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FINITE COPIES OF BARBELL GRAPH AND ITS HARMONIOUS CHROMATIC NUMBER

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ABSTRACT:

. In this paper, we find the achromatic number of four copies of **complete** graph with their harmonious chromatic number. The harmonious Chromatic number $\chi_h(G)$ of a graph is the least number of colours in such a colouring.

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Introduction

Harmonious colouring number is used in the different families of graph such as trees, cycles, complete bipartite graphs etc. In this topic more than fifty papers are published.

A harmonious Colouring of a simple graph G is a proper vertex colouring such that each pair of colours appears together on at most one edge. The harmonious Chromatic number $\chi_h(G)$ of a graph is the least number of colours in such a colouring, where G is a finite undirected graph with no loops and multiple edges.

The harmonious colouring and line-distinguishing colouring problems seem quite natural thus it is relatively easy to come up with potential applications in communication networks (i.e. transportation networks, computer networks, etc), since requesting each edge to have a unique colour that depends on the assignment of colours on the vertices can be translated as assigning ids to the network nodes such that each communication link can be distinguished.

DEFINITIONS

1. Vertex Colouring

A k -vertex colouring of a graph G , or simply a k - colouring is an assignment of k colours to its vertices. The colouring is proper if no two adjacent vertices are assigned the same colour.

A graph is k - colourable if it has a proper k - colouring.

2. Edge Colouring

A k -edge colouring of a graph G , or simply a k - colouring is an assignment of k colours to its edges. The colouring is proper if no two adjacent edges are assigned the same colour.

A graph is k -edge colourable if it has a proper k -edge colouring.

3. Chromatic Number

The chromatic number of a graph G is the least k for which G is k -vertex colourable and it denoted by $\chi(G)$.A graph G is k -chromatic if $\chi(G) = k$.

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4. Line Distinguishing Colouring

Let $G(V,E)$ be a graph. A colouring $\phi : V \rightarrow N$ of the vertices is a line distinguishing colouring iff for every edge $(u, v) \in E$ the edge colour $(\phi(u), \phi(v))$ is unique, (i.e). it appears at most once.

5. Harmonious Colouring and Harmonious Chromatic Number

A harmonious colouring of a graph $G(V,E)$ is a line-distinguishing colouring which is also proper. The harmonious chromatic number of G (denoted by $\chi_h(G)$) is the smallest number k such that there exists a harmonious colouring of G of k colors.

6. Exact coloring

An exact coloring of a graph $G(V,E)$ is a *coloring which is harmonious and complete* at the same time.

7. Clique

A clique is a complete sub graph, an independent set is an empty subgraph.

8. (2,n) Barbell graph

The $(2,n)$ - Barbell graph is the simple graph obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph K_n by a bridge and it is denoted by $B(K_n, K_n)$.

From the observation of barbell graph (definition 8) we define the following definition:

9. (3,n) Barbell graph

The $(3,n)$ - Barbell graph is the simple graph obtained by connecting three copies of a complete graph K_n by a bridge and it is denoted by $B(K_n, K_n, K_n)$.

10. (N,n) Barbell graph

In general the (N,n) - Barbell graph is the simple graph obtained by connecting N copies of a complete graph K_n by a bridge and it is denoted by $B(K_n, K_n, K_n, \dots, N \text{ times } K_n)$.

11. Central graph

The central graph of any graph G is obtained by subdividing each edge of G exactly once and joining all the non adjacent vertices of G .

Example 1

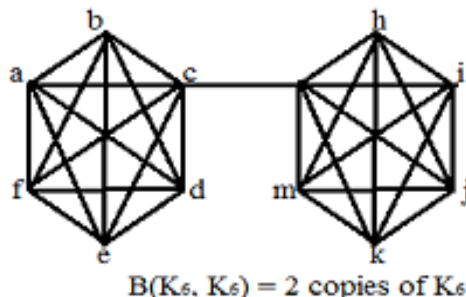


Fig1. Barbell Graph

OBSERVATION

Theorem 1:

For any complete graph K_n , $\chi_h[B(K_n, K_n)] = 2n - 1$, $n \geq 2$. Here $B(K_n, K_n)$ Satisfies the following properties

- (i) The number of vertices in $B(K_n, K_n)$ is $2n$.
- (ii) The number of edges in $B(K_n, K_n)$ is $n^2 - n + 1$.
- (iii) The maximum degree in $B(K_n, K_n)$ is n .
- (iv) The minimum degree in $B(K_n, K_n)$ is $n - 1$.

Theorem 2:

For any complete graph K_n , $\chi_h [B(K_n, K_n, K_n)] = 3n - 2$, $n \geq 2$.

We improved the result in the previous paper for 4 copies of barbell graph by our definition (12) it has given below :

Theorem 3:

For any complete graph K_n , four copies barbell graph and its harmonious chromatic number is $\chi_h [B(K_n, K_n, K_n, K_n)] = 4n - 3$, $n \geq 2$

Proof:

Let $G = B(K_n, K_n, K_n, K_n)$ be the Barbell graph. By the definition, $(4, n)$ Barbell graph is obtained by connecting four copies of complete graph K_n by a bridge.

Let $U = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$ be the vertex set of K^1 , $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ be the vertex set of K^2 , $W = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n\}$ be the vertex set of K^3 and $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$ be the vertex set of K^4 .

Now the colouring assignments are as follows. Since K^1 contains exactly 'n' vertices ($n \geq 2$) which are mutually adjacent to each other, we should colour all the n vertices of ' K^1 ' by n different colours B_1^i , where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

For colouring ' K^2 ', we should use 'n-1' different colours C_1^i apart from B_1^i and any one colour from B_1^i , $1 \leq i \leq n$. and colouring ' K^3 '

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Similarly colour and ‘ K^4 ’ we should use ‘n’ different colours apart from B_1^i, C_1^i and any one colour from $D_1^i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. Thus the number of colours required = $n+(n-1)+(n-1)+(n-1)=4n-3$.

Consider the example four copies of complete graph K_6

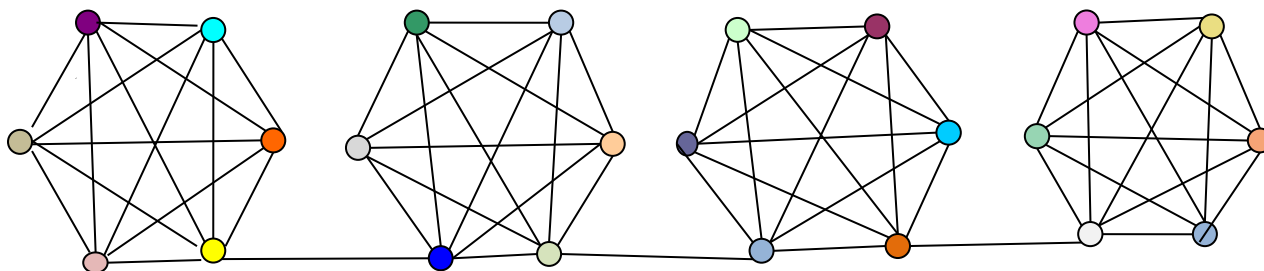


Fig.2 $\chi_h [B(K_6, K_6, K_6, K_6)] = 4(6) - 3 = 21, n \geq 2$

Theorem 3

The harmonious colouring of central graph of N copies of Barbell graph $B(n, N)$ chromatic number is $\chi_h(C(B(n, N))) = nN - 1, n \geq 3$.

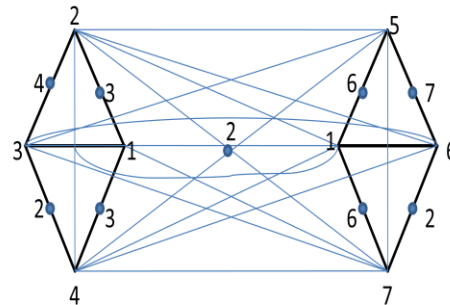
Proof:

- Let us consider two copies of 4 vertices complete graph. Now subdivide the each edge into two equal parts.
- The structural properties of central graph of barbell graph is defined as follows. The number of vertices is $2n$ and the number of edges is $n^2 - n + 1$. The maximum degree is n . Also the number of vertices for central graph is $n^2 + n + 1$ and the edges in the central graph is $3n^2 - 2n + 1$.
- Colour the first copy of complete graph in the clockwise direction and the second copy in the anticlockwise direction.
- Let u_i and u_i' where $1 \leq i \leq n$ be the vertices of the edge connecting the two complete graphs. Consider three colour class $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n\}, 1 \leq i \leq n$ and $C' = \{C_{n+1}, C_{n+2}, \dots, C_{2n-1}\}, n+1 \leq i \leq 2n-1$. Using minimum colours assign C_i to u_i and assign C_i' to u_i' for the harmonious colouring.

Example 2:

The harmonious colouring of central graph of 2 copies of Barbell graph $B(n, N)$ chromatic number is $\chi_h(C(B(2, 4))) = 2 * 4 - 1 = 7, n \geq 3$.

HARMONIOUS COLOURING OF CENTAL GRAPH OF B(2,4)

Fig.3 $\chi_h(C(B(2,4))) = 7$ **Conclusion:**

In this research paper, we improved four copies of complete graph for barbell graph and their harmonious chromatic number of graphs. Also N copies central graph of Barbell graph and its chromatic number. These types of colouring have several applications networks and communication field. Also it has to be used in data compression (design of minimal hash functions) and clustering.

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