

## GEO CHROMATIC NUMBER FOR SOME OPERATIONS OF GRAPH

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### Abstract

The Geo Chromatic Number (GCN) of  $\chi_{gc}(G)$  for some product graphs is derived.

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### 1. Introduction

The concepts of the GCN of graph were introduced by Beulah Samli and Robinson Chellathurai [1]. In this paper, we consider a graph to be connected, finite, simple where  $V(G)$  is node set and  $E(G)$  is link set [2,6].

The distance between two nodes  $x_1, x_2$  contained in  $V(G)$  is the minimum size of  $x_1 - x_2$  paths in  $G$ . An  $x_1 - x_2$  path of the size  $d_G(x_1, x_2)$  is known as geodesic. We indicate  $I_G(x_1, x_2)$  as the set of nodes which are lies inside some  $x_1 - x_2$  geodesics of  $G$ . A node is said to be lie on  $x_1 - x_2$  geodetic if  $c$  is an inner node of  $P$ . The bounded interval  $I(x_1, x_2)$  includes  $x_1, x_2$  and all nodes falls on some  $x_1 - x_2$  geodesic of  $G$ . Consider a non- empty set  $S \subseteq V(G)$ . For a set  $I(S) = \bigcup_{x_1, x_2 \in S} I(x_1, x_2)$ . If  $G$  is connected graph, thus  $S$  is a geodetic set  $g(S)$  such that  $I(S) = V(G)$  [3].

The minimum cardinality  $S$  of  $G$  is known geodetic number defined by  $g(G)$ . A  $j$  – node coloring of  $G$  is an allotment of  $j$  colors to the nodes of  $G$ . The coloring is proper if no two joining nodes accept same color such that  $\chi(G) = j$  is said to be  $j$  – chromatic, where  $j \leq k$ . a minimum cardinality of a chromatic number of  $G$  is known as chromatic set [8, 4, 5].

In this paper, we discussed about Geo Chromatic Number (GCN) [1, 7] for operations on some known graph.

### 2. Union operation

**1.1. Theorem:** For any two path graphs  $p, q > 1$  then  $\chi_{gc}(G_1 \cup G_2) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } m \cup n \text{ is even} \\ 3, & \text{if } m \cup n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

**Proof:** Consider the two paths  $G' = P_q$  and  $G'' = P_p$ . Let us label the vertices of  $P_q$  by  $\{p'_1, p'_2, p'_3, \dots, p'_q\}$  and  $\{p''_1, p''_2, p''_3, \dots, p''_p\}$  be the vertices  $P_q$  and the edge set be  $\{e'_1, e'_2, e'_3, \dots, e'_q\}$  and  $\{e''_1, e''_2, e''_3, \dots, e''_p\}$ . Hence the union of  $G'$  and  $G''$  are obtained by taking the union of the vertex and edges. Thus  $G$  be the union of  $G'$  and  $G''$  are also a path and  $\Delta(G) = 2$  and  $\delta(G) = 1$  which is two colorable. Thereby we exist following cases:

**Case 1:** if  $p = q$ , here  $m$  and  $n$  may be odd or even, since the pendant vertices  $p'_1$  and  $p'_p$  is a geodetic set of  $G$ . Here we get two different cases:

**Sub case (i):** When  $G = P_{2p}$ , since  $S = \{p'_1, p'_p\}$  is the minimum geodetic set which belongs to different color class, thus  $S_c$  together satisfies geodetic set and chromatic set of  $G$ . Then  $\chi_{gc}(G) = 2$ .

**Sub Case (ii):** When  $G = P_{2p+1}$ ,  $S = \{p'_1, p'_p\}$  is a geodetic set of  $G$ . thus  $S$  belongs to the same color class, which is not a chromatic set of  $G$ . If we choose a vertex belongs to the other color class. Thus its result a chromatic set of  $G$ , Thereby  $S_c$  form a Geo chromatic set of  $G$ . Hence  $\chi_{gc}(G) = 3$ .

**Case (ii):** If  $p > q$ , thus the result graph is a path graph with  $p$  vertices. Let the path  $P_p$  may be odd or even. Thus it states the following cases of Case (i).

**Case (iii):** If  $p < q$ , thus the result graph state path graph with  $q$  vertices result the case (i).

**1.2. Theorem:** For any positive integer  $p, q$  there exist a vertex  $x_0$  which belongs to both  $C_p$  and

$$P_q \text{ then } \chi_{gc}(C_p \cup P_q) = \begin{cases} 4, \text{ if } p=3, q=2 \\ 3, \text{ when } p=\text{odd}, q \geq 2 \\ 3, \text{ when } p \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, q = \text{odd and } p \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, q = \text{even} \\ 2 \text{ when } p \equiv 0 \pmod{4}, q = \text{even and } p \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, q = \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** we take a vertex  $x_0$  which is common for both  $C_p$  and  $P_q$ . Thereby the vertices of  $C_p$  is labeled as  $V(C_p) = \{x_0, c'_1, c'_2, c'_3, \dots, c'_{p-1}\}$  and the vertices of  $P_q$  by  $V(P_q) = \{x_0, p'_1, p'_2, p'_3, \dots, p'_{q-1}\}$  and the union of  $C_p$  and  $P_q$  is defined as  $G'$  with vertex set  $V(C_p \cup P_q) = \{x_0, c'_1, c'_2, c'_3, \dots, c'_{p-1}, p'_1, p'_2, p'_3, \dots, p'_{q-1}\}$ . Thus we have  $p + q - 1$  vertex. Let  $S = \left\{c'_{\frac{p-1}{2}}, c'_{\frac{p+1}{2}}, p'_{p-1}\right\}$  or  $S = \left\{c'_{\frac{p}{2}}, p'_{p-1}\right\}$  be the minimum geodetic set of  $C_p \cup P_q$  is  $G'$ . The Geo chromatic number can be occur based on the value of  $p$  and  $q$  as follows:

**Case i:** When  $p = 3, q = 2$

Let  $S = \left\{c'_{\frac{p-1}{2}}, c'_{\frac{p+1}{2}}, p'_{p-1}\right\}$  be the geodetic set of  $G'$  thereby the set of vertices lies in the similar color class and which is not forming a chromatics set. Hence we add a vertex from the various color class to form a geo chromatic set. Thus it states result  $\chi_{gc}(G') = 4$ .

**Case ii:** When  $p = \text{odd}, q > 1$ .

The minimum geodetic set  $S = \left\{c'_{\frac{p}{2}}, p'_{p-1}\right\}$  which is belongs to the different color classes thus is satisfies the condition of the geo chromatic set and we get  $\chi_{gc}(G') = 3$ .

**Case iii:** When  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $q = \text{odd}$  and  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$   $q = \text{even}$ .

When  $q = \text{odd}$  or even, where  $S = \left\{ c'_{\frac{p}{2}}, p'_{p-1} \right\}$  which is geodetic set is not a minimum chromatic set, as geodetic set contain the same color class. Hence, to get respective form we can add a vertex which belongs to the different color class, and we get  $\chi_{gc}(G') = 3$ .

**Case iv:** When  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ ,  $q = \text{even}$  and  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$   $q = \text{odd}$ .

When  $q = \text{odd}$  or even, where  $S = \left\{ c'_{\frac{p}{2}}, p'_{p-1} \right\}$  which is geodetic set and also a minimum chromatic set, as geodetic set contain the various color class. Thus it results  $\chi_{gc}(G') = 2$ .

**Corollary 1:** Let  $G = C_m$  be a cycle with  $m$  vertices and  $H = P_n$  be a path with  $n$  vertices,  $m > 2$ ,  $n > 1$  then the geo chromatic number is  $C_m$  and its results  $\chi_{gc}(G \cup H) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } m = \text{even} \\ 3, & \text{if } m = \text{odd} \end{cases}$ .

**1.3. Theorem:** For  $G = C_n \cup S_{n-1}$ ,  $n > 3$ , then  $\chi_{gc}(G) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2} + 1, & n = \text{odd} \\ \frac{n}{2} + 2, & n = \text{even} \end{cases}$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $\{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n\}$  be the vertex set of  $C_n$  and  $v_{n-1}$  is consider as the center vertex and the extreme vertex of  $S_{n-1}$  is named as  $\{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_{n-2}\}$  and whose diameter is 2. Let us consider the minimum geodetic set  $S$  as odd vertex for  $n$  is odd and even vertex for  $n$  is even. We consider the following cases:

**Case i:** First assume that  $n = \text{even}$ , we consider the minimum geodetic set by taking the even vertex of  $C_n$  which receives same color classes which is not forming a chromatic set. We add a vertex of different color classes. Thereby it satisfies the condition of geo chromatic set. Hence

$$\chi_{gc}(G) = \frac{n}{2} + 2.$$

**Case ii:** Suppose we consider  $n = \text{odd}$ , let us assume the minimum geodetic set by taking the odd vertex of  $C_n$  which receives different color classes thus it is not forming a chromatic set. We add a vertex which is belongs to the different color classes. Thus it satisfies the condition.

$$\text{Therefore } \chi_{gc}(G) = \frac{n+1}{2} + 1.$$

**1.4. Theorem:** For the star and cycle graph  $X = S_p$  and  $Y = C_p$ ,  $p > 4$  with  $V(X) = V(Y)$  and

$$E(X) = E(Y) \text{ be the vertex and edge set of } W = X \cup Y \text{ then } \chi_{gc}(W) = \begin{cases} 4, & p = 3 \\ \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil + 1, & p > 3 \end{cases}.$$

**Proof:** Assume the star graph  $X = S_p$  and cycle  $X = C_p$  with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges where  $V(X) = V(Y) = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_p\}$  and  $E(X) = E(Y) = \{q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_q\}$  such that the union of

vertex set  $V(X) \cup V(Y)$  and edge  $E(X) \cup E(Y)$  be the union of  $X \cup Y = W$ . Thereby  $W$  becomes a wheel graph of  $W_n$ . We consider the following cases:

**Case 1:** For  $p = 3$ , then the union of these graph becomes  $K_4$ . For a complete graph  $K_4$  every nodes are consider as geodetic set. Thus  $S$  is geodetic and chromatic set of  $W$ , Hence its results  $\chi_{gc}(W) = 4$ .

**Case 2:** For  $p$  is even. The set  $S = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$  is the geodetic set of  $W$ , and  $|S| = \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ . Let

us take  $C$  be the proper coloring of  $W$  such that  $S = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$  was allotted by color say  $C_1$  and  $S_1 = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$  was allotted by color say  $C_2$ . The center vertex of  $W_n$  was allotted by a new color class say  $C_3$ . Now we see that the minimum chromatic set  $C$  contains three vertices of distinct colors  $|C| = 3$ . Thus  $S$  is not a chromatic set of  $W$ . Thereby  $|S_c| > \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ ,

Thus  $N(u_i)$  receive a distinct color class other than  $S$ . Let us assume one of the vertex of  $N(u_i)$  be  $u_{i+1}$ , which is not the center vertex of  $W$ . Now  $S' = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\} \cup \{u_{i+1}\}$  is geodetic set of  $W$ . Thus  $\chi(W) = 3$ ,  $S'$  is not a minimum chromatic set of  $W$ . If the center vertex of  $W$  say  $v_0 \in S'$ , then the set  $S_c = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\} \cup \{u_{i+1}\} \cup \{v_0\}$  is a geo chromatic set of  $W$  which satisfies both geodetic set and chromatic set of  $W$ ,  $\chi_{gc}(W) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ . Hence  $\chi_{gc}(W) < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$  is

not true. Therefore it is clear that  $\chi_{gc}(W) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ .

**Case 3:** For  $p$  is odd, The set  $S = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$  is the geodetic set of  $W$ . Assume  $C$  be the proper coloring of  $W$  such that the center vertex of  $W_n$  says  $v_0$  was allotted by a new color which is not allotted in  $C_{n-1}$ . It is clear that  $|C| = 4$ . Thus the set  $S = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$  is the geodetic

set of  $W$  not a chromatic set and such that  $\chi_{gc}(W) > \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ . If  $v_0 \in S$ , the set  $S_c = \{u_i / i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\} \cup \{v_0\}$

satisfies both geodetic set and chromatic set of  $W$ . Hence  $\chi_{gc}(W) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ . Thus

$\chi_{gc}(W) < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$  is not possible. Therefore it results  $\chi_{gc}(W) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ .

## 2. Intersection Operation of graph

**2.1. Theorem:** For any positive integers  $m, n > 1$  then  $\chi_{gc}(P_m \cap P_n) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } m = n = \text{even} \\ 3, & \text{if } m = n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

**Proof :** Let us consider  $G'_1 = P_m$  and  $G''_1 = P_n$ , then the intersection of  $G = G'_1 \cap G''_1$  where as  $V(G'_1) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_m\}$ ,  $V(G''_1) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(G'_1) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_m\}$ ,  $E(G''_1) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  are the two graph then the intersection of these graph are obtained by taking intersection of vertex set and edge set. Thereby, it must have a common edge with a vertex set in  $G'_1$  and  $G''_1$ . Suppose, if we have a vertex common in both  $G'_1$  and  $G''_1$ . Then the intersection of  $G'_1$  and  $G''_1$  become isolated vertex which is contradict to our result. Therefore we must have one or more common edges and vertices. Thus we have following cases of geo chromatic number

**Case 1:** when  $m = n = \text{even}$

Here we exist a path graph  $G = P_{2m}$  (say). Since the set of leaves  $S = \{v_1, v_{2m}\}$  be the minimum geodetic set belongs to the different color classes. Therefore the set  $S_c = \{v_1, v_{2m}\}$  is Geo chromatic set of  $G$ . then  $\chi_{gc}(G) = 2$ .

**Case 2:** when  $m \neq n$  both  $m$  and  $n$ , either odd or even. We have the following sub cases:

**Sub case i:** when  $m < n$ , if  $m = \text{odd}$ ,  $n = \text{even}$ . Here there exist a path graph  $G = \min\{m, n\} = m$  is odd. Since  $G$  is a path thus the geodetic set  $S = \{v_1, v_m\}$  which is minimum belongs to the same color class. Let us choose a vertex belongs to the different color classes  $v_i$  (say). Thus  $S_c = \{v_1, v_m\} \cup \{v_i\}$  is geo chromatic set of  $G$ . It results  $\chi_{gc}(G) = 3$ .

**Sub case ii:** when  $m < n$ , if  $m = \text{even}$ ,  $n = \text{odd}$ . Here there exist a path graph  $G = \min\{m, n\} = m$  is even. Since  $G$  is an even path the geodetic set  $S = \{v_1, v_m\}$  which is minimum and also belongs to the different color class. Hence it results  $\chi_{gc}(G) = 2$ .

**Sub case iii:** when  $m > n$ , if  $m = \text{odd}$ ,  $n = \text{even}$  there exist a path graph which is even. Thus its result sub case (ii)

**Sub case iv:** when  $m > n$ , if  $m = \text{even}$ ,  $n = \text{odd}$  there exist a path graph which is odd. Thus its result sub cases (i).

**Case 3:** when  $m = n = \text{odd}$

Since  $m$  and  $n$  are odd,  $G$  is bipartite and hence 2 – colorable also  $S = \{v_1, v_m\}$  is a minimum geodetic set of  $G$ , but which is not a chromatic set, that is  $v_1$  and  $v_m$  belongs to the same color classes. We see that one color class is missing in  $S$ . by adding the different color to  $S$ .  $S_c$  satisfies the condition. Hence it results  $\chi_{gc}(G) = 3$ .

**Corollary 2:** If  $G = C_n$  be a cycle with  $n$  vertices and  $H = P_m$  be a path with  $m$  vertices their obtained a path graph by taking  $G' = C_n \cap P_m$ . Then the geo chromatic number of the graph is

$$\text{obtained by } \chi_{gc}(G') = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n = \text{even} \\ 3, & \text{if } n = \text{odd} \end{cases} .$$

**2.2. Theorem:** Let  $G = W_n$  be the wheel graph and  $H = S_n$  be the star graph and the graph with vertex set  $V = V_1 \cap V_2$  and the edge set  $E = E_1 \cap E_2$  be the intersection of  $G' = G \cap H$ . then the geo chromatic number of  $\chi_{gc}(G') = n$ , where  $n > 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = W_n$  be the wheel graph and  $H = S_n$  be the star graph with  $n$  vertex of the graph  $G'$  with the vertex set  $V = V_1 \cap V_2$  and the edge set  $E = E_1 \cap E_2$  be the intersection of the graph  $G' = G \cap H$ . Thus  $G'$  is the star graph  $S_n$ . Let  $G' = S_n$  with  $n > 3$ . Hence the set of all pendant vertices is the minimum geodetic set  $S$  for  $G'$  but  $S$  is not a chromatic set of  $G'$  and so  $\chi_{gc}(G') \geq n$ . If the neighborhood of all pendant vertices of  $G'$  is contained in  $S$ , then  $S$  is a geodetic set and also chromatic set of  $G'$ . The set  $S_c = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\} \cup \{v_0\}$  is the geo chromatic set of  $G'$ . Hence it is clear that  $\chi_{gc}(G') = n$ .

**Remark 1:** if  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  where  $m = n$  and all the vertices and edges of  $C_n$  and  $C_m$  are common then the union and intersection of the cycle graph represents a cycle. Then the result of the geo chromatic number is proved in theorem 5.

**Remark 2:** if  $C_n$  and  $C_m$  be the two cycles with  $n$  and  $m$  vertices their exist some common vertex and edge set. Therefore the intersections of two paths graph again a path and the result of geo chromatic number of the path is resulted in theorem 6.

### 3. Join graphs:

**3.1. Theorem:** for  $G = P_m + P_n$ ,  $m = 2$  and  $n > 1$ , then  $\chi_{gc}(G) = \begin{cases} 4 & , m = n = 2 \\ \frac{m+n}{2} + 2 & , m = 2, n = \text{even} . \\ \frac{m+n+1}{2} + 2, m = 2, n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

**Proof:** Let us consider  $V(P_m) = \{ a, b \}$  for path  $p_m$  where  $m = 2$  and  $V(P_n) = \{ 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \}$  be the vertices of  $P_n$  where  $n > 1$ . The vertices of a join graph of  $P_m + P_n$  is  $\{ a, b, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \}$  and it is 4 colorable and whose diameter is 2. Here we consider the geodetic set  $S$  as an odd vertex for when  $m$  is odd and when  $m$  is even we take  $m$  with  $S$  which is minimum geodetic set. Thus, we geo chromatic number based on the  $n > 1$ .

**Case i:** when  $m = n = 2$

When we find the join graph between  $P_2 + P_2$  we obtain the complete graph. Every vertex in the complete graph is a minimum geodetic set  $S$ , thus  $g(S) = 4$  and chromatic number of  $P_2 + P_2$  is 4. Therefore it's clear that  $\chi_{gc}(G) = 4$ .

**Case ii:** For  $n = \text{even}$

Let us find the join graph of  $P_2 + P_n$  when  $n$  is even the chromatic number of the following graph is 4. Let us consider the minimum geodetic set  $S$  by taking the odd vertex of  $P_n$  and add the  $n$ th vertex along with  $S$  where as  $S$  receives the different color class but it does not receive the color class of  $P_2$  thereby which is not a minimum chromatic set. Hence by adding the both the color classes of  $P_2$  with  $S$ . Therefore  $S_c$  satisfies the geo chromatic set. Thus it is results

$$\chi_{gc}(G) = \frac{m+n}{2} + 2 .$$

**Case iii:** For  $n = \text{odd}$ .

We consider the minimum geodetic set by taking the odd vertex of  $P_n$  which receives same colors. Thus it does not satisfy the condition. Hence we add the different colors of  $P_n$  with  $S$  thus it not satisfies the condition. Thereby we add the remaining color class of  $P_2$  with  $S$  which satisfies the condition of chromatic set. Hence  $S_c$  is both geodetic and chromatic set of  $G$ . thus it

$$\text{states } \chi_{gc}(G) = \frac{m+n+1}{2} + 2 .$$

**3.2. Theorem:** For  $G = C_n + P_m$ ,  $m = 2$  and  $n > 3$ , then  $\chi_{gc}(G) = \begin{cases} \frac{m+n}{2} + 2 & , m = 2, n = \text{even} \\ \frac{m+n-1}{2} + 2, m = 2, n = \text{odd} \end{cases}$

**Proof:**

Assume  $G = C_n + P_m$ , where  $m = 2$  and  $n > 4$ . Let  $\{a, b\}$  be the vertex set of  $P_2$  and  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n\}$ . The vertices of a join graph of  $C_n + P_2$  is  $\{a, b, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and whose diameter is 2. We consider the minimum geodetic set by taking the odd vertex of  $C_n$ .

**Case i:** First assume that  $m = 2$  and  $n = \text{even}$ , we consider the minimum geodetic set by taking the odd vertex of  $C_n$  which receives same color classes which is not forming a chromatic set. we add a vertex of different color classes from the  $C_n$  and also vertices from path  $P_2$ . Thereby it

satisfies the condition of geo chromatic set. Hence  $\chi_{gc}(G) = \frac{m+n}{2} + 2$ .

**Case ii:** Suppose we consider  $m = 2$  and  $n = \text{odd}$ , let us assume the minimum geodetic set by taking the odd vertex of  $C_n$  which receives different color classes thus it is not forming a chromatic set. We add the vertices of  $P_2$  which is belongs to the different color classes to  $S$ . thus

it satisfies the condition. Therefore  $\chi_{gc}(G) = \frac{m+n-1}{2} + 2$ .

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