

THE LOCATING CHROMATIC NUMBER OF $CHAIN(A, 4, n)$ GRAPH

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ABSTRACT

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Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph with a vertex coloring $c: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ such that two adjacent vertices have different colors. We denote an ordered partition $\pi = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k\}$ where S_i is a color class with color- i , consisting of vertices given color i , for $1 \leq i \leq k$. The color code of a vertex v in G is a k -vector: $c_\pi(v) = (d(v, S_1), d(v, S_2), \dots, d(v, S_k))$, where $d(v, S_i) = \min\{d(v, x) | x \in S_i\}$ is the distance between a vertex v in G and S_i for $1 \leq i \leq k$. If every two vertices u and v in G have different color codes, $c_\pi(u) \neq c_\pi(v)$, then c is called the locating k -coloring of G . The minimum number of colors k needed in this coloring is defined as the locating chromatic number, denoted by $\chi_L(G)$. This paper determines the locating chromatic number of chain graph and the induction of two graphs A . Graph A is a cyclic graph C_4 , which is the identification of $P_3, Chain(A, 4, n)$ for $n > 2$.



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Locating chromatic numbers of graph, introduced by Chartrand et al. in 2002 [1], are part of graph theory that combines the concepts of vertices coloring and dimension partitions on a graph. Suppose there is a connected graph $G = (V, E)$ and there is a vertex $v \in V(G)$ and a set $S \subset V(G)$. The distance from vertex v to S , denoted $d(v, S)$, is defined as where $d(v, S) = \min\{d(v, x) | x \in S\}$ is represents the distance of vertex v to partition S . Let $\pi = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k\}$ is the partition of $V(G)$ with S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k classes of π . The representation v of π , denoted by $r(v|\pi)$, is the coordinater $r(v|\pi) = (d(v, S_1), d(v, S_2), \dots, d(v, S_k))$.

Furthermore, π is called the distinguishing partition of $V(G)$ if $r(u|\pi) \neq r(v|\pi)$ for each of the two different vertices $u, v \in V(G)$. The partition dimension of G , denoted by $pd(G)$ which is the smallest k value so G has a partition distinguishing from k class. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph and $c: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ be a vertex coloring such that two neighboring vertices are colored in different colors. Nominate an ordered partition $\pi = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k\}$, where S_i the i -color class, i.e. the set of all vertices colored i , for $1 \leq i \leq k$. Next, the color code of a vertex v in G is defined as a k -vector: $c_\pi(v) = (d(v, S_1), d(v, S_2), \dots, d(v, S_k))$, where $d(v, S_i) = \min\{d(v, x) | x \in S_i\}$ is the distance between a vertex v in G and the i -color class. If every two vertices u and v in G have different color codes, or $c_\pi(u) \neq c_\pi(v)$, then c is called k -locating coloring for graph G . The minimum number of colors k used in k -locating coloring to G is called the locating chromatic number of G , denoted $\chi_L(G)$. Other definitions and notations used in this paper are quoted from Diestel [2].

In [3], [4], determined the locating chromatic number for graphs with dominant vertices and fan-tailed amalgamation graphs. Furthermore, in [5] determined the locating chromatic number for the diamond graph Br_n for several values of n . In [6], [7], looked for the characteristics of a tree graph whose locating chromatic number is 3 and proposed an algorithm to determine the upper limit of the locating chromatic number in a tree graph. Regarding this research, Assiyatun et al. in 2020 [8] investigated the upper limit of the locating chromatic number of tree graphs. Another result is the research of Ghanem et al. in 2019 [9], which characterized the locating chromatic number of power of paths and cycle symmetry. In [10], they found that the locating chromatic number of origami graphs $\chi_L(O_n)$ is 4 if $n = 3$ and 5 otherwise. As well as Asmiati et al. [11] researched the locating chromatic number of 2 families of barbell graphs and Haryeni and Bakoro in 2022 [12] determined for tree graphs and cycle graphs that have 3 partition dimensions and 4 locating chromatic numbers. Prawinasti et al. [13] showed that the locating chromatic number for split graph of the n cycle graph for $n \geq 3$ is 4 for odd n and 5 for even n .

Azhari et al. in 2020 [14], determined the locating chromatic number of a disconnected graph, which contains a path graph and five double stars graph as its components. The research of the locating chromatic number of the combine of two fan graphs F_n with $n \geq 3$ [15]. Welyyanti et al. [16]-[18] also discuss the locating chromatic number of disconnected graphs, such as the graph $H = P_n \cup C_m$ with $n, m \geq 4$ then $\chi_L(H) = 4$, graph $H = rP_4 \cup kS_{m,n}$ with $r, k \geq 1, m, n \geq 2$ and a graph with 2 components $H = G_1 \cup G_2$, $\chi_L(G_i) = 3, i = 1, 2$. In this research, the locating chromatic number of the $Chain(A, 4, n)$ graph will be determined, for $n > 2$.

2. RESEARCH METHODS

In [1], the upper and lower bounds for the locating chromatic number of connected graphs are determined as follows.

Theorem 1. [1] For any connected graph G of order $n \geq 3$, it holds that $3 \leq \chi_L \leq n$.

Based on **Theorem 1** above, steps are constructed to determine the locating chromatic number of the Graph $Chain(A, 4, n)$, for $n > 2$ as follows.

- Determine the lower bound of the locating chromatic number of $Chain(A, 4, n)$, for $n > 2$, based on **Theorem 1** in [1]. If the lower bound does not meet the locating chromatic number requirements, then the addition of vertices colors, thus the requirements of locating chromatic number are filled.
- The upper bound of the locating chromatic number of the $Chain(A, 4, n)$, for $n > 2$ will be shown by indicating that the color code of each of vertices of graph $Chain(A, 4, n)$ must be different.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section are given the definition of $Chain(A, 4n)$ graphs for $n > 2$. Next, we will be determine the locating chromatic number of the graph $Chain(A, 4n)$, for $n \geq 2$.

Definition 1. [1] Suppose there are n graphs of cycle graph C_4 , with $n > 2$. Define the vertices set and edge set of the graph $C_4^{(i)}$, the i -cycle graph, as follows.

$$V(C_4^{(i)}) = \{v_{i,j} | 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq 4\}, \tag{1}$$

$$E(C_4^{(i)}) = \{v_{i,k}v_{i,k+1} | 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq k \leq 3\} \cup \{v_{i,1}v_{i,4}\}. \tag{2}$$

In this paper, the $Chain(4, n)$ graph is constructed by identifying the vertex $v_{l,2}$ with the vertex $v_{l+1,1}$, for $1 \leq l \leq n - 1$.

Next, define two graphs A_1 and A_2 with the set of vertices and edges.

$$V(A_1 \cup A_2) = \{x_1, y_2, a_{1,1}, a_{1,2}, a_{1,3}, a_{2,1}, a_{2,2}, a_{2,3}\}, \tag{3}$$

$$E(A_1 \cup A_2) = \{x_1a_{1,1}, x_1a_{1,2}, x_1a_{1,3}, y_2a_{2,1}, y_2a_{2,2}, y_2a_{2,3}\}. \tag{4}$$

The $Chain(A, 4, n)$ graph is defined by identifying the y_1 with $v_{1,1}$, and the x_2 with $v_{n,3}$. The $v_{1,1}$ and $v_{n,3}$ are two vertices in the $Chain(4, n)$ graph, for $n \geq 2$. The $Chain(A, 4, n)$ graph for $n \geq 2$ can be see in **Figure 1**.

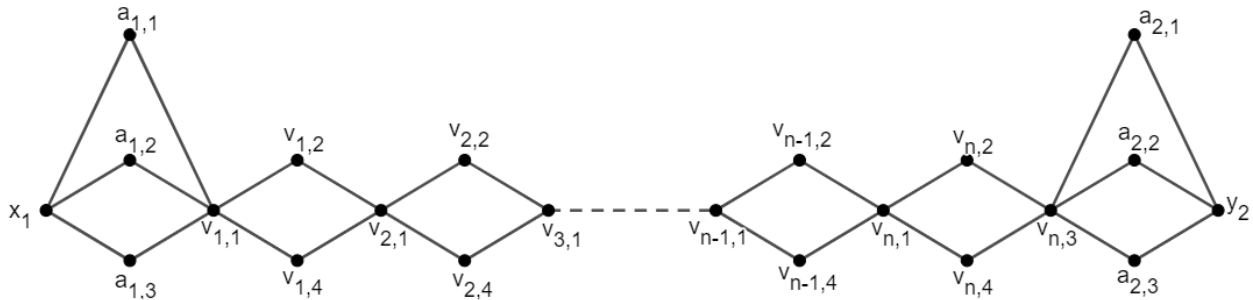


Figure 1. $Chain(A, 4, n)$ for $n > 2$.

Next, **Theorem 2** determined the chromatic number of the Location of the graph $Chain(A, 4, 3)$.

Theorem 2. Let $chain(A, 4, 3)$ be a chain of three cycle graph C_4 with the A graph is C_4 identified with P_3 . Then $\chi_L(Chain(A, 4, 3)) = 5$.

Proof.

- a. We will determine the lower bound of the locating chromatic number of the $Chain(A, 4, 3)$ graph. Without loss of generality, we assign four colors for every vertex $Chain(A, 4, 3)$. As a result, we have at least two vertices with same color code, such as $x_1 = v_{1,1} = (0, 1, 1, 1)$. Therefore, $\chi_L(Chain(A, 4, 3)) \geq 5$.
- b. We will determine the upper bound of the locating chromatic number of the $Chain(A, 4, 3)$ graph. Suppose c the locating coloring on the $Chain(A, 4, 3)$ graph uses 5-coloring with the partition of $V(Chain(A, 4, 3))$ with S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k classes of π are $S_1 = \{a_{1,1}, v_{2,2}, a_{2,1}\}$, $S_2 = \{x_1, v_{1,2}, v_{3,2}, a_{2,2}\}$, $S_3 = \{v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}, v_{3,1}, v_{4,1}, y_2\}$, $S_4 = \{a_{1,2}\}$ and $S_5 = \{a_{1,3}, v_{1,4}, v_{2,4}, v_{3,4}, a_{2,3}\}$, seen in **Figure 2**.

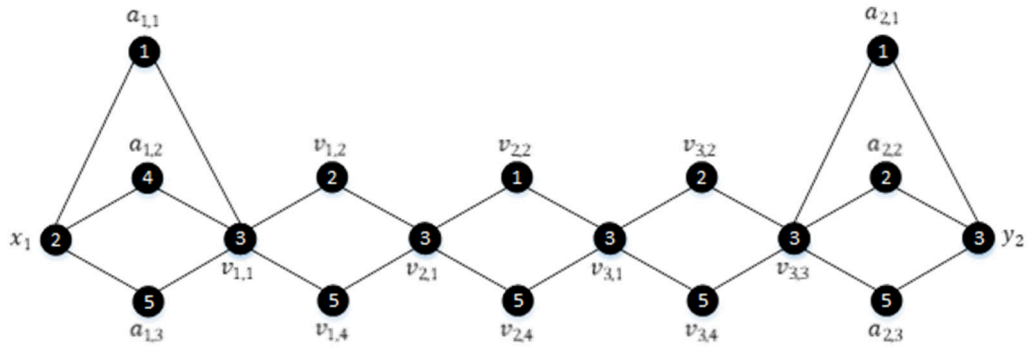


Figure 2. 5-Locating Coloring of $Chain(A, 4, 3)$ Graph

The distance a vertex and the k -color class ($d(v, S_k)$) in $Chain(A, 4, 3)$ graph seen in Table 1:

Table 1. The Distance a Vertex and the k -color Class $Chain(A, 4, 3)$ Graph

$d(v, S_k)$	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5
$a_{1,1}$	0	1	1	2	2
$v_{2,2}$	0	2	1	4	2
$a_{2,1}$	0	2	1	8	2
x_1	1	0	2	1	1
$v_{1,2}$	2	0	1	2	2
$v_{3,2}$	2	0	1	6	2
$a_{2,2}$	2	0	1	8	2
$a_{1,3}$	2	1	1	2	0
$v_{1,1}$	1	1	0	1	1
$v_{2,1}$	1	1	0	3	1
$v_{3,1}$	1	1	0	5	1
$v_{4,1}$	1	1	0	7	1
y_2	1	1	0	9	1
$a_{1,2}$	2	1	1	0	2
$a_{2,3}$	2	2	1	8	0
$v_{1,4}$	2	2	1	2	0
$v_{3,4}$	2	2	1	6	0
$v_{2,4}$	2	2	1	4	0

The color code of a vertex in $Chain(A, 4, 3)$ graph are $c_{\Pi}(a_{1,1}) = (0, 1, 1, 2, 2)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{2,2}) = (0, 2, 1, 4, 2)$, $c_{\Pi}(a_{2,1}) = (0, 2, 1, 8, 2)$, $c_{\Pi}(x_1) = (1, 0, 2, 1, 1)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{1,2}) = (2, 0, 1, 2, 2)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{3,2}) = (2, 0, 1, 6, 2)$, $c_{\Pi}(a_{2,2}) = (2, 0, 1, 8, 2)$, $c_{\Pi}(a_{1,3}) = (2, 1, 1, 2, 0)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{1,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 1, 1)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{2,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 3, 1)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{3,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 5, 1)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{4,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 7, 1)$, $c_{\Pi}(y_2) = (1, 1, 0, 9, 1)$, $c_{\Pi}(a_{1,2}) = (2, 1, 1, 0, 2)$, $c_{\Pi}(a_{2,3}) = (2, 2, 1, 8, 0)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{1,4}) = (2, 2, 1, 2, 0)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{2,4}) = (2, 2, 1, 4, 0)$, $c_{\Pi}(v_{3,4}) = (2, 2, 1, 6, 0)$.

Because every vertex on the graph has a different color code, then the locating chromatic number from Graph $\mathcal{X}_L(Chain(A, 4, 3)) = 5$. ■

In Theorem 2 we have locating chromatic number of $Chain(A, 4, n) = 5$ with $n = 3$, so, in Theorem 3 we will determine locating chromatic number $Chain(A, 4, n)$ with $n = 4$.

Theorem 3. Let $chain(A, 4, 4)$ be a chain of three cycle graph C_4 with the A graph is C_4 identified with P_3 . Then $\mathcal{X}_L(Chain(A, 4, 4)) = 5$.

Proof. We will find the lower bound of the locating chromatic number of the $Chain(A, 4, 4)$. Without loss of generality, we assign of different four colors for every vertex $Chain(A, 4, 4)$, then that 4-coloring vertices in $Chain(A, 4, 4)$, have at least two vertices with the same color code, such as $a_{1,1} = a_{1,3} = (1, 1, 0, 2)$.

Next, we will find the upper bound of the locating chromatic number of the $Chain(A, 4, 4)$. Let the $Chain(A, 4, 4)$ have 5-coloring for every vertices, then the partition of $V(Chain(A, 4, 4))$ are $S_1 = \{a_{1,1}, v_{2,2}, v_{2,2}, a_{2,1}\}$, $S_2 = \{x_1, v_{1,2}, v_{3,2}, a_{2,2}\}$, $S_3 = \{v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}, v_{3,1}, v_{4,1}, v_{4,3}, y_2\}$, $S_4 = \{a_{1,2}\}$ and $S_5 = \{a_{1,3}, v_{1,4}, v_{2,4}, v_{3,4}, v_{4,4}, a_{2,3}\}$,

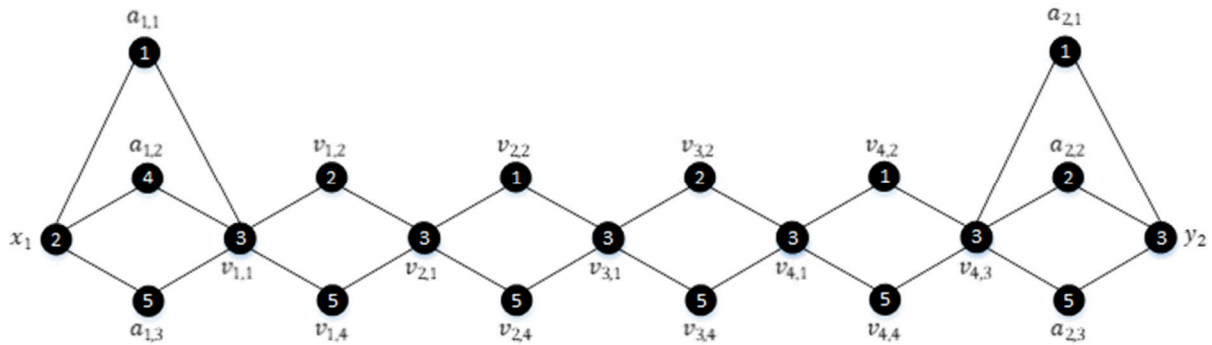


Figure 2 The 5-Locating Coloring of $Chain(A, 4, 4)$ Graph

The distance a vertex and the k -color class ($d(v, S_k)$) in $Chain(A, 4, 4)$ graph seen in Table 2:

Table 2. The Distance a Vertex and The k -color Class $Chain(A, 4, 4)$ Graph

$d(v, S_k)$	S_1	S_2	S_3	S_4	S_5
$a_{1,1}$	0	1	1	2	2
$v_{2,2}$	0	2	1	4	2
$v_{4,2}$	0	2	1	8	2
$a_{2,1}$	0	2	1	10	2
x_1	1	0	2	1	1
$a_{2,2}$	1	0	1	10	2
$v_{1,2}$	2	0	1	2	2
$v_{3,2}$	2	0	1	6	2
$v_{1,1}$	1	1	0	1	1
$v_{2,1}$	1	1	0	3	1
$v_{3,1}$	1	1	0	5	1
$v_{4,1}$	1	1	0	7	1
$v_{4,3}$	1	1	0	9	1
y_2	1	1	0	11	1
$a_{1,2}$	2	1	1	0	2
$a_{1,3}$	2	1	1	2	0
$v_{1,4}$	2	2	1	2	0
$v_{2,4}$	2	2	1	4	0
$v_{3,4}$	2	2	1	6	0
$v_{4,4}$	2	2	1	8	0
$a_{2,3}$	2	2	1	10	0

According to Table 2, the color code of a vertices in $Chain(A, 4, 4)$ graph is $c_\pi(a_{1,1}) = (0, 1, 1, 2, 2)$
 $c_\pi(v_{2,2}) = (0, 2, 1, 4, 2)$, $c_\pi(a_{1,2}) = (2, 1, 1, 0, 2)$, $c_\pi(v_{4,4}) = (2, 2, 1, 8, 0)$, $c_\pi(v_{2,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 3, 1)$,
 $c_\pi(v_{4,2}) = (0, 2, 1, 8, 2)$, $c_\pi(a_{1,3}) = (2, 1, 1, 2, 0)$, $c_\pi(a_{2,3}) = (2, 2, 1, 10, 0)$, $c_\pi(v_{3,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 5, 1)$,
 $c_\pi(a_{2,1}) = (0, 2, 1, 10, 2)$, $c_\pi(v_{1,4}) = (2, 2, 1, 2, 0)$, $c_\pi(x_1) = (1, 0, 2, 1, 1)$, $c_\pi(v_{4,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 7, 1)$,
 $c_\pi(v_{1,2}) = (2, 0, 1, 2, 2)$, $c_\pi(v_{2,4}) = (2, 2, 1, 4, 0)$, $c_\pi(a_{2,2}) = (1, 0, 1, 10, 2)$, $c_\pi(v_{4,3}) = (1, 1, 0, 9, 1)$,
 $c_\pi(v_{3,2}) = (2, 0, 1, 6, 2)$, $c_\pi(v_{3,4}) = (2, 2, 1, 6, 0)$, $c_\pi(v_{1,1}) = (1, 1, 0, 1, 1)$, $c_\pi(y_2) = (1, 1, 0, 11, 1)$.

Because every vertex on the graph has a different color code, so, upper bound of $\chi_L(\text{Chain}(A, 4, 4)) \leq 5$. Then, the locating chromatic number of $\text{Chain}(A, 4, 4)$ graph, $\chi_L(\text{Chain}(A, 4, 4)) = 5$.

In **Theorem 2** and **Theorem 3**, then $\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)$ with $n > 2$ can be generalized, as in **Theorem 4**.

Theorem 4. If $\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)$ is n graphs of cycle graph C_4 with $n > 2$ and of the cycle C_4 induced with 2 graphs A i.e., the graph of cycle C_4 identified with P_3 , then $\chi_L(\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)) = 5$.

Proof. First, we determine the lower bound of $\chi_L(\text{Chain}(A, 4, n))$ for $n > 2$. Without loss of generality, we assign of different four colors for every vertex $\chi_L(\text{Chain}(A, 4, 2))$, then that 4-coloring vertices in $\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)$ with $n > 2$ have at least two vertices $a_{1,1}$ and $a_{1,2}$ or $a_{1,1}$ and $a_{1,3}$ with same color code. Therefore, $\chi_L(\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)) \geq 5$ for $n > 2$. Next, we determine the upper bound of the locating chromatic number of $\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)$ for $n > 2$.

Define $c : V(\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ such that:

$$c(x_1) = 2$$

$$c(y_2) = 3$$

$$c(v_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 2 \text{ with } i \text{ even} \\ 2, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 2 \text{ with } i \text{ odd} \\ 3, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 3 \\ 5, & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 4 \end{cases}$$

$$c(a_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, j = 1 \\ 2, & \text{for } i = 2, j = 2 \\ 4, & \text{for } i = 1, j = 2 \\ 5, & \text{for } i = 1, 2, j = 3. \end{cases}$$

The distance between vertices in $\text{Chain}(A, 4, n)$ and the 5-color class are:

$$d(x_1, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } k = 2 \\ 1, & \text{for } k = 1, 4, 5 \\ 2, & \text{for } k = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$d(y_2, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } k = 3 \\ 1, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 5 \\ 5 + (n - 1)2, & \text{for } k = 4, n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$d(v_{i,1}, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1, & k = 1, 2, 5 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } k = 4 \text{ for } i = 1 \\ 1 + (i - 1)2, & k = 4 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$d(v_{i,2}, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 1 \text{ for } i \text{ even and } k = 2 \text{ for } i \text{ odd}, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1, & k = 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2, & k = 1 \text{ for } i \text{ odd}, k = 2 \text{ for } i \text{ even and } k = 5, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2 + (i - 1)2, & k = 4 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$d(v_{i,4}, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 5 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 1, & k = 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2, & k = 1, 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ 2 + (i - 1)2, & k = 4 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

$$d(a_{i,2}, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 2 \text{ for } i = 2 \text{ and } k = 4 \text{ for } i = 1 \\ 1, & k = 2 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } k = 3 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \\ 2, & k = 1, 5 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \\ 2n + 2, & k = 4 \text{ for } n \geq 3, i = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$d(a_{i,1}, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0, & k = 1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \\ 1, & k = 2 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } k = 3 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \\ 2, & k = 2 \text{ for } i = 2, k = 4 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } k = 5 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \\ 2n + 2, & k = 4 \text{ for } n \geq 3, i = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$d(a_{i,3}, S_k) = \begin{cases} 0 & , k = 5 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \\ 1 & , k = 2 \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ and } k = 3 \text{ for } i = 1, 2 \\ 2 & , k = 1 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, k = 2 \text{ for } i = 2 \text{ and } k = 4 \text{ for } i = 1 \\ 2n + 2 & , k = 4 \text{ for } i = 2. \end{cases}$$

So, the color code of a vertices in $Chain(A, 4, n)$ for $n > 2$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{\Pi}(y_2) &= (1, 1, 0, 5 + (2n - 2), 1) \text{ for } n \geq 3 \\ c_{\Pi}(x_1) &= (1, 0, 2, 1, 1) \\ c_{\Pi}(v_{1,1}) &= (1, 1, 0, 1, 1) \\ c_{\Pi}(v_{i,1}) &= (1, 1, 0, 1 + (i - 1)2, 1) \text{ for } i \geq 2 \\ c_{\Pi}(v_{i,2}) &= (0, 2, 1, 2 + (i - 1)2, 2) \text{ for } i \text{ even}, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ c_{\Pi}(v_{i,2}) &= (2, 0, 1, 2 + (i - 1)2, 2) \text{ for } i \text{ odd}, 1 \leq i \leq n \\ c_{\Pi}(v_{i,4}) &= (2, 2, 1, 2 + (i - 1)2, 0) \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \\ c_{\Pi}(a_{1,3}) &= (2, 1, 1, 2, 0) \\ c_{\Pi}(a_{1,2}) &= (2, 1, 1, 0, 2) \\ c_{\Pi}(a_{1,1}) &= (0, 1, 1, 2, 2) \\ c_{\Pi}(a_{2,1}) &= (0, 2, 1, 2n + 2, 2) \text{ for } n \geq 3 \\ c_{\Pi}(a_{2,2}) &= (2, 0, 1, 2n + 2, 2) \text{ for } n \geq 3 \\ c_{\Pi}(a_{2,3}) &= (2, 2, 1, 2n + 2, 0) \text{ for } n \geq 3. \end{aligned}$$

It can be seen that the color code for each vertex is different, so the upper locating chromatic number of $Chain(A, 4, n)$ is 5. ■

4. CONCLUSION

In this article, the locating chromatic number of the graph $Chain(A, 4, n)$ is 5 for $n > 2$, so $\chi_L(Chain(A, 4, n)) = 5$.

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