

We implemented the algorithm in C language for the test cases of DIMACS graph coloring instances. After converting the graph into text file we used retrieved the adjacency matrix from text file and stored the content of the matrix into a two dimensional array $a[][]$. The command used for retrieving the content of text file is:

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FILE *in = fopen("myciel4.txt", "r");
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In the above statement “in” is a file pointer and “myciel4m.txt” is the name of the file and the file opened in read mode for getting the content from the file. We created a link list corresponding to each graph with fields as shown in figure 2 with n number of nodes where n is number of vertices in the selected graph for testing. The vertex information stored in the form integer values varied from 0 to n-1. Similarly, color value for each node initialized with 0. The result obtained after running the proposed algorithms for the test cases given in Table 2 and its comparison with existing techniques for same set graph coloring instances is shown in Table 4. We used Turbo C3.2.2.0 compiler over windows7 platform (32 bit) with hardware configuration Intel Pentium D CPU clock speed 2.8 GHZ and 4 GB RAM.

We compared with MCOA technique [28] to solve the graph coloring problem and found that for most of the above mentioned test cases our algorithm works satisfactorily and produced optimal coloring solution for the tested graphs.

The table below contains the results obtained after implementing the proposed algorithms in terms of number of colors required to color a particular graph. The first column of the table contains the name of graph along with number of vertices and number of edges in the graph. The values in the second column in the table is best known number of colors corresponding to graph in the first column. The entry in the third column is our result that achieved after running the proposed algorithms on the above given data set. Finally the last column entries are the results of technique used in Modified cuckoo optimization algorithm [28].

The number of colors for myciel graphs myciel3, myciel4, myciel5, myciel6, myciel7, based on Mycielski transformation is same in our case to best known for all the above compared graphs. It is also similar and comparable with the techniques used in [28] for graph coloring.

Similarly, we tested graph queen5_5, david, huck, jean, from Stanford GraphBase File and get result which is equal to best known color value for the graph. The results after running the proposed algorithm for the graphs mugg88.1 and mugg88.25 graphs from Kuzunori Mizuno, the number of colors required to color above graphs and obtained number of color values with our algorithm is same.

When we tested the graph 1-Insertions-4, graph of order 4 % our algorithm uses to five colors to color the entire graph however the best known optimal color value for this graph is four. But our result is similar to result in the case of MOCA technique. After testing the graph 4-Insertions-3, graph of order 3 %, our algorithm requires four colors to color the whole graph for which the best optimal color value is three. However, our result is similar to the result obtained in case of MOCA technique applied to solve the problem.

When we run our proposed algorithm on the 1-FullIns_3 graph of order 3 and 2-FullIns_3 graph of order 3 found that the number of colors used for the coloring of graph 1-Fullins_3 is eight and for the graph 2-Fullins3 it was ten. However, in case of MOCA [28] technique for graph coloring for these graphs, the optimal colors used is four colors and five colors, respectively.

Table 4. Comparison of proposed algorithms with MOCA [28]

Graph Name	Best Known [35]	Our Case	MOCA [28]
myciel3.col (11,20)	4	4	4
myciel4.col (23,71)	5	5	5
myciel5.col (47,236)	6	6	6
myciel6.col (95,755)	7	7	7
myciel7.col (191,2360)	8	8	8
2- Insertions_3.col (37,720)	4	4	4
3- Insertions_3.col (56,110)	4	4	4
queen5_5.col (25,320)	5	5	5
david.col (87,812)	11	11	11
huck.col (74,602)	11	11	11
jean.col (80,508)	10	10	10
mugg88_1.col (88,146)	4	4	4
mugg88_25.col (88,146)	4	4	4
4- Insertions_3.col (79,156)	3	4	4
1- Insertions_4.col (67,232)	4	5	5
1-FullIns_3.col (30,100)	-	8	4
2-FullIns_3.col (52,201)	-	10	5

Probably for last four cases our algorithms terminated with considerable number of more colors as compared to existing one is due to approach that we are using to decide a color for a particular vertex in the graph. In our algorithm when a color is given to a vertex, all the adjacent vertices of that node assigned temporarily one higher integral color value. Due to this there may be the vertices which are non-adjacent vertex to previous assigned colored vertex but since the color field for current vertex is already having different than its non-adjacent vertices. Therefore, the feasible color value for current vertex remains unchanged and thus it increases coloring values for successive vertices and their corresponding adjacent vertices in the graph.

In spite of except for last two graphs our algorithms work efficiently and successfully find either best color values for the graphs or comparable with existing known color values. We used existing data structure link list and array for finding the solution of the problem by focusing only constraint associated with graph coloring problem. The proposed algorithm is efficient in its working because we removing every vertex from the list once it assigned a particular and therefore next vertex for coloring is always available as the first node in the list. Similarly, at the time of searching adjacent vertices for

currently assigned color and modifications of their color values is also be done in optimize manner.

7. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The proposed research work intends to devise a new approach to address the graph coloring problem that must able to find the exact solution for the problem. In the proposed approach we tried to give the exact solution for graph coloring problem. The proposed technique uses the link list to vertex information for coloring and adjacency matrix for graph representation. We used mentioned data structures for finding the solution because these data structures are simple and efficient in terms of required operation that performed in find the solution of the problem. Although for few cases the proposed algorithms fail work efficiently but there is no any single technique in the literature which able to find the optimal solution for each kind of graphs. The best known solutions for the different category of graphs are the result of several techniques. The proposed approach will work for any kind of graphs however for some cases like discussed in previous section if graph falls in that mentioned category may not works satisfactorily.

As the graph coloring problem is a NP-class problem so there is always hope for the optimizing the time complexity of the algorithm for solving the problem. In our proposed algorithms after incorporating some techniques for selecting the feasible colors among the previously assigned colors with minimum colour index may able to produce better results for those class of graphs which still needs to find optimal coloring solution.

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