

## Chromatic Number of Some S-Valued Graphs

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**ABSTRACT :** In [3], the authors introduced the notion of semiring valued graphs. In [1], the authors introduced the notion of regularity on S-Valued graphs. In [4], we have introduced colouring on S-valued graphs. In [5], we have introduced the notion of K-colouring on S-Valued graphs. In this paper, we study the upper bounds for chromatic number of some S-valued graphs.

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### I. Introduction

An assignment of colors to the vertices of a graph so that no two adjacent vertices get the same colour is called a colouring of the graph. For each color, the set of points which get the same colour is independent and is called a colourclass. A colouring of a graph G using at most n colours is called a n-colouring. The chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  of a graph G is the minimum number of colours needed to colour G. A graph G is called, n-colourable if

$$\chi(G) \leq n.$$

The problem of colouring in crisp graph is dealt in [2] by Jensen. In [3], the authors introduced the notion of semiring valued graphs. In [1], the authors introduced the notion of regularity on S-valued graphs. Motivated by this, in [4], we have introduced the notion of coloring on S-valued graphs. In [5], we introduced the notion of K-colouring on S-valued graphs. In this paper, we study the chromatic number of some S-valued graphs.

### II. Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some basic definitions that are required for our work in the sequel.

#### Definition 2.1

A semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  is an algebraic system with a non-empty set S together with two binary operators + and  $\cdot$  such that

- (1)  $(S, +, 0)$  is a monoid.
- (2)  $(S, \cdot)$  is a semi group.
- (3) For all  $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$  and  $(a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$ .
- (4)  $0 \cdot x = x \cdot 0 = 0$  for all  $x \in S$ .

#### Definition 2.2

Let  $(S, +, \cdot)$  be a semiring.  $\preceq$  is said to be a canonical preorder if for  $a, b \in S$ ,  $a \preceq b$  if and if there exists  $c \in S$  such that  $a + c = b$ .

#### Definition 2.3 [6]

Let  $(S_1, +, \cdot)$  and  $(S_2, +, \cdot)$  be given two semirings. A mapping  $\beta : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  is a semiring homomorphism if  $\beta(0_{S_1}) = \beta(0_{S_2})$ ;  $\beta(a+b) = \beta(a) + \beta(b)$ ;  $\beta(ab) = \beta(a)\beta(b) \forall a, b \in S_1$ .

**Remark 2.4.** If the semiring contains multiplicative identity then  $\beta(1_{S_1}) = 1_{S_2}$  must be satisfied.

#### Definition 2.5 [6]

Let  $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$  be given two graphs. A mapping  $\alpha : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is said to be a graph Homomorphism if  $(u, v) \in E_1 \Rightarrow (\alpha(u), \alpha(v)) \in E_2$ .

**Remark 2.6** A graph homomorphism is an edge preserving map. It need not be 1-1, onto (or) both.

#### Definition 2.7 [2]

A k – vertex colouring of a graph G is an assignment of k – colours to the vertices of G such that no two adjacent vertices receive the same colour.

**Definition 2.8 [2]**

A graph  $G$  that required  $k$  – different colours for its colouring and not less number of colours is called a  $k$  – chromatic graph and the number  $k$  is called the chromatic number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\chi(G)$ . That is  $\chi(G) = k$ .

**Theorem 2.8 (a):**

$G$  is  $r$ -colorable iff there is a homomorphism from  $G$  to  $K_r$  where  $K_r$  is a complete graph. of  $r$  vertices. .

**Definition 2.9 [3]**

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a given graph with  $V, E \neq \emptyset$ . For any semiring  $(S, +, \cdot)$  a Semiring - valued graph (or S-valued graph)  $G^S$  is defined to be the graph

$G^S = (V, E, \sigma, \psi)$  where  $\sigma : V \rightarrow S$  and  $\psi : E \rightarrow S$  is defined to be

$$\psi(x, y) = \begin{cases} \min\{\sigma(x), \sigma(y)\} & \text{if } \sigma(x) \leq \sigma(y) \text{ or } \sigma(y) \leq \sigma(x) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for every unordered pair  $(x, y)$  of  $E \subseteq V \times V$ . We call  $\sigma$ , a S-vertex set and  $\psi$  a S-edge set of S-valued graph  $G^S$ .

**Definition 2.10[4]**

Consider the S-valued graph  $G^S$ . A colouring  $f$  on  $G^S$  is said to be equi-weight (or vertex regular) proper colouring if for all  $v \in V, \sigma(v)$  have equal value in  $S$  and  $c(v) \in C$  differ for adjacent vertices.

**Definition 2.11[4]**

A colouring  $f : V \times V \rightarrow S \times C$  is said to be proper weight-unicolouring, if  $\forall v \in V$  and  $c(v) \in C$  is the same, but  $\sigma(v) \in S$  differ for adjacent vertices.

**Definition 2.12[4]**

Consider the S-valued graph  $G^S$ . A colouring  $f$  on  $G^S$  is said to be total proper colouring if for all  $v \in V, \sigma(v) \in S$  and  $c(v) \in C$  differ for adjacent vertices.

**Definition 2.13[4]**

Let  $G^S$  be a S-valued graph. The vertex chromatic number of  $G^S$ , denoted by  $\chi_S(G^S)$ , is defined to be  $\chi_S(G^S) = (\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), \min |C|)$

**Definition 2.14[4]**

A S-valued graph  $G^S$  is said to be  $k$ -colourable, if it has a proper vertex regular or total proper colouring such that  $|C| = k$ .

**Definition 2.15. [6]**

Let  $G_1^{S_1} = (V_1, E_1, \sigma_1, \psi_1)$  and  $G_2^{S_2} = (V_2, E_2, \sigma_2, \psi_2)$  be given two S-values graphs.

A mapping  $\phi = (\alpha, \beta) : G_1^{S_1} \rightarrow G_2^{S_2}$  is a S – valued vertex homomorphism if

- (i)  $\alpha : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is a graph homomorphism.
- (ii)  $\beta : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  is a semiring homomorphism with  $\beta(\sigma_1(v)) = \sigma_2(\alpha(v)) \forall v \in V_1$ .

**Definition 2.16. [6]**

Let  $G_1^{S_1} = (V_1, E_1, \sigma_1, \psi_1)$  and  $G_2^{S_2} = (V_2, E_2, \sigma_2, \psi_2)$  be given two S-valued graphs.

A mapping  $\phi = (\alpha, \beta) : G_1^{S_1} \rightarrow G_2^{S_2}$  is a S – valued edge homomorphism if

- (i)  $\alpha : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  is a graph homomorphism.
- (ii)  $\beta : S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  is a semiring homomorphism with  $\beta(\psi_1(v_i, v_j)) = \psi_2(\alpha(v_i), \alpha(v_j)) \forall (v_i, v_j) \in E_1$ .

**3.CHROMATIC NUMBER OF SOME S-VALUED GRAPHS.**

In this section, we are going to find the upper bounds of chromatic number of some S-valued graphs.

**Theorem:3.1**

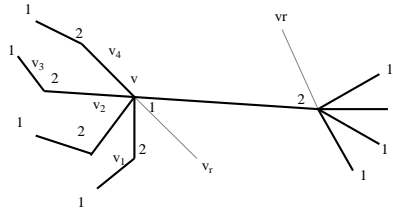
Let  $T^S = \{V, E, \sigma, \psi\}$  be a s – valued tree with  $|V| = n \geq 3$ . Then  $T^S$  is 2 – chromatic. Thus,

$$\chi_S(T^S) = (\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), 2)$$

**Proof:**

Let  $T^S = \{V, E, \sigma, \psi\}$  be a S – valued tree with  $n \geq 2$  vertices. Assume that  $T^S$  is rooted at vertex  $v$ . Assign color 1 to  $v$ . Then assign color 2 to all vertices which are adjacent to  $v$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$  be the vertices which have been assigned color 2. Now assign color 1 to all the vertices which are adjacent to  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r$ . Continue this process till every vertex in  $T^S$  has been assigned the color. We observe that in  $T^S$  all vertices at odd distance from  $v$  have color 2 and vertices at even distance from  $v$  have color 1. Therefore along any path in  $T^S$ , the vertices are of alternating colors. Since there is one and only one path between any two vertices in a tree, no two adjacent vertices have the same color. Thus  $T^S$  is colored with two colors. Hence  $T^S$  is 2- chromatic. Since  $T^S$  is S-valued tree, by definition

$$\chi_S(T^S) = (\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), \min|C|) = (\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), 2)$$



**Theorem: 3.2**

For any S – valued vertex regular wheel graph  $W^S$  with S – vertex set  $\{a\}$ ,  $a \in S$ .  $\chi_S(W^S) = \begin{cases} (a, 3) & \text{if } |V| \text{ is odd} \\ (a, 4) & \text{if } |V| \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

**Proof:**

**Case: (i)**

$W_{2m+1}^S$  is the join of even cycle  $C_{2n}^S$  and complete graph  $K_1^S$ . The crisp graph  $C_{2m}$  can be coloured without color, the cycle can be coloured with 2 colours. Therefore the join, the crisp graph  $W_{2m+1}^S$  is coloured by three colors. Therefore  $\chi_S(W_{2m+1}^S) = (\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), 3) = (a, 3)$ .

**Case: (ii)**

Let  $W_{2m}^S$  be vertex regular graph with S – vertex set  $\{a\}$ ,  $a \in S$ . Therefore,  $\sigma(v) = a \forall v \in V$ . Now  $W_{2m}^S$  is the join of odd cycle  $C_{2m+1}^S$  and the complete graph  $K_1^S$ , the crisp graph  $C_{2m+1}$  is colored by 3 colors and the centre  $K_1^S$  is coloured by one color. This implies even order wheel  $W_{2m}^S$  is colored by 4 colors.

$$\therefore \chi_S(W_{2m}^S) = (\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), 4) = (a, 4)$$

**Theorem: 3.3**

For a S- valued graph  $\chi_S(C_n^S)$  with  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$\chi_S(C_n^S) = \begin{cases} \{(\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), 3)\} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \{(\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), 2)\} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:**

Let  $C_n^S$  be a S – cycle of length n. let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices in  $C_n^S$  with  $\sigma$  - values.  $\sigma(v_i) \in S$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ )

Assume that  $n \geq 3$ ,

For vertices  $v \in V$  with odd indices assign color  $c_1$ , for vertices with even indices assign  $c_2$ . If n is an even, no adjacent vertex get the same color.  $\chi_S(C_n^S) = (\min_{v \in V} \sigma(v), 2)$

If n is odd the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  are adjacent and have the same color  $c_1$ . Also  $v_{n-1}$  will have color  $c_2$ . Hence we need to assign a third color  $c_3$  to  $v_n$ .

$$\therefore \chi_S(C_n^S) = (\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma(v_i), 3)$$

Thus for the cycle  $C_n^S$  with vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  we have.

$$\chi_S(C_n^S) = \begin{cases} \{(\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma(v_i), 3)\} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \{(\min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sigma(v_i), 2)\} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Hence the proof.

**Theorem: 3.4**

A S-valued graph  $G^S$  is l-colorable if and only if there is a S- valued vertex homomorphism from  $G^S$  to

$$K_l^S$$

**Proof:**

Let  $G^S = (V, E, \sigma, \chi)$  be l-colorable and let it be colored by 1, 2, 3, ..., l colors. Let  $v_i \in V$  be the vertex colored by i in  $G^S$ . Since  $G^S$  is l-colorable, its underlying graph G must be l-colorable. By theorem 2.8(a), we see that there is a homomorphism  $\alpha : V(G) \rightarrow V(K_l)$  defined by  $\alpha(v_i) = k_i$ ,

$1 \leq i \leq l$ , where  $k_i$  is the vertex colored by  $i$  in  $K_l^S$ . Let  $v \in V$  be arbitrary. Therefore  $v = v_i$  for some  $i$  proving that  $\alpha(v_i) \in V(K_l)$ .

That is,  $\alpha(v) = \alpha(v_i) \in V(K_l)$  for all  $v \in V$ . Since  $\alpha$  is graph homomorphism from  $V(G) \rightarrow V(K_l)$ , it preserves edges.

That is, for any  $(v_i, v_j) \in E(G)$ ,  $(\alpha(v_i), \alpha(v_j)) \in E(K_l)$ .

Now, define a semiring homomorphism  $\beta: S \rightarrow S$  by  $\beta(\sigma(v_i)) = \sigma(\alpha(v_i))$ . Then  $\beta(\sigma(v_i)) = \sigma(\alpha(v_i)) = \sigma(k_i)$  for all  $i$ . Thus  $\beta$  preserves S-values.

If suppose some vertices of  $K_l$  are not in image set, let their weights be 'a', for some  $a \in S$ . Then  $K_l$  is a complete graph with S-vertex set  $\{(k_i), a\}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ .

Thus we have  $K_l^S$  as a S-valued graph colored by  $l$  colors with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as a crisp graph and semiring homomorphisms respectively. Therefore by definition of S-valued vertex homomorphism,  $\varphi = (\alpha, \beta): G^S \rightarrow K_l^S$  form a S-valued vertex homomorphism.

Conversely,

Let  $\varphi = (\alpha, \beta): G^S \rightarrow K_l^S$  be a S-valued vertex homomorphism. Then  $\alpha: G \rightarrow K_l$  is graph homomorphism. Therefore by theorem 2.8.a,  $G$  is  $l$ -colorable. Since  $\beta$  preserves S-values,  $G^S$  is  $l$ -colorable.

**Cor.1:**

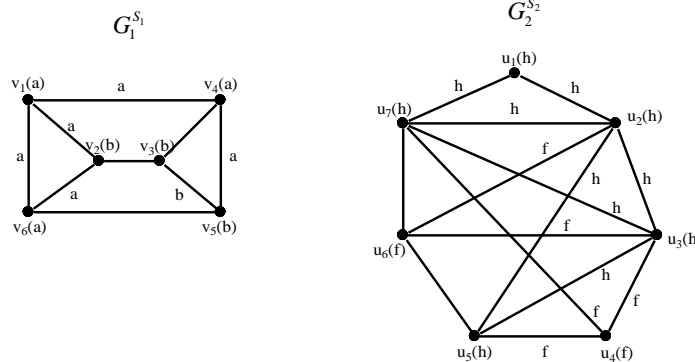
If  $G^S$  is  $l$ -colorable then there is a S-valued edge homomorphism from  $G^S$  to  $K_l^S$ .

**Proof:**

Since every S-valued vertex homomorphism is a S-valued edge homomorphism, by the above result, it follows.

**Remark:3.11**

Converse of the above corollary is not true because every S-valued edge homomorphism is not a S-valued vertex homomorphism, in general. For example, consider a semiring homomorphism  $\beta: S_1 \rightarrow S_2$  in example 3.2. Let  $G_1^{S_1}$  and  $G_2^{S_2}$  be as follows:



Define  $\alpha: V_1 \rightarrow V_2$  by  $v_1 \mapsto u_3; v_2 \mapsto u_5; v_3 \mapsto u_2; v_4 \mapsto u_6; v_5 \mapsto u_7; v_6 \mapsto u_4$ .  
 Clearly,  $(v_1, v_4) \mapsto (u_3, u_6); (v_1, v_2) \mapsto (u_3, u_5); (v_1, v_6) \mapsto (u_3, u_4); (v_2, v_3) \mapsto (u_5, u_2); (v_2, v_6) \mapsto (u_5, u_4); (v_3, v_4) \mapsto (u_2, u_6); (v_3, v_5) \mapsto (u_2, u_7); (v_4, v_5) \mapsto (u_6, u_7); (v_5, v_6) \mapsto (u_7, u_4)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow (v_i v_j) \in E_1 \Rightarrow (\alpha(v_i), \alpha(v_j)) \in E_2 \forall (v_i, v_j) \in E_1$ .

Therefore  $\alpha$  is a graph homomorphism.

Now  $\beta(\psi_1(v_1, v_4)) = \beta(a) = f = \psi_2(\alpha(v_1), \alpha(v_4)) = \psi_2(u_3, u_6)$   
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 $\beta(\psi_1(v_5, v_6)) = \beta(a) = f = \psi_2(\alpha(v_5), \alpha(v_6)) = \psi_2(u_7, u_4)$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta(\psi_1(v_i, v_j)) = \psi_2(\alpha(v_i), \alpha(v_j)) \forall (v_i, v_j) \in E_1 \dots \dots \dots (*)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \beta$  is a semiring homomorphism satisfying equation (\*).

Therefore  $\phi = (\alpha, \beta) : G_1^{S_1} \rightarrow G_2^{S_2}$  is a S – valued edge homomorphism.

Now, Inparticular,  $\sigma_1(v_1) = a \Rightarrow \beta(\sigma_1(u_1)) = \beta(\sigma_1(u_1)) = \beta(a) = f$  and

$\sigma_2(\alpha(v_1)) = \sigma_2(u_3) = h$ .

Therefore  $\beta(\sigma_1(v_1)) \neq \sigma_2(\alpha(v_1))$ .

$\Rightarrow \phi = (\alpha, \beta)$  is not a S – valued vertex homomorphism.

It is a S – valued edge homomorphism but not a S – valued vertex homomorphism.

**Cor.2:**

A S- valued graph  $G^S$  is  $l$ -colorable iff there is a S-valued semi homomorphism from  $G^S$  to  $K_l^S$ .

**Proof:**

Since every S-valued vertex homomorphism is a S- valued semi homomorphism and every S-valued semi homomorphism is both S-valued vertex and edge homomorphisms, this corollary holds.

**III. CONCLUSION**

In this paper, we have discussed the Chromatic number for some S-valued graphs. Further investigation will be done on bounds for chromatic numbers of S-valued graphs.

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