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On the Ramsey Number of Trees-complete Graphs

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For given graphs G_1, G_2, \dots, G_t the multicolor Ramsey number $R(G_1, G_2, \dots, G_t)$ is the smallest positive integer n such that if the edges of a complete graph K_n are partitioned into t disjoint color classes giving t graphs H_1, H_2, \dots, H_t , then at least one H_i has a subgraph isomorphic to G_i . We conjecture that

$$R(T_1, \dots, T_p, K_{m_1}, \dots, K_{m_t}) = (R(T_1, \dots, T_p) - 1)(R(K_{m_1}, \dots, K_{m_t}) - 1) + 1,$$

where T_i , $1 \leq i \leq p$, is a tree and m_1, \dots, m_t are positive integers. We show that this conjecture is true if T_i is a large tree with small number of leaves for some $1 \leq i \leq p$ and we establish the conjecture for $p \leq 2$.