



Some Results On Eccentric Coloring In Graphs

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Abstract

For a graph $G = (V, E)$, an Eccentric coloring is a color function: $V \rightarrow N$ so that

- (i) $(color(u) = color(v)) \Rightarrow d(u, v) > color(u), \forall u, v \in V$
- (ii) $color(v) \leq e(v), \forall v \in V.$

In Eccentric coloring of a graph. In this paper, we have attained the Eccentric coloring for some standard graphs and we have observed that only for some special classes of graph eccentric coloring is satisfied. The Eccentric coloring is restricted to some classes of graphs.

Keywords: Eccentric coloring, Eccentric vertex, Eccentric Chromatic number, Eccentricity of a vertex, Eccentricity, Firecracker graph, Bistar graph.

1 Introduction

Graph Coloring is a simple way of labeling graph components such as edges, vertices, and regions under some constraints. In graph 'G' no two adjacent vertices, adjacent edges, or adjacent regions are colored with a minimum number of colors. This number is called the chromatic number and the graph is called a properly colored graph.

The objective of the graph coloring problem aims to give particular graph nodes colors within specific bounds. Vertex coloring is the most prevalent problem with graph coloring. The task is to figure out how to use 'm' distinct colors to color each vertex of a graph so that no two vertex neighbors have the same color. Edge coloring is one of the other problems with graph color.

Graph coloring problem has a wider range of applications. Making a Schedule or Time Table, Mobile Radio Frequency Assignment, Clustering, Data mining, Image Capturing, Image segmentation, Networking, Sudoku, Register Allocation, Resource Allocation, Processes Scheduling, Bipartite Graphs, and Map Coloring.

In this current work, we concentrate on simple, finite graphs.

In our previous paper, some results on the

Eccentric Coloring of some classes of graphs were obtained.

Continuing the same work in this paper for some other classes of graphs we have obtained some results. The result is restricted only to some classes of graphs.

DEFINITIONS

Definition 1.1

Distance: The length of the shortest path between u and v in a graph G is represented by the distance symbol, $d(u, v)$.

Definition 1.2

Diameter and Radius: The diameter $diam(G)$ denotes the vertices with the highest eccentricity, while the radius $rad(G)$ denotes the vertices with the least eccentricity.

Definition 1.3

Eccentricity: The distance $e(u)$ between vertex u and the farthest vertex is what is referred to as eccentricity. v is the eccentric vertex of u if $d(u, v) = e(u)$.

Definition 1.4

Eccentric Coloring: For a graph $G=(V, E)$ is a function $color: V \rightarrow N$ such that

(i) $(color(u)=color(v)) \Rightarrow d(u, v) > color(u), \forall u, v \in V$.

(ii) $v \in V, color(v) \leq e(v), \forall v \in V$.

Is Eccentric coloring of a graph.

Definition 1.5

Eccentric Chromatic number: $\chi_e \in N$ is an Eccentric Chromatic number. Given a graph G , the smallest number of colors that may be eccentrically colored by colors $V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, \chi_e\}$.

Eccentric Coloring of Firecracker graph

Definition 2.1

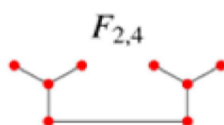
Star Graph:

The unique type of graph known as a star graph consists of one vertex with a degree of $n-1$ and $n-1$ vertices with a degree of 1. The central vertex of a star graph is connected to $n-1$ of the total n vertices. S_n stands for a star graph with n vertices.

Definition 2.2

Firecracker graph: Concatenation of m n -stars is formed by connecting one leaf from each N -star to a star with n pendant vertices. This results in a firecracker graph.

Example:



FIRECRACKER GRAPH OF $F_{2,4}$

Theorem1: Eccentric Coloring of Firecracker Graph $f_{m,n}$

$$f_{m,n} = \begin{cases} m \leq 2, n \leq 2 \text{ not eccentric colorable} \\ \text{otherwise } 3\text{-colorable} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Firecracker graph $f_{m,n}$ is a graph obtained by the concatenation of mn -stars by linking one leaf from each N -star is a star with n pendant vertices. Firecracker graph $f_{m,1}$ and $f_{m,2}$ is 1.

We assign colors

$Color(C_1) = \text{Red},$

$Color(C_2) = \text{Blue}, Color(C_3) = \text{Green}$

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Case(i): (a) For $f_{m,n}$ where $m=2, n=2$.

$f_{2,2}$ is not Eccentric colorable

From the proof of the theorem from the article [11], If G is a graph with $diam(G) \leq 2$, then G is not eccentric colorable.

(b) For $f_{m,n}$ where $m=2, n=3$. Form

$=2, n=m+1=2+1$

$$E(u_1) = E(u_k) = m+1,$$

We assign color C_1 for the first leaf and color C_2 for the second leaf linked to the first leaf.

$$E(v_1) = E(v_k) = m+2,$$

We assign color C_3 for the first leaf and second leaf of vertex v connected to star.

$$E(w_1) = E(w_k) = m+3,$$

We assign color C_2 for the first leaf and the second leaf of vertex w connected to the star.

The same procedure continues for $m=2, n=4$, and $m=2, n=5$.

Case(ii): (a) For $f_{m,n}$ where $m=3, n=2$

Form $=3, n=(m-1)=3-1=2$

$$E(u_1) = E(u_k) = m$$

We assign color C_1 for the first leaf and the last leaf color C_2 for the second leaf linked to the first leaf.

$$E(v_1) = E(v_k) = m+1$$

We assign color C_2 for the first leaf and last leaf and color C_3 for the second leaf of vertex v connected to the star.

$f_{3,2}$ is Eccentrically colorable

(b) For $f_{m,n}$ where $m=3, n=3$.

Form $=3, n=m=3$

$$E(u_1) = E(u_k) = m+1,$$

$$E(u_2) = m$$

We assign color C_1 for the first and last leaf and color C_2 for the second leaf linked to the first leaf.

$$E(v_1) = E(v_k) = m+2,$$

We assign color C_2 for the first leaf and the last leaf of vertex v connected to star.

$$E(w_1) = E(w_k) = m+3,$$

We assign color C_3 for the first leaf and the last leaf of vertex w connected to star.

The same procedure continues for $m=3, n=4$, and $m=3, n=5$.

Case (iii): (a) For $f_{m,n}$ where $m=4, n=2$. Form $=4, n$
 $= (m-2) = 4-2=2$

$$E(u_1) = E(u_k) = m$$

We assign color C_1 for the first leaf and the last leaf color C_2 for the second leaf linked to the first leaf and color C_3 for the third leaf.

$$E(v_1) = E(v_k) = m+1$$

We assign color C_2 for the first leaf and last leaf and color C_3 for the second leaf of vertex v connected to the star.

$f_{4,2}$ is Eccentrically colorable

(b) For $f_{m,n}$ where $m=4, n=3$.

Form $=4, n=m-1=3$

$$E(u_1) = E(u_k) = m+1,$$

$$E(u_2) = m$$

$$E(u_3) = m$$

We assign color C_1 for the first leaf and last leaf, color C_2 for the second leaf linked to the first leaf.

$$E(v_1) = E(v_k) = m+2,$$

We assign color C_2 for the first leaf and the last leaf of vertex v connected to star.

$$E(w_1) = E(w_k) = m+3,$$

We assign color C_3 for the first leaf and the last leaf of vertex w connected to star.

The same procedure continues for $m=4, n=4$, and $m=4, n=5$.

So, we find the Eccentric Coloring for the next set of graphs, we observe that Eccentric Coloring for the Firecracker graph is 3-colorable for $m > 2, n > 2$.

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Eccentric Coloring of Cycle C_k having Chord With Different Distances

Definition 3.1

Cycle: A graph without a direction is called a cycle. A cycle C_k is a path that starts at one vertex and ends at the same vertex.

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Definition 3.3

Chordal Graph: A chord, or edge connecting two of a cycle's vertices but not making up a part of the cycle, is required for every cycle in a graph with four or more vertices.

Eccentric Coloring is found for a cycle C_k , $K \geq 9$, having a chord between two vertices at distances two and three [11]. We have continued the work, to find Eccentric Coloring for a Cycle having Chord at distances four and five.

Theorem 2: A chord between two vertices at distance four from each other is eccentric colorable for a cycle C_k , $k \geq 9$.

Proof: a cycle C_k , $k \geq 9$ the vertices labeled as $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$. So e' be the chord between v_{k-2} and v_2 . Following are the Eccentric Coloring for a cycle:

Case (1): $k=4p+5, p \geq 1$.

This case gives the eccentric coloring for a set of vertices.

$$W = \{v_{2m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\},$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{4}\},$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-5}{4}\} \cup \{v_k\} \text{ and}$$

$Z = \{v_{k-1}\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively.

Case (2): $k=4p+6, p \geq 1$.

This case gives the eccentric coloring for a set of vertices.

$$W = \{v_{2m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k}{2}\},$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-2}{4}\},$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-6}{4}\} \cup \{v_k\} \text{ and}$$

$Z = \{v_{k-2}\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively.

Case (3): $k=4p+7, p \geq 1$.

This case gives the eccentric coloring for a set of vertices.

$$W = \{v_{2m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\},$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-3}{4}\},$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m}/1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-3}{4}\} \cup \{v_k\} \text{ and}$$

$Z = \{v_{k-1}\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively. **Case(4):** $k=4p+8$, $p \geq 1$.

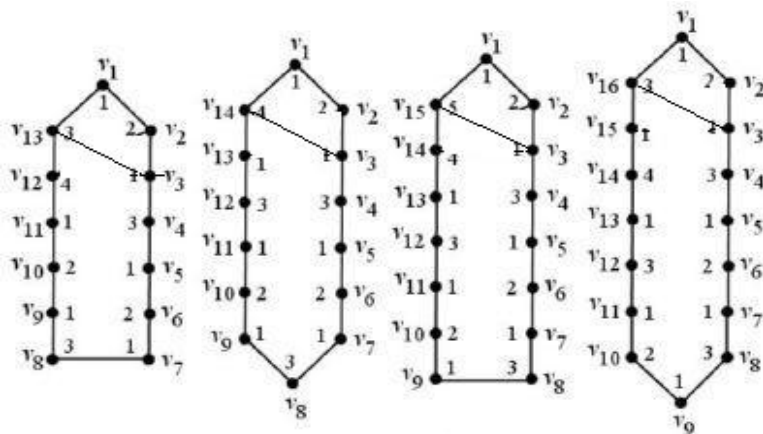
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$$X = \{v_{4m-2}/1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{4}\},$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m}/1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-5}{4}\} \cup \{v_k\} \text{ and}$$

$Z = \{v_{k-2}\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively. The graph in the figure is an example.



A Cycle C_k of chord with the Distance of Four between two vertices

We have considered $p=3$ throughout this example. k

$=4p+5=17$, In the figure graph is shown and its eccentric coloring is as follows the set of vertices obtained are

$$W = \{v_{2m-1}/1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\}, = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{15}\}$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2}/1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{4}\}, = \{v_2, v_6, v_{10}, v_{14}\}$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m-1}/1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-5}{4}\} \cup \{v_k\} \text{ and} = \{v_4, v_8\} \cup \{v_{13}\}$$

$Z = \{v_{k-1}\} = \{v_{12}\}$
are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively.

Similarly, other cases with their respective colors are shown respectively.

Theorem 3: A chord between two vertices at a distance k is eccentric colorable for a cycle $C_k, k \geq 9$.

Proof: a cycle $C_k, k \geq 9$ the vertices labeled as $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$. So 'e' be the chord between v_{k-1} and v_2 . Following are the Eccentric Coloring for a cycle:

Case(1): $k = 4p + 5, p \geq 1$.

This case gives the eccentric coloring for a set of vertices.

$$W = \{v_{2m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\},$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{4}\},$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-5}{4}\} \text{ and}$$

$Z = \{v_{k-1}\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively.

Case(2): $k = 4p + 6, p \geq 1$.

This case gives the eccentric coloring for a set of vertices.

$$W = \{v_{2m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k}{2}\},$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-2}{4}\},$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-6}{4}\} \text{ and}$$

$Z = \{v_k\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively.

Case(3): $k = 4p + 7, p \geq 1$.

This case gives the eccentric coloring for a set of vertices.

$$W = \{v_{2m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\}$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-3}{4}\}$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-3}{4}\}$$

$Z = \{v_{k-1}\}$ and $Q = \{v_k\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively.

Case(4): $k = 4p + 8, p \geq 1$.

This case gives the eccentric coloring for a set of vertices.

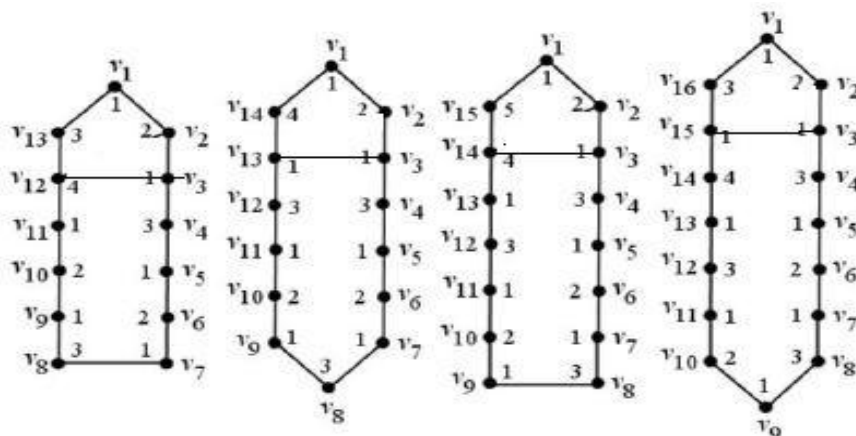
$$W = \{v_{2m-1} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\},$$

$$X = \{v_{4m-2} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{4}\},$$

$$Y = \{v_{4m} / 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k}{4}\}$$

and

$Z = \{v_{k-2}\}$ are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively. The graph in the figure is an example



A Cycle C_k of chord with the Distance Five between two vertices

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$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \{v_{2m-1} \mid 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{2}\} = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{15}\} \\
 X &= \{v_{4m-2} \mid 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-1}{4}\} = \{v_2, v_6, v_{10}, v_{14}\} \\
 Y &= \{v_{4m-1} \mid 1 \leq m \leq \frac{k-5}{4}\} \text{ and } \{v_4, v_8\} \\
 Z &= \{v_{k-1}\} = \{v_{12}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

are given color c_1, c_3, c_2 and c_4 respectively.

Similarly, other cases with their respective colors are shown respectively.

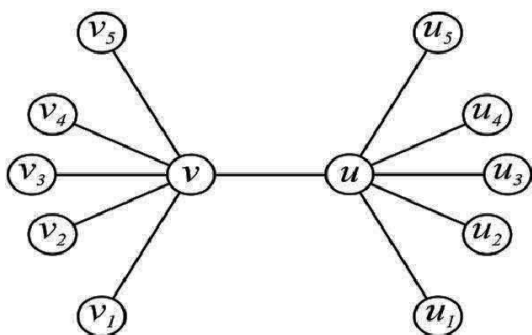
4 Eccentric Coloring of Bistar Graph

Definition

Bistar graph

A Bistar graph, also known as $B_{n,n}$, is created by joining the center vertex of two copies of $K_{1,n}$ together by an edge.

Example:



BistarGraph $B_{n,n}$

Theorem 4: Eccentric Coloring of a Bistar graph $B_{n,n}$ for $n \geq 2$ is always 3-colorable.

Proof : Let $(B_{n,n}) = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v, u, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ Bistar graph $B_{n,n}$ contains $2n+2$ vertices and $2n+1$ edges.

First two vertices (u, v) are connected to each other by an edge and each vertex is connected to n vertices $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ and $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ respectively. where the eccentricity e' of the vertices u and v are always equal and the eccentricity of the vertices connected to (u, v) is also $e+1$ for all the vertices of both vertices (u, v) .

In the Bistar graph, the eccentricity is the same for vertices connected to each other by a bridge for all the graphs, then the eccentricity of the two copies of graph $k_{1,n}$ connected to each vertex (u, v) by a bridge is also the same for all the graphs.

The Bistar graph satisfies the condition of eccentric coloring from the definition

$$c(u) = c(v) \implies d(u, v) > color(u) \text{ for all } (u, v) \in v \text{ and}$$

for all $v \in v, c(v) \leq e(v)$.

Let us assign three colors $C_B, C_G,$ and C_R where

Color $C_B = \text{Blue}$

Color $C_G = \text{Green}$ Color C

$R = \text{Red}$.

We assign Color C_B to the first vertex (v) and Color C_G

to the second vertex (u) which are connected to each other. Then we assign Color $C_R,$ and Color C_B alternatively to

the rest of the vertices connected to vertex (u) . Since vertex (u) is given Color $C_G,$ other vertices connected to u are given Color C_R and Color C_B . Since these vertices are adjacent to the vertex u and Color C_R, C_G respectively to the rest of the vertices connected to vertex v .

This process continues as the number of vertices increases on both sides of the vertex u and v

$$Ecc(v_i) = Ecc(v) + 1 \text{ where } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

$$Ecc(u_i) = Ecc(u) + 1 \text{ where } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

Here we consider two cases

Case (i): When n is even $n = 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots$

The Color assigned to the vertices v_i where $i = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$ is always Color (C_R) .

And the Color assigned to the vertices v_i where $i = 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots$ is always Color (C_G) .

So the two Colors, Color (C_R) and Color (C_G) are assigned to the vertices of one of the copies of B_n .

The same process continues for the vertices u_i on the other side of the copy. The

Color assigned to the vertices u_i where $i = 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots$ is always Color (C_R) .

But the color assigned to the vertices u_i where $i=2,4,6,8,\dots$ is always $\text{Color}(C_B)$.
So for another copy of B_n the two colors assigned are $\text{Color}(C_R)$ and $\text{Color}(C_B)$.

Case(ii): When n is odd $n=3,5,7,9,\dots$

The color assigned to the vertices u_i where $i=1,3,5,7,\dots$ is always $\text{Color}(C_R)$.

And the color assigned to the vertices u_i where $i=2,4,6,8,\dots$ is always $\text{Color}(C_B)$.

So the two colors, assigned to the vertices u_i of one of the copies of B_n are always $\text{Color}(C_R)$ and $\text{Color}(C_B)$.

The same process continues for the vertices v_i on the other side of the copy where $i=1,3,5,\dots$ is always $\text{Color}(C_R)$

And the color assigned to the vertices u_i where $i=2,4,6,\dots$ is always $\text{Color}(C_G)$.

So for another copy of B_n , the two colors assigned are $\text{Color}(C_R)$ and $\text{Color}(C_G)$.

Hence for the Bistar graph for $n \geq 2$, $B_{n,n}$ is 3-colorable.

5 Conclusion

In this article, the eccentric coloring of the Firecracker Graph, Bistar Graph, and Cycle of chords with different distances have been determined. Since there are restrictions on only some classes of graphs for eccentric colorable, we have worked on some classes of graphs.

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