

# On potentially $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic sequences\*

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**Abstract:** Let  $K_m - H$  be the graph obtained from the complete graph on  $m$  vertices  $K_m$  by removing the edges set  $E(H)$  of  $H$ , where  $H$  is a subgraph of  $K_m$ . In this paper, we characterize the potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic sequences, where  $pK_2$  is the matching consisted of  $p$  edges.

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## 1. Introduction

The set of all sequences  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  of non-negative, non-increasing integers with  $d_1 \leq n - 1$  is denoted by  $NS_n$ . If each term of a sequence  $\pi \in NS_n$  is nonzero, then  $\pi$  is said to be *positive*. A sequence  $\pi \in NS_n$  is called to be *graphic* if it is the degree sequence of a simple graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices, and such a graph  $G$  is referred to as a *realization* of  $\pi$ . The set of all graphic sequences in  $NS_n$  is denoted by  $GS_n$ . For a  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in NS_n$ , define  $\sigma(\pi) = d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_n$ . In a degree sequence,  $r^t$  means  $r$  repeats  $t$  times, that is, in the realization of the sequence there are  $t$  vertices of degree  $r$ . For a given graph  $H$ , a graphic sequence  $\pi$  is *potentially  $H$ -graphic* if there exists a realization of  $\pi$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph. Let  $G - H$  denote the graph obtained from  $G$  by removing the edges set  $E(H)$ , where  $H$  is a subgraph of  $G$ . Let  $K_k$ ,  $C_k$ ,  $P_k$  and  $K_{r,s}$  denote a complete graph on  $k$  vertices, a cycle on  $k$  vertices, a path on  $k + 1$  vertices, and the  $r \times s$  complete bipartite graph, respectively. Given any two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ ,  $G \cup H$  is the disjoint union of  $G$  and  $H$ . If  $G = H$ , we abbreviate  $G \cup H$  as  $2G$ .

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Gould et al. [4] considered the following variation of the classical Turán-type extremal problems: determine the smallest even integer  $\sigma(H, n)$  such that every  $n$ -term graphic sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  with  $\sigma(\pi) \geq \sigma(H, n)$  has a realization  $G$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph. If  $H = K_{r+1}$ , this problem was considered by Erdős et al. [3] where they showed that  $\sigma(K_3, n) = 2n$  for  $n \geq 6$  and conjectured that  $\sigma(K_{r+1}, n) = (r-1)(2n-r) + 2$  for sufficiently large  $n$ . Gould et al. [4] and Li and Song [18] proved independently that the conjecture holds for  $r = 3$  and  $n \geq 8$ . Recently, Li et al. [19,20] showed that the conjecture is true for  $r = 4$  and  $n \geq 10$  and for  $r \geq 5$  and  $n \geq \binom{r}{2} + 3$ . Li and Yin [21] further determined  $\sigma(K_{r+1}, n)$  for  $r \geq 6$  and  $n \geq 2r+3$ . The problem about determining  $\sigma(K_{r+1}, n)$  was completely solved. Yin, Li and Mao [27] determined  $\sigma(K_{r+1} - K_2, n)$  for  $r \geq 3$  and  $r+1 \leq n \leq 2r$  and  $\sigma(K_5 - K_2, n)$  for  $n \geq 5$ , and Yin and Li [25] further determined  $\sigma(K_{r+1} - K_2, n)$  for  $r \geq 2$  and  $n \geq 3r^2 - r - 1$ . Yin [29] determined  $\sigma(K_{r+1} - K_3, n)$  for  $r \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 3r + 5$ . Lai [13-15] determined  $\sigma(K_5 - C_4, n)$ ,  $\sigma(K_5 - P_3, n)$ ,  $\sigma(K_5 - P_4, n)$  and  $\sigma(K_5 - K_3, n)$  for  $n \geq 5$ . Lai and Hu [16] determined  $\sigma(K_{r+1} - H, n)$  for  $n \geq 4r+10$ ,  $r \geq 3$ ,  $r+1 \geq k \geq 4$  and  $H$  be a graph on  $k$  vertices which containing a tree on 4 vertices but not contain a cycle on 3 vertices and  $\sigma(K_{r+1} - P_2, n)$  for  $n \geq 4r + 8$ ,  $r \geq 3$ . Lai and Yan [17] determined the values of  $\sigma(K_{r+1} - U, n)$  for  $n \geq 5r + 18$ ,  $r + 1 \geq k \geq 7$ ,  $j \geq 6$ , where  $U$  is a graph on  $k$  vertices and  $j$  edges which contains a graph  $K_3 \cup P_3$  but not contains a cycle on 4 vertices and not contains  $K_4 - P_2$ .

In the research of degree sequence, another important question is to characterize the potentially  $H$ -graphic sequences without zero terms. Luo [23] characterized the potentially  $K_3$ -graphic sequences. Luo and Warner [24] characterized then potentially  $K_4$ -graphic sequences. Elaine and Niu [1] characterized the potentially  $K_4 - K_2$ -graphic sequences. In [23], Luo characterized the potentially  $K_4 - 2K_2$ -graphic sequences, where  $pK_2$  is the matching consisted of  $p$  edges. Yin and Luo [28] characterized the potentially  $K_5$ -graphic sequences. Yin and Yin [31] characterized the potentially  $K_5 - K_2$ -graphic sequences. Luo [23] also characterized the potentially  $K_5 - C_5$ -graphic sequences. Hu and Lai [5,6] characterized the potentially  $K_5 - C_4$ ,  $K_5 - P_4$  and  $K_5 - E_3$ -graphic sequences, where  $E_3$  denotes graphs with 5 vertices and 3 edges. Hu and Lai [7] characterized the potentially  $K_5 - P_3$ ,  $K_5 - A_3$ ,  $K_5 - K_3$  and  $K_5 - K_{1,3}$ -graphic sequences, where  $A_3$  is  $P_2 \cup K_2$ . Moreover, they also characterized the potentially  $K_5 - 2K_2$ -graphic sequences. In [31], Yin et al. also characterized the potentially  $K_6$ -graphic. For  $K_6 - H$ , Hu and Lai [8] characterized the potentially  $K_6 - 2K_3$  and  $K_6 - C_6$ -graphic sequences. Latterly, Yin [30] characterized the potentially  $K_6 - K_3$ -graphic sequences. The purpose of this paper is to characterize  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic sequences. As an application of this characterization, it is straightforward to find the values of  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n)$ .

## 2. Preparations

Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in NS_n$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Denote

$$\pi''_k = \begin{cases} (d_1 - 1, \dots, d_{k-1} - 1, d_{k+1} - 1, \dots, d_{d_k+1} - 1, d_{d_k+2}, \dots, d_n), \\ \text{if } d_k \geq k, \\ (d_1 - 1, \dots, d_{d_k} - 1, d_{d_k+1}, \dots, d_{k-1}, d_{k+1}, \dots, d_n), \\ \text{if } d_k < k, \end{cases}$$

and  $\pi'_k = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ , where  $d'_1 \geq d'_2 \geq \dots \geq d'_{n-1}$  is a rearrangement of the  $n-1$  terms of  $\pi''_k$ . Then  $\pi'_k$  is called the residual sequence obtained by laying off  $d_k$  from  $\pi$ . It is easy to see that if  $\pi'_k$  is graphic then so is  $\pi$ , since a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  can be obtained from a realization  $G'$  of  $\pi'_k$  by adding a new vertex of degree  $d_1$  to  $G'$  and joining it to the vertices whose degrees are reduced by one in going from  $\pi$  to  $\pi'_k$ . In fact more is true:

**Theorem 2.1** [9] Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in NS_n$  and  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Then  $\pi$  is graphic if and only if  $\pi'_k$  is graphic.

**Theorem 2.2** [2] Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in NS_n$  with even  $\sigma(\pi)$ . Then  $\pi$  is graphic if and only if for any  $t$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq n-1$ ,

$$\sum_{i=1}^t d_i \leq t(t-1) + \sum_{j=t+1}^n \min\{d_j, t\}.$$

**Theorem 2.3** [4] If  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is a graphic sequence with a realization  $G$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph, then there exists a realization  $G'$  of  $\pi$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph so that the vertices of  $H$  have the largest degrees of  $\pi$ .

**Theorem 2.4** [22] Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in NS_n$ . If  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even and  $d_1 - d_n \leq 1$ , then  $\pi$  is graphic.

**Theorem 2.5** [7] Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in GS_n$  be a positive sequence with  $n \geq 5$ . Then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_5 - 2K_2$ -graphic if and only if the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $d_1 \geq 4$  and  $d_5 \geq 3$ .
- (2)

$$\pi \neq \begin{cases} (n-i, n-j, 3^{n-i-j-2k}, 2^{2k}, 1^{i+j-2}), & \text{if } n-i-j \text{ is even,} \\ (n-i, n-j, 3^{n-i-j-2k-1}, 2^{2k+1}, 1^{i+j-2}), & \text{if } n-i-j \text{ is odd,} \end{cases}$$

where  $1 \leq j \leq 5$  and  $0 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n-i-j-4}{2} \rfloor$ .

(3)  $\pi \neq (4^2, 3^4), (4, 3^4, 2), (5, 4, 3^5), (5, 3^5, 2), (4^7), (4^3, 3^4), (4^2, 3^4, 2), (4, 3^6), (4, 3^5, 1), (4, 3^4, 2^2), (5, 3^7), (5, 3^6, 1), (4^8), (4^2, 3^6), (4^2, 3^5, 1), (4, 3^6, 2), (4, 3^5, 2, 1), (4, 3^7, 1), (4, 3^6, 1^2), (n-1, 3^5, 1^{n-6})$  and  $(n-1, 3^6, 1^{n-7})$ .

**Lemma 2.6** [30] Let  $\pi = (4^x, 3^y, 2^z, 1^m)$  with even  $\sigma(\pi)$ ,  $x+y+z+m = n \geq 5$  and  $x \geq 1$ . Then  $\pi \in GS_n$  if and only if  $\pi \notin A$ , where

$A = \{(4, 3^2, 1^2), (4, 3, 1^3), (4^2, 2, 1^2), (4^2, 3, 2, 1), (4^3, 1^2), (4^3, 2^2), (4^3, 3, 1), (4^4, 2), (4^2, 3, 1^3), (4^2, 1^4), (4^3, 2, 1^2), (4^4, 1^2), (4^3, 1^4)\}$ .

**Lemma 2.7** [30] Let  $\pi = (3^x, 2^y, 1^z)$ , where  $x + y + z \geq 1$  and  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even. Then  $\pi \in GS_n$  if and only if  $\pi \notin S$ , where  $S = \{(2), (2^2), (3, 1), (3^2), (3, 2, 1), (3^2, 2), (3^3, 1), (3^2, 1^2)\}$ .

The set of all sequences  $\pi = (4^x, 3^y, 2^z, 1^m)$  is denoted by  $B$ , where  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even,  $x \geq 1$  and  $x + y + z + m \leq 4$ . Then

$B = \{(4), (4, 2), (4^2), (4, 1^2), (4, 3, 1), (4, 3^2), (4, 2^2), (4^2, 2), (4^3), (4, 2, 1^2), (4, 2^3), (4, 3, 2, 1), (4, 3^2, 2), (4^2, 1^2), (4^2, 2^2), (4^2, 3, 1), (4^2, 3^2), (4^3, 2), (4^4)\}$ . Obviously, if  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  satisfies  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even,  $4 \geq d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_n \geq 1$  and  $\pi \notin A \cup B \cup S$ , then  $\pi$  must be graphic.

**Lemma 2.8** Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, 3^{n-2})$  be non-negative integer sequence with  $n \geq 5$  and  $n - 2 \geq d_1 \geq d_2$ . If  $\pi \neq (1, 0, 3^3)$  and  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even, then  $\pi$  is graphic.

**Proof.** If  $d_2 \geq 3$ , by Theorem 2.2, then  $\pi \in GS_n$ . Assume  $d_2 \leq 2$ . Consider the residual sequence  $\pi'_1 = (3^{n-2-d_1}, 2^{d_1}, d_2)$  of  $\pi$  by laying off  $d_1$ , where  $n - 2 \geq d_1$  and  $2 \geq d_2 \geq 0$ . Since  $n \geq 5$ ,  $\sigma(\pi'_1)$  is even and  $\pi \neq (1, 0, 3^3)$ ,  $\pi'_1$  is not one of following sequences:

$(2), (2^2), (3, 1), (3^2), (3, 2, 1), (3^2, 2), (3^3, 1), (3^2, 1^2)$ .

By Theorem 2.4 and Lemma 2.7,  $\pi'_1$  is graphic, so is  $\pi$ .  $\square$

### 3. Main result

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $n \geq 6$  and  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in GS_n$  be a positive sequence. Then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic if and only if  $\pi$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $d_6 \geq 4$ .
- (2)  $d_1 = n - 1$  implies  $d_2 \geq 5$ , and the residual positive sequence obtained by laying off  $d_1$  from  $\pi$  is not one of the following sequences:  
 $(4^2, 3^4), (4, 3^4, 2), (5, 4, 3^5), (5, 3^5, 2), (4^7), (4^3, 3^4), (4^2, 3^4, 2), (4, 3^6),$   
 $(4, 3^5, 1), (4, 3^4, 2^2), (5, 3^7), (5, 3^6, 1), (4^8), (4^2, 3^6), (4^2, 3^5, 1), (4, 3^6, 2),$   
 $(4, 3^5, 2, 1), (4, 3^7, 1), (4, 3^6, 1^2)$ .
- (3)  $d_3 = n - 1$  implies  $d_4 \geq 5$ .
- (4) If  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, d_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^k, 1^{n-i-j-k-3})$  with  $i \geq 3$ , then

$$d_1 + d_2 + d_3 < n + 2(i + j) + k + 3.$$

(5) If  $d_1 = 4$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (4^6, d_7, \dots, d_n)$ , then sequence  $(d_7, \dots, d_n) \notin A \cup B \cup S$ .

(6)  $\pi$  is not one of the following sequences:

$(n - i, n - j, 4^5, 2^{n-i-j-5}, 1^{i+j-2}), (n - i, n - j, 4^6, 2^{n-i-j-6}, 1^{i+j-2});$

$(n-2, 4^5, 3, 1^{n-7}), (n-2, 5, 4^5, 1^{n-7}), (n-3, 4^6, 1^{n-7}), (n-2, 4^7, 1^{n-8}),$   
 $(n-2, 4^6, 2, 1^{n-8}), (n-2, 4^5, 3^2, 1^{n-8}), (n-3, 4^6, 3, 1^{n-8}), (n-3, 5, 4^6, 1^{n-8}),$   
 $(n-2, 5, 4^5, 3, 1^{n-8}), (n-2, 5^2, 4^5, 1^{n-8}), (n-2, 6, 4^6, 1^{n-8}), (n-4, 4^7, 1^{n-8}),$   
 $(n-2, 4^7, 3, 1^{n-9}), (n-2, 4^6, 3, 2, 1^{n-9}), (n-3, 4^7, 2, 1^{n-9}), (n-3, 4^8, 1^{n-9}),$   
 $(n-2, 5, 4^7, 1^{n-9}), (n-2, 5, 4^6, 2, 1^{n-9}), (n-2, 4^8, 2, 1^{n-10}), (n-2, 4^7, 2^2, 1^{n-10});$   
 $n = 8 : (5, 4^5, 3, 2), (5^2, 4^5, 2), (5^2, 4^4, 3^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3), (5^4, 4^4), (5^8), (6, 5, 4^5, 1),$   
 $(6^2, 4^5, 2);$

$n = 9 : (5, 4^7, 3), (5, 4^6, 3, 2), (5, 4^6, 2, 1), (5, 4^5, 3^3), (5, 4^5, 3^2, 1), (5^2, 4^7), (5^2,$   
 $4^6, 2), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2), (5^2, 4^5, 3, 1), (5^3, 4^5, 3), (5^3, 4^5, 1), (5^4, 4^5), (5^8, 4), (6, 4^6, 3^2),$   
 $(6, 5, 4^6, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^6), (6, 5^8), (6^2, 4^7);$

$n = 10 : (5, 4^8, 3), (5, 4^8, 1), (5, 4^7, 3, 2), (5, 4^7, 2, 1), (5, 4^6, 3^2, 1), (5, 4^6, 3, 1^2),$   
 $(5^2, 4^8), (5^2, 4^7, 2), (5^2, 4^6, 3, 1), (5^2, 4^6, 1^2), (5^2, 4^5, 3, 2, 1), (5^3, 4^6, 1), (5^{10}),$   
 $(5^9, 1), (6, 4^9), (6, 4^8, 2), (6, 4^7, 3, 1).$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Let  $G$  be a realization of  $\pi$  which contains  $K_6 - 3K_2$  and  $d(v_i) = d_i$  for  $v_i \in V(G)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . (1) is obvious. If  $d_1 = n - 1$ , then  $G - v_1$  contains  $K_5 - 2K_2$  as a subgraph. Thus,  $G - v_1$  contains at least one vertex with degree at least 4, and the positive degree sequence of  $G - v_1$  is not one of the following sequences:

$(4^2, 3^4), (4, 3^4, 2), (5, 4, 3^5), (5, 3^5, 2), (4^7), (4^3, 3^4), (4^2, 3^4, 2), (4, 3^6),$   
 $(4, 3^5, 1), (4, 3^4, 2^2), (5, 3^7), (5, 3^6, 1), (4^8), (4^2, 3^6), (4^2, 3^5, 1), (4, 3^6, 2),$   
 $(4, 3^5, 2, 1), (4, 3^7, 1), (4, 3^6, 1^2).$

By Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.5, (2) holds. If  $d_3 = n - 1$ , then  $G - v_1 - v_2 - v_3$  contains  $K_{1,2}$  as a subgraph. Thus,  $G - v_1 - v_2 - v_3$  contains at least one vertex with degree at least 2. Therefore,  $d_3 = n - 1$  implies that  $d_4 \geq 5$ . Hence, (3) holds.

If  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, d_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^k, 1^{n-i-j-k-3})$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic, then according to Theorem 2.3, there exists a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $K_6 - 3K_2$  as subgraph so that the vertices of  $K_6 - 3K_2$  have the largest degree of  $\pi$ . Therefore, the sequence  $\pi_1 = (d_1 - 4, d_2 - 4, d_3 - 4, 0^3, 4^{i-3}, 3^j, 2^k, 1^{n-i-j-k-3})$  obtained from  $G - (K_6 - 3K_2)$  must be graphic. Then, there exist at most two vertices in  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  which are adjacent in  $G - (K_6 - 3K_2)$ . Thus,  $d_1 - 4 + d_2 - 4 + d_3 - 4 \leq 2 + 3(i - 3) + 3j + 2k + n - i - j - k - 3$ . If  $d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = n + 2(i + j) + k + 3$ , then  $n + 2(i + j) + k + 3 - 12 \leq 2 + 3(i - 3) + 3j + 2k + n - i - j - k - 3$ , i.e.,  $0 \leq -1$ , a contradiction. Hence, (4) holds.

Let  $\pi = (4^6, d_7, \dots, d_n)$  be potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic and  $G$  be a realization of  $\pi$  with  $K_6 - 3K_2 \subseteq G$ . Then  $G - (K_6 - 3K_2)$  is a realization of the sequence  $\pi_2 = (d_7, \dots, d_n)$ . So  $\pi_2$  is graphic and  $\pi_2 \notin A \cup B \cup S$ . Hence, (5) holds.

Assume  $\pi = (n - i, n - j, 4^5, 2^{n-i-j-5}, 1^{i+j-2})$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Let  $G$  be a realization of  $\pi$ . If  $v_1 v_2 \notin E(G)$ , then  $d_1 + d_2 \leq 2 \times 5 + 2(n - i - j - 5) + i + j - 2$ , i.e.,  $n - i + n - j \leq 2n - i - j - 2$ , a contradiction. Assume  $v_1 v_2 \in E(G)$ . By Theorem 2.3, sequence  $\pi_3 = (n - i - 4, n - j - 4, 0^4, 4^1, 2^{n-i-j-5}, 1^{i+j-2})$  obtained from  $G - (K_6 - 3K_2)$  must be graphic. If  $n - j - 4 \leq 1$ , then  $n - i - j - 5 < 0$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $n - j - 4 \geq 2$ . By Theorem 2.2, then  $(n - i - 4) + (n - j - 4) + 4 \leq 3 \times 2 + 2(n - i - j - 5) + i + j - 2$ , i.e.,  $-4 \leq -6$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\pi = (n - i, n - j, 4^5, 2^{n-i-j-5}, 1^{i+j-2})$  is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. If  $\pi = (n - i, n - j, 4^6, 2^{n-i-j-6}, 1^{i+j-2})$ , then we can prove  $\pi$  is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic similarly.

Assume  $\pi = (n - 2, 4^8, 2, 1^{n-10})$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. By Theorem 2.3, then  $\pi_4 = (n - 2 - 4, 0^5, 4^3, 2, 1^{n-10})$  is graphic. But  $(3^3, 1)$ , the residual sequence by laying off the term  $n - 6$  from  $\pi_4$ , is not graphic, a contradiction. Hence,  $\pi = (n - 2, 4^8, 2, 1^{n-10})$  is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. We can similarly show that the following sequences are not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic:

$$(n-2, 4^7, 3, 1^{n-9}), (n-2, 4^7, 2^2, 1^{n-10}), (n-2, 4^7, 1^{n-8}), (n-2, 4^6, 3, 2, 1^{n-9}) \\ (n-2, 4^6, 2, 1^{n-8}), (n-2, 4^5, 3, 1^{n-7}), (n-2, 4^5, 3^2, 1^{n-8}), (n-3, 4^6, 1^{n-7}), \\ (n-3, 4^6, 3, 1^{n-8}), (n-3, 4^7, 2, 1^{n-9}), (n-3, 4^8, 1^{n-9}), (n-4, 4^7, 1^{n-8}).$$

Assume  $\pi = (n - 3, 5, 4^6, 1^{n-8})$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Let  $G$  be a realization of  $\pi$ . According to Theorem 2.3, there exists a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $K_6 - 3K_2$  as subgraph so that the vertices of  $K_6 - 3K_2$  have the largest degree of  $\pi$ . Thus,  $G - v_1$  contain  $K_5 - 2K_2$ . If  $v_1 v_2 \notin E(G)$ , then  $\pi_5 = (5, 4, 3^5, 0^{n-8})$  or  $\pi_6 = (5, 3^6, 1, 0^{n-9})$  is degree sequence of  $G - v_1$ . By Theorem 2.5,  $\pi_5$  and  $\pi_6$  are not potentially  $K_5 - 2K_2$ -graphic, a contradiction. If  $v_1 v_2 \in E(G)$ , then  $\pi_7 = (4, 3^6, 1^2, 0^{n-10})$  or  $\pi_8 = (4^2, 3^5, 1, 0^{n-9})$  or  $\pi_9 = (4^3, 3^4, 0^{n-8})$  is degree sequence of  $G - v_1$ . By Theorem 2.5,  $\pi_7$ ,  $\pi_8$  and  $\pi_9$  are not potentially  $K_5 - 2K_2$ -graphic, a contradiction. Thus,  $\pi = (n - 3, 5, 4^6, 1^{n-8})$  is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. If  $\pi$  is one of following sequences:

$$(n - 2, 5^2, 4^5, 1^{n-8}), (n - 2, 6, 4^6, 1^{n-8}), (n - 2, 5, 4^5, 3, 1^{n-8}), \\ (n - 2, 5, 4^7, 1^{n-9}), (n - 2, 5, 4^6, 2, 1^{n-9}), (n - 2, 5, 4^5, 1^{n-7}),$$

then we can similarly prove that  $\pi$  is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic as above. Now it is easy to check that the others sequences in (6) are not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Hence, (6) holds.

Next, we will prove the sufficient conditions. Suppose the graphic positive sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in GS_n$  satisfies the conditions (1)-(6).

If  $d_1 = n-1$ , then the residual sequence  $\pi'_1 = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$  obtained by laying off  $d_1$  from  $\pi$  such that  $d'_1 = d_2 - 1 \geq 4$ ,  $d'_5 = d_6 - 1 \geq 3$ . Since  $\pi$  satisfies conditions (2),(4) and (6),  $\pi'_1$  is potentially  $K_5 - 2K_2$ -graphic by Theorem 2.5. So  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic by Theorem 2.1. Suppose  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ .

Our proof is by induction on  $n$ . If  $n = 6$ , then  $\pi = (4^6)$ . It is easy to see that the sequence is the degree sequence of  $K_6 - 3K_2$ . Now suppose that the sufficiency holds for  $n - 1 (n \geq 7)$ . We will prove that  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic in terms of the following cases:

**Case 1.**  $d_n \geq 5$ . Consider the residual sequence  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ . If  $d_n \geq 6$ , then the residual positive sequence  $\pi'_n$  satisfies  $d'_{n-1} \geq 5$ . Since  $\pi'_n \neq (5^{10}), (5^8), (6, 5^8)$ , it is easy to check that  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (1),(2),(3) and (6). Then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'_n$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Hence, by Theorem 2.1,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

Suppose  $d_n = 5$ . Then  $\pi'_n$  satisfies  $d'_2 \geq 5$ ,  $d'_{n-1} \geq 4$ . Obviously,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (1). If  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (2),(3),(4) and (6), then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'_n$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic, and hence so is  $\pi$ .

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_6 = d_1 = n - 2$ . Clearly,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (2) and (3).

Assume  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (4). Since  $d'_{n-1} \geq 4$ ,  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, d'_3, 4^{n-4})$  where  $d'_1 + d'_2 + d'_3 = (n - 1) + 2(n - 4) + 3 = 3(n - 2)$ . By  $d'_1 \leq n - 2$ ,  $d'_1 = d'_3 = n - 2$ . If  $n \geq 10$ , by  $d_n = 5$ , then it is impossible. If  $n \leq 9$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is just  $(6^3, 4^4)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (4).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (6), by  $\pi \neq (6, 5^8), (5^8)$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(5^8), (5^8, 4), (6, 5^8), (5^{10}).$$

Then  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(6^5, 5^4), (6^4, 5^6), (6^6, 5^4), (7, 6^4, 5^5), (6^5, 5^6).$$

It is easy to check that all of those are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

**Case 2.**  $d_n = 4$ . Consider the residual sequence  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ , where  $d'_{n-5} \geq 4$  and  $d'_{n-1} \geq 3$ . If  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (1)-(6), then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'_n$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic, and hence so is  $\pi$ .

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (1), i.e.,  $d'_6 \leq 3$ , then  $d_4 = 4$ . Since  $d'_{n-5} \geq 4$ , we have  $7 \leq n \leq 10$ . If  $n = 7$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, d_3, 4^4)$ , where  $4 \leq d_3 \leq d_2 \leq d_1 \leq 5$ . Since  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even,  $\pi = (5^2, 4^5)$  or  $\pi = (4^7)$ , which is impossible by (5) and (6). If  $n = 8$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, 4^6)$ , where  $4 \leq d_2 \leq d_1 \leq 6$ . Hence,  $\pi$  is one of following sequences:

$$(4^8), (5^2, 4^6), (6, 4^7), (6^2, 4^6),$$

which is also impossible by (5) and (6). If  $n = 9$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, 4^8)$ , where

$4 \leq d_1 \leq 7$  and  $d_1$  is even. Hence,  $\pi = (4^9)$  or  $\pi = (6, 4^8)$ , which is impossible by (5) and (6). If  $n = 10$ , then  $\pi = (4^{10})$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (1).

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_5 = d_1 = n - 2$ . Clearly,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (2) and (3).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (4), by  $d'_{n-5} \geq 4$  and  $d'_{n-1} \geq 3$ , then  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, d'_3, 4^i, 3^{n-i-4})$ , where  $i \geq n - 8$  and  $d'_1 + d'_2 + d'_3 = 3(n - 2)$ . Then  $d'_1 = d'_2 = d'_3 = n - 2$ . By  $d_n = 4$  and Theorem 2.1, then  $\pi = ((n - 1)^3, 5, 4^{n-4})$  or  $\pi = ((n - 1)^3, 4^{n-3})$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (4).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (5), by  $\pi \neq (5^4, 4^4), (5^4, 4^5), (5^2, 4^7), (5^2, 4^8)$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:  $(4^9), (4^{10}), (4^8, 3^2)$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:  $(5^4, 4^6), (5^4, 4^7), (5^2, 4^9)$ . It is easy to check that three of above sequences are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (6), by  $d'_{n-1} \geq 3$  and  $\pi \neq (6, 5^2, 4^5), (6, 5^2, 4^6), (6^2, 4^7), (5^8, 4), (7, 5, 4^7), (6, 4^9)$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

- $n - 1 = 7$ :  $(5^2, 4^5)$ ;  
 $n - 1 = 8$ :  $(6, 4^7), (5^2, 4^6), (6, 5, 4^5, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^5), (6^2, 4^6), (5^3, 4^4, 3), (5^4, 4^4), (5^8)$ ;  
 $n - 1 = 9$ :  $(7, 4^7, 3), (6, 4^8), (7, 5, 4^7), (5, 4^7, 3), (5^2, 4^7), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2), (5^3, 4^5, 3), (5^4, 4^5), (5^8, 4), (6, 4^6, 3^2), (6, 5, 4^6, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^6), (6, 5^8), (6^2, 4^7)$ ;  
 $n - 1 = 10$ :  $(5, 4^8, 3), (5^2, 4^8), (5^{10}), (6, 4^9)$ .

Hence  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

- $n = 8$ :  $(6^2, 5^2, 4^4), (6, 5^4, 4^3)$ ;  
 $n = 9$ :  $(7, 5^3, 4^5), (6^2, 5^2, 4^5), (6, 5^4, 4^4), (5^6, 4^3), (7, 6, 5, 4^6), (7, 6^2, 5, 4^5), (7^2, 5^2, 4^5), (6^3, 4^6), (6^4, 4^5), (6^2, 5^4, 4^3), (6, 5^6, 4^2), (6^3, 5^2, 4^4), (6^4, 5^4, 4)$ ;  
 $n = 10$ :  $(8, 5^2, 4^7), (7, 5^3, 4^6), (8, 6, 5^2, 4^6), (8, 5^4, 4^4, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^7), (6^2, 5^2, 4^6), (6, 5^4, 4^5), (5^6, 4^4), (6^2, 4^8), (6^3, 4^7), (6^4, 4^6), (6^3, 5^2, 4^4, 5), (6^2, 5^4, 4^4), (6, 5^6, 4^3), (5^8, 4^2), (6^4, 5^4, 4^2), (6^3, 5^6, 4), (7, 5, 4^8), (7, 6, 5, 4^7), (7, 6^2, 5, 4^6), (7, 6, 5^3, 4^5), (7, 5^5, 4^4), (7, 6^3, 5^5, 4), (6^5, 5^4, 4), (7^2, 5^2, 4^6)$ ;  
 $n = 11$ :  $(6, 5^2, 4^8), (6^2, 5^2, 4^7), (6, 5^4, 4^6), (5^6, 4^5), (6^4, 5^6, 4), (7, 5^3, 4^7)$ .

It is easy to check that all of those are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

**Case 3.**  $d_n = 3$ . Consider the residual sequence  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ , where  $d'_3 \geq 4$  and  $d'_{n-1} \geq 3$ . If  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (1)-(6), then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'_n$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic, and hence so is  $\pi$ .

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (1), i.e.,  $d'_6 \leq 3$ , then  $d_3 = 4$ . Since  $d'_3 \geq 4$ , we have  $d_9 = 3$  or  $7 \leq n \leq 8$ . If  $n = 7$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, 4^4, 3)$ , where  $4 \leq d_2 \leq d_1 \leq 5$ . Since  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even,  $\pi = (5, 4^5, 3)$ , which is impossible by (6). If  $n = 8$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, 4^4, d_7, 3)$ , where  $3 \leq d_7 \leq d_2 \leq d_1 \leq 6$ . Hence,  $\pi$  is one of following sequences:

$$(5^2, 4^4, 3^2), (4^6, 3^2), (5, 4^6, 3), (6, 4^5, 3^2), (6^2, 4^4, 3^2).$$

It is easy to see that  $\pi = (6^2, 4^4, 3^2)$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic and others are in contradiction with (5) and (6). Suppose  $n \geq 9$ . If  $d_2 = 4$ , by

$d_9 = 3$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, 4, 4^4, d_7, d_8, 3^{n-8})$ , where  $4 \geq d_7 \geq d_8 \geq 3$ . Consider the sequence  $\rho_1 = (d_1 - 4, d_7, d_8, 3^{n-8})$ . Clearly,  $\sigma(\rho_1) = \sigma(\pi) - 24$  is even. Let  $\rho'_1 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n-6})$  be the residual sequence of  $\rho_1$  by laying off  $d_1 - 4$ . Clearly,  $h \geq s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_{n-6} \geq h - 1$ , where  $h \in \{3, 4\}$ . By  $\pi \neq (4^7, 3^2), (4^8, 3^2), (5, 4^5, 3^3), (6, 4^6, 3^2)$ , then  $\rho'_1$  is not one of the following sequence:

$$(4, 3^2), (3^2, 2), (4^2, 3^2).$$

By Theorem 2.4,  $\rho'_1$  is graphic. Hence, by Theorem 2.1,  $\rho_1$  is graphic. Let  $G_1^*$  be a realization of  $\rho_1$  such that  $d_{G_1^*}(v_1) = d_1 - 4$ ,  $d_{G_1^*}(v_7) = d_7$ ,  $d_{G_1^*}(v_8) = d_8$  and  $d_{G_1^*}(v_i) = 3$  where  $i = 9, 10, \dots, n$ . In  $G_1^*$ , we add new vertices  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_6$ , and new edges

$$v_1 v_3, v_1 v_4, v_1 v_5, v_1 v_6, v_2 v_3, v_2 v_4, v_2 v_5, v_2 v_6, v_3 v_5, v_3 v_6, v_4 v_5, v_4 v_6,$$

and denote

$$G = G_1^* + \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_6\} +$$

$$\{v_1 v_3, v_1 v_4, v_1 v_5, v_1 v_6, v_2 v_3, v_2 v_4, v_2 v_5, v_2 v_6, v_3 v_5, v_3 v_6, v_4 v_5, v_4 v_6\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $G$  is a realization of  $\pi$  and  $K_6 - 3K_2 \subseteq G[\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_6\}]$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. If  $d_2 \geq 5$ , then  $d_7 = 3$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, 4^4, 3^{n-6})$ . Consider the sequence  $\rho_2 = (d_1 - 4, d_2 - 4, 3^{n-6})$ , where  $n - 6 \geq d_1 - 4 \geq d_2 - 4 \geq 0$ . Since  $\pi \neq (5, 4^5, 3^3)$  and Lemma 2.8,  $\rho_2$  is graphic. Let  $G_2^*$  be a realization of  $\rho_2$  such that  $d_{G_2^*}(v_1) = d_1 - 4$ ,  $d_{G_2^*}(v_2) = d_2 - 4$ , and  $d_{G_2^*}(v_i) = 3$ ,  $i = 7, 8, \dots, n$ . In  $G_2^*$ , we add new vertices  $v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$ , and new edges

$$v_1 v_3, v_1 v_4, v_1 v_5, v_1 v_6, v_2 v_3, v_2 v_4, v_2 v_5, v_2 v_6, v_3 v_5, v_3 v_6, v_4 v_5, v_4 v_6,$$

and denote

$$G = G_2^* + \{v_3, \dots, v_6\} +$$

$$\{v_1 v_3, v_1 v_4, v_1 v_5, v_1 v_6, v_2 v_3, v_2 v_4, v_2 v_5, v_2 v_6, v_3 v_5, v_3 v_6, v_4 v_5, v_4 v_6\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $G$  is a realization of  $\pi$  and  $K_6 - 3K_2 \subseteq G[\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_6\}]$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_4 = d_1 = n - 2$ . Clearly,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (2) and (3).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (4), by  $d'_{n-1} \geq 3$ , then  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, d'_3, 4^i, 3^{n-i-4})$ , where  $d'_3 \leq d'_2 \leq d'_1 \leq n - 2$  and  $d'_1 + d'_2 + d'_3 = 3(n - 2)$ . Then  $d'_1 = d'_2 = d'_3 = n - 2$ . If  $n - 2 \geq 6$ , then  $\pi = ((n - 1)^3, 4^i, 3^{n-i-3})$ , a contradiction. If  $n - 2 = 5$ , then  $\pi'_n = (5^3, 3^3)$  or  $\pi'_n = (5^3, 4^2, 3)$ . Thus  $\pi$  is one of the following sequence:  $(6^3, 3^4), (6^3, 4^2, 3^2), (6^2, 5^2, 4, 3^2), (6, 5^4, 3^2)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (4).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (5), by  $\pi \neq (5, 4^7, 3), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3), (5^3, 4^5, 3), (5, 4^8, 3)$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(4^6, 3^2), (4^7, 3^2), (4^9), (4^8, 3^2), (4^{10}).$$

So  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(5^3, 4^3, 3^3), (5^2, 4^6, 3^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3^3), (5^3, 4^6, 3), \\ (5, 4^9, 3), (5^2, 4^7, 3^2), (5^3, 4^5, 3^3), (5^3, 4^7, 3).$$

It is easy to check that the eight sequences above are all potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (6), by  $d'_{n-1} \geq 3$  and  $\pi \neq (6, 5, 4^5, 3), (6, 5, 4^6, 3), (7, 4^7, 3)$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$$n-1=7: (5, 4^5, 3), (5^2, 4^5); \\ n-1=8: (6, 4^7), (5, 4^6, 3), (5^2, 4^6), (6, 5, 4^5, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^5), (6^2, 4^6), (5^2, 4^4, 3^2), \\ (5^3, 4^4, 3), (5^4, 4^4), (5^8); \\ n-1=9: (7, 4^7, 3), (6, 4^8), (7, 5, 4^7), (5, 4^7, 3), (5, 4^5, 3^3), (5^2, 4^7), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2), \\ (5^3, 4^5, 3), (5^4, 4^5), (5^8, 4), (6, 4^6, 3^2), (6, 5, 4^6, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^6), (6, 5^8), \\ (6^2, 4^7); \\ n-1=10: (5, 4^8, 3), (5^2, 4^8), (5^{10}), (6, 4^9);$$

Then  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$n=8: (5^4, 4^2, 3^2), (6, 5^2, 4^3, 3^2), (6^2, 5, 4^4, 3), (6, 5^3, 4^3, 3), (5^5, 4^2, 3); \\ n=9: (7, 5^2, 4^5, 3), (7, 5^2, 4^3, 3^3), (7, 5, 4^5, 3^2), (7, 4^7, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^4, 3^2), (6, 5, \\ 4^6, 3), (5^4, 4^3, 3^2), (6^2, 5, 4^5, 3), (6, 5^3, 4^4, 3), (5^5, 4^3, 3), (7, 6, 5, 4^4, 3^3), \\ (7, 5^3, 4^3, 3^2), (7, 6, 4^6, 3), (7, 6^2, 4^5, 3), (7, 5^4, 4^3, 3), (7, 6, 5^2, 4^4, 3), \\ (7^2, 5, 4^5, 3), (6^2, 5, 4^3, 3^3), (5^5, 4^3, 3^3), (6^2, 4^5, 3^2), (6, 5^3, 4^2, 3^3), \\ (6^3, 4^4, 3^2), (6^2, 5^2, 4^3, 3^2), (6, 5^4, 4^2, 3^2), (5^6, 4, 3^2), (6^3, 5, 4^4, 3), \\ (6^2, 5^3, 4^3, 3), (6, 5^5, 4^2, 3), (5^7, 4, 3), (6^3, 5^5, 3); \\ n=10: (8, 5^2, 4^5, 3^2), (8, 5, 4^7, 3), (7, 5^2, 4^6, 3), (8, 6, 5, 4^6, 3), (8, 5^3, 4^5, 3), \\ (6, 5^2, 4^5, 3^2), (6, 5, 4^7, 3), (5^4, 4^4, 3^2), (6, 5^2, 4^3, 3^4), (6, 5, 4^5, 3^3), \\ (6, 4^7, 3^2), (5^4, 4^2, 3^4), (6^2, 5, 4^6, 3), (6, 5^3, 4^5, 3), (5^5, 4^4, 3), \\ (6^2, 5, 4^4, 3^3), (6, 5^3, 4^3, 3^3), (5^5, 4^2, 3^3), (6^2, 4^6, 3^2), (6^3, 4^5, 3^2), \\ (6^2, 5^2, 4^4, 3^2), (6, 5^4, 4^3, 3^2), (5^6, 4^2, 3^2), (6^3, 5, 4^5, 3), (6^2, 5^3, 4^4, 3), \\ (6, 5^5, 4^3, 3), (5^7, 4^2, 3), (6^3, 5^5, 4, 3), (6^2, 5^7, 3), (7, 5^2, 4^4, 3^3), (7, 4^8, 3), \\ (7, 5, 4^6, 3^2), (7, 6, 5, 4^5, 3^2), (7, 5^3, 4^4, 3^2), (7, 6, 4^7, 3), (7, 6^2, 4^6, 3), \\ (7, 5^2, 5^2, 4^4, 3), (7, 6, 5^2, 4^5, 3), (7, 6^2, 5^6, 3), (6^4, 5^5, 3), (7^2, 5, 4^6, 3); \\ n=11: (6, 5^2, 4^6, 3^2), (5^4, 4^5, 3^2), (6, 5, 4^7, 4, 3), (6^2, 5, 4^7, 3), (6, 5^3, 4^6, 3), \\ (5^2, 5^3, 4^5, 3), (6^3, 5^7, 3), (7, 5^2, 4^7, 3).$$

It is easy to check that all of those are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

**Case 4.**  $d_n = 2$  Consider the residual sequence  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ , where  $d'_4 \geq 4$  and  $d'_{n-1} \geq 2$ . If  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (1)-(6), then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'_n$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic, and hence so is  $\pi$ .

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (1), then  $d_2 = 4$ . Let  $\pi = (d_1, 4^5, d_7, d_8, \dots, d_n)$ , where  $n-2 \geq d_1 \geq 4 \geq d_7 \geq d_8 \geq \dots \geq d_n = 2$ . If  $d_1 = 4$ , then  $d_8 \leq 3$ .

If  $d_1 \geq 5$ , then  $d_7 \leq 3$ . Consider the sequence  $\rho_3 = (d_1 - 4, d_7, \dots, d_n)$ . Clearly,  $\sigma(\rho_3) = \sigma(\pi) - 24$  is even. Let  $\rho'_3 = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n-6})$  be the residual sequence of  $\rho_3$  by laying off  $d_1 - 4$ . If  $d_1 = 4$ , then  $4 \geq s_1$  and  $3 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_{n-6} \geq 2$ ; If  $d_1 \geq 5$ , then  $h \geq s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \dots \geq s_{n-6} \geq h - 1$ , where  $h \in \{2, 3\}$ . Since  $\pi$  is not one of the following sequences:

$$(4^6, 2), (4^6, 2^2), (4^6, 3^2, 2), (4^6, 4, 2), \\ (4^6, 4, 2^2), (4^6, 4, 2^3), (4^6, 4, 3^2, 2), (5, 4^6, 3, 2).$$

$\rho'_3$  is not one of the following sequences:

$$(2), (2^2), (3^2, 2), (4, 2), (4, 2^2), (4, 2^3), (4, 3^2, 2).$$

By  $\rho'_3 \notin A \cup B \cup S$  and Theorem 2.1,  $\rho_3$  is graphic. Let  $G_3^*$  be a realization of  $\rho_3$  such that  $d_{G_3^*}(v_1) = d_1 - 4$ ,  $d_{G_3^*}(v_i) = d_i$ , where  $i = 7, 8, \dots, n$ . In  $G_3^*$ , we add new vertices  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_6$ , and new edges

$$v_1v_3, v_1v_4, v_1v_5, v_1v_6, v_2v_3, v_2v_4, v_2v_5, v_2v_6v_3v_5, v_3v_6, v_4v_5, v_4v_6,$$

and denote

$$G = G_3^* + \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_6\} +$$

$$\{v_1v_3, v_1v_4, v_1v_5, v_1v_6, v_2v_3, v_2v_4, v_2v_5, v_2v_6v_3v_5, v_3v_6, v_4v_5, v_4v_6\}.$$

It is easy to see that  $G$  is a realization of  $\pi$  and  $K_6 - 3K_2 \subseteq G[\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_6\}]$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_1 = d_3 = n - 2$ . If  $d'_1 = n - 2$  and  $d'_2 = 4$ , by  $d_6 \geq 4$ , then  $n = 7$  and  $\pi'_n = (5, 4^5)$ , a contradiction. If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (2), then  $\pi'_n$  is just  $(6, 5^2, 4^4)$ . Then  $\pi$  is one of the following sequence:  $(7, 6, 5, 4^4, 2)$ ,  $(7, 5^3, 4^3, 2)$ ,  $(6^3, 4^4, 2)$ . It is easy to check that  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $d'_1 = d'_3 = n - 2$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_5 = n - 2$ . If  $n \geq 8$ , then  $d'_4 \geq 5$ . If  $n = 7$ , by  $d_6 \geq 4$ , then  $\pi = (5^5, 5, 2)$ . It is easy to see that  $\pi'_n = (5^4, 4^2)$  satisfies (3). Therefore,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (3).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (4), then  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, d'_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-1-i-j-3})$ , where  $i \geq 1$  and  $d'_1 + d'_2 + d'_3 = (n - 1) + 2(i + j) + (n - 1 - i - j - 3) + 3 = 2(n - 1) + (i + j)$ .

If  $d'_2 \geq 6$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, d_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-i-j-3})$ , where  $d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = d'_1 + d'_2 + d'_3 + 2 = n + 2(i + j) + (n - i - j - 3) + 3$ , a contradiction.

If  $d'_2 = 5$ , then  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, 5, d'_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-4-i-j})$ , where  $4 \leq d'_3 \leq d'_1 \leq n - 2$  and  $d'_1 + 5 + d'_3 = 2(n - 1) + i + j$ . Then  $d'_1 + d'_3 = 2n + i + j - 7 \leq (n - 2) + 5$ , i.e.,  $n \leq 10 - i - j$ . Since  $i \geq 1$  and  $j \geq 0$ ,  $n \leq 9$ . If  $n = 9$ , then  $i = 1$  and  $j = 0$ . Then  $d'_1 + d'_3 = 2n + i + j - 7$  is even. It is easy to see that  $\sigma(\pi'_n)$  is odd, a contradiction. If  $n = 8$ , then  $i = 1, j = 1$  or  $i = 2, j = 0$ .  $\sigma(\pi'_n)$

is odd for  $n = 8$  and  $i = j = 1$ , a contradiction. If  $n = 8$  and  $i = 2, j = 0$ , by  $d'_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $\pi'_n = (6, 5^2, 4^2, 2^2)$ . Hence  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(7, 6, 5, 4^2, 2^3), (6^3, 4^2, 2^2), (7, 5^3, 4, 2^3),$$

which is a contradiction. If  $n = 7$ , by even  $\sigma(\pi'_n)$ , then  $i = 2, j = 1$ , i.e.,  $\pi'_n = (5^3, 4^2, 3)$ . Then  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(6^2, 5, 4^2, 3, 2), (5^5, 3, 2), (6, 5^3, 4, 3, 2),$$

a contradiction.

If  $d'_2 = 4$ , then  $d'_1 + 8 = 2(n - 1) + i + j$ . By  $d'_1 \leq n - 2, n \leq 8 - i - j$ . Since  $n \geq 7$  and  $i \geq 1, n = 7, i = 1, j = 0$ . Thus,  $\pi'_n = (5, 4^3, 2^2)$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (4).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (5), by  $\pi \neq (4^8, 2), (5, 4^6, 3, 2), (4^8, 2^2), (5^2, 4^5, 2), (5^2, 4^6, 2), (4^9, 2), (5, 4^7, 3, 2), (5^2, 4^7, 2), (4^9, 2^2), (4^{10}, 2), (5^2, 4^8, 2)$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(4^6, 2), (4^6, 2^2), (4^6, 3^2), (4^6, 3^2, 2), (4^9, 2^2), (4^{10}, 2), (4^7, 2), (4^7, 3^2), \\ (4^7, 2^2), (4^8, 2), (4^7, 2^3), (4^7, 3^2, 2), (4^8, 2^2), (4^8, 3^2), (4^9, 2).$$

Then  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(5^2, 4^4, 2^2), (5^2, 4^4, 2^3), (5^2, 4^4, 3^2, 2), (5, 4^6, 3, 2^2), (5^2, 4^4, 3^2, 2^2), (5^2, 4^7, 2^3), \\ (5^2, 4^8, 2^2), (5^2, 4^5, 2^2), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2, 2), (5^2, 4^5, 2^3), (5^2, 4^6, 2^2), (5^2, 4^5, 2^4), \\ (5, 4^7, 3, 2^2), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2, 2^2), (5^2, 4^6, 2^2, 2), (5, 4^8, 3, 2), (5^2, 4^6, 3^2, 2), (5^2, 4^7, 2^2).$$

It is easy to check that the above sequences are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (6), by  $d'_{n-1} \geq 2$  and  $\pi \neq (6^2, 4^5, 2), (6, 4^6, 2), (6, 4^7, 2), (6, 4^6, 2^2), (7, 5, 4^6, 2), (7, 4^6, 3, 2), (6, 4^8, 2), (8, 4^8, 2), (8, 4^7, 2^2)$ , then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$$n - 1 = 7: (5, 4^5, 3), (5^2, 4^5); \\ n - 1 = 8: (6, 4^6, 2), (6, 4^5, 3^2), (5, 4^6, 3), (5^2, 4^6), (6, 5, 4^5, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^5), (6^2, 4^6), \\ (5, 4^5, 3, 2), (5^2, 4^5, 2), (5^2, 4^4, 3^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3), (5^4, 4^4), (5^8), (6^2, 4^5, 2); \\ n - 1 = 9: (7, 4^7, 3), (7, 4^6, 3, 2), (6, 4^7, 2), (6, 4^8), (7, 5, 4^7), (7, 5, 4^6, 2), (5, 4^7, 3), \\ (5, 4^6, 3, 2), (5, 4^5, 3^3), (5^2, 4^7), (5^2, 4^6, 2), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2), (5^3, 4^5, 3), \\ (5^4, 4^5), (5^8, 4), (6, 4^6, 3^2), (6, 5, 4^6, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^6), (6, 5^8), (6^2, 4^7); \\ n - 1 = 10: (8, 4^8, 2), (8, 4^7, 2^2), (5, 4^8, 3), (5, 4^7, 3, 2), (5^2, 4^8), (5^2, 4^7, 2), \\ (5^{10}), (6, 4^9), (6, 4^8, 2).$$

Then  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$n = 8: (6, 5, 4^4, 3, 2), (5^3, 4^3, 3, 2), (6, 5^2, 4^4, 2), (5^4, 4^3, 2); \\ n = 9: (7, 5, 4^5, 2^2), (7, 5, 4^4, 3^2, 2), (6, 5, 4^5, 3, 2), (5^3, 4^4, 3, 2), (6^2, 4^6, 2),$$

$(6, 5^2, 4^5, 2), (7, 6, 4^5, 3, 2), (7, 5^2, 4^4, 3, 2), (7, 6, 5, 4^5, 2), (6^3, 4^5, 2),$   
 $(7, 5^3, 4^4, 2), (7^2, 4^6, 2), (6, 5, 4^4, 3, 2^2), (5^3, 4^3, 3, 2^2), (6^2, 4^5, 2^2),$   
 $(6, 5^2, 4^4, 2^2), (5^4, 4^3, 2^2), (6^2, 4^4, 3^2, 2), (6, 5^2, 4^3, 3^2, 2), (5^4, 4^2, 3^2, 2),$   
 $(6^2, 5, 4^4, 3, 2), (6, 5^3, 4^3, 3, 2), (5^5, 4^2, 3, 2), (6^2, 5^2, 4^4, 2), (6, 5^4, 4^3, 2),$   
 $(5^6, 4^2, 2), (6^2, 5^6, 2), (7^2, 4^5, 2^2);$

$n = 10: (8, 5, 4^6, 3, 2), (8, 5, 4^5, 3, 2^2), (7, 5, 4^6, 2^2), (7, 5, 4^7, 2), (8, 6, 4^7, 2),$   
 $(8, 5^2, 4^6, 2), (8, 6, 4^6, 2^2), (8, 5^2, 4^5, 2^2), (6, 5, 4^6, 3, 2), (5^3, 4^5, 3, 2),$   
 $(6, 5, 4^5, 3, 2^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3, 2^2), (6, 4^7, 2^2), (6, 5, 4^4, 3^3, 2), (5^3, 4^3, 3^3, 2),$   
 $(6, 4^6, 3^2, 2), (6^2, 4^7, 2), (6, 5^2, 4^6, 2), (5^4, 4^5, 2), (6^2, 4^6, 2^2), (6, 5^2, 4^5,$   
 $2^2), (5^4, 4^4, 2^2), (6^2, 4^5, 3^2, 2), (6, 5^2, 4^4, 3^2, 2), (5^4, 4^3, 3^2, 2), (6^2, 5, 4^5,$   
 $3, 2), (6, 5^3, 4^4, 3, 2), (5^5, 4^3, 3, 2), (6^2, 5^2, 4^5, 2), (6, 5^4, 4^4, 2), (5^6, 4^3, 2),$   
 $(6^2, 5^6, 4, 2), (6, 5^8, 2), (7, 5, 4^5, 3^2, 2), (7, 4^7, 3, 2), (7, 6, 4^6, 3, 2), (7, 5^2,$   
 $4^5, 3, 2), (7, 6, 5, 4^6, 2), (6^3, 4^6, 2), (7, 5^3, 4^5, 2), (7, 6, 5^7, 2), (6^3, 5^6, 2),$   
 $(7^2, 4^7, 2);$

$n = 11: (9, 5, 4^7, 2^2), (9, 5, 4^6, 2^3), (6, 5, 4^7, 3, 2), (6, 4^9, 2), (5^3, 4^6, 3, 2),$   
 $(6, 5, 4^6, 3, 2^2), (6, 4^8, 2^2), (5^3, 4^5, 3, 2^2), (6^2, 4^8, 2), (6, 5^2, 4^7, 2),$   
 $(5^4, 4^6, 2), (6^2, 4^7, 2^2), (6, 5^2, 4^6, 2^2), (5^4, 4^5, 2^2), (6^2, 5^8, 2),$   
 $(7, 5, 4^8, 2), (7, 5, 4^7, 2^2).$

It is easy to check that all of those are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

**Case 5.**  $d_n = 1$ .

Consider the residual sequence  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ , where  $d'_5 \geq 4$  and  $d'_{n-1} \geq 1$ . If  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (1)-(6), then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'_n$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic, and hence so is  $\pi$ .

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (1), i.e.,  $d'_6 \leq 3$ , then  $d_1 = 4$  and  $d_7 \leq 3$ . Then  $\pi = (4^6, d_7, d_8, \dots, d_n)$ , where  $3 \geq d_7 \geq d_8 \geq \dots \geq d_n = 1$ . Consider the sequence  $\rho_4 = (d_7, \dots, d_n)$ . Clearly,  $\sigma(\rho_4) = \sigma(\pi) - 24$  is even. Since  $\pi$  is not one of the following sequences:

$$(4^6, 3, 1), (4^6, 3, 2, 1), (4^6, 3^3, 1), (4^6, 3^2, 1^2),$$

$\rho_4 \neq (3, 1), (3, 2, 1), (3^3, 1), (3^2, 1^2)$ . By Lemma 2.7,  $\rho_4$  is graphic. Let  $G_4^*$  be a realization of  $\rho_4$ . Denote

$$G = G_4^* \cup (K_6 - 3K_2).$$

It is easy to see that  $G$  is a realization of  $\pi$  and  $K_6 - 3K_2$  is subgraph of  $G$ . Thus,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_2 = n - 2$ . If  $d'_2 \leq 4$ , then  $n = 7$  and  $d_3 \leq 4$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (5, 5, 4^4, 1)$ , a contradiction. Suppose that  $n \geq 8$  or  $d_3 \geq 5$ . If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (2), then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(6, 5^2, 4^4), (6, 5, 4^4, 3), (7, 6, 5, 4^5), (7, 6, 4^5, 3).$$

By (2),  $\pi \neq (7, 5^2, 4^4, 1), (7, 5, 4^4, 3, 1), (8, 6, 5, 4^5, 1), (8, 6, 4^5, 3, 1)$ , thereby  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(6^2, 5, 4^4, 1), (6^2, 4^4, 3, 1), (7^2, 5, 4^5, 1), (7^2, 4^5, 3, 1).$$

It is easy to see that all of those are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (3), then  $d'_3 = n - 2$  and  $d'_4 \leq 4$ . By  $d_1 = d_4 = n - 2, n - 3 \leq d'_4 \leq 4$  and  $n \leq 7$ , then  $\pi = (5^4, 4^2, 1)$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (3).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (4), then  $\pi'_n = (d'_1, d'_2, d'_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^k, 1^{n-1-i-j-k-3})$ , where  $i \geq 2$  and  $d'_1 + d'_2 + d'_3 = (n - 1) + 2(i + j) + k + 3$ .

If  $d'_1 \geq 6$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, d_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^k, 1^{n-i-j-k-3})$ , where  $d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = d'_1 + d'_2 + d'_3 + 1 = n + 2(i + j) + k + 3$ , a contradiction. If  $d'_1 = 4$ , then  $\pi'_n = (4^3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^k, 1^{n-1-i-j-k-3})$ , where  $i \geq 2, j \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 0$ . Then  $12 = n - 1 + 2(i + j) + k + 3$ , i.e.,  $n = 10 - 2(i + j) - k$ . Since  $n \geq 7$ , it is impossible. If  $d'_1 = 5$ , then  $\pi'_n = (5, d'_2, d'_3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^k, 1^{n-1-i-j-k-3})$ , where  $4 \leq d'_3 \leq d'_2 \leq n - 2$  and  $5 + d'_2 + d'_3 = n - 1 + 2(i + j) + k + 3$ . Then  $d'_2 + d'_3 = n + 2(i + j) + k - 3 \leq 10$ , i.e.,  $n \leq 13 - 2(i + j) - k$ . If  $i = 2$ , by  $n \geq 7, j \geq 0$  and  $k \geq 0$ , then  $j = k = 0, n \leq 9$  or  $j = 0, k = 1, n \leq 8$  or  $j = 1, k = 0, n = 7$ . Then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequence:

$$(5^3, 4^2, 1^3), (5^2, 4^3, 1^2), (5, 4^4, 1), (5^3, 4^2, 2, 1), (5^2, 4^3, 2), (5^3, 4^2, 3).$$

Thus,  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(6, 5^2, 4^2, 1^4), (5^4, 4, 1^4), (6, 5, 4^3, 1^3), (5^3, 4^2, 1^3), \\ (6, 4^4, 1^2), (5^2, 4^3, 1^2), (6, 5^2, 4^2, 2, 1^2), (5^4, 4, 2, 1^2), \\ (6, 5, 4^3, 2, 1), (5^3, 4^2, 2, 1), (6, 5^2, 4^2, 3, 1)(5^4, 4, 3, 1),$$

which is a contradiction. If  $i \geq 3$ , by  $n \geq 7$ , then  $i = 3, j = k = 0, n = 7$ .

Thus,  $\pi'_n = (5^3, 4^3)$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $\pi'_n$  satisfies (4).

If  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (5), by  $\pi \neq (4^7, 1^2), (5, 4^5, 3^2, 1), (4^7, 3, 1), (4^7, 2, 1^2), (4^7, 3, 2, 1), (4^7, 3^2, 1^2), (4^7, 3, 1^3), (4^8, 3, 1^3), (4^8, 1^4), (4^9, 2, 1^2), (5, 4^8, 2, 1^3), (4^{10}, 1^2), (4^9, 1^4), (5, 4^6, 1), (5, 4^6, 2, 1), (5, 4^7, 1), (5, 4^6, 3, 1^2), (4^8, 1^2), (5, 4^6, 3^2, 1), (4^8, 3, 2, 1), (5, 4^7, 1^3), (5, 4^7, 3, 1^2), (4^9, 1^2), (4^9, 3, 1), (5, 4^8, 2, 1), (5, 4^9, 1),$

then the sequence  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(4^6, 2), (4^6, 2^2), (4^6, 3, 1), (4^6, 3, 2, 1), (4^6, 3^2, 2), (4^6, 3^3, 1), (4^6, 3^2, 1^2), (4^7, 3^2, 1^2), (4^7, 3, 1^3), (4^8, 2, 1^2), (4^8, 3, 2, 1), (4^9, 1^2), (4^9, 2^2), (4^9, 3, 1), (4^{10}, 2), (4^8, 3, 1^3), (4^8, 1^4), (4^9, 2, 1^2), (4^{10}, 1^2), (4^9, 1^4), (4^7, 1^2), (4^7, 3^2), (4^7, 2^2), (4^8, 2), (4^9), (4^7, 2, 1^2), (4^7, 2^3), (4^7, 3, 2, 1), (4^7, 3^2, 2), (4^8, 2^2), (4^8, 3^2), (4^9, 2), (4^{10}).$$

Then  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$$(5, 4^5, 2, 1), (5, 4^5, 2^2, 1), (5, 4^5, 3, 1^2), (5, 4^5, 3, 2, 1^2), (5, 4^5, 3^2, 2, 1), (5, 4^5, 3^3, 1^2), \\ (5, 4^5, 3^2, 1^3), (4^7, 3, 1^3), (5, 4^6, 3^2, 1^3), (5, 4^6, 3, 1^4), (4^8, 1^4), (5, 4^7, 2, 1^3), (5, 4^7, 3, 2, 1^2), (5, 4^8, 1^3), (5, 4^8, 2^2, 1), (5, 4^8, 3, 1^2), (5, 4^9, 2, 1), (5, 4^7, 3, 1^4), (4^9, 1^4), \\ (5, 4^7, 1^5), (5, 4^8, 2, 1^3), (5, 4^9, 1^3), (5, 4^8, 1^5), (5, 4^6, 1^3), (4^8, 3, 1), (5, 4^6, 2^2, 1), \\ (5, 4^7, 2, 1), (5, 4^8, 1), (5, 4^6, 2, 1^3), (5, 4^6, 2^3, 1), (5, 4^6, 3, 2, 1^2), (4^8, 2, 1^2), (5, 4^6,$$

$3^2, 2, 1), (4^8, 3, 2, 1), (5, 4^7, 2^2, 1), (5, 4^7, 3^2, 1)(4^9, 3, 1).$

It is easy to check that the above sequences are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

Suppose that  $\pi'_n$  does not satisfy (6).

Assume  $\pi'_n = (n-1-i, n-1-j, 4^5, 2^{n-1-i-j-5}, 1^{i+j-2})$ . If  $n-1-i \geq 6$ , then  $\pi = (n-i, n-(j+1), 4^5, 2^{n-i-(j+1)-5}, 1^{i+(j+1)-2})$  or  $\pi = (n-(i+1), n-j, 4^5, 2^{n-(i+1)-j-5}, 1^{(i+1)+j-2})$ , a contradiction. If  $n-1-i \leq 5$ , then  $n-1-i-j-5 < 0$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\pi'_n \neq (n-1-i, n-1-j, 4^5, 2^{n-1-i-j-5}, 1^{i+j-2})$ . Similarly,  $\pi'_n \neq (n-1-i, n-1-j, 4^6, 2^{n-1-i-j-6}, 1^{i+j-2})$ .

If  $\pi'_n = (n-3, 4^8, 2, 1^{n-11})$ , then  $\pi = (n-2, 4^8, 2, 1^{n-10})$ , a contradiction. Hence, we can prove  $\pi'_n$  is not one of the following sequences similarly:

$(n-3, 4^7, 3, 1^{n-10}), (n-3, 4^7, 2^2, 1^{n-11}), (n-3, 4^7, 1^{n-9}), (n-3, 4^6, 3, 2, 1^{n-10}),$   
 $(n-3, 4^6, 2, 1^{n-9}), (n-3, 4^5, 3^2, 1^{n-9}), (n-4, 4^7, 2, 1^{n-10}), (n-4, 4^8, 1^{n-10}),$   
 $(n-3, 5, 4^7, 1^{n-10}), (n-3, 5, 4^6, 2, 1^{n-10}).$

Assume  $\pi'_n = (n-4, 5, 4^6, 1^{n-8})$ . If  $n \geq 10$ , then  $\pi = (n-3, 5, 4^6, 1^{n-8})$ , a contradiction. If  $n \leq 9$ , i.e.,  $\pi'_n = (5^2, 4^6)$ , then  $\pi = (5^3, 4^5, 1)$  or  $\pi = (6, 5, 4^6, 1)$ , a contradiction. Hence, we can show  $\pi'_n$  is not one of the following sequences similarly:

$(n-4, 4^6, 3, 1^{n-9}), (n-5, 4^7, 1^{n-9}), (n-3, 6, 4^6, 1^{n-8}).$

If  $\pi'_n = (n-3, 5, 4^5, 1^{n-8})$ , then  $\pi = (n-2, 5, 4^5, 1^{n-7})$  for  $n \geq 9$  or  $\pi = (5^3, 4^4, 1)$  for  $n = 8$ . By (6),  $\pi = (n-2, 5, 4^5, 1^{n-7})$ , which is a contradiction. It is easy to check  $\pi = (5^3, 4^4, 1)$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Similarly, if  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$(n-2, 5, 4^5, 1^{n-7}), (n-3, 4^5, 3, 1^{n-8}), (n-4, 4^6, 1^{n-8}),$   
 $(n-3, 5^2, 4^5, 1^{n-8}), (n-3, 5, 4^5, 3, 1^{n-8}),$

then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic, where  $\pi$  satisfies (6).

Then  $\pi'_n$  is one of the following sequences:

$n-1 = 8 : (5, 4^5, 3, 2)(5^2, 4^5, 2), (5^2, 4^4, 3^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3), (5^4, 4^4), (5^8), (6^2, 4^5, 2);$   
 $n-1 = 9 : (5, 4^7, 3), (5, 4^6, 3, 2), (5, 4^6, 2, 1), (5, 4^5, 3^3), (5, 4^5, 3^2, 1), (5^2, 4^7),$   
 $(5^2, 4^6, 2), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2), (5^2, 4^5, 3, 1), (5^3, 4^5, 3), (5^3, 4^5, 1), (5^4, 4^5),$   
 $(5^8, 4), (6, 4^6, 3^2), (6, 5, 4^6, 3), (6, 5^2, 4^6), (6, 5^8), (6^2, 4^7)$   
 $n-1 = 10 : (5, 4^8, 3), (5, 4^8, 1), (5, 4^7, 3, 2), (5, 4^7, 2, 1), (5, 4^6, 3^2, 1), (5, 4^6, 3, 1^2),$   
 $(5^2, 4^8), (5^2, 4^7, 2), (5^2, 4^6, 3, 1), (5^2, 4^6, 1^2), (5^2, 4^5, 3, 2, 1), (5^3, 4^6, 1),$   
 $(5^{10}), (5^9, 1), (6, 4^9), (6, 4^8, 2), (6, 4^7, 3, 1).$

Since  $\pi \neq (6, 5, 4^5, 1), (6, 5, 4^7, 1), (5^3, 4^6, 1), (5^9, 1), (6, 4^8, 1^2), (5^2, 4^7, 1^2)$ ,  $\pi$  is one of the following sequences:

$n = 9$  :  $(6, 4^5, 3, 2, 1), (5^2, 4^4, 3, 2, 1), (6, 5, 4^5, 2, 1), (5^3, 4^4, 2, 1), (6, 5, 4^4, 3^2, 1), (5^3, 4^3, 3^2, 1), (6, 5^2, 4^4, 3, 1), (5^4, 4^3, 3, 1), (6, 5^3, 4^4, 1), (5^5, 4^3, 1), (6, 5^7, 1), (6^2, 4^5, 1^2), (7, 6, 4^5, 2, 1);$

$n = 10$  :  $(6, 4^7, 3, 1), (5^2, 4^6, 3, 1), (6, 4^6, 3, 2, 1), (5^2, 4^5, 3, 2, 1), (6, 4^6, 2, 1^2), (5^2, 4^5, 2, 1^2), (6, 4^5, 3^3, 1), (5^2, 4^4, 3^3, 1), (6, 4^5, 3^2, 1^2), (5^2, 4^4, 3^2, 1^2), (6, 5, 4^6, 2, 1), (5^3, 4^5, 2, 1), (6, 5, 4^5, 3^2, 1), (5^3, 4^4, 3^2, 1), (6, 5, 4^5, 3, 1^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3, 1^2), (6, 5^2, 4^5, 3, 1), (5^4, 4^4, 3, 1), (6, 5^2, 4^5, 1^2), (5^4, 4^4, 1^2), (6, 5^3, 4^5, 1), (5^5, 4^4, 1), (6, 5^7, 4, 1), (7, 4^6, 3^2, 1), (7, 5, 4^6, 3, 1), (6^2, 4^6, 3, 1), (7, 5^2, 4^6, 1), (6^2, 5, 4^6, 1), (7, 5^8, 1), (6^2, 5^7, 1), (7, 6, 4^7, 1);$

$n = 11$  :  $(6, 4^8, 3, 1), (5^2, 4^7, 3, 1), (6, 4^7, 3, 2, 1), (5^2, 4^6, 3, 2, 1), (6, 4^7, 2, 1^2), (5^2, 4^6, 2, 1^2), (6, 4^6, 3^2, 1^2), (5^2, 4^5, 3^2, 1^2), (6, 4^6, 3, 1^3), (5^2, 4^5, 3, 1^3), (6, 5, 4^8, 1), (5^3, 4^7, 1), (6, 5, 4^7, 2, 1), (5^3, 4^6, 2, 1), (6, 5, 4^6, 3, 1^2), (5^3, 4^5, 3, 1^2), (6, 5, 4^6, 1^3), (5^3, 4^5, 1^3), (6, 5, 4^5, 3, 2, 1^2), (5^3, 4^4, 3, 2, 1^2), (6, 5^2, 4^6, 1^2), (5^4, 4^5, 1^2), (6, 5^9, 1), (6, 5^8, 1^2), (7, 4^9, 1), (7, 4^8, 2, 1), (7, 4^7, 3, 1^2).$

It is easy to check that the above sequences are potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.  $\square$

## 4. Application

In the remaining of this section, we will use the above theorem to find exact values of  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n)$ . Note that the value of  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n)$  was determined by Yin and Li in [26] so another proof is given here.

**Theorem 4.1** [26] Let  $n \geq 6$ . Then

$$\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n) = \begin{cases} 2 \lfloor \frac{7n-13}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } n \neq 8; \\ 44, & \text{if } n = 8. \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** For  $n = 8$ , since  $\pi = (7, 5^7)$  is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic,  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n) \geq 7 + 5 \times 7 + 2 = 44$ . In order to prove  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, 8) \leq 44$ , it is enough to prove that if  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_8) \in GS_8$  with  $\sigma(\pi) \geq 44$ , then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. If  $d_4 = 4$ , then  $\sigma(\pi) \leq 7 \times 3 + 4 \times 5 < 44$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $d_4 \geq 5$ . If  $d_6 = 3$ , then  $d_4 \leq 6$  and  $\sigma(\pi) \leq 7 \times 3 + 6 \times 2 + 3 \times 3 = 42 < 44$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $d_6 \geq 4$ . It is easy to check that  $\pi \neq (5^4, 4^4), (5^8)$ . According to Theorem 3.1,  $\pi \in GS_8$  with  $\sigma(\pi) \geq 44$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

Suppose  $n \neq 8$ . First, we prove that  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n) \geq 2 \lfloor \frac{7n-13}{2} \rfloor$ . For  $n$  is odd, consider  $\pi = ((n-1)^3, 4^{n-3})$ . It is easy to see that  $K_3 + \frac{n-3}{2} K_2$  is unique realization of  $\pi$ . So  $\pi$  is graphic. By Theorem 3.1,  $\pi$  is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Thus,  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n) \geq \sigma(\pi) + 2 = 7n - 13$ , where  $n$  is odd. If  $n$  is even, then it is easy to see that  $\pi = ((n-1)^3, 4^{n-4}, 3)$

is not potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic. Thus,  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n) \geq \sigma(\pi) + 2 = 7n - 14$ , where  $n$  is even.

Next, in order to prove  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n) \leq 2\lfloor \frac{7n-13}{2} \rfloor$ , it is enough to prove that if  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in GS_n$  with  $\sigma(\pi) \geq 2\lfloor \frac{7n-13}{2} \rfloor$ , then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic.

We claim that  $d_6 \geq 4$ . By way of contradiction, we assume that  $d_6 \leq 3$ . By Theorem 2.2, then  $\sum_{i=1}^5 d_i \leq 20 + \sum_{j=6}^n \min\{5, d_j\} = 20 + 3(n-5)$ . Thus,  $\sigma(\pi) = \sum_{i=1}^5 d_i + \sum_{j=6}^n d_j \leq 20 + 3(n-5) + 3(n-5) < 7n - 14$ , a contradiction.

Clearly,  $\sigma(K_6 - 3K_2, n) \geq 2\lfloor \frac{7n-13}{2} \rfloor$  implies  $d_4 \geq 5$ . It is easy to check that  $\pi$  is not one of the following sequences:

$$(n-1, 5^3, 4^4, 1^{n-8}), (n-1, 5^8, 1^{n-9}), (5^4, 4^5), (5^8, 4), (6, 5^8), (5^{10}), (5^9, 1).$$

Thus,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic by Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

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