

## Five Cycles are Highly Ramsey Infinite

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ABSTRACT. In a previous paper, the author proved that all odd cycles, except five cycles, are highly Ramsey-infinite. In this paper, we fill in the missing case, and show that five cycles are highly Ramsey-infinite.

### 1. Introduction

All graphs in this paper are simple, finite and undirected. For graphs  $G$ , and  $H$ , and an integer  $r$ ,  $G$  is  $r$ -Ramsey for  $H$ , if any arbitrary colouring of the edges of  $G$  with  $r$  colours, yields a copy of  $H$  all edges of which are the same colour. A graph  $G$  is  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal for  $H$  if it is  $r$ -Ramsey for  $H$  but no proper subgraph of  $G$  is.  $H$  is  $r$ -Ramsey-infinite if there are infinitely many graphs  $G$  that are  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal for  $H$ . In [4, 5] Nes etřil and R odl started to characterise which graphs are 2-Ramsey-infinite. The full characterisation proceeded in many steps, but was completed in the 1990s in [3] and [6]. The non-symmetric version of the problem is still open, and significant progress was made relatively recently in [1]. For a more thorough list of references see [1] and [7].

In [2], a stronger version of ‘Ramsey-infinite’ was introduced. They showed that for any 3-connected graph  $H$ , there is a constant  $c$  such that for large enough  $n$ , there are at least  $2^{cn \log n}$  graphs on at most  $n$  vertices that are 2-Ramsey-minimal for  $H$ . In [7] we took this a step further. A graph  $H$  is *highly  $r$ -Ramsey-infinite* if for some constant  $c$ , and large enough  $n$ , there are at least  $2^{cn^2}$  non-isomorphic graphs on at most  $n$  vertices that are  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal for  $H$ .

In [7] it was shown that for  $k \geq 3$  and  $r \geq 2$  the clique  $K_k$  is highly  $r$ -Ramsey-infinite. In [8] it was shown that for odd  $g \geq 7$  and  $r \geq 2$  the cycle  $C_g$  is highly  $r$ -Ramsey-infinite. In this paper, we fill in the missing case and prove the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** *For all integers  $r \geq 2$ ,  $C_5$  is highly  $r$ -Ramsey-infinite.*

We remark that the main construction shares an underlying idea with the main

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constructions in [7] and [8], but is considerably simpler, and with only small changes can be made to replace them both.

## 2. Notation and definitions

We identify a graph  $G$  with its edgeset  $E(G)$ . We let  $[r]$  denote the set  $\{1, \dots, r\}$ . Given a function  $\phi$  defined on a set  $S$  we let  $\phi(S)$  denote the set  $\{\phi(s) \mid s \in S\}$ . An  $r$ -colouring of a graph  $G$  is a mapping from the edges to the set  $[r]$ . An  $r$ -colouring of a graph  $G$  is  $C_5$ -free if there is no monochromatic copy of  $C_5$  in  $G$ , that is, there is no copy of  $C_5$  all of whose edges get the same colour. We will frequently index vertices ‘modulo  $m$ ’, for some integer  $m$ ; when we do this, we use the symbols  $1, \dots, m, m-1$ , instead of  $0, \dots, m-1$ .

The following alternate definition of *highly  $r$ -Ramsey-infinite* was shown implicitly in both [7] and [8], and is easier to work with.

**Lemma 2.1.** *A graph  $H$  is highly  $r$ -Ramsey-infinite if there is some constant  $c$  such that for all odd  $m \geq 3$  there are  $2^{m^2}$  different labelled graphs on at most  $c \cdot m$  vertices that are  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal for  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed let  $H$  be as in the statement of the lemma. Let  $c' = 1/8c^2$ , and  $n_0 > 3c$  be large enough that  $2^{2c'n_0^2}/n_0! > 2^{c'n_0^2}$ . Given  $n > n_0$ , let  $m$  be the maximum odd integer for which  $c \cdot m \leq n$ . So  $m \geq \frac{n}{2c}$ .

By assumption, there are at least  $2^{m^2}$  different labelled graphs on at most  $c \cdot m \leq n$  vertices that are  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal for  $H$ . So there are at least

$$\frac{2^{m^2}}{n!} \geq \frac{2^{(n/2c)^2}}{n!} = \frac{2^{2c'n^2}}{n!} > 2^{c'n^2}$$

non-isomorphic such graphs. Thus  $H$  is  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal.  $\square$

## 3. Gadgets

We will use the following graphs whose existence was proved in [8].

**Definition 3.1.** For  $r \geq 2$ , a *negative signal sender*  $S = S_r^-$  is a graph containing *signal edges*  $e$  and  $f$ , and satisfying the following properties.

- i.  $S$  has a  $C_5$ -free  $r$ -colouring.
- ii. Under any  $C_5$ -free  $r$ -colouring of  $S$ ,  $e$  and  $f$  get different colours.
- iii.  $S$  has girth 5 and the distance between  $e$  and  $f$  in  $S$  is 6.

A *positive signal sender*  $S = S_r^+$  is defined similarly, but we replace the word ‘different’ in (ii) with ‘the same’.

We will often use these senders in constructions in the following way. Given a graph  $G$  with edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  we will take a copy  $S$  of  $S_r^-$  (or  $S_r^+$ ) disjoint from  $G$ , and we will identify the edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  with the edges  $e$  and  $f$  of  $S$ , respectively.

When we do this we say that we ‘connect the edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  with a negative (positive) sender.’ We will usually connect several pairs of edges with senders, it is always assumed that these senders are all distinct and disjoint.

The following was proved in [8] as an immediate consequence of property (iii) in Definition 3.1.

**Proposition 3.2.** *Given a graph  $G$  with edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ , when we connect the edges  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  with a negative or positive sender  $S$ , there are no cycles of length five or less, that are not entirely within  $G$  or entirely within  $S$ .*

In [8], senders were used to construct the following more general gadget. It was constructed for  $r$  colours, but we only need it for 2.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $\Gamma \subset \{\nu \mid \nu : W \rightarrow [2]\}$  be a set of 2-colourings of a set  $W$ , which is closed under permutation of  $[2]$ . There exists a graph  $M$  with the following properties.*

- i.  $W \subset M (= E(M))$*
- ii. A mapping  $\nu : W \rightarrow [2]$  can be extended to a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $M$  if and only if  $\nu$  is in  $\Gamma$ .*
- iii.  $M$  has girth 5 and the distance between any two edges of  $W$  is at least 6*

The following comes from an easy application of Lemma 3.3.

**Corollary 3.4.** *There exists a graph  $N$  containing signal edges  $e, f$  and  $f'$  and satisfying the following properties.*

- i. A 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $\{e, f, f'\}$  can be extended to a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $N$ , if and only if  $\phi(\{f, f'\}) \neq \phi(e)$ .*
- ii.  $N$  has girth 5 and the distance between any two signal edges is at least 6.*

The following follows from property (ii) of Corollary 3.4 just as 3.2 follows from property (iii) of Definition 3.1.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Given a graph  $G$  and the graph  $N$  from Corollary 3.4 we introduce no new cycles of length five or less by identifying the edges  $e, f$  and  $f'$  of  $N$  with edges of  $G$ .*

**Lemma 3.6.** *For every odd integer  $m \geq 3$ , there exists a graph  $T = T(m)$  containing signal edges  $f_*, f_1, \dots, f_m$  and satisfying the following properties. (All indices in the lemma and the proof are modulo  $m$ .)*

- i. For every  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $T$  with  $\phi(f_*) = 1$  there is some  $\alpha \in [m]$  such that  $\phi(f_\alpha) = \phi(f_{\alpha+1}) = 2$ .*
- ii. For every  $\alpha \in [m]$  there is a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $T$  with  $\phi(f_*) = 1$  such that  $\phi(f_i) \neq \phi(f_{i+1})$  for all  $i \neq \alpha$ .*
- iii. There exists some constant  $c_T$ , independent of  $m$ , such that  $|V(T)| \leq c_T m$ .*

*Proof.* For  $i = 1, \dots, m$  let  $N_i$  be a copy of the graph  $N$  given by Corollary 3.4. Let  $e_i, f_i$  and  $f'_i$  be the copies of  $e, f$ , and  $f'$  respectively in  $N_i$ . Construct  $T$  from the disjoint graphs  $N_1, \dots, N_m$  and a disjoint edge  $f_*$  by identifying  $e_i$  with  $f_*$ , and  $f_i$  with  $f'_{i+1}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

We verify that this graph  $T$  satisfies properties (i - iii). Let  $\phi$  be a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $T$  with  $\phi(f_*) = 1$ . For every  $i \in [m]$ , as  $\phi(e_i) = \phi(f_*) = 1$ , at least one of the edges  $f_i$  and  $f_{i+1} = f'_i$  get colour 2. So at least half of the edges  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  get colour 2. As  $m$  is odd, this gives property (i).

For property (ii), let  $\alpha \in [m]$  be fixed. Define a 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $T$  as follows. Let  $\phi(f_*) = 1$ , and let  $\phi(f_i) = 2$  for  $i = \alpha, \alpha + 1, \alpha + 3, \dots, \alpha + (m - 2)$  (modulo  $m$ ), and  $\phi(f_i) = 1$  otherwise. For each  $i \in [m] \setminus \{\alpha\}$ ,  $\phi(f_i)$  and  $\phi(f_{i+1})$  are not both 1, so by property (i) of Corollary 3.4 there is an extension of  $\phi$  to a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $N_i$ ; let  $\phi$  be extended by this extension. By Proposition 3.5, any copy of  $C_5$  in  $T$  is entirely within one of the graphs  $N_1, \dots, N_m$ . Thus this is a  $C_5$ -free colouring of  $T$ .

Property (iii) follows from the fact that  $T$  is built from  $m$  copies of the graph  $N$  from Corollary 3.4, which does not depend on  $m$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.1

In the first two subsections of this section we construct auxillary graphs  $G_0$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ . In the third subsection we use them to construct  $2^{m^2}$  different graphs that are 2-Ramsey for  $C_5$ . In the final subsection, we prove Theorem 1.1 by induction on  $r$ , using the graphs from the earlier subsections for the base case  $r = 2$ .

##### 4.1. The Graph $G_0$

Let  $P$  be the 3-path  $p_1xyp_2$ . We define four colourings  $\phi_{11}, \phi_{12}, \phi_{21}$  and  $\phi_{22}$  of  $P$  by

$$\phi_{ij}(p_1x) = i \quad \phi_{ij}(xy) = j \quad \phi_{ij}(yp_2) = i.$$

Let these colourings be defined similarly on any copy of  $P$ .

Let  $C$  consist of vertices  $\{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$  with  $c_\alpha$  and  $c_{\alpha+1}$  (modulo 3) connected by a copy  $P_\alpha$  of  $P$  for each  $\alpha \in [3]$ . (So  $C$  is a 9-cycle.) For  $i, j \in [2]$ , let  $\phi_{ij}$  be the colouring on  $C$  that restricts to  $\phi_{ij}$  on each of  $P_1, P_2$ , and  $P_3$ . Let  $E$  be the set of 6 possible edges between  $\{p_1, p_2\}$  and  $\{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$ . Let  $G_0 = P \cup C \cup E$ .

**Claim 4.1.** *The graph  $G_0$  satisfies the following properties.*

- i. There is no  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $G_0$  that restricts to  $\phi_{11}$  on  $P$  and to  $\phi_{22}$  on  $C$ , or vice-versa.*
- ii. Any 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $P \cup C$  that restricts on  $P$  or  $C$  to  $\phi_{12}$  or  $\phi_{21}$ , can be extended to a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $G_0$ .*
- iii. For any  $e \in E$ , the 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $P \cup C$  which restricts to  $\phi_{11}$  on  $P$  and  $\phi_{22}$  on  $C$ , extends to a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $G_e = G_0 \setminus \{e\}$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Assume that there is such a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $G_0$ . By considering, for  $\alpha \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , the subgraph of  $G_0$  induced by the vertices of  $C$  and  $P_\alpha$ , it is not hard to check that  $\phi$  must have different colours on  $p_1c_\alpha$  and  $p_1c_{\alpha+1}$ . So

$$\phi(p_1c_1) \neq \phi(p_1c_2) \neq \phi(p_1c_3) \neq \phi(p_1c_1).$$

But,  $\phi$  being a 2-colouring, this means that  $\phi(p_1c_1) \neq \phi(p_1c_1)$ , which is impossible.

(ii) Let  $\phi$  restrict on  $C$  to either  $\phi_{12}$  or  $\phi_{21}$ . If  $\phi$  restricts on  $P$  to  $\phi_{11}$  let  $\phi(E) = 2$ , otherwise, let  $\phi(E) = 1$ . It is easy to verify that this  $\phi$  is  $C_5$ -free. Similarly, let  $\phi$  restrict on  $P$  to either  $\phi_{12}$  or  $\phi_{21}$ . If  $\phi$  restricts on  $C$  to  $\phi_{11}$  let  $\phi(E) = 2$ , otherwise, let  $\phi(E) = 1$ .

(iii) Assume, without loss of generality, that  $e = p_1c_1$ . Extend  $\phi$  to  $E \setminus \{e\}$  as follows. Let  $\phi$  have colour 1 on  $p_1c_3$  and  $p_2c_2$  and colour 2 on all other edges in  $E \setminus \{e\}$ . One can check that this is a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $G_e$ .  $\square$

## 4.2. The Graph $\mathcal{G}^*$

For any copy  $C'$  of  $C$  and  $P'$  of  $P$ , refer to the edges that get colour 1 under the colouring  $\phi_{12}$  as ‘1-edges’, and the edges that get colour 2 under  $\phi_{12}$  as ‘2-edges’.

Let odd  $m \geq 3$  be fixed. Let  $T^C$  and  $T^P$  be copies of the graph  $T(m)$  from Lemma 3.6. For  $i = 0, \dots, m$ , let  $f_i^C$  and  $f_i^P$  be the copies of  $f_i$  in  $T^C$  and  $T^P$  respectively. For  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , let  $C^i$  be a copy of  $C$ , and let  $P^i$  and  $Q^i$  be copies of  $P$ .

To construct  $\mathcal{G}^*$  from the disjoint graphs  $T^P, T^C, C^i, P^i$  and  $Q^i$ , join  $f_0^C$  and  $f_0^P$  with a negative sender, and for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , do the following (indices modulo  $m$ ).

- Join the 1-edges in  $C^i$  to  $f_i^C$ , and the 2-edges in  $C^i$  to  $f_{i+1}^C$  with positive senders.
- Join the 1-edges in  $P^i$  and  $Q^i$  to  $f_i^P$ , and the 2-edges in  $P^i$  and  $Q^i$  to  $f_{i+1}^P$  with positive senders.

We now observe some properties of  $\mathcal{G}^*$  which are almost immediate from the construction, and the corresponding properties of  $T$  listed in Lemma 3.6.

**Claim 4.2.**  $\mathcal{G}^*$  has the following properties.

- i. For any  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{G}^*$  with  $\phi(f_0^C) = 1$  there exist  $\alpha, \beta \in [m]$  such that  $\phi$  restricts on  $C^\alpha$  to  $\phi_{22}$  and on  $P^\beta$  and  $Q^\beta$  to  $\phi_{11}$ .
- ii. For any choice of  $\alpha, \beta \in [m]$  there is a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{G}^*$ , with  $\phi(f_0^C) = 1$ , that restricts on  $C^i, P^j$  and  $Q^j$  to  $\phi_{12}$  or  $\phi_{21}$  for all  $i \neq \alpha$  and  $j \neq \beta$ .
- iii. There exists some constant  $c$  independent of  $m$ , such that  $|V(\mathcal{G}^*)| < cm$ .

*Proof.* For item (i), let  $\phi$  be a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of  $\mathcal{G}^*$  with  $\phi(f_0^C) = 1$ . By Lemma 3.6 (i), there exists  $\alpha \in [m]$  such that  $\phi(f_\alpha^C) = \phi(f_{\alpha+1}^C) = 2$ . As  $\phi$  is  $C_5$ -free on

the positive senders connecting these edges to  $C^\alpha$ ,  $\phi$  restricts on  $C^\alpha$  to  $\phi_{22}$ . The sender from  $f_0^C$  to  $f_0^P$  ensures that  $\phi(f_0^P) = 2$ , and so we can argue similarly that for some  $\beta \in [m]$ ,  $\phi$  restricts on  $P^\beta$  and  $Q^\beta$  to  $\phi_{11}$ .

Item (ii) follows from item (ii) of Lemma 3.6 just as (i) followed from (i) of Lemma 3.6.

Item (iii) follows from property (iii) of Lemma 3.6 and the fact that  $\mathcal{G}^*$  consists of two copies of  $T$  and  $15 \cdot m + 1$  senders. Indeed,  $c = 2c_T + 16s$  is sufficient, where  $s$  is number of vertices of the largest sender used.  $\square$

### 4.3. The Graph $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{J})$

For copies  $C'$  of  $C$  and  $P'$  of  $P$ , we say we ‘complete  $C'$  and  $P'$  to a copy of  $G_0$ ’ to mean we add all edges between the copies of  $c_1, c_2$ , and  $c_3$  in  $C'$  and the copies of  $p_1$ , and  $p_2$  in  $P'$ .

For any set  $\mathcal{J} = (I_1, \dots, I_m)$  of subsets of  $[m]$  construct  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{J})$  from  $\mathcal{G}^*$ , by adding only edges, as follows.

For each  $i, j \in [m]$

- complete  $C^i$  and  $P^j$  to a copy of  $G_0$  if  $i \in I_j$ , and
- complete  $C^i$  and  $Q^j$  to a copy of  $G_0$  otherwise.

Let  $E^{ij}$  be the edges added between  $C^i$  and  $P^j$  or  $Q^j$ . Let  $E^{\mathcal{J}} = \mathcal{G} \setminus \mathcal{G}^*$  be the union of all the  $E^{ij}$ .

**Claim 4.3.**  $\mathcal{G}$  is 2-Ramsey for  $C_5$ .

*Proof.* Towards contradiction, assume that there is a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . By item (i) of Claim 4.2, there are  $\alpha, \beta \in [m]$  such that  $\phi$  restricts on  $C^\alpha$  to  $\phi_{22}$  and on  $P^\beta$  and  $Q^\beta$  to  $\phi_{11}$ , (or vice versa). By construction  $C^\alpha$  and either  $P^\beta$  or  $Q^\beta$  induce a copy of  $G_0$ , and so  $\phi$  restricted to this copy of  $G_0$  contradicts item (i) of Claim 4.1.  $\square$

**Claim 4.4.** For any edge  $e$  of  $E^{\mathcal{J}}$ ,  $\mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$  has a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring.

*Proof.* Assume, without loss of generality, that  $e$  is in  $E^{11}$ . We define a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$ .

By item (ii) of Claim 4.2 there is a 2-colouring of  $\mathcal{G}^*$  that restricts on  $C^1$  to  $\phi_{11}$ , on  $P^1$  and  $Q^1$  to  $\phi_{22}$ , and on all other  $C^i, P^j$  and  $Q^j$  to  $\phi_{12}$  or  $\phi_{21}$ . Define  $\phi$  to restrict to such a colouring on  $\mathcal{G}^*$ .

For every  $i, j \in [m]$  with not both  $i, j = 1$ , there is, by item (ii) of Claim 4.1, a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of the copy of  $G_0$  in  $\mathcal{G}^*$  induced by the vertices of  $C^i \cup P^j \cup Q^j$ , which agrees with  $\phi$  on  $C^i, P^j$  and  $Q^j$ . Define  $\phi$  on  $E^{ij}$  to agree with this colouring.

By item (iii) of Claim 4.1 there is a  $C_5$ -free 2-colouring of the graph induced by  $C^1 \cup P^1 \cup Q^1$  (a copy of  $G_0$  less an edge of  $E$ ), which agrees with  $\phi$  on  $C^1, P^1$  and  $Q^1$ . Define  $\phi$  on  $E^{11}$  to agree with this colouring.

We now show that this 2-colouring  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{G} \setminus \{e\}$  is  $C_5$ -free. By construction it is  $C_5$ -free on  $\mathcal{G}^*$  and on the (partial) copies of  $G_0$  induced by any  $C^i$  and any  $P^j$

or  $Q^j$ . So we show that the only copies of  $C_5$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  are entirely within one of these graphs. Let  $C_0$  be a copy of  $C_5$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  not entirely within  $\mathcal{G}^*$ . As  $E^{\mathcal{J}}$  is bipartite,  $C_0$  must contain edges of  $\mathcal{G}^*$ . As the vertices of  $\mathcal{G}^*$  that are incident to edges of  $E^{\mathcal{J}}$  are distance at least 6 apart, unless they are the endpoints in a copy of the 3-path  $P$  in one of  $C^i, P^j$  or  $Q^j$ ,  $C_0$  must intersect  $\mathcal{G}^*$  in one of these paths. Thus it is entirely within the copy of  $G_0$  induced by some  $C^i$  and some  $P^j$  or  $Q^j$ .  $\square$

#### 4.4. The proof of Theorem 1.1

The proof is by induction on  $r$ . The most difficult part, the base case  $r = 2$  is almost done. Indeed, let  $c_2$  be the constant  $c$  from Claim 4.2 (iii). By Lemma 2.1 it is enough to show that for odd  $m \geq 3$  there are  $2^{m^2}$  different labelled graphs on at most  $c_2 m$  vertices that are 2-Ramsey minimal for  $C_5$ . For each of the  $2^{m^2}$  choices of  $\mathcal{J}$  of  $m$  subsets of  $[m]$ , the graph  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{J})$  is 2-Ramsey by Claim 4.3, and any 2-Ramsey-minimal subgraph of it contains all of  $E^{\mathcal{J}}$  by Claim 4.4. Since  $E^{\mathcal{J}}$  is different for different choices of  $\mathcal{J}$ , this gives us  $2^{m^2}$  different 2-Ramsey-minimal graphs on at most  $cm$  vertices. This is enough.

For the induction on  $r$  we use the following construction. Let  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$  be some graph on at most  $c_{r-1}m$  vertices that is  $(r-1)$ -Ramsey minimal for  $H$ . Construct  $\mathcal{G}_r$  from  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$  as follows.

- i. Add a new vertex  $v_0$ .
- ii. For each vertex  $v \in V(\mathcal{G}_{r-1})$  add a new vertex  $v'$  and the edges  $v_0v'$  and  $v'v$ .
- iii. Add a new edge  $e_0$ .
- iv. Connect every edge added in step (ii) to  $e_0$  with a positive sender.

Clearly  $\mathcal{G}_r$  has less than  $2s|V(\mathcal{G}_{r-1})|$  vertices where  $s$  is the number of vertices in a positive sender. So  $\mathcal{G}_r$  has less than  $c_r m$  vertices where  $c_r = 2sc_{r-1}$ .

**Claim 4.5.**  $\mathcal{G}_r$  is  $r$ -Ramsey for  $C_5$ .

*Proof.* Assume, towards contradiction, that  $\mathcal{G}_r$  has a  $C_5$ -free  $r$ -colouring  $\phi$ . Then  $\phi$  gets the same colour on all edges added in steps (ii) as they are all joined to  $e_0$  with positive senders. Let this colour be  $r$ . Every edge in  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$  completes a  $C_5$  with such edges, so must get some colour other than  $r$ , so  $\phi$  restricted to  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$  is a  $C_5$ -free  $(r-1)$ -colouring. As this is impossible,  $\mathcal{G}_r$  is  $r$ -Ramsey for  $C_5$ .  $\square$

**Claim 4.6.** For any edge  $e \in \mathcal{G}_{r-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_r \setminus \{e\}$  has a  $C_5$ -free  $(r-1)$ -colouring.

*Proof.* Let  $e$  be an edge of  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$ . As  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$  is  $(r-1)$ -Ramsey-minimal there is a  $C_5$ -free  $(r-1)$ -colouring  $\phi$  of  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1} \setminus \{e\}$ . Extend  $\phi$  to a  $r$ -colouring of  $\mathcal{G}_r$  by setting  $\phi(f) = r$  on all edges  $f$  introduced in step (ii) of the construction, and on the edge  $e_0$ . As these edges form a forest, this introduces no monochromatic copies of  $C_5$ . As the edges  $e_0$  and  $f$  have the same colour for any  $f$  introduced in step (ii),  $\phi$  can be extended to a  $C_5$ -free colouring of sender between them which was added in step (iv) of the construction. By Proposition 3.2, this  $\phi$  is a  $C_5$ -free  $r$ -colouring of  $\mathcal{G}_r \setminus \{e\}$ .  $\square$

Now assume that the theorem has been proved for  $r - 1$ , that is, that there are  $2^{m^2}$  different labelled graphs on at most  $c_{r-1}m$  vertices that are  $(r - 1)$ -Ramsey minimal for  $H$ . From each such graph  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$  the above construction gives a graph  $\mathcal{G}_r$  on at most  $c_r m$  vertices, which by Claim 4.5, is  $r$ -Ramsey for  $C_5$ .

By Claim 4.6 the  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal subgraphs of  $\mathcal{G}_r$  and  $\mathcal{G}'_r$  constructed from different  $\mathcal{G}_{r-1}$  and  $\mathcal{G}'_{r-1}$  are different. So we have  $2^{m^2}$  different graphs on at most  $c_r m$  vertices that are  $r$ -Ramsey-minimal for  $C_5$ . The theorem thus holds for  $r$ , and so follows by induction.

## 5. Concluding Remarks

In [8] we observed that no bipartite graph can be highly 2-Ramsey-infinite, but we expect that any graph that is non-bipartite and 2-Ramsey-infinite, is highly 2-Ramsey-infinite.

Apart from  $C_5$  being non-bipartite, the important aspects for our proof that  $C_5$  is highly 2-Ramsey-infinite are the existence of positive and negative signal senders for  $C_5$ , and the fact that  $C_5$  has a vertex of degree 2 (in the construction of  $G_0$ ).

It was proved in [2] that senders exist for all 3-connected graphs  $H$ . However, such graphs cannot have vertices of degree 2. It would be interesting to extend the construction of the graphs  $\mathcal{G}(J)$  from this paper work for other 3-connected graphs. I cannot see how to do this though. Similarly, it would be interesting to construct senders for more 2-connected graphs. This also seems to be difficult.

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