 3$ , it is easy to get  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$ . For  $m \geq 4$ , by Lemma 3,  $\beta(H_3) \geq \beta(C_1) + \beta(C_2) + \beta(C_3) \geq \sum_{i=1}^3 \min\{\lfloor |V(C_i)|/2 \rfloor, \delta(C_i)\} \geq 3 \min\{\lfloor m/2 \rfloor, m-1\} = 3\lfloor m/2 \rfloor \geq m$ . If  $H_3$  has exactly two components  $C_1, C_2$ , thus  $|V(C_1)| \geq m, |V(C_2)| \geq m$ . If  $|V(C_1)| = |V(C_2)| = m$ , then  $m = \Sigma = \text{even}$  and  $C_1, C_2$  are complete graphs. Hence  $\beta(H_3) = m/2 + m/2 = m$ .

If  $\max\{|V(C_1)|, |V(C_2)|\} \geq m + 1$ , say  $|V(C_1)| \geq m + 1$ . By Lemma 3, we have  $\beta(H_3) = \beta(C_1) + \beta(C_2) \geq \sum_{i=1}^2 \min\{\lfloor |V(C_i)|/2 \rfloor, \delta(C_i)\} \geq \min\{\lfloor (m + 1)/2 \rfloor, m - 1\} + \min\{\lfloor m/2 \rfloor, m - 1\} = \lfloor (m + 1)/2 \rfloor + \lfloor m/2 \rfloor = m$ . If  $H_3$  is connected with a cut vertex  $v$  and if  $H_3 - v$  has at

least three components, say  $D_1, D_2, D_3$ . For  $m = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , it is easy to get  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$ . For  $m \geq 5$ , by Lemma 3,  $\beta(H_3) \geq \beta(D_1) + \beta(D_2) + \beta(D_3) \geq \sum_{i=1}^3 \min\{|V(D_i)|/2, \delta(D_i)\} \geq 3 \min\{|(m-1)/2, m-2\} = 3\lfloor(m-1)/2\rfloor \geq m$ . If  $H_3 - v$  has exactly two components, say  $D_1, D_2$ , thus we can assume that  $|V(D_1)| \geq m, |V(D_2)| \geq m-1$  and  $|V(D_1)| \geq |V(D_2)|$  since  $|V(H_3 - v)| = m + \Sigma - 1 \geq 2m - 1, \delta(D_1) \geq m - 2$  and  $\delta(D_2) \geq m - 2$ . It is easy to prove  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$  if  $m \leq 3$ . If  $\Sigma = m$ , then  $|V(D_1)| = m$  and  $|V(D_2)| = m - 1$ . For  $m \geq 4$ , there are Hamilton cycles in  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  respectively. Since  $N(v) \cap V(D_2) \neq \emptyset$  and  $m = \Sigma = \text{even}$ ,  $\beta(H_3) = \beta(D_1) + \beta(H_3[V(D_2) \cup \{v\}]) = m/2 + m/2 = m$ . If  $\Sigma = m + 1$ , thus  $m$  is odd. i.e.,  $m \geq 5$ . Using an analogous method as above, we can get  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$ . If  $\Sigma \geq m + 2$  and  $m \geq 4$ , thus  $|V(D_1)| + |V(D_2)| = \Sigma + m - 1 \geq 2m + 1$ . Hence we always have  $\lfloor |V(D_1)|/2 \rfloor + \lfloor |V(D_2)|/2 \rfloor \geq m$ . Note that  $\delta(D_1) + \delta(D_2) \geq 2(m - 2) \geq m, \delta(D_1) + \lfloor |V(D_2)|/2 \rfloor \geq m - 2 + \lfloor (m - 1)/2 \rfloor \geq m$  if  $m \geq 5$  and  $\lfloor |V(D_1)|/2 \rfloor + \delta(D_2) \geq \lfloor m/2 \rfloor + m - 2 \geq m$ . Therefore, by Lemma 3,  $\beta(H_3) \geq \beta(D_1) + \beta(D_2) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \min\{\lfloor |V(D_i)|/2 \rfloor, \delta(D_i)\} \geq m$  if  $m \geq 5$  or  $m = 4$  and  $|V(D_2)| \geq m$ . Hence the remaining case is  $D_2 = K_3$ . At this time, we have  $\beta(H_3) = \beta(D_1) + \beta(H_3[V(D_2) \cup \{v\}]) \geq m$ .

If  $H_3$  is 2-connected and if  $\delta(H_3) \geq (m + \Sigma)/2$ , thus there is a hamilton cycle in  $H_3$ . Hence  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$ . If  $\delta(H_3) < (m + \Sigma)/2$ , then  $m + \Sigma > 2\delta(H_3) \geq 2(m - 1)$ . By Lemma 2, there is a cycle  $C$  in  $H_3$  with length  $\geq 2(m - 1)$ . If there is a cycle in  $H_3$  with length  $\geq 2m$ , then  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$ . If there is a cycle  $C$  in  $H_3$  with length  $2m - 1$ , thus there is a vertex  $x \notin C$  which is adjacent with  $C$ . So  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$ . If the length of the longest cycle  $C$  is  $2m - 2$ , say  $C = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2m-2})$ , then  $\beta(H_3) \geq m$ . In fact, otherwise  $\beta(H_3) = m - 1$ , thus  $V(H_3) - V(C) = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{\Sigma-m+2}\}$  is an independent set of  $H_3$ . Since  $C$  is a longest cycle in  $H_3$  and  $\delta(H_3) \geq m - 1$ , we can assume that  $N(y_1) = N(y_2) = \dots = N(y_{\Sigma-m+2}) = \{x_1, x_3, \dots, x_{2m-3}\}$ . And then  $\{x_2, x_4, \dots, x_{2m-2}\} \cup (V(H_3) - V(C))$  is an independent set of  $H_3$  with size  $(\Sigma - m + 2) + (m - 1) = \Sigma + 1$ . Hence, by Theorem A(iii) on  $K_{m+\Sigma}$ , there is a subgraph  $K_{1, n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem 2** If  $\Lambda < \Sigma$ , then

$$R =: R(K_{1, n_1}, K_{1, n_2}, \dots, K_{1, n_t}, m_1 K_2, m_2 K_2, \dots, m_s K_2) = \begin{cases} \Lambda + \Sigma + 2 & \text{if } \Sigma \text{ is odd or } \Sigma \text{ is even and all of } n_i \text{ are odd,} \\ \Lambda + \Sigma + 1 & \text{if } \Sigma \text{ is even and at least one of } n_i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof** (1)  $\Sigma$  is odd or  $\Sigma$  is even and all of  $n_i$  are odd. Since Theorem A(i) and (ii),  $G = K_{\Sigma+1} \cup K_\Lambda$  can be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_t$  such that  $G$  does not contain  $K_{1, n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_t$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ). And then let  $G^c = (X; Y; E)$  be a complete bipartite graph, where  $|X| = \Lambda$  and  $|Y| = \Sigma + 1$ . Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_s)$  be a partition of  $X$  with  $|X_j| = m_j - 1$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ). And let the edge of  $E$ , which is incident with a vertex in  $X_j$ , be colored by colors  $\alpha_{t+j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ). Clearly  $G^c$  does not contain a subgraph  $m_j K_2$  in color  $\alpha_{t+j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ). Hence  $R \geq \Lambda + \Sigma + 2$ .

Now we prove the reverse inequality. Let  $K_{\Lambda+\Sigma+2}$  be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{t+s}$ . If there is no  $K_{1, n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ). By Theorem 1, there exists a  $(\Lambda+1)K_2 (\subseteq K_{\Lambda+\Sigma+2})$  such that which edges in colors  $\alpha_{t+j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ). So there is some  $m_j K_2$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) in color  $\alpha_{t+j}$ . Hence  $R \leq \Lambda + \Sigma + 2$ . i.e.,  $R = \Lambda + \Sigma + 2$ .

(2)  $\Sigma$  is even and at least one of  $n_i$  is even. Using an analogous method of (1), we can get  $R = \Lambda + \Sigma + 1$ . #

**Theorem 3** If  $\Lambda \geq \Sigma$ , and let  $m_1 = \max\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_s\}$ ,  $R =: R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}, m_1K_2, \dots, m_sK_2)$ , we have:

(i)  $\Sigma$  is odd or  $\Sigma$  is even and all of  $n_i$  are odd, thus  $\max\{m_1 + \Lambda + 1, \Lambda + \Sigma + 2\} \leq R \leq 2(\Lambda + 1)$ ;

(ii)  $\Sigma$  is even and at least one of  $n_i$  is even, then  $\max\{m_1 + \Lambda + 1, \Lambda + \Sigma + 1\} \leq R \leq 2(\Lambda + 1)$ .

**Proof** When  $\Sigma$  is odd, let  $K_{2\Lambda+2}$  be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{t+s}$ . If there is no  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ). By Theorem 1, there exists a  $(\Lambda + 1)K_2 (\subseteq K_{2\Lambda+2})$  whose edges is colored by color  $\alpha_{t+j}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ). So, there is some  $m_jK_2$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) in color  $\alpha_{t+j}$ . Hence  $R \leq 2(\Lambda + 1)$ . By Theorem B, we have  $R \geq m_1 + \Lambda + 1$ . Hence in the following, we will prove that  $R \geq \Lambda + \Sigma + 2$ . Let  $G = K_{\Lambda+\Sigma+1}$  and let  $(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_s, V_{s+1})$  be a partition on  $V(G)$  with  $|V_i| = m_i - 1$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ) and  $|V_{s+1}| = \Sigma + 1$ .  $G$  is colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{t+s}$  as follows: let  $e = xy \in G$ . (1)  $x, y \in V_1$ , thus  $e$  is colored by color  $\alpha_1$ ; (2)  $x \in V_i, y \in V_j$  and  $i \leq j$ , thus  $e$  is colored by color  $\alpha_j$  ( $j = 2, 3, \dots, s$ ); (3)  $x \in V_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ) and  $y \in V_{s+1}$ , thus  $e$  is colored by color  $\alpha_i$ ; (4) by Theorem A(i)  $K_{|V_{s+1}|}$  can be colored by colors  $\alpha_{s+1}, \dots, \alpha_{s+t}$  such that there is no  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_{s+i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ). Clearly,  $G$  is no  $m_jK_2$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ) in color  $\alpha_j$ . Hence  $R \geq \Lambda + \Sigma + 2$ .

Using an analogous method as above, we can prove the remains part of (i) and (ii).

**Theorem 4** If  $\Lambda = \Sigma$ , and  $R =: R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}, m_1K_2, \dots, m_sK_2)$ ,  $m_j \geq 2$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ), then

$$R = \begin{cases} \Lambda + 2 & \text{If } s = 1 \text{ or } \Sigma \text{ is odd or } \Sigma \text{ is even and all of } n_i \text{ are odd; or} \\ & \text{if } 2|\Sigma \text{ and at least one } n_i \text{ is even and } s = 2 \text{ with } m_1 = m_2 \\ 2\Lambda + 1 & \text{If } 2|\Sigma \text{ and at least one } n_i \text{ is even and } s = 2 \text{ with } m_1 \neq m_2 \\ & \text{or } s \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

**Proof** By Theorem 1, we get  $R = 2\Lambda + 2$  if  $s = 1$ . By Theorem 3(i), we get  $R = 2\Lambda + 2$  if  $\Sigma$  is odd or  $\Sigma$  is even and all of  $n_i$  are odd.

Now, we consider the case that  $\Sigma$  is even and at least one  $n_i$  is even and  $s = 2$  with  $m_1 = m_2$ . By Theorem 3, we have  $R \leq 2\Lambda + 2$ . On the other hand, let  $V(K_{2\Lambda+1}) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\Lambda, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_\Lambda, z\}$ ,  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\Lambda\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_\Lambda\}$ . Clearly,  $G = K_{|X|,|Y|}$  is 1-factorable.  $(F_1, F_2, \dots, F_t)$  is a partition of these  $\Lambda$  1-factors with  $|F_i| = n_i - 1$ . All of edges in  $F_i$  are colored by color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ), every edges of complete graph on  $X \cup \{z\}$  is colored by color  $\alpha_{t+1}$ , and every edge of the complete graph on  $Y \cup \{z\}$  is colored by color  $\alpha_{t+2}$ . Thus there is no  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ) on  $K_{2\Lambda+1}$ , and there is also no  $m_jK_2$  in color  $\alpha_{t+j}$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) on  $K_{2\Lambda+1}$ . Thus  $R \geq 2\Lambda + 2$ . Therefore  $R = 2\Lambda + 2$  if  $\Sigma$  is even and  $s = 2$  with  $m_1 = m_2$ .

In the following, we prove that  $R = 2\Lambda + 1$  if  $\Sigma$  is even and at least one  $n_i$  is even and  $s \geq 3$  or  $s = 2$  with  $m_1 \neq m_2$ . By Theorem 3, we get  $R \geq 2\Lambda + 1$ . On the other hand, let  $K_{2\Lambda+1}$  be colored by colors  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{t+s}$ . If there is no  $K_{1,n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ ), and let  $H$  be an edge induced subgraph by all of edges which colored by colors  $\alpha_{t+1}, \alpha_{t+2}, \dots, \alpha_{t+s}$ , thus  $\delta(H) \geq 2\Lambda - \Sigma = \Lambda$ . Clearly,  $H$  is connected, otherwise at least one component  $C$  with

$\delta(C) < \Lambda$ , a contradiction. If there is a cut vertex  $v$  of  $H$ , then  $H-v$  has exactly two components  $D_1, D_2$  with  $H[V(D_1) \cup \{v\}] = H[V(D_2) \cup \{v\}] = K_{\Lambda+1}$ . Let  $C_1, C_2$  be Hamilton cycles in  $D_1, D_2$  respectively. For every  $j$ , let  $E_j$  be the set of edges with color  $\alpha_{t+j}$  in  $C_1 \cup C_2$ . And let  $a_j = |E_j|$ , the edge induced subgraph  $H_j = (C_1 \cup C_2)[E_j]$ . Thus we have  $\beta_j =: \beta(H_j) \geq \{a_j/2\}$ . If there is an odd number  $a_j$ , then there is another odd number  $a_k$  since  $C_1 \cup C_2$  has  $2\Lambda+2$  edges. Thus we have  $\sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j \geq \sum_{j=1}^s \{a_j/2\} \geq (\sum_{j=1}^s (a_j/2) + 1) = \Lambda + 1$ . So there is some  $m_{j_0}K_2$  ( $1 \leq j_0 \leq s$ ) in color  $\alpha_{t+j_0}$ . Hence in the following we always assume that  $a_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) are even. Using an analogous method as above, we can get that every component of  $H_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) has even number of edges. Thus we have  $\beta_j \geq a_j/2$  for every  $j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ), and then  $\sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j \geq \sum_{j=1}^s a_j/2 = \Lambda$ . If only one color, say  $\alpha_{t+1}$ , appears on  $C_1 \cup C_2$ , then there is  $m_1K_2$  with color  $\alpha_{t+1}$  in  $H$ . If only two colors, say  $\alpha_{t+1}, \alpha_{t+2}$ , appear on  $C_1 \cup C_2$ , thus when  $s \geq 3$  there is  $m_1K_2$  in color  $\alpha_{t+1}$  or  $m_2K_2$  in color  $\alpha_{t+2}$  since  $\beta(C_1 \cup C_2) = \Lambda \geq (m_1 - 1) + (m_2 - 1) + 1$ . Hence we only need to consider the case that at least three colors appear on  $C_1 \cup C_2$ . When  $s = 2$ , note that  $m_1 \neq m_2$ . So we can assume that there are at least two colors appear on  $C_1$ . Let  $v_1$  be a common vertex of two monochromatic paths on  $C_1$ . Since  $v_1v$  must be colored by one of color  $\alpha_{t+j}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ), there always exists some  $m_{j_0}K_2$  in color  $\alpha_{t+j_0}$  ( $1 \leq j_0 \leq s$ ).

If  $H$  is 2-connected, by Lemma 2, then  $H$  contains a cycle with length  $\geq 2\Lambda$ . If there is a cycle with length  $2\Lambda + 1$ , thus it always contains a monochromatic odd component in this cycle. So it is easy to see that there is a  $m_jK_2$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) in color  $\alpha_{t+j}$ . If the length of the longest cycle  $C$  is  $2\Lambda$  in  $H$ . Let  $V(H) - V(C) = \{u\}$ . Clearly, since  $d_H(u) \geq \delta(H) \geq \Lambda$ ,  $d_H(u) = \Lambda$ . In this case, if there is no  $m_jK_2$  in color  $\alpha_{t+j}$  for any  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$ , we can prove as above that every component of  $H_j$  in  $C$  is even. Let  $C = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2\Lambda}, x_1)$ , and let  $N_H(u) = \{x_1, x_3, \dots, x_{2\Lambda-1}\}$ . Clearly,  $V(C) - N_H(u)$  contains all of the common vertices of components of  $H_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ). If there is an edge  $x_{2i}x_{2j} \in E(H)$  ( $1 \leq i < j \leq \Lambda$ ), then there is a  $(2\Lambda + 1)$ -cycle in  $H$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\{u, x_2, x_4, \dots, x_{2\Lambda}\}$  is an independent set in  $H$ . By Theorem A (iii), there exists a  $K_{1, n_i}$  in color  $\alpha_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq t$ ). Combining all of these cases, we have  $R \leq 2\Lambda + 1$ . So  $R = 2\Lambda + 1$  if  $\Sigma$  is even and at least one  $n_i$  is even and  $s \geq 3$  or  $s = 2$  with  $m_1 \neq m_2$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 4.

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## 关于星和条的 Ramsey 数

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**摘要:** 令  $\Sigma = \sum_{i=1}^t (n_i - 1)$  和  $\Lambda = \sum_{j=1}^s (m_j - 1)$ . 该文研究了广义 Ramsey 数  $R(K_{1,n_1}, \dots, K_{1,n_t}, m_1 K_2, \dots, m_s K_2)$ . 当  $1 \leq \Lambda \leq \Sigma$  时, 得到了它们的精确值; 当  $\Sigma > \Lambda$  时, 得到了它们的上界.

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