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Abstract--- A total coloring of a graph G is an assignment of colors to both the vertices and edges of G , such that no two adjacent or incident vertices and edges of G are assigned the same colors. In this paper, we have discussed the total coloring of $M(K_{1,n,n})$, $T(K_{1,n,n})$, $L(K_{1,n,n})$ and $S'(K_{1,n,n})$ and also we obtained the total chromatic number of $M(K_{1,n,n})$, $T(K_{1,n,n})$, $L(K_{1,n,n})$ and $S'(K_{1,n,n})$.

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I. Introduction

In this paper, we have chosen finite, simple and undirected graphs. Let $G = (V(G), E(G))$ be a graph with the vertex set $V(G)$ and the edge set $E(G)$, respectively. In 1965, the concept of total coloring was introduced by Behzad [1] and in 1967 he [2,3] came out new ideology that, the notion of the total graph of a graph and the total chromatic number of complete graph and complete bi-partite graph. A total coloring of G , is a function $f: S \rightarrow C$, where $S = V(G) \cup E(G)$ and C is a set of colors to satisfies the given conditions.

- no two adjacent vertices receive the same colors
- notwo adjacent edges receive the same colors
- no edges and its end vertices receive the same colors

The *total chromatic number* $\chi''(G)$ of a graph G is the minimum cardinality k such that G may have a total coloring by k colors. Behzad [1] and Vizing [15] conjectured that for every simple graph G has $\Delta(G) + 1 \leq \chi''(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2$, where $\Delta(G)$ the maximum degree of G . This conjecture is called as the Total Coloring Conjecture (TCC). Rosenfeld [10] and Vijayaditya [14] verified the TCC, for any graph G with maximum degree ≤ 3 and Kostochka [7] for maximum degree ≤ 5 . In Borodin [4] verified The Total Coloring conjecture (TCC) for maximum degree ≥ 9 in planar graphs. In 1992, Yap and Chew [16] proved that any graph G has a total coloring with atmost $\Delta(G) + 2$ colors if $\Delta(G) \geq |V(G)| - 5$. In recent era, total coloring have been extensively studied in different families of graphs. Mohan et.al [8] given the tight bound of Behzad and Vizing conjecture in Corona product of certain classes of graph. Muthuramakrishnan et.al [9] proved that the total chromatic number of line, middle, total graph of star graph and square graph of bistar graph. Vaidya et.al [13] proved that the total chromatic number of middle graph, total graph, shadow graph of cycle and one point union of cycle. Sudha et.al [12] proved that the total chromatic number of Sudha grid graphs, gear graph and crown graph. In this present paper, we investigate the total chromatic number of $M(K_{1,n,n})$, $T(K_{1,n,n})$, $L(K_{1,n,n})$ and $S'(K_{1,n,n})$.

II. Preliminaries

Definition 2.1. The *Double star graph* $K_{1,n,n}$ is a tree obtained from the star $K_{1,n}$ by adding a new pendent edge of the exiting n pendant vertices. It has $2n + 1$ vertices and $2n$ edges. Let $V(K_{1,n,n}) = \{u\} \cup \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\} \cup \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E(K_{1,n,n}) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\} \cup \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n\}$.

Definition 2.2. The *middle graph* [5] of a graph G , denoted by $M(G)$ is define as follows, the vertex set of $M(G)$ is $V(G) \cup E(G)$. Two vertices x, y in the vertex set of $M(G)$ are adjacent in $M(G)$ in case one of the following condition holds: (i) x, y are in $E(G)$ and x, y is adjacent in G . (ii) x is in $V(G)$, y is in $E(G)$ and x, y are incident in G .

Definition 2.3.The *Total graph*[3] of a graph G , denoted by $T(G)$ is define as, the vertex set of $T(G)$ is $V(G) \cup E(G)$. Two vertices x, y in the vertex set of $T(G)$ are adjacent in $T(G)$ in case one of the following condition holds: (i) x, y are in $V(G)$ and x is adjacent to y in G . (ii) x, y are in $E(G)$ and x, y is adjacent in G . (iii) x is in $V(G), y$ is in $E(G)$ and x, y are incident in G .

Definition 2.4.The *line graph*[17] of graph G , denoted by $L(G)$ is the graph whose vertices are the edges of G with two vertices of $L(G)$ adjacent whenever the corresponding edges of G are adjacent.

Definition 2.5.For a graph G , the splitting graph $S'(G)$ [11] of a graph G is obtained by adding a new vertex v' corresponding to each vertex v of G such that $N(v) = N(v')$.

Main Results

III. Total Chromatic Number of $M(K_{1,n,n})$

Theorem 3.1.Let $M(K_{1,n,n})$ be the middle graph of double star graph. Then

$$\chi''(M(K_{1,n,n})) = n + 3.$$

Proof:Let $V(K_{1,n,n}) = \{v\} \cup \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\} \cup \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E(K_{1,n,n}) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\} \cup \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n\}$ where $\{e_i = vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{s_i = u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. By the definition of middle graph, each edge $\{e_i = vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{s_i = u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in $K_{1,n,n}$ is subdivided by the vertices $\{v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in $M(K_{1,n,n})$ and the vertices $\{v, v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, \dots, v'_n\}$ induce a clique of order $n + 1$. The middle graph of double star graph contains a complete graph of order $n + 1$. In $M(K_{1,n,n})$, the vertex set and the edge set is given by

$$V(M(K_{1,n,n})) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{v\} \cup \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \\ \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \end{array} \right\} \text{ and}$$

$$E(M(K_{1,n,n})) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \\ \{v_i u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \\ \{u'_i v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v'_i v'_j : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, i+1 \leq j \leq n\} \end{array} \right\}$$

We define the total coloring f , such that $f: S \rightarrow C$ where $S = V(M(K_{1,n,n})) \cup E(M(K_{1,n,n}))$ and $C = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n + 3\}$. Now we assign the total coloring to these vertices and edges as follows. We consider the following two cases:

Case (i): when n is odd

$$\begin{aligned} f(v) &= n + 2 & f(v'_i) &= i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \\ f(v_i) &= f(u_i) = n + 3 & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \\ f(u_i) &= n + 1 & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(vv'_i) &= \begin{cases} 2i, & \text{if } 2i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n+2} \\ n+2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i v'_j) &= \begin{cases} i+j, & \text{if } (i+j) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n+2} \\ n+2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ & & & \text{for } j > i, i+1 \leq j \leq n \\ f(v'_i v_i) &= i - 1 & & \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n \\ & & & f(v'_i u'_i) = n + 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_1 v_1) &= n + 2 \\ f(u'_i v_i) &= n, & f(u'_i u_i) &= n + 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Case (ii): when n is even

$$\begin{aligned} f(v) &= n + 2 & f(v'_i) &= i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \\ f(v_i) &= n + 3, & f(u_i) &= 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \\ f(u_i) &= n + 2 & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(vv'_i) &= \begin{cases} 2i, & \text{if } 2i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n+1} \\ n+1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ f(v'_i v'_j) &= \begin{cases} i+j, & \text{if } (i+j) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n+1} \\ n+1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ & & & \text{for } j > i, i+1 \leq j \leq n \\ f(v'_i v_i) &= n + 2 & & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{aligned}$$

$$f(v'_i u'_i) = n + 3 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u'_i v_i) = n + 1, \quad f(u'_i u_i) = 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

Based on the above rule of total coloring, the graph $M(K_{1,n,n})$ is total colored with $n + 3$ colors. Hence the total chromatic number of $M(K_{1,n,n})$, $\chi''(M(K_{1,n,n})) = n + 3$.

IV. Total Chromatic Number of $T(K_{1,n,n})$

Theorem 4.1. Let $T(K_{1,n,n})$ be the total graph of double star graph. Then

$$\chi''(T(K_{1,n,n})) = 2n + 1.$$

Proof: Let $V(K_{1,n,n}) = \{v\} \cup \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\} \cup \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E(K_{1,n,n}) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\} \cup \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_n\}$, where $\{e_i = vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{s_i = u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. By the definition of total graph, each edge $\{e_i = vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{s_i = u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in $K_{1,n,n}$ are subdivided by the vertices $\{v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $\{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ in $T(K_{1,n,n})$ and the vertices $\{v, v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, \dots, v'_n\}$ induce a clique of order $n + 1$. Therefore, the total graph of double star graph contains a complete graph of order $n + 1$. In $T(K_{1,n,n})$, the vertex set and the edge set is given by

$$V(T(K_{1,n,n})) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{v\} \cup \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ \cup \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \end{array} \right\}$$

and

$$E(T(K_{1,n,n})) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{vv'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v'_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ \{v_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ \{u'_i v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v'_i v'_j : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, i + 1 \leq j \leq n\} \end{array} \right\}$$

We define the total coloring f , such that $f: S \rightarrow C$ where $S = V(T(K_{1,n,n})) \cup E(T(K_{1,n,n}))$ and $C = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n + 1\}$. Now we assign the total coloring to these vertices and edges as follows.

$$f(v) = 2n + 1 \quad f(v'_i) = i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(v_i) = 2i, \quad f(u_i) = i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} i + 2, & \text{if } i + 2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n + 2} \\ n + 2, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(vv'_i) = \begin{cases} 2i, & \text{if } 2i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2n} \\ 2n, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i v'_i) = \begin{cases} n + 1 + i, & \text{if } n + 1 + i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2n + 1} \\ 2n + 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i u'_i) = \begin{cases} n + 3 + i, & \text{if } n + 3 + i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2n + 1} \\ 2n + 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i u'_i) = \begin{cases} i + 1, & \text{if } i + 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n + 1} \\ n + 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(vv_i) = \begin{cases} 2i - 1, & \text{if } 2i - 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2n - 1} \\ 2n - 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v_i u_i) = f(u_i v_i) = \begin{cases} n + 2 + i, & \text{if } n + 2 + i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2n + 1} \\ 2n + 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(v'_i v'_j) = \begin{cases} i + j, & \text{if } (i + j) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2n + 1} \\ 2n + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, \quad j > i, \quad i + 1 \leq j \leq n$$

Based on the above rule of total coloring, the graph $T(K_{1,n,n})$ is total colored with $2n + 1$ colors. Hence the total chromatic number of the total graph of $T(K_{1,n,n})$, $\chi''(T(K_{1,n,n})) = 2n + 1$.

V. Total Chromatic Number of $L(K_{1,n,n})$

Theorem 5.1. Let $L(K_{1,n,n})$ be the line graph of double star graph. Then

$$\chi''(L(K_{1,n,n})) = n + 1, \quad n \geq 4.$$

Proof: The Double star graph $K_{1,n,n}$ is the tree obtained from the star graph $K_{1,n}$ by adding a new pendant edges to the existing n pendant vertices. Here v as the root vertex along with the vertex set $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ and $\{v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, \dots, v'_n\}$ together with the edges $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$ and $\{u'_1, u'_2, u'_3, \dots, u'_n\}$. Now construct the line graph of

double star $K_{1,n,n}$, the edge in $K_{1,n,n}$ corresponding to the vertex set of $L(K_{1,n,n})$ respectively. In $L(K_{1,n,n})$, the vertex set and the edge set is given by

$$V(L(K_{1,n,n})) = \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'\} \text{ and}$$

$$E(L(K_{1,n,n})) = \{u_i u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i u'_j : 1 \leq i \leq n-1, j > i, i+1 \leq j \leq n\}$$

In $L(K_{1,n,n})$, the vertices $\{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ induces a clique of order n . Let it be K_n . The vertices $\{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ is adjacent with the vertices $\{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. Now we construct the total coloring f , such that $f: S \rightarrow C$ as follows, where $S = V(L(K_{1,n,n})) \cup E(L(K_{1,n,n}))$ and $C = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n+1\}$. The total coloring is obtained by coloring these vertices and edges as follows.

$$f(u_i) = i, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

$$f(u'_i) = i - 1, \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f(u_i u'_i) = \begin{cases} 2i, & \text{if } 2i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n+1} \\ n+1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i u'_j) = \begin{cases} i+j, & \text{if } (i+j) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n+1} \\ n+1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1, j > i, i+1 \leq j \leq n$$

It is clear that, the above rule of total coloring, the graph $L(K_{1,n,n})$ is total colored with $n+1$ colors. Hence the total chromatic number of $L(K_{1,n,n})$, $\chi''(L(K_{1,n,n})) = n+1$.

VI. Total Chromatic Number of $S'(K_{1,n,n})$

Theorem 6.1. Let $S'(K_{1,n,n})$ be the splitting graph of double star graph. Then

$$\chi''(S'(K_{1,n,n})) = 2n + 1.$$

Proof: The Double star graph $K_{1,n,n}$ is the tree obtained from the star graph $K_{1,n}$ by adding a new pendant edges to the existing n pendant vertices. Here v as the root vertex of the double star. Let the vertex set and the edge set of double star graph is given by

$$V(K_{1,n,n}) = \{u\} \cup \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \text{ and}$$

$$E(K_{1,n,n}) = \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

By the definition of splitting graph, now adding the new vertices $\{u', u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n\}$ and $\{v'_1, v'_2, v'_3, \dots, v'_n\}$ corresponding to these vertices $\{u, u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$ and $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ respectively. In $S'(K_{1,n,n})$, the vertex set and edge set is given by

$$V(S'(K_{1,n,n})) = \left\{ \{u\} \cup \{u'\} \cup \{u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \right\} \text{ and}$$

$$E(S'(K_{1,n,n})) = \left\{ \{uu_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{uu'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i u_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u'_i v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{u_i v'_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\} \right\}$$

Now we construct the total coloring f , such that $f: S \rightarrow C$ as follows, where $S = V(S'(K_{1,n,n})) \cup E(S'(K_{1,n,n}))$ and $C = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n+1\}$. Now we assign the total coloring to these vertices and edges as follows.

$$f(u) = f(u') = 2n + 1$$

$$f(v_i) = f(v'_i) = n + 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i) = f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} i + 1, & \text{if } i + 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n+1} \\ n + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(uu'_i) = f(u'_i u_i) = \begin{cases} i, & \text{if } i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ n, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(uu_i) = \begin{cases} n + i, & \text{if } n + i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2n} \\ 2n, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i v'_i) = f(u'_i v_i) = 2n + 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i v_i) = 2n \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

We observed that the above rule of total coloring pattern, the graph $S'(K_{1,n,n})$ is total colored with $2n+1$ colors. Hence the total chromatic number of $S'(K_{1,n,n})$, $\chi''(S'(K_{1,n,n})) = 2n+1$.

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