

## DOMINATOR COLORING OF FAN GRAPH AND LADDER GRAPH FAMILIES

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**Abstract:** A dominator coloring is a coloring of the vertices of a graph such that every vertex is either alone in its color class or adjacent to all vertices of at least one other class. In this paper, we obtain the dominator chromatic number for the Middle Graph of Fan Graph  $M(F_n)$ , Line Graph of Fan Graph  $L(F_n)$ , Total Graph of Fan Graph  $T(F_n)$ , Middle Graph of Ladder Graph  $M(L_n)$ , Total Graph of Ladder Graph  $T(L_n)$ , Central Graph of Ladder Graph  $C(L_n)$ .

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**1 Introduction:** All graphs considered here are finite, undirected, simple graphs. Let  $G$  be a graph, with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . The neighbors of a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  are all the vertices  $u$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$ . Any vertex of  $G$  is said to dominate itself and all its neighbors. A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is a dominating set if every vertex of  $V(G) \setminus D$  has a neighbor in  $D$ .

A proper coloring of a graph  $G$  is a function from the set of vertices of a graph to a set of colors such that any two adjacent vertices have different colors. A subset of vertices colored with the same color is called a color class. The chromatic number is the minimum number of colors needed in a proper coloring of a graph and is denoted by  $\chi(G)$ .

A dominator coloring of a graph  $G$  is a proper coloring of graph such that every vertex of  $V$  dominates all vertices of at least one color class (possibly its own class). i.e., it is coloring of the vertices of a graph such that every vertex is either alone in its color class or adjacent to all vertices of at least one other class and this concept was introduced by Ralucca Michelle Gera in 2006 [2]. The dominator chromatic number  $\chi_d(G)$  is the minimum number of color classes in a dominator coloring of  $G$ . The relation between dominator chromatic number, chromatic number and domination number of some classes of graphs were studied in [3]. The dominator coloring of bipartite graph, central and middle graph of path and cycle graph were also studied in various papers [4] [5].

**2 Preliminaries:** The middle graph [1] of  $G$ , is defined with the vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices are adjacent if they are either adjacent edges of  $G$  or one is the vertex and the other is an edge incident with it and it is denoted by  $M(G)$ . The total graph [1] of  $G$  has vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$ , and edges joining all elements of this vertex set which are adjacent or incident in  $G$ .

The central graph [7]  $C(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is obtained from  $G$  by adding an extra vertex on each edge of  $G$ , and then joining each pair of vertices of the original graph which were previously non-adjacent.

The line graph [6] of  $G$ , denoted by  $L(G)$ , is a graph whose vertices are the edges of  $G$ , and if  $u, v \in E(G)$  then  $uv \in E(L(G))$  if  $u$  and  $v$  share a vertex in  $G$ .

A fan graph  $F_{m,n}$  [6] is defined as the graph join  $K_m + P_n$ , where  $K_m$  is the empty graph on  $m$  vertices and  $P_n$  is the path graph on  $n$  vertices. In particular, when  $m=1$  the graph  $F_{1,n}$  is called the fan graph of order  $n$ .

A dominator coloring of a graph  $G$  is a proper coloring in which every vertex of  $G$  dominates every vertex of at least one color class. The convention is that if  $v$  is a color class, then  $v$  dominates the color class  $v$ . The dominator chromatic number  $\chi_d(G)$  is the minimum number of colors required for a dominator coloring of  $G$ .

### 3 Main Results:

**Theorem 1** For any  $n \geq 5$  the dominator chromatic number of middle graph of ladder is  $n+3$ . i.e,  $\chi_d(M(L_n)) = n + 3$

**Proof:** Let  $L_n$  be the ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and  $3n-2$  edges

.Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \cup \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  be the vertices of ladder graph  $L_n$ . i.e,  $V(L_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \cup \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  Now by definition of middle graph each edge of graph is subdivided by a new vertex therefore assume that each  $(v_i, v_{i+1})$ ;  $(u_i, u_{i+1})$  and  $v_j u_j$  is subdivided by the vertex  $(v_{i+1/2})$ ,  $(u_{i+1/2})$  and  $e_j$  for  $(1 \leq i \leq n-1)$  and  $(1 \leq j \leq n-1)$  respectively.

Let  $V(M(L_n)) = \{v_{i+1/2}, u_{i+1/2}, e_j : 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n-1\}$ .

**Case 1 if  $n$  is odd:** Assign color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil}$  to  $(u_{i+1/2})$  where  $i=1,3,5,\dots$  assign color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil + 2}$  colors to  $(v_{i+1/2})$  where  $i=1,3,5, \dots$  Assign  $C_{n+2}$  colors to  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  vertices  $(u_{i+1/2})(v_{i+1/2})$  where  $i=2,4,6,\dots$  colored by color  $c_{n+3}$ . The vertices  $e_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$  are colored by color  $c_{n+1}$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  vertex  $e_n$  is colored by color  $c_n$ . Vertices  $(u_{i+1/2})(v_{i+1/2})$  ( $i=1,3,5,\dots$ ) dominate itself.

$u_i, u_{i+1}$  and  $v_i, v_{i+1}$   $1 \leq i \leq n-1$  dominate the color class of  $(u_{i+1/2})(v_{i+1/2})$  where  $(i=1,3,5,\dots)$ .  $u_n, v_n$  and  $(u_{n-1/2})$ ;  $(v_{n-1/2})$  dominate the color class of  $e_n$ .  $e_n$  dominate itself. Vertices  $(u_{i+1/2})(v_{i+1/2})$  where  $i=2,4,6, \dots, n-3$  dominate the color class of  $(u_{i+1/2+2})$  and  $(v_{i+1/2+2})$ .

**Case 2 if n is even:** vertex  $u_{i+1}$  ( $i = 1, 3, \dots$ ) is colored by color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil}$ . vertex  $v_{i+1}$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) is colored by color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil + 3}$ . Assign  $C_{n+1}$  color to  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ). vertices  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  where  $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  colored by color  $c_{n+2}$ . The vertex  $e_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) are colored by color  $c_{n+3}$ . Vertices  $u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}$  ( $i = 1, 3, \dots$ ) dominate itself.  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  and  $v_i, v_{i+1}$  dominate the color class of  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  where  $(i = 1, 3, \dots)$ . Vertices  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  where  $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$  dominate the color class of  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  and  $(v_{i+1}, u_{i+1})$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) Vertex  $e_j$  and  $e_{j+1}$  dominate at least one of the color class of  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  where  $(i = 1, 3, 5, \dots)$ . Hence  $\chi_d(M(L_n)) = n + 3$ .

**Theorem: 2:** For any  $n \geq 5$  the dominator chromatic number of central graph of ladder is  $2n$ . i.e,  $\chi_d(C(L_n)) = 2n$ .

**Proof:** Let  $L_n$  be the ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and  $3n-2$  edges

.Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \cup \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  be the vertices of ladder graph  $L_n$ . i.e,  $V(L_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n \cup u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  Now by definition of Central graph each edge of graph is subdivided by a new vertex therefore assume that each  $(v_i, v_{i+1})$ ;  $(u_i, u_{i+1})$  and  $v_j u_j$  is subdivided by the vertex

$(v_{i+1}, u_{i+1})$  and  $e_j$  for  $(1 \leq i \leq n-1)$  and  $(1 \leq j \leq n-1)$  respectively.

Let  $V(C(L_n)) = (v_{i+1}, u_{i+1})$  and  $e_j : 1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ .

Assign color  $c_i$  to  $u_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) vertex  $v_i$  is colored by color  $c_{n+1}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Assign  $c_{2n}$  color to all the vertices of  $(v_i, v_{i+1})$ ,  $(u_i, u_{i+1})$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-2$ ). the  $n^{th}$  vertex  $u_{n-1}, v_{n-1}$  is colored by color  $c_2$ . The vertex  $e_j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ) are colored by color  $c_{2n}$ . The  $n^{th}$  vertex  $e_n$  is colored by color  $c_2$ . All vertices of  $v_i$  and  $u_i$  dominate at least one of the color class of  $v_i$  and  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) dominate the color class of  $v_i$ .  $e_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) dominate the color class of  $v_i$  and  $u_i$ . Hence  $\chi_d(C(L_n)) = 2n$ .

**Theorem: 3:** For any  $n \geq 5$  the dominator chromatic number of Total graph of ladder is  $n+4$ . i.e,  $\chi_d(T(L_n)) = n+4$ .

**Proof:** Let  $L_n$  be the ladder graph with  $2n$  vertices and  $3n-2$  edges

.Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \cup \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  be the vertices of ladder graph  $L_n$ . i.e,  $V(L_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n \cup u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  Now by definition of total graph each edge of graph is subdivided by a new vertex therefore assume that each  $(v_i, v_{i+1})$ ;  $(u_i, u_{i+1})$  and  $v_j u_j$  is subdivided by the vertex

$(v_{i+1}, u_{i+1})$  and  $e_j$  for  $(1 \leq i \leq n-1)$  and  $(1 \leq j \leq n-1)$  respectively.

Let  $V(T(L_n)) = (v_{i+1}, u_{i+1})$  and  $e_j : 1 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n-1$ .

**case if 1 n is odd:** vertices  $u_i$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ ) assign color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil}$  and vertices  $v_i$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) are colored by color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil + \lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ . Assign color  $c_{n+1}$  to remaining vertices of  $v_i$  and  $u_i$ . vertices  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  where  $(i = 1, 3, 5, \dots)$  are colored by color  $c_{n+2}$ . Assign  $c_{n+3}$  colors to

$(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ ) vertex  $e_j$  colored by color  $c_{n+4}$ . Vertex

$u_i$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n-1$ ) dominate the color class of  $u_{i+1}$ . The  $n^{th}$  vertex  $u_n$  dominate the color class of  $u_{n-1}$ . Vertex  $v_i$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n-1$ ) dominate the color class of  $v_{i+1}$ . Vertices  $e_j$  ( $j = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) dominate the color class of  $v_i$ .  $e_j$  ( $j = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ ) dominate the color class of  $u_i$ . Vertices  $u_{i+1}$  and  $u_{i+1, i+2}$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) dominate the color class of  $u_{i+1}$ . Vertex  $v_{i+1}$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) dominate the color class of  $v_i, v_{i+1}$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ ) dominate the color class of  $v_{i+1}$ .

**case if 2 n is even** vertices  $u_i$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots$ ) assign color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil}$  and for  $v_i$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) are colored by color  $c_{\lceil i/2 \rceil} + n$ . Assign color  $c_{n+1}$  to remaining vertices of  $v_i$  and  $u_i$ . vertices  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  where  $(i = 1, 3, 5, \dots)$  are colored by color  $c_{n+2}$ . Assign  $c_{n+3}$  colors to  $(u_{i+1}, v_{i+1})$  where  $(i = 2, 4, 6, \dots)$  vertex  $e_i$  colored by color  $c_{n+4}$ .  $u_i$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ ) dominate the color class of  $u_{i+1}$ . Vertex  $v_i$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n-1$ ) dominate the color class of  $v_{i+1}$ . The  $n^{th}$  vertex  $v_n$  dominate the color class of  $v_{n-1}$ . Hence  $\chi_d(T(L_n)) = n + 4$ .

**Theorem 4:** For any  $n \geq 5$  the dominator chromatic number of middle graph of fan is  $n+2$ . i.e,  $\chi_d(M(F_n)) = n + 2$

**Proof**

$V(F_{1,n}) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and let  $V(M(F_{1,n})) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \cup e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \cup e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_{n-1}\}$

where  $e_i$  is the vertex of  $M(F_{1,n})$  corresponding to  $F_{1,n}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Consider the following  $n + 2$ -coloring of  $M(F_{1,n})$ , For  $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  Assign the  $c_i$  colors to  $e_i$ .  $v$  and  $(1 \leq i \leq n-1)$  Assign  $c_n$  colors to  $v_i$  for  $v_n$  assign the color  $c_{n+2}$ . Which already assigned to the vertex  $v$ .

**Case 1 if n is odd:** Assign the color  $c_{n+2}$  to the vertex  $e'_i$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n-2$ ). Assign the color  $c_{n-1}$  to the vertices  $e'_i$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n-3$ ). Assign the color  $c_{n+1}$  to the vertex  $e'_{n-1}$ .

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**Case 2 n is even:** Assign the color  $c_{n-1}$  to the vertex  $e'_i$  ( $i = 1; 3; 5; \dots; n-3$ ). Assign the color  $c_{n+2}$  to the vertices  $e'_i$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n-2$ ). Assign the color  $c_{n+1}$  to the vertex  $e'_{n-1}$ . The following procedure gives the dominator coloring of  $\chi_d(M(F_n))$  the vertex  $v$  dominate the color class of  $e_i$ . The vertices  $e_i$  dominate itself.  $e'_1$  and  $v_i$  dominate the color class of  $e_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Hence  $\chi_d(M(F_n)) = n + 2$ .

**Theorem 5:** For any  $n \geq 5$  the dominator chromatic number of total graph of fan is  $n+4$ . i.e,  $\chi_d(T(F_n)) = n + 4$

**Proof:**

$V(F_{1,n}) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and let  $V(M(F_{1,n})) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n \cup e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \cup e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_{n-1}\}$

, where  $e'_i$  is the vertex of  $T(F_{1,n})$  corresponding to the edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$  of  $F_{1,n}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ) and  $e_i$  is the vertex of  $T(F_{1,n})$  corresponding to the edge  $v v_i$  of  $F_{1,n}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). For  $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  Assign the  $c_i$  color to  $e_i$ . Assign the color  $c_{n+1}$  and  $c_{n+2}$  colors alternatively to  $v_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). For  $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  assign  $c_{n+3}$  and  $c_{n+4}$  color alternatively

to  $e'_i$  assign color  $c_{n+3}$  to  $v$ . vertices  $v$  and  $v_i$  and  $e'_i$  dominate the color class of  $e_i$ . All the vertices of  $e_i$  dominate at least one of the color class of  $e_i$ . hence  $\chi_d(T(F_n)) = n + 4$ .

**Theorem 6:** For any  $n \geq 5$  the dominator chromatic number of line graph of fan is  $n$ . i.e,  $\chi_d(L(F_n)) = n$   
 $V(L(F_1;n)) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \cup u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}\}$  where  $u_i$  is the vertex corresponding to

the edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$  of  $F_1;n(1 \leq i \leq n-1)$  and  $e_i$  is the vertex corresponding to the edge  $v v_i$  of  $F_1;n(1 \leq i \leq n)$ . Proof: For  $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  Assign the  $c_i$  color to  $e_i$ . For  $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  assign colors  $c_3 c_5 c_1$  alternatively to  $u_i$ . Vertices  $e_i (i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n)$  dominate itself. Vertex  $e_i (i = 1, 3, 5, \dots)$  dominate the color class of  $e_{i+1}$ : Vertex  $u_i$  and  $u_{i+1} (i = 1, 3, 5, \dots)$  dominate the color class of  $e_{i+1}$  hence  $\chi_d(L(F_n)) = n$ .

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