

# The $K$ -(2,1)-Total Choosability of 1-Planar Graphs without Adjacent Short Cycles

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**Abstract**—A list assignment of a graph  $G$  is a function  $L : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow 2^N$ . A graph  $G$  is  $k$ -(2,1)-Total choosable if and only if for every list assignment  $L$  provided that  $|L(x)| = k, x \in V(G) \cup E(G)$ , there exists a function  $c$  that  $c(x) \in L(x)$ , and for all  $x \in V(G) \cup E(G)$ ,  $|c(u) - c(v)| \geq 1$  if  $uv \in E(G)$ ,  $|c(e_1) - c(e_2)| \geq 1$  if the edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are adjacent, and  $|c(u) - c(e)| \geq 2$  if the vertex  $u$  is incident to the edge  $e$ . Denote by  $C_{(2,1)}^T$  the minimum  $k$  such that  $G$  is  $k$ -(2,1)-Total choosable. We use  $(k, k)$ -cycle to denote that  $k$ -cycle is adjacent to  $k$ -cycle. In this paper, we prove that if  $G$  is a 1-planar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 12$  and without  $(k, k)$ -cycle, where  $k \in \{3, 4\}$ , then  $C_{(2,1)}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 4$ .

**Index Terms**— $L$ -(2,1)-total labeling,  $k$ -(2,1)-total choosable, 1-planar graph.

## I. INTRODUCTION

IN this paper,  $G$  is a finite simple graph. By  $V(G), E(G), F(G), \Delta(G), \delta(G)$ , we denote, respectively, the vertex set, the edge set, the face set, the maximum degree, and the minimum degree of  $G$ . Call  $u$  a  $k$ -vertex, a  $k^+$ -vertex, or a  $k^-$ -vertex, if  $d(u) = k, d(u) \geq k$ , or  $d(u) \leq k$ , respectively. Similarly a  $k$ -face, a  $k^+$ -face, and a  $k^-$ -face are also defined. A  $k$ -cycle is a cycle of length  $k$ . We say that two cycles (or faces) are adjacent if they share at least one edge. Especially, we use  $(k, k)$ -cycle to denote that  $k$ -cycle is adjacent to  $k$ -cycle.

A graph is 1-planar if it can be drawn in the plane so that each edge is crossed by at most one another edge. Such a drawing that the number of crossings is as small as possible is called a 1-plane graph. Undefined notations are referred to [1].

The  $(p, 1)$ -Total labeling problem of graph  $G$  was proposed by Havet and Yu[4]. A graph  $G$  is said to be  $k$  -  $(p, 1)$ -Total labeling if and only if there is a function  $c$  from  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  to  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$  so that  $|c(u) - c(v)| \geq 1$  if  $uv \in E(G)$ ,  $|c(e_1) - c(e_2)| \geq 1$  if the edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are adjacent, and  $|c(u) - c(e)| \geq p$  if the vertex  $u$  is incident to the edge  $e$ . The  $(p, 1)$ -Total labeling number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\lambda_p^T(G)$ , is the minimum  $k$  such that  $G$  is  $k$ -( $p, 1$ )-Total labeling. Readers can refer to [3], [6], [7], [9], [10], [14] for further research.

Suppose a list assignment of a graph  $G$  is a function  $L : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow 2^N$ . We say  $G$  is  $L$ -( $p, 1$ )-Total labeling if there exists a  $(p, 1)$ -Total labeling  $c$  that  $c(x) \in L(x)$

for all  $x \in V(G) \cup E(G)$ . If  $L$  is any list assignment of  $G$  such that  $|L(x)| = k$  for all  $x \in V(G) \cup E(G)$ , then the function  $c$  is called a  $k$ -( $p, 1$ )-Total choosable function of  $G$  with respect to  $L$ . The  $(p, 1)$ -Total choice number of  $G$ , denoted by  $C_{p,1}^T(G)$ , is the minimum  $k$  such that  $G$  has a  $k$ -( $p, 1$ )-Total choosable function  $c$ . Clearly,  $L$ -(1, 1)-Total labeling problem of graph is the list total coloring problem of graph. It is known that there is a List Total Coloring Conjecture  $\chi_l''(G) = \chi''(G)$ , we may conjecture  $C_{p,1}^T(G) = \lambda_p^T(G) + 1$ . Unfortunately, we found some graphs satisfying  $C_{p,1}^T(G) > \lambda_p^T(G) + 1$  in[11]. So, Y. Yu[11] proposed the following “Week List  $(p, 1)$ -Total Labeling Conjecture”.

**Conjecture 1.1** ([11]) If  $G$  is a simple graph with maximum degree  $\Delta$ , then  $C_{p,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 2p$ .

Y. Yu[11] showed the conjecture to be true for tree and path. Y. Yu[11] also proved the following results. (1) If  $G$  is a star graph  $K_{1,n}$ , where  $n \geq 3$  and  $p \geq 2$ , then  $C_{p,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 2p - 1$  (2) If  $G$  is a outerplanar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq p + 3$ , then  $C_{p,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 2p - 1$ . (3) If  $G$  is a graph embedded in surface with Euler characteristic  $\varepsilon$  and  $\Delta(G)$  big enough, then  $C_{p,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 2p$ .

Especially, for the  $(1, 1)$ -Total choice number, J. Hou et al.[5] proved that if  $G$  is a planar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 9$ , then  $C_{1,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 2$ . O. Borodin et al.[2] proved that if  $G$  is a planar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 12$ , then  $C_{1,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 1$ . X. Zhang.[12] proved that if  $G$  is a 1-planar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 21$ , then  $C_{1,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 1$ . For the  $(2, 1)$ -Total choice number of a planar graph, Y. Song and L. Sun [8] proved that (1) if  $G$  is a planar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 7$  and 3-cycle is not adjacent to  $k$ -cycle,  $k \in \{3, 4\}$ , then  $C_{2,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 4$ . (2) if  $G$  is a planar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 8$  and  $i$ -cycle is not adjacent to  $j$ -cycle, where  $i, j \in \{3, 4, 5\}$ , then  $C_{2,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 3$ .

In this paper, we mainly studies the  $(2, 1)$ -Total choice number of 1-planar graph. For Conjecture 1.1, we give some positive answers. We prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2** If  $G$  is a 1-planar graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 12$  and without  $(k, k)$ -cycle, where  $k \in \{3, 4\}$ , then  $C_{2,1}^T(G) \leq \Delta + 4$ .

## II. PRELIMINARIES

The associated plane graph  $G^\times$  of a 1-plane graph  $G$  is a new plane graph obtained by replacing all crossings of  $G$  with new 4-vertices. A vertex  $u$  of  $G^\times$  is a false vertex if  $u \in V(G^\times) \setminus V(G)$ , and a true vertex otherwise. Any face  $f \in F(G^\times)$  is false if it is incident with at least one false vertex, and true otherwise.

**Lemma 2.1**[13] Let  $G$  be a 1-plane graph without adjacent triangles and let  $G^\times$  be its associated plane graph. For every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , if  $d_G(v) \geq 5$ , then  $v$  is incident with at most  $\lfloor \frac{4}{5}d_G(v) \rfloor$  3-faces in  $G^\times$ .

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**Lemma 2.2**[13] Let  $G$  be a 1-plane graph and let  $G^\times$  be its associated plane graph. Then the following hold:

- (1) For any two false vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G^\times$ ,  $uv \notin E(G^\times)$ .
- (2) If there is a 3-face  $uvwu$  in  $G^\times$  such that  $d_G(v) = 2$ , then  $u$  and  $w$  are both true vertices.
- (3) If  $d_G(u) = 3$  and  $v$  is a false vertex in  $G^\times$ , then either  $uv \notin E(G^\times)$  or  $uv$  is not incident with two 3-faces.
- (4) If a 3-vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is incident with two 3-faces and adjacent to two false vertices in  $G^\times$ , then  $v$  must also be incident with a  $5^+$ -face.
- (5) For any 4-vertex  $u$  in  $G$ ,  $u$  is incident with at most three false 3-faces.

### III. STRUCTURAL PROPERTIES

We will give some properties of  $G$  as follows. For convenience, let  $\Theta(x) \in L(x)$ , where  $x \in V(G) \cup E(G)$ , be a partially (2, 1)-Total choosable function of graph  $G$ , and the function satisfies the definition of  $L$ -(2, 1)-Total labeling in the following sections. We denote the set of available colors of  $x$  for  $x \in V(G) \cup E(G)$  under the partially (2, 1)-Total choosable function  $\Theta(x)$  by  $A_\Theta(x)$ .

**Property 3.1:**  $\delta(G) \geq 3$ .

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Property 3.1 of [8]. ■

**Property 3.2:** Every 3-vertex in  $G$  is adjacent to  $12^+$ -vertex.

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Property 3.2 of [8]. ■

**Property 3.3:** Every 4-vertex in  $G$  is adjacent to  $10^+$ -vertex.

*Proof:* Suppose that a 4-vertex  $u$  is adjacent to a  $9^-$ -vertex  $v$ . By the minimality of  $G$ , the graph  $G - uv$  has a  $\Delta+4$ -(2, 1)-Total choosable function  $\Theta$ . We first erase the color of the vertex  $u$ . Since  $|A_\Theta(uv)| \geq \Delta + 4 - (3 + 8 + 3) \geq 2$  and  $|A_\Theta(u)| \geq \Delta + 4 - (4 + 3 \times 3) \geq 3$ . Let  $\alpha \in A_\Theta(uv)$ . If  $A_\Theta(u) \neq \{\alpha - 1, \alpha, \alpha + 1\}$ , then let  $\Theta(u) \in A_\Theta(u) \setminus \{\alpha - 1, \alpha, \alpha + 1\}$  and  $\Theta(uv) = \alpha$ . If  $A_\Theta(u) = \{\alpha - 1, \alpha, \alpha + 1\}$ , then let  $\Theta(u) = \beta \in A_\Theta(u) \setminus \{\alpha\}$  and  $\Theta(uv) \in A_\Theta(uv) \setminus \{\beta - 1, \beta, \beta + 1\}$ . We can recolor the vertex  $v$  and the edge  $uv$ , easily. Therefore,  $G$  is  $\Delta+4$ -(2, 1)-Total choosable, a contradiction. ■

**Property 3.4:** If a 5-vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is adjacent to a 5-vertex, then  $v$  is adjacent to four  $9^+$ -vertices.

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Property 3.3. ■

**Property 3.5:** If a 5-vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is adjacent to a 5-vertex and a 6-vertex, then  $v$  is adjacent to three  $9^+$ -vertices.

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Property 3.3. ■

### IV. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

In this section, we give the proof of our main results by discharging method.

According to Euler's formula, we get:

$$\sum_{v \in V(G^\times)} (d_{G^\times}(v) - 4) + \sum_{f \in F(G^\times)} (d_{G^\times}(f) - 4) = -8$$

Then, we define an initial charge  $\omega$  on  $V(G^\times) \cup E(G^\times)$  by setting  $\omega(x) = d_{G^\times}(x) - 4$  for all  $x \in V(G^\times) \cup F(G^\times)$ . So, we have  $\sum_{x \in V(G^\times) \cup F(G^\times)} \omega(x) = -8$ . Our aim is to obtain a new nonnegative charge  $\omega'(x)$  for all  $x \in$

$V(G^\times) \cup E(G^\times)$  by designing discharging rules and redistributing the charges, then we can get a contradiction:

$$0 \leq \sum_{x \in V(G^\times) \cup F(G^\times)} \omega'(x) = \sum_{x \in V(G^\times) \cup F(G^\times)} \omega(x) = -8$$

This contradiction proves the non-existence of  $G$  and completes the proof. For convenience, let  $\tau(a_1 \rightarrow a_2)$  be the charges transferred from  $a_1$  to  $a_2$ . Let  $\tau(a_1 \rightarrow a_2, a_3)$  be the charges transferred from element  $a_1$  to each of element  $a_2$  and  $a_3$ . And,  $\tau^*(a_1 \rightarrow a_2, a_3)$  be the charges transferred from element  $a_1$  through a false vertex  $v$  to each of element  $a_2$  and  $a_3$ .

So, we design discharging rules as follows.

R1. If  $d_{G^\times}(v) \geq 8$  and  $f$  be a face that is incident with  $v$  in  $G^\times$ , then  $\tau(v \rightarrow f) = \frac{d_{G^\times}(v) - 4}{d_{G^\times}(v)}$ .

R2. If  $d_{G^\times}(v) = 7$  and  $f_1, f_2$  be a 3-face and a  $4^+$ -face that is incident with  $v$  in  $G^\times$ , respectively, then  $\tau(v \rightarrow f_1) = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\tau(v \rightarrow f_2) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

R3. If  $d_{G^\times}(v) = 6$  and  $f$  be a 3-face that is incident with  $v$  in  $G^\times$ , then  $\tau(v \rightarrow f) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

R4. If  $d_{G^\times}(v) = 5$  and  $f_1$  be a  $(5, 9^+, F)$ -face that is incident with  $v$ , and  $f_2$  be the other 3-face that is incident with  $v$  in  $G^\times$ , then  $\tau(v \rightarrow f_1) = \frac{4}{9}$  and  $\tau(v \rightarrow f_2) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

R5. If  $v$  is a true 4-vertex and  $f$  be a 3-face that is incident with  $v$  in  $G^\times$ , then  $\tau(v \rightarrow f) = \frac{1}{5}$ .

R6. Let  $v$  be a false vertex of  $G^\times$  such that  $v_1v_3$  crossed  $v_2v_4$  in  $G$  at  $v$ , and let  $f_i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  be the face that is incident with  $vv_i$  and  $vv_{i+1}$  in  $G^\times$  (here  $v_5$  is recognized as  $v_1$ ).

R6.1 Suppose that  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} \geq 12$ .

R6.1.1 Let  $f_1$  be a 3-face. If  $v_2v_3 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_2) = \frac{1}{3}$ . If  $v_1v_4 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_4) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

R6.1.2 Let  $f_1$  be a  $4^+$ -face. If both  $v_2v_3 \in E(G^\times)$  and  $v_1v_4 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_2, f_4, v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{3}$ . If  $v_2v_3 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_2, v_3) = \frac{1}{3}$ . If  $v_1v_4 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_4, v_4) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

R6.2 Suppose that  $10 \leq \min\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} \leq 11$ .

R6.2.1 Let  $f_1$  be a 3-face. If  $v_2v_3 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_2) = \frac{1}{5}$ . If  $v_1v_4 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_4) = \frac{1}{5}$ .

R6.2.2 Suppose  $f_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{5}$ . Especially, if both  $v_2v_3 \in E(G^\times)$  and  $v_1v_4 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_2, f_4, v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{5}$ . If  $v_2v_3 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_2, v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{5}$ . If  $v_1v_4 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_4, v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{5}$ .

R6.3 Suppose that  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} = 9$ .

R6.3.1 Let  $f_1$  be a 3-face. If  $v_2v_3 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_2) = \frac{1}{9}$ . If  $v_1v_4 \in E(G^\times)$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow f_4) = \frac{1}{9}$ .

R6.3.2 Let  $f_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow v_3, v_4) = \frac{2}{9}$ .

R6.4 Suppose that  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} = 8$ , and  $f_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

R6.5 Suppose that  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} = 7$ , and  $f_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face. If  $7 \leq \max\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} \leq 11$ , then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow v_3, v_4) = \frac{1}{8}$ . If  $\max\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} \geq 12$  then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow v_3, v_4) = \frac{5}{24}$ .

R6.6 Let  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(v_1) \leq 6, d_{G^\times}(v_2) = 12^+, d_{G^\times}(v_4) = 3$ , and  $f_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow v_4) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

R6.7 Let  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(v_1) \leq 6, d_{G^\times}(v_2) \geq 10, d_{G^\times}(v_4) = 4$ , and  $f_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau^*(f_1 \rightarrow v_4) = \frac{1}{5}$ .

R7 Every  $3^+$ -face redistributes its remaining charge after applying the previous rules equitably to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

Suppose that the vertex  $v$  on  $f \in F(G^\times)$  is a false vertex. Let the false vertex  $v$  through which the face  $f$  transfers out charges in R6 be a transitive false vertex of the face  $f$ . Then, a transitive false vertex  $v$  on  $f \in F(G^\times)$  is a false vertex such that its two neighbors  $u, w$  on  $f$  both have degrees of at least 5. If  $f$  sends out charges via a false vertex, then this false vertex must be transitive by R6. And let  $v^*$  denote a true  $5^-$ -vertex on  $f$ . The following will discuss the weight of each  $3^+$ -face to the incident true  $5^-$ -vertices after discharging rules.

**Claim 4.1:** If  $f$  is a  $6^+$ -face and is incident with at least one 3-vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

*Proof:* Suppose  $f = v_1v_2 \cdots v_kv_1$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 3$ . Then  $v_2$  and  $v_k$  are neither transitive false vertex nor true  $5^-$ -vertex. Let  $f$  be incident with at most  $s$  true  $5^-$ -vertices, and  $t$  transitive false vertices, then  $s + t \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 2$ . Suppose  $v_i$  is a transitive false vertex. Let  $\rho^+(v_i)$  be the amount of charges that  $f$  gets from  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Let  $\rho^-(v_i)$  be the amount of charges that  $f$  sends out via  $v_i$ . By R6, we have  $\rho^+(v_i) - \rho^-(v_i) \geq 0$ , and the worst case is  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_1), d_{G^\times}(v_2)\} = 12$ . Then,  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d(f)-4-\frac{4t}{3}+\frac{2t}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d(f)-4-\frac{2(d(f)-2-s)}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{\frac{d(f)-8}{3}}{s} + \frac{2}{3} \geq \frac{2}{3}$ , where  $d_{G^\times}(f) \geq 8$ .

If  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 6$ , then  $t \leq 2$ . Suppose  $t = 2$ , then  $1 \leq s \leq 2$ . So  $v_3$  and  $v_5$  are transitive false vertices. By R1, R6 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \min\{\frac{6-4-\frac{1}{3} \times 2 + \frac{2}{3} \times 2}{2}, 6 - 4 - \frac{4}{3} \times 2 + \frac{2}{3} \times 3\} > \frac{2}{3}$ . Suppose  $t \leq 1$ , then  $s \leq 3$ . By R1, R6 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \min\{\frac{6-4+\rho^+(v_t)-\rho^-(v_t)}{3}, \frac{6-4}{3}\} \geq \frac{2}{3}$ , where  $v_t$  is a transitive false vertex. If  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 7$ , then the proof is similar to the  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 6$ .

**Claim 4.2:** If  $f$  is a  $6^+$ -face and is incident with at least one true 4-vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Claim 4.1. ■

**Claim 4.3:** If  $f$  is a  $7^+$ -face and is incident with at least one 5-vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

*Proof:* Suppose  $f = v_1v_2 \cdots v_kv_1$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 5$ . Let  $f$  be incident with at most  $s$  true  $5^-$ -vertices, and  $t$  transitive false vertices. Case 1: If both  $v_2$  and  $v_k$  are transitive false vertices, then  $s + t \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 2$ . By R1, R6 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4+(\frac{2}{3}-\frac{1}{3}) \times 2 - \frac{4(t-2)}{3} + \frac{2(t-3)}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4-\frac{2(d_{G^\times}(f)-4-s)}{3}}{s} = \frac{\frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-6}{3}}{s} + \frac{2}{3} \geq \frac{2}{3}$ , where  $d_{G^\times}(f) \geq 3$ .

Case 2: If there is only one transitive false vertex in  $v_2$  and  $v_k$ , say  $v_2$ , then  $v_3$  is a  $10^+$ -vertex and  $s + t \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 1$ . By R1, R6 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4-\frac{1}{3}+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{4(t-1)}{3}+\frac{2(t-2)}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-\frac{11}{3}-\frac{2(d(f)-1-s)}{3}}{s} = \frac{\frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-9}{3}}{s} + \frac{2}{3} \geq \frac{2}{3}$ , where  $d_{G^\times}(f) \geq 9$ . If  $7 \leq d_{G^\times}(f) \leq 8$ , then the proof is similar to the Claim 4.1 of  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 6$ .

Case 3: If neither  $v_2$  nor  $v_k$  is transitive false vertex, then at most one of  $v_2$  and  $v_k$  is 5-vertex by Property 3.4. Without loss of generality, we can assume  $v_2$  is a 5-vertex. If  $v_3$  is a transitive false vertex, then  $v_4$  is a  $12^+$ -

vertex and  $s + t \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 2$ . By R1, R6 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4-\frac{1}{3}+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{4(t-1)}{3}+\frac{2(t-2)}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-\frac{11}{3}-\frac{2(d_{G^\times}(f)-2-s)}{3}}{s} = \frac{\frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-7}{3}}{s} + \frac{2}{3} \geq \frac{2}{3}$ , where  $d_{G^\times}(f) \geq 7$ . Otherwise,  $v_3$  is neither transitive false vertex nor true  $5^-$ -vertex and  $s + t \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 2$ . Then, by claim 4.1,  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{2}{3}$ .

Case 4: If  $v_2$  and  $v_k$  are neither transitive false vertex nor true  $5^-$ -vertex, then  $s + t \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 2$ . By claim 4.1,  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{2}{3}$ . ■

**Claim 4.4:** If  $f$  is a 6-face and is incident with at least one 5-vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Claim 4.3. ■

**Claim 4.5:** If  $f$  is a 5-face and is incident with at least one true 3-vertex(or 4-vertex) in  $G^\times$ , then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices. Especially, if  $f$  is incident with at least two  $12^+$ -vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{2}{3}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Claim 4.3. ■

**Claim 4.6:** If  $f = v_1v_2v_3v_4v_5v_1$  is a 5-face and is incident with at least one 5-vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{1}{3}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices. Especially, if  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 5, d_{G^\times}(v_2) = 7^+$ , and  $v_5$  is a false vertex, then  $f$  sends at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

*Proof:* It is similar to the proof of Claim 4.3. ■

**Claim 4.7:** If  $f = v_1v_2v_3 \cdots v_kv_1$  is a  $6^+$ -face in  $G^\times$ ,  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 3, d_{G^\times}(v_3) = 10^+$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_k) = 12^+$ , then  $f$  sends at least 1 to each of its incident true  $5^-$ -vertices.

*Proof:* Suppose that  $f = v_1v_2v_3 \cdots v_kv_1, d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 3, d_{G^\times}(v_3) = 10^+$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_k) = 12^+$ , then  $s + t \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 3$ . Case 1: If  $t = 0$ , then  $s \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 3$ . By R1 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4+\frac{2}{3}+\frac{3}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4+\frac{2}{3}+\frac{3}{3}}{d_{G^\times}(f)-3} > 1$ .

Case 2: Suppose  $t = 1$ , then  $s \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 4$ . By R1, R6 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4}{s} \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4}{d_{G^\times}(f)-4} = 1$ .

Case 3: Suppose  $t = 2$ , then  $s \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 5$ . Suppose that  $v_i, v_j, v_k$  and  $v_h$ , where  $i \leq j \leq k \leq h$ , be the neighbors of two transitive false vertices on the face  $f$ , and  $\xi(f)$  be the residual charge of  $f$  after R1-R6. Let  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_i), d_{G^\times}(v_j), d_{G^\times}(v_k), d_{G^\times}(v_h)\} = q$ . If  $q \geq 12$ , then  $\xi(f) \geq d_{G^\times}(f) - 4 - \frac{4}{3} \times 2 + \frac{2}{3} \times 3 = d_{G^\times}(f) - \frac{14}{3}$  by R1, R6.1 and R7. Similarly, if  $10 \leq q \leq 11, q = 9, q = 8, q = 7$  and  $5 \leq q \leq 6$ , then  $\xi(f) \geq d_{G^\times}(f) - \frac{14}{3}$  by R1-R7. So,  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-\frac{14}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d(f)-\frac{14}{3}}{d_{G^\times}(f)-5} > 1$ .

Case 4: Suppose that  $t \geq 3$ , then  $s \leq d_{G^\times}(f) - 6$ . By R1, R6 and R7, we have  $\tau(f \rightarrow v^*) \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4-\frac{4t}{3}+\frac{2t}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-4-\frac{2(d_{G^\times}(f)-3-s)}{3}}{s} \geq \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)-6}{3(d_{G^\times}(f)-6)} + \frac{2}{3} \geq 1$ . ■

Checking  $\omega'(x) \geq 0$  for  $x \in V(G) \cup F(G)$ . Firstly, we check all the vertices in  $V(G)$ . Among the neighbors of true  $k$ -vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , the neighbor with the smallest degree is  $v_{1'}$ . Then denote by  $v_{1'}, v_{2'}, \dots, v_{k'}$  the neighbors of  $v$  in  $G$  that lie consecutively around  $v$ . Similarly, we denote by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  the neighbors of  $v$  in  $G^\times$  that lie consecutively around  $v$ , where  $d_{G^\times}(v_i) = 4$  or  $d_{G^\times}(v_i) = d_G(v_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . And denote by  $f_i$  the face that is incident with  $vv_i$  and  $vv_{i+1}$  in  $G^\times$ . If  $f_i$  is a false 3-face that is incident with  $v_i v_{i+1}$ , then the face adjacent to  $v_i v_{i+1}$  in  $G^\times$  that is different from  $f_i$  is denoted by  $h_i$  (the subscript is taken by modular  $k$ ). These notations will be used in the proof of the next propositions without explaining their meanings again.

(1) $d_{G^{\times}}(v) = 3$ .

By Lemma 2.2,  $v$  is incident with at most two 3-faces.

**Case 1:** Suppose that  $v$  is not incident with any 3-faces.

**Case 1.1:** Suppose  $v$  is incident with at least one  $6^+$ -face and one  $5^+$ -face in  $G^{\times}$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$  by claim 4.1 and claim 4.5.

Let  $v$  be incident with one  $6^+$ -face, say  $f_1$ , and two 4-faces  $f_2 = vv_2u_2v_3$  and  $f_3 = vv_3u_3v_1$ . If  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  is true, say  $v_1$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\} = \frac{1}{3}$  by R1, R6 and R7. If  $v_3$  is true vertex, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R1, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$ . Otherwise,  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are all false vertices. If  $u_2$  or  $u_3$  is a true  $8^+$ -vertex, say  $u_2$ ,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{2}$  by R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} > 0$ . Otherwise,  $5 \leq d_{G^{\times}}(u_2), d_{G^{\times}}(u_3) \leq 7$  by property 3.1, property 3.2 and property 3.3. The face incident to  $v_2u_2(u_2v_3)$  in  $G^{\times}$  that is different from  $f_2$  is denoted by  $k_1(k_2)$ . The face incident to  $v_1u_3(u_3v_3)$  in  $G^{\times}$  that is different from  $f_3$  is denoted by  $k_3(k_4)$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have (4,4)-cycle, so at least one of  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $k_4$  is a  $4^+$ -face. We can assume  $k_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face. If  $d_{G^{\times}}(u_2) = 7$ , then  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{24}$  by R6.5, and  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  by R2 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{5}{24} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{3} > 0$ . If  $d_{G^{\times}}(u_2) \neq 7$ , then  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R6.6. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$ .

**Case 1.2:** Suppose  $v$  is not incident with  $6^+$ -face and is at least incident with one 5-face.

**Case 1.2.1:** If  $v$  is incident with three 5-faces, then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$  by claim 4.5.

**Case 1.2.2:** If  $v$  is incident with two 5-faces, then we can assume  $f_1 = vv_1w_1w_2v_2v$ ,  $f_2 = vv_2u_1u_2v_3v$  are 5-faces and  $f_3 = vv_3z_3v_1v$  is a 4-face. Suppose there is at least one true vertex in  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ . If  $v_1$  or  $v_3$  is true, then by the symmetry, assume that  $v_1$  is true. Since  $G$  doesn't have (4,4)-cycle, so  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\} = \frac{1}{3}$ . By Claim 4.5,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ . If  $v_2$  is true, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{1+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{1}{3}}{2}, \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}}{3}\} = \frac{5}{9}$  by R1, R6 and R7. Similarly,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{5}{9} > 0$ .

Otherwise,  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are all false vertices. Then there are at most three true  $5^-$ -vertices in  $w_1, w_2, u_1$  and  $u_2$  by Property 3.2, Property 3.3 and Property 3.4. Suppose there are three true  $5^-$ -vertices in  $w_1, w_2, u_1$  and  $u_2$ , without loss of generality, then we can assume  $w_2$  is not a true  $5^-$ -vertex and both  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are 5-vertices. So,  $z_3$  is a  $9^+$ -vertex by Property 3.4. Then,  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$  by R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{9} > 0$ . Suppose there are at most two true  $5^-$ -vertices in  $w_1, w_2, u_1$  and  $u_2$ . We only consider  $w_1, w_2, u_1$  or  $w_1, u_2$  are true  $5^-$ -vertices by the symmetry. If  $w_1, w_2$  are true  $5^-$ -vertices, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq 1$  by R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + 1 = 0$ . If  $w_1, u_1$  (or  $w_1, u_2$ ) are true  $5^-$ -vertices, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{1}{3}}{2} = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ .

**Case 1.2.3:** If  $v$  is only incident with one 5-face, then we can assume  $f_1 = vv_1w_1w_2v_2v$  is a 5-face,  $f_2 = vv_2z_2v_3v$  and  $f_3 = vv_3z_3v_1v$  are 4-faces. Suppose there is at least one true vertex in  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ . If  $v_3$  is true, then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\} = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R1, R6, R7 and Claim 4.5. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ .

If  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  is true, say  $v_1$ , then  $f_3$  is a  $(3, F, 3^+, 12^+)$ -face. By R1 and R7,  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Suppose both  $w_1$  and

$w_2$  are true  $5^-$ -vertices. By R1 and R7,  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . If  $v_2$  is true, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R1 and R7. If  $v_2$  is false, then  $z_2$  is a  $9^+$ -vertex by Property 3.4. By R1 and R7,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ . Suppose there is at most one true  $5^-$ -vertex in  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . If  $f_1$  is incident with transitive false vertex, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{1 + \frac{2}{3} \times 2 - \frac{4}{3}, \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{1}{3}}{2}\} = \frac{2}{3}$  by R1, R6.2, R6, 6 and R7. If  $f_1$  is not incident with transitive false vertex, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}}{2} > \frac{2}{3}$  by R1, R7. By R1, R6 and R7,  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ .

Otherwise,  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are all false. If  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are true  $5^-$ -vertices, then  $z_2$  and  $z_3$  are  $9^+$ -vertices by Property 3.4. By R1 and R7,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$ ,  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{5}{9} > 0$ . If  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are  $6^+$ -vertices, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq 1$  by R1 and R7. Otherwise, we can assume  $w_2$  is a  $6^+$ -vertices and  $w_1$  is a true  $5^-$ -vertex by the symmetry. If  $w_2$  is a 6-vertex, then  $z_3$  is a  $9^+$ -vertices by Property 3.5, then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$ . And  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}}{2} = \frac{5}{6}$  by R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{5}{6} + \frac{5}{9} > 0$ . If  $w_2$  is a  $7^+$ -vertex, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}+\frac{1}{4}}{2} = \frac{23}{24}$  by R1 and R7. Since  $z_2z_3 \in E(G)$ ,  $w_1z_3 \in E(G)$ , and  $w_1$  is a true  $5^-$ -vertex, then there is at least one  $7^+$ -vertex in  $z_2$  and  $z_3$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{23}{24} + \frac{1}{4} > 0$  by R1 and R7.

**Case 1.3:** Suppose  $f_1 = vv_1u_1v_2v$ ,  $f_2 = vv_2u_2v_3v$  and  $f_3 = vv_3u_3v_1v$  are all 4-faces.

**Case 1.3.1:** Suppose there is at least two true vertices in  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ , say  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ .

**Case 1.3.2:** If there is only one true vertex in  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ , say  $v_1$ , then  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  are all true vertices. Suppose there is at most one true  $5^-$ -vertex in  $u_1$  and  $u_3$ , say  $u_1$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R1, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ . Suppose there is at most one true  $4^-$ -vertex in  $u_1$  and  $u_3$ , say  $u_1$ , then  $u_2$  is a  $10^+$ -vertex. By R1 and R7,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{3} \times 2 > 0$ . Otherwise, both  $u_1$  and  $u_3$  are 5-vertices. The face incident to  $v_2u_1$  in  $G^{\times}$  that is different from  $f_1$  is denoted by  $k_1$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have (4,4)-cycle, so  $k_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face. By R6.6,  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . By R1 and R6,  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ .

**Case 1.3.3:** Suppose  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  are all false vertices, then  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  are all true vertices. If there is at least one true  $4^-$ -vertex in  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{5} > 0$  by Property 3.1.2, Property 3.1.3, R1 and R7.

Otherwise,  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  are all  $5^+$ -vertices. Suppose that  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$  are all 5-vertex or 6-vertex. The face incident to  $u_1u_3$  in  $G^{\times}$  that is different from  $f_1(f_3)$  is denoted by  $k_1(k_2)$ . The face incident to  $u_3u_2$  in  $G^{\times}$  that is different from  $f_3(f_2)$  is denoted by  $k_3(k_4)$ . The face incident to  $u_1u_2$  in  $G^{\times}$  that is different from  $f_2(f_1)$  is denoted by  $k_5(k_6)$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have (3,3)-cycle, so at least three  $4^+$ -faces in  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5$  and  $k_6$ . By R6.6,  $\tau^*(k_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ , where  $k_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face. Then,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ .

Suppose there is at least two  $7^+$ -vertex in  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$ , say  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , then  $u_3$  is a 5-vertex or 6-vertex. If  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are all  $12^+$ -vertices, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  by R1, R2 and R7. If  $u_1$  or  $u_2$  is a  $12^+$ -vertex, say  $u_1$ , then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  by

R1, R2 and R7. Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so at least one  $4^+$ -face in  $k_3$  and  $k_4$ , say  $k_3$ . By R6.2 – R6.6,  $\tau^*(k_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4} > 0$ . If  $7 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_1) \leq 11$ ,  $7 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_2) \leq 11$ , then  $\tau^*(k_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$  by R6.2 – R6.6, where  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  and  $k_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face. By R1, R2 and R7,  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{4}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{5} \times 3 + \frac{1}{4} \times 2 > 0$ .

Suppose there is only one  $7^+$ -vertex in  $u_1, u_2$  and  $u_3$ , say  $u_1$ , then  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  are 5-vertices or 6-vertices. If  $d_{G^\times}(u_1) \geq 12$ , then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  by R1 and R7. Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so at least one  $4^+$ -face in  $k_3$  and  $k_4$ , say  $k_3$ . By R6.6,  $\tau^*(k_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ . If  $10 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_1) \leq 11$ , then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{3}{5}$  by R1, R7. By R6.2 and R6.6,  $\tau^*(k_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ , where  $k_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{5} \times 3 = 0$ . If  $7 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_1) \leq 9$ , then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  by R2 and R7. By R6.3 – R6.6,  $\tau^*(k_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{24}$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 5, 6$  and  $k_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face. By R6.6,  $\tau^*(k_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ , where  $i = 3, 4$  and  $k_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face. Thus,  $\omega' \geq -1 + \frac{1}{25} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ .

**Case 2:** Suppose  $v$  is incident with one 3-face, say  $f_1$ .

**Case 2.1:** Suppose that  $f_1$  is a true 3-face.  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R1, R7. If  $d_{G^\times}(f_2) = 4$ , then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\} = \frac{1}{3}$  by R1, R6 and R7. If  $d_{G^\times}(f_2) \geq 5$ , then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ .  $f_3$  is similar to  $f_2$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ .

**Case 2.2:** Suppose that  $f_1$  is a false 3-face, then by the symmetry, assume that  $v_1$  is false and  $v_2$  is true.

**Case 2.2.1:** Suppose  $v_3$  is a true vertex, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by Claim 4.1, Claim 4.5, R1, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ .

**Case 2.2.2:** Suppose  $v_3$  is a false vertex.

(a) Suppose  $d_{G^\times}(f_2) \geq 6$ , then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$  by Claim 4.1. If  $d_{G^\times}(f_3) \geq 5$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$  by Claim 4.1 and Claim 4.5. If  $d_{G^\times}(f_3) = 4$ , then let  $f_3 = vv_3u_3v_1v$ . Suppose  $d_{G^\times}(u_3) \leq 4$ , then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq 1$  by Claim 4.7. Suppose  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_3) \leq 6$ , then the face incident to  $v_2u_3$  in  $G^\times$  that is different from  $f_1(f_2)$  is denoted by  $h_1(k_1)$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so at least one  $4^+$ -face in  $h_1$  and  $k_1$ . By R6.1 and R6.6,  $\tau^*(h_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  or  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$  by Claim 4.1. Suppose  $d_{G^\times}(u_3) = 7$ , then  $\tau^*(h_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  or  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{24}$  by R6.5 and R6.6. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{24} + \frac{1}{4} > 0$  by Claim 4.1, R1 and R7. Suppose  $d_{G^\times}(u_3) \geq 8$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{2}$  by R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2} > 0$ .

(b) Let  $f_2 = vv_2w_1w_2v_3v$ . If  $f_2$  is at most incident with two true  $5^-$ -vertices, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}-\frac{1}{3}}{2} = \frac{2}{3}$  by R1, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0$  by Case 2.2.2(a). If  $f_2$  is incident with three true  $5^-$ -vertices, then  $d_{G^\times}(w_1) = d_{G^\times}(w_2) = 5$ . And  $f_3$  is incident with at least one  $9^+$ -vertex. By R1, R6 and R7,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{2}{3}}{3} = \frac{5}{9}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1+\frac{5}{9}}{2}, \frac{5}{9}\} = \frac{5}{9}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{5}{9} > 0$ .

(c) If  $f_2 = vv_2u_2v_3v$  is a 4-face, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{3}{2} = \frac{1}{3}$ . If  $f_3$  is a  $6^+$ -face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ . If  $f_3$  is a 5-face, then let  $f_3 = vv_3z_1z_2v_1v$  and the face incident to  $u_2z_1$  in  $G^\times$  that is different from  $f_2$  is denoted by  $k_2$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(4, 4)$ -cycle, so  $k_2$  is a  $4^+$ -face in  $G^\times$ . Suppose  $d_{G^\times}(u_2) \leq 4$ , then  $d(z_1) \geq 10$ . By R1, R6 and R7,  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{3}{5}}{2} = \frac{4}{5}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{1}{3} > 0$ . Suppose  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_2) \leq 6$ , then  $\tau^*(k_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R6.6. By Claim 4.5, R1 and R7,  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ . Suppose

$d_{G^\times}(u_2) \geq 7$ , then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4}$  by R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} > 0$ .

If  $f_3$  is a 4-face, then let  $f_3 = vv_3u_3v_1v$ . Similarly, the face incident to  $u_2u_3$  in  $G^\times$  that is different from  $f_2(f_3)$  is denoted by  $k_2(k_3)$ . Suppose there is at least one  $8^+$ -vertex in  $u_2$  and  $u_3$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(u_2) \geq 8$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} > 0$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(u_3) \geq 8$ , then  $\tau^*(h_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  or  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$  by R6, where  $h_1$  or  $k_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} > 0$ . Otherwise,  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_2) \leq 7$  and  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_3) \leq 7$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(u_2) = 7$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{24} \times 2 > 0$ . Since there are at least two  $4^+$ -faces in  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $h_1$ , then each of  $4^+$ -face sends at least  $\frac{5}{24}$  to  $v$  by R6.1 and R6.6. If  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_2) \leq 6$  and  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_3) \leq 6$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times 2 = 0$ . If  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(u_2) \leq 6$  and  $d_{G^\times}(u_3) = 7$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{5}{24} \times 2 = 0$  by R6.1 and R6.6.

**Case 3:** Suppose that  $v$  is incident with two 3-faces, then we can assume  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are 3-faces.

**Case 3.1:** If  $f_1$  or  $f_2$  is true, say  $f_1$ , then  $f_2$  is false 3-face and  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R1 and R7. Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so  $f_3$  is a  $5^+$ -face and  $h_2$  is a  $4^+$ -face. By R6.1, Claim 4.1 and Claim 4.5,  $\tau^*(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ .

**Case 3.2:** If both  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are all false, then  $f_3$  is a  $5^+$ -face and  $v$  is incident with two false vertices by Lemma 2.2(3)(4). Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  are false. Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so there is at least one  $4^+$ -face in  $h_1$  and  $h_2$ . By the symmetry, assume that  $h_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face. Then,  $\tau^*(h_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R6.1. If  $f_3$  is a  $6^+$ -face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} = 0$  by Claim 4.1. Otherwise,  $f_3 = vv_3z_1z_2v_1v$  is a 5-face. The face incident to  $v_3z_1(v_1z_2)$  in  $G^\times$  that is different from  $f_3$  is denoted by  $k_1(k_2)$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(4, 4)$ -cycle, so there is at least one  $4^+$ -face in  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $k_1$  is a  $4^+$ -face. If  $d_{G^\times}(z_1) \leq 4$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{3}{5}}{2} = \frac{4}{5}$  by R1, R7 and Property 3.1.3. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{5} > 0$ . If  $5 \leq d_{G^\times}(z_1) \leq 6$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by R6.6 and Claim 4.5. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} \times 3 = 0$ . If  $7 \leq d_{G^\times}(z_1) \leq 11$ , then  $\tau^*(k_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{1}{4}}{2} = \frac{5}{8}$  by R6, R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{5}{8} > 0$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(z_1) \geq 12$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1+\frac{3}{5}}{2} = \frac{5}{6}$  by R1 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{5}{6} > 0$ .

(2)  $d_{G^\times}(v) = 4$ .

If  $v$  is a false vertex or is not incident with any 3-face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 0$  by discharging rules. So  $v$  is a true vertex and is incident with at most three 3-faces by Lemma 2.2.

**Case 1:** Suppose that  $v$  is only incident with one 3-face, say  $f_1$ . If  $f_1$  is a true 3-face, then  $\tau(f_1 \rightarrow v) \geq -1 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$  by R1 and R7. If  $f_1$  is a false 3-face, say  $v_1$  is false vertex and  $v_2$  is true vertex, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{3}{5} \times 2 - \frac{3}{5}\} = \frac{3}{10}$  by Claim 4.2, Claim 4.5, R1, R6.2 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{3}{10} - \frac{1}{5} > 0$  by R4.

**Case 2:** Suppose that  $v$  is incident with two 3-faces.

**Case 2.1:** If  $v$  is incident with at least one true 3-face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 = 0$  by R1, R5 and R7.

**Case 2.2:** If  $v$  is incident with two false 3-faces.

**Case 2.2.1:** Suppose the two false 3-faces are adjacent, say  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ . If  $v_2$  is false, then both  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are  $4^+$ -face. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{1}{5} \times 2 - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 = 0$  by R6.2 and

R5. If  $v_2$  is true, then  $h_1$  or  $h_2$  is a  $4^+$ -face, say  $h_1$ . By R6.2,  $\tau^*(h_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . Suppose  $v_4$  is true. Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(4, 4)$ -cycle, so  $f_3$  or  $f_4$  is a  $5^+$ -face. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 > 0$  by Claim 4.2, Claim 4.5 and R5. Suppose  $v_4$  is false. If  $f_3$  or  $f_4$  is a  $5^+$ -face, say  $f_3$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by Claim 4.2 and Claim 4.5. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 > 0$ . If both  $f_3$  and  $f_4$  are 4-faces, then let  $f_3 = vv_3u_3v_4v$  and  $f_4 = vv_4u_4v_1v$ . If there is at least one  $7^+$ -vertex in  $u_3$  and  $u_4$ , say  $u_3$ , then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  by R2 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 > 0$ . Otherwise,  $5 \leq d(u_3) \leq 6$  and  $5 \leq d(u_4) \leq 6$ . The face incident to  $v_3u_3(v_1u_4)$  in  $G^\times$  that is different from  $f_3(f_4)$  is denoted by  $k_3(k_4)$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(4, 4)$ -cycle, so at least three  $4^+$ -faces in  $k_3$  and  $k_4$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $k_3$  is  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau^*(k_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$  by R6.7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{1}{5} \times 2 - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 = 0$ .

**Case 2.2.2:** Suppose the two false 3-faces are not adjacent, say  $f_1$  and  $f_3$ . If  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  are false, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{3}{5} \times 2 - \frac{3}{5}\} = \frac{3}{10}$  and  $\tau(f_4 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{3}{10}$  by Claim 4.2, Claim 4.5, R1, R6.2 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 0 + \frac{3}{10} \times 2 - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 > 0$ . If  $v_1$  and  $v_4$  are false, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1+\frac{3}{5} \times 2}{3}, \frac{1+\frac{3}{5} \times 2 - \frac{1}{5}}{2}\} = \frac{11}{15}$  by R1, R6, R7 and Claim 4.2, where  $f_2$  is a  $5^+$ -face. If  $f_2$  is a 4-face, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \min\{\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{5} \times 2 - \frac{3}{5}\} = \frac{3}{5}$  by R1, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq \frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 > 0$ .

**Case 3:** If  $v$  is incident with three false 3-faces, then  $v$  is incident with at most one true 3-face, say  $f_1$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $f_i$  and  $f_j$  are false 3-faces, where  $i, j \in \{2, 3, 4\}$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(4, 4)$ -cycle, so  $h_i$  and  $h_j$  are  $4^+$ -faces. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq \frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} \times 2 - \frac{1}{5} \times 3 > 0$  by R6, R5. Otherwise,  $v$  is incident with three false 3-faces, say  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$ , then  $h_1, h_2$  and  $h_3$  are all  $4^+$ -faces. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq \frac{1}{5} \times 3 - \frac{1}{5} \times 3 = 0$  by R6 and R5.

(3)  $d_{G^\times}(v) = 5$ .

By Lemma 2.2,  $v$  is incident with at most four 3-faces.

**Case 1:** Suppose that  $v$  is incident with at most two 3-faces, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 0$  by R4.

**Case 2:** Suppose that  $v$  is incident with three 3-faces.

**Case 2.1:** If the neighbors of  $v$  in  $G$  are  $5(6)$ -vertex and  $9^+$ -vertex, then let  $d_{G^\times}(v_{1'}) = 5(6)$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_{i'}) = 9^+$ , where  $i = 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

**Case 2.1.1:** Suppose  $v$  is incident with at last one true 3-face, say  $f_i$ . If  $f_i$  is a  $(5, 9^+, 9^+)$ -face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 + \frac{11}{18} > 0$  by R1, R4 and R7. If  $f_i$  is a  $(5, 5(6), 9^+)$ -face, then  $\tau(f_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{18}$  and  $i = 1$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(f_2) \geq 5$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 + \frac{5}{18} + \frac{1}{3} > 0$  by Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4 and Claim 4.6. If  $d_{G^\times}(f_2) = 4$ , then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{18}$  by R4, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 + \frac{5}{18} + \frac{5}{18} > 0$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(f_2) = 3$ , then  $f_2$  is a false 3-face. Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so  $h_2$  is a  $4^+$ -face. By R6,  $\tau(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 - \frac{4}{9} + \frac{5}{18} + \frac{1}{5} > 0$ .

**Case 2.1.2:** If  $v$  is incident with three false 3-faces, then there must be two adjacent false 3-faces. Suppose there are only two adjacent false 3-faces.

(a) If  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are two adjacent false 3-faces, then  $f_3$  and  $f_5$  are  $4^+$ -faces. If  $v_2$  is a true vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f_3$  or  $f_5$  is a  $5^+$ -face. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9} \times 3 = 0$  by Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4, Claim 4.6 and R4. If  $v_2$  is a false vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $h_2$  is a  $4^+$ -face. By R6,  $\tau^*(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . Suppose  $v_4$  is a false vertex in  $G^\times$ . If  $f_3$  is a  $5^+$ -face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$  by Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4, Claim 4.6 and R4. If  $f_3$  is a 4-face, then both  $v_3$  and  $u_3$  are true vertices. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{5}{18} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$  by R1, R4 and R7. Suppose  $v_5$  is a false vertex in  $G^\times$ . If  $f_3$  or  $f_5$  is a  $5^+$ -face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$  by Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4, Claim 4.6 and R4. If both  $f_3$  and  $f_5$  are 4-faces, then  $f_3$  is a  $(5, 9^+, F, 9^+)$ -face. Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(4, 4)$ -cycle, so  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$  by R1, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{5}{9} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$ .

(b) If  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  are two adjacent false 3-faces, then  $f_1$  and  $f_4$  are  $4^+$ -faces. If  $v_3$  is a true vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f_3$  or  $f_5$  is a  $5^+$ -face, say  $f_3$ . By Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4 and Claim 4.6,  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so  $h_2$  or  $h_3$  is a  $4^+$ -face, say  $h_2$ . By R6,  $\tau^*(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$ . If  $v_3$  is a false vertex in  $G^\times$ , then both  $h_2$  and  $h_3$  are  $4^+$ -faces. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} \times 2 - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$  by R4 and R6.

(c) If  $f_3$  and  $f_4$  are two adjacent false 3-faces, then by the symmetry, it is similar to (a).

(d) If  $f_4$  and  $f_5$  are two adjacent false 3-faces, then by the symmetry, it is similar to (b).

(e) If  $f_5$  and  $f_1$  are two adjacent false 3-faces, then  $f_2$  and  $f_4$  are  $4^+$ -faces. Suppose  $v_1$  is a false vertex in  $G^\times$ . If  $f_2$  or  $f_4$  is a  $5^+$ -face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9} \times 3 = 0$ . If both  $f_2$  and  $f_4$  are 4-face, then  $f_2$  or  $f_4$  is a  $(5, 9^+, F, 9^+)$ -face or  $(5, 9^+, 3^+, 9^+)$ -face, say  $f_2$ . By R6.3.2 and R7,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{9}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{5}{9} - \frac{4}{9} \times 3 > 0$ .

Suppose  $v_1$  is a true vertex in  $G^\times$ , then  $f_2$  or  $f_4$  is a  $5^+$ -face, say  $f_2$ . By Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4 and Claim 4.6,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$ . If  $h_3$  is a 3-face, then  $\tau^*(h_3 \rightarrow f_3) \geq \frac{1}{9}$  by R6.3. Then,  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{9}$  by R7. So,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{4}{9} - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} > 0$ . If  $h_3$  is a  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau^*(h_3 \rightarrow f_3) \geq \frac{1}{5}$  by R6. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{4}{9} - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} > 0$ .

**Case 2.1.3:** Suppose there are three adjacent false 3-faces.

(a) If  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  are three adjacent false 3-faces, then  $h_1, h_2$  and  $h_3$  are  $4^+$ -faces. By R6,  $\tau^*(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$  and  $\tau^*(h_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} \times 2 - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$ .

(b) If  $f_2, f_3$  and  $f_4$  are three adjacent false 3-faces, then  $h_2, h_3$  and  $h_4$  are  $4^+$ -faces. So,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} \times 3 - \frac{4}{9} \times 3 > 0$ .

(c) If  $f_3, f_4$  and  $f_5$  are three adjacent false 3-faces, then by the symmetry, it is similar to (a).

(d) If  $f_4, f_5$  and  $f_1$  are three adjacent false 3-faces, then  $\tau^*(h_4 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . If  $f_2$  or  $f_3$  is  $5^+$ -face, say  $f_2$ , then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  by Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4 and Claim 4.6. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9} - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 > 0$ . If both  $f_2$  and  $f_3$  are 4-faces, then  $f_2$  or  $f_3$  is  $(5, F, 3^+, 9^+)$ -face, say  $f_2$ . By R1 and R6,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{5}{18}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{18} - \frac{4}{9} - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 > 0$ .

(e) If  $f_5, f_1$  and  $f_2$  are three adjacent false 3-faces, then by the symmetry, it is similar to (d).

**Case 2.2:** If the neighbors of  $v$  in  $G$  are all  $7^+$ -vertices.

**Case 2.2.1:** If  $v$  is incident with at last one true 3-face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 = 0$  by R1, R2, R4 and R7.

**Case 2.2.2:** If  $v$  is incident with three false 3-faces, then there must be two adjacent false 3-faces. Suppose there are only two adjacent false 3-faces, then by the symmetry, assume that  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_4$  are false 3-faces, and  $v_5$  is a false vertex. If  $v_2$  is true, then  $h_1$  or  $h_2$  is a  $4^+$ -face, say  $h_1$ . By R6,  $\tau^*(h_1 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{8}$ . Suppose  $f_3$  is a  $5^+$ -face, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 > 0$ . Suppose  $f_3$  is a 4-face, then  $f_5$  is a  $5^+$ -face. By Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4, Claim 4.6,

R6 and R7,  $\tau(f_5 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{8}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 > 0$ .

If  $v_2$  is false, then both  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are  $4^+$ -face. Since  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  are true, then  $\tau(f_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{4}$  by Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4, Claim 4.6, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{8} \times 2 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 = 0$ .

**Case 2.2.3:** Suppose there are three adjacent false 3-faces, then by the symmetry, assume that  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  are false 3-faces, and  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  are false vertices. By R6,  $\tau^*(h_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{8}$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Since  $f_5$  is a  $4^+$ -face, then  $\tau(f_5 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{8}$  Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4, Claim 4.6, R6 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{8} \times 3 + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 = 0$ .

**Case 3:** Suppose that  $v$  is incident with four 3-faces, then they are all false 3-faces.

**Case 3.1:** If the neighbors of  $v$  in  $G$  are  $5(6)$ -vertex and  $9^+$ -vertex, then let  $d_{G^\times}(v_{1'}) = 5(6)$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_{i'}) = 9^+$ , where  $i = 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

(a) If  $f_i$  is a false 3-face, then  $h_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face, where  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . By R6,  $\tau^*(h_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ , where  $i = 2, 3, 4$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so  $f_5$  is a  $5^+$ -face. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} \times 3 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9} \times 3 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$ .

(b) If  $f_i$  is a false 3-face, where  $i = 2, 3, 4, 5$ , then by the symmetry, it is similar to (a).

(c) If  $f_i$  is a false 3-face, where  $i = 1, 3, 4, 5$ , then  $\tau^*(h_3 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\tau^*(h_4 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ , and  $f_2$  is a  $5^+$ -face. If  $f_2$  is a  $6^+$ -face, then  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{2}$  by Claim 4.3 and Claim 4.4. If  $f_2$  is a 5-face, then  $f_2$  is incident with at most two true  $5^-$ -vertices by Property 3.4. Then,  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} \times 2 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{9} \times 2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 > 0$ .

(d) If  $f_i$  is a false 3-face, then  $h_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face, where  $i = 1, 2, 4, 5$ . Let  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_{2'}), d_{G^\times}(v_{3'})\} = p$ ,  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_{4'}), d_{G^\times}(v_{5'})\} = q$ . If  $p = q = 9$ , then  $\tau^*(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{9}$  and  $\tau^*(h_4 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{9}$  by R6.3.2. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{2}{9} \times 2 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9} \times 4 = 0$ . If  $p = 9$  and  $10 \leq q \leq 11$ , then  $\tau^*(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{9}$ ,  $\tau^*(h_4 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\tau(f_4 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{45}$ , and  $\tau(f_5 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{45}$  by R1, R4, R6.2, R6.3 and R7. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{45} \times 2 - \frac{4}{9} \times 4 > 0$ . If  $q = 9$  and  $10 \leq p \leq 11$ , then  $\omega'(v) \geq 0$ , similarly. If  $10 \leq p$  and  $q \leq 11$ , then  $\tau(f_i \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{45}$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 4, 5$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{5} \times 2 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{45} \times 4 - \frac{4}{9} \times 4 > 0$ . If  $p \geq 12$  or  $q \geq 12$ , say  $p \geq 12$ , then  $q \geq 10$ . By R6.1.2,  $\tau^*(h_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau^*(h_4 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{5}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 - \frac{4}{9} \times 4 + \frac{1}{3} \times 2 + \frac{1}{5} > 0$ .

(e) If  $f_i$  are four adjacent false 3-faces, where  $i = 1, 2, 3, 5$ , then by the symmetry, it is similar to (c).

**Case 3.2:** If the neighbors of  $v$  in  $G$  are all  $7^+$ -vertices, then by the symmetry, assume that  $f_i$  is 3-face, where  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(3, 3)$ -cycle, so  $f_5$  is a  $5^+$ -face and  $h_i$  is a  $4^+$ -face, where  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . If  $f_5$  is a  $6^+$ -face or a 5-face that is incident with at most two true  $5^-$ -vertices, then  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{8} \times 4 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 0$  by Claim 4.3, Claim 4.4 and Claim 4.6. If  $f_5$  is a 5-face that is incident with three true  $5^-$ -vertices, then  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  are  $9^+$ -vertices. Thus,  $\omega'(v) \geq 1 + \frac{1}{8} \times 4 + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{9} \times 4 > 0$ .

(4)  $d_{G^\times}(v) = 6$ .

By Lemma 2.2,  $v$  is incident with at most four 3-faces. By R3, we have  $\omega'(v) \geq 6 - 4 - \frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 0$ .

(5)  $d_{G^\times}(v) = 7$ .

By Lemma 2.2,  $v$  is incident with at most five 3-faces. By R2, we have  $\omega'(v) \geq 7 - 4 - \frac{1}{2} \times 5 - \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = 0$ .

(6)  $d_{G^\times}(v) \geq 8$ .

By R1,  $\omega'(v) \geq d_{G^\times}(v) - 4 - \frac{d_{G^\times}(v) - 4}{d_{G^\times}(v)} \times d_{G^\times}(v) = 0$ .

Next, we consider the discharge of the faces in  $G$ .

(1)  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 3$ .

**Case 1:** Suppose  $f = v_1v_2v_3$  is true, where  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) \geq d_{G^\times}(v_2) \geq d_{G^\times}(v_3)$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 3$  or 4, then  $\omega'(f) \geq -1 + \frac{3}{5} \times 2 > 0$  by property 3.2, property 3.1.3 and R1. If  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) \geq 5$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{2} \times 3 > 0$  by R1 - R4.

**Case 2:** If  $f = vv_1v_2$  is false, where  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) \leq d_{G^\times}(v_2)$  and  $v$  be a false vertex of  $G^\times$  such that  $v_1v_3$  crossed  $v_2v_4$  in  $G$  at  $v$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 3$ , then  $d_{G^\times}(v_2), d_{G^\times}(v_3) \geq 12$  by Property 3.2. By R1, R5 and R6.1, we have  $\tau(f_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  and  $\tau(v_2 \rightarrow v) \geq \frac{2}{3}$ . Thus,  $\omega'(f) \geq -1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = 0$ . If  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 4$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq -1 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = 0$  by R1, R5 and R6. If  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 5$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_2) = 9^+$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq -1 + \frac{4}{9} + \frac{5}{9} = 0$  by R1, R2, R3 and R4. If  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 5$  and  $d_{G^\times}(v_2) \neq 9^+$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 0$  by R4. If  $d_{G^\times}(v_1) = 6^+$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq -1 + \frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 0$  by R1 and R2.

(2)  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 4$ .

**Case 1:** Suppose  $f$  is not incident with any transitive false vertex, then  $\omega'(f) \geq d_{G^\times}(f) - 4 \geq 0$  by R6 and R7.

**Case 2:** Suppose  $f = v_1v_2v_3v_4$  is incident with two transitive false vertices, say  $v_1$  and  $v_3$ , then let  $\min\{d_{G^\times}(v_2), d_{G^\times}(v_4)\} = p$ , and  $\max\{d_{G^\times}(v_2), d_{G^\times}(v_4)\} = q$ . If  $5 \leq p \leq 6$  and  $q \geq 12$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq 0 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \times 2 = 0$  by R1, R2 and R6.6. If  $5 \leq p \leq 6$  and  $10 \leq q \leq 11$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq 0 + \frac{3}{5} - \frac{1}{5} \times 2 > 0$  by R1, R2 and R6.7. If  $7 \leq p \leq 9$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq 0$  by R1, R6.4.1 and R6.3, similarly. If  $10 \leq p \leq 11$ . Since  $G$  doesn't have  $(4, 4)$ -cycle,  $f$  sends out at most  $\frac{3}{5} \times 2$  R1 and R6.2. Thus,  $\omega'(f) \geq 0 - \frac{3}{5} \times 2 + \frac{3}{5} \times 2 = 0$ . If  $p \geq 12$ , then  $\omega'(f) \geq 0 - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times 2 = 0$  by R1 and R6.1, similarly.

**Case 3:** Suppose  $f$  is only incident with one transitive false vertex, then it is similar to the proof of Case 2.

(3)  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 5$ .

If  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 5$ , then  $f$  is incident with at most two transitive false vertices. Similar to the proof of  $d_{G^\times}(f) = 4$ , we can get  $\omega'(f) \geq d_{G^\times}(f) - 4 \geq 0$ .

(4)  $d_{G^\times}(f) \geq 6$ .

Suppose  $f$  is incident with at least  $t$  transitive false vertices, then  $t \leq \lfloor \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)}{2} \rfloor$ . The worst case is that the neighbors of transitive false vertices on  $f$  are  $12^+$ -vertices, then  $\omega'(f) \geq d_{G^\times}(f) - 4 - \frac{4t}{3} + \frac{2t}{3} \geq d_{G^\times}(f) - 4 - \frac{d_{G^\times}(f)}{3} = \frac{2d_{G^\times}(f)}{3} - 4 \geq 0$  by R1, R6 and R7.

The proof of Theorem 1.2 is complete.

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