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Adjacent-vertex distinguishing total chromatic number on $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$

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Abstract: A conjecture about the concept of the adjacent-vertex distinguishing total colorings (AVDTC) on graphs is stated as this: For any simple graph G , then $\chi_{at}(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 3$. The AVDTC-chromatic number of a join graph $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$ is determined in the form $\Delta(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) + 1 \leq \chi_{at}(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) \leq \Delta(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) + 2$.

Key words: graph; total coloring; adjacent-vertex-distinguishing total coloring; adjacent-vertex-distinguishing total chromatic number

联图 $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$ 的邻点可区别全色数

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摘要: 图的邻点可区别全染色(AVDTC)数为 $\chi_{at}(G)$, 有猜想: $\chi_{at}(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 3$. 联图 $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$ 的邻点可区别全色数被确定为 $\chi_{at}(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) = \Delta(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) + 1$ 或 $\Delta(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) + 2$.

关键词: 图; 全染色; 邻点可区别全染色; 邻点可区别全色数

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0 Introduction

The concept of the vertex-distinguishing proper edge-coloring (VDPEC) was introduced and discussed by Burriss and Schelp in reference [1], and there are many results have been obtained^[2,3]. Although there are many results on the total coloring of graphs^[4], the famous total coloring conjecture $\chi_T(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2$ is open. Zhang Zhongfu et al. first introduced the concepts of the adjacent-vertex distinguishing proper edge-colorings (AVDPEC) and the adjacent-vertex distinguishing total colorings (AVDTC) on graphs, and investigated some particular graphs such as paths, cycles, complete graphs, complete bipartite graphs, stars, fans and wheels about the AVDPEC-chromatic index and AVDTC-chromatic numbers in references of [5] and [6]. In 2005, Zhang Zhongfu et al. proposed a conjecture: For any simple graph G , then $\chi_{at}(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 3$ in reference[7]. Unfortunately, there is little works on graphs AVDTC nowadays. In this paper, the AVDTC-chromatic number of a join graph $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$ is determined, that is,

$$\Delta(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) + 1 \leq \chi_{at}(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) \leq \Delta(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) + 2.$$

For the sake of simplicity, we use the symbol $[k]$ is used instead of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, where k is a natural number and $[k]$ is often called a color set. Equivalently, the color set $[m]^0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ is also used. Let f be a

proper total coloring of a graph G from $V(G) \cup E(G)$ to $[k]$, then the color set $C(v)$ of a vertex v of G as the form $C(v) = \{f(v)\} \cup \{f(vw) \mid w \in V(G), vw \in E(G)\}$, and $\bar{C}(v) = [k] \setminus C(v)$ is called the color complement set of $C(v)$.

Definition 1^[7] Let f be a proper total coloring of a graph G from $V(G) \cup E(G)$ to $[k]$. If f satisfies that

- (i) $\forall u, v \in V(G), uv \in E(G), f(u) \neq f(v), f(u) \neq f(uv) \neq f(v)$;
- (ii) $\forall uv, vw \in E(G), f(uv) \neq f(vw)$;
- (iii) $\forall uv \in E(G), C(u) \neq C(v)$.

Then f is called a k -AVDTC of G , and the smallest number of k over all k -AVDTCs of G , $\chi_{at}(G)$, is called the AVDTC-chromatic number of G .

Definition 2^[8] The join graph $G \vee H$ of two graphs G and H has the vertex set $V(G \vee H) = V(G) \cup V(H)$ and edge set $E(G \vee H) = E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \{uv \mid u \in V(G), v \in E(H)\}$.

Some notations and terminologies not mentioned are cited from [8].

1 Main results and proofs

In order to address the result clearly, some notations are needed. It is known that the wheel W_s is the join graph $K_1 \vee C_s$ of an isolated vertex $v_0 = K_1$ and a cycle $C_s = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\}$, thereby, it has the vertex set $V(W_s) = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\}$ and the edge set $E(W_s) = \{v_0 v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq s\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq s \text{ and } v_{s+1} = v_1\}$. For $m \leq n$, let H_m and H_n be non-edge graphs, namely, $E(H_m) = \emptyset$ and $E(H_n) = \emptyset$, and let $V(H_m) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$ and $V(H_n) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$. A complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n} = H_m \vee H_n$ is defined, write its edge set $E(K_{m,n}) = \{u_j w_k \mid 1 \leq j \leq m, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$. Successively, $V(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) = V(W_s) \cup V(K_{m,n})$ are obtained and

$$E(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) = E(W_s) \cup E(K_{m,n}) \cup \{xy \mid x \in V(W_s), y \in V(K_{m,n})\},$$

where, in detail,

$$\{xy \mid x \in V(W_s), y \in V(K_{m,n})\} = \{v_i u_j \mid 0 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq j \leq m\} \cup \{v_i w_k \mid 0 \leq i \leq s, 1 \leq k \leq n\}.$$

It is clear that $W_s \vee K_{m,n} = (K_1 \vee C_s) \vee (H_m \vee H_n)$. The following Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 are obvious, so the proofs on them are omitted.

Lemma 1 Let $G(V, E)$ be a connected graph. If G has no two adjacent vertices of maximum degree, then $\chi_{at}(G) \geq \Delta(G) + 1$, otherwise, have $\chi_{at}(G) \geq \Delta(G) + 2$.

Lemma 2 Let f be a k -AVDTC of the join graph $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$, then:

- (1) For $1 \leq i \leq s$, $|C(v_i)| = |C(v_{i+1})|$, here $v_{s+1} = v_1$.
- (2) If $m = n$, for $1 \leq j, k \leq n$ then $|C(u_j)| = |C(w_k)|$.
- (3) For $1 \leq j \leq m, 1 \leq k \leq n$, then $|C(u_j)| = |C(v_i)|$ if $s = m + 2$ and $1 \leq i \leq s$; and there are $|C(w_k)| = |C(v_i)|$ if $s = n + 2$ and $1 \leq i \leq s$.

Theorem 1 For $\chi_{at}(W_3 \vee K_{m,n}) = m + n + 5$.

Proof Since there are at least two maximum degree vertices which are adjacent, then $\chi_{at}(W_3 \vee K_{m,n}) \geq m + n + 5$ by Lemma 1. Only a $(m + n + 5)$ -AVDTC of $W_3 \vee K_{m,n}$ is used for completing the proof.

A total coloring $g: V(W_3 \vee K_{m,n}) \cup E(W_3 \vee K_{m,n}) \rightarrow [m + n + 4]^0$ is defined to the join graph $W_3 \vee K_{m,n}$ as follows.

Firstly, all vertices and edges in the part W_3 of $W_3 \vee K_{m,n}$ are colored. Setting $g(v_0) = 0$, $g(v_i) = 2i$ and $g(v_0 v_i) = i$ for $1 \leq i \leq 3$, $g(v_1 v_2) = 3$, $g(v_2 v_3) = 5$, $g(v_3 v_1) = 4$, $g(v_i u_j) = i + j + 4 \pmod{m + n + 5}$ for $0 \leq i \leq 3$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, and $g(v_i w_k) = i + k + m + 4 \pmod{m + n + 5}$ for $0 \leq i \leq 3$ and $1 \leq k \leq n$.

Secondly, colors are assigned to the remaining part of $W_3 \vee K_{m,n}$ in the following two cases.

Case 1 $m > 1$

$g(u_j w_k) = j + k + m + 7 \pmod{m + n + 5}$ is colored with respect to $1 \leq j \leq m$ and $1 \leq k \leq n$,

$$g(u_j) = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 2; \\ m + 7, & n = 3; \\ m + 8, & n > 3. \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq j \leq m - 1, \quad g(u_m) = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 2, 3; \\ m + 8, & n > 3, \end{cases}$$

as well as $g(w_k) = \begin{cases} 5, & m = 2; \\ m + 4, & m > 2. \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq k \leq n.$

Case 2 $m = 1.$

$g(u_1 w_n) = 4, g(u_1) = 3, g(w_k) = 5$ is set with $1 \leq k \leq n$. If $n = 2$, it must be $g(u_1 w_1) = 2$. If $n > 2$, then $g(u_1 w_k) = k + 9 \pmod{n + 6}$ for $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$.

This coloring g is shown as satisfying Definition 1. Under the coloring g , then $\bar{C}(v_i) = \{i + 4\} \pmod{m + n + 5}$ for $0 \leq i \leq 3$. When $m = 1$, if $n > 3$, then $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{9\}$; if $n = 3$, then $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{0\}$; if $n = 2$, then $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{1\}$; if $n = 1$, then $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{2\}$.

If $m = n = 1$, $\{2\} = \bar{C}(u_1) \neq \bar{C}(w_1) = \{3\}$. For $m = n = 2$, $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{0, 4\}, \bar{C}(u_2) = \{2, 5\}, \bar{C}(w_1) = \{4, 6\}, \bar{C}(w_2) = \{6, 7\}$. If $m = n = 3$, $0 \in \bar{C}(u_j)$, but $0 \notin \bar{C}(w_k)$ for $1 \leq j, k \leq 3$. When $m = n > 3$, $m + 3 \in \bar{C}(w_k)$ with $1 \leq k \leq n$, but $m + 3 \notin \bar{C}(u_j)$ for $m - 4 \leq j \leq m - 1$. And then $1 \in \bar{C}(u_m)$ and $m + 4 \in \bar{C}(u_t)$ for $1 \leq t \leq m - 5$, but these two numbers $1, m + 4 \notin \bar{C}(w_k)$ when $1 \leq k \leq n$. Hence, $C(u_j) \neq C(w_k)$ has been verified for $1 \leq j, k \leq m$.

Gathering up all verifications together, the coloring g is exactly a $(m + n + 5)$ -AVDTC of the graph $W_3 \vee K_{m,n}$, which gives out $\chi_{at}(W_3 \vee K_{m,n}) = m + n + 5$, as desired.

Theorem 2 $\chi_{at}(W_4 \vee K_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} n + 7, & m = 1; \\ m + n + 5, & m > 1. \end{cases}$

Proof For $m = 1$, notice that both v_0 and u_1 are two adjacent vertices of maximum degree in $W_4 \vee K_{1,n}$. Thereby, $\chi_{at}(W_4 \vee K_{1,n}) \geq n + 7$ by Lemma 1. A $(n + 7)$ -AVDTC f is given to $W_4 \vee K_{1,n}$, namely, $f: V(W_4 \vee K_{1,n}) \cup E(W_4 \vee K_{1,n}) \rightarrow [n + 6]^0$.

Let $f(v_0) = 1, f(v_1) = f(v_3) = 3, f(v_2) = 4, f(v_4) = 7; f(v_0 v_i) = i + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq 4, f(v_1 v_2) = 1, f(v_2 v_3) = 5, f(v_3 v_4) = 6, f(v_4 v_1) = 4, f(w_k) = 5$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$.

Set

$$f(v_i u_1) = \begin{cases} 6, & i = 0; \\ 5, & i = 1; \\ i + 5, & i = 2, 3, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } f(v_4 u_1) = \begin{cases} 3, & n = 1; \\ 9 \pmod{n + 7}, & n > 1, \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_1) = \begin{cases} 2, & n = 1, 2; \\ 0, & n = 3; \\ 10, & n > 3, \end{cases} \quad \text{and } f(v_i w_k) = \begin{cases} k + 6, & i = 0; \\ k + 5, & i = 1; \\ k + i + 5 \pmod{n + 7}, & i = 2, 3, 4; \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

$f(u_1 w_k) = k + 10 \pmod{n + 7}$, for $n \geq 3$ and $1 \leq k \leq n$.

For $n = 1$, let $f(u_1 w_1) = 4$. If $n = 2$, then $f(u_1 w_1) = 3, f(u_1 w_2) = 4$. Obviously, f is a total coloring from $V(W_4 \vee K_{1,n}) \cup E(W_4 \vee K_{1,n})$ to $[n + 6]^0$.

Under this coloring f , then $\bar{C}(v_1) = \{n + 6, 0\}, \bar{C}(v_2) = \{2, 6\}, \bar{C}(v_3) = \{2, 7\}$. If $n > 1$, then $\bar{C}(v_4) = \{3, 8\}$. When $n = 1$, then $\bar{C}(v_4) = \{1, 8\}, \bar{C}(v_0) = \{0\}, \bar{C}(u_1) = \{1\}$ and $\bar{C}(w_1) = \{3\}$. When $n = 2, \bar{C}(w_1) = \{2, 4\}$ and $\bar{C}(w_2) = \{3, 6\}$.

It is easy to verify that f is a $(n + 7)$ -AVDTC of $W_4 \vee K_{1,n}$, that is $\chi_{at}(W_4 \vee K_{1,n}) = n + 7$.

The case of $m > 1$ is dealt with. Since v_0 is the unique vertex of maximum degree in $W_4 \vee K_{m,n}$, $\chi_{at}(W_4 \vee K_{m,n}) \geq m + n + 5$ according to Lemma 1. Therefore it is only needed to prove that there exists a $(m + n + 5)$ -AVDTC of $W_4 \vee K_{m,n}$. A total coloring f is constructed from $V(W_4 \vee K_{m,n}) \cup E(W_4 \vee K_{m,n})$ to $[m + n + 4]^0$ as

follows. Let $f(v_0) = 1$, $f(v_1) = f(v_3) = 3$, $f(v_2) = 4$, $f(v_0 v_i) = i + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq 4$, $f(v_1 v_2) = 1$, $f(v_3 v_4) = 6$. The following cases have to be colored.

Case 1 $m = n = 2$.

Set $f(v_4) = 4$, $f(v_2 v_3) = 2$, $f(v_4 v_1) = 0$,

$$f(v_i u_j) = \begin{cases} j + 5, & i = 0; \\ i + j + 2, & i = 1, 2; j = 1, 2, \text{ except } i = 4 \text{ and } j = 2, \\ i + j + 3, & i = 3, 4; \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i w_k) = \begin{cases} k + 7(\bmod 9), & i = 0; \\ i + k + 4, & i = 1, 2; \end{cases} \quad k = 1, 2.$$

Other labels are $f(v_3 w_1) = 0$, $f(v_3 w_2) = 1$, $f(v_4 w_k) = k + 1$ and $f(u_1 w_k) = k$ for $k = 1, 2$, $f(v_4 u_2) = 1$, $f(u_j) = 0$, $j = 1, 2$, as well as $f(u_2 w_k) = k + 2$ and $f(w_k) = 5$ for $k = 1, 2$.

It is easy to see that f is a 9-AVDTC, which shows $\chi_{av}(W_4 \vee K_{2,2}) = 9$.

Case 2 $2 \leq m < n$ and $3 \leq m \leq n$. Let $L = m + n + 5$. Set $f(v_4) = 7$, $f(v_2 v_3) = 5$, $f(v_4 v_1) = 4$, $f(v_2 v_n) = 6$,

$$f(v_i u_j) = \begin{cases} j + 5, & i = 0; \\ j + 4, & i = 1; \quad 1 \leq j \leq m, \\ i + j + 4(\bmod L), & i = 2, 3, 4; \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i w_k) = \begin{cases} k + m + 5(\bmod L), & i = 0; \\ k + m + 4, & i = 1; \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \text{ except } k = n \text{ and } i = 2. \\ k + i + m + 4(\bmod L), & i = 2, 3, 4; \end{cases}$$

$f(u_j w_k) = k + j + m + 8(\bmod L)$ for $1 \leq j \leq m$ and $1 \leq k \leq n$, except the case of $k = n$ and $j = 3$.

$$f(u_3 w_n) = \begin{cases} m + 11(\bmod L), & n \geq 8; \\ n + m + 3, & n \leq 7, \text{ but } m + n > 8; \\ 1, & n \leq 7, \text{ but } m + n \leq 8. \end{cases}$$

When $n = 3$, $f(u_j) = m + 8(\bmod L)$ for $1 \leq j \leq m - 1$ and $f(u_m) = 2$. When $n = 6$, $f(u_j) = m + 9$ for $1 \leq j \leq m$ except $j = 3$, $f(u_3) = m + 10$. When $n \neq 3, 6$, then $f(u_j) = m + 9$ with $1 \leq j \leq m$. When $m = 2, 3$, $f(w_k) = 6$ for $1 \leq k \leq n - 1$ as well as $f(w_n) = 8$. When $m \neq 2, 3$, $f(w_k) = m + 4$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$.

Obviously, f is a total coloring from $V(W_4 \vee K_{m,n}) \cup E(W_4 \vee K_{m,n})$ to $[m + n + 4]^0$. It is going to verify that the coloring f satisfies Definition 1.

We have $\bar{C}(v_1) = \{0\}$, $\bar{C}(v_2) = \{2\}$, $\bar{C}(v_3) = \{7\}$, $\bar{C}(v_4) = \{8\}$.

When $m = 2$, if $n = 3$, then $\bar{C}(u_1) = \bar{C}(u_2) = \{1\}$; if $n = 4$, then $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{10\}$, $\bar{C}(u_2) = \{1\}$; if $n > 4$, then $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{10\}$, $\bar{C}(u_2) = \{12\}(\bmod L)$.

When $m = n = 3$, $7 \in \bar{C}(w_k)$, but $7 \notin \bar{C}(u_j)$ for $1 \leq j, k \leq 3$.

When $m = n \geq 4$, $\bar{C}(w_1) = \{5, 6, \dots, m + 3\}$, $\bar{C}(w_k) = \{4 + k, \dots, m + 3\} \cup \{m + 5, \dots, m + k + 3\}$ for $2 \leq k \leq m - 1$.

If $n \geq 8$, then $\bar{C}(w_m) = \{1, m + 5, m + 6, \dots, m + 10, m + 12, \dots, 2m + 3\}$.

If $n \leq 7$ and $m + n > 8$, then $\bar{C}(w_m) = \{1, m + 5, m + 6, \dots, 2m + 2\}$.

If $n \leq 7$ and $m + n \leq 8$, then $\bar{C}(w_m) = \{m + 5, m + 6, \dots, 2m + 3\}$. But $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{10, 11, \dots, m + 8\}$, and $\bar{C}(u_2) = \{1, 11, 12\}$, $\bar{C}(u_3) = \{2, 6, 12\}$, $\bar{C}(u_4) = \{1, 2, 3\}$ when $m = n = 4$.

When $m = n \geq 5$, $\bar{C}(u_j) = \{9 + j, \dots, m + 8\} \cup \{m + 10, \dots, m + j + 8\}(\bmod L)$ for $2 \leq j \leq m - 1$ and $j \neq 3$, $\bar{C}(u_m) = \{m + 10, \dots, 2m + 4\} \cup \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

If $m = n = 5$, then $\bar{C}(u_3) = \{0, 1, 6, 12\}$. If $m = n \geq 6$, then

$$\bar{C}(u_3) = \{6\} \cup \{12, 13, \dots, m + 8\} \cup \{m + 11\}(\bmod L).$$

Furthermore, it is shown that f is a $(m + n + 5)$ -AVDTC of $W_4 \vee K_{m,n}$, namely, $\chi_{at}(W_4 \vee K_{m,n}) = m + n + 5$. The proof of this theorem is completed.

Theorem 3 For integer $s \geq 5$, $\chi_{at}(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} s + n + 3, & m = 1; \\ s + m + n + 1, & m > 1. \end{cases}$

Proof In the case of $m = 1$, both v_0 and u_1 are two adjacent vertices of maximum degree of $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$, $\chi_{at}(W_s \vee K_{1,n}) \geq s + n + 3$ by Lemma Lemma 1. A definition is needed for a $(s + n + 3)$ -AVDTC of $W_s \vee K_{1,n}$ from $V(W_s \vee K_{1,n}) \cup E(W_s \vee K_{1,n})$ to $[s + n + 2]^0$.

Let $M = s + n + 3$. Set $f(v_0) = 1$, $f(v_0 v_i) = i + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq s$, $f(v_s v_1) = 4$,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 3, & i \text{ is odd;} \\ 4, & i \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s - 1, \quad f(v_s) = \begin{cases} 8, & s = 5; \\ s, & s \neq 5, \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i u_1) = \begin{cases} s + 2, & i = 0; \\ i + 4, & 1 \leq i \leq s - 3; \\ i + 5(\text{mod } M), & i = s - 2, s - 1, \end{cases} \quad f(v_s u_1) = \begin{cases} 3, & n = 1; \\ s + 5(\text{mod } M), & n > 1, \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i w_k) = \begin{cases} k + s + 2, & i = 0; \\ k + i + 4, & 1 \leq i \leq s - 3; \\ k + i + 5(\text{mod } M), & i = s - 2, s - 1, s, \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

$f(u_1 w_k) = k + s + 6 \pmod{M}$ for $n \geq 3$ and $1 \leq k \leq n$. When $n = 1$, $f(u_1 w_1) = 4$. When $n = 2$, $f(u_1 w_1) = 3$ and $f(u_1 w_2) = 4$. Then $f(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \text{ is odd;} \\ 2, & i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s - l$, and $f(v_t v_{t+1}) = t + 3$ with $t = s - l + 1$,

$\dots, s - 1$ where $l = 3$ if s is odd and $l = 4$ if s is even. $f(u_1) = \begin{cases} 2, & n = 1, 2; \\ s + 6(\text{mod } M), & n \neq 1, 2. \end{cases}$ and $f(w_k) = 5$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$.

Obviously, f is a total coloring from $V(W_s \vee K_{1,n}) \cup E(W_s \vee K_{1,n})$ to $[s + n + 2]^0$.

Under this coloring f , $C(v_i) \neq C(v_{i+1})$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, s$ when $i = s$, $v_{i+1} = v_1$.

When $n \leq 2$, $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{1\}$. When $n > 2$, $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{4\}$. When $m = n = 1$, $\bar{C}(w_1) = \{3\}$. when $s \geq 7$ and $s = n + 2$, $5 \in C(w_k)$, $1 \leq k \leq n$, but $5 \notin C(v_l)$, $2 \leq l \leq s$, $l \neq 4$. Furthermore, $\bar{C}(v_1) = \{n + 6, n + 7, \dots, s + n + 2, 0\} \neq \bar{C}(w_k)$, $1 \leq k \leq n$, $\bar{C}(v_4) = \{3, 6, 7, n + 9, \dots, s + n + 2, 0\} \neq \bar{C}(w_k)$ for $1 \leq k \leq n$. When $s = 5, 6$, $\{3, 8\} \subseteq \bar{C}(v_4)$, but $\{3, 8\} \not\subseteq \bar{C}(w_k)$, $10 \in \bar{C}(v_1)$, but $10 \notin \bar{C}(w_k)$ with $1 \leq k \leq n$.

Clearly, this coloring f is a $(s + n + 3)$ -AVDTC of $W_s \vee K_{1,n}$, thus, $\chi_{at}(W_s \vee K_{1,n}) = s + n + 3$.

For the case of $m > 1$, $\chi_{at}(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) \geq s + m + n + 1$ by means of Lemma 1, because that v_0 is the unique vertex of maximum degree of $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$. The key is to prove the existence of a $(s + m + n + 1)$ -AVDTC of $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$. A total coloring f is defined from $V(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) \cup E(W_s \vee K_{m,n})$ to $[s + m + n]^0$ in the following.

Let $R = s + m + n + 1$. We let $f(v_0) = 1$, $f(v_0 v_i) = i + 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq s$, $f(v_s v_1) = 4$,

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 3, & i \text{ is odd;} \\ 4, & i \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s - 1. \quad f(v_s) = s;$$

$$f(v_i u_j) = \begin{cases} s + j + 1, & i = 0; \\ j + i + 3, & 1 \leq i \leq s - 3; 1 \leq j \leq m, \text{ except } i = s \text{ and } j = m. \\ j + i + 4(\text{mod } R), & s - 2 \leq i \leq s \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_s u_m) = \begin{cases} 1, & m = n = 2; \\ s + m + 4(\text{mod } R), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i w_k) = \begin{cases} s + m + k + 1(\text{mod } R), & i = 0; \\ i + m + k + 3, & 1 \leq i \leq s - 3; 1 \leq k \leq n. \\ i + m + k + 4(\text{mod } R), & s - 2 \leq i \leq s. \end{cases}$$

Again, $f(u_j w_k) = s + m + j + k + 4 \pmod R$, $1 \leq j \leq m$, $1 \leq k \leq n$, and

$$f(u_j) = \begin{cases} 2, & n = 2; \\ s + m + 4 \pmod R, & n = 3; \\ s + m + 5 \pmod R, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq j \leq m - 1.$$

$$f(u_m) = \begin{cases} 2, & n = 2, 3; \\ s + m + 5 \pmod R, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$f(w_1) = \begin{cases} m + 3, & m + 4 = s; \\ m + 4, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad f(w_k) = \begin{cases} m + 4, & m + 4 \neq s; \\ m + 5, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad 2 \leq k \leq n - 1.$$

When $s = 5$ and $m = n = 3$, $f(w_n) = 8$, otherwise $f(w_n) = \begin{cases} m + 4, & m + 4 \neq s; \\ m + 5, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$$f(v_i v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \text{ is odd;} \\ 2, & i \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s - l, \text{ and } f(v_i v_{i+1}) = t + 3, \quad t = s - l + 1, \dots, s - 1 \text{ where } l = 3 \text{ if } s \text{ is}$$

odd and $l = 4$ if s is even.

Therefore, f is a proper total coloring from $V(W_s \vee K_{m,n}) \cup E(W_s \vee K_{m,n})$ to $[s + m + n]^0$. Under this coloring f , $C(v_i) \neq C(v_{i+1})$ for $0 \leq i \leq s$, here $v_{s+1} = v_1$. And $C(w_k) \neq C(v_i) \neq C(u_j)$ for $1 \leq j \leq m$, $1 \leq k \leq n$ and $1 \leq i \leq s$. Several cases are considered in detail.

Case 1 When $m = n = 2$, $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{1\}$ and $\bar{C}(u_2) = \{3\}$.

If $m + 4 = s$, then $\bar{C}(w_1) = \bar{C}(w_2) = \{6\}$. If $m + 4 \neq s$, so $\bar{C}(w_1) = \{5\}$ and $\bar{C}(w_2) = \{7\}$.

Case 2 When $m = n = 3$, $1 \in \bar{C}(u_j)$, but $1 \notin \bar{C}(w_k)$ for $1 \leq j, k \leq 3$.

Case 3 When $m = n > 3$, $\bar{C}(u_1) = \{s + 6, \dots, s + m + 4\}$, and

$$\bar{C}(u_j) = \{s + j + 5, \dots, s + m + 4\} \cup \{s + m + 6, \dots, s + m + j + 4\} \pmod R \text{ for } 2 \leq j \leq m.$$

If $m + 4 = s$, then $\bar{C}(w_1) = \{5, 6, \dots, m + 2, m + 4\}$, $\bar{C}(w_2) = \{6, 7, \dots, m + 4\}$, $\bar{C}(w_k) = \{k + 4, \dots, m + 4\} \cup \{m + 6, \dots, m + k + 3\}$ for $3 \leq k \leq n$.

If $m + 4 \neq s$, then $\bar{C}(w_1) = \{5, 6, \dots, m + 3\}$, $\bar{C}(w_k) = \{k + 4, \dots, m + 3\} \cup \{m + 5, \dots, m + k + 3\}$ for $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$, and $\bar{C}(w_n) = \{m + 5, \dots, m + n + 3\}$.

At last, $C(u_j) \neq C(w_k)$ for $1 \leq j, k \leq m$ is obtained, it means that f is a $(s + m + n + 1)$ -AVDTC of $W_s \vee K_{m,n}$ as claimed.

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