

# Distance-2 Chromatic Number for the Duplicate Graph of the Mycielskian Graphs

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**Abstract-** Graph colouring is one of the most important area of research in graph theory. A distance-2 colouring of a graph  $G$  is a proper vertex colouring of  $G$  such that every two vertices at a distance-2 or less are assigned different colours. The least integer  $k$  for which there is a  $k$ -colouring satisfying this condition is the distance-2 chromatic number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\chi^2(G)$ . In this paper, we present algorithms to determine the distance-2 chromatic number for the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of paths, cycles and complete graphs.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple, finite and undirected graphs. Let  $\Delta(G)$  denote the maximum degree of vertices of a graph  $G$ . For vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a graph  $G$ , the distance  $d(u,v)$  between  $u$  and  $v$  is the length of a shortest  $u$ - $v$  path in  $G$ . In [3,4] an  $L$ -distance colouring of a graph  $G$  is defined as a proper vertex colouring of  $G$  such that every two vertices at distance  $L$  or less are assigned different colours. The least integer  $k$  for which there is a  $k$ -colouring satisfying this condition is the  $L$ -distance chromatic number of  $G$ . Borodin, Invova and Neustroeva [1] have studied sparse planar graphs and they proved more general results in distance-2 colouring. In 1955, Jan Mycielski [5] has given the construction of Mycielskian graph for the graphs. We consider Mycielskian graphs that are inspired by G.J.Chang, L. Huang and X. Zhu [2]. The concept of extended duplicate graph was introduced by P.P. Ulaganathan, K. Thirusangu and B. Selvam in [7]. In this paper, we present algorithms to determine the distance-2 chromatic

number for the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of paths, cycles and complete graphs.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we present some basic definitions and results which are relevant to this paper.

### Definition 2.1 (Colouring):

A (proper) colouring of a graph  $G$  is a function

$c: V(G) \rightarrow N$  having the property that  $c(u) \neq c(v)$  for every pair  $u,v$  of adjacent vertices of  $G$ . A  $k$ -colouring of  $G$  uses  $k$  colours. The chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  is the least positive integer  $k$  for which  $G$  admits a  $k$ -colouring.

### Definition 2.2 (Distance-2 colouring):

A distance-2 colouring of a graph  $G(V,E)$  is a proper colouring of the vertices such that any two vertices at a distance at most 2, receive distinct colours and the distance-2 chromatic number  $\chi^2(G)$  is the least positive integer  $k$  for which  $G$  has distance- $k$  colouring.

### Definition 2.3 (Mycielskian Graph):

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $m$  vertices denoted by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$ . The Mycielskian graph  $\mu(G)$  is obtained by adding to each  $v_i$ , a new vertex  $u_i$  such that  $u_i$  is adjacent to the neighbors of  $v_i$ . Finally add a new vertex  $w$  such that  $w$  is adjacent to each and every vertex  $u_i$ .

### Definition 2.4 (Mycielskian graph of Path):

Let  $\mu(P_m)$  be the Mycielskian graph of path  $P_m$ , where  $m$  is the number of vertices in  $P_m$ . The vertex set and the edge set of  $\mu(P_m)$  are given as follows

$$V = \{v_i, u_i, w \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$E = \{v_i v_{i+1}; v_i u_{i+1}; u_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq m - 1\} \cup \{u_i w / 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

Clearly  $\mu(P_m)$  has  $2m+1$  vertices and  $4m-3$  edges, where 'm' is the number of vertices in path  $P_m$ .

**Definition 2.5 (Mycielskian graph of Cycle):**

Let  $\mu(C_m)$  be the Mycielskian graph of cycle  $C_m$ , where 'm' is the number of vertices in  $C_m$ . The vertex set and the edge set of  $\mu(C_m)$  are given as follows.

$$V = \{v_i, u_i, w \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$E = \{v_i v_{i+1}; v_i u_{i+1}; u_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq m - 1\} \cup \{u_i w / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{u_1 v_m; v_1 u_m; v_1 v_m\}$$

Clearly  $\mu(C_m)$  has  $2m+1$  vertices and  $4m$  edges, where m is the number of vertices in cycle  $C_m$ .

**Definition 2.6 (Mycielskian graph of Complete graph):**

Let  $\mu(K_m)$  be the Mycielskian graph of complete graph  $K_m$ , where 'm' is the number of vertices in  $K_m$ . The vertex set and the edge set of  $\mu(K_m)$  are given as follows.

$$V = \{v_i, u_i, w \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$E = \{wu_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{u_i v_{i+j}; u_{i+j} v_i; v_i v_{i+j} / 1 \leq i \leq m - 1, 1 \leq j \leq m - i\}$$

Clearly  $\mu(K_m)$  has  $2m+1$  vertices and  $\frac{3m^2 - m}{2}$  edges, where m is the number of vertices in complete graph  $K_m$ .

**Definition 2.7 (Duplicate graph):**

Let  $G(V, E)$  be a simple graph. A duplicate graph of G is  $DG = (V_1, E_1)$  where the vertex set  $V_1 = V \cup V'$  and  $V \cap V' = \emptyset$  and  $f : V \rightarrow V'$  is bijective and the edge set  $E_1$  of DG is defined as follows. The edge  $uv$  is in  $E$  if and only if both  $uv'$  and  $u'v$  are edges in  $E_1$ .

**Definition 2.8 (Duplicate graph of Mycielskian graph of Path):**

Let  $DGM(P_m)$  be the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of path  $P_m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ). The vertex set and the edge set of  $DGM(P_m)$  are given as follows.

$$V = \{w, v_i, u_i, w', v'_i, u'_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

and

$$E = \{wu'_i, w'u_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{u_i v'_{i+1}; u'_i v_{i+1}; u_{i+1} v'_i; u'_{i+1} v_i; v_i v'_{i+1}; v'_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq m - 1\}$$

Clearly  $DGM(P_m)$  has  $4m+2$  vertices and  $8m-6$  edges, where 'm' is the number of vertices in  $P_m$ .

**Definition 2.9 (Duplicate graph of Mycielskian graph of Cycle):**

Let  $DGM(C_m)$  be the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of cycle  $C_m$  ( $m \geq 3$ ). The vertex set and the edge set of  $DGM(C_m)$  are given as follows.

$$V = \{w, v_i, u_i, w', v'_i, u'_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$E = \{wu'_i, w'u_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{u_i v'_{i+1}; u'_i v_{i+1}; u_{i+1} v'_i; u'_{i+1} v_i; v_i v'_{i+1}; v'_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq m - 1\} \cup \{u_1 v'_m, u'_1 v_m, v_1 v'_m, v'_1 v_m, v_1 u'_m, v'_1 u_m\}$$

Clearly  $DGM(C_m)$  has  $4m+2$  vertices and  $8m$  edges, where m is the number of vertices in cycle  $C_m$ , ( $m \geq 3$ ).

**Definition 2.10 (Duplicate graph of Mycielskian graph of Complete graph):**

Let  $DGM(K_m)$  be the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of the complete graph  $K_m$ , where 'm' is the number of vertices in  $K_m$  ( $m \geq 4$ ). The vertex set and the edge set of  $DGM(K_m)$  are given as follows.

$$V = \{w, v_i, u_i, w', v'_i, u'_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\}$$

$$E = \{wu'_i, w'u_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{u_i v'_{i+j}; u'_i v_{i+j}; u_{i+j} v'_i; u'_{i+j} v_i; v_i v'_{i+j}; v'_i v_{i+j} / 1 \leq i \leq m - 1, 1 \leq j \leq m - i\}$$

Clearly  $DGM(K_m)$  has  $4m+2$  vertices and  $3m^2 - m$  edges, where m is the number of vertices in complete graph  $K_m$  ( $m \geq 4$ ).

**3. Main Results**

In this paper, we present algorithms to determine the distance-2 chromatic number for the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of paths, cycles and complete graphs.

**Algorithm 3.1.**

**Procedure:** Distance-2 colouring of  $DGM(P_m)$ , ( $m \geq 2$ ).

**Input:**

$V \leftarrow \{w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, w', u_1', u_2', \dots, u_m', v_1', v_2', \dots, v_m'\}$   $E \leftarrow \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{8m-6}\}$

$\backslash\backslash$ assignment of colours to the vertices  $DGM(P_m)$ , ( $m \geq 2$ ).

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    w, u_m ← c_1, w' ← c_2
    for 1 ≤ i ≤ m
        {
            u_i' ← c_{i+1}
        }
    end for
    for 1 ≤ i ≤ m - 1
        {
            u_i ← c_{i+2}
        }
    end for
    if 2 ≤ m ≤ 4
        v_m, v_m' ← c_{m+2}
        v_{m-1}' ← c_{m+1}
        for 1 ≤ i ≤ m - 1
            {
                v_i ← c_{i+1}
            }
        end for
    if 2 < m ≤ 4
        for i= 1to m-2
            {
                v_i' ← c_1
            }

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else

**if 4 < m < 7**

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    v_2', v_3' ← c_1
    v_1, v_{m-1}' ← c_{m+1}
    v_1', v_{m-1} ← c_m
    v_m ← c_{m-1}
    for 1 ≤ i ≤ 2

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        {
            v_{i+1} ← c_{4-i}
        }
    end for
    for i=1 to m-4
        {
            v'_{m+2-2i} ← c_{i+2}
        }
    end for

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**if m=6**

$v_4 \rightarrow c_2$

else

**if m ≥ 7**

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    v_4 ← c_2, v_4' ← c_1
    for 3 ≤ i ≤ m - 2
        {
            v_{i+2}, v'_{i+2} ← c_i
        }
    end for
    for i = 1to 3 do
        {
            v_i, v_i' ← c_{m-2+i}
        }
    end if

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**end if**

**end procedure.**

**Output:** Distance-2 coloured of  $DGM(P_m)$ , ( $m \geq 2$ ).

**Theorem 3.1:**

If  $DGM(P_m)$  is the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of path  $P_m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ), where  $m$  is the number of vertices in path  $P_m$ , then

$$\chi^2(DGM(P_m)) \leq m + 2.$$

**Proof.**

Let  $DGM(P_m)$  be the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of path  $P_m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ), where  $m$  is the number of vertices in path  $P_m$ . Define a function

$f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4m+2\}$  such that  $f(u) \neq f(v)$  if  $uv \in E$ , where  $V$  is the vertex set and  $E$  is edge set of  $DGM(P_m)$  as follows.

**Case (i) if  $1 < m < 5$**

First we assign  $f(w)=c_1$  and  $f(w')=c_2$ .

Since

$$\deg(w) = \deg(w'), |N(w)| = |N(w')| = m$$

Hence  $m+1$  colours are needed to colour the vertices  $N[w]$ . Since  $N(w) \cap N(w') = \emptyset$  and  $d(N(w), N(w')) > 2$   $N(w)$  and  $N(w')$  receives same colours whereas  $w$  and  $w'$  receives different colours among  $m+1$  colours. Using algorithm 3.1, for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $v_i$  and  $v'_i$  are coloured by  $m+1$  colours. In this case,  $N(v_{m-1}) = \Delta$  and

$$m \leq |N(v_{m-1})| \leq m+1. \text{ If } |N(v_{m-1})| = m+1$$

we need  $m+2$  colours to  $N[v_{m-1}]$  and if  $m = |N(v_{m-1})|$  we need  $m+1$  colours to colour the vertices of  $N[v_{m-1}]$ , but  $d(w', v'_i) < 2$ ,

$$f[w'] \neq f[v'_i] \text{ where } 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ we need } m+2$$

th colour to  $v_m \in N(v_{m-1}')$  and  $v'_m \in N(v_{m-1})$ ,  $f(v_m) = f(v'_m)$  Since  $d(v_m, v'_m) > 2$ . Hence

$$\chi^2(DGM(P_m)) \leq m+2.$$

**Case (ii) if  $m \geq 5$**

First we assign the maximum degree vertices  $f(w)=c_1$  and  $f(w')=c_2$ . Since  $\deg(w)=\deg(w')$ ,

$$|N(w)| = |N(w')| = m \text{ and}$$

$$|N(v_i)| = |N(v'_i)| < m \text{ where } 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and}$$

$$|N(u_i)| = |N(u'_i)| < m \text{ Hence } m+1 \text{ colours are}$$

needed to colour  $N[w]$ . Since

$$N(w) \cap N(w') = \emptyset \text{ and}$$

$d(N(w), N(w')) > 2$ ,  $N(w)$  and  $N(w')$  receives same colours whereas  $w$  and  $w'$  receives different colours among  $m+1$  colours. Using algorithm 3.1 for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $v_i$  and  $v'_i$  are coloured by  $m+1$  colours. Hence  $\chi^2(DGM(P_m)) \leq m+2$ .

**Algorithm 3.2.**

**Procedure:** Distance-2 colouring of  $DGM(C_m)$ , ( $m \geq 3$ ).

**Input:**  $V \leftarrow \{w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, w', u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_m, v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_m\}$

$$E \leftarrow \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{8m}\}$$

$\parallel$  assignment of colours to the vertices of  $DGM(C_m)$ , ( $m \geq 3$ ).

$$w, u_m \leftarrow c_1, w' \leftarrow c_2$$

for  $i=1$  to  $m$  do

$$\{ u'_i \leftarrow c_{i+1}$$

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end for

for  $i=1$  to  $m-1$  do

$$\{ u_i \leftarrow c_{i+2}$$

$\}$

end for

**if  $2 < m < 5$**

$$v_m, v'_m \leftarrow c_{m+3}$$

$$v_{m-1}, v'_{m-1} \leftarrow c_{m+2}$$

$$v'_{m-2} \leftarrow c_m$$

$$v_{m-2} \leftarrow c_{m-1}$$

else

**if  $m = 4$**

$$v_1 \leftarrow c_2, v'_1 \leftarrow c_5$$

else

**if  $m = 5$**

$$v_1, v'_4 \leftarrow c_4, v'_2, v'_3 \leftarrow c_1, v_2 \leftarrow c_3$$

$$v_3, v'_1 \leftarrow c_{m+1}, v_5, v'_5 \leftarrow c_{m+2}, v_4 \leftarrow c_2$$

else

**if  $m = 6$**

$$v_1, v'_4 \leftarrow c_4, v'_2, v'_3 \leftarrow c_1, v'_1, v_4 \leftarrow c_5,$$

$$v_6 \leftarrow c_3, v_3, v'_6 \leftarrow c_6, v_2, v'_5 \leftarrow c_{m+1},$$

$$v_5 \leftarrow c_2$$

else

**if  $m > 6$**

$$v_4 \leftarrow c_2, v'_4 \leftarrow c_1$$

for  $i=3$  to  $m-2$  do

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$$v_{i+2}, v'_{i+2} \leftarrow c_i$$

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end for

for  $i = 1$  to 3 do  

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} v_i, v'_i \leftarrow c_{m+i-2} \end{array} \right.$$

end if  
 end procedure

**Output:** Distance-2 coloured of  $DGM(C_m)$ , ( $m \geq 3$ ).

**Theorem 3.2.**

If  $DGM(C_m)$  is the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of cycle  $C_m$  ( $m \geq 3$ ), where  $m$  is the number of vertices in cycle  $C_m$ , then  $\chi^2(DGM(C_m)) \leq m + 3$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $DGM(C_m)$  be the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of cycle  $C_m$ , where  $m$  is the number of vertices in cycle  $C_m$ . Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4m+2\}$  such that  $f(u) \neq f(v)$  if  $uv \in E$ , where  $V$  is the vertex set and  $E$  is edge set of  $DGM(C_m)$  as follows.

**Case (i) if  $2 < m < 5$**

Using algorithm 3.2,  
 $f(w)=f(u_m)=c_1, f(w')=c_2, f(v_m)=f(v'_m)=c_{m+3}, f(v_{m-1})=f(v'_{m-1})=c_{m+2}, f(v'_{m-2})=c_m,$   
 $f(v_{m-2})=c_{m-1}, f(u'_i)=c_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m, f(u_i)=c_{i+2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and if  $m=4 f(v_1)=c_2, f(v'_1)=c_{m+1}$ ,  
 Since  $f(v_m)=f(v'_m)=c_{m+3}$ , we need atmost  $m+3$  colours to colour the vertices  $v_m$  &  $v'_m$ . Hence

$$\chi^2(DGM(C_m)) = m + 3.$$

**Case (ii) if  $m=5$**

Using algorithm 3.2,  
 $f(w)=f(u_m)=c_1, f(w')=c_2, f(v_1)=f(v'_1)=c_4, f(v_2)=c_3,$   
 $f(v_3)=f(v'_3)=c_{m+1}, f(v_4)=c_2, f(v'_2)=f(v'_3)=c_1$  and  $f(u'_i)=c_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $f(u_i)=c_{i+2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . In this case

$$|N(v_{m-1}')| = \{u_3, u_m, v_3, v_m\},$$

$v_{m-1}' \in c_4, u_3 \in c_m, v_3 \in c_{m+1}, u_m \in c_1$   
 and  $f(v_m) \neq c_2 \cup c_3$ , since  $v_2 \in c_3, d(v_4, v_m) < 2$  and  $v_2 \in c_3, d(v_2, v_m) < 2$ . Therefore  $f(v_m)=c_{m+2}$ , and  $f(v'_m)=c_{m+2}$ , since  $d(v_m, v'_m) > 2$ . Hence  $\chi^2(DGM(C_m)) \leq m + 3$ .

**Case (iii) if  $m \geq 5$**

First we assign the maximum degree vertices  $f(w)=c_1$  and  $f(w')=c_2$ . Since  $\deg(w)=\deg(w')$ ,  $|N(w)| = |N(w')| = m$  and  $|N(v_i)| = |N(v'_i)| < m$  where  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and

$v_4 \in c_2$ . Hence  $m+1$  colours are needed to colour  $N[w]$ . Since  $N(w) \cap N(w') = \emptyset$  and

$d(N(w), N(w')) > 2$ ,  $N(w)$  and  $N(w')$  receives same colours whereas  $w$  and  $w'$  receives different colours among  $m+1$  colours. Using algorithm 3.2,  $v_i$  and  $v'_i$  are coloured by  $m+1$  colours for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Hence  $\chi^2(DGM(C_m)) \leq m + 3$ .

**Algorithm 3.3.**

**Procedure:** Distance-2 colouring of  $DGM(K_m)$ ,  $m \geq 4$ .

**Input:**  $V \leftarrow \{w, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, w', u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_m, v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_m\}$   
 $E \leftarrow \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{3m^2-m}\}$

if  $m \geq 4$

$w, u_1, v'_1 \leftarrow c_1$

$w', v_1 \leftarrow c_2$

for  $i = 1$  to  $m$  do

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u'_i \leftarrow c_{i+1} \end{array} \right.$$

end for

for  $i = 1$  to  $m-1$  do

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{i+1} \leftarrow c_{i+2} \\ v_{i+1}, v'_{i+1} \leftarrow c_{m+1+i} \end{array} \right.$$

end if

end procedure.

**Theorem 3.3.**

Let  $DGM(K_m)$  be the duplicate graph of the Complete graph  $K_m$ , where  $m$  is the number of vertices in complete graph, then  $\chi^2(DGM(K_m)) = \Delta + 2$ .

**Proof.**

Let  $DGM(K_m)$  be the duplicate graph of the Complete graph  $K_m$ , where  $m$  is the number of vertices in complete graph. Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\}$  such that  $f(u) \neq f(v)$  if  $uv \in E$ , where

$V$  is the vertex set and  $E$  is the edge set of  $DGM(K_m)$  as follows. From the structure of  $DGM(K_m)$ ,  $|N(v_i)| = |N(v'_i)| = \Delta$  and

$$|N(w)| = |N(w')| = |N(u_i)| = |N(u'_i)| < \Delta.$$

Using algorithm 3.3,

$$f(w) = f(u_1) = f(v'_1) = c_1, f(w') = f(v_1) = c_2$$

and  $f(u'_i) = c_{i+1}$   $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $f(u_{i+1}) = c_{i+2}$  where

$1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $f(v_{i+1}) = f(v'_{i+1}) = c_{m+i+1}$  for

$1 \leq i \leq m-3$ . Since  $|N(v_{m-1})| = \Delta$ , hence  $\Delta+1$

colours are needed to colour  $N[v_{m-1}]$ ,  $f(v_m) = f(N(v_{m-1}))$  and

$d(v_m, v_{m-1}) \leq 2$ . Hence  $\Delta+2$  colours are needed to colour  $N[v_m]$  and  $d(v_{m-1}, v'_{m-1}) > 2$ ,

$$f(v_{m-1}) = f(v'_{m-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad d(v_m, v'_m) > 2,$$

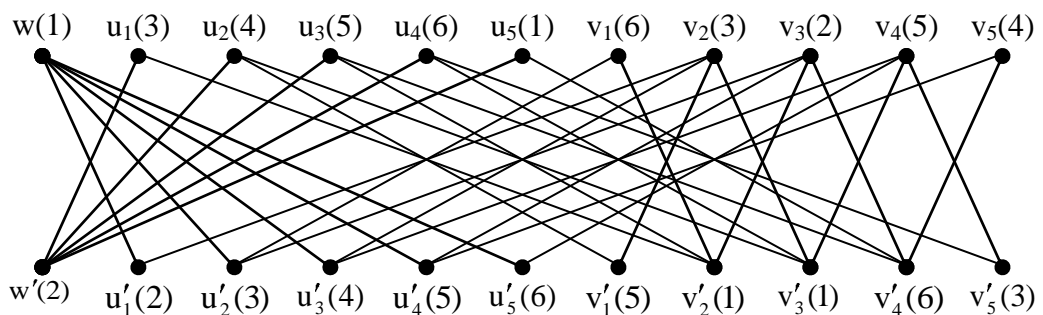
$$f(v_m) = f(v'_m). \text{Hence}$$

$$\chi^2(DGM(K_m)) = \Delta + 2.$$

**Conclusion**

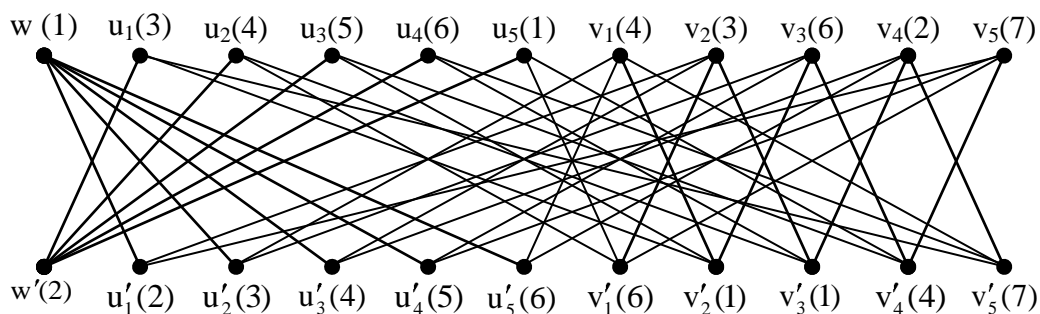
In this paper, we presented algorithms and determined the distance-2 chromatic number for

**Example:** Distance- 2 colored of  $DGM(P_5)$ , ( $m \geq 2$ ).



Fig(i)  $\chi^2(\mu(P_5)) = 6$

**Example:** Distance- 2 colored of  $DGM(C_5)$ ,



Fig(ii)  $\chi^2(\mu(C_5)) = 7$

the duplicate graph of the Mycielskian graph of paths, cycles and complete graphs.

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