

ON 1-2-3-CHROMATIC NUMBER

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Let G = (V, E) be a graph with no component isomorphic to K_2 and let $f: E \to \{1, 2, 3\}$ be an edge labeling of G. The weight of a vertex is defined as the sum of labels of all edges incident with that vertex. If the weights of any two adjacent vertices are distinct then f is called a chromatic 1-2-3 labeling of G. In this case the vertex weights give a proper vertex coloring of G where the color of a vertex is its vertex weight. This naturally leads to the concept of the 1-2-3-chromatic number. The 1-2-3-chromatic number is defined as the minimum number of colors taken over all colorings of G induced by chromatic 1-2-3 labelings of G.

In this talk, we present several basic results on this new parameter.