

## **b –Coloring of the Comb product of Extended Duplicate graph of Cycle graph Networks with Path graph**

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### **Abstract**

The  $b$  – chromatic number which is  $\varphi(G)$ , the highest  $k$  such that graph can be  $b$  – colored using  $k$  colors. At least one vertex in every color group is adjacent to a vertex in every other color group. In this work we acquire  $b$  – chromatic number of the middle graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle graph ( $M[EDG(C_n)]$ ), total graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle graph ( $T[EDG(C_n)]$ ), Comb Product of middle graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle with  $(P_n)$  and Comb Product of total graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle with  $(P_n)$ .

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### **1. Introduction**

In this study, Graphs are finite, undirected, and have no loops or multiple edges, and color refers to vertex coloring.

The method of coloring a graph's vertices so that at least one vertex in each colour group has a neighbour in every other colour group is known as  $b$ -coloring. In  $G$ , the largest integer  $k$  that permits  $b$ -coloring is called a  $b$ -chromatic number. In [2,3,10], a number of intriguing coloring concepts and associated parameters are examined.

Manlove and Irving proposed the concept of  $b$ -coloring, and it has been shown that the problem of determining the  $b$ -chromatic number is NP-hard[4].

The upper bound of  $\varphi(G)$  has also been established by Irving and Manlove, which is  $\varphi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$ , where  $\Delta(G)$  is the highest degree of  $G$ .

A *duplicate graph* of  $G = (V, E)$  is denoted as  $DG = (V_1, E_1)$ , the vertex set  $V_1$  is the union of  $V$  and  $V'$  also  $V \cap V' = \phi$ . The function  $f$  from  $V$  to  $V'$  is bijective. The edge set  $E_1$  of a duplicate graph has the edge  $u_1u'_2$  and  $u'_1u_2$  if  $u_1u_2$  is in  $E$ . The *extension of duplicate graph* of a duplicate graph, denoted by  $EDG$ , is defined as, any two vertices can be connected by an edge from  $V$  to any other vertex in  $V'$ , except the end vertices. To make things easier, assume  $u_2 \in V$  and  $u'_2 \in V'$  and thus the edge  $u_2u'_2$  is formed[6,7,9].

The *middle graph* of  $G$ , denoted by  $M(G)$  was introduced in 1981 and is defined as follows [5]. The vertex set of  $M(G)$  is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$ . Any two vertices  $x, y$  in  $M(G)$  are adjacent in  $M(G)$  if one of the following case holds.

- (i)  $x$  and  $y$  are adjacent edges in  $G$
- (ii)  $x$  and  $y$  are incident in  $G$ .

The *total graph* of  $G$ , denoted by  $T(G)$ , is defined as follows[5]. The vertex set of  $T(G)$  is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$ . Any two vertices  $x, y$  in the vertex set of  $T(G)$  are adjacent in  $T(G)$  if one of the following cases holds.

- (i)  $x, y$  are in  $V(G)$  and  $x$  is adjacent to  $y$  in  $G$ .
- (ii)  $x, y$  are in  $E(G)$  and  $x, y$  are adjacent in  $G$ .
- (iii)  $x$  is in  $V(G), y$  is in  $E(G)$  and  $x, y$  are incident in  $G$ .

Let  $G$  and  $H$  represent two connected graphs. Let  $o$  be a vertex of  $H$ . The *comb product*[1,8] between graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , denoted by  $G \triangleright H$ , is created by incorporating one instance of  $G$  along with  $|V(G)|$  instances of  $H$ . The  $i$ -th instance of  $H$  is connected to the  $i$ -th vertex of  $G$  at vertex  $o$ . The number of vertices in  $G \triangleright H$  is  $|V(G)| \cdot |V(H)|$  and the number of edges is  $|V(G)| \cdot |E(H)| + |E(G)|$ .

## 2. *b-chromatic number of the middle graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle*( $M[EDG(C_n)]$ )

A cycle is a circuit in which no vertex except the first (which is also the last) appears more than once. A cycle with  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $C_n$ . The extended duplicate graph of cycle graph is denoted by  $EDG(C_n)$  with  $2n$  vertices and  $2n+1$  edges.

### **Theorem 2.1**

The  $b$ -chromatic number of middle graph of extended duplicate graph of cycle graph is  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) = 5, n \geq 5$ .

### **Proof:**

Let the middle graph of extended duplicate graph of cycle  $C_n$  denoted by  $M[EDG(C_n)]$  with  $4n+1$  vertices and  $6n+6$  edges. Four vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$  has degree 5, two vertices  $v_2$  and  $v'_2$  have degree 3,  $v_i, v'_i, 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq 2$  has degree 2, one vertex  $x_{2n+1}$  have degree 6 and the remaining vertices has degree 4.

Since  $\Delta(M[EDG(C_n)]) = 6, \varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) \leq 7$ .

Case(i)

Suppose  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) = 7$  then  $M[EDG(C_n)]$  must have seven vertices of degree 6, which is not possible because  $M[EDG(C_n)]$  has only one vertex of degree 6. Hence,  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) \neq 7$  and so  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) \leq 6$ .

Case(ii)

Suppose  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) = 6$  then  $M[EDG(C_n)]$  must have six vertices of degree 5, which is also not possible, as  $M[EDG(C_n)]$  has only four vertices of degree 5. Hence,  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) \neq 6$  and so  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) \leq 5$ .

Case(iii)

Clearly  $M[EDG(C_n)]$  have  $2n-4$  vertices of degree 4. Due to adjacency of vertices in  $M[EDG(C_n)]$  at most five b- vertices can be generated for any proper coloring. Consider the following 5-coloring  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5)$  of  $M[EDG(C_n)]$ , assign the color  $c_1$  to  $x_1, v_2$ . Assign the color  $c_2$  to  $x_2, v'_1$  and  $v'_3$ . Assign the color  $c_3$  to  $x_{2n+1}$ , the color  $c_4$  to  $v_1, x_3, x_{n+1}$ . Assign the color  $c_5$  to  $v'_2, x_{n+2}$  and for the remaining vertices assign one of the allowed color - such color exists. Then  $x_1, x_2, x_{2n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$  are the b - vertices for the color classes  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  and  $c_5$  respectively.

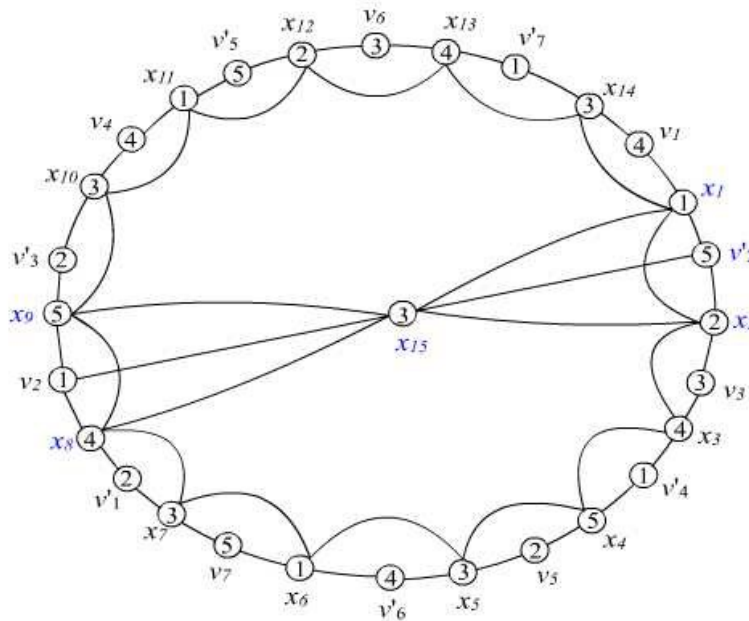


Figure 1  $M[EDG(C_7)]$

Therefore  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)]) = 5, n \geq 5$

### 3. b-chromatic number of total graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle $T[EDG(C_n)]$

#### Theorem 3.1

The b-chromatic number of total graph of extended duplicate graph of a cycle graph is,  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)]) = 6, for n \geq 5$ .

#### Proof:

$T[EDG(C_n)]$  has  $4n+1$  vertices and  $8n+7$  edges with maximum degree 6 and minimum degree 4. It contains  $4n-6$  vertices of degree 4, four vertices of degree 5 and three vertices of degree 6.

Since  $\Delta(T[EDG(C_n)]) = 6, \varphi(T[EDG(C_n)]) \leq 7$ .

Case(i)

Suppose  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)]) = 7$  then  $T[EDG(C_n)]$  must have seven vertices of degree 6, which is impossible, since  $T[EDG(C_n)]$  has only three vertices of degree 6. Therefore,  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)]) \neq 7$  and so  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)]) \leq 6$

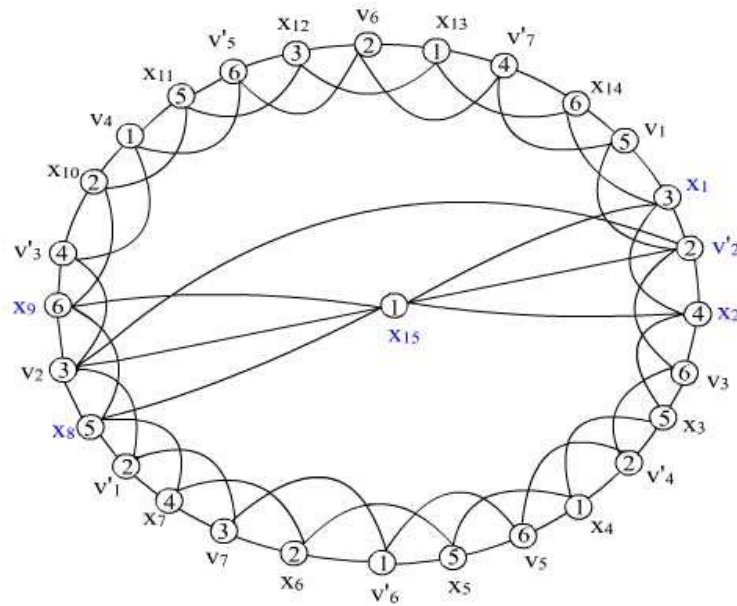


Figure 2  $T[EDG(P_7)]$

Case(ii)

$T[EDG(C_n)]$  contains four vertices of degree 5 and three vertices of degree 6. Due to adjacency of vertices in  $T[EDG(C_n)]$  at most six b-vertices can be generated for any proper coloring. Consider 6-coloring  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6)$  of  $T[EDG(C_n)]$ .

Subcase(i) when n is odd

The color  $c_1$  is assigned for  $x_{2n+1}$  the color  $c_2$  is assigned for  $v'_2, x_{n+3}, v'_1$ , assign the color  $c_3$  for  $x_1, v_2$ . Color  $c_4$  is assigned for  $x_2, x_n, v'_3$ . The color  $c_5$  is assigned for  $x_3, v_1, x_{n+1}$ . Color  $c_6$  is assigned for  $v_3, x_{2n}, x_{n+2}$  and for the remaining vertices assign one of the allowed color - such color exists. Then  $x_{2n+1}, v'_2, v_2, x_2, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$  are the b-vertices for the color classes  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5$  and  $c_6$  respectively.

Therefore  $\phi(T[EDG(C_n)]) = 6, n \geq 4$

Subcase(ii) when n is even

The color  $c_1$  is assigned for  $x_{2n+1}$  the color  $c_2$  is assigned for  $v'_2, v'_3, v'_1$ , assign the color  $c_3$  for  $x_1, v_2$ . Color  $c_4$  is assigned for  $x_2, x_{2n}, x_{n+3}$ . The color  $c_5$  is assigned for  $x_3, v_1, x_{n+1}$ . Color  $c_6$  is assigned for  $v_3, x_n, x_{n+2}$  and for the remaining vertices assign one of the allowed color - such color exists. Then  $x_{2n+1}, v'_2, v_2, x_2, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$  are the b-vertices for the color classes  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5$  and  $c_6$  respectively.

Therefore  $\phi(T[EDG(C_n)]) = 6, n \geq 4$

**4. b-chromatic number of comb product of middle graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle with path graph  $P_n(M[EDG(C_n)]) \triangleright P_n$**

Theorem 4.1



Case(i):

If  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 8$  then  $M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  must have eight vertices of degree 7, which is impossible since  $M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  has only one vertex of degree 7. Hence,  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) \neq 8$  and so  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 7$

Case(ii):

If  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 7$  then  $M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  must have seven vertices of degree 6, which is also impossible since  $M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  has only two vertices of degree 6. Hence  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) \neq 7$  and so  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 6$

Case(iii)

$M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  contains  $x_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 2n$ ) vertices of degree 5. Due to adjacency of vertices in  $M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  at most six b-vertices can be generated for any proper coloring. Consider the following 6-coloring  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6)$  of  $M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$

Subcase(i) when n is odd

Assign the color  $c_1$  to  $x_1, v'_1$  and  $v'_3$ , assign the color  $c_2$  to  $x_2, v_2$  and  $v_n$ , assign the color  $c_3$  to  $x_{4n+1}$  and  $x_{2n+1}$ , assign the color  $c_4$  to  $x_3, x_{2n}$  and  $x_{n+1}$ , assign the color  $c_5$  to  $x_{n-1}, x_{n+2}, v_1$  and  $v_3$ , assign the color  $c_6$  to  $x_n, x_{n+3}$  and  $v'_2$ , and the remaining vertices can be assigned from one of the allowed color such that no adjacent vertices receive same color – such color exist. The b-vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_{2n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$  and  $x_n$  for the color classes  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5$  and  $c_6$  respectively produces the b-chromatic coloring.

Therefore  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 6, n \geq 5$

Subcase(ii) when n is even

Assign the color  $c_1$  to  $x_1, v'_1$  and  $v'_3$ , assign the color  $c_2$  to  $x_2, v_2$  and  $v_n$ , assign the color  $c_3$  to  $x_{2n-1}$  and  $x_{2n+1}$ , assign the color  $c_4$  to  $x_{n+1}, v_1$  and  $v_3$ , assign the color  $c_5$  to  $x_3, x_{6n+1}, x_n$  and  $x_{n+2}$ , assign the color  $c_6$  to  $x_{2n}, x_{n+3}$  and  $v'_2$ , and the remaining vertices can be assigned from one of the allowed color such that no adjacent vertices receive same color – such color exist. The b-vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_{2n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$  and  $x_{2n}$  for the color classes  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5$  and  $c_6$  respectively produces the b-chromatic coloring.

Therefore  $\varphi(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 6, n \geq 5$

### **5. b-chromatic number of comb product of total graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle with path graph $P_n(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n)$**

**Theorem 5.1**

The b-chromatic number of comb product of total graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle with path graph is,  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 7, n \geq 5$ .

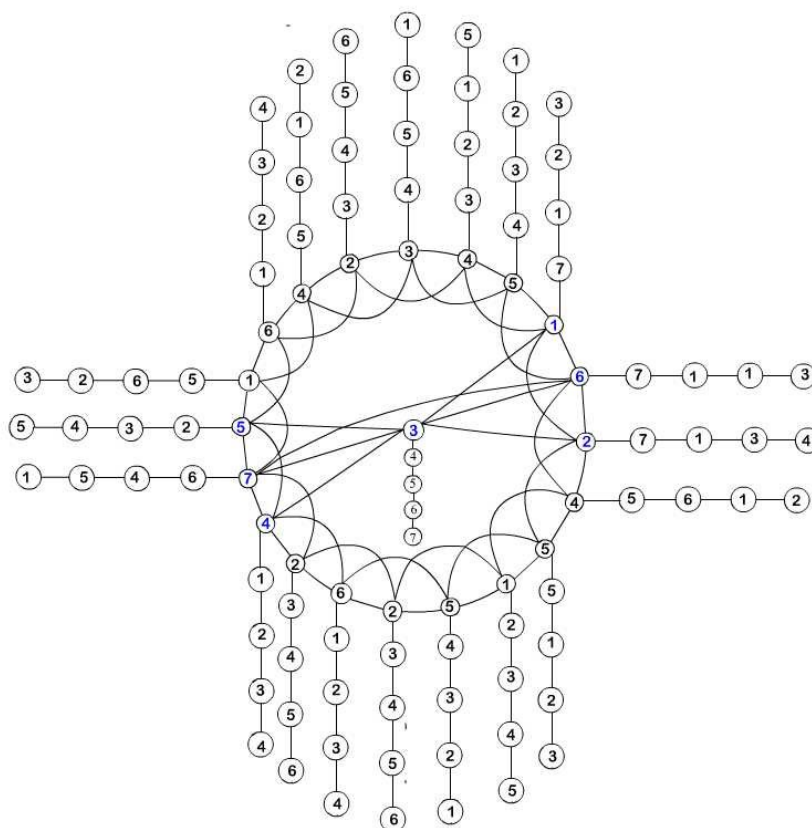
**Proof:**

The comb product of total graph of an extended duplicate graph of  $C_n$  with the path graph has  $4n^2+n$  vertices and  $4n^2+5n+6$  edges with maximum degree 7 and minimum degree 2. It contains three vertices  $x_{2n+1}, v_2$  and  $v'_2$  with degree 7, four vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$  with degree 6,  $x_i$  ( $3 \leq i \leq 2n$ , for  $i \neq n+1$  and  $n+2$ ),  $v_j, v'_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n, j \neq 2$ ) vertices with degree 5, and the remaining vertices have degree 2.

Since  $\Delta(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 7$ , by the upper bound of  $\varphi(G)$ ,  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) \leq 8$ .

Case(i):

If  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 8$  then  $T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  must have eight vertices of degree 7, which is impossible, as  $T[EDG(P_n)] \triangleright P_n$  has only three vertices of degree 7. Therefore,  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) \neq 8$  and so  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 7$



**Figure 4**  $T[EDG(C_5)] \triangleright P_5$

Case(ii)

Due to adjacency of vertices in  $T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$  maximum of seven b- vertices can be generated for the proper coloring. Consider the following 7-coloring  $(c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7)$  of  $T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n$

Subcase(i) when n is odd

Assign the color  $c_1$  to  $x_1, x_{4n+2}$  and  $v'_3$ , assign the color  $c_2$  to  $x_2, v'_1$  and  $x_{4n+4}$ , assign the color  $c_3$  to  $x_{2n+1}$ , assign the color  $c_4$  to  $v_3, x_{2n}$  and  $x_{n+1}$ , assign the color  $c_5$  to  $x_3, x_{n+2}$  and  $v_1$ , assign the color  $c_6$  to  $x_n, x_{n+3}, x_{4n+3}$  and  $v'_2$ , assign the color  $c_7$  to  $x_{2n+4}, x_{2n+3}, x_{2n+2}$  and  $v_2$  and the remaining vertices can be assigned from one of the allowed color such that no adjacent vertices receive same color – such color exist. The b - vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_{2n+1}, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, v'_2$  and  $v_2$  for the color classes  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6$  and  $c_7$  respectively produces the b - chromatic coloring.

Therefore  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 7, n \geq 5$

Subcase(ii) when n is even

Assign the color  $c_1$  to  $x_1, x_{2n}$  and  $v'_3$ , assign the color  $c_2$  to  $x_2, v'_1$  and  $x_{n+3}$ , assign the color  $c_3$  to  $x_{2n+1}$ , assign the color  $c_4$  to  $v'_2, x_{4n+3}, x_{4n+4}$  and  $x_{4n+5}$ , assign the color  $c_5$  to  $x_3, x_{n+1}$  and  $v_1$ , assign the color  $c_6$  to  $x_n, v_3, x_{n+2}$  and , assign the color  $c_7$  to  $x_{4n+1}, x_{4n-1}$  and  $v_2$  and the remaining vertices can be assigned from one of the allowed color such that no adjacent vertices receive same color – such color exist. The b - vertices  $x_1, x_2, x_{2n+1}, v'_2, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}$ , and  $v_2$  for the color classes  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6$  and  $c_7$  respectively produces the b - chromatic coloring.

Therefore  $\varphi(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n) = 7, n \geq 5$

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper we have obtained the b – chromatic number of middle graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle ( $M[EDG(C_n)]$ ), the total graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle ( $T[EDG(C_n)]$ ), the comb product of the middle graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle graph with  $P_n(M[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n)$ , and the comb product of the total graph of an extension of duplicate graph of cycle graph with  $P_n(T[EDG(C_n)] \triangleright P_n)$ .

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