

# A Simple Proof on Coloring of Dominated Special Graphs

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## Abstract

In this simple survey paper we prove a simple result for a coloring on dominated Special graphs.

## 1. Introduction

### Definition 1

A proper coloring of a graph  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  is an assignment of colors to the vertices of the graph, such that any two adjacent vertices have different colors.

### Definition 2

A dominator coloring of a graph  $G$  is a proper coloring in which each vertex of the graph dominates every vertex of some color class.

### Definition 3

A  $k$ -coloring of  $G$  is a coloring that uses at most  $k$  colors. The chromatic number of  $G$  is  $\beta(G) = \min\{k / G \text{ has a proper } k\text{-coloring}\}$ . A coloring of  $G$  can also be thought of as a partition of  $V(G)$  into color classes  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_q$  and a proper coloring of  $G$  is then a coloring in which each  $V_i, 1 \leq i \leq q$  is an independent set of  $G$ , i.e., for each  $i$ , the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $V_i$  contains no edges.

### Definition 4

A dominating set  $S$  is a subset of the vertices in a graph such that every vertex in the graph either belongs to  $S$  or has a neighbor in  $S$ . The domination number is the order of a minimum dominating set.

## 2. Theorem

For the path  $P_n$  on  $n$  vertices,  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j}) = 2j$ ,  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+1}) = \beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+2}) = 2j + 1$ ,  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+3}) = \beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+4}) = \beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+5}) = \beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+6}) = 2j + 2$ , and  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+7}) = 2j + 3$ .

### Proof

Let  $n = 8j + r$  where  $0 \leq r \leq 7$ . Clearly  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_1) = 1$ , and  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_2) = 1$ . If  $3 \leq r \leq 6$  we can choose the two vertices in any color class of order two or any two on adjacent singleton color classes to get  $\beta(P_r; S) \geq 2$  for any coupled proper coloring, and it is easy to find a particular  $S$  for which  $\beta(P_r; S) = 2$ , so  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_r) = 2$ . For  $P_7$  the proper coloring  $(1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 3, 2)$  (that is,  $\{\{v_1, v_5\}, \{v_2, v_7\}, \{v_3, v_6\}, \{v_4\}\}$ ) shows that  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_7) \geq 3$ . Let  $S$  be any coupled proper coloring of  $P_7$ . If  $S$  has one singleton color class and three pairs, let the singleton be  $v_i$ , then at least one of the colored pairs has neither vertex adjacent to  $v_i$ , so  $\beta(P_7; S) \geq 3$ . Suppose  $S$  has at least three singleton color classes  $\{v_i\}, \{v_j\}$ , and  $\{v_k\}$  with  $i < j < k$ .

If  $i \leq j - 2$  and  $k \geq j + 2$ , then  $\{v_i, v_j, v_k\}$  shows that  $\beta(P_7; S) \geq 3$ . If, for example,

$i = j - 1$  then there are at least three vertices whose colors are not those of  $v_{j-1}, v_j$ , and  $v_{j+1}$ , so one can use a color pair or two singletons from these three vertices along with  $v_j$  to see that  $\beta(P_7; S) \geq 3$ .

Hence,  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_7) = 3$ . For  $n = 8j + r$  with  $j \geq 1$ ,  $8j$  consecutive vertices will be colored as  $L$ :

$(1, 2, 4, 3, 2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 7, 6, 7, 5, 8, \dots, 4_{i-3}, 4_{i-2}, 4_i, 4_{i-1}, 4_{i-2}, 4_{i-1}, 4_{i-3}, 4_i, \dots, 4_{j-3}, 4_{j-2}, 4_j, 4_{j-1}, 4_{j-2}, 4_{j-1}, 4_{j-3}, 4_j)$ . For each group of four colors, at most one pair can be used in any independent set. Use  $L$  for  $P_{8j}, (4_{j+1}, L)$  for  $P_{8j+1}, (4_{j+1}, 4_{j+2}, L)$  for  $P_{8j+2}, (4_{j+1}, 4_{j+2}, L, 4_{j+1})$  for  $P_{8j+3}, (4_{j+2}, 4_{j+1}, L, 4_{j+1}, 4_{j+2})$  for  $P_{8j+4}, (4_{j+1}, 4_{j+2}, 4_{j+3}, 4_{j+1}, 4_{j+2}, L)$  for  $P_{8j+5}, (4_{j+3}, 4_{j+2}, 4_{j+1}, 4_{j+3}, 4_{j+2}, 4_{j+1}, L)$  for  $P_{8j+6}$ , and  $(4_{j+1}, 4_{j+2}, 4_{j+3})$

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$4_{j+4}, 4_{j+1}, 4_{j+3}, 4_{j+2}, L$ ) for  $P_{8j+7}$  to see that  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j}) \leq 2j$ ,  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+1}) \leq 2j + 1, \dots, \beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+7}) \leq 2j + 3$ .

Let  $S$  be any proper coupled coloring of  $P_n$  with  $n \geq 8$ . We can find a sufficiently large  $S$ -independent set as follows. Start with  $S = \Phi$  and repeat the following until fewer than eight vertices remain. Choose a vertex  $v$  of degree at most one. Put  $v$  in  $S$  and if there is another vertex  $v'$  with  $\{v, v'\} \in S$ , then also put  $v'$  in  $S$ . Delete  $v, v'$  and any vertex in  $N(v) \in N(v')$  or of the same color as a vertex in  $N(v) \in N(v')$ . If  $\{v, v'\} \in S$ , then two vertices are added to  $S$  and at most eight deleted. If  $\{v\} \in S$ , then one vertex is placed into  $S$  and at most three are deleted. At the first point where fewer than eight vertices remain, at least one-fourth of the deleted vertices are in  $S$ , that is  $|S| \geq 2j$ . From what remains we can add the required number of vertices to  $S$  in the same manner as we did for  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_7$ . Hence,  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j}) \geq 2j$ ,  $\beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+1}) \geq 2j + 1, \dots, \beta_{\text{cpl}}(P_{8j+7}) \geq 2j + 3$ , and the proof is complete.

To conclude, it is noted that along with further study of colored-domination and colored independence,

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