

# Perfect 2-coloring of the six regular graphs up to order 10

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## Abstract

In this paper, we study perfect 2-coloring of the six regular graphs up to order 10. We first obtain all possible color parameter matrices and then examine them according to the limitation of our theorem.

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## 1 Introduction

A graph is called regular graph if degree of each vertex is equal. Also called  $k$ -regular if degree of each vertex in the graph is  $k$ , for some positive integer  $k$ .

**Definition 1.1.** For each graph  $\Gamma$  and each integer  $n$ , a mapping  $f : V(\Gamma) \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$  is called a perfect  $n$ -coloring with matrix  $M = (m_{ij})_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, n\}}$  if it is surjective, and for all  $i, j$  for every vertex of color  $i$ , the number of its neighbors of color  $j$  is equal to  $m_{ij}$ . The matrix  $M$  is called the parameter matrix of a perfect coloring. When  $n = 2$ , we denote the two colors by  $W$  and  $B$  representing white and black respectively.

Perfect 2-coloring of the cubic graphs of order less than or equal to 10 and perfect 3-coloring of the cubic graphs of order 10 were described; in [2, 5], respectively. Also, to read more about perfect coloring, refer to articles [1, 3, 4]. We will show that all possible parameter matrices for six regular graphs with two colors. The six regular graphs up to order 10 are given in Fig 1 – 4. We first give some results concerning necessary condition for the existence of perfect 2-coloring six regular graphs with a given parameter matrix  $M = (m_{ij})_{i,j \in \{1,2\}}$ . The simplest condition for the existence of a perfect 2-colorings of a six regular graphs with the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is  $a + b = c + d = 6$ .

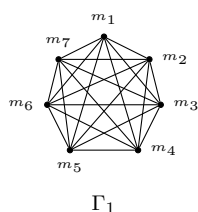


Figure 1: The six regular graph of order 7

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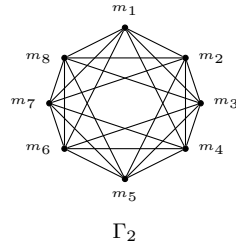


Figure 2: The six regular graph of order 8

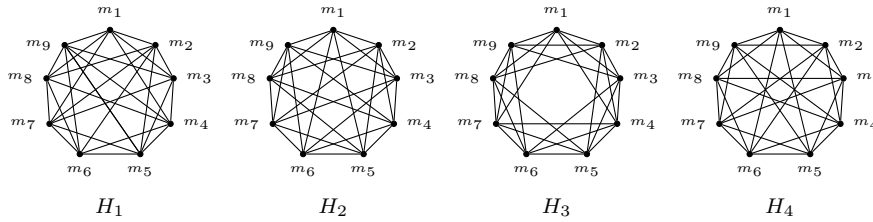


Figure 3: The six regular graphs of order 9

In Section 2, we present the preliminary theorems related to perfect 2-coloring. Our method consists of the following steps; First, obtain the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of the graph. Then, we show that the parameter matrices of perfect 2-coloring must have eigenvalues that are a subset of the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix. In the next, we calculate the number of white vertices for the remaining parameter matrices and exclude those whose number is not an integer. Finally according to the parameter matrix and the number of white vertices, as well as the definition of perfect coloring, we assign a color to each vertex that satisfies the condition of the definition. If this is not possible, we conclude that the graph does not have perfect 2-coloring.

## 2 Preliminaries and analysis

In this section, first we have the following basic lemmas see [1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]. Then we calculate the parameter matrices for the perfect coloring of our graphs.

**Lemma 2.1.** Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a  $k$ -regular graph and  $f$  is a perfect  $n$ - coloring with matrix  $M = (m_{ij})_{i,j \in \{1, \dots, n\}}$  in graph  $\Gamma$ . Then the sum of each row in matrix  $M$  is  $k$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [10] If  $f$  is a perfect coloring of the graph  $\Gamma$  with  $n$  colors, then any eigenvalue of the parameter matrix is an eigenvalue subset of the adjacent matrix  $\Gamma$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** [6] If  $W$  is the set of white vertex in a perfect 2- coloring of a graph  $\Gamma$  with matrix  $M = (m_{ij})_{i,j \in \{1,2\}}$ . Then  $|W| = |V(\Gamma)| \frac{m_{21}}{m_{12} + m_{21}}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** Suppose that  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is a parameter matrix of a perfect 2- coloring of a  $k$ -regular graph. Then eigenvalues of the parameter matrix are  $k$  and  $a - c$  such that we obviously have  $a - c \neq k$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** Suppose  $f$  is a perfect 2-coloring with matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  of connected graph  $\Gamma$ . Then  $b$  and  $c$  are both opposite zero.

**Lemma 2.6.** If graph  $\Gamma$  has perfect 2-coloring with matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , then it also has a perfect 2-coloring with matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} d & c \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$ .

Using the Lemma 2.2 and with the help of above lemmas we calculate all the parameter matrix perfect 2-coloring of the six regular graphs as following theorem:

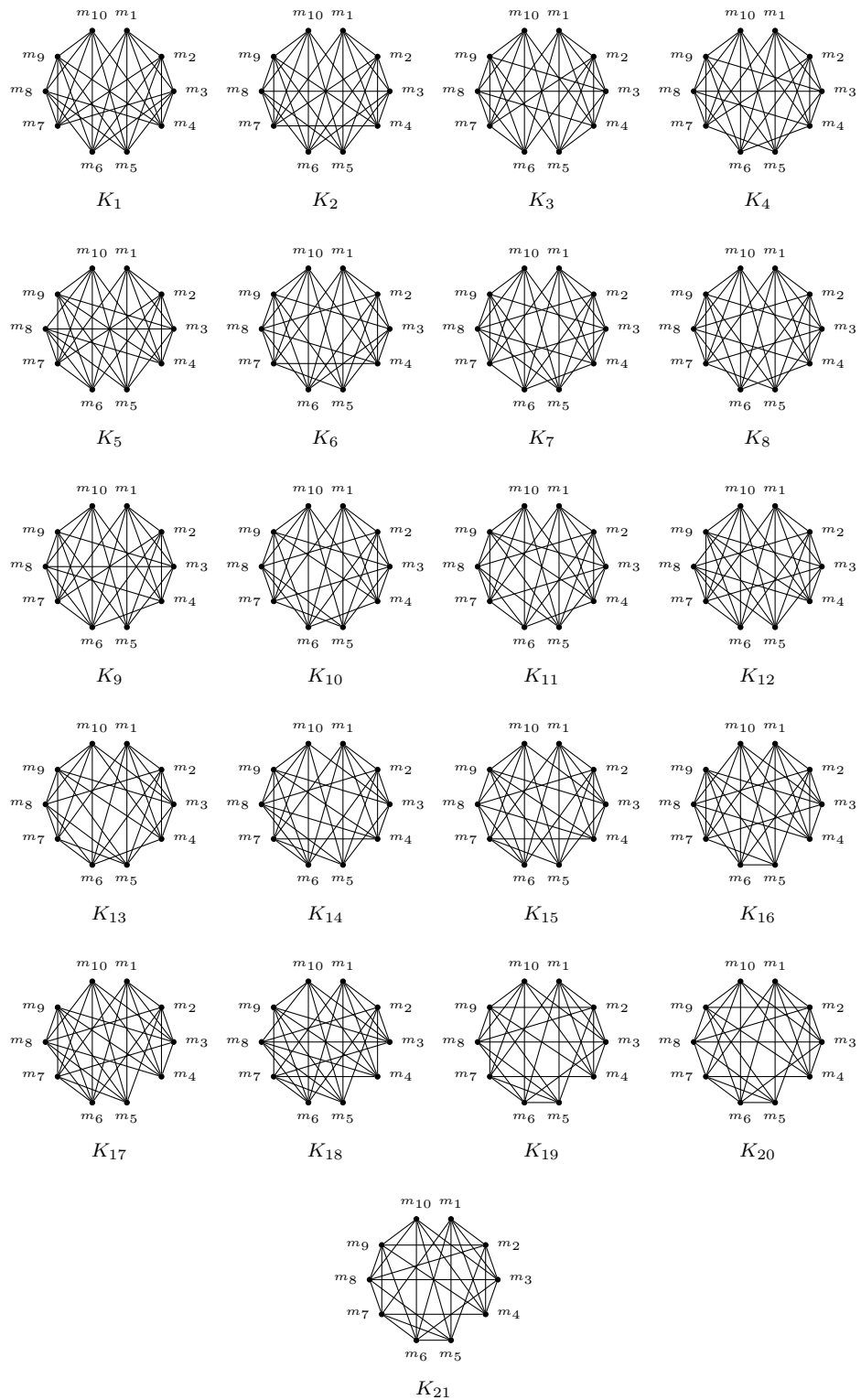


Figure 4: The six regular graphs of order 10

**Theorem 2.7.** If  $M$  is the parameter matrix corresponding to a perfect 2-coloring in connected six regular graph. Then  $M$  is one of the following possible matrices:

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_6 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_7 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \\ M_8 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_9 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{13} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{14} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \\ M_{15} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{16} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{17} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{18} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{19} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{20} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof .** Using Lemma 2.2, there are 49 possible matrix for six regular graphs. Using the previous three lemmas, only one of given 21 matrices can be possible parameter matrices. Using Lemma 2.6 it can be seen that the following matrices are equivalent in pairs and only their colors are shifted together.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

and some others. Therefore, only 21 given matrices can be perfect 2-coloring parameter matrices of six regular graphs.  $\square$

Using the above theorem, we show that only may be parameter matrices of six regular graphs up to order 10 as following:

**Lemma 2.8.** Suppose that  $\Gamma_1$  is a six regular graph of order 7. Then  $\Gamma_1$  has perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrices  $M_1$ ,  $M_8$ , and  $M_{14}$ .

**Proof .** Using Theorem 2.7 of a parameter matrix corresponding to a perfect 2-coloring for the graph  $\Gamma_1$  may be one of the 21 matrices given. Using the Lemma 2.2, we can eliminate 18 of these matrices, leaving only  $M_1$ ,  $M_8$ , and  $M_{14}$  as possible candidates. By using Lemma 2.3 we can see the structures of graph  $\Gamma_1$  that has perfect 2-coloring. Consider three maps as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(m_1) &= W, \\ F_1(m_2) &= F_1(m_3) = F_1(m_4) = F_1(m_5) = F_1(m_6) = F_1(m_7) = B, \\ F_2(m_1) &= F_2(m_2) = W, \\ F_2(m_3) &= F_2(m_4) = F_2(m_5) = F_2(m_6) = F_2(m_7) = B, \\ F_3(m_1) &= F_3(m_2) = F_3(m_7) = W, \\ F_3(m_3) &= F_3(m_4) = F_3(m_5) = F_3(m_6) = B. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_3$  are perfect 2-coloring with matrices  $M_1$ ,  $M_8$ , and  $M_{14}$ , respectively.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9.** Suppose that  $\Gamma_2$  is a six regular graph of order 8. Then  $\Gamma_2$  has perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrices  $M_2$ ,  $M_{15}$ , and  $M_{18}$ .

**Proof .** Using Theorem 2.7 we know that a parameter matrix corresponding to a perfect 2-coloring for the graph  $\Gamma_2$  must be one of the 21 matrices given. Using Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we can eliminate 17 of these matrices, leaving only  $M_2$ ,  $M_9$ ,  $M_{15}$ , and  $M_{18}$  as possible candidates. For example, by using Lemma 2.3, we can see that the number  $W$  of  $M_7$  is not an integer, so  $M_7$  cannot be a parameter matrix for  $\Gamma_2$ . We can also show that  $M_9$  cannot have a perfect 2-coloring. Using Lemma 2.3, we get the number of  $W$  and  $B$ , then we check the different cases. So we have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_1(m_1) &= F_1(m_5) = W, \\ F_1(m_2) &= F_1(m_3) = F_1(m_4) = F_1(m_6) = F_1(m_7) = F_1(m_8) = B, \\ F_2(m_1) &= F_2(m_3) = F_2(m_5) = F_2(m_7) = W, \\ F_2(m_2) &= F_2(m_4) = F_2(m_6) = F_2(m_8) = B, \\ F_3(m_1) &= F_3(m_2) = F_3(m_7) = F_3(m_8) = W, \\ F_3(m_2) &= F_3(m_3) = F_3(m_4) = F_3(m_5) = F_3(m_6) = B. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_3$  are perfect 2-coloring with matrices  $M_2$ ,  $M_{15}$ , and  $M_{18}$ , respectively. Now we show that  $\Gamma_2$  has no perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrix  $M_9$ . To prove this claim, we assume the opposite that  $\Gamma_2$  with matrix  $M_9$  has perfect 2-coloring. Then have the following possibilities:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_2) = F(m_5) = W,$$

$$F(m_3) = F(m_4) = F(m_6) = F(m_7) = F(m_8) = B.$$

According to the parameter matrix  $M_9$ , each vertex with color  $W$  must have one neighbor with color  $W$  but vertex  $m_2$  is two neighbors with  $W$  which is a contradiction with the first row matrix  $M_9$ . So graph  $\Gamma_2$  has no perfect 2-coloring with  $M_9$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.10.** Suppose that  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_3$  and  $H_4$  are six regular graphs of order 9. Then  $H_1$  has no perfect 2-coloring but  $H_2$ ,  $H_3$ ,  $H_4$  have perfect 2-colorings as shown in the Table 1.

Graphs	$H_2$	$H_3$	$H_4$
Matrices	$M_3$	$M_{13}$	$M_3, M_{13}$

Table 1

**Proof .** Using Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we know that  $H_1$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_3$  or  $M_{10}$ , because the eigenvalues of the other matrices, such as  $M_{13}$ , and  $M_{19}$  are not subsets of the adjacency matrix of  $H_1$ . Then we show that  $H_1$  does not have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_3$ . To prove the claim, we assume the opposite that  $H_1$  has a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_3$ . According to  $M_3$ , each vertex with color  $W$  must have six neighbors with color  $B$ , and we know from Lemma 2.3 that the number of vertices with color  $W$  is three. If we assign  $F(m_1) = W$ , then we have:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_5) = F(m_6) = W,$$

$$F(m_2) = F(m_3) = F(m_4) = F(m_7) = F(m_8) = F(m_9) = B.$$

But this contradiction  $M_3$ , because  $F(m_3) = B$  and  $F(m_1)$  and  $F(m_3)$  are adjacent. Therefore,  $H_1$  does not have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_3$ . The proof for  $M_{10}$  is similar to the above argument. Also using Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we know that  $H_2$ , and  $H_4$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_3$ ,  $M_{10}$  or  $M_{13}$ , and also graph  $H_3$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_{13}$ . Now we show that the graph  $H_2$  has perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrices  $M_3$ . Consider mapping  $F$  as follows:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_4) = F(m_7) = W,$$

$$F(m_2) = F(m_3) = F(m_5) = F(m_6) = F(m_8) = F(m_9) = B.$$

It is clear that  $F$  is a perfect 2-coloring with the matrix  $M_3$ . The graph  $H_4$  has perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrices  $M_3$  and  $M_{13}$ . Consider mappings  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  as follows:

$$F_1(m_1) = F_1(m_4) = F_1(m_7) = W,$$

$$F_1(m_2) = F_1(m_3) = F_1(m_5) = F_1(m_6) = F_1(m_8) = F_1(m_9) = B,$$

$$F_2(m_1) = F_2(m_5) = F_2(m_6) = W,$$

$$F_2(m_2) = F_2(m_3) = F_2(m_4) = F_2(m_7) = F_2(m_8) = F_2(m_9) = B.$$

It is clear that  $F_1$  is a perfect 2-coloring with the matrix  $M_3$  and also  $F_2$  with  $M_{13}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.11.** Suppose that  $K$  be a six regular graph of order 10. Then  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$ ,  $K_4$ ,  $K_5$ ,  $K_6$ ,  $K_8$ ,  $K_9$ ,  $K_{10}$ ,  $K_{11}$ ,  $K_{12}$ ,  $K_{13}$ ,  $K_{14}$ ,  $K_{15}$ , and  $K_{18}$  has no perfect 2-coloring.

**Proof .** Using Lemma 2.2, we know that  $K_1$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_4$ ,  $M_{11}$ ,  $M_{18}$ , or  $M_{20}$ , because the eigenvalues of the other matrices, such as  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are not subsets of the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of  $K_1$ . Then we show that  $K_1$  does not have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_4$ . To prove the claim, we assume the opposite that  $K_1$  has a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_4$ . According to  $M_4$ , each vertex with color  $W$  must have six neighbors with color  $B$ , and we know from Lemma 2.3 that the number of vertices with color  $W$  is four. If we assign  $F(m_1) = W$ , then we have:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_8) = F(m_9) = F(m_{10}) = W,$$

$$F(m_2) = F(m_3) = F(m_4) = F(m_5) = F(m_6) = F(m_7) = B.$$

But this contradiction  $M_4$ , because  $F(m_4) = B$  and  $F(m_9)$  and  $F(m_4)$  are adjacent. Therefore,  $K_1$  does not have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_4$ . The proof for  $M_{11}$ ,  $M_{18}$ , and  $M_{20}$  is similar to the above argument. Also, using Lemma 2.2, we know that  $K_2$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_{17}$ , or  $M_{18}$ , because the eigenvalues of the other matrices, such as  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are not subsets of the eigenvalues of the adjacency matrix of  $K_2$ . Then we show that  $K_2$  does not have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_{18}$ . To prove the claim, we assume the opposite that  $K_2$  has a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_{18}$ . According to  $M_{18}$ , each vertex with color  $W$  must have three neighbors with color  $B$ , and we know from Lemma 2.3 that the number of vertices with color  $W$  is five. If we assign  $F(m_2) = B$ , then we have:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_3) = F(m_5) = F(m_7) = F(m_9) = W,$$

$$F(m_2) = F(m_4) = F(m_6) = F(m_8) = F(m_{10}) = B.$$

But this contradiction  $M_{18}$ , because  $F(m_2) = B$  and  $F(m_2)$  is only with  $F(m_4)$  and  $F(m_6)$  which are  $B$  adjacent. Therefore,  $K_2$  does not have a perfect 2-coloring with  $M_{18}$ . The proof for  $M_{17}$  is similar to the above argument.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.12.** The 6-regular graphs of order 10 have perfect 2- colorings as shown in the Table 2.

Graphs	$K_1$	$K_7$	$K_{16}$	$K_{17}$	$K_{19}$	$K_{20}$	$K_{21}$
Matrices	$M_{20}$	$M_{20}$	$M_{17}$	$M_{17}$	$M_{15}, M_{17}$	$M_{17}$	$M_{17}$

Table 2

**Proof .** Using Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2, we know that  $K_1$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrix  $M_{20}$ . Consider mapping  $F$  as follows:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_2) = F(m_3) = F(m_4) = F(m_5) = W,$$

$$F(m_6) = F(m_7) = F(m_8) = F(m_9) = F(m_{10}) = B.$$

It is clear that  $F$  is a perfect 2- coloring with the matrix  $M_{20}$ . Also,  $K_7$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrix  $M_{20}$ . Consider mapping  $F$  as follows:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_2) = F(m_3) = F(m_4) = F(m_5) = W,$$

$$F(m_6) = F(m_7) = F(m_8) = F(m_9) = F(m_{10}) = B.$$

It is clear that  $F$  is a perfect 2-coloring with the matrix  $M_{20}$ . The graph  $K_{16}$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrix  $M_{17}$ . Consider mappings  $F$  as follows:

$$F(m_1) = F(m_2) = F(m_3) = F(m_4) = W,$$

$$F(m_5) = F(m_6) = F(m_7) = F(m_8) = F(m_9) = F(m_{10}) = B.$$

It is clear that  $F$  is a perfect 2-coloring with the matrix  $M_{20}$ . For graph  $K_{17}$ , the proof is similar to the above proofs and  $K_{19}$  can only have a perfect 2-coloring with parameter matrices  $M_{15}$  and  $M_{17}$ . Consider mappings  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  as follows:

$$F_1(m_3) = F_1(m_4) = F_1(m_5) = F_1(m_6) = F_1(m_9) = W,$$

$$F_1(m_1)F_1(m_2) = F_1(m_7) = F_1(m_8) = F_1(m_{10}) = B,$$

$$F_2(m_1) = F_2(m_2) = F_2(m_3) = F_2(m_4) = W,$$

$$F_2(m_5) = F_2(m_6) = F_2(m_7) = F_2(m_8) = F_2(m_9) = F_2(m_{10}) = B.$$

It is clear that  $F_1$  is a perfect 2- coloring with the matrix  $M_{15}$  and also  $F_2$  with  $M_{17}$ . For other graph the proof is similar to the above proofs.  $\square$

We have the following result, by using the lemmas.

**Theorem 2.13.** All perfect 2-coloring of the six regular graphs up to order 10 as shown in the Table 3.

Graphs	$\Gamma_1$	$\Gamma_2$	$H_2$	$H_3$	$H_4$	$K_3$	$K_7$	$K_{16}$	$K_{17}$	$K_{19}$	$K_{20}$	$K_{21}$
Matrices	$M_1, M_8, M_{14}$	$M_2, M_{15}, M_{18}$	$M_3$	$M_{13}$	$M_3, M_{13}$	$M_{20}$	$M_{20}$	$M_{17}$	$M_{17}$	$M_{15}, M_{17}$	$M_{17}$	$M_{17}$

Table 3

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