

# A Characterization On Potentially $K_{2,5}$ -graphic Sequences \*

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## Abstract

For given a graph  $H$ , a graphic sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is said to be potentially  $H$ -graphic if there exists a realization of  $\pi$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph. Let  $K_m - H$  be the graph obtained from  $K_m$  by removing the edges set  $E(H)$  where  $H$  is a subgraph of  $K_m$ . In this paper, we characterize potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic sequences. This characterization implies a special case of a theorem due to Yin et al. [26].

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## 1 Introduction

We consider finite simple graphs. Any undefined notation follows that of Bondy and Murty [1]. The set of all non-increasing nonnegative integer sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is denoted by  $NS_n$ . A sequence  $\pi \in NS_n$  is said to be graphic if it is the degree sequence of a simple graph  $G$  of order  $n$ ; such a graph  $G$  is referred as a realization of  $\pi$ . The set of all graphic sequences in  $NS_n$  is denoted by  $GS_n$ . Let  $C_k$  and  $P_k$  denote a cycle on  $k$

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vertices and a path on  $k + 1$  vertices, respectively. Let  $\sigma(\pi)$  be the sum of all the terms of  $\pi$ , and let  $[x]$  be the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . A graphic sequence  $\pi$  is said to be potentially  $H$ -graphic if it has a realization  $G$  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  $G$ . In the degree sequence,  $r^t$  means  $r$  repeats  $t$  times, that is, in the realization of the sequence there are  $t$  vertices of degree  $r$ .

Gould et al.[8] considered an extremal problem on potentially  $H$ -graphic sequences as follows: determine the smallest even integer  $\sigma(H, n)$  such that every  $n$ -term positive graphic sequence  $\pi$  with  $\sigma(\pi) \geq \sigma(H, n)$  has a realization  $G$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph. For  $r \times s \times t$  complete 3-partite graph  $K_{r,s,t}$ , Yin [23] and Lai [17] independently determined  $\sigma(K_{1,1,3}, n)$ . Chen [6] determined  $\sigma(K_{1,1,t}, n)$  for  $t \geq 3, n \geq 2\lfloor \frac{(t+5)^2}{4} \rfloor + 3$ . For the graph  $K_m - G$ , Lai [16] determined  $\sigma(K_4 - e, n)$  and Yin et al.[27] determined  $\sigma(K_5 - e, n)$ . In [29], Yin determined  $\sigma(K_{r+1} - K_3, n)$  for  $r \geq 3, n \geq 3r + 5$ .

A harder question is to characterize potentially  $H$ -graphic sequences without zero terms. Yin and Li [24] gave two sufficient conditions for  $\pi \in GS_n$  to be potentially  $K_r - e$ -graphic. Luo [20] characterized potentially  $C_k$ -graphic sequences for each  $k = 3, 4, 5$ . Chen [2] characterized potentially  $C_6$ -graphic sequences. Chen et al.[3] characterized potentially  ${}_k C_l$ -graphic sequences for each  $3 \leq k \leq 5, l = 6$ . Recently, Luo and Warner [21] characterized potentially  $K_4$ -graphic sequences. Eschen and Niu [7] characterized potentially  $K_4 - e$ -graphic sequences. Yin et al.[25] characterized potentially  ${}_3 C_4, {}_3 C_5$  and  ${}_4 C_5$ -graphic sequences. Yin and Chen [28] characterized potentially  $K_{r,s}$ -graphic sequences for  $r = 2, s = 3$  and  $r = 2, s = 4$ . Yin et al.[30] characterized potentially  $K_5 - e$  and  $K_6$ -graphic sequences. In [31], they characterized potentially  $K_6 - K_3$ -graphic sequences. Moreover, Yin et al.[32] characterized potentially  $K_{1,1,s}$ -graphic sequences for  $s = 4$  and  $s = 5$ . Chen and Li [5] characterized potentially  $K_{1,t} + e$ -graphic sequences. Chen [4] characterized potentially  $K_6 - 3K_2$ -graphic sequences. Hu, Lai and Wang [11] characterized potentially  $K_5 - P_4$  and  $K_5 - Y_4$  -graphic sequences, where  $Y_4$  is a tree on 5 vertices and 3 leaves. Hu and Lai [9,12] characterized potentially  $K_5 - C_4$  and  $K_5 - E_3$ -graphic sequences, where  $E_3$  denotes graphs with 5 vertices and 3 edges. Besides, in [13,14], they characterized potentially  $K_{3,3}, K_6 - C_6$  and  $K_6 - C_4$ -graphic sequences. Recently, Liu and Lai[19] characterized potentially  $K_{1,1,2,2}$ -graphic sequences. Xu and Lai [22] characterized potentially  $K_6 - C_5$ -graphic sequences.

In this paper, we characterize potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic sequences. This characterization implies a special case of a theorem due to Yin et al. [26].

## 2 Preparations

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

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

Denote  $\pi'_k = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ , 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  $\pi$ . For simplicity, we denote  $\pi'_n$  by  $\pi'$  in this paper.

For a nonincreasing positive integer sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$ , we write  $m(\pi)$  and  $h(\pi)$  to denote the largest positive terms of  $\pi$  and the smallest positive terms of  $\pi$ , respectively. We need the following results.

**Theorem 2.1 [8]** 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 2.2 [18]** If  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is a sequence of nonnegative integers with  $1 \leq m(\pi) \leq 2$ ,  $h(\pi) = 1$  and even  $\sigma(\pi)$ , then  $\pi$  is graphic.

**Theorem 2.3 [28]** Let  $n \geq 6$  and  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in GS_n$ . Then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,4}$ -graphic if and only if  $\pi$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $d_2 \geq 4$  and  $d_6 \geq 2$ ;
- (2) If  $d_1 = n - 1$  and  $d_2 = 4$ , then  $d_3 = 4$  and  $d_6 \geq 3$ ;
- (3)  $\pi \neq (4^3, 2^4), (4^2, 2^5), (4^2, 2^6), (5^2, 4, 2^4), (5^3, 3, 2^3), (6, 5^2, 2^5), (5^3, 2^4, 1), (6^3, 2^6), (n - 1, 4^2, 3^4, 1^{n-7}), (n - 1, 4^2, 3^5, 1^{n-8}), (n - 2, 4^2, 2^3, 1^{n-6}), (n - 2, 4^3, 2^2, 1^{n-6})$ .

**Lemma 2.4 [10]** Let  $n \geq 4$  and  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  be a nonincreasing sequence of positive integers with even  $\sigma(\pi)$ . If  $d_1 \leq 3$  and  $\pi \neq (3^3, 1), (3^2, 1^2)$ , then  $\pi$  is graphic.

**Lemma 2.5 [31]** 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 2.6 (Kleitman and Wang [15])**  $\pi$  is graphic if and only if  $\pi'_k$  is graphic.

The following corollary is obvious.

**Corollary 2.7** Let  $H$  be a simple graph. If  $\pi'$  is potentially  $H$ -graphic, then  $\pi$  is potentially  $H$ -graphic.

In order to prove our main result, we need the following definitions and proposition in Yin [28].

Let  $s \geq 2$  and  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{s+2}, \dots, d_n)$  be a non-increasing sequence of nonnegative integers, where  $d_1 \leq n - 2$  and  $d_2 \geq s$ . Denote

$$\rho'_s(\pi) = \begin{cases} (d_2 - 1, d_3 - 1, \dots, d_{s+2} - 1, d_{s+3}^{(1)}, \dots, d_n^{(1)}), & \text{if } d_2 \geq s + 1; \\ (d_2, d_3 - 1, \dots, d_{s+2} - 1, d_{s+3} - 1, \dots, d_{d_1+2} - 1, d_{d_1+3}, \dots, d_n), & \text{if } d_2 = s, \end{cases}$$

where  $d_{s+3}^{(1)} \geq \dots \geq d_n^{(1)}$  is a rearrangement of  $d_{s+3} - 1, \dots, d_{d_1+1} - 1, d_{d_1+2}, \dots, d_n$ .

From  $\rho'_s(\pi)$ , we construct the sequence

$$\rho_s(\pi) = \begin{cases} (d_3 - 2, \dots, d_{s+2} - 2, d_{s+3}^{(2)}, \dots, d_n^{(2)}), & \text{if } d_2 \geq s + 1; \\ (d_3 - 2, \dots, d_{s+2} - 2, d_{s+3} - 1, \dots, d_{d_1+2} - 1, d_{d_1+3}, \dots, d_n), & \text{if } d_2 = s, \end{cases}$$

where  $d_{s+3}^{(2)} \geq \dots \geq d_n^{(2)}$  is a rearrangement of  $d_{s+3}^{(1)} - 1, \dots, d_{d_2+1}^{(1)} - 1, d_{d_2+2}^{(1)}, \dots, d_n^{(1)}$ .

**Proposition 2.8 (Yin [28])** Let  $s \geq 2$  and  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{s+2}, \dots, d_n)$  be a non-increasing sequence of nonnegative integers, where  $d_1 \leq n - 2$  and  $d_2 \geq s$ . If  $\rho_s(\pi)$  is graphic, then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,s}$ -graphic.

### 3 Main Theorems

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $n \geq 7$  and  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in GS_n$ . Then  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic if and only if the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $d_2 \geq 5, d_7 \geq 2$ ;
- (2) If  $d_1 = n - 1$  and  $d_2 = 5$ , then  $d_3 = 5$  and  $d_7 \geq 3$ ;

(3)  $\pi = (n - l, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$  implies  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^{k+l-2})$  is graphic, where  $n - l \geq 5$ ,  $l = 2, 3, 4$ ,  $i \geq 1$  and  $i + j + k + t = 6$ ;

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

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

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

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

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

$n = 11$ :  $(8, 7^2, 2^8)$ ,  $(7^3, 2^7, 1)$ .

$n = 12$ :  $(8^3, 2^9)$ .

**Proof:** First we show the conditions (1)-(4) are necessary conditions for  $\pi$  to be potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic. Assume that  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic. (1) is obvious. If  $d_1 = n - 1$  and  $d_2 = 5$ , then the residual sequence  $\pi'_1 = (d_2 - 1, d_3 - 1, \dots, d_n - 1)$  is potentially  $K_{2,4}$ -graphic, and hence  $d_2 - 1 = d_3 - 1 = 4$  and  $d_7 - 1 \geq 2$ , i.e.,  $d_3 = 5$  and  $d_7 \geq 3$ . Hence, (2) holds. If  $\pi = (n - 2, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic, then according to theorem 2.1, there exists a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $K_{2,5}$  as a subgraph so that the vertices of  $K_{2,5}$  have the largest degrees of  $\pi$ . Therefore, the sequence  $\pi_1 = (n - 7, 0, 3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^k, 0^t, 1^{n-7})$  obtained from  $G - K_{2,5}$  is graphic. Since the edges of  $K_{2,5}$  have been removed from the realization of  $\pi_1$ , thus,  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^k)$  must be graphic. Similarly, with the same argument as above, one can show that  $\pi = (n - l, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$  implies  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^{k+l-2})$  is graphic for the cases  $l = 3$  and  $l = 4$ . Hence, (3) holds. Now it is easy to check that  $(6^4, 3^4)$ ,  $(6^3, 4^2, 2^3)$ ,  $(6^3, 3^2, 2^3)$ ,  $(6^2, 5, 3, 2^4)$ ,  $(6^2, 4, 2^5)$ ,  $(5^3, 3, 2^4)$ ,  $(5^2, 4, 2^5)$ ,  $(5^2, 2^6)$ ,  $(7, 6^2, 3, 2^5)$ ,  $(7, 6, 5, 2^6)$ ,  $(6^3, 4, 2^5)$ ,  $(6^3, 2^6)$ ,  $(6, 5^2, 2^6)$ ,  $(5^2, 2^7)$ ,  $(6^3, 3, 2^4, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 5, 2^5, 1)$ ,  $(5^3, 2^5, 1)$ ,  $(8, 6^2, 2^7)$ ,  $(7^3, 3, 2^6)$ ,  $(7^2, 6, 2^7)$ ,  $(6^3, 2^7)$ ,  $(7, 6^2, 2^6, 1)$ ,  $(6^3, 2^5, 1^2)$ ,  $(8, 7^2, 2^8)$ ,  $(7^3, 2^7, 1)$  and  $(8^3, 2^9)$  are not potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic. Since  $\pi'_1 = (4^4, 2^2)$ ,  $(4^3, 2^3)$ ,  $(4^3, 2^4)$ ,  $(4^2, 2^5)$  and  $(4^2, 2^6)$  are not potentially  $K_{2,4}$ (by theorem 2.3) or  $K_{1,5}$ -graphic, we have  $\pi \neq (n - 1, 5^4, 3^2, 1^{n-7})$ ,  $(n - 1, 5^3, 3^3, 1^{n-7})$ ,  $(n - 1, 5^3, 3^4, 1^{n-8})$ ,  $(n - 1, 5^2, 3^5, 1^{n-8})$  and  $(n - 1, 5^2, 3^6, 1^{n-9})$ . If  $\pi = (n - 2, 5^4, 2^3, 1^{n-8})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic, then according to theorem 2.1, there exists a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $K_{2,5}$  as a subgraph so that the vertices of  $K_{2,5}$  have the largest degrees of  $\pi$ . Therefore, the sequence

$\pi_1 = (n - 7, 0, 3^3, 0^2, 2, 1^{n-8})$  obtained from  $G - K_{2,5}$  must be graphic. Since the edges of  $K_{2,5}$  have been removed from the realization of  $\pi_1$ ,  $\pi_2 = (3^3, 1)$  is graphic, a contradiction. Thus,  $\pi \neq (n - 2, 5^4, 2^3, 1^{n-8})$ . Similarly, one can show that  $\pi \neq (n - 2, 5^3, 3, 2^3, 1^{n-8})$ ,  $(n - 2, 5^2, 2^5, 1^{n-8})$ ,  $(n - 2, 5^2, 4, 2^4, 1^{n-8})$  and  $(n - 3, 5^3, 2^4, 1^{n-8})$ . Hence, (4) holds.

Next, we will prove the sufficient conditions. Suppose  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in GS_n$  satisfies the conditions (1)-(4).

If  $d_1 = n - 1$ , consider the residual sequence  $\pi'_1 = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$  obtained by laying off  $d_1$  from  $\pi$ . If  $d_2 \geq 6$ , then  $d'_1 = d_2 - 1 \geq 5$ . Thus,  $\pi'_1$  is potentially  $K_{1,5}$ -graphic and so  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic. If  $d_2 = 5$ , by  $\pi$  satisfies condition (2), we have  $d'_1 = d_2 - 1 = 4$ ,  $d'_2 = d_3 - 1 = 4$  and  $d'_6 = d_7 - 1 \geq 2$ . Since  $\pi$  satisfies condition (4),  $\pi'_1 \neq (4^4, 2^2)$ ,  $(4^3, 2^3)$ ,  $(4^3, 2^4)$ ,  $(4^2, 2^5)$  and  $(4^2, 2^6)$ . If  $\pi'_1 \notin A$ , where  $A = \{(5^2, 4, 2^4), (5^3, 3, 2^3), (6, 5^2, 2^5), (5^3, 2^4, 1), (6^3, 2^6), (n - 2, 4^2, 3^4, 1^{n-8}), (n - 2, 4^2, 3^5, 1^{n-9}), (n - 3, 4^2, 2^3, 1^{n-7})(n \geq 8), (n - 3, 4^3, 2^2, 1^{n-7})(n \geq 8)\}$ , then  $\pi'_1$  is potentially  $K_{2,4}$ -graphic by theorem 2.3 and so  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic. If  $\pi'_1 \in A$ , then  $\pi'_1$  is potentially  $K_{1,5}$ -graphic, thus  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic. Suppose  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ .

Our proof is by induction on  $n$ . We first prove the base case where  $n = 7$ . In this case,  $d_1 = d_2 = 5$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^{7-i-j-k})$  where  $i \geq 2$ . Then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (3^{i-2}, 2^j, 1^k, 0^{7-i-j-k})$ . By  $\pi$  satisfies (3),  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic, and so  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8. Now suppose that the sufficiency holds for  $n - 1 (n \geq 8)$ , we will show that  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic in terms of the following cases:

**Case 1:**  $d_n \geq 5$ . Consider  $\pi' = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$ . Clearly,  $\pi'$  satisfies (1) and (4). If  $\pi'$  also satisfies (2)-(3), then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic, and hence so is  $\pi$ .

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$  and  $d'_2 = 5$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_1 = d_2 = \dots = d_6 = n - 2$  and  $n = 8$ . Thus,  $\pi' = (6, 5^6)$  which satisfies condition (2).

If  $\pi' = (n - 1 - l, 5^l, 4^{6-l})$ , then  $l = 2$  and  $n = 8$ . Thus,  $\pi' = (5^2, 4^5)$ ,  $(5^4, 4^3)$  or  $(5^6, 4)$ . Since  $(2^5)$ ,  $(3^2, 2^3)$  and  $(3^4, 2)$  are graphic,  $\pi'$  satisfies condition (3).

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

If  $\pi'$  does not satisfy (1), i.e.,  $d'_2 = 4$ , then  $d_2 = 5$ . We will proceed with the following two cases:  $d_1 = 5$  and  $d_1 \geq 6$ .

**Subcase 1:**  $d_1 = 5$ . Then  $\pi = (5^k, 4^{n-k})$  where  $2 \leq k \leq 5$ . Since  $\sigma(\pi)$  is even, we have  $k = 2$  or  $k = 4$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (5^2, 4^{n-2})$  or  $(5^4, 4^{n-4})$ . Then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 4^{n-7})$  or  $(3^2, 2^3, 4^{n-7})$ . By lemma 2.5,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic, and so  $\pi = (5^k, 4^{n-k})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8.

**Subcase 2:**  $d_1 \geq 6$ . Then  $\pi = (d_1, 5^k, 4^{n-1-k})$  where  $1 \leq k \leq 3$ , and,  $d_1$  and  $k$  have the same parity.

If  $k = 1$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, 5, 4^{n-2})$  and  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 3^{d_1-5}, 4^{n-2-d_1})$ . By lemma 2.4 and lemma 2.5,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic, and so  $\pi = (d_1, 5, 4^{n-2})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8.

If  $k = 2$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, 5^2, 4^{n-3})$  and  $\rho_5(\pi) = (3, 2^4, 3^{d_1-5}, 4^{n-2-d_1})$ . By lemma 2.4 and lemma 2.5,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic, and so  $\pi = (d_1, 5^2, 4^{n-3})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8. Similarly, with the same argument as above, one can show that  $\pi = (d_1, 5^3, 4^{n-4})$  is also potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$  and  $d'_2 = 5$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = d_4 = d_5 = n - 2$  and  $n = 8$ . Thus,  $\pi' = (6, 5^6)$  or  $(6, 5^4, 4^2)$ . Therefore,  $\pi'$  satisfies condition (2).

If  $\pi' = (n - 1 - l, 5^i, 4^j, 3^{6-i-j})$ , then  $n = 8$ ,  $l = 2$  and  $i + j \geq 4$ . Hence,  $\pi'$  is one of the following:  $(5^6, 4)$ ,  $(5^4, 4^3)$ ,  $(5^2, 4^5)$ ,  $(5^4, 4, 3^2)$ ,  $(5^2, 4^3, 3^2)$ ,  $(5^5, 4, 3)$ ,  $(5^3, 4^3, 3)$ . By lemma 2.4,  $(3^4, 2)$ ,  $(3^2, 2^3)$ ,  $(2^5)$ ,  $(3^2, 2, 1^2)$ ,  $(2^3, 1^2)$ ,  $(3^3, 2, 1)$  and  $(3, 2^3, 1)$  are graphic. Thus,  $\pi'$  satisfies condition (3).

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

If  $\pi'$  does not satisfy (1), i.e.,  $d'_2 = 4$ , then  $d_2 = 5$ . We will proceed with the following two cases:  $d_1 = 5$  and  $d_1 \geq 6$ .

**Subcase 1:**  $d_1 = 5$ . Then  $\pi = (5^i, 4^j, 3^{n-i-j})$  where  $2 \leq i \leq 4$ ,  $n - i - j \geq 1$  and  $n - j$  is even. If  $i = 2$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (5^2, 4^j, 3^{n-2-j})$ . Then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 4^{j-5}, 3^{n-2-j})(j \geq 5)$  or  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^j, 1^{5-j}, 3^{n-7})(j < 5)$ . By lemma 2.4 and lemma 2.5,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic, and so  $\pi = (5^2, 4^j, 3^{n-2-j})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8. Similarly, with the same argument as above, one can show that  $\pi = (5^i, 4^j, 3^{n-i-j})$  is also potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic for the cases  $i = 3$  and  $i = 4$ .

**Subcase 2:**  $d_1 \geq 6$ . Then  $\pi = (d_1, 5^i, 4^j, 3^{n-1-i-j})$  where  $1 \leq i \leq 2$ ,  $n - 1 - i - j \geq 1$ , and,  $d_1$  and  $n - 1 - j$  have the same parity. If  $i = 1$ , then  $\pi = (d_1, 5, 4^j, 3^{n-2-j})$ . If  $j < 5$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^j, 1^{5-j}, 2^{d_1-5}, 3^{n-2-d_1})$ . If  $5 \leq j < d_1$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 3^{j-5}, 2^{d_1-j}, 3^{n-2-d_1})$ . If  $j \geq d_1$ , then

$\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 3^{d_1-5}, 4^{j-d_1}, 3^{n-2-j})$ . By lemma 2.4 and lemma 2.5,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic, and so  $\pi = (d_1, 5^i, 4^j, 3^{n-1-i-j})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8. Similarly, with the same argument as above, one can show that  $\pi = (d_1, 5^2, 4^j, 3^{n-3-j})$  is also potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$  and  $d'_2 = 5$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , then  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = d_4 = n - 2$  and  $n = 8$ . In this case,  $\pi' = (6, 5^3, d'_5, d'_6, d'_7)$  where  $3 \leq d'_7 \leq d'_6 \leq d'_5 \leq 5$  and  $\sigma(\pi')$  is even. Clearly,  $\pi'$  satisfies condition (2).

If  $\pi' = (n - 1 - l, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^{6-i-j-k})$ , then  $n = 8, l = 2$  and  $i + j + k \geq 5$ . If  $\pi' = (5, 5^i, 4^j, 3^{6-i-j})$ , then it is easy to see that  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^{6-i-j})$  is graphic by lemma 2.4 (since  $(i - 1) + j + (6 - i - j) = 5 > 4$ ). If  $\pi' = (5, 5^i, 4^j, 3^{5-i-j}, 2)$ , then  $d_3 = \dots = d_7 = 3$ . We have  $\pi' = (5^2, 3^4, 2)$ . It follows  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^{5-i-j}) = (1^4)$ , which is also graphic. In other words,  $\pi'$  satisfies (3).

If  $\pi'$  does not satisfy (4), since  $d_1 \leq n - 2$  and  $\pi \neq (6^4, 3^4)$ , then  $\pi' = (6, 5^4, 3^2)$  or  $(6^4, 3^4)$ . Thus,  $\pi = (6^4, 5, 3^3)$  or  $(7^3, 6, 3^5)$ . It is easy to check that both of them are potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

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

If  $\pi'$  does not satisfy (1), i.e.,  $d'_2 = 4$ , then  $d_2 = 5$ . We will proceed with the following two cases:  $d_1 = 5$  and  $d_1 \geq 6$ .

**Subcase 1:**  $d_1 = 5$ . Then  $\pi = (5^k, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-k-i-j})$  where  $2 \leq k \leq 3, n - k - i - j \geq 1$  and  $k + j$  is even. If  $k = 2$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (5^2, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-2-i-j})$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (d_3 - 2, \dots, d_7 - 2, d_8, \dots, d_n)$ . If  $m(\rho_5(\pi)) = 4$ , then  $i \geq 6$  and so  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 4^{i-5}, 3^j, 2^{n-2-i-j})$ . By lemma 2.5,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic. If  $m(\rho_5(\pi)) = 3$ , then  $i \leq 5, i + j \geq 6$  and so  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^i, 1^{5-i}, 3^{i+j-5}, 2^{n-2-i-j})$ , it follows from lemma 2.4 that  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is also graphic. If  $m(\rho_5(\pi)) = 2$ , then  $i + j \leq 5$  and so  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^i, 1^j, 0^{5-i-j}, 2^{n-7})$ . In this case,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is not graphic if and only if  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2)$  or  $(2^2)$  which is impossible since  $\pi \neq (5^2, 2^6), (5^2, 2^7)$  and  $(5^2, 4, 2^5)$ . Thus,  $\pi = (5^2, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-2-i-j})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8. Similarly, one can show that  $\pi = (5^3, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-3-i-j})$  is also potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

**Subcase 2:**  $d_1 \geq 6$ . Then  $\pi = (d_1, 5, 4^i, 3^j, 2^{n-2-i-j})$  where  $n - 2 - i - j \geq 1$ , and,  $d_1$  and  $j + 1$  have the same parity. Thus,  $\rho_5(\pi) = (d_3 - 2, \dots, d_7 - 2, d_8 - 1, \dots, d_{d_1+2} - 1, d_{d_1+3}, \dots, d_n)$ . If  $i + j < 5$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^i, 1^j, 0^{5-i-j}, 1^{d_1-5}, 2^{n-2-d_1})$ . If  $i \geq d_1$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 3^{d_1-5}, 4^{i-d_1}, 3^j, 2^{n-2-i-j})$ . If  $5 \leq i < d_1$  and  $i + j \geq d_1$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) =$

$(2^5, 3^{i-5}, 2^{d_1-i}, 3^{i+j-d_1}, 2^{n-2-i-j})$ . If  $5 \leq i+j < d_1$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 3^{i-5}, 2^j, 1^{d_1-i-j}, 2^{n-2-d_1})$  ( $i \geq 5$ ) or  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^i, 1^{5-i}, 2^{i+j-5}, 1^{d_1-i-j}, 2^{n-2-d_1})$  ( $i < 5$ ). By lemma 2.4 and lemma 2.5, in the above cases,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic, and so  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8.

If  $d'_1 = n-2$  and  $d'_2 = 5$ , by  $d_1 \leq n-2$ , we have  $d_1 = d_2 = d_3 = n-2$  and  $n = 8$ . If  $d_7 \geq 3$ , then  $\pi'$  satisfies (2). If  $d_7 = 2$ , then  $\pi = (6^3, d_4, d_5, d_6, 2^2)$  where  $2 \leq d_6 \leq d_5 \leq d_4 \leq 5$ . Since  $\pi \neq (6^3, 4^2, 2^3)$  and  $(6^3, 3^2, 2^3)$ , then  $\pi = (6^3, 5^2, 4, 2^2)$ ,  $(6^3, 5, 4, 3, 2^2)$ ,  $(6^3, 4^3, 2^2)$  or  $(6^3, 4, 3^2, 2^2)$ . It is easy to check that all of these are potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

If  $\pi' = (n-1-l, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^{6-i-j-k})$ , then  $n = 8$  and  $l = 2$ , i.e.,  $\pi' = (5, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^{6-i-j-k})$ . If  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^k)$  is graphic, then  $\pi'$  satisfies (3). If  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^k)$  is not graphic, then  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^k) \in \{(3^3, 1), (3^2, 1^2), (3^2, 2), (3, 2, 1), (3, 1), (2^2), (2)\}$ . By  $\pi \neq (6^2, 5, 3, 2^4)$ ,  $(6^2, 4, 2^5)$ ,  $(6, 5^2, 2^5)$ , then  $\pi'$  is one of the following:  $(5^5, 3, 2)$ ,  $(5^4, 3^2, 2)$ ,  $(5^4, 4, 2^2)$ ,  $(5^3, 4, 3, 2^2)$ ,  $(5^2, 4^2, 2^3)$ . Since  $\pi \neq (6, 5^4, 2^3)$ ,  $(6, 5^3, 3, 2^3)$ ,  $(6, 5^2, 4, 2^4)$  and  $(5^4, 2^4)$ , then  $\pi$  is one of the following:  $(6^2, 5^3, 3, 2^2)$ ,  $(6^2, 5^2, 3^2, 2^2)$ ,  $(6^2, 5^2, 4, 2^3)$ ,  $(6^2, 5, 4, 3, 2^3)$ ,  $(6^2, 4^2, 2^4)$ . It is easy to check that all of these are potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

If  $\pi'$  does not satisfy (4), since  $d_1 \leq n-2$  and  $\pi \neq (7, 6, 5, 2^6)$ ,  $(6^3, 2^6)$ ,  $(7^2, 6, 2^7)$ , then  $\pi'$  is one of the following:

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

$$n-1 = 8 : (6, 5^4, 2^3), (6, 5^3, 3, 2^3), (6, 5^2, 4, 2^4), (5^4, 2^4), (6^4, 3^4), (6^3, 4^2, 2^3), (6^3, 3^2, 2^3), (6^2, 5, 3, 2^4), (6^2, 4, 2^5), (5^3, 3, 2^4), (5^2, 4, 2^5), (5^2, 2^6),$$

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

$$n-1 = 10 : (8, 6^2, 2^7), (7^3, 3, 2^6), (7^2, 6, 2^7), (6^3, 2^7),$$

$$n-1 = 11 : (8, 7^2, 2^8),$$

$$n-1 = 12 : (8^3, 2^9),$$

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

$$n = 8 : (6^3, 5^2, 3^2, 2), (6^3, 5, 3^3, 2).$$

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

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

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

$$n = 12 : (9, 8, 7, 2^9).$$

$$n = 13 : (9^2, 8, 2^{10}).$$

It is easy to check that all of these are potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

**Case 5:**  $d_n = 1$ . Consider  $\pi' = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$  where  $d'_1 \geq 5$ ,  $d'_2 \geq 4$  and  $d'_7 \geq 2$ . If  $\pi'$  satisfies (1)-(4), then by the induction hypothesis,  $\pi'$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic, and hence so is  $\pi$ .

If  $\pi'$  does not satisfy (1), i.e.,  $d'_2 = 4$ . Then  $d_1 = d_2 = 5$  and  $d_3 \leq 4$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (5^2, d_3, \dots, d_n)$  where  $d_7 \geq 2$  and  $d_n = 1$ . Consider  $\rho_5(\pi) = (d_3 - 2, \dots, d_7 - 2, d_8, \dots, d_n)$ . If  $m(\rho_5(\pi)) = 4$ , then  $d_3 = \dots = d_8 = 4$ , i.e.,  $\rho_5(\pi) = (2^5, 4, d_9, \dots, d_{n-1}, 1)$ . By lemma 2.5,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic. If  $m(\rho_5(\pi)) = 3$ , then  $d_8 = 3$ , i.e.,  $\rho_5(\pi) = (d_3 - 2, \dots, d_7 - 2, 3, d_9, \dots, d_{n-1}, 1)$  where  $1 \leq d_7 - 2 \leq d_6 - 2 \leq \dots \leq d_3 - 2 \leq 2$ . By lemma 2.4,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is also graphic. If  $1 \leq m(\rho_5(\pi)) \leq 2$ , it follows from  $h(\rho_5(\pi)) = 1$  and theorem 2.2 that  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic. Hence,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8.

If  $d'_1 = n - 2$  and  $d'_2 = 5$ , by  $d_1 \leq n - 2$ , we have  $d_1 = d_2 = n - 2$  and  $n = 8$ , i.e.,  $\pi = (6^2, d_3, \dots, d_7, 1)$ . If  $d_3 = 5$  and  $d_7 \geq 3$ , then  $\pi'$  satisfies (2). If  $d_3 \leq 4$ , then  $\pi$  is one of the following:  $(6^2, 4^4, 3, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 4^3, 3, 2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 4^2, 3^3, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 4^2, 3, 2^2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 4, 3^3, 2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 4, 3, 2^3, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 3^5, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 3^3, 2^2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 3, 2^4, 1)$ . If  $d_3 = 5$  and  $d_7 = 2$ , then  $\pi$  is one of the following:  $(6^2, 5^3, 4, 2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 5^2, 4, 3, 2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 5, 4^3, 2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 5, 4^2, 2^2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 5, 4, 3^2, 2, 1)$ ,  $(6^2, 5, 3^2, 2^2, 1)$ . It is easy to check that all of the above sequences are potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

If  $\pi' = (n - 1 - l, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-8})$ , then there are three subcases:

**Subcase 1:**  $n - 1 - l = 5$ . If  $j = 0$ , then  $\pi' = (5, 5^i, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-8})$  and  $\pi = (6, 5^i, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ . By  $\pi$  satisfies (3), then  $(3^{i-1}, 1^{k+n-8})$  is graphic. Thus,  $\pi'$  satisfies (3). If  $j \geq 1$ , then  $\pi = (6, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$  or  $(5^{i+2}, 4^{j-1}, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ . If  $\pi = (6, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ , then with the same argument as above, one can show that  $\pi'$  satisfies (3). If  $\pi = (5^{i+2}, 4^{j-1}, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (3^i, 2^{j-1}, 1^k, 0^t, 1^{n-7})$ . Since  $\pi$  satisfies (3),  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is graphic. Thus,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8.

**Subcase 2:**  $n - 1 - l = 6$ . Then  $\pi = (7, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$  or  $(6^2, 5^{i-1}, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ . If  $\pi = (7, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ , with the same argument as subcase 1, we have  $\pi'$  satisfies (3). If  $\pi = (6^2, 5^{i-1}, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ , then  $\rho_5(\pi) = (3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^k, 0^t, 1^{n-7})$  where  $n \geq 9$ . In this case,  $\rho_5(\pi)$  is not graphic if and only if  $\rho_5(\pi) = (3^2, 1^2)$  which is impossible since  $\pi = (6^2, 5^2, 2^3, 1^2)$  is not graphic. Thus,  $\pi = (6^2, 5^{i-1}, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by proposition 2.8.

**Subcase 3:**  $n - 1 - l \geq 7$ . Then  $\pi = (n - l, 5^i, 4^j, 3^k, 2^t, 1^{n-7})$ . By  $\pi$  satisfies (3), then  $(3^{i-1}, 2^j, 1^{k+l-2})$  is graphic. In other words,  $\pi'$  satisfies (3).

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

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

$$n - 1 = 8 : (6, 5^4, 2^3), (6, 5^3, 3, 2^3), (6, 5^2, 4, 2^4), (6^4, 3^4), (6^3, 4^2, 2^3), (6^3, 3^2, 2^3), (6^2, 5, 3, 2^4), (6^2, 4, 2^5), (5^3, 3, 2^4), (5^2, 4, 2^5), (5^2, 2^6),$$

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

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

$$n - 1 = 11 : (8, 7^2, 2^8), (7^3, 2^7, 1),$$

$$n - 1 = 12 : (8^3, 2^9).$$

Since  $\pi \neq (n - 1, 5^4, 3^2, 1^{n-7}), (n - 1, 5^3, 3^3, 1^{n-7}), (n - 2, 5^4, 2^3, 1^{n-8}), (n-2, 5^3, 3, 2^3, 1^{n-8}), (n-2, 5^2, 4, 2^4, 1^{n-8}), (6^3, 3, 2^4, 1), (5^3, 2^5, 1), (6^3, 2^5, 1^2)$  and  $(7^3, 2^7, 1)$ , then  $\pi$  is one of the following:

$$n = 8 : (6^2, 5^3, 3^2, 1), (6^2, 5^2, 3^3, 1),$$

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

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

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

$$n = 12 : (9, 7^2, 2^8, 1), (8^2, 7, 2^8, 1), (8, 7^2, 2^7, 1^2),$$

$$n = 13 : (9, 8^2, 2^9, 1).$$

It is easy to check that all of the above sequences are potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

## 4 Application

In the remaining of this section, we will use theorem 3.1 to find the exact value of  $\sigma(K_{2,5}, n)$ . Note that the value of  $\sigma(K_{2,5}, n)$  was a special case of

theorem 3.1 in [26] so another proof is given here.

**Theorem** (Yin et al. [26]) If  $n \geq 37$ , then

$$\sigma(K_{2,5}, n) = \begin{cases} 5n - 3, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 5n - 2, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** First we claim that for  $n \geq 37$ ,

$$\sigma(K_{2,5}, n) \geq \begin{cases} 5n - 3, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 5n - 2, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

If  $n$  is odd, take  $\pi_1 = ((n-1), 5, 4^{n-3}, 3)$ , then  $\sigma(\pi_1) = 5n - 5$ , and it is easy to see that  $\pi_1$  is not potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by theorem 3.1. If  $n$  is even, take  $\pi_2 = (n - 1, 5, 4^{n-2})$ , then  $\sigma(\pi_2) = 5n - 4$  and  $\pi_2$  is not potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic by theorem 3.1. Thus,

$$\sigma(K_{2,5}, n) \geq \begin{cases} \sigma(\pi_1) + 2 = 5n - 3, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \sigma(\pi_2) + 2 = 5n - 2, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Now we show that if  $\pi$  is an  $n$ -term ( $n \geq 37$ ) graphical sequence with  $\sigma(\pi) \geq 5n - 3$ , then there exists a realization of  $\pi$  containing  $K_{2,5}$ . Hence, it suffices to show that  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

If  $d_2 \leq 4$ , then  $\sigma(\pi) \leq d_1 + 4(n-1) \leq n-1 + 4(n-1) = 5n-5 < 5n-3$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $d_2 \geq 5$ .

If  $d_7 = 1$ , then  $\sigma(\pi) = d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + d_4 + d_5 + d_6 + (n-6) \leq 30 + (n-6) + (n-6) = 2n + 18 < 5n - 3$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $d_7 \geq 2$ .

If  $d_1 = n - 1$ ,  $d_2 = 5$  and  $d_3 \leq 4$ , then  $\sigma(\pi) \leq (n - 1) + 5 + 4(n - 2) = 5n - 4 < 5n - 3$ , a contradiction. If  $d_1 = n - 1$ ,  $d_2 = 5$  and  $d_7 \leq 2$ , then  $\sigma(\pi) \leq (n - 1) + 5 \times 5 + 2(n - 6) = 3n + 12 < 5n - 3$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $\pi$  satisfies condition (2) in theorem 3.1.

Since  $\sigma(\pi) \geq 5n - 3$ , it is easy to check that  $\pi$  satisfies condition (4) in theorem 3.1. Therefore,  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{2,5}$ -graphic.

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