



## JUST CHROMATIC EXCELLENCE IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY GRAPHS

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### Abstract

Let  $G$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy graph. A family  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$  of intuitionistic fuzzy sets on a set  $V$  is called a  $k$ -vertex coloring of  $G = (V, E)$  if (i)  $v c_i(x) = V$ , for all  $x \in V$ , (ii)  $c_i \wedge c_j = 0$  and (iii) For every strong edge  $xy$  of  $G$ ,  $\min \{c_i(\mu_1(x)), c_i(\mu_1(y))\} = 0$  and  $\max \{c_i(\gamma_1(x)), c_i(\gamma_1(y))\} = 1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ).

The chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  of the intuitionistic fuzzy graph  $G$  is the least value of  $k$  for which the  $G$  has a  $k$ -vertex coloring. The chromatic partition  $C$  is the partitioning the vertex set into independent sets of vertices where each set has the same color. If every vertex of  $G$  emerges as a singleton in exactly one  $\chi$ -partitions of  $G$ , then it is just  $\chi$ -excellent. If just  $\chi$ -excellent  $G$  of order  $n$  has exactly  $n$  number of  $\chi$ -partition then it is tight just  $\chi$ -excellent graph. This article is focusing on the concepts called just chromatic excellence and tight just chromatic excellence in intuitionistic fuzzy graphs.

### 1. Introduction

Krassimir T. Atanassov introduced Intuitionistic fuzzy sets [7] and Intuitionistic fuzzy graph [8] in 1986 and 1999 respectively. R. Parvathi et al. expanded the intuitionistic fuzzy graph and its properties [11, 12]. S. Ismail Mohideen et al. conferred coloring of intuitionistic fuzzy graph using  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -cuts

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[5] in 2015. M. A. Rifayathali et al. examined strong intuitionistic fuzzy graph coloring [13] in 2017 and intuitionistic fuzzy graph coloring [17] in 2018. Intuitionistic Fuzzy Graph coloring has been applied to many real world problems like Job scheduling, allocation, telecommunications and bioinformatics, etc.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Intuitionistic Fuzzy Graph (IFG) is of the form  $G = (V, E)$  where

(i)  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that  $\mu_1 : V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\gamma_1 : V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  denote the degrees of membership and non-membership of the element  $v_i \in V$  respectively and  $0 \leq \mu_1(v_i) + \gamma_1(v_i) \leq 1$ , for every  $v_i \in V, (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ .

(ii)  $E \subset V \times V$  where  $\mu_2 : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\gamma_2 : V \times V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  are such that  $\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \min [\mu_1(v_i), \mu_1(v_j)]$ ,  $\gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \max [\gamma_1(v_i), \gamma_1(v_j)]$ . And  $0 \leq \mu_2(v_i, v_j) + \gamma_2(v_i, v_j) \leq 1$  for every  $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The arc  $(u, v)$  in IFG  $G$  is said to be a strong arc if  $\frac{1}{2} \min \{\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v)\} \leq \mu_2(u, v)$  and  $\frac{1}{2} \max \{\gamma_1(u), \gamma_1(v)\} \leq \gamma_2(u, v)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $G$  be an IFG. A family  $C = \{c_1, \dots, c_k\}$  of intuitionistic fuzzy sets on a set  $V$  is called a  $k$ -vertex coloring of  $G = (V, E)$  if (i)  $\bigvee c_i(x) = V$ , for all  $x \in V$ , (ii)  $c_i \wedge c_j = 0$  and (iii) For every strong edge  $xy$  of  $G$ ,  $\min \{c_i(\mu_1(x)), c_i(\mu_1(y))\} = 0$  and  $\max \{c_i(\gamma_1(x)), c_i(\gamma_1(y))\} = 1 (1 \leq i \leq k)$ .

The chromatic number  $(\chi(G))$  of the IFG  $G$  is the least value of  $k$  for which the  $G$  has a  $k$ -vertex coloring.

**Definition 2.4.** The chromatic partition  $C$  is the partitioning the vertex set into independent sets of vertices where each set has the same color.

**Definition 2.5.** A graph  $G$  is an intuitionistic fuzzy chromatic excellent if for every vertex of  $v \in V(G)$  there exists a intuitionistic fuzzy chromatic partition  $C$  such that  $\{v\} \in C$ .

### 3. Just Chromatic Excellence in Intuitionistic Fuzzy Graphs

**Definition 3.1.** If every vertex of  $G$  emerges as a singleton in exactly one  $\chi$ -partitions of  $G$ , then it is just  $\chi$ -excellent.

**Theorem 3.2.** *If  $G$  is a just  $\chi$ -excellent IFG and  $G \neq K_n$ , then any  $\chi$ -partition of can contain exactly one singleton.*

**Proof.** Let us assume that there exists a  $\chi$ -partition  $C$  of  $G$  containing more than one singleton. Let  $C_1 = \{\{u_1\}, \{u_2\}, V_2, V_\chi\}$  be a partition of  $G$ . Since  $G$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent and  $G \neq K_n$ , no vertex of  $V(G)$  is a full degree vertex. Therefore there exists  $v_1 \in V(G)$  such that  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  are not adjacent such that  $\mu_2(u_1, v_1) > \min [\mu_1(u_1), \mu_1(v_1)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u, v) > \max [\gamma_1(u_1), \gamma_1(v_1)]$ . Let  $v_1 \in V_i, 3 \leq i \leq \chi$ . Clearly,  $|V_i| \geq 2$ , for if  $V_i = \{v_1\}$ , then  $u_1$  and  $v_1$  are adjacent. Let  $C_2 = \{\{u_1, v_1\}, \{u_2\}, V_2, \dots, V_i - \{v_1\}, \dots, V_\chi\}$ . Then  $C_2$  is a  $\chi$ -partition containing  $\{u_2\}$ , which is a contradiction to  $G$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent.

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $G$  and  $H$  are just  $\chi$ -excellent IFG and one of them is not complete if other is  $K_1$  then  $G + H$  is not just  $\chi$ -excellent.*

**Proof.** Let  $G = K_1$ . Then  $H$  is not complete IFG. Then  $G + H$  is not complete but it has a full degree vertex. Therefore  $G + H$  is not just  $\chi$ -excellent graph. Let  $G \neq K_1$  and  $h = K_1$ . Since  $G$  and  $H$  are just  $\chi$ -excellent,  $G, H \neq \overline{K_n}$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Then any  $\chi$ -partition of  $G$  and  $H$  contains atleast two elements. Then for any  $\chi$ -partition of  $G$  with a singleton element, we can associate several  $\chi$ -partitions of  $H$ , giving a  $\chi$ -partition of  $G + H$ . Therefore  $G + H$  is not just  $\chi$ -excellent.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $C = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_\chi\}$  be a  $\chi$ -partition of  $G$ . Let  $u \in V_i$  is said to be intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertex if  $u$  is adjacent to every color class in  $C$ -partition but not adjacent to  $V_i$  such that  $\mu_2(u, v_i) \leq \min [\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v_i)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u, v_i) \leq \max [\gamma_1(u), \gamma_1(v_i)]$  for some vertex  $v_i \in V_1, \dots, V_{i-1}, \dots, V_x$  and  $\mu_2(u, v_j) > \min [\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v_j)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u, v_j) > \max [\gamma_1(u), \gamma_1(v_j)]$  for every  $v_j \in V_i$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $G$  be a just  $\chi$ -excellent IFG which is not complete. Let  $u \in V(G)$  and let  $C = \{\{u\}, V_2, \dots, V_\chi\}$  be a  $\chi$ -partition of  $G$ . If  $|V_i| \geq 3$  for some  $2 \leq i \leq \chi$  then there exists at least some  $V_j$  with  $|V_j| \geq 3$  containing a vertex not adjacent to  $u$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose let  $u$  is adjacent to every vertex in  $V_i$  with  $|V_i| \geq 3 (2 \leq i \leq \chi)$ .

**Case (1):** Let  $|V_i| \geq 3$  for all  $i, 2 \leq i \leq \chi$ . Then is a full degree vertex and it appears singleton in every  $\chi$ -partition of  $G$ , which is a contradiction to  $G$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent and  $G \neq K_n$ .

**Case (2):** Let  $|V_i| \geq 3$  for all  $i, 2 \leq i \leq t$  and  $|V_{t+1}| = 2$ . Let  $|V_{t+1}| = \{v_1, v_2\}$ . Suppose there exists  $V_{t+1}, V_{t+2}, \dots, V_\chi$  such that  $|V_{i+j}| = 2, 2 \leq j \leq \chi - t$  (Note that no  $V_i, (2 \leq i \leq \chi)$  is a singleton since  $G$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent). Since  $C$  is a  $\chi$ -partition,  $u$  is adjacent with atleast one vertex in each of  $V_{t+1}, V_{t+2}, \dots, V_\chi$ . Suppose  $u$  is adjacent with  $v_1$  and not adjacent with  $v_2$  in  $V_{t+1}$  such that  $\mu_2(u, v_1) \leq \min [\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v_1)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u, v_1) \leq \max [\gamma_1(u), \gamma_1(v_1)]$  and  $\mu_2(u, v_2) > \min [\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v_2)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u, v_2) > \max [\gamma_1(u), \gamma_1(v_2)]$  for  $v_1, v_2 \in V_{t+1}$ . Then  $u$  is adjacent with every vertex  $V_{t+j}, 2 \leq j \leq \chi - 1$  such that  $\mu_2(u, v_i) \leq \min [\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v_i)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u, v_i) \leq \max [\gamma_1(u), \gamma_1(v_i)]$  for every  $v_i \in V_{t+j}, 2 \leq j \leq \chi - 1$ . For, otherwise there exists some vertex  $w \in V_{t+j}$  not adjacent with  $u$ . Therefore  $C_1 = \{\{u, v_2, w\}, V_2, \dots, V_t, \{v_1\}, \dots, V_{t+j} - \{w\}, \dots, V_\chi\}$  which is a contradiction to  $G$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent. Hence  $u$  is adjacent with every vertex in  $V - \{v_1\}$ . (Note that if  $V_{t+1} = V_\chi$  then also is adjacent with every vertex in  $V - \{v_2\}$ ). Since  $G$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent there exists a  $\chi$ -excellent  $C_2 = \{\{v_2\}, V'_2, \dots, V'_\chi\}$ . Therefore  $u \in V'_i$ , a contradiction since  $u$  is adjacent with every vertex in  $V - \{v_2\}$  such that  $\mu_2(u, v_i) \leq \min [\mu_1(u), \mu_1(v_i)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u, v_i) \leq \max [\gamma_1(u), \gamma_1(v_i)]$  for every vertex  $v_i \in V - \{v_2\}$ . Hence the theorem.

4. Tight Just Chromatic Excellence in Intuitionistic-Fuzzy Graphs

**Definition 4.1.** If just  $\chi$ -excellent IFG  $G$  of order  $n$  has exactly  $n$  number of  $\chi$ -partition then it is tight just  $\chi$ -excellent graph.

**Example 4.2.**

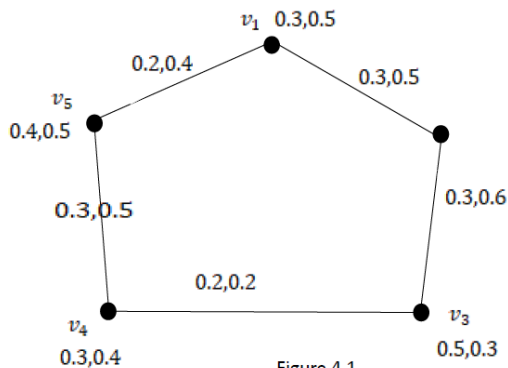


Figure 4.1

The intuitionistic-fuzzy coloring  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$

$$c_1(v_i) = \begin{cases} (0.4, 0.6) & i = 2 \\ (0, 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, c_2(v_i) = \begin{cases} (0.3, 0.5) & i = 2 \\ (0.3, 0.4) & i = 4 \\ (0, 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

$$c_3(v_i) = \begin{cases} (0.5, 0.3) & i = 3 \\ (0.4, 0.5) & i = 5 \\ (0, 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

For the above IFG,  $\chi(G) = 3$ . Similarly, the  $\chi$ -partitions are

$$C_1 = \{\{v_1\}, \{v_2, v_4\}, \{v_3, v_5\}\}, C_2 = \{\{v_2\}, \{v_1, v_4\}, \{v_3, v_5\}\},$$

$$C_3 = \{\{v_3\}, \{v_1, v_4\}, \{v_2, v_5\}\}, C_4 = \{\{v_4\}, \{v_1, v_3\}, \{v_2, v_5\}\},$$

$$C_5 = \{\{v_5\}, \{v_1, v_3\}, \{v_2, v_4\}\}.$$

The graph is just  $\chi$ -excellent and it has exactly 5,  $\chi$ -partitions. Hence the graph is tight just  $\chi$ -excellent.

**Theorem 4.3.** A just  $\chi$ -excellent graph  $G$  is tight just  $\chi$ -excellent graph if and only if  $n = 2\chi - 1$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $G$  be a just  $\chi$ -excellent graph with  $n = 2, \chi - 1$ . Since  $G$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent, then there exists a  $\chi$ -partition contains for given any vertex  $u$ . The remaining  $\chi - 1$  partitions must have at least two elements each. Since in a just  $\chi$ -excellent graph no  $\chi$ -partitions can contain two singletons. Therefore the minimum number of elements in any  $\chi$ -partition are  $2(\chi - 1) + 1 = 2\chi - 1 = n =$  total number of elements. Therefore every  $\chi$ -partition contains singleton and other sets are two elements set. If a  $\chi$ -partition does not contain singleton, then the total number of elements in the partition are at least  $2\chi > n$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $G$  is tight just  $\chi$ -excellent. If  $G$  is tight just  $\chi$ -excellent of order  $n$ , then  $G$  contains  $n, \chi$ -partitions and every  $\chi$ -partition must contain singleton and other  $\chi - 1$  partitions are two element sets. Then the number in the partition are  $2(\chi - 1) + 1 = 2\chi - 1 - n =$  total number of elements.

**Theorem 4.4.**  $C_{2n+1}$  is just  $\chi$ -excellent but not tight just  $\chi$ -excellent if  $n \geq 1$ . Further there exists a chromatic partition in which every vertex of the cycle is colorful if and only if  $2n + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

**Proof.** Let us take  $C_{3n}$  where  $n$  is odd. Then the intuitionistic-fuzzy chromatic number is 3. Then the  $\chi$ -partition  $C = \{\{u_1, u_4, \dots, u_{3n-2}\}, \{u_2, u_5, \dots, u_{3n-1}\}, \{u_3, u_6, \dots, u_{3n}\}\}$  in which every vertex is intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful. Consider  $C_{2n+1}$  where  $n$  is even. A  $\chi$ -partition giving  $3n - 1$  intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertices is  $\{\{u_1, u_4, \dots, u_{3n-2}\}, \{u_2, u_5, \dots, u_{2n-1}\}, \{u_3, u_6, \dots, u_{3n}\}\}$ . In above  $\chi$ -partition except  $u_1$  and  $u_{3n+1}$  are colorful. Let  $C = \{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$  be a  $\chi$ -partition of  $C_{3n+1}$ . ( $n$ -even). For any  $v_i, u_i \in V_i$  then  $u_{i-2}$  and  $u_{i+2} \notin V_i$ . Hence  $V_1 = \{u_1, u_4, \dots\}, V_2 = \{u_3, u_6, \dots\}, V_3 = \{u_2, u_5, \dots\}$ . Since the total number of vertices is  $3n + 1$ , there exists at least one  $V_i$  such that  $|V_i| \geq n + 1$ . Suppose that  $|V_1| \geq n + 1$ . If  $|V_1| = n + 1$ , then the  $(n + 1)^{\text{th}}$  term in  $V_1$  is  $u_{2n+1}$  which is adjacent to  $u_1 \in V_1$ , which is a contradiction. Similarly, contradiction arises if  $|V_1| > n + 1$ . Therefore  $|V_1| \leq n$ . Similarly  $|V_2| \leq n$  and  $|V_3| \leq n$  which is a contradiction to  $|V| = 3n + 1$ . If

$V_1 = \{u_1, u_4, \dots, u_{3n-2}\}$ ,  $V_2 = \{u_2, u_5, \dots, u_{3n-1}\}$  and  $V_3 = \{u_3, u_6, \dots, u_{3n}\}$ , then  $u_{2n+1}$  cannot be accommodated in  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , since they contain the adjacent vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_{3n}$  respectively. Therefore  $u_{3n+1}$  has to be included in  $V_2$ . Here  $u_{3n}$  and  $u_1$  will not be intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful. Hence the number of intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertices is at most  $3n - 1$ . Since we have already shown that there exists a  $\chi$ -partition containing  $3n - 1$  colorful vertices. Hence the maximum number of intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertices in any  $\chi$ -partition of  $C_{3n+2}$  ( $n$  even) is  $3n - 1$ . Similarly, we can prove that for  $C_{3n+2}$  where  $n$  is odd, the maximum number of intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertices in any  $\chi$ -partition is  $3n$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *There is no  $\chi$ -partition containing exactly  $(n - 1)$  intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertices in  $C_{3n}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{3n}\}$  be the vertices in  $C_{3n}$ . Assume that there exists a  $\chi$ -partition  $C = \{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$  containing exactly  $(n - 1)$  intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertices. Since exactly one vertex  $u_i$  is not intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful,  $u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}$  belong to the same color class of  $C$  say  $V_1$  such that  $\mu_2(u_{i-1}, u_i) > \min [\mu_1(u_{i-1}), \mu_1(u_i)]$  and  $\gamma_2(u_{i-1}, u_i) > \max [\gamma_1(u_{i-1}), \gamma_1(u_i)]$  and  $\mu_2(u_i, u_{i+1}) > \min [\mu_1(u_i), \mu_1(u_{i+1})]$  and  $\gamma_2(u_i, u_{i+1}) > \max [\gamma_1(u_i), \gamma_1(u_{i+1})]$ . Then every element of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  is colorful. Let us take  $V_2 = \{u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, \dots, u_{i_r}\}$  such that  $\mu_2(u_{i_t}, u_{i_{t+1}}) > \min [\mu_1(u_{i_t}), \mu_1(u_{i_{t+1}})]$  and  $\gamma_2(u_{i_t}, u_{i_{t+1}}) > \max [\gamma_1(u_{i_t}), \gamma_1(u_{i_{t+1}})]$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , where  $(i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r)$  and  $V_3 = \{u_{j_1}, u_{j_2}, \dots, u_{j_s}\}$  such that  $\mu_2(u_{j_t}, u_{j_{t+1}}) > \min [\mu_1(u_{j_t}), \mu_1(u_{j_{t+1}})]$  and  $\gamma_2(u_{j_t}, u_{j_{t+1}}) > \max [\gamma_1(u_{j_t}), \gamma_1(u_{j_{t+1}})]$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , where  $(j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_s)$ . In the color classes  $V_2$  and  $V_3$ ,  $ik$  and  $ik + 1$  must have difference 3 and also in  $jk$  and  $jk + 1$ . Therefore in  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  the maximum cardinality of vertices satisfying above property is  $n$ . Then no  $V_i$  can have cardinality more than  $n$  since  $\beta_0(C_{3n}) = n$ . If  $|V_1| < n$  or  $|V_2| < n$  or  $|V_3| < n$ , then one or two of the remaining elements of the partition will have more than elements a contradiction. Therefore  $|V_1| = n = |V_2| = |V_3|$ . Since  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  satisfy the property that the

difference between any two suffixes is 3,  $v_1$  also satisfies the same condition, which is a contradiction. Therefore exactly  $n - 1$  intuitionistic-fuzzy colorful vertices in a  $\chi$ -partition is not possible.

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