Rainbow Connection Number and Chromatic Index of Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph

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Abstract

Rainbow connection number and chromatic index are two significant parameters in the study of graph theory. In this work, rainbow connection number and chromatic index of Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph $G(T(J))$ are evaluated. We prove that the rainbow connection number of $G(T(J))$ is 2 and the chromatic index of $G(T(J))$ is $2(2^n-m)(3^{m-1})$.

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1. Introduction

A Computer scientist Z.Pawlak[14] introduced the concept of Rough set theory in the early 1980’s as an extension of set theory to deal with the vagueness in the Information system. Colouring of a graph plays an important role in graph theory[1] and it has wide applications. Vizing in his theorem has found the range of the chromatic index for a simple graph. Vizing’s theorem and Edge chromatic Graph theory was discussed by Robert Green in 2015 [8]. For interval graphs the rainbow connection number and diameter was obtained by Sudhakaraiah, et.al[11] in 2012. There are various research carried out on algebraic graph theory. Rainbow connection number[10],[12] of Cayley graphs was discussed by Yingbin Ma and Zaiping Lu[13] in 2017. Hengzhe Li and Xueliang Li[2] have described the rainbow connection number of graphs with diameter 3.

As an algebraic approach to Rough set theory the authors Praba.B and R.Mohan[4] defined two operations praba and prabaρ on the set of all rough sets $T$ and proved $T$ to be a rough Lattice. Later the author Praba, et.al[5] proved $T$ to be the Rough semiring under these two operations. The characterization of Rough semiring was given by Manimaran, et.al. The concept of Edge Rough Graph was first introduced by Melian Liang,et.al[3]. The roughness in Cayley graphs was given by M.H. Shahzamanian, et al[9]. The concept of Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph was introduced by B.Praba and Benazir Obilia[6],[7] as an algebraic graph theoretical approach to Rough set theory. In our earlier work we have obtained the clique number, girth, Wiener index, Maximal independent set and domination number of Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph. This paper is structured as follows: Section 2 gives the prerequisites for the understanding of the article. In section 3 we obtain the diameter and rainbow connection number of Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph. In section 4 we obtain the chromatic index of Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph and section 5 gives the conclusion.

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Graph Theory

[3] Let $G$ be a group and $S$ a set of generators. The Cayley graph $Γ(G,S)$ is $(V(Γ), E(Γ))$ where vertex set $V(Γ)$ is $G$ and the edge set $E(Γ)$ consists of all ordered pairs $(g,gs)$ such that $g$ is in $G$ and $s$ is in $S$. [1] Let $Γ$ be a (undirected) graph, and $v,w$ two vertices in $V(Γ)$. The distance between $v$ and $w$, denoted $d(v,w)$, is the number of edges in a shortest path connecting them. The diameter of $Γ$ is the maximum distance between any two vertices in $V(Γ)$. [1] An edge colouring of a graph $G = (V,E)$ is a map $C : E → S$, where $S$ is a set of colours, such that for all $e, f ∈ E$, if $e$ and $f$ share a vertex, then $C(e) ≠ C(f)$. The chromatic index of a graph $χ′(G)$ is the minimum number of colours needed for a proper colouring of $G$. [2],[10],[11],[12],[13] A path in an edge-colored graph $G$ is rainbow if no two edges of the path are colored the same. The rainbow connection number $rc(G)$ of $G$ is the smallest integer $k$ for which there exists a k-edge-coloring of $G$ such that every pair of distinct vertices of $G$ is connected by a rainbow path. Vizing’s Theorem[8] “For all finite, simple graphs $G$, $Δ(G) ≤ χ′(G) ≤ Δ(G) + 1$ where $Δ(G)$ is the maximum degree of a graph.”

2.2. Rough Set Theory

In this section we consider an approximation space $I = (U, R)$ where $U$ is a non empty finite set of objects, called universal set and $R$ be an equivalence relation defined on $U$. [14] For any approximation space, the equivalence classes induced by $R$ is defined by $[x] = \{ y ∈ U | (x,y) ∈ R \}$. For any $X ⊆ U$, the lower approximation is defined as $RL(X) = \{ x ∈ U | [x] ⊆ X \}$ and the upper approximation is defined by $RU(X) = \{ x ∈ U | [x] ∩ X = \emptyset \}$. The rough set corresponding to $X$ is $RS(X) = (RL(X), RU(X))$. [4]
If \(X \subseteq U\), then the number of equivalence classes (induced by \(R\)) contained in \(X\) is called as the Ind.weight of \(X\). It is denoted by \(I_W(X)\). [4] Let \(X, Y \subseteq U\). The Praba \(\Delta\) is defined as \(X \Delta Y = X \cup Y - I_W(X) \cap I_W(Y)\). If \(I_W(X) > I_W(Y)\), then identify the equivalence class obtained by the union of \(X\) and \(Y\). Then delete the elements of that class belonging to \(Y\). Call the new set as \(Y\). Now obtain \(X \Delta Y\). Repeat the process until \(I_W(X \cup Y) = I_W(X) + I_W(Y) - I_W(X \cap Y)\). [4] Praba \(V\) of \(X \cap Y\) is denoted by \(X \cap Y\) and it is defined as \(X \cap Y = \{x | x \subseteq X \cap Y \} \cup P_X \cap Y\), where \(X, Y \subseteq U\) and \(P_X \cap Y\) contains those elements of \(U\) whose corresponding equivalence classes are not a subset of \(X \cap Y\) but will have non empty intersection with \(X\) and \(Y\).

**Theorem 2.1.** [5] For any approximation space \(I = (U, R), (T, \Delta, V)\) is a semiring called the Rough semiring.

**Remarks 2.1.** [5] Without loss of generality let us assume that there are \(n\)-equivalence classes \(\{X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n\}\) in \(U\). Out of which there are \(m\) classes \(\{X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_m\}\) (say) have cardinalities greater than one and the remaining \(n-m\) classes have cardinality equal to one. Note that \(|X| = n^2 - m^2\). Let \(B = \{x_i | x_i \in X, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m\}\) and \(J = \{RS(X) | X \in P(B)\}\) then \(J\) is an ideal of the Rough semiring called the Rough Ideal.

### 2.3. Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph

[6],[7] In this section, we consider an approximation space \(I = (U, R)\) where \(U\) is the non empty finite set of objects and \(R\) is an equivalence relation on \(U\). Let \((T, \Delta, V)\) be the rough semiring induced by \(I\). Let \(B\) be the set of representative elements of \(X_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, m\) and \(J\) be the rough ideal as in the previous section. We also assume that \(M\) is the union of none, one or more equivalence classes whose cardinality is equal to one and \(M\) is the union of one or more equivalence classes whose cardinality is equal to one.

[6],[7] Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph denoted \(G(T, J) = (V, E)\) where \(V \subseteq T\) and \(E = \{(RS(X), RS(Z)) | RS(X) \Delta RS(Y) = RS(Z), RS(Y) \in J\}\)

### 2.4. Category Graph

[6],[7] Cardinality of \(T(\{T\})\) is \(2^n - m^2\). We divide the vertices (the elements of \(T\)) into 13 categories in such a way that all elements belonging to a particular category will behave similarly. The vertices are grouped in categories by the following conditions:

1. The degree of each vertex in a particular category will be same.
2. The distances from any vertex of a particular category to elements of other categories will be same.

In Table: 1, we give the 13 categories and degree of the vertices in each category.

[6],[7] The category graph corresponding to a given Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley graph is defined as follows: The vertices of the category graph \((CG)\) are \(C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_{13}\). Two vertices \(C_i\) and \(C_j\) are connected if elements in \(C_i\) are connected to elements in \(C_j\) by an edge in the Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley graph. The Category graph is shown in Figure 1.

### 3. Rainbow Connection Number of the Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley graph

Throughout this paper, we consider the Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley graph \(G(T, J)\) with the corresponding category graph \(CG\). Note that for any category \(C_i\), all the vertices in \(C_i\) will have the same degree in \(G(T, J)\) and hence the degree of the vertices in \(C_i\) is denoted by \(d(C_i)\).

In this section we are going to obtain the diameter of \(G(T, J)\) in two different cases namely when all the equivalence classes have cardinality greater than one and if there exists one equivalence class of cardinality greater than one. Also, the Rainbow connection number of \(G(T, J)\) is obtained.

**Theorem 3.1.** Diameter of \(G(T, J)\) is 2 or 3.

**Proof. Case 1:** When \(n = m\) Consider the Categories \(C_1\) and \(C_2\) from the Category graph corresponding to \(G(T, J)\). The category \(C_1\) consists of the single element \(RS(\phi)\) and \(C_2\) consists of the elements of the form \(RS(\{x\}), x \in B\) \(RS(\{x\})\) is adjacent to all the vertex of the form \(RS(Y)\) such that \(RS(\{x\}) \Delta RS(X) = RS(Y)\) where \(RS(X) \in J\) and \(RS(Y) \in T\) and \(RS(X) \Delta RS(Y) = RS(\{x\})\). Elements of the form \(RS(X), RS(\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r\}), RS(\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r\}) \subseteq M\), \(RS(\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r\} \subseteq M), RS(\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r\} \subseteq M), RS(\{Q, \phi\} \subseteq M), RS(\{Q, \phi\} \subseteq M)\) and \(RS(X) \subseteq M\) are adjacent to \(RS(\{x\})\). (i.e.) The category \(C_2\) is adjacent to the categories \(C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8, C_{10}, C_{11}, C_{12}\) and \(C_{13}\). By the similar argument, the category \(C_1\) is adjacent to the categories \(C_3, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_11\) and \(C_{13}\). The categories \(C_8, C_9, C_{10}, C_{12}\) are adjacent only to \(C_2\) and not to \(C_1\). Hence the

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<td>(RS({x}))</td>
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categories $C_3$, $C_9$, $C_{10}$, $C_{12}$ are at a distance 1 to $C_2$ and are at a distance 2 to $C_1$. The category $C_4$ will have no elements in this case. Thereby we have exhausted all the categories. Hence the diameter of $G(T(J))$ is 2.

**Case 2:** When $n < m$

By the similar argument in Case 1, the categories $C_3$, $C_5$, $C_6$, $C_7$, $C_8$, $C_{10}$, $C_{11}$, $C_{12}$ and $C_{13}$ are adjacent to the category $C_2$ and the category $C_1$ is adjacent to the categories $C_3$, $C_5$, $C_6$, $C_7$, $C_{11}$ and $C_{13}$. The categories $C_4$, $C_9$, $C_{10}$, $C_{12}$ are adjacent only to $C_2$ and not to $C_1$. The category $C_5$ is adjacent only to $C_1$. Hence the categories $C_3$, $C_5$, $C_{10}$, $C_{12}$ are at a distance 1 to $C_2$, at a distance 2 to $C_1$ and at a distance 3 to $C_4$. Hence the diameter of $G(T(J))$ is 3.

**Corollary 3.1.** Rainbow connection number of $G(T(J))$ is 2.

**Proof.** It is trivial by the theorem 3.1.

**Example 3.1.** Let us consider the approximation space $I = (U, R)$ where $U = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$. Let $X_1 = \{x_1\}$ and $X_2 = \{x_2, x_3\}$ be the equivalence classes induced by $R$.

There are 2 equivalence classes and those 2 are of cardinality greater than one. (i.e.) $n = 2$ and $m = 2$. For example, consider the categories $C_1$ and $C_2$. The only element in the category $C_1$ is $R\phi$. The elements of the category $C_3$ are $RS(X_1)$ and $RS(X_2)$. $RS(X_1) \cup RS(X_2) = RS(\phi)$ where $RS(\{x_2\}) \in J$. $RS(X_1) \cup RS(\{x_1\}) = RS(\phi)$ where $RS(\{x_1\}) \in J$. Hence the elements of the category $C_3$ are connected to $C_1$. Consider the categories $C_4$, $C_5$, $C_6$. The only element in category $C_4$ is $R\phi$. The elements of the category $C_5$ are $RS(X_1)$ and $RS(X_2)$. $RS(X_1) \cup RS(X_2) = RS(\phi)$ where $RS(\{x_1\}) \in J$. Hence the elements of the category $C_5$ are connected to $C_1$. Consider the categories $C_6$, $C_7$, $C_8$. The only element in category $C_6$ is $R\phi$. The elements of the category $C_7$ are $RS(X_1)$ and $RS(X_2)$. $RS(X_1) \cup RS(X_2) = RS(\phi)$ where $RS(\{x_2\}) \in J$. Hence the elements of the category $C_7$ are connected to $C_1$.

By using the similar argument between all categories, the category graph is obtained and the category graph in this case when $n = m = 2$ is shown in figure 2. By case 1 of theorem 3.1, the diameter of $G(T(J))$ is 2 and the rainbow connection number is also 2.

**Example 3.2.** Let $I = (U, R)$ be an approximation space, then $U = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6\}$. Let $\{X_1, X_2, X_3\}$ be the equivalence classes induced by $R$. $X_1 = \{x_1, x_3\}$, $X_2 = \{x_2, x_4, x_6\}$, $X_3 = \{x_5\}$. $\{X_1, X_2\}$ are the equivalence classes whose cardinality is greater than one and $\{x_1, x_3\}$ be the pivot elements of these classes. $\{X_3\}$ is the equivalence classes whose cardinality is equal to one. In this example, $T = \left\{RS(\phi), RS(\{x_1\}), RS(\{x_2\}), RS(\{x_3\}), RS(\{x_4\}), RS(\{x_5\}), RS(\{x_6\})\right\}$.

In this example, there are 3 equivalence classes and out of which the cardinalities of 2 equivalence classes are greater than one. (i.e.) $n = 3$ and $m = 2$. The Category Graph of $G(T(J))$ is shown in figure 3.

**Figure 3** Category graph for $n=3$ and $m=2$

By case 2 of theorem 3.1, the diameter of $G(T(J))$ is 3 and the rainbow connection number is 2.

**4. Chromatic Index of the Rough Ideal based Rough Edge Cayley Graph**

**Theorem 4.1.** Chromatic Index of $G(T(J))$ is $2(2^{m-n})(3^{m-1})$.

**Proof.** To prove this, first we prove that the vertices of $C_2$ are having the highest degree in $G(T(J))$. We prove this comparing the degree of the vertices in each of the categories. Consider the degrees of each categories in the category graph corresponding to $G(T(J))$.

\[
d(C_1) = (2^{m-n})(3^m - 2^n) - 1
\]

(1)

\[
d(C_2) = 2(2^{m-n})(3^{m-1})
\]

(2)

Hence $d(C_2) > d(C_1)$.

\[
d(C_3), d(C_4) = 2
\]

(3)

**Figure 2** Category graph for $n=2$ and $m=2
It is obvious that \(d(C_3), d(C_3) < d(C_2)\).

\[d(C_6), d(C_7), d(C_11) = 2, 1 < r < m.\]  (4)

Maximum degree these \(d(C_6), d(C_7), d(C_11)\) can have is \(2m-1\).

Hence \(d(C_2) > d(C_6), d(C_2) > d(C_7)\) and \(d(C_2) > d(C_11)\)

\[d(C_9), d(C_{10}), d(C_{12}) = 2m - 1.\]  (5)

Hence \(d(C_2) > d(C_9), d(C_2) > d(C_{10}), d(C_2) > d(C_{12})\).

\[d(C_4) = 1 < d(C_2)\]  (6)

\[d(C_8) = 2^n + 2^n - 3 < d(C_2)\]  (7)

From equation (1) to (7) we have exhausted all the degrees of all the categories except \(d(C_2)\).

Now consider \(d(C_2) = 2(3^{m-r}(2)^{m-m} + 2r - 2, 1 < r < m.\)

\[\text{Max}(d(C_2)) = 3\left(2^{m-1}\right) + 2m - 1 - 2\]

To prove \(d(C_2) > d(C_5)\)

(i.e.) to prove for any \(n \geq 3, m \geq 3, 3(2^{n-1}) + 2m - 1 - 2 < 2(2^{m-m})(3^{m-1})\).

To prove for any \(n \geq 3, m \geq 3, 3(2^{n-1}) + 2^{m-2} - 1 < (2^{n-m})(3^{m-1})\).

This can be done by induction on \(n, m\).

When \(m = 3\)

It is obvious that \(L.H.S < R.H.S\).

Induction on \(n\): When \(n = 3\)

Obviously \(L.H.S < R.H.S\).

Assume for any \(n = k\),

\[3(2^{k-1}) + 1 < 3^2(2^{k-2})\]  (9)

To prove that for any \(n = k + 1, 3(2^{k-1}) + 1 < 3^2(2^{k-2})\)

\[R.H.S = 3^2(2^{k-2}) = 2(3^2)(2^{k-3}) > 2(3^2)(2^{k-2}) + 1 \quad \text{(by (9))}\]

\[> 3(2^{k-1}) + 1 = L.H.S.\]

Hence for \(m = 3\) equation (8) is true.

Assume that for any \(m = p\),

\[3(2^{n-2}) + 2^{p-2} - 1 < (2^{n-p})(3^{p-1})\]  (10)

To prove for any \(m = p + 1, 3(2^{n-2}) + 2^{p-1} - 1 < (2^{n-p-1})(3^p)\)

Induction on \(n\):

When \(n = p + 1, L.H.S = 2^{p+1} - 1\)

\[R.H.S = 3^p.\]

Hence \(L.H.S < R.H.S.\)

Assume that for any \(n = l > p + 1, 3(2^{n-2}) + 2^{p-1} - 1 < (2^{n-p-1})(3^p)\) (11)

To prove for any \(n = l + 1, 3(2^{n-1}) + 2^{p-1} - 1 < (2^{n-p})(3^p)\)

\[R.H.S = 2(2^{n-1})(3^p) = 2(3(2^{n-2}) + 2^{p-1} - 1) \quad \text{(by (11))}\]

\[> 3(2^{n-1}) + 2^{p-2} \quad > 3(2^{n-1}) + 2^{p-1} - 1 = L.H.S\]

Hence for any \(n > 3, m > 3, 3(2^{n-2}) + 2^{n-m} - 1 < (2^{n-m} + 1)\).

Hence \(d(C_2) > d(C_3)\) and hence \(d(C_2)\) is maximum. Hence by Vizing’s theorem, the chromatic index of \(G(T(J))\) is \(2(2^{n-m})(3^{m-1})\).

**Remarks 4.1.** In the above theorem, we have proved that \(d(C_2)\) is maximum. (i.e.) \(\Delta(G(T(J))) = d(C_2).\) By Vizing’s theorem, the chromatic index is \(\Delta(G(T(J))) = \Delta(G(T(J))) + 1.\) We claim that the chromatic index of \(G(T(J))\) is \(d(C_2)\) and the proof of the fact that the chromatic index of \(G(T(J))\) is not \(d(C_2) + 1\) is left as an open problem.

**Example 4.1.** For example 3.1, the categories of vertices and their corresponding degrees are shown in table 2:

From table 2, we observe that \(d(C_2) = 6\) and its maximum. Hence

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<td>(C_2)</td>
<td>RS(({x_1})), RS(({x_2}))</td>
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by theorem 4.1, the chromatic index of \(G(T(J))\) is 6. The diagramatical justification is shown in figure 4:

**Figure 4:** Edge Colouring of \(G(T(J))\) when \(n=2\) and \(m=2\).

5. **Conclusion**

In this work, the rainbow connection number of \(G(T(J))\) is 2 and the chromatic index of \(G(T(J))\) is \(2(2^{n-m})(3^{m-1})\) has been proved and illustrated with examples. As we have used Vizing’s theorem, the proof of the statement that the chromatic index of \(G(T(J))\) is not \(2(2^{n-m})(3^{m-1}) + 1\) is left as an open problem.

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