

STAR-IN-COLORING OF COMPLETE BI-PARTITE GRAPHS, WHEEL GRAPHS AND PRISM GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT

A k -coloring of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a mapping $c: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ such that $uv \in E(G) \Rightarrow c(u) \neq c(v)$. In this paper, we have considered a complete bi-partite graph $K_{m,n}$ for all m, n and proved that the star-in-chromatic number of $K_{m,n}$ is either $n + 1$ if $m \geq n$ or $m + 1$ if $n > m$ respectively. We have also found that the star-in-chromatic number of a wheel graph W_n has the lower bound and upper bound as $4 \leq \chi_{si}(W_n) \leq 5$. Further we have considered the prism graph $Y_{n,m}$ and found that the star-in-chromatic number of the prism graph satisfies the relation $5 \leq \chi_{si}(Y_{n,m}) \leq 6$.

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