

Some Equal Degree Graph Edge Chromatic Number

Jun Liu^{1,a}, Zhi Guo Ren¹, Qiu Ju Yue¹, Zhong Yi Feng¹ and Cai Hui Lan¹

1. Lanzhou City University, School of Information Science and engineering, Lanzhou 730070, P.R.China

Abstract. Let $G(V, E)$ be a simple graph and k is a positive integer, if it exists a mapping of f , and satisfied with $f(e_1) \neq f(e_2)$ for two incident edges $e_1, e_2 \in E(G)$, $f(e_1) \neq f(e_2)$, then f is called the k -proper-edge coloring of G (k -PEC for short). The minimal number of colors required for a proper edge coloring of G is denoted by $X'(G)$ and is called the proper edge chromatic number. It exists a k -proper edge coloring of simple graph of G , for any two adjacent vertices u and v in G , the set of colors assigned to the edges incident to u differs from the set of colors incident to v , then f is called k -adjacent-vertex-distinguishing proper edge coloring, is abbreviated k -AVDEC, also called a adjacent strong edge coloring. The minimal number of colors required for a adjacent-vertex-distinguishing edge coloring of G is denoted by $X'_{ad}(G)$ and is called adjacent-vertex-distinguishing edge chromatic number. The new class graphs of equal degree graph are be introduced, and this class graphs adjacent-vertex-distinguishing edge chromatic numbers of path, cycle, fan, complete graph, wheel, star are presented in this paper.

1 Introduction

The coloring problem of graphs is a extremely difficult problem, widely applied in practice. In [1], some conditional coloring problems are introduced. Some network problems can be converted to the edge coloring^[2-9] and adjacent strong edge coloring.

Definition 1^[10] For a graph $G(V, E)$, if a proper coloring f is satisfied with $C(u) \neq C(v)$ for $u, v \in V(G) (u \neq v)$ and $uv \in E(G)$ then f is called k -adjacent-vertex-distinguishing edge coloring of G , is abbreviated k -AVDEC, and

$$X'_{ad}(G) = \min\{k | k - AVDEC of G\}$$

is called the adjacent-vertex-distinguishing edge chromatic number of G ^[6], where

$$C(u) = \{f(uv) | uv \in E(G)\}$$

Conjecture^[2] Let G be a connected graph with $|G| \geq 3$, and $G \neq C_5$ (5-cycle), then

$$X'_{ad}(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2$$

where $\Delta(G)$ is the maximum degree of graph G .

Definition 2^[5] Let $G(V, E)$ be a simple graph, $M(G)$ is called the equal degree graph of G , where

$$V(M(G)) = V(G) \cup V' \cup \{W\};$$

$$E(M(G)) = E(G) \cup \{uv' | u \in V(G),$$

$$v' \in V', d(u) = d(v)\} \cup \{wv' | v' \in V'\}$$

Where as

$$V' = \{v' | v \in V(G)\}, \{w\} \cap (V(G) \cup V') = \emptyset.$$

2 Main result

Lemma 1 For $n \geq 2$, then

$$\Delta(M(P_n)) = \begin{cases} 3, n = 2, 3; \\ n, n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2 For $n \geq 3$, then

$$\Delta(M(P_n)) = n + 2$$

Lemma 3 For $n \geq 3$, then

$$\Delta(M(F_n)) = \begin{cases} 5, n = 2, 3; \\ n + 1, n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 4 For $n \geq 2$, then

$$\Delta(M(K_n)) = \begin{cases} 3, n = 2 \\ 5, N = 3; \\ 2n - 1 \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 5 For $n \geq 3$, then

$$\Delta(M(W_n)) = \begin{cases} 7, n = 3; \\ n + 3, n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

^aauthore-mail: 527876625@qq.com

This study was supported by Lanzhou City University Ph.D. Research Fund (21265099, 41361013, GS[2013]GHB1084, LZCU-BS2013-09 and LZCU-BS2013-12).

Lemma 6 For $n \geq 3$, then

$$\Delta(M(S_n)) = \begin{cases} 3, n = 1, 2; \\ n + 1, n \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 7 [2] Let G be a connected simple graph with $|V(G)| \geq 3$, if $uv \in E(G)$ and $d(u) = d(v) = \Delta(G)$, then $X'_{ad}(G) \geq \Delta(G) + 1$

Theorem 1 For $n \geq 2$, then

$$X'_{ad}(M(P_n)) = \begin{cases} 5, n = 3; \\ n + 1, n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Proof Let

$V(P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}, V' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, there are two cases to be discussed as follow:

Case 1 When $n = 2$, $\Delta(M(P_2)) = 3$ from lemma 1. However u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 are vertices which are maximum degree of $M(P_2)$ and all adjacent, $X'_{ad}(M(P_2)) \geq \Delta(M(P_2)) = 4$ from lemma 7. If $M(P_2)$ exists 4-AVDEC, because four vertices of maximum degree are adjacent each other, and $\binom{4}{3} = 4$, the set are $\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}$. Let every set correspond a vertex, we can obtain the vertices of coloring same color are odd, but the vertices of coloring same color are even by graph theory, so $M(P_2)$ don't exists 4-AVDEC. In order to prove the conclusion be true, we only need construct a map f from $E(M(P_2))$ to $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1v_2) &= f(u_2v_1) = 1; \\ f(u_1v_1) &= 2; \\ f(u_2v_2) &= 3; \\ f(u_1u_2) &= 4; \\ f(wv_1) &= 3; \\ f(wv_2) &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}(u_1) &= \{3, 5\}; \\ \bar{C}(u_2) &= \{2, 5\}; \\ \bar{C}(v_1) &= \{4, 5\}; \\ \bar{C}(v_2) &= \{2, 4\}; \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the f is 5-AVDEC of $M(P_2)$, the conclusion is true.

When $n = 3$, $\Delta(M(P_3)) = 3$ from lemma 1. But $M(P_2) \subset M(P_3), M(P_3) \geq 5$ from $n=2$. It is obviously to prove exists 5-AVDEC of $M(P_3)$, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(P_3))$ to $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_1u_2) &= f(u_3v_3) = 1; \\ f(u_1v_1) &= f(u_2u_3) = 2; \\ f(u_1v_3) &= f(wv_2) = 3; \\ f(u_1uv_2) &= f(wv_1) = 4; \\ f(u_3v_1) &= f(wv_3) = 5; \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}(u_1) &= \{4, 5\}; \\ \bar{C}(u_2) &= \{3, 5\}; \\ \bar{C}(u_3) &= \{3, 4\}; \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{C}(v_1) = \{1, 3\};$$

$$\bar{C}(v_2) = \{1, 2, 5\};$$

$$\bar{C}(v_3) = \{2, 4\};$$

Obviously, the f is 5-AVDEC of $M(P_3)$, the conclusion is true.

Case 2 When $n \geq 4$, $\Delta(M(P_n)) = n$ from lemma 1. However the vertices of u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{n-1} , w are vertices which are maximum degree, and exist some are adjacent, $X'_{ad}(M(P_n)) \geq n + 1$ from lemma 7. It is obviously to prove exists $(n+1)$ -AVDEC of $M(P_n)$, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(P_n))$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, n, 0\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_iu_{i+1}) &= i - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1; \\ f(u_1v_1) &= 1; f(u_1v_n) = 2; \\ f(u_iv_j) &= i + j - 2 \pmod{n}, \\ i &= 2, 3, n - 1; j = 2, 3, n - 1; \\ f(u_nv_1) &= n; f(u_nv_n) = 0; \\ f(wv_i) &= i - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}(v_i) &= \{0, 1, 2\}; \\ \bar{C}(u_2) &= \{n\}; \\ \bar{C}(u_i) &= \{i - 3\}, i = 3, 4, \dots, n - 1; \\ \bar{C}(u_n) &= \{0, n - 2, n - 1\}; \\ \bar{C}(v_1) &= \{0, 1, n\}; \\ \bar{C}(v_i) &= \{i - 1, i, \dots, n + i - 3\} \pmod{n + 1}, \\ i &= 2, 3, \dots, n - 1; \\ \bar{C}(v_n) &= \{0, 2, n - 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the f is $(n+1)$ -AVDEC of $M(P_n)$, the conclusion is true.

From all of above two cases, the conclusion is true.

Theorem 2 For $n \geq 3$, then

$$X'(M(C_n)) = n + 3.$$

Proof Let

$V(C_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}, V' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ are vertices of maximum degree and exists some adjacent, $X'_{ad}(M(C_n)) \geq n + 3$ from lemma 2 and 7. It is obviously to prove exists $(n+3)$ -AVDEC of $M(C_n)$, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(C_n))$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 2, 0\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_iu_{i+1}) &= i - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1; \\ f(u_1u_n) &= 0; \\ f(u_iv_j) &= i + j \pmod{n + 3}, \\ i &= 1, 2, \dots, n - 1; j = 1, 2, \dots, n; \\ f(u_nv_j) &= n + j, j = 1, 2; \\ f(u_nv_j) &= j - 2, j = 3, 4, \dots, n; \\ f(wv_j) &= j - 1. \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{C}(u_1) &= \{n + 2\}; \\ \bar{C}(u_i) &= \{i - 1\}, i = 2, 3, \dots, n - 1; \\ \bar{C}(u_n) &= \{n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the f is $(n+3)$ -AVDEC of $M(C_n)$, the conclusion is true.

Theorem 3 For $n \geq 3$, then

$$X'(M(F_n)) = \begin{cases} 6, n = 2, 3; \\ n + 2, n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Proof Let

$$V(F_n) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}, V' = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, u_n\},$$

there are three cases to be discussed as follow:

Case1 When $n=2, M(F_2) = M(C_3)$, so we can obtain $X'(M(F_3)) = X'(M(C_3)) = 6$, then the conclusion is true.

Case2 When $n = 3$, $\Delta(M(F_3)) = 5$ from lemma 3, and $M(F_3)$ exists two vertices of maximum degree are adjacent, so $X'_{ad}(M(F_3)) \geq 6$ by lemma 7. It is obviously to prove exists 6-AVDEC of $M(F_3)$, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(F_3))$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, 5, 0\}$:

$$f(u_0 u_i) = i - 1, i = 1, 2, 3;$$

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = i + 1, i = 1, 2;$$

$$f(u_0 v_0) = 3;$$

$$f(u_0 v_2) = 4;$$

$$f(u_1 v_1) = 3;$$

$$f(u_3 v_1) = 4;$$

$$f(u_3 v_3) = 5;$$

$$f(w v_i) = i - 1, i = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

The we have

$$\bar{C}(u_0) = \{5\};$$

$$\bar{C}(u_2) = \{0\}.$$

Obviously, the f is 6-AVDEC of $M(F_3)$, the conclusion is true.

Case3 When $n \geq 4$, $\Delta(M(F_n)) = n + 1$ from lemma 3, $M(F_n)$ exists some vertices of maximum degree are adjacent, $X'(M(F_n)) \geq \Delta(M(F_n)) + 1 = n + 2$ by lemma 3, 7. It is obviously to prove exists $(n+2)$ -AVDEC of $M(F_n)$, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(F_n))$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, n+1, 0\}$:

$$f(u_0 u_i) = i - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = i + 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$f(u_0 v_0) = n;$$

$$f(u_1 v_1) = 3;$$

$$f(u_1 v_n) = 4;$$

$$f(u_i v_j) = i + j \pmod{n + 2},$$

$$i = 2, 3, \dots, n - 1; j = 2, 3, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$f(u_n v_1) = 1;$$

$$f(u_n v_n) = 2;$$

$$f(w v_i) = i + 1, i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

So we have

$$\bar{C}(u_0) = \{n + 2\};$$

$$\bar{C}(u_i) = \{i - 2\}, i = 2, 3, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$\bar{C}(w) = \{0\}.$$

Obviously, the f is $(n+2)$ -AVDEC of $M(F_n)$, the conclusion is true.

From all of above, the conclusion is true.

Theorem 4 For $n \geq 2$, then

$$X'(M(K_n)) = \begin{cases} 5, n = 2; \\ 6, n = 3; \\ \Delta(M(K_n)) + 1, n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Proof Let

$V(F_n) = \{u_1, u_2, u_2, \dots, u_n\}, V' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, u_n\}$, there are three cases to be discussed as follow:

Case 1 When $n = 2, M(K_2) = M(P_2)$, so we can obtain $X'(M(K_2)) = X'(M(P_2)) = 5$, the conclusion is true.

Case 2 When $n = 3, M(K_3) = M(C_3)$, so we can obtain $X'(M(K_3)) = X'(M(C_3)) = 6$, the conclusion is true.

Case 3 When $n \geq 4$, $\Delta(M(K_n)) = 2n - 1$ from lemma 4, $M(K_n)$ exists some vertices of maximum degree are adjacent, $X'(M(K_n)) \geq \Delta(M(K_n)) + 1 = 2n$ by lemma 4, 7. It is obviously to prove exists $2n$ -AVDEC of $M(K_n)$, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(K_n))$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n - 1, 0\}$:

$$f(u_i u_j) = i + j,$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1; j = i + 1, i + 2, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$f(u_i v_j) = i + j + n - 3 \pmod{2n},$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$f(v_n u_1) = 2n - 1;$$

$$f(v_n u_i) = 2(i - 1) - 1, i = 2, 3, \dots, n;$$

$$f(w v_n) = i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$f(w v_n) = n, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2};$$

$$f(w v_n) = n + 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}.$$

The we have

$$\bar{C}(u_i) = \{2n + i - 3\} \pmod{2n}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Obviously, the f is $2n$ -AVDEC of $M(K_n)$, the conclusion is true.

From all of above, the conclusion is true.

Theorem 5 For $n \geq 3$, then

$$X'(M(W_n)) = \begin{cases} 8, n = 3; \\ n + 4, n \geq 4. \end{cases}$$

Proof Let

$V(W_n) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}, V' = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, u_n\}$, there are two cases to be discussed as follow:

Case1 When $n = 3, M(W_3) = M(K_4)$, so we can obtain $X'(M(W_3)) = X'(M(K_4)) = 8$, the conclusion is true.

Case2 When $n \geq 4$, $\Delta(M(W_n)) = n + 3$ from the lemma 5, $M(W_n)$ exists some vertices of maximum degree are adjacent, $X'(M(W_n)) \geq \Delta(M(W_n)) + 1 = n + 4$ by lemma 5, 7. It is obviously to prove exists $(n+4)$ -AVDEC of $M(W_n)$, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(W_n))$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, n + 3, 0\}$:

$$f(u_0 u_i) = i - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$$f(u_0 v_0) = n;$$

$$f(u_i v_j) = i + j - 1 \pmod{n + 4},$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1; j = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$$f(u_n v_1) = n;$$

$$f(u_n v_j) = n + j \pmod{n + 4}, j = 2, 3, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$f(u_n v_n) = n - 3;$$

$$f(u_i u_{i+1}) = n + i + 1 \pmod{n + 4},$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1;$$

$$f(u_i u_n) = n + 1;$$

$$f(wv_i) = n + 2 + j \pmod{n + 4}, i = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Then we have

$$\bar{C}(u_i) = \{n + i + 2\} \pmod{n + 4}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Obviously, the f is $(n+3)$ -AVDEC of $M(W_n)$, the conclusion is true.

From all of above, the conclusion is true.

Theorem 6 For $n \geq 1$, then

$$X'(M(S_n)) = \begin{cases} 5, n = 1, 2; \\ n + 3, n \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

Proof Let

$V(S_n) = \{u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$, $V' = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, there are three cases to be discussed as follow:

Case 1 When $n=1, M(S_1)=M(P_2)$, so we can obtain $X'(M(S_1))=X'(M(P_2))=5$, the conclusion is true.

Case 2 When $n=2, M(S_2)=M(P_3)$, so we can obtain $X'(M(S_2))=X'(M(P_3))=6$, the conclusion is true.

Case 3 When $n \geq 3$, $\Delta(M(S_n))=n+1$ by lemma 6, $M(S_n)$ exists some vertices of maximum degree are adjacent, $X'(M(S_n)) \geq \Delta(M(S_n))+1=n+2$ by lemma 6,7. If $M(S_n)$ exists $n+2$ -AVDEC, then

$$\bar{C}(u_0) = \bar{C}(u_i) = \bar{C}(v_i) = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\begin{cases} \bar{C}(u_0) \in \bar{C}(u_1) \cup \bar{C}(u_2) \cup \dots \cup \bar{C}(u_n); \\ \bar{C}(u_1) \in \bar{C}(v_1) \cup \bar{C}(u_2) \cup \dots \cup \bar{C}(v_n) \\ \bar{C}(u_2) \in \bar{C}(v_1) \cup \bar{C}(v_2) \cup \dots \cup \bar{C}(v_n) \\ \dots \\ \bar{C}(u_n) \in \bar{C}(v_1) \cup \bar{C}(v_2) \cup \dots \cup \bar{C}(v_n) \end{cases}$$

from (1) and (2), we can obtain

$$|\bar{C}(u_0) + \bar{C}(u_1) + \bar{C}(u_2) + \dots + \bar{C}(u_n) + \bar{C}(v_1) + \bar{C}(v_2) + \dots + \bar{C}(v_n)| > n + 2.$$

It is obvious that $M(S_n)$ don't exists $n+2$ -AVDEC. In order to prove the conclusion be true, we only need to construct a map f from $E(M(S_n))$ to $\{1, 2, \dots, n+2, 0\}$:

$$f(u_0 u_i) = i - 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$$f(u_0 v_0) = n;$$

$$f(u_i v_j) = i + j \pmod{n + 3},$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$$f(wv_i) = i - 1, i = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

Then we have

$$\bar{C}(u_0) = \{n + 1, n + 2\};$$

$$\bar{C}(u_i) = \{1, n + 2\};$$

$$\bar{C}(u_i) = \{i - 2, i\}, i = 2, 3, \dots, n;$$

$$\bar{C}(v_1) = \{0, n + 2\};$$

$$\bar{C}(v_i) = \{i - 2, i - 1\} i = 2, 3, \dots, n;$$

Obviously, the f is $(n+3)$ -AVDEC of $M(S_n)$, the conclusion is true.

From all of above, the conclusion is true.

From the conclusions of Theorem 1,2,3,4,5,6, the Conjecture is true for equal degree graph.

References

1. Harary F, Conditional colorability in graphs, In Graphs and Applications, Proc Graph theory First Colorado symp, John Wilh & Sons, New York, 1985;
2. J.cerny M.hornak and R.sotak Observability of a graph, Math. Slovaca 46, 1996,21-31;
3. Burris A C and Schelp R H, Vertex-distinguishing Proper Edge-colorings, J of Graph Theory, 1997, 26(2):73-82;
4. Bazgan C Harkat-Benhamdine A, Li H, etc. On the Vertex-distinguishing Proper Edge-coloring of Graph, J Combin Theory Ser B, 1999, 75:288-301;
5. Balister P N, Bollob'as B, Schelp R H, Vertex distinguishing coloring of graphs with $\Delta(G)=2$, Discrete Mathematics,2002,252(2):17 29;
6. Balister P N,Riordan O M and Schelp R H, Vertex-distinguishing edge coloring of graphs, J. Graph Theory 42(2003)95-109;
7. Zhongfu Zhang, Linzhong Liu, Jianfang Wang, Adjacent Strong Edge Coloring of Graphs, Applied Mathematics Letters, 2002, 15:623-626;
8. Wang shudong, Li chongming, Xu Ji, et, On the adjacent strong edge coloring of some graphs, J of Mathematical Research and exposition, Vol.22, No 4, 2002, 412-417;
9. Balister P N, Gyori and Schelp R H , On the adjacent-strong edge coloring of graphs with $\Delta(G) \leq 3$, J.G.T to appear;
10. Bondy J A and Marty U S R, Graph Theory with Applications, The Macmillan Press Ltd, New York, 1976;
11. Chartrand G, Linda L F, Graphs and diagraphs, Ind edition wadsirth Brokks/cole, Monterey, CA(1986).