

On local antimagic vertex coloring of corona products related to friendship and fan graph

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Abstract

Let $G = (V, E)$ be connected graph. A bijection $f : E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |E|\}$ is a local antimagic of G if any adjacent vertices $u, v \in V$ satisfies $w(u) \neq w(v)$, where $w(u) = \sum_{e \in E(u)} f(e)$, $E(u)$ is the set of edges incident to u . When vertex u is assigned the color $w(u)$, we called it a local antimagic vertex coloring of G . A local antimagic chromatic number of G , denoted by $\chi_{la}(G)$, is the minimum number of colors taken over all colorings induced by the local antimagic labeling of G . In this paper, we determine the local antimagic chromatic number of corona product of friendship and fan with null graph on m vertices, namely, $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m})$ and $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m})$.

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1. Introduction

All graphs $G = (V, E)$ considered in this paper are simple and finite. A vertex coloring of a graph G is an assignment of color to vertices of G such that every two adjacent vertices have a different color. A k -coloring of G is defined as a map $h : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ such that $h(u) \neq h(v)$ for any adjacent vertices $u, v \in V$. The chromatic number of G , denoted by $\chi(G)$, is the smallest positive integer k assigned to G .

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Hartsfield and Ringel [6] introduced the principle of antimagic labeling, and then Gallian [4] surveyed the researches conducted on graph labeling and its variation, including antimagic labeling. The antimagic on a graph is defined as follows. Let $f : E \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |E|\}$ be a bijection. The weight of vertex u , denoted $w(u)$, is defined as $w(u) = \sum_{e \in E(u)} f(e)$, where $E(u)$ is the set of edges incident to u . The graph G is called antimagic if $w(u) \neq w(v)$, for every two vertices $u, v \in V$. Arumugam et al. [1] introduced the term of local antimagic as follows. A graph G is called local antimagic if $w(u) \neq w(v)$, for any adjacent vertices $u, v \in V$. If for every distinct weight we assign distinct color, then it is called local antimagic vertex coloring. The local chromatic number of G , denoted by $\chi_{la}(G)$, is the minimum number of colors taken over all colorings induced by local antimagic labeling of G . The local chromatic number of some graphs has been discovered, such as a tree, path, cycle, friendship, complete bipartite, an amalgamation of paths, wheel [3], kite, and cycle with two pendants [9].

Putri et al. [11] initiated a variation of local antimagic coloring named local antimagic total vertex labeling where the label is assigned to the vertices and edges of G . The weight of vertex $u \in V$, $w(u)$, is the sum of labels of all edges incident with u and the label of u itself. A local antimagic total chromatic number of G , denoted by $\chi_{lat}(G)$, is the minimum number of colors induced by local vertex antimagic total labeling of G . The local antimagic total chromatic number of some graphs have been discovered such as star, a double star, banana tree, centipede, amalgamation of graphs [11] and the corona product of some graphs with K_2 [7].

If the vertices of G received the smaller label in the local antimagic total labeling, then it is called the super local antimagic total. While, when the smaller labels are assigned to edges of G , it is called super edge local antimagic total labeling. The super local antimagic chromatic number and the super edge local antimagic chromatic number of G is denoted by $\chi_{slat}(G)$ and $\chi_{selat}(G)$ respectively. The super local antimagic chromatic number of some graphs have been discovered such as fan, gear, sunflower [10], star, double star, cycle, path, cubic bipartite, wheel, amalgamation of graph, and several joint product graphs [12]. On the other hand, the super edge local antimagic total chromatic number has been discovered for path and its derivation, hedge, hedgerow, star, and an amalgamation of graphs [5].

A corona product of H and G , denoted by $G \odot H$, is a graph obtained by taking one copy of G along with $|V(G)|$ copies of H and putting extra edges making the i -th vertex of G adjacent to every vertex of the i -th copy of H [3]. A null graph on m vertices, denoted by $\overline{K_m}$, as a graph that has m isolated vertices [2].

In this paper, we study the local antimagic chromatic number of corona products of friendship and fan with a null graph on m vertices. Arumugam et al. [1] proved a sharp lower bound for any tree, and Lau et al. [8] generalized the theorem as follows.

Theorem 1.1. [8] *Let G be a graph having k pendants. If G is not K_2 , the $\chi_{la}(G) \geq k + 1$ and the bound is sharp.*

2. Main Results

2.1. Corona Products of Friendship and Null Graphs

A friendship graph F_n can be constructed by joining n copies of C_3 with a common vertex. Figure 1 illustrates the graph $F_n \odot \overline{K_m}$. Since $F_1 \cong C_3$ and Arumugam et al. [2] already give

$\chi_{la}(C_n \odot \overline{K_m})$, here we consider $F_n \odot \overline{K_m}$ for $n \geq 2$ and $m \geq 1$.

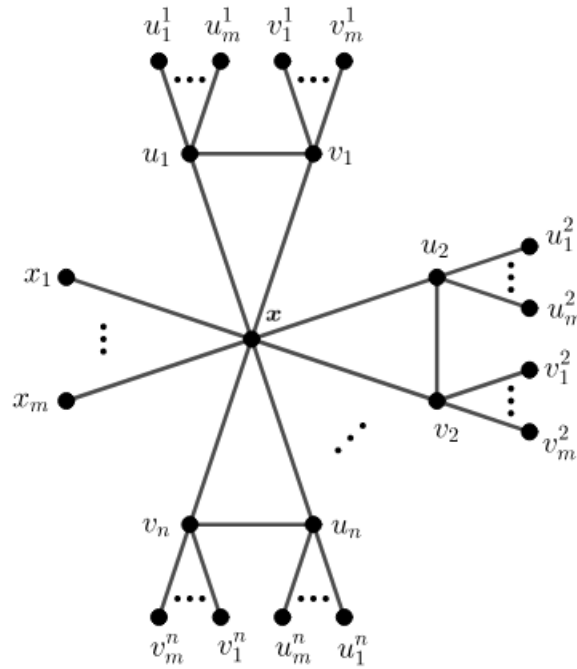


Figure 1. The graf $F_n \odot \overline{K_m}$

Theorem 2.1. Let F_n be fan graph on n cycles and $\overline{K_m}$ null graph on m vertices. For $n \geq 2$ and $m \geq 1$, $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) = m(2n + 1) + 3$.

Proof. Let $V(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) = \{x, v_i, u_i, v_j^i, u_j^i, x_j | 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ and $E(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) = \{xu_i, xv_i, xx_j, u_i v_i, u_i u_j^i, v_i v_j^i | 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq m\}$.

For the upper bound, we show that $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \leq m(2n + 1) + 3$. Define $f : E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m(2n + 1) + 3n\}$. Label $u_i v_i, xu_i, xv_i$, and xx_j for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i v_i) &= i, \\ f(xu_i) &= 3n + 2 - 2i, \\ f(xv_i) &= 3n + 1 - 2i, \\ f(xx_j) &= 2mn + 3n + j. \end{aligned}$$

Then, to label $u_i u_j^i$ and $v_i v_j^i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, we divide into two cases according to parity of m .

Case 1. m is odd

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, label the edges as follows.

$$f(u_i u_j^i) = \begin{cases} n(2j+1) + i, & j \text{ is odd,} \\ 2n(j+1) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i v_j^i) = \begin{cases} 2n(j+1) + i, & j \text{ is odd,} \\ n(2j+3) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The labeling f is obviously a local antimagic with weights as follows.

$$w(u_i) = m^2n + mn + 4n + 2 + \frac{3mn+m-3n-1}{2},$$

$$w(v_i) = m^2n + 2mn + 2n + 1 + \frac{3mn+m+n-1}{2},$$

$$w(x) = 4n^2 + n + 2m^2n + 3mn + \frac{m^2+m}{2},$$

$$w(x_j) = 2mn + 3n + j,$$

$$w(u_j^i) = \begin{cases} n(2j+1) + i, & j \text{ is odd,} \\ 2n(j+1) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

$$w(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} 2n(j+1) + i, & j \text{ is odd,} \\ n(2j+3) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Case 2. m is even

For $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, label the edges as follows.

$$f(u_i u_j^i) = \begin{cases} 3n + 2i - 1, & j = 1, \\ n(2j+1) + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ 2n(j+1) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

$$f(v_i v_j^i) = \begin{cases} 3n + 2i, & j = 1, \\ 2n(j+1) + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ n(2j+3) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

The labeling f is obviously a local antimagic with weights as follows.

$$w(u_i) = m^2n + 2mn + 3n + 1 + \frac{mn+m}{2},$$

$$w(v_i) = m^2n + mn + 2n + 1 + \frac{5mn+m}{2},$$

$$w(x) = 4n^2 + n + 2m^2n + 3mn + \frac{m^2+m}{2},$$

$$w(x_j) = 2mn + 3n + j,$$

$$w(u_j^i) = \begin{cases} 3n + 2i - 1, & j = 1, \\ n(2j+1) + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ 2n(j+1) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even,} \end{cases}$$

$$w(v_j^i) = \begin{cases} 3n + 2i, & j = 1, \\ 2n(j+1) + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ n(2j+3) + 1 - i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Note that for $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$, the weights of u_j^i, v_j^i , and x_j depend on i and j while the weight of u_i, v_i , and x are constant. Hence, we have $2mn + m + 3$ different weights in total.

Therefore, $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \leq m(2n + 1) + 3$.

For the lower bound, we show that $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq m(2n + 1) + 3$. Since $F_n \odot \overline{K_m}$ has $2mn + m$ pendants, by using Theorem 1.1, we have $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq 2mn + m + 1$. Suppose $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq 2mn + m + 1$. Then, $w(x)$ will equal to either $w(u_j^i)$ or $w(v_j^i)$ for some i and j .

Since $d(x) = 2n + m$, we obtain $w(x) \geq \sum_{k=1}^{2n+m} k = \frac{(2n+m)(2n+m+1)}{2}$, where $d(x)$ is degree of vertex x . On the other hand, the weights of either $w(u_j^i)$ or $w(v_j^i) \leq |E| = 2mn + m + 3n$ which implies $w(x) \geq \frac{(2n+m)(2n+m+1)}{2} = 2n^2 + 2mn + n + \frac{m^2+m}{2} \geq 2mn + (2n + 1)n + m > 2mn + 3n + m$. It is a contradiction. Therefore, the color of $w(x)$ must be different from all pendants and now we have extended the lower bound to $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq 2mn + m + 2$.

Suppose $\chi_{la} \geq 2mn + m + 2$. Then, either $w(u_i) = w(v_j^i)$ or $w(v_i) = w(u_j^i)$ must be satisfy

for some j . Suppose $w(u_i) = w(v_j^i)$. Notice that $w(u_i) \geq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{2n+mn} k}{n} = \frac{(2n+mn)(2n+mn+1)}{2n}$, while $w(v_j^i) \leq 2mn + m + 3n$. It is not hard to verify that $\frac{(2n+mn)(2n+mn+1)}{2n} = 2mn + (\frac{mn+1}{2})m + 4n + 2 > 2mn + m + 3n$ for $n \geq 2$ and $m \geq 1$. It is a contradiction since $w(v_j^i) < w(u_i)$. We can construct the same argument to show a contradiction for the case $w(u_i) = w(x_j)$ or $w(v_i) = w(x_j)$ for some j . Therefore, the color of $w(v_i)$ must be different from all pendants and now we have extended the lower bound to $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq 2mn + m + 3$.

Since both inequalities $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \leq 2mn + m + 3$ and $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq 2mn + m + 3$ hold, then $\chi_{la}(F_n \odot \overline{K_m}) = 2mn + m + 3$. \square

We give the local antimagic vertex coloring for $F_5 \odot \overline{K_3}$ with $\chi_{la}(F_5 \odot \overline{K_3}) = 36$ in Figure 2.

2.2. Corona Products of Fan and Null Graphs

A fan graph $f_{(1,n)}$ is defined as the graph $K_1 + P_n$ where K_1 is the null graph on one vertex and P_n is the path graph on n vertices. Figure 3 illustrates the graph $f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}$. Since $f_{(1,2)} \cong C_3$ and Arumugam et al. [2] already give $\chi_{la}(C_n \odot \overline{K_m})$, here we consider $f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}$ for $n \geq 3$ and $m \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $f_{(1,n)}$ be friendship of $n + 1$ vertices and $\overline{K_m}$ null graph on m vertices. For $n \geq 3$ and $m \geq 1$, $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) = m(n + 1) + 3$.*

Proof. Let $V(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) = \{x, v_i, v_j^i, x_j | 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ and $E(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) = \{xx_j, xv_i, v_i v_{i+1}, v_i v_j^i | 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq m\}$.

For the upper bound, we show that $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \leq m(n + 1) + 3$. Define $f : E \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, m(n + 1) + 2n - 1\}$. We divide into two cases depend on the parity of n .

Case 1. n is odd

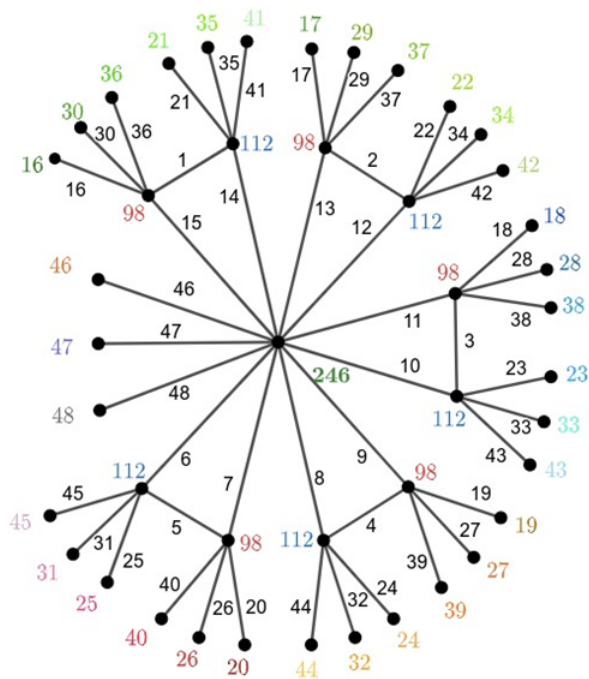


Figure 2. The local antimagic vertex coloring of $F_5 \odot \overline{K_3}$

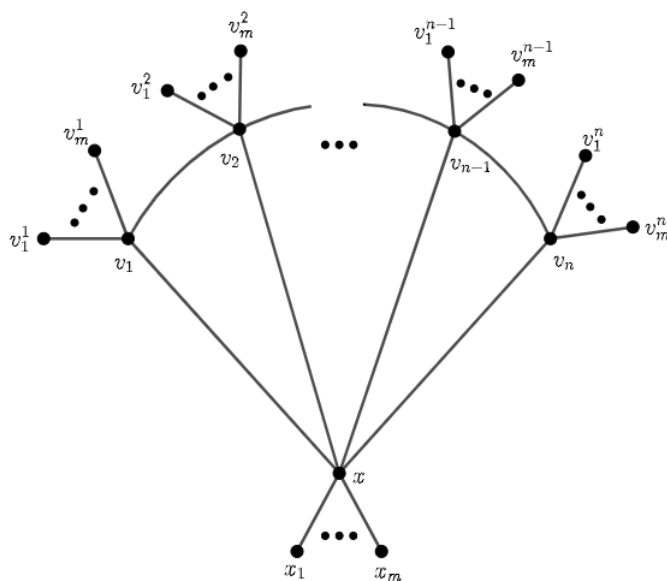


Figure 3. The graph $f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}$

Label the edges $v_i v_{i+1}$, xv_i , and xx_j for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i v_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2}, & i \text{ is odd,} \\ n-1-\frac{i-2}{2}, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 f(xv_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n-1, & i=1, \\ n+\frac{i-3}{2}, & i \neq 1 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ n-1+\frac{n-1+i}{2}, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 f(xx_j) &= mn+m+2n-j.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, to label $v_i v_j^i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, we divide into two subcases according to parity of m .

Subcase 1. m is odd

Label $v_i v_j^i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i v_1^i) &= \begin{cases} 2n+1+\frac{n-3}{2}, & i=n, \\ 2n+\frac{n-i-2}{2}, & i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3n-1-\frac{i-2}{2}, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} (j+1)n-1+i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n-i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The labeling f is obviously a local antimagic with weights

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 2mn+2n-1+\frac{m^2-m}{2}, & i \text{ is odd,} \\ 2mn+3n-1+\frac{m^2-m}{2}, & i \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \\
 w(x) &= m^2n+2mn+\frac{m^2-m+3n^2-n}{2}, \\
 w(x_j) &= mn+m+2n-j, \\
 w(v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} 2n+1+\frac{n-3}{2}, & j=1; i=n, \\ 2n+\frac{n-i-2}{2}, & j=1; i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3n-1-\frac{i-2}{2}, & j=1; i \text{ is even,} \\ (j+1)n-1+i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n-i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase 2. m is even

Label $v_i v_j^i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i v_1^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n-1, & i=n, \\ 3n-2-i, & i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3n-i, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i v_2^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n, & i=n, \\ 3n+\frac{i+1}{2}, & i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3n+\frac{n-1+i}{2}, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} (j+1)n-1+i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n-i, & j \neq 2 \text{ and } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The labeling f is obviously a local antimagic with weights

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 2mn + 2n + 1 + \frac{m^2n-m}{2}, & i \text{ is odd,} \\ 2mn + 3n - 1 + \frac{m^2n-m}{2}, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 w(x) &= m^2n + 2mn + \frac{m^2-m+3n^2-n}{2}, \\
 w(x_j) &= mn + m + 2n - j, \\
 w(v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n - 1, & j = 1; i = n, \\ 3n - 2 - i, & j = 1; i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3n - i, & j = 1; i \text{ is even,} \\ 3n, & j = 2; i = n, \\ 3n + \frac{i+1}{2}, & j = 2; i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ 3n + \frac{n-1+i}{2}, & j = 2; i \text{ is even,} \\ (j+1)n - 1 + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n - i, & j \neq 2 \text{ and } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 2. n is even

Label the edges $\{v_i v_{i+1}, xv_i, \text{ and } xx_j\}$ $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i v_{i+1}) &= \begin{cases} \frac{i+1}{2}, & i \text{ is odd,} \\ n - 1 - \frac{i-2}{2}, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 f(xv_i) &= \begin{cases} 2n - 1, & i = 1, \\ 2n - 2, & i = n, \\ n + \frac{i-3}{2}, & i \neq 1 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd,} \\ n - 2 + \frac{n+i}{2}, & i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 f(xx_j) &= mn + m + 2n - j.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, to label $v_i v_j^i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, we divide into two subcases according to parity of m .

Subcase 1. m is odd

Label $v_i v_j^i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i v_1^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n - 1, & i = n, \\ 3n - 1 - \frac{i}{2}, & i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \\ 2n + \frac{n-i-1}{2}, & i \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} (j+1)n - 1 + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n - i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

The labeling f is obviously a local antimagic with weights

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 2mn + 2n - 1 + \frac{m^2n-m+1}{2}, & i \text{ is odd,} \\ 2mn + 3n - 3 + \frac{m^2n-m+1}{2}, & i \text{ is even,} \end{cases} \\
 w(x) &= m^2n + 2mn + \frac{m^2-m+3n^2-n}{2}, \\
 w(x_j) &= mn + m + 2n - j, \\
 w(v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n - 1, & j = 1; i = n, \\ 3n - 1 - \frac{i}{2}, & j = 1; i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \\ 2n + \frac{n-i-1}{2}, & j = 1; i \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+1)n - 1 + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n - i, & j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Subcase 2. m is even

Label $v_i v_j^i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(v_i v_1^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n - 1, & i = n, \\ 3n - 1 - i, & i \neq n, \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i v_2^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n + 1 + \frac{n-2}{2}, & i = n, \\ 3n + 1 + \frac{n+i-2}{2}, & i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \\ 3n + \frac{i-1}{2}, & i \text{ is odd,} \end{cases} \\
 f(v_i v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} (j+1)n - 1 + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n - i, & j \neq 2 \text{ and } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
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 w(x) &= m^2n + 2mn + \frac{m^2-m+3n^2-n}{2}, \\
 w(x_j) &= mn + m + 2n - j, \\
 w(v_j^i) &= \begin{cases} 3n - 1, & j = 1; i = n, \\ 3n - 1 - i, & j = 1; i \neq n, \\ 3n + 1 + \frac{n-2}{2}, & j = 2; i = n, \\ 3n + 1 + \frac{n+i-2}{2}, & j = 2; i \neq n \text{ and } i \text{ is even,} \\ 3n + \frac{i-1}{2}, & j = 2; i \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+1)n - 1 + i, & j \neq 1 \text{ and } j \text{ is odd,} \\ (j+2)n - i, & j \neq 2 \text{ and } j \text{ is even.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since for $1 \leq i \leq n$ and $1 \leq j \leq m$, the weights of v_j^i and xx_j depend on i and j , while the weight of v_i and x are constant, we have $mn + m + 3$ different weights in total. Therefore, $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \leq mn + m + 3$.

For the lower bound, we show that $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq mn + m + 3$. Since $f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}$ has $mn + m$ pendants, by using Theorem 1.1, we have $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq mn + m + 1$. Suppose

$\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq mn + m + 1$. Then, $w(x)$ must equal to $w(v_j^i)$ for some i and j . Note that $w(x) \geq \sum_{k=1}^{m+n} k = \frac{(m+n)(m+n+1)}{2}$, while $w(v_j^i) \leq mn + m + 2n - 1$ for any i and j . It is not hard to verify that $\frac{(m+n)(m+n+1)}{2} = mn + (\frac{m+1}{2})m + (\frac{n+1}{2})n > mn + m + 2n - 1$, if $n \geq 3$. Hence, we get a contradiction. Therefore, $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq mn + m + 2$.

Now, suppose $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq mn + m + 2$. Since $w(x)$ is unique, there must be at least $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ pairs of vertices such that $w(v_i) = w(v_j^i)$ for some i and j . We will show that it is impossible

by considering the parity of n . First, if n is even, $w(v_i) \geq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\frac{mn+3n+2}{2}} k}{\frac{n}{2}} = \frac{(\frac{mn+3n+2}{2})(\frac{mn+3n+4}{2})}{n}$ for all i , while $w(v_j^i) \leq (n+1)m + 2n - 1$ for all i and j . It is not hard to verify that $\frac{(\frac{mn+3n+2}{2})(\frac{mn+3n+4}{2})}{n} = \frac{3n+mn-m-3}{2}$

$(\frac{3n+3}{2})m + (\frac{m^2+9}{4})n + (\frac{9}{2} + \frac{2}{n}) > (n+1)m + 2n - 1$. Second, if n is odd, $w(v_i) \geq \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\frac{mn+3n+2}{2}} k}{\frac{n-1}{2}} = \frac{(3n+mn-m-3)(3n+mn-m-1)}{(n-1)}$ for all i , while $w(v_j^i) \leq (n+1)m + 2n - 1$ for all i and j . It is not hard to verify that $\frac{(3n+mn-m-3)(3n+mn-m-1)}{(n-1)} = \frac{m^2n^2-2m^2n+6mn^2-10mn+9n^2+m^2+4m-12n+3}{4n-4} = (1 + \frac{2n-2m-6}{4n-4})mn + (\frac{mn^2+m+4}{4n-4})m + (2 + \frac{n-4}{4n-4})n + \frac{3}{4n-4} > mn + m + 2n - 1$. We have a contradiction. We can construct the same argument to show a contradiction for the case $w(v_i) = w(x_j)$ for some j . Therefore, $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq mn + m + 3$.

Since both $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \leq mn + m + 3$ and $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) \geq mn + m + 3$ hold, then $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}) = mn + m + 3$. □

We give the local antimagic vertex coloring for $f_{(1,6)} \odot \overline{K_3}$ with $\chi_{la}(f_{(1,6)} \odot \overline{K_3}) = 24$ in Figure 4.

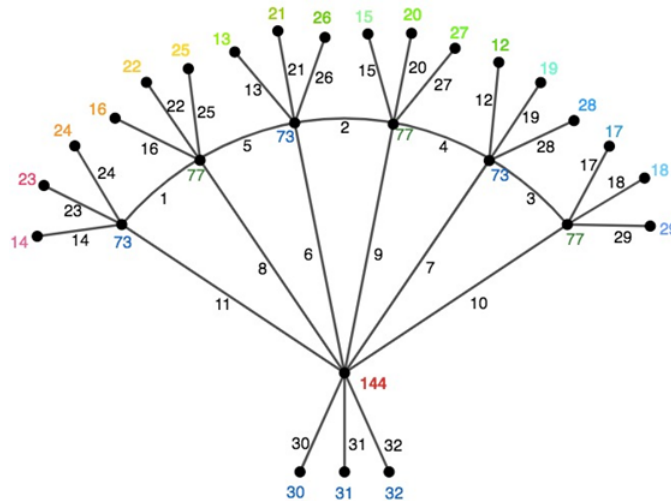


Figure 4. The local antimagic vertex coloring of $f_{(1,6)} \odot \overline{K_3}$

3. Conclusion

We summarise the results in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary

Corona Products of	Notation	χ_{la}	Condition
Friendship with Null graph on m vertices	$F_n \odot \overline{K_m}$	$m(2n + 1) + 3$	$n \geq 2$ and $m \geq 1$
Fan with Null graph on m vertices	$f_{(1,n)} \odot \overline{K_m}$	$m(n + 1) + 3$	$n \geq 3$ and $m \geq 1$

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