

GENERALIZED FRACTIONAL TOTAL COLORINGS OF GRAPHS

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Abstract

Let \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{Q} be additive and hereditary graph properties and let r, s be integers such that $r \geq s$. Then an $\frac{r}{s}$ -fractional $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})$ -total coloring of a finite graph $G = (V, E)$ is a mapping f , which assigns an s -element subset of the set $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ to each vertex and each edge, moreover, for any color i all vertices of color i induce a subgraph with property \mathcal{P} , all edges of color i induce a subgraph with property \mathcal{Q} and vertices and incident edges have been assigned disjoint sets of colors. The minimum ratio of an $\frac{r}{s}$ -fractional $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})$ -total coloring of G is called *fractional $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})$ -total chromatic number* $\chi''_{f, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}}(G) = \frac{r}{s}$. We show in this paper that $\chi''_{f, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}}$ of a graph G with $o(V(G))$ vertex orbits and $o(E(G))$ edge orbits can be found as a solution of a linear program with integer coefficients which consists only of $o(V(G)) + o(E(G))$ inequalities.

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