

Neighbour Vertex Distinguishing Total Coloring of Comb Product of Some Graphs

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Abstract

In this paper, we determine the neighbour vertex distinguishing total chromatic number of comb product of some graph path by path, path by cycle and cycle by path. Also determine chromatic number of the skew product and converse skew product of P_m & P_n in detail.

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1 Introduction

All the graphs considered here are undirected graph, simple and connected graph $G = (V(G), E(G))$. For every vertex $x, y \in V(G)$, $xy \in E(G)$ denotes the edge connecting two vertices. For all other standard concepts of graph theory, we see [1], [2], [4].

[5], [6] The neighbour vertex distinguishing total coloring (abbreviated as *NVDTC*) of the graph G is a mapping $\phi : V(G) \cup E(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, t\}$, $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that any two adjacent or incident elements in $V(G) \cup E(G)$ have different colors. Then $C_\phi(x) \neq C_\phi(y)$ whenever $xy \in E(G)$, where $C_\phi(y)$ is the color class of the vertex y (with respect to ϕ).

$$\begin{aligned} C_\phi(x) &= \{\{\phi(x)\} \cup \{\phi(xy) \mid xy \in E(G)\}\} \\ \bar{C}_\phi(x) &= \{1, 2, \dots, t\} \setminus C_\phi(x) \end{aligned}$$

The minimum number of colors required to give an *NVDTC* to the graph G is denoted by $\chi_{nvt}(G)$. AVDTC of tensor product of graphs are discussed in literature [5] and Quadrilateral snake in [6]. $\chi_{nvt}(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2$, if G is a bipartite graph. For all other basic terminology of graph theory, we see [1], [2], [4].

2 NVDTC of $G_1 \triangleright G_2$

[3] Let G_1 and G_2 be two connected graphs. Let v be a vertex of G_2 . The comb product denoted by $G_1 \triangleright G_2$ between G_1 and G_2 , is a graph obtained by taking one copy of G_1 and $|V(G_1)|$ copies of G_2 and grafting the i -th copy of G_2 at the vertex v to the i -th vertex of G_1 . By the definition of comb product, we can say that $V(G_1 \triangleright G_2) = \{\phi(a; x) \mid a \in V(G_1); x \in V(G_2)\}$ and $(a, x)(b, y) \in E(G_1 \triangleright G_2)$ whenever $a = b$ and $xy \in E(G_2)$, or $ab \in E(G_1)$ and $x = y = v$. In this paper, we will show the results related to comb product of path and cycle graph namely $P_m \triangleright P_n$, $P_m \triangleright C_n$ and $C_m \triangleright P_n, m, n \in N$.

The NVDTC of comb product of two graphs G_1 and G_2 are discussed in this section. Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ be the vertices of G_1 and $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ be the vertices of G_2 . By the definition of comb product, we obtain a graph with vertex set $\{u_{r,s} \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Theorem 2.1.

$$\chi_{nvt}(P_m \triangleright P_n) = 5, m \geq 4$$

Proof. Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ is the vertex set of P_m and $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ is the vertex set of P_n . Define $\phi: V(P_m \triangleright P_n) \cup E(P_m \triangleright P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, t\}, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. The vertex and edge set of $P_m \triangleright P_n$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} V(P_m \triangleright P_n) &= \{u_{r,s} \mid r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m, s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \\ E(P_m \triangleright P_n) &= \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^{m-1} u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^m u_{r,s}u_{r,s+1} \right), s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $P_m \triangleright P_n$ has mn vertices and $mn - 1$ edges.

Now, the general graph $P_m \triangleright P_n$ for $m, n \geq 4$.

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m, \phi(u_{r,1}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m-1, \phi(u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ and } \phi(u_{r,1}u_{r,2}) = \{5\}$$

$$\text{For } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 2 \leq s \leq n - 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq r \leq m, \phi(u_{r,s}u_{r,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

The color classes are

$$\text{For } 2 \leq r \leq m - 1, \bar{C}_\phi(u_{r,1}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$C_\phi(u_{1,1}) = \{1,3,5\},$$

$$C_\phi(u_{m,1}) = \begin{cases} \{2,3,5\}, & \text{if } m \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \{1,4,5\}, & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$C_\phi(u_{r,2}) = \begin{cases} \{2,3,5\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \{1,3,5\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ and } C_\phi(u_{r,3}) = \begin{cases} \{1,3,4\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \{2,3,4\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 3 \leq r \leq m \text{ and } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \quad C_\phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} \{1,3,4\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ \{2,3,4\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 3 \leq r \leq m \text{ and } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \quad C_\phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} \{2,3,4\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ \{1,3,4\}, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

∴ The color classes of any two neighbour vertices are different.

$$\chi_{nvt}(P_m \triangleright P_n) = 5, \text{ for } m \geq 4$$

Hence the theorem. □

Theorem 2.2. *The comb product $P_m \triangleright C_n$ admits AVDTC and*

$$\chi_{nvt}(P_m \triangleright C_n) = 6, \quad m \geq 3, \quad n \geq 4$$

Proof. Let $V(P_m) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ and $V(C_n) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$.

Define $\phi: V(P_m \triangleright C_n) \cup E(P_m \triangleright C_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, t\}, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$V(P_m \triangleright C_n) = \{u_{r,s} \mid r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m, \quad s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

$$E(P_m \triangleright C_n) = \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^{m-1} u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1} \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^m u_{r,n}u_{r,1} \right) \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^m u_{r,s}u_{r,s+1} \right), \quad s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1) \right\}$$

Clearly, $P_m \triangleright C_n$ has mn vertices and $m + mn - 1$ edges.

Case I. When n is even

Now, we consider the general graph $P_m \triangleright C_n$ for $m \geq 3$ and $n \geq 4$.

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m, \phi(u_{r,1}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m - 1, \phi(u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1}) = \begin{cases} 5, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 6, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq s \leq n - 1 \text{ and for } 1 \leq r \leq m, \phi(u_{r,s}u_{r,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \text{ and for } 1 \leq s \leq n \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \text{ and for } 1 \leq s \leq n \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m, \phi(u_{r,n}u_{r,1}) = 4$$

∴ The color classes of any two neighbour vertices are different.

$$\chi_{nvt}(P_m \triangleright C_n) = 6, \text{ for } m \geq 3 \text{ and } n \text{ is even.}$$

Case (II), When *n is odd*

Now, we consider the general graph $P_m \triangleright C_n$.

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m, \phi(u_{r,1}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m - 1, \phi(u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1}) = \begin{cases} 5, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 6, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq s \leq n - 1$

$$\text{If } r \text{ is odd, } \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ and If } r \text{ is even, } \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u_{r,n}) &= 4 \\ \phi(u_{r,n-1}u_{r,n}) &= 1 \\ \phi(u_{r,n}u_{r,1}) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq s \leq n - 2, \phi(u_{1,s}u_{1,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that the color classes of any two neighbour vertices are distinct.

$$\chi_{nvt}(P_m \triangleright C_n) = 6, \text{ for } m \geq 3$$

Hence the theorem. □

Theorem 2.3. *The comb product $C_m \triangleright P_n$ admits NVDTC and*

$$\chi_{nvt}(C_m \triangleright P_n) = 5, m \geq 4$$

Proof. Define a function $\phi: V(C_m \triangleright P_n) \cup E(C_m \triangleright P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, t\}, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. The vertex and edge set of $C_m \triangleright P_n$ are

$$\begin{aligned} V(C_m \triangleright P_n) &= \{u_{r,s} \mid r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m, s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \\ E(C_m \triangleright P_n) &= \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^{m-1} u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1} \right) \cup (u_{m,1}u_{1,1}) \cup \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^m u_{r,s}u_{r,s+1} \right), s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n-1) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $P_m \triangleright C_n$ has mn vertices and $mn + m - 1$ edges.

Now, the general graph $C_m \triangleright P_n$ for $m, n \geq 4$.

Case I. When m is even

For $1 \leq r \leq m, 1 \leq s \leq n$

$$\text{If } r \text{ is odd, } \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ and } \text{If } r \text{ is even, } \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m, \phi(u_{r,1}u_{r,2}) = 5, \phi(u_{m,1}u_{1,1}) = 4$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m - 1$

$$\phi(u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m$ and $2 \leq s \leq n - 1$

$$\phi(u_{r,s}u_{r,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Case II. When m is odd

For $1 \leq r \leq m - 1, 1 \leq s \leq n$

$$\text{If } r \text{ is odd, } \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} \text{ and } \text{If } r \text{ is even, } \phi(u_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 2, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 1 \leq r \leq m - 1, \phi(u_{r,1}u_{r,2}) = 5, \phi(u_{m,1}) = 4,$$

$$\phi(u_{m-1,1}u_{m,1}) = 1, \phi(u_{m,1}u_{1,1}) = 2.$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m - 2$

$$\phi(u_{r,1}u_{r+1,1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m$ and $2 \leq s \leq n - 1$

$$\phi(u_{r,s}u_{r,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{for } s \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 4, & \text{for } s \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Therefore, the color classes of any two neighbour vertices are different.

$$\chi_{nvt}(C_m \triangleright C_n) = 5, \text{ for } m \geq 4$$

Hence the theorem. □

3 NVDTTC of skew and converse skew product of graphs

In this section, the skew and converse skew product of path by path graph discussed. The skew product of two graphs G_1 and G_2 denoted by $G_1 \Delta G_2$ has the vertex set $V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$ and the edge set is

$$E(G_1 \Delta G_2) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \mid x_1 = x_2 \text{ and } y_1 y_2 \in E(G_2) \\ \text{(or)} x_1 x_2 \in E(G_1) \text{ and } y_1 y_2 \in E(G_2) \end{array} \right.$$

The converse skew product of two graphs G_1 and G_2 denoted by $G_1 \nabla G_2$ has the same vertex set of $G_1 \Delta G_2$ and the edge set is

$$E(G_1 \nabla G_2) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \mid y_1 = y_2 \text{ and } x_1 x_2 \in E(G_1) \\ \text{(or)} x_1 x_2 \in E(G_1) \text{ and } y_1 y_2 \in E(G_2) \end{array} \right.$$

In this section, we propose $P_m \Delta P_n$ and $P_m \nabla P_n$ admits neighbour vertex distinguishing total coloring conjecture.

Theorem 3.1.

$$\psi_{nvt}(P_m \Delta P_n) = 8, \quad m, n \geq 4$$

Proof. Let $V(P_m) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ and $V(P_n) = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ are the vertex set of the graph P_m and P_n respectively. Define $\phi : V(P_m \Delta P_n) \cup E(P_m \Delta P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, t\}, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$V(P_m \Delta P_n) = \{v_{r,s} \mid r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m, \quad s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

$$E(P_m \Delta P_n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^{m-1} (v_{r,s}v_{r+1,s+1}) \cup (v_{r+1,s}v_{r,s+1}) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{r=1}^m v_{r,s}v_{r,s+1} \right), \\ s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n - 1) \end{array} \right\}$$

Clearly, $P_m \Delta P_n$ has mn vertices and $(n - 1)(m - 2)$ edges.

For $1 \leq r \leq m, 1 \leq s \leq n,$

$$\phi(v_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1 & s \equiv 1(2) \\ 2 & s \equiv 0(2) \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m$,

$$\phi(v_{r,s}v_{r,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 3 & s \equiv 1(2) \\ 4 & s \equiv 0(2) \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq s \leq n-1$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m-1$ and $1 \leq s \leq n-1$

$$\phi(v_{r,s}v_{r+1,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 5 & r \equiv 1(2) \\ 6 & r \equiv 0(2) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(v_{r+1,s}v_{r,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 7 & r \equiv 1(2) \\ 8 & r \equiv 0(2) \end{cases}$$

The color classes of any two adjacency vertices are different.

The color classes are,

$$C(v_{1,1}) = \{1,3,5\}, \quad C(v_{1,n}) = \begin{cases} (1,4,7), & n \text{ is odd} \\ (2,3,7), & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 2 \leq s \leq n-1, \quad C(v_{1,s}) = \begin{cases} (2,3,4,5,7), & s \equiv 0(2) \\ (1,3,4,5,7), & s \equiv 1(2) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 2 \leq r \leq m-1, \quad \text{and } 2 \leq s \leq n-1, \quad \bar{C}(v_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} (2) & \text{when } s \equiv 1(2) \\ (1) & \text{when } s \equiv 0(2) \end{cases}$$

For $2 \leq r \leq m-1$,

$$C(v_{r,1}) = \begin{cases} (1,3,6,7), & \text{when } r \equiv 0(2) \\ (1,3,5,8), & \text{when } r \equiv 1(2) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad C(v_{m,1}) = \begin{cases} (1,3,7), & \text{when } m \text{ is even} \\ (1,3,8), & \text{when } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } n \text{ is odd, then } C(v_{r,n}) = \begin{cases} (1,4,5,8), & r \equiv 0(2) \\ (1,4,6,7), & r \equiv 1(2) \end{cases}$$

For $2 \leq r \leq m-1$, when n is even

$$C(v_{r,n}) = \begin{cases} (2,3,5,8), & r \equiv 0(2) \\ (2,3,6,7), & r \equiv 1(2) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } n \text{ is odd, then } C(v_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} (1,4,5), & m \text{ is even} \\ (1,4,6), & m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{If } n \text{ is even, then } C(v_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} (2,3,5), & m \text{ is even} \\ (2,3,6), & m \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad \text{For } 2 \leq s \leq n-1$$

$$C(v_{r,n}) = \begin{cases} \begin{cases} (2,3,4,5,7), & s \equiv 0(2) \\ (1,3,4,5,7), & s \equiv 1(2) \end{cases} & \text{when } m \text{ is even} \\ \begin{cases} (2,3,4,6,8), & s \equiv 0(2) \\ (1,3,4,6,8), & s \equiv 1(2) \end{cases} & \text{when } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that that the color classes of any to adjacent vertices are different. Hence

$$\psi_{nvt}(P_m \Delta P_n) = 8, \quad m, n \geq 4$$

□

Theorem 3.2.

$$\psi_{nvt}(P_m \nabla P_n) = 8, \quad m, n \geq 4$$

Proof. Let $V(P_m) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ and $V(P_n) = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ are the vertex set of the graph P_m and P_n respectively. Define $\phi: V(P_m \nabla P_n) \cup E(P_m \nabla P_n) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, t\}, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

$$V(P_m \nabla P_n) = \{v_{r,s} \mid r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m, \quad s = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$$

$$E(P_m \nabla P_n) = \left\{ \left(\bigcup_{s=1}^{m-1} (v_{r,s}v_{r+1,s+1}) \cup (v_{r+1,s}v_{r,s+1}) \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{s=1}^m v_{r,s}v_{r+1,s} \right), \right. \\ \left. r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (m-1) \right\}$$

Clearly, $P_m \nabla P_n$ has mn vertices and $(m-1)(n-2)$ edges. When $m, n \geq 3$, we have

For $1 \leq r \leq m, 1 \leq s \leq n$, then

$$\phi(v_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} 1 & r \equiv 1(2) \\ 2 & r \equiv 0(2) \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m-1, 1 \leq s \leq n$

$$\phi(v_{r,s}v_{r+1,s}) = \begin{cases} 3 & r \equiv 1(2) \\ 4 & r \equiv 0(2) \end{cases}$$

For $1 \leq r \leq m-1$ and $1 \leq s \leq n-1$

$$\phi(v_{r,s}v_{r+1,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 5 & s \equiv 1(2) \\ 6 & s \equiv 0(2) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \phi(v_{r+1,s}v_{r,s+1}) = \begin{cases} 7 & s \equiv 1(2) \\ 8 & s \equiv 0(2) \end{cases}$$

The color classes of any two neighbouring vertices are different.

The color classes are,

$$C(v_{1,1}) = \{1, 3, 5\}, \quad \text{for } 2 \leq s \leq n-1, \quad C(v_{1,s}) = \begin{cases} \{1, 3, 6, 7\}, & s \equiv 1(2) \\ \{1, 3, 5, 8\}, & s \equiv 0(2) \end{cases}$$

For $2 \leq r \leq m-1$,

$$C(v_{r,1}) = \begin{cases} \{2, 3, 4, 5, 7\}, & \text{when } r \equiv 1(2) \\ \{1, 3, 4, 5, 7\}, & \text{when } r \equiv 0(2) \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad C(v_{m,1}) = \begin{cases} \{2, 3, 7\}, & \text{when } m \text{ is even} \\ \{1, 4, 7\}, & \text{when } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } 2 \leq r \leq m-1, \text{ and } 2 \leq s \leq n-1, \quad C(v_{r,s}) = \begin{cases} \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} & r \equiv 0(2) \\ \{1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} & r \equiv 1(2) \end{cases}$$

For $2 \leq s \leq n-1$,

$$C(v_{m,s}) = \begin{cases} \{(2,3,5,8), & s \equiv 0(2) \\ \{(2,3,6,7), & s \equiv 1(2) \end{cases} \text{ when } m \text{ is even}$$

$$\begin{cases} \{(1,4,5,8), & s \equiv 0(2) \\ \{(1,4,6,7), & s \equiv 1(2) \end{cases} \text{ when } m \text{ is odd}$$

For $2 \leq r \leq m - 1$

$$C(v_{r,n}) = \begin{cases} \{(2,3,4,5,7), & r \equiv 0(2) \\ \{(1,3,4,5,7), & r \equiv 1(2) \end{cases} \text{ when } n \text{ is even}$$

$$\begin{cases} \{(2,3,4,6,8), & r \equiv 0(2) \\ \{(1,3,4,6,8), & r \equiv 1(2) \end{cases} \text{ when } n \text{ is odd}$$

When m is odd, $C(v_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \{(1,4,5), & n \text{ is even} \\ \{(1,4,6), & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

When m is even, $C(v_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \{(2,3,5), & n \text{ is even} \\ \{(2,3,6), & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

It is clear that all the neighbouring vertices have distinct color class. Hence

$$\psi_{nvt}(P_m \nabla P_n) = 8, \quad m, n \geq 4$$

□

Conclusion.

In this paper, we have proved that the neighbouring vertex distinguishing total chromatic number of comb product of some graph path by path, path by cycle and cycle by path. Also, we proved that the skew and converse skew product of path by path graphs have the same neighbour vertex distinguishing total chromatic number.

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