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Oriented diameter of the complete tripartite graph (II)

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Abstract. For a graph G, let $\mathbb{D}(G)$ denote the set of all strong orientations of G, and the oriented diameter of G is $f(G) = \min\{\dim(D) \mid D \in \mathbb{D}(G)\}$, which is the minimum value of the diameters $\dim(D)$ where $D \in \mathbb{D}(G)$. In this paper, we determine the oriented diameter of complete tripartite graphs K(3,3,q) and K(3,4,q), these are special cases that arise in determining the oriented diameter of K(3,p,q).

1. Introduction

Let G be a finite undirected simple connected graph with vertex set V(G) and edge set E(G). The orientation of a graph G is a directed graph obtained from G by assigning each of its edges in G a direction. An orientation D of G is strong if for any two vertices u,v in G, there exists a directed path from G to G. For any G is strong if for any two vertices G is a shortest G in G is defined as diam(G) = G is a shortest path connecting G is called a bridge of a graph G if the subgraph obtained by deleting the edge G of the graph G is disconnected. A graph is called bridgeless if it has no bridge.

Robbins' one-way street theorem [10] proves that a connected graph has a strong orientation if and only if it is bridgeless. Boesch and Tindell [1] proposed the notion f(G) in order to extend Robbins' theorem [10].

Let G be a connected and bridgeless graph, and $\mathbb{D}(G)$ be the set of all strong orientations of G. Define the oriented diameter of G to be

$$f(G) = \min\{\operatorname{diam}(D) \mid D \in \mathbb{D}(G)\}.$$

For an arbitrary connected graph G, the problem of evaluting oriented diameter f(G) is very difficult. In reality, Chvátal and Thomassen [2] demonstrate that the problem of deciding whether a graph admits an orientation of diameter two is NP-hard. Next, we will present some results on the oriented diameter that have been obtained in the literature.

Given any positive integers n, p_1 , p_2 , ..., p_n , let K_n denote the complete graph of order n, and $K(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$ denote the complete n-partite graph having p_i vertices in the i-th partite set V_i for each i = 1, 2, ..., n. Thus

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 K_n is isomorphic to $K(p_1, p_2, ..., p_n)$ where $p_1 = p_2 = ... = p_n = 1$. The oriented diameter of complete graph K_n was obtained by Boesch and Tindell [1]:

$$f(K_n) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n \ge 3 \text{ and } n \ne 4; \\ 3, & \text{if } n = 4. \end{cases}$$

The oriented diameter of complete bipartite graph K(p,q) was given by Šoltés [11]:

$$f(K(p,q)) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } 2 \le p \le q \le {p \choose \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor}; \\ 4, & \text{if } q > {p \choose \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor}; \end{cases}$$

where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denotes the greatest integer not exceeding x. Let $n \geq 3$, Plesník [9], Gutin [3], and Koh and Tay [6] independently obtained the oriented diameter of complete n-partite graph, the specific result is as follows:

$$2 \le f(K(p_1, p_2, \cdots, p_n)) \le 3.$$

Let $p \ge 2$ and $n \ge 3$, Koh and Tan [4] also obtained:

$$f(K(p,p,\cdots p)) = 2;$$

$$f(K(p,p,\cdots p,q)) = 2, (r \ge 3, p \ge 3, 1 \le q \le 2p).$$

They also got some other results on complete multipartite graphs.

Actually, a problem was proposed by Koh and Tan [6]: "given a complete multipartite graph $G = K(p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n)$, classify it according to f(G) = 2 or f(G) = 3." We endeavor to classify complete multipartite graphs according to the oriented diameter 2 or 3. Koh and Tan [5] obtained:

$$f(K(2, p, q)) = 2 \text{ for } 2 \le p \le q \le \binom{p}{\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor}.$$

and the authors and Rao and Zhang proved [7] that

$$f(K(2, p, q)) = 3 \text{ for } q > \binom{p}{\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor}.$$

So far, the oriented diameter of complete tripartite graph K(2, p, q) is completely determined.

In this paper, we devote ourselves to deal with the case K(3, p, q) for $p \ge 3$, and we first discuss special cases K(3,3,q) and K(3,4,q), the results are as follows:

$$f(K(3,3,q)) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } q \le 6; \\ 3, & \text{if } q > 6; \end{cases}$$
$$f(K(3,4,q)) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } q \le 11; \\ 3, & \text{if } q > 11. \end{cases}$$

In a long manuscript [8], we also have determined the oriented diameter of K(3, p, q) for $p \ge 5$. Hence the problem posed by Koh and Tay for complete tripartite graphs K(3, p, q) is completely solved.

2. Preliminaries

For a digraph D, we denote its vertex set by V(D). Take any $u,v \in V(D)$, the distance $\partial_D(u,v)$ denotes the number of directed arcs in a shortest directed path from u to v in D. The diameter of D is defined as $\operatorname{diam}(D) = \max{\{\partial_D(u,v) \mid u,v \in V(D)\}}$. For $u,v \in V(D)$, $U,V \subseteq V(D)$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$, if the direction is from u to v, we write ' $u \to v$ '; if $a \to b$ for each $a \in U$ and each $b \in V$, we write ' $U \to V$ '; if $U = \{u\}$, we write ' $U \to V$ ' for ' $U \to V$ '. In addition, the set $N_D^+(u) = \{x \in V(D) \mid u \to x\}$, which is a collection of all out-neighbors of u; the set $N_D^-(v) = \{y \in V(D) \mid y \to v\}$, which is a collection of all in-neighbors of v.

For the complete tripartite graph K(3, p, q), $p \in \{3, 4\}$, let

$$V_{1} = \{x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\},$$

$$V_{2} = \{y_{1}, y_{2}, \cdots, y_{p}\},$$

$$V_{3} = \{z_{1}, z_{2}, \cdots, z_{q}\}.$$

be the three parts of the vertex set of K(3, p, q). Let D be a strong orientation of K(3, p, q). We consider the sets

$$\begin{split} N_D^{+++} &= N_D^+\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{++-} &= N_D^+\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{+-+} &= N_D^+\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{-++} &= N_D^-\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{+--} &= N_D^+\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{-+-} &= N_D^-\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{--+} &= N_D^-\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^+\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{---} &= N_D^-\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_3\right), \\ N_D^{---} &= N_D^-\left(x_1\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_2\right) \cap N_D^-\left(x_3\right), \end{split}$$

For $i \in \{2, 3\}$, the following eight sets

$$\begin{split} V_i^{+++} &= V_i \cap N_D^{+++}, \\ V_i^{+-} &= V_i \cap N_D^{++-}, \\ V_i^{+-+} &= V_i \cap N_D^{+-+}, \\ V_i^{-++} &= V_i \cap N_D^{-++}, \\ V_i^{+--} &= V_i \cap N_D^{+--}, \\ V_i^{-+-} &= V_i \cap N_D^{--+}, \\ V_i^{--+} &= V_i \cap N_D^{--+}, \\ V_i^{---} &= V_i \cap N_D^{---}. \end{split}$$

form a partition of V_i . For convenience, we will denote V_i^{+++} as V_i^+ and V_i^{---} as V_i^- .

Lemma 2.1. *D* is a strong orientation of *G* with diameter diam(*D*) = 2, suppose $\{i, j\} = \{2, 3\}$, then the following properties hold.

1. If
$$V_i^{+++} \neq \emptyset$$
, then $V_i^{+++} \to V_j$ and $\left| V_i^{+++} \right| = 1$; if $V_i^{---} \neq \emptyset$, then $V_j \to V_i^{---}$ and $\left| V_i^{---} \right| = 1$.
2. If $V_i^{+++} \neq \emptyset$, then $V_j^{+++} = \emptyset$; if $V_i^{---} \neq \emptyset$, then $V_j^{---} = \emptyset$.

Proof. Suppose $V_i^{+++} \neq \emptyset$. Take any $y \in V_i^{+++}$ and any $z \in V_j$, we have $\partial_D(y,z) \leq 2$. If $z \to y$, then $N_D^+(y) \subseteq V_j \setminus \{z\}$. We know $\partial_D(z',z) \geqslant 2$ for any $z' \in V_j \setminus \{z\}$, so $\partial_D(y,z) \geqslant 3$, a contradiction. Hence $y \to z$. This means $V_i^{+++} \to V_j$.

Suppose X is a strongly connected digraph. Let $u, v \in V(X)$ be two vertices of X. If $N_X^+(u) \cap N_X^-(v) = \emptyset$, then $\partial_X(u,v) \neq 2$. We assume $\partial_X(u,v) = 2$, then there exists $w \in V(X)$ such that $u \to w \to v$. So

 $w \in N_X^+(u) \cap N_X^-(v) \neq \emptyset$, a contradiction. For distinct vertices $y_h, y_k \in V_i^{+++}$, we have $N_D^+(y_h) \subseteq V_j$ and $N_D^-(y_k) \subseteq V_1$. $V_1 \cap V_j = \emptyset$ implies $N_D^+(y_h) \cap N_D^-(y_k) = \emptyset$, so we get $\partial_D(y_h, y_k) \geqslant 3$, a contradiction. Thus $|V_i^{+++}| = 1$. The proof for the case $V_i^{---} \neq \emptyset$ is analogous.

 $|V_i^{+++}| = 1$. The proof for the case $V_i^{---} \neq \emptyset$ is analogous. Suppose $V_i^{+++} \neq \emptyset$ and $V_j^{+++} \neq \emptyset$, then $V_i^{+++} \rightarrow V_j$ and $V_j^{+++} \rightarrow V_i$, i.e., for $y \in V_i^{+++}$ and $z \in V_j^{+++}$, we have $y \rightarrow z$ and $z \rightarrow y$, a contradiction. The proof for the case $V_i^{---} \neq \emptyset$ is analogous.

3. The oriented diameter of K(3, 3, q)

Lemma 3.1. For $3 \le q \le 6$, f(K(3,3,q)) = 2.

Proof. When q = 3, it follows from Theorem 3 in Koh and Tan [4] (Discrete Mathematics, 1996) that f(K(3,3,q)) = 2.

When q = 6, let $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{---}$ where $|V_3^{+++}| = |V_3^{---}| = 1$ and $|V_3^{+--}| = |V_3^{-+-}| = 2$. Orient K(3,3,6) as follows: $\{y_2,y_3\} \to \{x_1,x_2\} \to y_1 \to x_3 \to \{y_2,y_3\}$, $V_3^{+++} \to y_1 \to V_3 \setminus V_3^{+++}$, $V_3^{+++} \to \{y_2,y_3\} \to V_3^{---}$ and it is enough for $\{y_2,y_3\}$ to form a directed four-length circle with two vertices in V_3^{+--} or V_3^{+--} . Let D_6 be the resulting orientation, it is easy to verify that diam(D_6) = 2. On the basis of the above orientation D_6 , if $V_3^{---} = \emptyset$, then we can get f(K(3,3,5)) = 2.

When q=4, let $V_3=V_3^{+++}\cup V_3^{+--}\cup V_3^{+-+}\cup V_3^{+--}$ where $\left|V_3^{+++}\right|=\left|V_3^{++-}\right|=\left|V_3^{+-+}\right|=\left|V_3^{+--}\right|=1$. Orient K(3,3,4) as follows: $V_2\to x_1$, $\{y_2,y_3\}\to x_2\to y_1,\{y_1,y_3\}\to x_3\to y_2,V_3^{+++}\cup V_3^{+--}\to y_1\to V_3^{+-+}\cup V_3^{+--}$, $V_3^{+++}\cup V_3^{+--}\to y_2\to V_3^{++-}\cup V_3^{+--}$ and $V_3\to y_3$. Let D_4 be the resulting orientation, it is easy to verify that diam(D_4) = 2.

Theorem 3.2. *Suppose* $q \ge 3$ *, then*

$$f(K(3,3,q)) = \begin{cases} 2, & if \ q \le 6; \\ 3, & if \ q > 6. \end{cases}$$

Proof. When 3 ≤ q ≤ 6, we have shown in Lemma 3.1 that there exists an orientation of diameter 2 for K(3,3,q). When q > 6, we prove it by contradiction. Assuming f(K(3,3,q)) = 2 when q > 6, then K(3,3,q) has a strong orientation D with diameter diam(D) = 2. Let $V_1 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$, $V_2 = \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ and $V_3 = \{z_1, z_2, \cdots, z_q\}$ be the three parts of the vertex set of K(3,3,q), and $i = |N_D^+(x_1) \cap V_2|$, $j = |N_D^+(x_2) \cap V_2|$, $k = |N_D^+(x_3) \cap V_2|$. For all $i, j, k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, we may suppose $i \le j \le k$ to avoid dealing with similar cases according to different order of the vertices in V_1 , so there are a total of 20 cases of (i, j, k), namely (0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 0, 2), (0, 0, 3), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 2), (0, 1, 3), (0, 2, 2), (0, 2, 3), (0, 3, 3), (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2), (1, 1, 3), (1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 3), (2, 2, 2), (2, 2, 3), (2, 3, 3) and (3, 3, 3).

The case (3,3,3) is the same as case (0,0,0) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D.

The case (2,3,3) is the same as case (0,0,1) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (2,2,3) is the same as case (0,1,1) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (2, 2, 2) is the same as case (1, 1, 1) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D.

The case (1,3,3) is the same as case (0,0,2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1,2,3) is the same as case (0,1,2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1,2,2) is the same as case (1,1,2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1, 1, 3) is the same as case (0, 2, 2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (0,3,3) is the same as case (0,0,3) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (0,2,3) is the same as case (0,1,3) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

Thus, we have the following ten exhaustive cases Case(i,j,k)s to obtain the required contradiction.

(1) Case (0,0,0). $V_2 \to V_1$.

Take any $x \in V_1, z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \le 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(2) Case (0,0,1). $V_2 \to \{x_1,x_2\}, \{y_2,y_3\} \to x_3 \to y_1$.

Take any $x \in V_1 \setminus \{x_3\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x,z) \leq 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \setminus \{x_3\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(3) Case (0,0,2). $V_2 \to \{x_1,x_2\}, y_3 \to x_3 \to \{y_1,y_2\}.$

Take any $x \in V_1 \setminus \{x_3\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \leq 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \setminus \{x_3\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(4) Case (0,0,3). $V_2 \to \{x_1,x_2\}, x_3 \to V_2$.

Take any $x \in V_1 \setminus \{x_3\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \leq 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \setminus \{x_3\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(5) Case (0, 1, 1).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \to x_1, \{y_2, y_3\} \to \{x_2, x_3\} \to y_1$.

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$. So $\partial_D(y_2, y_3) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase2: $V_2 \to x_1, \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_2 \to y_1, \{y_1, y_3\} \to x_3 \to y_2$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-+}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_3) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_3$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \rightarrow y_1$. Since $\partial_D\left(V_3^{+-+},y_i\right) \leq 2$ where i=1,2,3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \rightarrow y_2$. Since $\partial_D\left(x_3,V_3^{++-}\right) \leq 2$ $2, \partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2, \partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(x_3, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{++-}, y_1 \to V_3^{+-+}$ and $\{y_1, y_2\} \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2$ and $|V_3^{+--}| = q_3$. If $q_1 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 1$. If $q_2 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 \le 6$. (6) Case (0, 1, 2)

Subcase 1: $V_2 \to x_1, \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_2 \to y_1, y_3 \to x_3 \to \{y_1, y_2\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-++}, y_2 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_3) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_3$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D (V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to y_2$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+-+}$ and $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3$ and $F = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_3\} \cup V_3^{++-}]$. Then F is an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ where $q_1 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_F(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 5 \le 6$.

Subcase 2: $V_2 \to x_1$, $\{y_2, y_3\} \to x_2 \to y_1 \to x_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+-}$ and $y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{--+} = V_3^{-+-} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+-+}$ and $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. If $V_3^{+-+} \neq \emptyset$, then $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, x_3 \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. So $V_3^{+-+} = \emptyset$. Let $\left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_2$

and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{++-}\right]$, $F_2 = D\left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}\left(z_i, z_j\right) = 4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}\left(z_i, z_j\right) = 4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 2 = 5 \le 6$. (7) Case(0,1,3). $V_2 \to x_1, \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_2 \to y_1, x_3 \to V_2$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, x_3) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to x_3$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to x_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1 |V_3^{+--}| = q_2$ and $F_1 = [V_2 \cup V_3^{++-}]$, $F_2 = [V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--}]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 3$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. Thus $|V_3| = q \le 3 + 2 = 5 \le 6$. (8) Case (0, 2, 2)

Subcase 1: $V_2 \to x_1, y_3 \to \{x_2, x_3\} \to \{y_1, y_2\}.$

We know $y_1, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \leq 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_3) \leq 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_3$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{++-}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{++-}\right]$, $F_2 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$, $F_3 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$. Then F_1, F_2 and F_3 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$, $K(2, q_2)$ and $K(2, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_2, q_3 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 2$. If $q_2 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 2$. If $q_3 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 2$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, V_3^{+--}) \leq 2$, if $q_1 = q_3 = 2$, then there exists $z_i \in V_3^{++-}, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence we have $q_1 \leq 1$ or $q_3 \leq 1$. The argument for these two cases are similar, so we may assume $q_1 \leq 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \leq 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \leq 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 6 \leq 6$. Subcase2: $V_2 \to x_1, y_3 \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, y_1 \to x_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-+-}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to y_3$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, x_2) \le 2$, $\partial_D(x_3, V_3^{++-}) \le 2$, $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, x_3) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{++-} \to y_3$ and $y_2 \to V_3^{+-+} \to y_1$. Let $\left|V_3^{++-}\right| = q_1, \left|V_3^{+-+}\right| = q_2, \left|V_3^{+---}\right| = q_3$ and $F = D\left[V_2 \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$. Then F is an orientation of $K(2, q_3)$ where $q_3 \le q$. If $q_3 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_F(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 3$. If $q_1 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 1$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \le 1$, thus $\left|V_3\right| = q \le 1 + 1 + 1 + 3 = 6 \le 6$. (9) Case (1, 1, 1).

Subcase1: $V_1 \to y_1, \{y_2, y_3\} \to V_1$.

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. So $\partial_D(y_2, y_3) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase2: $\{y_2, y_3\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow y_1, \{y_1, y_3\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow y_2$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{-+-}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_3) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_3$, this means $V_3 \to y_3$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to y_2$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{-++}, y_i) \le 2$

where i=1,2,3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to y_2$. Since $\partial_D\left(y_i,V_3^{+--}\right) \le 2$ where i=1,2,3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D\left(y_i,V_3^{-+-}\right) \le 2$ where i=1,2,3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D\left(x_2,V_3^{+-+}\right) \le 2$, $\partial_D\left(x_1,V_3^{-++}\right) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D\left(x_2,V_3^{+-+}\right) \le 2$, $\partial_D\left(x_1,V_3^{-++}\right) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{-+-}$, $y_1 \to V_3^{-++}$, $y_2 \to V_3^{+--}$ and $y_2 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Let $\left|V_3^{+-+}\right| = q_1$, $\left|V_3^{-++}\right| = q_2$, $\left|V_3^{+--}\right| = q_3$ and $\left|V_3^{-+-}\right| = q_4$. If $q_1 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. If $q_4 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \le 1$, thus $\left|V_3\right| = q \le 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5 \le 6$. Subcase3: $\{y_2, y_3\} \to x_1 \to y_1, \{y_1, y_3\} \to x_2 \to y_2, \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_3 \to y_3$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-+-} = \emptyset$, thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3$

Subcase1: $\{y_2, y_3\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow y_1, y_3 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+++}, y_2 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+++} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{---} = \varnothing$, thus $V_3 = V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(y_1, z) \leq 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_3) \leq 2$, we have $y_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_3$, this means $y_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_3$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to y_2$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{-++}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to y_2$. Let $|V_3^{+--}| = q_1, |V_3^{+--}| = q_2, |V_3^{-++}| = q_3, |V_3^{+--}| = q_4$ and $|V_3^{-+-}| = q_5$. If $q_1 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 1$. If $q_2 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 1$. If $q_4 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \leq 1$. If $q_5 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_5 \leq 1$. Thus $|V_3^{-}| = q \leq 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5 \leq 6$. Subcase2: $\{y_2, y_3\} \to \{x_1, x_2\} \to y_1 \to x_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}$ and $y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$, thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{---}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{-++}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{+--} \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{-+-} \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D \left(x_2, V_3^{+-+} \right) \le 2$ and $\partial_D \left(x_1, V_3^{-++} \right) \le 2$, we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+-+}$ and $y_1 \to V_3^{-++}$. If $V_3^{+-+} \ne \emptyset$, then $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, x_3 \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $V_3^{+-+} \ne \emptyset$. Similarly, we have $V_3^{-++} \ne \emptyset$. Let $\left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{-+-} \right| = q_2$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--} \right]$, $F_1 = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{-+-} \right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_1} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| \le 1$

and $|V_3^{--}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 6 \le 6$.

Subcase3: $\{y_2, y_3\} \to x_1 \to y_1, \{y_1, y_3\} \to x_2 \to y_2, y_3 \to x_3 \to \{y_1, y_2\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+-+}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+-+} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$, thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{---}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_3) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_3$, this means $V_3 \rightarrow y_3$. Since $\partial_D\left(y_i, V_3^{+--}\right) \leq 2$, where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \rightarrow V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D\left(y_i, V_3^{-+-}\right) \leq 2$, where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{--+}) \le 2$, where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_1, y_2\} \to V_3^{--+}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+--}| = q_2, |V_3^{-+-}| = q_3, |V_3^{--+}| = q_4$ and $F = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_3\} \cup V_3^{++-}]$. Then F is an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ where $q_1 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_F(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. If $q_4 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{--+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6 \le 6$.

Subcase 4: $\{y_2, y_3\} \to x_1 \to y_1, \{y_1, y_3\} \to x_2 \to y_2, y_1 \to x_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-++} = \emptyset$, thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_1, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{-+-}) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, we have $y_2 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$, $\partial_D(x_1, V_3^{-+-}) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(V_3^{-+-}, x_2) \le 2$, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{+-+}$ and $y_1 \to V_3^{-+-} \to y_3$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{++-}| = q_2, |V_3^{-+-}| = q_3$ and $F = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \cup V_3^{++-}]$. Then F is an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ where $q_1 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_F(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$ and $|V_3^{---}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6 \le 6$.

In summary, it can be concluded that if f(K(3,3,q)) = 2, then $q \le 6$. Since when $q \le 6$, we have found an orientation of diameter 2 of K(3,3,q) in Lemma 3.1. Therefore, f(K(3,3,q)) = 2 if and only if $q \le 6$.

4. The oriented diameter of K(3, 4, q)

Lemma 4.1. For $4 \le q \le 11$, f(K(3, 4, q)) = 2.

Proof. When q = 11, let $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$ where $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| = 1$, $\left| V_3^{++-} \right| = \left| V_3^{+-+} \right| = 2$ and $|V_3^{+--}| = 6$. Orient K(3,4,11) as follows: $V_2 \rightarrow x_1, y_4 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}, y_1 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}, V_3^{+++} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_4\}, V_3^{+-+} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_4\}, V_3^{+-+} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_4\}$. For the set $\{y_2, y_3\}$, let it form a directed cycle of length four with the vertices in V_3^{++-} and V_3^{+-+} respectively. The orientation between V_2 and V_3^{+--} is the same as the orientation of K(4,6). Let D_{11} be the resulting orientation, it is easy to verify that diam $(D_{11}) = 2$.

When q = 10, let $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{---}$ where $\begin{vmatrix} V_3^{+++} \\ V_3^{-++} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} V_3^{-+-} \\ V_3^{-++} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} V_3^{-+-} \\ V_3^{-+-} \end{vmatrix} = 2$ and $V_3^{+++} = \{z_+\}$, $V_3^{---} = \{z_-\}$, $V_3^{+-+} = \{z_1, z_2\}$, $V_3^{-++} = \{z_3, z_4\}$, $V_3^{+--} = \{z_5, z_6\}$, $V_3^{-+-} = \{z_7, z_8\}$. Orient K(3, 4, 10) as follows: $\{y_3, y_4\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_3, y_4\}$, $V_3^{+++} \rightarrow V_2 \rightarrow V_3^{---}$, $\{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{-+-}$, $V_3^{-++} \rightarrow \{y_3, y_4\}$, $V_3^{+-} \rightarrow V_3^{---}$, $V_3^{-+-} \rightarrow V_3^{---}$, $V_3^{---} \rightarrow V_3^{$ it is easy to verify that $diam(D_{10}) = 2$.

Let D_9 be the orientation obtained by deleting vertex z-from the above orientation D_{10} , it is easy to verify diam $(D_9) = 2$, so f(K(3, 4, 9)) = 2.

Let D_8 be the orientation obtained by deleting vertex z_- and z_+ from the above orientation D_{10} , it is easy to verify diam $(D_8) = 2$, so f(K(3, 4, 8)) = 2.

Let D_7 be the orientation obtained by deleting vertex set $\{z_7, z_8\}$ and vertex z_- from the above orientation D_{10} , it is easy to verify diam $(D_7) = 2$, so f(K(3, 4, 7)) = 2.

Let D_6 be the orientation obtained by deleting vertex set $\{z_7, z_8\}$ and vertex z_+ , z_- from the above orientation D_{10} , it is easy to verify diam $(D_6) = 2$, so f(K(3,4,6)) = 2.

Let D_5 be the orientation obtained by deleting vertex set $\{z_1, z_2\}$, $\{z_7, z_8\}$ and vertex z_- from the above orientation D_{10} , it is easy to verify diam $(D_5) = 2$, so f(K(3,4,5)) = 2.

Let D_4 be the orientation obtained by deleting vertex set $\{z_1, z_2\}$, $\{z_7, z_8\}$ and vertex z_+, z_- from the above orientation D_{10} , it is easy to verify diam $(D_4) = 2$, so f(K(3, 4, 4)) = 2.

Theorem 4.2. *Suppose* $q \ge 4$ *, then*

$$f(K(3,4,q)) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } q \le 11; \\ 3, & \text{if } q > 11. \end{cases}$$

Proof. When $4 \le q \le 11$, we have shown in Lemma 4.1 that there exists an orientation of diameter 2 for K(3,4,q). When q > 11, we prove it by contradiction. Assuming f(K(3,4,q)) = 2 when q > 11, then K(3,4,q) has a strong orientation D with diameter diam(D) = 2. Let $V_1 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$, $V_2 = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4\}$ and $V_3 = \{z_1, z_2, \dots z_q\}$ be the three parts of the vertex set of K(3,4,q), and $i = |N_D^+(x_1) \cap V_2|$, $j = |N_D^+(x_2) \cap V_2|$, $k = |N_D^+(x_3) \cap V_2|$. For all $i, j, k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, we may suppose $i \le j \le k$ to avoid dealing with similar cases according to different order of the vertices in V_1 , so there are a total of 35 cases of (i, j, k), namely (0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 0, 2), (0, 0, 3), (0, 0, 4), (0, 1, 1), (0, 1, 2), (0, 1, 3), (0, 1, 4) (0, 2, 2), (0, 2, 3), (0, 2, 4), (0, 3, 3), (0, 3, 4), (0, 4, 4), (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2), (1, 1, 3), (1, 1, 4), (1, 2, 2), (1, 2, 3), (1, 2, 4), (1, 3, 3), (1, 3, 4), (1, 4, 4), (2, 2, 2), (2, 2, 3), (2, 2, 4), (2, 3, 3), (2, 3, 4), (2, 4, 4), (3, 3, 3), (3, 3, 4), (3, 4, 4) and (4, 4, 4).

The case (4,4,4) is the same as case (0,0,0) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D.

The case (3, 4, 4) is the same as case (0, 0, 1) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (3,3,4) is the same as case (0,1,1) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (3,3,3) is the same as case (1,1,1) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D.

The case (2,4,4) is the same as case (0,0,2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (2,3,4) is the same as case (0,1,2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (2,3,3) is the same as case (1,1,2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (2, 2, 4) is the same as case (0, 2, 2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (2,2,3) is the same as case (1,2,2) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1,4,4) is the same as case (0,0,3) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1,3,4) is the same as case (0,1,3) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1,3,3) is the same as case (1,1,3) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1,2,4) is the same as case (0,2,3) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (1, 1, 4) is the same as case (0, 3, 3) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (0,4,4) is the same as case (0,0,4) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

The case (0,3,4) is the same as case (0,1,4) by reversing directions of all the arcs in D and interchanging vertices x_1 and x_3 .

Thus, we have the following nineteen exhaustive cases Case(i,j,k)s to obtain the required contradiction. (1) Case (0,0,0). $V_2 \rightarrow V_1$.

Take any $x \in V_1, z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \le 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(2) Case (0,0,1). $V_2 \to \{x_1,x_2\}$, $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_3 \to y_1$.

Take any $x \in V_1 \setminus \{x_3\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \le 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \setminus \{x_3\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(3) Case(0,0,2). $V_2 \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\}, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}.$

Take any $x \in V_1 \setminus \{x_3\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \le 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \setminus \{x_3\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(4) Case(0, 0, 3). $V_2 \to \{x_1, x_2\}, y_4 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}.$

Take any $x \in V_1 \setminus \{x_3\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \le 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \setminus \{x_3\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(5) Case(0,0,4). $V_2 \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\}, x_3 \rightarrow V_2$.

Take any $x \in V_1 \setminus \{x_3\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x, z) \le 2$, then we have $x \to z$, this means $V_1 \setminus \{x_3\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(x_1, x_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(6) Case (0, 1, 1).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to \{x_2, x_3\} \to y_1$.

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$. So $\partial_D(y_2, y_3) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase 2: $V_2 \rightarrow x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow y_2$.

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. So $\partial_D(y_3, y_4) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

(7) Case (0, 1, 2).

Subcasse 1: $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_2 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_3 \to \{y_1, y_2\}.$

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. So $\partial_D(y_3, y_4) \geq 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase 2: $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_2 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+-}$, $y_4 \in V_2^{--}$ and $y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{-+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+-} = V_3^{-+} = V_3^{--} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_4$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++} \cup V_3^{+-} \cup V_3^{+-} \cup V_3^{+-}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \le 2$, then we have $V_3^{+-} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{++-}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D[V_2^{-+} \cup V_3^{++-}], F_2 = D[V_2^{-+} \cup V_3^{+--}]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_3 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3^{-}| = q \le 1 + 2 + 1 + 2 = 6 \le 11$. (8) Case (0, 1, 3).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \rightarrow x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow y_1, y_4 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-++}, y_4 \in V_2^{---}$ and $y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_4$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_4\} \cup V_3^{++-}], F_2 = D[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--}].$

Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(3,q_1)$ and $K(2,q_3)$ where $q_1,q_3 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 4$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}\left(z_i,z_j\right)=4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i,z_j\right)\geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 3$. If $q_2 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D\left(z_i,z_j\right)\geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 1$. If $q_3 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}\left(z_i,z_j\right)=4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i,z_j\right)\geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right|\leq 1$, thus $|V_3|=q\leq 1+3+1+2=7\leq 11$. Subcase 2: $V_2\to x_1,V_2\setminus\{y_1\}\to x_2\to y_1\to x_3\to V_2\setminus\{y_1\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-+-}$ and $y_2, y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \leq 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to \{y_2, y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{++-}) \leq 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \leq 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \leq 2$, then $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, x_3) \geq 3$, a contradiction, so $V_3^{+-+} = \emptyset$. Let $V_3^{++-} = y_1 = y_2$ and $V_3^{++-} = y_3 =$

(9) Case(0,1,4). $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_2 \to y_1, x_3 \to V_2$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_2, y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, x_3) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to x_3$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to x_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+-} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+--}| = q_2$ and $F_1 = D[V_2 \cup V_3^{++-}]$, $F_2 = D[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--}]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(4, q_1)$ and $K(3, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \le q$. If $q_1 > \binom{4}{4/2} = 6$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 6$. If $q_2 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 3$. Thus $|V_3| = q \le 6 + 3 = 9 \le 11$. (10) Case (0, 2, 2).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to \{x_2, x_3\} \to \{y_1, y_2\}.$

We know $y_1, y_2 \in V_2^{++}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \leq 2$, $\partial_D(z, y_3) \leq 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_4) \leq 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z, z \to y_3$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{++-}\right]$, $F_2 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+-+}\right]$, $F_3 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$. Then F_1, F_2 and are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$, $K(2, q_2)$ and $K(2, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_2, q_3 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 2$. If $q_2 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 2$. If $q_3 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \leq 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \leq 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 7 \leq 11$. Subcase 2: $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-+-}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^$

Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. If $q_3 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 3$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 2 + 3 = 8 \le 11$. Subcase 3: $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, V_2 \setminus \{y_3, y_4\} \to x_3 \to \{y_3, y_4\}.$

We know $y_1, y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to \{y_1, y_2\}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. Let $\left|V_3^{++-}\right| = q_1, \left|V_3^{+-+}\right| = q_2, \left|V_3^{+--}\right| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{++-}\right], F_2 = q_3$ $D\left[V_2^{-+-} \cup V_3^{+-+}\right]$, $F_3 = D\left[V_2 \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$. Then F_1 , F_2 and F_3 are respectively an orientation of $K(2,q_1)$, $K(2,q_2)$ and $K(4,q_3)$ where $q_1,q_2,q_3 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i,z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. If $q_3 > \binom{4}{4/2} = 6$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 6$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 2 + 6 = 11 \le 11$. (11) Case (0, 2, 3).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, y_4 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}.$

We know $y_1, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_4$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \rightarrow y_3$. Let $|V_3^{+--}| = q_1, |V_3^{+--}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = q_3$ $D\left[V_{2}\setminus\{y_{4}\}\cup V_{3}^{++-}\right], F_{2}=D\left[V_{2}^{-++}\cup V_{3}^{+-+}\right], F_{3}=D\left[V_{2}\setminus\{y_{4}\}\cup V_{3}^{+--}\right].$ Then F_{1}, F_{2} and F_{3} are respectively an orientation of $K(3,q_1)$, $K(2,q_2)$ and $K(3,q_3)$ where $q_1,q_2,q_3 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 3$. If $q_2 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. If $q_3 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3}\left(z_i, z_j\right) = 4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 3$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 3 + 2 + 3 = 9 \le 11$. Subcase 2: $V_2 \rightarrow x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}, y_1 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{-+-}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{-+-} = \emptyset$. $V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D (V_3^{+-+}, x_3) \le 2$ and $\partial_D (x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{+-+} \to y_1$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \cup V_3^{++-}], F_2 = D[V_2 \cup V_3^{+--}]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(3, q_1)$ and $K(4, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_3 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 3$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 1$. If $q_3 > \binom{4}{4/2} = 6$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 6$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 3 + 1 + 6 = 11 \le 11$. (12) Case(0,2,4). $V_2 \to x_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, x_3 \to V_2$.

We know $y_1, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(x_2, x_3) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to x_3$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to x_3$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+--}| = q_2$ and $F_1 = D[V_2 \cup V_3^{++-}], F_2 = D[V_2 \cup V_3^{+--}]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(4, q_1)$ and $K(4, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \le q$. If $q_1 > {4 \choose 4/2} = 6$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 6$.

If $q_2 > \binom{4}{4/2} = 6$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 6$. Since the orientation is unique when making f(K(4,6)) = 2, if $q_1 = q_2 = 6$, then there exists $z_i \in V_3^{++-}, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence we can get $q_1 \leq 5$ or $q_2 \leq 5$. The argument for these two cases are similar, so we may assume $q_2 \le 5$. Thus $|V_3| = q \le 6 + 5 = 11 \le 11$.

Subcase 1: $V_2 \rightarrow x_1, y_4 \rightarrow \{x_2, x_3\} \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}.$

We know $y_1, y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{-++} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(x_1, z) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $x_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $x_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_4$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{++-}\right]$, $F_2 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$, $F_3 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$. Then F_1, F_2 and F_3 are respectively an orientation of $K(3, q_3)$, $K(3, q_3)$ and $K(3, q_3)$ are respectively an orientation of $K(3, q_1)$, $K(3, q_2)$ and $K(3, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_2, q_3 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 3$. If $q_2 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in$ V_3^{+-+} such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 3$. If $q_3 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 3$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \le 1$, thus $\left|V_3\right| = q \le 1 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 10 \le 11$. Subcase 2: $V_2 \rightarrow x_1, y_4 \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}, y_1 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}.$

 $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, x_2) \le 2$, then we have $V_3^{++-} \rightarrow y_4$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, x_3 \right) \leq 2$, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \rightarrow y_1$. Let $\left| V_3^{++-} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{+-+} \right| = q_2, \left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{++-}\right], F_2 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+-+}\right], F_3 = D\left[V_2 \cup V_3^{+--}\right].$ Then F_1, F_2 and F_3 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$, $K(2, q_2)$ and $K(4, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_2, q_3 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in$ V_3^{+-+} such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. If $q_3 > \binom{4}{4/2} = 6$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 6$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 2 + 6 = 11 \le 11$. (14) Case (1, 1, 1).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow V_1 \rightarrow y_1$.

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$. So $\partial_D(y_2, y_3) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase 2: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow y_2$.

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. So $\partial_D(y_3, y_4) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase 3: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow y_2, V_2 \setminus \{y_3\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow y_3$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}$, $y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_4$, this means $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to \{y_1, y_2\}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_1, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{-++}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(x_3, V_3^{++-}) \le 2$, then we have $y_3 \to V_3^{++-}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+-+}) \le 2$, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{+-+}$. Since $\partial_D(x_1, V_3^{-++}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{-++}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2$ and $|V_3^{-++}| = q_3$. If $q_1 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 1$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1,

we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 \le 11$. (15) Case (1, 1, 2).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}.$

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. So $\partial_D(y_3, y_4) \geq 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase2: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_2, y_3\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}, y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_4$, this means $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{-++}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{-++}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D(x_2, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $|V_3^{-++}| = q_1, |V_3^{-++}| = q_2, |V_3^{+--}| = q_3, |V_3^{-+-}| = q_4$ and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--}\right]$, $F_2 = D\left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{-+-}\right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_3)$ and $K(2, q_4)$ where $q_3, q_4 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 1$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 2$. If $q_4 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 7 \le 11$. Subcase 3: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \to x_2 \to y_2, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_3 \to \{y_1, y_2\}$.

Take any $y \in V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y$, this means $V_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$. So $\partial_D(y_3, y_4) \geq 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase 4: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow y_2, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_2, y_3\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-+-} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{---}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to \{y_1, y_2\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to \{y_1, y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{-++}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3, y_4\}$. Let $\left| V_3^{++-} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{+++} \right| = q_2, \left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_3$ and $F = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{++-} \right]$. Then F is an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ where $q_1 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_F \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+++}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| \le 1$ and $\left| V_3^{--} \right| \le 1$, thus $\left| V_3 \right| = q \le 1 + 2 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6 \le 11$. (16) Case (1,1,3).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow y_1, y_4 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+++}, y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+++} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{+--}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D \left(y_1, z \right) \le 2$ and $\partial_D \left(z, y_4 \right) \le 2$, then we have $y_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $y_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{-++}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Let $\left| V_3^{++-} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_2, \left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_3, \left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_4, \left| V_3^{-+-} \right| = q_5$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--} \right], F_2 = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--} \right], F_3 = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{-+-} \right]$. Then F_1, F_2 and F_3 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$, $K(2, q_4)$ and $K(2, q_5)$ where $q_1, q_4, q_5 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \le 2$. If $q_5 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3} \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \le 2$. If $q_5 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3} \left(z_i, z_j \right) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_5 \le 2$. Thus $|V_3| = q \le 2 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 8 \le 11$. Subcase 2: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to \{x_1, x_2\} \to y_1 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}$ and $y_2, y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{-++}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{-++} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{--}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+++}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+++} \to \{y_2, y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{++-} \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{-+-} \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{-+-} \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Let $\left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_2, \left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_3, \left| V_3^{-+-} \right| = q_4$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{+--} \right]$, $F_2 = D \left[V_2^{--+} \cup V_3^{-+-} \right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(3, q_3)$ and $K(3, q_4)$ where $q_3, q_4 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 1$. If $q_3 \geq 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_1} \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 3$. If $q_4 \geq 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 3$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| \leq 1$ and $\left| V_3^{---} \right| \leq 1$, thus $\left| V_3 \right| = q \leq 1 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 3 + 1 = 10 \leq 11$. Subcase 3: $\left| V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \to x_2 \to y_2, y_4 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+-+}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+-+} = V_3^{-+} = V_3^{-+} = V_3^{-+} = V_3^{-+} = V_3^{-+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{-+-}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_4$, this means $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{-+-}) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+--}| = q_2, |V_3^{-+-}| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_4\} \cup V_3^{++-}], F_2 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+--}], F_3 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_4\} \cup V_3^{-+-}]$. Then F_1, F_2 and F_3 are respectively an orientation of $K(3, q_1), K(2, q_2)$ and $K(2, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_2, q_3 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 3$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. If $q_3 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 3 + 2 + 2 = 8 \le 11$. Subcase 4: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \to x_2 \to y_2, y_1 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-++} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{---}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to \{y_1, y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{-+-} \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_2 \to V_3^{-+-}$. Let $\left| V_3^{++-} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{+-+} \right| = q_2, \left| V_3^{-+-} \right| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \cup V_3^{++-} \right]$, $F_2 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_2\} \cup V_3^{-+-} \right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of

 $K(3,q_1)$ and $K(3,q_3)$ where $q_1,q_3 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 4$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}\left(z_i,z_j\right)=4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i,z_j\right)\geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1\leq 3$. If $q_2\geq 2$, then there exists $z_i,z_j\in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D\left(z_i,z_j\right)\geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2\leq 1$. If $q_3\geq 4$, then there exists $z_i,z_j\in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}\left(z_i,z_j\right)=4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i,z_j\right)\geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3\leq 3$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right|\leq 1$ and $\left|V_3^{---}\right|\leq 1$, thus $|V_3|=q\leq 1+3+1+3+1=9\leq 11$. (17) Case(1,2,2).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to \{x_2, x_3\} \to \{y_1, y_2\}.$

Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_3) \le 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_3$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $V_3 \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. So $\partial_D(y_3, y_4) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase 2: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, \{y_3, y_4\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, \{y_2, y_4\} \to x_3 \to \{y_1, y_3\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+++}, y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+++} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-+-} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{-+-}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(y_1, z) \leq 2$ and $\partial_D(z, y_4) \leq 2$, then we have $y_1 \to z$ and $z \to y_4$, this means $y_1 \to V_3$ and $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{++-}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_3$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{-++}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{++-}| = q_2, |V_3^{-++}| = q_3, |V_3^{+--}| = q_4$ and $F = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+--}]$. Then F is an orientation of $K(2, q_4)$ where $q_4 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 1$. If $q_3 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 1$. If $q_4 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \leq 2$. Thus $|V_3| = q \leq 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 5 \leq 11$.

Subcase 3: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, \{y_3, y_4\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, \{y_1, y_4\} \to x_3 \to \{y_2, y_3\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-+-} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{-+-}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_4$, this means $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to y_3$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{+--}) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{-+-}) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_1, y_2\} \to V_3^{-+-}$. Let $|V_3^{+-+}| = q_1, |V_3^{+--}| = q_2, |V_3^{-+-}| = q_3$ and $|F_1 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_3, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+-+}], F_2 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+--}]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 6 \le 11$. Subcase 4: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, \{y_3, y_4\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_3 \to \{y_3, y_4\}$.

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}, y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{---} \cup V_3^{---}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_2, y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{+--} \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $y_1 \to V_3^{+--}$. Let $\left| V_3^{+-+} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_2, \left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_3$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_3, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+-+} \right]$, $F_2 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \cup V_3^{+--} \right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(3, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_3 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 2$. If $q_2 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 1$. If $q_3 \geq 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_F \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 3$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| \leq 1$ and $\left| V_3^{---} \right| \leq 1$, thus

 $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 1 + 3 + 1 = 8 \le 11.$ Subcase 5: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \to \{x_2, x_3\} \to \{y_2, y_3\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}, y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{---} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{-+-}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_4) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y_4$, this means $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D(V_3^{+-+}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_2, y_3\} \to V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{-+}) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_2, y_3\} \to V_3^{--+}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{+-+}| = q_2, |V_3^{-+-}| = q_3, |V_3^{--+}| = q_4$ and $F_1 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{++-}\right], F_2 = D\left[V_2^{-++} \cup V_3^{+-+}\right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 2$. If $q_2 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 1$. If $q_4 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 1$. If $q_4 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 1$. If $q_4 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \leq 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \leq 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \leq 1 + 2 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 7 \leq 11$.

Subcase 6: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, \{y_1, y_4\} \to x_2 \to \{y_2, y_3\}, \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_3 \to \{y_3, y_4\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}$, $y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}$, $y_3 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-++} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{---}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+--} \to \{y_1, y_2\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_1, y_2\}$. Let $\left| V_3^{++-} \right| = q_1$, $\left| V_3^{+-+} \right| = q_2$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \cup V_3^{++-} \right]$, $F_2 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+-+} \right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 2$. If $q_2 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| \leq 1$ and $\left| V_3^{---} \right| \leq 1$, thus $\left| V_3 \right| = q \leq 1 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 6 \leq 11$. (18) Case (1, 2, 3).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}, y_4 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+++}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+++} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^$

Subcase 2: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}, y_2 \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow V_2 \setminus \{y_2\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+++}, y_2 \in V_2^{+-}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{-++}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+++} = V_3^{-+} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-+} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{--}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D (y_1, z) \leq 2$, then we have $y_1 \to z$, this means $y_1 \to V_3$. Since $\partial_D (V_3^{++-}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_2$. Since $\partial_D (V_3^{-++}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D (V_3^{-++}, y_i) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_2, y_3, y_4\}$. Let $|V_3^{++-}| = q_1, |V_3^{++-}| = q_2, |V_3^{-++}| = q_3, |V_3^{+--}| = q_4$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \cup V_3^{++-} \right], F_2 = D \left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \cup V_3^{+--} \right]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of

 $K(2,q_1)$ and $K(3,q_4)$ where $q_1,q_4 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i,z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i,z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i,z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 1$. If $q_3 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i,z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \le 1$. If $q_4 \ge 4$, then there exists $z_i,z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i,z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i,z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \le 3$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{---}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 2 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 1 = 8 \le 11$. Subcase 3: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1,y_2\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1,y_2\}$, $y_1 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}$.

Subcase 3: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to x_2 \to \{y_1, y_2\}, y_1 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}, y_2 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-+++} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-+++} = V_3^{-+++} = V_3^{-+++} = V_3^{-++++} = V_3^{-$

Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$ and $|V_3^{--}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 9 \le 11$. Subcase 4: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_2 \to \{y_2, y_3\}, y_4 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_4\}$. We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+-}, y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{-+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{--}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+-} = V_3^{++} = V_3^{-+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++} \cup V_3^{+-} \cup V_3^{+-} \cup V_3^{-+} \cup V_3^{-+} \cup V_3^{-+}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_4) \le 2$, then we have $z \to y_4$, this means $z \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4$ since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4 \to y_4$. Since $z \to y_4 \to$

Subcase 5: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_2 \to \{y_2, y_3\}, y_2 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_2\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+-+}, y_2 \in V_2^{-+-}, y_3 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+-+} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^{-+-} =$

Subcase 6: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \to x_1 \to y_1, V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \to x_2 \to \{y_2, y_3\}, y_1 \to x_3 \to V_2 \setminus \{y_1\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+--}, y_2, y_3 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{---} \cup V_3^{---}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to y_1$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+--} \to V_3^{---} = 0$. Let $V_3^{---} \to V_3^{---} = 0$. Let $V_3^{---} \to V_3^{---} = 0$. Let $V_3^{---} \to V_3^{---} = 0$.

and $F_1 = D\left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1\} \cup V_3^{++-}\right]$, $F_2 = D\left[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+-+}\right]$, $F_3 = D\left[V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_3\} \cup V_3^{-+-}\right]$. Then F_1, F_2 and F_3 are respectively an orientation of $K(3, q_1)$, $K(2, q_2)$ and $K(2, q_3)$ where $q_1, q_2, q_3 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 4$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}\left(z_i, z_j\right) = 4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 3$. If $q_2 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}\left(z_i, z_j\right) = 4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 2$. If $q_3 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_{F_3}\left(z_i, z_j\right) = 4$, so $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \leq 1$ and $\left|V_3^{---}\right| \leq 1$, thus $\left|V_3\right| = q \leq 1 + 3 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 9 \leq 11$. (19) Case (2, 2, 2).

Subcase 1: $V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_2\} \to V_1 \to \{y_1, y_2\}.$

Take any $y \in \{y_1, y_2\}$ and $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(y, z) \le 2$, then we have $y \to z$, this means $\{y_1, y_2\} \to V_3$. So $\partial_D(y_1, y_2) \ge 3$, a contradiction.

Subcase 2: $\{y_3, y_4\} \rightarrow \{x_1, x_2\} \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}, \{y_2, y_4\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_3\}.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+++}, y_2 \in V_2^{++-}, y_3 \in V_2^{--+}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+++} = V_3^{++-} = V_3^{--+} = V_3^$

We know $y_1, y_2 \in V_2^{++-}$ and $y_3, y_4 \in V_2^{--+}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{+-+} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{+--} \cup V_3^{---} \cup V_3^{---}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{-++}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{+--} \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_1, y_2\} \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{-+-} \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_1, y_2\} \to V_3^{-+-}$. Let $\left| V_3^{+-+} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_2, \left| V_3^{+--} \right| = q_3, \left| V_3^{-+-} \right| = q_4$ and $F_1 = D \left[V_2^{++-} \cup V_3^{++-} \right], F_2 = D \left[V_2^{++-} \cup V_3^{-++} \right], F_3 = D \left[V_2^{-+} \cup V_3^{+--} \right], F_4 = D \left[V_2^{-+} \cup V_3^{-+-} \right]$. Then F_1, F_2, F_3 and F_4 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$, $K(2, q_2)$, $K(2, q_3)$ and $K(2, q_4)$ where $q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4 \leq q$. If $q_1 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_1} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 2$. If $q_2 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_2} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 2$. If $q_4 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 2$. If $q_4 \geq 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_{F_3} \left(z_i, z_j \right) = 4$, so $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_4 \leq 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| \leq 1$ and $\left| V_3^{---} \right| \leq 1$, thus $\left| V_3 \right| = q \leq 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 10 \leq 11$. Subcase 4: $\left| y_3, y_4 \right| \to x_1 \to \left| y_1, y_2 \right|, \left| y_2, y_4 \right| \to x_2 \to \left| y_1, y_3 \right|, \left| y_2, y_3 \right| \to x_3 \to \left| y_1, y_4 \right|.$

We know $y_1 \in V_2^{+++}, y_2 \in V_2^{+--}, y_3 \in V_2^{-+-}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{-++}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{+++} = V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-+-} = V_3^{-+-} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{++-} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{-++} \cup V_3^{---}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D \left(y_1, z \right) \leq 2$, then we have $y_1 \to z$, this means $y_1 \to V_3$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{++-}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{++-} \to \{y_2, y_3\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{-++}, y_i \right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $V_3^{-++} \to \{y_3, y_4\}$. Let $\left| V_3^{+++} \right| = q_1, \left| V_3^{+-+} \right| = q_2$ and $\left| V_3^{-++} \right| = q_3$. If $q_1 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{++-}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 1$. If $q_3 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_D \left(z_i, z_j \right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 1$. If $q_3 \geq 2$, then there exists

 $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-++}$ such that $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{---}\right| \leq 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 \le 11$.

Subcase 5: $\{y_3, y_4\} \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}, \{y_2, y_4\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_3\}, \{y_1, y_4\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_2, y_3\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}, y_2 \in V_2^{+-+}, y_3 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{---}$. By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{--+} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{--+}$. Take any $z \in V_3$, since $\partial_D(z, y_4) \leq 2$, then we have $z \to y_4$, this means $V_3 \to y_4$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{+--} \right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_1, y_2\} \to V_3^{+--}$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{-+-}) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_1, y_3\} \to V_3^{-+-}$. Since $\partial_D(y_i, V_3^{--+}) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_2, y_3\} \to V_3^{--+}$. Let $|V_3^{+--}| = q_1, |V_3^{-+-}| = q_2$ and $|V_3^{--+}| = q_3$. If $q_1 \ge 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+--}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \leq 1$. If $q_2 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \leq 1$. If $q_3 \geq 2$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{--+}$ such that $\partial_D\left(z_i, z_j\right) \geq 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_3 \leq 1$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $\left|V_3^{+++}\right| \leq 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4 \le 11$.

Subcase 6: $\{y_3, y_4\} \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_2\}, \{y_2, y_4\} \rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow \{y_1, y_3\}, \{y_1, y_2\} \rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow \{y_3, y_4\}.$ We know $y_1 \in V_2^{++-}, y_2 \in V_2^{+--}, y_3 \in V_2^{-++}$ and $y_4 \in V_2^{--+}.$ By Lemma 2.1, we can get $V_3^{++-} = V_3^{+--} = V_3^{-++} = V_3^{-++} = \emptyset$. Thus $V_3 = V_3^{+++} \cup V_3^{-+-} \cup V_3^{---}.$ Since $\partial_D \left(V_3^{+-+}, y_i\right) \leq 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, 3then we have $V_3^{+-+} \to \{y_2, y_4\}$. Since $\partial_D \left(y_i, V_3^{-+-}\right) \le 2$ where i = 1, 2, 3, then we have $\{y_1, y_3\} \to V_3^{-+-}$. Let $|V_3^{+-+}| = q_1$, $|V_3^{+-+}| = q_2$ and $F_1 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_2, y_4\} \cup V_3^{+-+}]$, $F_2 = D[V_2 \setminus \{y_1, y_3\} \cup V_3^{-+-}]$. Then F_1 and F_2 are respectively an orientation of $K(2, q_1)$ and $K(2, q_2)$ where $q_1, q_2 \le q$. If $q_1 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{+-+}$ such that $\partial_{F_1}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_1 \le 2$. If $q_2 \ge 3$, then there exists $z_i, z_j \in V_3^{-+-}$ such that $\partial_{F_2}(z_i, z_j) = 4$, so $\partial_D(z_i, z_j) \ge 3$, a contradiction. Hence $q_2 \le 2$. By Lemma 2.1, we also have $|V_3^{+++}| \le 1$ and $|V_3^{---}| \le 1$, thus $|V_3| = q \le 1 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 6 \le 11$.

In summary, it can be concluded that if f(K(3,4,q)) = 2, then $q \le 11$. Since when $q \le 11$, we have found an orientation of diameter 2 of K(3,4,q) in Lemma 4.1. Therefore, f(K(3,4,q)) = 2 if and only if $q \le 11$.

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