

## On the Chromatic Numbers of Some Distance Graphs

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**Abstract**—New estimates are obtained for the chromatic numbers of graphs from various classes of distance graphs with vertices in  $\{-1, 0, 1\}^n$ .

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In the context of the classical Hadwiger–Nelson problem concerning the chromatic number of a space (see [1]), Raigorodskii began to study the chromatic numbers of distance graphs with vertices in  $\{-1, 0, 1\}^n$  (see [2]). Specifically, the following problem was posed in [3, 4].

Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $L_{-1}, l_0, l_1$  be positive integers summing to  $n$ . Additionally, let  $b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Define

$$V_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1) = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\},$$

$$|\{i : x_i = -1\}| = L_{-1},$$

$$|\{i : x_i = 0\}| = l_0, \quad |\{i : x_i = 1\}| = l_1,$$

$$E_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1, b) = \{\{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}\} : |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}| = b\},$$

$$G_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1, b) = (V_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1), E_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1, b)).$$

The task is to find or estimate the quantity

$$\chi_1 = \chi(\{-1, 0, 1\}^n; L_{-1}, l_0, l_1) = \max_b \chi(G_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1, b)),$$

where  $\chi(G)$  is the usual chromatic number of the graph  $G$ .

Two main theorems were proved in [3, 4]. Before formulating them, we introduce some notation. First, for  $i_1, i_2 \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ , let  $l(i_1, i_2) = l_{i_1} + l_{i_2}$ ,

$$V(l_{i_1}, l_{i_2}) = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{l(i_1, i_2)}) : x_i \in \{i_1, i_2\},$$

$$|\{i : x_i = i_1\}| = l_{i_1}, |\{i : x_i = i_2\}| = l_{i_2}\}$$

$$\bar{s}_{i_1, i_2} = \max_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V(l_{i_1}, l_{i_2})} (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \quad \underline{s}_{i_1, i_2} = \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V(l_{i_1}, l_{i_2})} (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}),$$

$$\bar{s}_{-1, 0, 1} = \max_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1)} (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \quad \underline{s}_{-1, 0, 1} = \min_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in V_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1)} (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}).$$

Second, let  $p_{0,1}, p_{-1,0}, p_{-1,1}$ , and  $p_{-1,0,1}^m$  be minimum odd primes ( $m \geq 2$  is a positive integer that is not related to the dimension) such that

$$\bar{s}_{0,1} - 2p_{0,1} < \underline{s}_{0,1}, \quad \bar{s}_{-1,0} - 2p_{-1,0} < \underline{s}_{-1,0},$$

$$\bar{s}_{-1,1} - 8p_{-1,1} < \underline{s}_{-1,1}, \quad \bar{s}_{-1,0,1} - mp_{-1,0,1}^m < \underline{s}_{-1,0,1}.$$

Finally, let

$$P(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1) = |V_n(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1)| = \frac{n!}{L_{-1}! l_0! l_1!}.$$

In this notation, the following results are true.

**Theorem A.** Let  $i_1 < i_2; i_1, i_2 \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ ; and  $i_3 \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  be the number remaining in the set  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$  after  $i_1, i_2$  have been removed from it. Define

$$D_{i_1, i_2} = C_n^{l_{i_3}} \sum_{k_1=0}^{p_{i_1, i_2}-1} C_{l_{i_1}+l_{i_2}}^{k_1}.$$

Then

$$\chi_1 \geq \max_{i_1, i_2} \frac{P(L_{-1}, l_0, l_1)}{D_{i_1, i_2}}.$$

**Theorem B.** Let  $m \geq 2$  be a positive integer independent of the dimension. Define

$$D_{-1, 0, 1}^m = \sum_{(i, j) \in \mathcal{A}} C_n^i C_{n-i}^j,$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = \{(i, j) : i + j \leq n, i + 2j \leq p_{-1, 0, 1}^m - 1, i, j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}.$$

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Then

$$\chi_1 \geq \max_m \left( \frac{P(l_{-1}, l_0, l_1)}{D_{-1,0,1}^m} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}.$$

FORMULATION OF THE RESULT

We managed to strengthen both results due to considerably wider choice of parameters  $p_{0,1}$ ,  $p_{-1,0}$ ,  $p_{-1,1}$ , and  $p_{-1,0,1}^m$ . It became fundamentally possible due to recent works [5–7]. The following new results are valid.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $i_1 < i_2; i_1, i_2 \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ ; and  $i_3 \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$  be the number remaining in the set  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$  after  $i_1, i_2$  have been removed from it. If, for the chosen  $i_1, i_2$ , we have one of the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{s}_{0,1} - 2p_{0,1} < \underline{s}_{0,1}, \\ \bar{s}_{-1,0} - 2p_{-1,0} < \underline{s}_{-1,0}, \quad \bar{s}_{-1,1} - 8p_{-1,1} < \underline{s}_{-1,1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_{i_1, i_2}$  is an odd prime, then we define

$$D_{i_1, i_2} = C_n^{l_{i_3}} \sum_{i=0}^{p_{i_1, i_2}-1} C_{l_{i_1}+l_{i_2}}^i.$$

If  $i_3 \neq 0$  and, on the contrary, for the chosen  $i_1, i_2$ , we have one of the inequalities

$$\bar{s}_{0,1} - 2p_{0,1} \geq \underline{s}_{0,1}, \quad \bar{s}_{-1,0} - 2p_{-1,0} \geq \underline{s}_{-1,0},$$

where  $p_{i_1, i_2}$  is an odd prime, then  $t$  is defined as  $t = \bar{s}_{i_1, i_2} - p_{i_1, i_2}$ , we set  $d = 2t - \bar{s}_{i_1, i_2} + 1$  and  $k = \bar{s}_{i_1, i_2}$ , consider  $d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}: d_1 + d_2 = d$ , set  $n_1 = n - l_{i_3} - d_1$  and  $k_1 = \bar{s}_{i_1, i_2} - d_1$ , define  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  by the relation

$$\begin{aligned} (k_1 - d_2 + 1) \left( 2 + \frac{d_2 - 1}{r + 1} \right) \\ \leq n_1 < (k_1 - d_2 + 1) \left( 2 + \frac{d_2 - 1}{r} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and set

$$D_{i_1, i_2} = C_n^{l_{i_3}} \frac{C_{n_1}^{d_2+2r} C_{n-l_{i_3}}^{d_1}}{C_{k_1}^{d_2+r} C_{n-k_1}^r C_k^{d_1}} \sum_{i=0}^{p_{i_1, i_2}-1} C_{n_1}^i.$$

Finally,

$$\chi_1 \geq \max_{i_1, i_2} \frac{P(l_{-1}, l_0, l_1)}{D_{i_1, i_2}}.$$

**Theorem 2.** Let  $m \geq 2$  be a positive integer independent of the dimension. If  $\bar{s}_{-1,0,1} - mp_{-1,0,1}^m < \underline{s}_{-1,0,1}$  holds with some odd prime  $p_{-1,0,1}^m$ , then define

$$D_{-1,0,1}^m = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}} C_n^i C_{n-i}^j,$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = \{(i, j): i + j \leq n, i + 2j \leq p_{-1,0,1}^m - 1, i, j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}\}.$$

If  $\bar{s}_{-1,0,1} - mp_{-1,0,1}^m \geq \underline{s}_{-1,0,1}$ , then define  $d = \bar{s}_{-1,0,1} - mp_{-1,0,1}^m + 1$ . Let  $\mathfrak{m} = (m_1, m_2, m_3)$ ,

$$\mathfrak{M} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{-1,1} & m_{0,1} & m_{1,1} \\ m_{-1,2} & m_{0,2} & m_{1,2} \\ m_{-1,3} & m_{0,3} & m_{1,3} \end{pmatrix},$$

and all elements of the vector and the matrix are positive integers such that

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 + m_2 + m_3 &= n, \\ m_{-1,1} + m_{0,1} + m_{1,1} &= m_1, \\ m_{-1,2} + m_{0,2} + m_{1,2} &= m_2, \quad m_{-1,3} + m_{0,3} + m_{1,3} = m_3, \\ m_{-1,1} + m_{-1,2} + m_{-1,3} &= l_{-1}, \\ m_{0,1} + m_{0,2} + m_{0,3} &= l_0, \quad m_{1,1} + m_{1,2} + m_{1,3} = l_1 \end{aligned}$$

and another condition be satisfied. Suppose that the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  is represented as a union of three disjoint parts  $M_1, M_2, M_3$  of respective cardinalities  $m_1, m_2, m_3$ . A vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in V_n(l_{-1}, l_0, l_1)$  is said to satisfy the partition  $T(M_1, M_2, M_3)$  if

$$\begin{aligned} |\{i \in M_1: x_i = -1\}| &= m_{-1,1}, \\ |\{i \in M_1: x_i = 0\}| &= m_{0,1}, \quad |\{i \in M_1: x_i = 1\}| = m_{1,1}, \\ |\{i \in M_2: x_i = -1\}| &= m_{-1,2}, \\ |\{i \in M_2: x_i = 0\}| &= m_{0,2}, \quad |\{i \in M_2: x_i = 1\}| = m_{1,2}, \\ |\{i \in M_3: x_i = -1\}| &= m_{-1,3}, \\ |\{i \in M_3: x_i = 0\}| &= m_{0,3}, \quad |\{i \in M_3: x_i = 1\}| = m_{1,3}. \end{aligned}$$

Another condition on the parameters  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$  is that any two vectors  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  satisfying the same partition have a scalar product equal to at least  $d$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} D_{-1,0,1}^m &= \frac{n!}{m_1!m_2!m_3!} \cdot \frac{m_{-1,1}!m_{-1,2}!m_{-1,3}!}{l_{-1}!} \\ &\cdot \frac{m_{0,1}!m_{0,2}!m_{0,3}!}{l_0!} \cdot \frac{m_{1,1}!m_{1,2}!m_{1,3}!}{l_1!} \cdot \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}} C_n^i C_{n-i}^j, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = \{(i, j): i + j \leq n, i + 2j \leq p_{-1,0,1}^m - 1\}.$$

Finally,

$$\chi_1 \geq \max_m \left( \frac{P(l_{-1}, l_0, l_1)}{D_{-1,0,1}^m} \right)^{\frac{1}{m-1}}.$$

Note that the improvements given by Theorems 1 and 2 as compared with Theorems A and B are the most significant in the cases  $l_i \sim l'_i n$ ,  $l'_i \in (0, 1)$ . In these cases, all estimates have the form  $(c + o(1))^n$ ; moreover, for a large class of parameters  $l'_0, l'_1, l'_1$ , the

new values  $c$  are strictly greater than the previous ones, i.e., the well-known inequalities are strengthened exponentially.

Note also that similar problems for other parameter asymptotics were studied in recent works [8–15].

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