

On 2-rainbow domination number in Harary graph

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Abstract: The k -rainbow domination is a variant of the classical domination problem in graphs and is defined as follows: Given an undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ and a set of k colors numbered $1, 2, \dots, k$, we assign an arbitrary subset of these colors to each vertex of G . If a vertex is assigned the empty set, then the union of color sets of its neighbors must be k -colors. This minimum sum of numbers of assigned colors over all vertices of G is called the K -rainbow domination number of G . In this paper, we find the 2-rainbow domination number of the even regular Harary graphs $H_{2n, 2r}$, $\gamma_{2r}(H_{2n, 2r}) \geq \frac{2n}{2r} + 1$ and an odd regular Harary graphs $H_{2n+1, 2r}$, $\gamma_{2r}(H_{2n+1, 2r}) \geq \frac{2n+1}{2r} + 1$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

A subset S of the vertex set $V(G)$ of a graph G is called a **dominating set** if every vertex in $V(G) - S$ is adjacent to a vertex in S . The **domination number** $\gamma(G)$ is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of G .

Rainbow domination was first introduced by Brešar, Henning and Rall in 2005. Let G be a graph and $v \in V(G)$. The open neighborhood of v is the set $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) \mid uv \in E(G)\}$ and its closed neighborhood is the set $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$. Let $f: V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2, \dots, k\})$ be a function that assigns to each vertex of G a set of colors chosen

from the power set of $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$. If for each vertex $v \in V(G)$ with $f(v) = \emptyset$, $\bigcup_{u \in N[v]} f(u) = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, then the function f is called a **k -rainbow dominating function (KRDF)** of G . The weight of the function f , denoted by $w(f)$

is defined as $w(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} |f(v)|$. The minimum weight of a KRDF is called the **K -rainbow domination number** of G and is denoted by $\gamma_k(G)$.

A 2-rainbow domination function of a graph G is a particular case of KRDF i.e., when $k=2$. Let us defined as $f:$

$V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2\})$ such that for each vertex $v \in V(G)$ with $f(v) = \emptyset$, we have $\bigcup_{u \in N[v]} f(u) = \{1, 2\}$. Such a function f

is called a **2-rainbow domination function (2RDF)** and minimum weight of such function is called the **2-rainbow domination number** of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{\{1,2\}}(G)$.

For example, a 2-rainbow domination of path P_5 is shown in Figure 1. We assign a color set $\{1\}$ to V_1, V_5 and

assign a color set $\{2\}$ to V_3 . When $f(V_2) = \emptyset$ and $f(V_4) = \emptyset$ then $f(V_2) \cup f(N(V_2)) = \{1,2\}$ and $f(V_4) \cup f(N(V_4)) = \{1,2\}$. In fact $\gamma_{\{1,2\}}(P_5) = 3$.

$V_1 V_2 V_3 V_4 V_5$

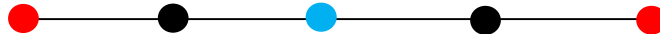


Figure 1 (P_5)

In Figure 1 Path P_5 depicted with a 2-rainbow domination. The vertex with color sets $\{1\}$ and $\{2\}$ are filled with colors red and blue respectively.

For another example, 2-rainbow domination of graph G with 5 vertices is shown in Figure 2. We assign a color set

$\{1,2\}$ to V_5 . For each vertex v in $\{V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4\}$, $f(v) = \emptyset$ and $f(v) \cup f(N(v)) = \{1,2\}$. Then $\gamma_{\{1,2\}}(G) = 2$.

V_1

V_2

V_4

V_3

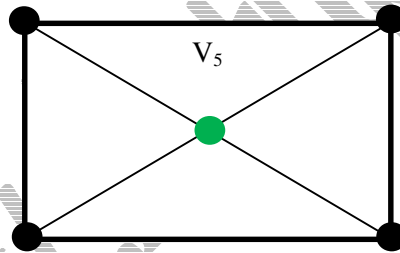


Figure 2- (G)

In Figure 2 the graph G with 5 vertices is shown with 2 rainbow domination. The vertex with color set $\{1, 2\}$ is filled with green vertex.

In this paper we consider 2-rainbow domination number for the Harary graphs

- (i) $\gamma_{\{1,2\}}(H_{n,k})$, $n \geq 2k+1$ and (ii) $\gamma_{\{1,2\}}(H_{n,k})$, $n \geq 2k+2$

II. DEFINITION OF HARARY GRAPH

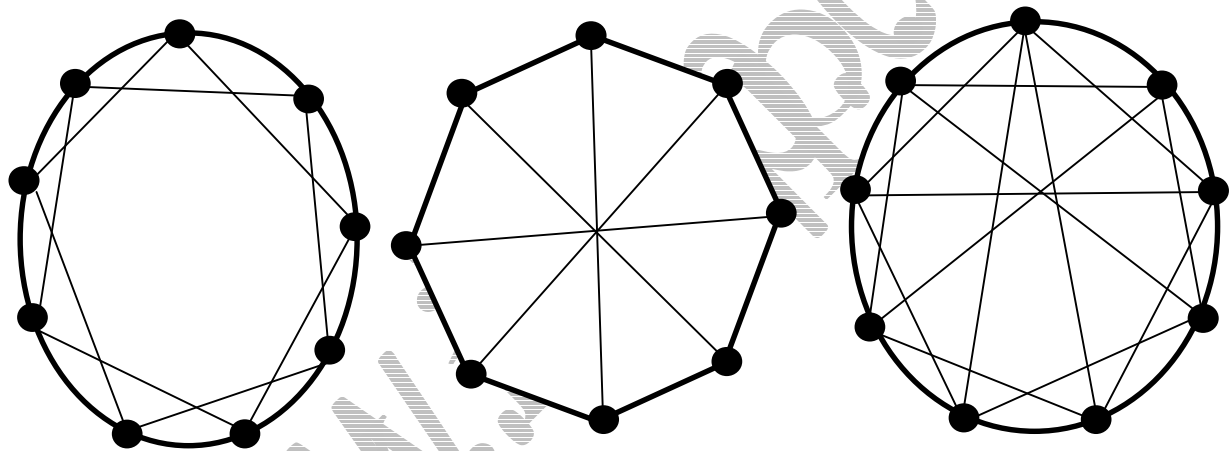
The Harary graph $H_{n,k}$ is defined as follows:

Case 1: When k is even and n is odd. Let $k=2r$, then $H_{n,k}$ is constructed as follows : It has vertices $0,1,\dots,n-1$ and two vertices i and j are joined if $i-r \leq j \leq i+r$ (where addition is taken modulo n).

Case 2: When k is odd and n is even. Let $k=2r+1$, then $H_{n,k}$ is constructed by drawing first $H_{n,1}$ and then adding edges joining vertex i to vertex $i+(n/2)$ for $1 \leq i \leq n/2$.

Case 3: When k is odd and n is odd. Let $k=2r+1$, then $H_{n,k}$ is constructed by first drawing $H_{n,1}$ and then adding edges joining vertex 0 to vertices $(n-1)/2$ and vertex i to vertex $i+(n+1)/2$ for $1 \leq i \leq (n-1)/2$.

The graphs $H_{10,3}$, $H_{11,3}$, $H_{12,3}$ are shown as examples of these cases in Figure 3.



$H_{10,3}$, $H_{11,3}$, $H_{12,3}$

Figure -3

III.

THE 2-RAINBOW DOMINATION NUMBER

OF $H_{n,k}$, $n \geq 2k+1$

The following Proposition gives a domination number of Harary graph $H_{n,k}$, $n \geq 2k+1$.

Proposition 3.1. For $n \geq 2k+1$, $\gamma(H_{n,k}) \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2k+1} \rceil$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$

Proof. In a Harary graph $H_{n,k}$, $n \geq 2k+1$ a vertex say v is adjacent to $2k$ other vertices. Thus there exists a set of $2k+1$ vertices among which one vertex is adjacent to the remaining $2k$ vertices in Harary graph. We choose that vertex as an element of the dominating set. Thus we can partition the vertex set of $H_{n,k}$, $n \geq 2k+1$ into $\lceil \frac{n}{2k+1} \rceil$

subsets. We form a set S such that $|S| = \lceil \frac{n}{2+1} \rceil$ and exactly one element of the above $\lceil \frac{n}{2+1} \rceil$ subsets in an element of S . Thus $\gamma(\mathcal{G}, 2) \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2+1} \rceil$.

The following corollary and Theorem gives the 2-rainbow domination number for Harary graph $\mathcal{H}(n, k)$.

Corollary 3.2. For $\mathcal{H}(n, k) \geq 2+1$, $\gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2) \leq 2 \lceil \frac{n}{2+1} \rceil$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{H}(n, k) \geq 2+1$ be a Harary graph. Let S be the dominating set of $\mathcal{H}(n, k)$. Define $f: V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2\})$ such that

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} \{1, 2\} & v_i \in S \\ \emptyset & v_i \notin S \end{cases} \quad \text{Where } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\bigcup_{v_i \in S} f(v_i) = \{1, 2\} \quad \text{Where } v_i \in S \text{ and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Clearly, f is a 2-rainbow domination function and since each vertex in the dominating set is assigned with a set of two colors and there are a total of $\lceil \frac{n}{2+1} \rceil$ vertices in the dominating set of $\mathcal{H}(n, k) \geq 2+1$, we deduce that $\gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2) \leq 2 \lceil \frac{n}{2+1} \rceil$, $\mathcal{H}(n, k) \geq 2+1$ and $k=1, 2, \dots$.

Theorem 3.3. For $\mathcal{H}(n, k) \geq 2+1$, $\gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2) \geq \lceil \frac{n}{2+1} \rceil$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{H}(n, k)$ be a graph with $|V(\mathcal{H}(n, k))| = n$. Let $f: V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{1, 2\})$ be a 2RDF of $\mathcal{H}(n, k)$ of minimum weight. Let $S = \{v_i \in V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) : f(v_i) \neq \emptyset\}$. Then for every $u \in V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) \setminus S$, we have $|f(v_i)| \geq 2$. By summing up these inequalities for all vertices of $(V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) \setminus S)$ we get,

$$\sum_{v_i \in (V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) \setminus S)} |f(v_i)| \geq 2(|V(\mathcal{H}(n, k))| - |S|).$$

That is, $\sum_{v_i \in (V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) \setminus S)} |f(v_i)| \geq 2(|V(\mathcal{H}(n, k))| - \gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2))$ where every vertex of S is adjacent to $2k$ vertices of $(V(\mathcal{H}(n, k)) \setminus S)$. So each weight is counted exactly $2k$ times on the left hand-side of the above inequality. Thus,

$$(2k) \gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2) \geq 2(|V(\mathcal{H}(n, k))| - \gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2)),$$

$$(2k+2) \gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2) \geq 2|V(\mathcal{H}(n, k))|,$$

$$2(k+1) \gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2) \geq 2n,$$

$$\gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2) \geq \frac{n}{2+1}.$$

By the definition of 2-rainbow domination number, $\gamma(\mathcal{H}(n, k), 2)$ is an integer.

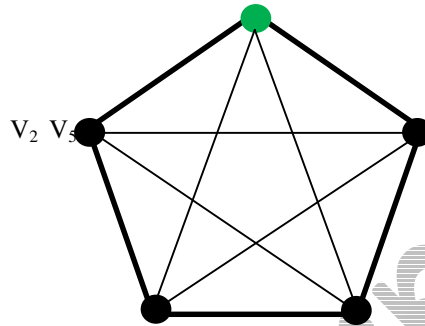
Hence $\gamma(H_{2k+1}) \geq \lceil \frac{2k+1}{2} \rceil$ where $n \geq 2k+1$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Example: 2-rainbow domination number for $H_{4,5}$

Here we take $k=2$ and $n \geq 2k+1$ i.e. $n \geq 5$ then H_n becomes $H_{4,5}$ and the 2-rainbow domination number of $H_{4,5}$ is given in figure 4. Here $\gamma(H_{4,5})=1$. We assign a color set $\{1,2\}$ to V_1 . For each vertex v in $\{V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5\}$, $f(v)$

$= \emptyset$ and $\bigcup_{v \in C} f(v) = \{1,2\}$. Then $\gamma(H_{4,5}) = 2$.

V_1



V_3 V_4

Figure 4 - ($H_{4,5}$)

In Figure 4 the Harary graph of $H_{4,5}$ is depicted with 2-rainbow domination. The vertex with color set $\{1,2\}$ is filled with green vertex.

IV. THE 2-RAINBOW DOMINATION NUMBER OF H_{2k+1} , $n \geq 2k+2$

The following proposition gives the domination number of Harary graph H_{2k+1} , $n \geq 2k+2$.

Proposition 4.1. For $n \geq 2k+2$, $\gamma(H_{2k+1}) \leq \lceil \frac{2k+2}{2} \rceil$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$

Proof. In a Harary graph H_{2k+1} , $n \geq 2k+2$ a vertex v is adjacent to $2k+1$ other vertices. Thus there exists a set of $2k+2$ vertices among which one vertex is adjacent to the remaining $2k+1$ vertices in Harary graph. We choose that vertex as an element of the dominating set. Thus we can partition the vertex set of H_{2k+1} , $n \geq 2k+2$ into

$\lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ subsets. We form a set S such that $|S| = \lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ and exactly one element of the above $\lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ subsets in an element of S . Thus $\gamma_2(G) \leq \lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$.

The following Corollary and Theorem gives the 2-rainbow domination number for Harary graph $H(n, k)$, $n \geq 2k+2$.

Corollary 4.2. For $H(n, k)$, $\gamma_2(H(n, k)) \leq 2 \lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$.

Proof. Let $H(n, k)$, $n \geq 2k+2$ be a Harary graph. Let S be dominating set of $H(n, k)$. Define $f: V(H(n, k)) \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$ such that

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} \{1, 2\} & v_i \in S \\ \emptyset & v_i \notin S \end{cases} \text{ Where } i=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\bigcup_{v_i \in S} f(v_i) = \{1, 2\} \text{ Where } v_i \in S \text{ and } i=1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Clearly, f is a 2-rainbow domination function and since each vertex in the dominating set is assigned with a

set of two colors and there are a total of $\lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ vertices in the dominating set of $H(n, k)$, $n \geq 2k+2$, we

deduce that $\gamma_2(H(n, k)) \leq 2 \lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$ and $n \geq 2k+2$.

Theorem 4.3. For $H(n, k)$, $\gamma_2(H(n, k)) \geq \lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor$ where $k=1, 2, \dots$.

Proof. Let $H(n, k)$ be a graph with $|V(H(n, k))| = n$. Let $f: V(H(n, k)) \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$ be a 2RDF of $H(n, k)$ of minimum weight. Let $S = \{v_i \in V(H(n, k)) : f(v_i) = \{1, 2\}\}$. Then for every $v_i \in V(H(n, k)) \setminus S$, we have $|f(v_i)| \geq 2$.

By summing up these inequalities for all vertices of $(V(H(n, k)) \setminus S)$ we get,

$$\sum_{v_i \in (V(H(n, k)) \setminus S)} |f(v_i)| \geq 2(|V(H(n, k))| - |S|).$$

$$\sum_{v \in S} |f(v)| \geq$$

That is, $\sum_{v \in S} |f(v)| \geq 2(|V(S)| - |S|)$ where every vertex of S is adjacent to $2k+1$ vertices of $(V(S) - S)$. So, each weight is counted exactly $2k+1$ times on the left hand-side of the above inequality. Thus,

$$(2k+1) \sum_{v \in S} |f(v)| \geq 2(|V(S)| - |S|),$$

$$(2k+3) \sum_{v \in S} |f(v)| \geq 2|V(S)|,$$

$$(2k+3) \sum_{v \in S} |f(v)| \geq 2n,$$

$$\sum_{v \in S} |f(v)| \geq \frac{2n}{2k+3}.$$

By the definition of 2-rainbow domination number, $\gamma_{r2}(G)$ is an integer.

Hence $\sum_{v \in S} |f(v)| \geq \left\lceil \frac{2n}{2k+3} \right\rceil$ where $n \geq 2k+2$ and $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Example: 2-rainbow domination number for $K_{7,8}$

Here we take $k=3$ and then $K_{2k+1, 2k}$ becomes $K_{7,8}$ and the 2-rainbow domination number of $K_{7,8}$ is given in figure 5. Here $\gamma(K_{7,8})=1$. We assign a color set $\{1,2\}$ to V_1 . For each vertex v in $\{V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5, V_6, V_7, V_8\}$, $f(v) = \emptyset$

and $f(V_1) = \{1,2\}$. Then $\gamma(K_{7,8}) = 2$

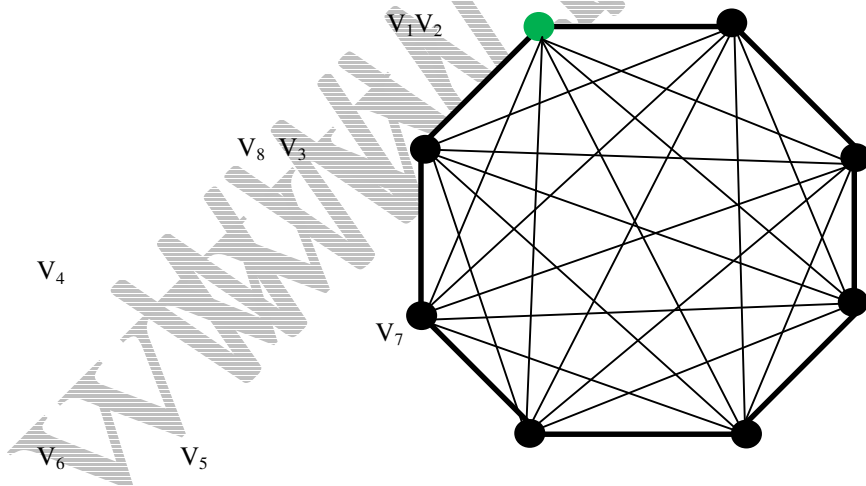


Figure 5 - $\gamma(K_{7,8})$

In Figure 5 the Harary graph $H_{n,2}$ is depicted with 2-rainbow domination. The vertex with the color set $\{1, 2\}$ is filled with green vertex.

V. APPLICATIONS

There are many applications in 2-rainbow domination such as coding theory, cryptography, networking, computer graphics, image compressing, etc.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have studied bound on 2-rainbow domination number of even – regular Harary graph $H_{n,2}$, $\gamma_{2r} \geq 2 + 1$ and odd – regular Harary graph $H_{n,2}$, $\gamma_{2r} \geq 2 + 2$. This work could be further extended to other classes of graphs also.

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