

# gb – Chromatic Number of a Bull Graph and Some Related Graphs

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**Abstract** -For a connected graph G, a set  $S_{bc}$  is referred to as the gb-chromatic set of a vertex in G since it is a geodetic and b-chromatic set. The smallest cardinality of a gb - chromatic set of G is known as the gb - chromatic number, and it is represented by  $\varphi_{gb}(G)$ . We have investigated the gb – chromatic number of a bull graph and for some related graphs.

**Key Words:**Geodetic number, chromatic number, b – chromatic number, gb – chromatic number

## 1.INTRODUCTION

All of the graphs used in this study are undirected, simple, and finite. The order and size of G are p and q for any graph G with edge set E(G) and vertex set V(G) [2]. The shortest distance between two vertices in V(G),  $x_1$ , and  $x_2$ , determines the minimum size of  $x_1 - x_2$  pathways in G. The term "geodesic of G" refers to an  $x_1 - x_2$  path of size  $d_g(x_1, x_2)$ . We defined  $I_G(x_1, x_2)$  as the collection of geodesics of G's  $x_1 - x_2$  vertices. The vertex is said to reside on the  $x_1 - x_2$  geodesic if c is an inner vertex of P. The vertices of the limited interval  $I(x_1, x_2)$  are all situated on a geodesic of G between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Consider a non – empty set  $I(S) = \bigcup_{x_1, x_2 \in S} I(x_1, x_2)$ . If G is connected graph, thus S is a geodetic get  $g(S)$  such that  $I(S) = V(G)$  [1]. The geodetic number  $g(G)$  defines the least cardinality S of G.

The graph's b-chromatic number  $\varphi_b(G)$  is the largest positive integer k such that G permits an appropriate k-coloring in which each color class has a representation adjacent to at least one vertex in each of the other color classes. A b – coloring is a sort of coloring. Irving and Manlove introduced the b – coloring number in [3] by considering proper coloring that is the minimum in terms of a partial order defined on the set of all V partitions (G). a set  $S_{bc}$  is referred to as the gb-chromatic set of a vertex in G since it is a geodetic and b-chromatic set. The smallest cardinality of a gb - chromatic set of G is known as the gb - chromatic number, and it is represented by  $\varphi_{gb}(G)$  [4]. E.W.Weisstein introduced the Bull Graph [7]. In this paper, we have investigated gb – chromatic number for bull graph and its related graph [5, 6].

## 2. Main Result

**Theorem 2.1.** For a bull graph G, then the gb – chromatic number of G is 5., ie.,  $\varphi_{gb}(G) = 5$ .

Proof: Consider G be the bull graph, where G is a planer graph with the vertex set  $\{v_i\} 1 \leq i \leq 5$ . Here  $S = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$  be

the minimum geodetic set and also b – colorable. Here since G is 3 – colorable. Here  $S = S_{bc}(G)$ . Therefore  $\varphi_{gb}(G) = 5$ .

**Corollary 2.2:** For a bull graph G then  $\varphi_{gb}(\overline{G}) = 3$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** For a graph G then the middle graph of gb - chromatic number is  $V(G)+2$  ie.,  $\varphi_{gb}(G) = V(G) + 2$ .

Proof: Consider the graph G be the bull graph, whereas middle graph M(G) of a graph G. Let the vertices of a M(G) be  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  and edge set is  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$ . Hence the geodetic number of the M(G) is vertex set V(G).  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$  is the minimum but not a b – chromatic coloring. Since S receives same b – color class. Then by adding different b – color class to the set S which is not in S. Here  $\varphi_{gb}(G) = V(G) + 2$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** For a graph G then the total graph of gb – chromatic number is 5

Proof: Let G be the bull graph, where  $\{v_i\} 1 \leq i \leq 5$  and  $\{e_j\} 1 \leq j \leq 5$  be the vertices set of the total graph T(G),  $S = \{v_1, e_3, v_5\}$  in the minimum geodetic number of T(G), but which is not b – colorable . Since S receives same b – colorable. Thus we add the remaining color which is not in S. Then the total graph of gb – chromatic number in 5.

**Theorem 2.5.** For the Splitting graph of bull graph, then the gb – chromatic number is  $\{v'_i\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .

Proof: The Bull graph S(G) of a graph G in obtained by adding a new vertex  $v'_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  corresponding to each vertex V(G) such that  $N(V) = N(v')$  when N(V) and  $N(v')$  are neighbourhood set of V and  $V'$  respectively. For the graph S(G),  $S = v'_i 1 \leq i \leq 5$  be the minimum geodetic set and b – colorable , which satisfies the condition of gb – chromatic number. Hence  $\varphi_{gb}(S(G)) = v'_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** For the graph G then the shadow graph  $\varphi_{gb}(D_2(G)) = 5$ .

Proof : The graph  $D_2(G)$  in constructed by taking 2 copies of G say  $G'$  and  $G''$ , joining each vertex  $V'$  in  $G'$  to all the adjacent vertices of the corresponding vertex  $V''$  in  $G''$ . Let  $V'_i$  and  $V''_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  be the vertex set of  $D_2(G)$ . Therefore  $S = \{v'_1, v''_1, v'_4, v''_4\}$  be the minimum geodetic set but not b – colorable. Hence, we adding remaining color to the set S, we get  $\varphi_{gb}(D_2(G)) = 5$ .

### 3. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we obtain the  $gb$  – chromatic number  $\varphi_{gb}(G)$  has been derived for bull graph and for some related graph. This concept can be extended to several other graphs and also for the products of graphs.

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