

## Sum choice number of generalized $\theta$ -graphs

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Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph and for every vertex  $v \in V$  let  $L(v)$  be a set (list) of available colors.  $G$  is called *L-colorable* if there is a proper coloring  $\varphi$  of the vertices with  $\varphi(v) \in L(v)$  for all  $v \in V$ . A function  $f : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is called a *choice function* of  $G$  and  $G$  is said to be *f-list colorable* if  $G$  is *L-colorable* for every list assignment  $L$  with  $|L(v)| = f(v)$  for all  $v \in V$ . The *size* of a choice function is defined by  $\text{size}(f) = \sum_{v \in V} f(v)$  and the *sum choice number*  $\chi_{sc}(G)$  denotes the minimum size of a choice function of  $G$ .

Sum list colorings were introduced by Issak in 2002 and got a lot of attention since then.

For  $r \geq 3$  a *generalized  $\theta_{k_1 k_2 \dots k_r}$ -graph* is a simple graph consisting of two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  connected by  $r$  internally vertex disjoint paths of length  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_r$  ( $k_1 \leq k_2 \leq \dots \leq k_r$ ).

In 2014, Carraher et al. determined the sum-paintability of all generalized  $\theta$ -graphs which is an online-version of the sum choice number and consequently an upper bound for it.

In this talk we give sharp upper bounds for the sum choice number of all generalized  $\theta$ -graphs with  $k_1 \geq 2$ .

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