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## Dominator coloring and total dominator coloring of certain graphs

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### Abstract

Let  $G$  be a graph, then the dominator coloring of  $G$  is a proper coloring, in which every vertex of  $G$  dominates every vertex of at least one color class. And the Total dominator coloring of graph is a proper coloring with extra property that every vertex in the graph properly dominates an entire color class.

In this paper, the dominator coloring and total dominator coloring of Prism, Sunlet and Sparse graphs have been presented. Also the relation between their chromatic number, dominator chromatic number and total dominator chromatic number have been discussed.

**Keywords:** Dominator coloring, total dominator coloring, chromatic number, dominator chromatic number, total dominator chromatic number

### 1. Introduction

A graph  $G$  is a triple consisting of a vertex set  $V(G)$ , an edge set  $E(G)$  and a relation that associates with each edge two vertices called its endpoints. The chromatic number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\chi(G)$  is the smallest number of colors required for coloring the graph  $G$ . The proper coloring of a graph  $G$  is coloring of graph in which no two adjacent vertices must have same color. A color class is a set of vertices which have the same colors. The minimum number of colors needed for dominator coloring is known as dominator chromatic number  $\psi_d(G)$ . In this paper we have estimated the relation between the dominator chromatic number  $\psi_d(Y_n)$  and chromatic number  $\psi(Y_n)$  of prism graph, sunlet graph and total dominator chromatic number  $\psi_{td}(G)$  of sparse graph have been discussed.

### 2. Definitions

1. A Prism graph  $Y_n$  is a graph having its own prism as its skeleton, it has  $2n$  vertices and  $3n$  edges.
2. A  $n$ -sunlet graph is a graph in which  $n$ -pendent edges are attached to cycle  $C_n$ , it is of  $2n$  vertices.
3. A graph having edges lesser than the possible number of edges is known as Sparse graph.

### 3. Dominator Coloring of Prism and Sunlet graphs

#### Theorem 3.1

For a prism graph  $Y_n$ ,  $n=5$ , the dominator coloring is 6.

#### Proof

This prism graph consists of vertex set  $V=v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{10}$  and edge set  $E_1 = v_1v_2 \cup v_2v_3 \cup v_3v_4 \cup v_4v_5$ ,  $E_2 = v_5v_6 \cup v_6v_7 \cup v_7v_8 \cup v_8v_9 \cup v_9v_{10}$ ,  $E_3 = v_1v_7 \cup v_2v_8 \cup v_3v_9 \cup v_4v_{10}$ . Then the colors are assigned to the vertices.

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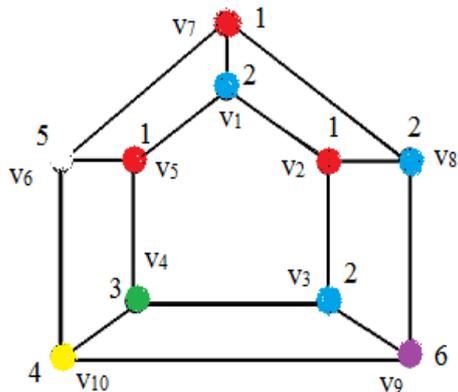


Fig 3.1

The vertices  $v_k, \{1 \leq k \leq 5\}$ , dominate color class  $k$ . The vertices  $v_6, v_7$  dominate color class 5 and the vertices  $v_{5+k}, 3 \leq k \leq 5$  dominate color class 6. Hence the dominator coloring of  $Y_5$  is 6.

**Theorem 3.2**

Let the prism graph  $Y_n$  for  $n=3$  be  $\psi_d(Y_n) = n$

**Proof**

This prism graph consists of vertices  $V = v_1, v_2, v_3$  and the edges be

$E = e_1 \cup e_2 \cup e_3$ , where  $e_1 = v_1v_2 \cup v_1v_5 \cup v_3v_1, e_2 = v_2v_6 \cup v_2v_3 \cup v_3v_4, e_3 = v_4v_5 \cup v_5v_6 \cup v_4v_6$ . Then the colors are assigned to the vertices.

The vertices  $v_1, v_4$  are assigned color 3, vertices  $v_2, v_5$  are assigned color 1 and vertices  $v_3, v_6$  are assigned color 2.

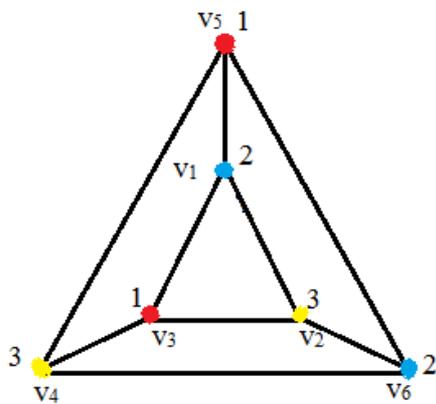


Fig 3.2

Note that  $v_1, v_6$  dominate color class 1,  $v_2, v_4$  dominate color class 2 and  $v_3, v_5$  dominate color class 3.

**Theorem 3.3**

Let the prism graph be  $Y_n, n=4$  then  $\psi_d(Y_n) = n$

**Proof**

This prism graph consists of vertices  $v_i = \{1 \leq i \leq 4\}$  and edge set

$E = e_i \cup e_j \cup e_k \cup e_l$ , where  $e_i = v_1v_4 \cup v_1v_2 \cup v_1v_6, e_j = v_2v_3 \cup v_2v_7, e_k = v_3v_8 \cup v_3v_4 \cup v_4v_5, e_l = v_5v_6 \cup v_6v_7 \cup v_7v_8 \cup v_5v_8$ . The colors are assigned to the vertices. Color 1 is assigned to the vertices  $v_4, v_6, v_8$ ; color 2 is assigned to the vertices  $v_2, v_5$ ; color 3 is assigned to the vertices  $v_1, v_3$ ; color 4 is assigned to the  $v_7$ .

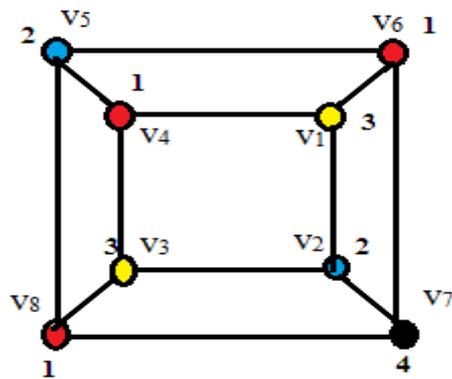


Fig 3.3

From the figure we note that the color class 1,2 is dominated by the vertices  $v_1, v_2$ . Likewise the color class 1 is dominated by vertices  $v_3, v_5$ ; the color class 3 is dominated by the vertices  $v_6, v_7, v_8$ .

Hence the dominator chromatic number for  $\psi_d(Y_4) = 4$ .

**Theorem 3.4**

Let the prism graph  $Y_n, n \leq 6$  then  $\psi_d(Y_n) = n$

**Proof**

This prism graph consists of vertex set,  $V = 1, 2, \dots, 12$  and edge set  $E$  be the union of  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  i.e.,  $e_1 = \{v_r v_{r+1}; 1 \leq r \leq 6\}, e_2 = v_1 v_n, e_3 = \{v_{r+1} v_{r+2}; 6 \leq r \leq 10\}, e_4 = v_{2n} v_{n+1}$ . Now the vertices  $v_1, v_3, v_9$  are assigned color 1,  $v_2, v_6, v_8$  are assigned color 2,  $v_4, v_{12}$  are assigned color 3,  $v_5, v_{11}$  are assigned color 4, the vertex  $v_7$  &  $v_{10}$  are assigned colors 6 & 5 respectively.

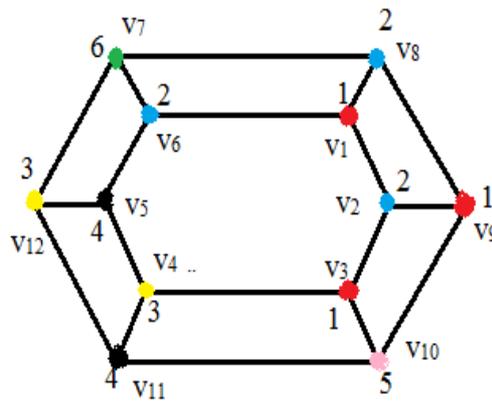


Fig 3.4

The vertices  $v_1, v_2$  dominate color class 2,1 respectively. Likewise the vertices  $v_3, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}$  dominate color class 5,  $v_4, v_{12}$  dominate color class 4,  $v_5$  dominate color class 3,  $v_6, v_7, v_8$  dominate color class 6. Hence the dominator chromatic number for  $\psi_d(Y_n) = n$ . i.e.,  $\psi_d(Y_6) = 6$ .

**Theorem 3.5**

Let the prism graph  $Y_n$  for  $n=9$  be  $\psi_d(Y_n) = n + 1$

**Proof**

This  $Y_9$  graph consists of vertices  $v_k = \{1 \leq k \leq 18\}$  and edge set  $E_1 = v_r v_{r+1} \cup v_{r+1} v_{r+2} \cup v_{r+2} v_{r+3} \dots \cup v_{r+16} v_{r+17} \{r = 1\}, E_2 = v_1 v_9 \cup v_1 v_{11}$ ,

$E_3 = v_2v_{12} \cup v_3v_{13} \cup v_4v_{14}$ ,  $E_4 = v_5v_{15} \cup v_6v_{16} \cup v_7v_{17}$  and  $E_5 = v_8v_{18}$ . Now colors are assigned to the vertices. Color 1 is assigned to the vertices  $v_2, v_9, v_{11}$ ; color 2 to  $v_1, v_{12}, v_3$ ; color 3 to  $v_4$ ; color 4 to  $v_5, v_{14}$ ; color 5 to  $v_6, v_{15}$ ; color 6 to  $v_7, v_{16}$ ; color 7 to  $v_8, v_{17}$ ; color 8 to  $v_{18}$ ; color 9 to  $v_{10}$  and color 10 to  $v_{13}$ .

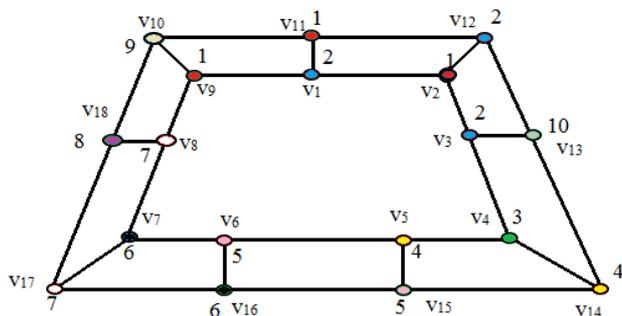


Fig 3.5

We notice that  $v_k\{1 \leq k \leq 9\}$  dominate color class  $k$ . Then  $v_{10}, v_{11}$  dominate the color class 9;  $v_{12}, v_{13}, v_{14}$  dominate color class 10 and  $v_{n+6}, v_{n+7}, v_{n+8}, v_{n+9}\{9 \geq n \geq 6\}$  dominate color class  $r\{4 \leq r \leq 7\}$ .

Hence the dominator chromatic number for  $\psi_d(Y_9) = 10$ .

**Theorem 3.6**

Let a prism graph  $Y_n, n=10, \psi_d(Y_n) = n + 1$

**Proof**

This  $Y_{10}$  graph consists of vertex set  $V = v_k\{1 \leq k \leq 20\}$  and edge set  $E_1 = v_r v_{r+1} \cup v_{r+1} v_{r+2} \cup v_{r+2} v_{r+3} \dots \cup v_{r+18} v_{r+19}\{r = 1\}$ ,  $E_2 = v_1 v_{12} \cup v_2 v_{13} \cup v_3 v_{14} \cup v_4 v_{15}$ ,  $E_3 = v_5 v_{16} \cup v_6 v_{17} \cup v_7 v_{18} \cup v_8 v_{19} \cup v_9 v_{20}$ . Now colors are assigned to the vertices. Color 1 is assigned to the vertices  $v_2, v_{12}$ ; color 2 to  $v_1, v_3, v_{13}$ ; color 3 to  $v_4$ ; color 4 to  $v_5, v_{15}$ ; color 5 to  $v_6, v_{16}$ ; color 6 to  $v_7, v_{17}$ ; color 7 to  $v_8, v_{18}$ ; color 8 to  $v_9, v_{19}$ ; color 9 to  $v_{10}, v_{20}$ ; color 10 to  $v_{11}$  and color 11 to  $v_{14}$ .

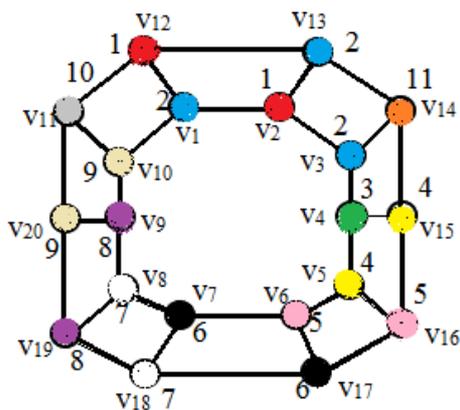


Fig 3.6

We notice that  $v_k\{1 \leq k \leq 10\}$  dominate color class  $k$ . Then  $v_{13}, v_{14}, v_{15}$  dominate the color class 11;  $v_{12}$  dominate color class 2 and  $v_k\{1 \geq k \geq 10\}$  dominate color class  $r\{4 \leq r \leq 8\}$ .

Hence the dominator chromatic number for  $\psi_d(Y_{10}) = 11$ .

**Theorem 3.7**

Let a prism graph  $Y_n, n \geq 3$  then  $\psi_d(Y_n) > \gamma(Y_n)$

**Proof**

The dominator chromatic number of a prism  $Y_n$  is

$$Y_n = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{for } n = 9 \text{ \& } n \geq 9 \\ n & \text{for } n \neq 5, n = 3, 4 \end{cases}$$

The domination number of a prism  $Y_n$  is

$$\gamma(Y_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \equiv -4 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{n}{2} + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv -2 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{n+1}{2} & \text{if } n \equiv -1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $\psi_d(Y_n) > \gamma(Y_n), n \geq 3$ .

**Theorem 3.8**

Let a prism graph  $Y_n, n > 3, n = 10$  then  $\psi_d(Y_n) > \chi(Y_n)$

**Proof**

The dominator chromatic number of a prism  $Y_n$  is

$$Y_n = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{for } n = 9 \text{ \& } n = 10 \\ n & \text{for } n = 4, 3 \leq n \leq 8 \end{cases}$$

The chromatic number of a prism graph  $Y_n$  is

$$\chi(Y_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ 3 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $n > 3$ , then  $\psi_d(Y_n) > \chi(Y_n)$ .

**Theorem 3.9**

Let a prism graph  $Y_n, n = 3$ , then  $\psi_d(Y_n) = \chi(Y_n)$

**Proof**

The dominator chromatic number of a prism  $Y_n$  is

$$Y_n = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{for } n = 9 \text{ \& } n = 10 \\ n & \text{for } n = 3 \end{cases}$$

The chromatic number of a prism graph  $Y_n$  is

$$\chi(Y_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \\ 3 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Hence  $n = 3$ , then  $\psi_d(Y_n) = \chi(Y_n)$ .

**Sunlet graph**

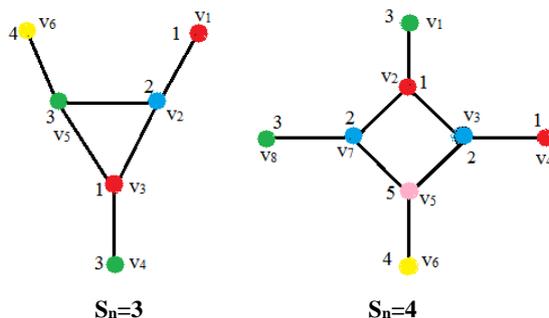


Fig 3.7

**Theorem 3.10**

For a sunlet graph  $S_n, n = 3, \psi_d(S_n) = n + 1$

**Proof**

The Vertex set of the sunlet graph is given by  $V = v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6$  and edge set is given by  $E = v_1 v_2 \cup v_2 v_3 \cup v_3 v_4 \cup v_3 v_5 \cup v_5 v_6 \cup v_2 v_5$ . Now some colors are

assigned to the vertices. Color 1 is assigned to vertices  $v_1$  &  $v_2$ , Color 2 to  $v_2$ , Color 3 to  $v_5$  &  $v_4$  and Color 4 to  $v_6$ . We notice that the vertices  $v_2, v_4$  dominate color class 1;  $v_1, v_5$  dominate color class 2;  $v_3$  &  $v_6$  dominate color class 3 & 4 respectively. Hence  $\psi_d(S_3) = 4$ .

**Theorem 3.11**

For a sunlet graph  $S_n, n = 4, \psi_d(S_n) = n + 1$

**Proof**

The Vertex set of the sunlet graph is given by  $V = v_i \{1 \leq i \leq 8\}$  and edge set

$E = e_1 \cup e_2 \cup e_3$  where  $e_1 = v_1v_2 \cup v_2v_3 \cup v_3v_4, e_2 = v_3v_5 \cup v_5v_6 \cup v_5v_7, e_3 = v_7v_8 \cup v_7v_2$ . Now some colors are assigned to the vertices. Color 1 is assigned to the vertices  $v_2, v_4$ ; Color 2 is assigned to  $v_3, v_7$ ; Color 3 is assigned to  $v_1, v_8$ , Color 4 to  $v_6$  and Color 5 to  $v_5$ .

We notice that the vertices  $v_1, v_3$  dominate color class 1;  $v_2, v_4, v_5$  dominate color class 2;  $v_7, v_8$  dominate color class 5 & 3;  $v_6$  dominate color class 4. Hence  $\psi_d(S_4) = 5$ .

**Theorem 3.12**

For a sunlet graph  $S_n, n < 6$ , then,  $\psi_d(S_n) > \chi(S_n)$ .

**Proof**

The dominator chromatic number of sunlet graph  $S_n$  is  $S_n = \{n + 1 \text{ for } n < 6\}$

The chromatic number of sunlet graph is  $\chi(S_n) = 3$

Hence  $\psi_d(S_n) > \chi(S_n)$ .

**4. Total dominator coloring of Sparse graph**

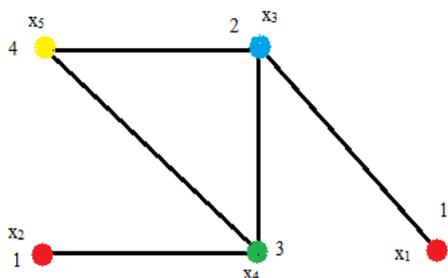


Fig 4.1

**Case 1**

G is a fig 4.1 sparse graph with  $\chi(G) = 3$ . The vertices  $x_1, x_2$  are given same color 1. Then the vertices  $x_3, x_4$  are given different color which are not repeated namely 2, 3 and the vertex  $x_5$  is assigned color 4, all the colors assigned are non repeated. Clearly the vertices  $\{x_3, x_4\}$  properly dominates  $x_5$ . Thus every vertex in G properly dominates an entire color class. Hence this graph G needed at most 4 colors,  $\psi_{td}(G) \leq 4$ .

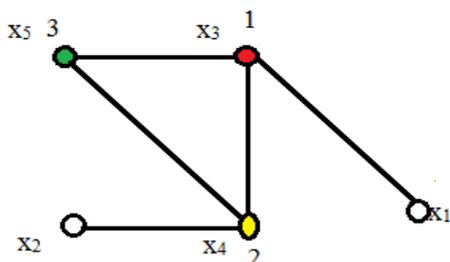


Fig 4.2

**Case 2**

Suppose  $\psi_{td}(G) \leq 3$ , then the vertex  $x_3$  is only dominated by the pendant vertex  $x_1$ . Hence  $x_3$  is a color class and is non repeated color. Likewise  $x_4$  is also non repeated color. Vertices  $x_3$  &  $x_4$  are given color 1 & 2, then  $x_5$  receives color 3. The vertices  $x_3, x_4$  has to dominate 3. Hence the end vertices requires one more color, So  $\psi_{td}(G) = 4$ .

**5. Conclusion**

In this paper, the dominator coloring  $\psi_d(G)$ , total dominator coloring  $\psi_{td}(G)$  of Prism graph, Sunlet graph and Sparse graph have been discussed. The chromatic number, the dominator chromatic number and the total dominator chromatic number of prism graph, sunlet graph and sparse graph have been examined.

Also the relation between the chromatic number, the dominator chromatic number and the total dominator chromatic number of above mentioned graphs were discussed.

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