# Graphs with Partition Dimension 3 and Locating-chromatic Number 4 

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Abstract: $\quad$ The characterization study of all graphs with partition dimension either $2, n-2, n-1$ or $n$ has been completely done. In the case of locating-chromatic numbers, the efforts in characterizing all graphs with locating-chromatic number either $2,3, n-1$ or $n$ have reached to complete results. In this paper we present methods to obtain a family of graphs having partition dimension 3 or locating-chromatic number 4 by using the previous known results.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

The concepts of partition dimension and locatingchromatic number of connected graphs were introduced by Chartrand et al. in (Chartrand et al., 1998) and in (Chartrand et al., 2002), respectively. The locating-chromatic number for graphs is a special case of the partition dimension notion. In order to generalize these two concepts, Haryeni et al. in (Haryeni et al., 2017) enlarged the notion of the partition dimension so that it can be applied also to disconnected graphs, and Welyyanti et al. in (Welyyanti et al., 2014) enlarged the notion of locating-chromatic number for disconnected graphs.

Let $F=(V, E)$ be a (not necessarily connected) graph and $\Pi=\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, \ldots, S_{k}\right\}$ be a partition of $V(F)$, where $S_{i}$ is a partition class of $\Pi$ for each $1 \leq i \leq$ $k$. If the distance $d_{F}\left(v, S_{i}\right)<\infty$ for all $v \in V(F)$ and $S_{i} \in \Pi$, then the representation $r(v \mid \Pi)$ of $v$ with respect to $\Pi$ is $\left(d_{F}\left(v, S_{1}\right), d_{F}\left(v, S_{2}\right), \ldots, d_{F}\left(v, S_{k}\right)\right)$. The partition $\Pi$ is a resolving partition of $F$ if every two distinct vertices $u, v \in V(F)$ have distinct representations with respect to $\Pi$, namely $r(u \mid \Pi) \neq$ $r(v \mid \Pi)$. The partition dimension of $F$, denoted by $p d(F)$ for a connected $F$ or by $p d d(F)$ for a disconnected $F$, is the cardinality of a smallest resolving partition of $F$. For a disconnected graph $F$, if there is no a resolving partition of $F$, then $p d d(F)=\infty$. In addition, if the partition $\Pi$ is
induced by a proper $k-$ coloring $c$, then we define the color code $c_{\Pi}(v)$ of a vertex $v \in V(F)$ with $\left(d_{F}\left(v, S_{1}\right), d_{F}\left(v, S_{2}\right), \ldots, d_{F}\left(v, S_{k}\right)\right)$. If all vertices of $F$ have different color codes, then $c$ is a locating coloring of $F$.

The locating-chromatic number of $F$, denoted by $\chi_{L}(F)$ for a connected $F$ or by $\chi_{L}{ }^{\prime}(F)$ for a disconnected graph $F$, is the least integer $k$ such that $F$ admits a locating $k$-coloring. Otherwise, we say that $\chi_{L}^{\prime}(F)=\infty$.

Chartrand et al. in (Chartrand et al., 2000) characterized all connected graphs on $n(\geq 3)$ vertices having the partition dimension $2, n$, or $n-1$. Tomescu in (Tomescu, 2008) showed that there are only 23 connected graphs on $n(\geq 9)$ vertices with the partition dimension $n-2$. Further results of the partition dimension of graphs for some graph operations, namely corona product, Cartesian product and strong product, can be observed in (Rodr'1guezVelazquez et al., 2016; Yero et al., 2014; Yero et al., 2010).

On the other hand, all connected graphs on $n$ vertices with locating-chromatic number $n$ or $n-1$ was characterized in (Chartrand et al., 2003). In the same paper, they also gave conditions for graph $F$ on $n(\geq 5) \quad$ vertices with $\quad \chi_{L}(F) \leq n-2$. The characterization of all graphs with locating-chromatic number 3 can be seen in (Baskoro and Asmiati, 2013) and (Asmiati and Baskoro, 2012).

In this paper, motivated by the results of the characterization of all graphs with locating-chromatic number 3, we present some method to extend those graphs so that their partition dimension is equal to 3 . Furthermore, we show that these new graphs have locating-chromatic number 4 . We also construct some classes of graphs by connecting some vertices in a disjoint union of paths, so that the partition dimension of these graphs remains equal to 3 .

In order to present the results, we need additional notions and some known results as follows. Let $\Pi=$ $\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, \ldots, S_{k}\right\}$ be a resolving partition of $V(F)$. For an integer $k \geq 1$, a vertex $u \in V(F)$ is defined as $k$-distance vertex with respect to $\Pi$ if $d_{F}\left(v, S_{i}\right)=0$ or $k$ for any $S_{i} \in \Pi$. Note that in the locatingchromatic number of $F$, the only possible value of $k$ is 1 and the vertex $u$ satisfies this condition is called a dominant vertex.

Definition 1.1. (Haryeni et al., 2019) Let $F$ be a graph and $\Pi=\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, \ldots, S_{k}\right\}$ be a minimum resolving partition of $F$. Two distinct vertices $p, q \in$ $V(F)$ in $S_{i}$ for some $i \in[1, k]$ are called independent vertices with respect to $\Pi$ if there exist two distinct integers, namely $j$ and $l$ which different from $i$, such that $d_{F}\left(p, S_{j}\right)-d_{F}\left(q, S_{j}\right) \neq$ $d_{F}\left(p, S_{l}\right)-d_{F}\left(q, S_{l}\right)$. Furthermore, if there exists a minimum resolving partition of $F$ such that any two vertices in the same class partition are independent, then $F$ is called an independent graph. Otherwise, $F$ is a dependent graph.

Definition 1.2. (Haryeni et al., 2019) Let $F$ be a graph and $B \subseteq V(F)$ where $B=\left(b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{k}\right)$. We denote $F\left[\left(b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{k}\right) ;\left(n_{1}, n_{2}, \ldots, n_{k}\right)\right]$ as a hair graph of $F$ with respect to $B$ which is obtained from $F$ by attaching a path $P_{n_{i}}$ with $n_{i}(\geq 2)$ vertices to $a$ root vertex $b_{i}$, for all $i \in[1, k]$. Furthermore, the set of all hair graphs obtained from the graph $F$ is denoted by Hair (F).

Theorem 1.3. (Haryeni et al., 2019) Let $F$ be a graph with a finite partition dimension. For any $H \in$ $\operatorname{Hair}(F)$, then

$$
p d d(H) \leq\left\{\begin{array}{lc}
p d d(F), & \text { if } F \text { is independent }, \\
p d d(F)+1, & \text { if } F \text { is dependent } .
\end{array}\right.
$$

Proposition 1.4. (Haryeni et al., 2019) For any $n \geq$ 3, a path $P_{n}$ is a dependent graph with any resolving 2-partition.

Theorem 1.5. (Haryeni et al., 2017) Let $F$ be a disjoint union of $m$ paths with different lengths. If $m=1$, then $p d(F)=2$. Otherwise, $p d d(F)=3$.

Corrollary 1.6. (Haryeni et al., 2017) If $H \in$ Hair $\left(P_{m}\right)$ and $H \nsubseteq P_{n}$ for any $n \geq m$, then $p d(H)=3$.

## 2 TREES WITH PARTITION DIMENSION 3 AND LOCATING-CHROMATIC NUMBER 4

Let $T$ be a tree with 3 dominant vertices $x, y$ and $z$, and $a P_{b}=\left(a, x, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{r-1}, u_{r}=y, v_{1}, v_{2}\right.$, $\left.\ldots, v_{s-1}, v_{s}=z, b\right)$ be a path with $r, s$ odd. If $r, s>$ 1 , then define $u^{*}=u_{\left\lfloor\frac{r}{2}\right\rfloor}, u^{* *}=u_{\left[\frac{r+1}{2}\right]}, v^{*}=v_{\left\lfloor\frac{s}{2}\right\rfloor}$, and $v^{* *}=v_{\left[\frac{s+1}{2}\right]}$. Note that all internal vertices $u_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ of $T$ excluding $u^{*}, u^{* *}, v^{*}$ and $v^{* *}$ have degree 2 . In The following result, Baskoro and Asmiati (Baskoro and Asmiati, 2013) characterized all trees with locating-chromatic number 3.

Lemma 2.1. (Baskoro and Asmiati, 2013) In any tree $T$ with $\chi_{L}(T)=3$, the color code of any vertex is $\left(a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right)$ where $\left\{a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}\right\}=\{0,1, k\}$ for some $k \geq 1$.

Theorem 2.2. (Baskoro and Asmiati, 2013) Let $T$ be a tree on $n(\geq 3)$ vertices. The value $\chi_{L}(T)=3$ iff $T$ is isomorphic to either $P_{3}, P_{4}, S_{1,2}, S_{2,2}$, or any subtree in Figure 1 containing a path $a P_{b}$.

Theorem 2.3. Let $F$ be a graph other than a path with $\chi_{L}{ }^{\prime}(T)=3$. Then, $F$ is always independent.

Proof. Let $c: V(F) \rightarrow\{1,2,3\}$ be any 3 -coloring on graph $F$. Let $\Pi=\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{3}\right\}$ be the partition of $F$ induced by $c$. We will show that any two vertices $p, q \in S_{a}$ for some $a \in[1,3]$ are independent vertices with respect to $\Pi$. If $p$ and $q$ are in different partition classes, then certainly $p$ and $q$ are independent. Now assume that $p$ and $q$ are in the same class, say $p, q \in$ $S_{1}$. This implies that $c_{\Pi}(x)=\left(0, c_{2}, c_{3}\right)$ and $c_{\Pi}(y)=$ $\left(0, d_{2}, d_{3}\right)$. By Lemma 2.1, then we have $c_{\Pi}(x)=$ $\left(0, c_{2}, 1\right)$ and $c_{\Pi}(y)=\left(0, d_{2}, 1\right)$, or $c_{\Pi}(x)=$ $\left(0,1, c_{3}\right)$ and $c_{\Pi}(y)=\left(0,1, d_{3}\right)$, or $c_{\Pi}(x)=\left(0,1, c_{3}\right)$ and $c_{\Pi}(y)=\left(0, d_{2}, 1\right)$, or $c_{\Pi}(x)=\left(0, c_{2}, 1\right)$ and

(i) $\mathrm{r}=\mathrm{s}=1$

(ii) $r=1, s>1$


Figure 1: Any subtree $T$ containing a path $a P_{b}$ with $\chi_{L}(T)=3$ Now, we present the following results.
$c_{\Pi}(y)=\left(0,1, d_{3}\right)$. Note that $c$ is a locating coloring of $F$ so that $c_{\Pi}(x) \neq c_{\Pi}(y)$. Therefore, for the previous four cases we can conclude that $c_{2}-d_{2} \neq$ $c_{3}-d_{3}$. This implies that any two vertices $x, y \in S_{a}$ of $F$ are indepedent vertices so that $F$ is an independent graph with respect to the partition $\Pi$.

By Theorems 2.2 and 2.3, we show that any hair graph of tree $T$ in Theorem 2.2 has partition dimension 3 and locating-chromatic number 4.

Corollary 2.4. Let $T$ be either a path $P_{3}$ or $P_{4}, a$ double star $S_{1,2}$ or $S_{2,2}$, or a subtree in Figure 1 containing a path $a P_{b}$. For all $H \in \operatorname{Hair}(T)$ where $H \nsubseteq P_{m}$, then $p d(H)=3$ and with $\chi_{L}(H)=4$.

Proof. If $T$ is isomorphic to a path, then $p d(H)=3$ for any $H \in \operatorname{Hair}(T)$ with $H \nsubseteq P_{m}$, by Corollary 1.5. Now we suppose that $T$ is not isomorphic to a path. Since $H \nsubseteq P_{m}, p d(H) \geq 3$. By Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 , then $T$ is an independent graph with locating 3coloring. By Theorem 1.3, then $p d(H) \leq p d(T) \leq$ $\chi_{L}(T)=3$. Further-more, since all trees $T$ with
$\chi_{L}(T)=3$ are only a path $P_{3}$ or $P_{4}$, a double star $S_{1,2}$ or $S_{2,2}$, or a subtree in Figure 1 containing a path $a P_{b}, \chi_{L}(H) \geq 4$. The coloring of $H$ with 4 colors is given in Figure 2. The color of the new vertices of $H$ are 4 and $i$ alternately, where $i$ is the color of the root vertex.

## 3 GRAPHS CONTAINING CYCLE WITH PARTITION DIMENSION 3 AND LOCATING-CHROMATIC NUMBER 4

In the following theorem, all graphs containing cycle with locating-chromating number 3 have been characterized, see (Asmiati and Baskoro, 2012).


Figure 2: The locating 4-coloring of graph $H \in \operatorname{Hair}(T)$ where $T$ depicted in Figure 1

Theorem 3.1. (Asmiati and Baskoro, 2012) Let $F$ be any graph having a smallest odd cycle $C$. Then $\chi_{L}(F)=3$ iff $F$ is a subgraph of one of the graphs in Figure 3 which every vertex $a \notin C$ of degree 3 must
be lie in a path connecting two different vertices in $C$.

By a similar reason to Corollary 2.4, we show that for every $H \in \operatorname{Hair}(F)$, where $F$ is a graph in Theorem 3.1, then $p d(H)=3$ and $\chi_{L}(H)=4$.

Corollary 3.2. Let $F$ be any graph having a smallest odd cycle $C$, where $F$ is a subgraph of one of the graphs in Figure 3 which every vertex a $a \notin C$ of degree 3 must be lie in a path connecting two different vertices in $C$. For all $H \in \operatorname{Hair}(F)$, then $p d(H)=3$ and $\chi_{L}(H)=4$.

(i)

(iii)

(ii)


Figure 3: The four types of maximal graphs containing an odd cycle with chromatic location number 3 .

For now on, for any integer $m \geq 2$, define the graph $G=\bigcup_{i=1}^{m} P_{n_{i}}$ where $n_{1} \geq 3$ and $n_{i+1}=n_{i}+1$ for all $i \in[1, m-1]$. Note that $p d d(G)=3$ by Lemma 1.5. In the next result, we construct some graphs obtaining from disjoint union of paths $G=\bigcup_{i=1}^{m} P_{n_{i}}$ so that their partition dimensions remains equal to 3 . Let the set of vertices and edges of $G$ by
$V(G)=\left\{v_{i, j}: 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n_{i}\right\}$ and $E(G)=\left\{v_{i, j} v_{i, j+1}: 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n_{i}-1\right\}$,
respectively. Let $S_{1}, S_{2}$ and $S_{3}$ be three subsets of $V(G)$ where
$S_{1}=\left\{v_{i, 1}: 1 \leq i \leq m\right\}$,
$S_{2}=\left\{v_{i, j}: 1 \leq i \leq m, 2 \leq j \leq i+1\right\}$, (2)
$S_{3}=\left\{v_{i, j}: 1 \leq i \leq m, i+2 \leq j \leq n_{i}\right\}$.

By the above definitions, for three distinct vertices $x, y, z \in V(F)$ where $x=v_{i, 1} \in S_{1}, y=v_{i, j} \in S_{2}$ and $z=v_{i, k} \in S_{3}$ for some $i \in[1, m], j \in[2, i+1]$ and $k \in\left[i+2, n_{i}\right]$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d_{G}\left(x, S_{t}\right)= \begin{cases}0, & \text { if } t=1, \\
1, & \text { if } t=2, \\
i+1, & \text { if } t=3,\end{cases} \\
& d_{G}\left(y, S_{t}\right)= \begin{cases}j-1, & \text { if } t=1, \\
0, & \text { if } t=2, \\
i+2-j, & \text { if } t=3,\end{cases} \\
& d_{G}\left(z, S_{t}\right)= \begin{cases}k-1, & \text { if } t=1, \\
k-i-1, & \text { if } t=2, \\
0, & \text { if } t=3 .\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

Now, define new graphs $G^{\prime}=G \cup E_{1} \cup E_{2}$ and $G \subseteq$ $G^{\prime \prime} \subseteq G^{\prime}$, where $E_{1}$ and $E_{2}$ are two sets of additional edges connecting some vertices of $F$ as follows.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& E_{1}=\left\{v_{i, j} v_{i+1, j}: 1 \leq i \leq m-1,1 \leq j \leq n_{i}\right\} \\
& E_{2}=\left\{v_{i, j} v_{i+1, j+1}: 1 \leq i \leq m-1,1 \leq j \leq n_{i}-1\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

By the above definitions, then $V\left(G^{\prime \prime}\right)=V\left(G^{\prime}\right)=$ $V(G)$. Let $S_{1}, S_{2}$ and $S_{3}$ be three subsets of $V\left(G^{\prime \prime}\right)$ similar to the equations in (1), (2) and (3), respectively. Therefore, for three distinct vertices $x, y, z \in V\left(G^{\prime \prime}\right)$ where $x=v_{i, 1} \in S_{1}, y=v_{i, j} \in S_{2}$ and $z=v_{i, k} \in S_{3}$ where $i \in[1, m], j \in[2, i+1]$ and $k \in\left[i+2, n_{i}\right]$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{3}\right) & =\min \left\{d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, 1}, v_{l, l+2}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& =d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, 1}, v_{i, i+2}\right) \\
& =i+1, \\
d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{1}\right) & =\min \left\{d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{l, 1}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& =d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{i, 1}\right) \\
& =j-1, \\
d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{3}\right) & =\min \left\{d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{l, l+2}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& =d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{i, i+2}\right) \\
& =i+2-j, \\
d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(z, S_{1}\right) & =\min \left\{d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{l, 1}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& =d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{i, 1}\right) \\
& =k-1, \\
d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(z, S_{2}\right) & =\min \left\{d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{l, l+1}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& =d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{i, i+1}\right) \\
& =k-i-1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, we obtain that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{t}\right)= \begin{cases}0, & \text { if } t=1, \\
1, & \text { if } t=2, \\
i+1, & \text { if } t=3,\end{cases} \\
& d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{t}\right)= \begin{cases}j-1, & \text { if } t=1, \\
0, & \text { if } t=2, \\
i+2-j, & \text { if } t=3,\end{cases} \\
& d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(z, S_{t}\right)= \begin{cases}k-1, & \text { if } t=1, \\
k-i-1, & \text { if } t=2, \\
0, & \text { if } t=3,\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

By the above notations, we have the following results.

Theorem 3.3. Let $G^{\prime}=G \cup E_{1} \cup E_{2}$ and $G \subseteq G^{\prime \prime} \subseteq$ $G^{\prime}$. Then, $p d\left(G^{\prime \prime}\right)=3$.

Proof. Since $G^{\prime \prime}$ is not a path, $p d\left(G^{\prime \prime}\right) \geq 3$. To show the upper bound of partition dimension of $G$, define a partition $\Pi=\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{3}\right\} \quad$ of $G^{\prime \prime}$ where $S_{1}=$ $\left\{v_{i, 1}: 1 \leq i \leq m\right\}, S_{2}=\left\{v_{i, j}: 1 \leq i \leq m, 2 \leq j \leq\right.$ $i+1\}$, and $S_{3}$ contains the rest vertices of $G$. By the definition of partition $\Pi$, for a vertex $v_{i, j} \in V(G)$ in $S_{a}$ where $i \in[1, m], j \in\left[1, n_{i}\right]$ and $a \in[1,3]$, we have the representation of $v_{i, j}$ with respect to the partition $\Pi$ as follows.

$$
= \begin{cases}(0,1, i+1), & \text { if } j=1 \\ (j-1,0, i+2-j), & \text { if } j \in[2, i+1] \\ (j-1, j-i-1,0), & \text { if } j \in\left[i+2, n_{i}\right]\end{cases}
$$

Let us show that $\Pi$ is a resolving partition of $G^{\prime \prime}$. We consider any two vertices $x, y \in V\left(G^{\prime \prime}\right)$. If $x$ and $y$ are in the different partition class, then clearly that they have distinct representation. Now we suppose that $x, y \in S_{a}$ for some $a \in[1,3]$. If $x=v_{p, q}$ and $y=$ $v_{p, r}$ where $1 \leq p \leq m$ and $(2 \leq q<r \leq p+$ 1 or $\left.p+2 \leq q<r \leq n_{p}\right)$, then $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{1}\right)=q-$ $1<r-1=d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{1}\right) . \quad$ Therefore, $\quad r(x \mid \Pi) \neq$ $r(y \mid \Pi)$.

Now, assume that $x=v_{p, q}$ and $y=v_{r, s}$ in $S_{a}$ for some $a \in[1,3]$ and $p, r \in[1, m]$ where $p \neq q$. For two vertices $x=v_{p, 1}$ and $y=v_{r, 1}$ in $S_{1}$ where $1 \leq$ $p<r \leq m$, then $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{3}\right)=p+1<r+1=$ $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{3}\right)$. For two vertices $x=v_{p, q}$ and $y=v_{r, s}$ in $S_{2}$ where $1 \leq p<r \leq m, 2 \leq q \leq p+1$ and $2 \leq$ $s \leq r+1 \quad, \quad$ if $\quad d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{1}\right)=q-1=s-1=$ $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{1}\right)$, then $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{3}\right)=p+2-q<r+2-$ $s=d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{3}\right)$. Otherwise, $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{1}\right) \neq d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{1}\right)$. For two vertices $x=v_{p, q}$ and $y=v_{r, s}$ in $S_{3}$ where $1 \leq p<r \leq m$,
$p+2 \leq q \leq n_{p}$ and $r+2 \leq s \leq n_{r}$, if $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{1}\right)=$
$q-1=s-1=d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{1}\right)$, then $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{2}\right)=q-$ $p-1>r-s-1=d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{3}\right) . \quad$ Otherwise, $d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(x, S_{1}\right) \neq d_{G^{\prime \prime}}\left(y, S_{1}\right)$. Therefore, $(x \mid \Pi) \neq r(y \mid \Pi)$ for any two vertices $x=v_{p, q}$ and $y=v_{r, s}$ of $V\left(G^{\prime \prime}\right)$ in $S_{a}$ for some $a \in[1,3]$.

The four graphs in Figure 4 give an illustration of the graphs provided for Theorem 3.3. These graphs are (a) $G=P_{4} \cup P_{5} \cup P_{6} \cup P_{7}$, (b) $G^{\prime}=G \cup E_{1} \cup E_{2}$, (c) $G_{1}^{\prime \prime}=G \cup E_{1} \cong G \cup E_{2}$ and (d) $G_{2}^{\prime \prime} \subset G^{\prime}$. Note that from Theorem 3.3, $\quad \operatorname{pd}(G)=p d\left(G^{\prime}\right)=$ $p d\left(G_{1}^{\prime \prime}\right)=p d\left(G_{2}^{\prime \prime}\right)=3$.

(a)

(c)

(b)

(d)

Figure 4: Graphs (a) $G=P_{4} \cup P_{5} \cup P_{6} \cup P_{7}$, (b) $G^{\prime}=G \cup$ $E_{1} \cup E_{2}$, (c) $G_{1}^{\prime \prime}=G \cup E_{1}$, and (d) $G_{2}^{\prime \prime} \subset G^{\prime}$, where $p d(G)=p d\left(G^{\prime}\right)=p d\left(G_{1}^{\prime \prime}\right)=p d\left(G_{2}^{\prime \prime}\right)=3$.

In the next result, we also construct graphs from disjoint union of paths $G=\bigcup_{i=1}^{m} P_{n_{i}}$, so that their partition dimensions are equal to 3 as well.

Theorem 3.4. Let $G^{\prime}=G \cup E_{1} \cup E_{2}, F \subseteq E(G)$ where $F=\left\{v_{i, j} v_{i, j+1}: 2 \leq i \leq m-1,1 \leq j \leq n_{i}-\right.$ $1\}$ and $F^{\prime} \subseteq F$. Then, $p d\left(G^{\prime}-F^{\prime}\right)=3$.

Proof. Let $H=G^{\prime}-F^{\prime}$. This is easy to see that $p d(H) \geq 3$. To show that $p d(H) \leq 3$, define a partition $\Pi^{\prime}=\left\{S_{1}^{\prime}, S_{2}^{\prime}, S_{3}^{\prime}\right\}$ of $H$ where $S_{1}^{\prime}=\left\{v_{i, 1}: 1 \leq\right.$ $i \leq m\}, S_{2}^{\prime}=\left\{v_{i, j}: 1 \leq i \leq m, 2 \leq j \leq i+1\right\} \quad$ and $S_{3}^{\prime}=\left\{v_{i, j}: 1 \leq i \leq m, i+2 \leq j \leq n_{i}\right\}$.

By the definition of a partition $\Pi^{\prime}$ of $V(H)$, for three vertices $x, y, z \in V(H)$ where $x=v_{i, 1} \in$ $S_{1}^{\prime}, y=v_{i, j} \in S_{2}^{\prime}$ and $z=v_{i, k} \in S_{3}^{\prime}$ for some $i \in$ $[2, m], j \in[2, i+1]$ and $k \in\left[i+2, n_{i}\right]$, we have
$d_{H}\left(x, S_{2}^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{d_{H}\left(v_{i, 1}, v_{l, 2}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\}$
$=d_{H}\left(v_{i, 1}, v_{i+1,2}\right)$
$=1$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& d_{H}\left(x, S_{3}^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{d_{H}\left(v_{i, 1}, v_{l, l+2}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& =d_{H}\left(v_{i, 1}, v_{1,3}\right) \\
& =i+1 \text {, } \\
& d_{H}\left(y, S_{1}^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{d_{H}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{l, 1}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& = \begin{cases}d_{H}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{i-j+1,1}\right), & \text { if } j \leq i, \\
d_{H}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{1,1}\right), & \text { if } j=i+1 .\end{cases} \\
& = \begin{cases}j-1, & \text { if } j \leq i, \\
i, & \text { if } j=i+1 .\end{cases} \\
& =j-1 \\
& d_{H}\left(y, S_{3}^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{d_{H}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{l, l+2}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& = \begin{cases}d_{H}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{1,3}\right), & \text { if } j=2, \\
d_{H}\left(v_{i, j}, v_{j-2, j}\right), & \text { if } j \neq 2 .\end{cases} \\
& = \begin{cases}i, & \text { if } j=2, \\
i-j+2 & \text { if } j \neq 2 .\end{cases} \\
& =i+2-j \\
& d_{H}\left(z, S_{1}^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{d_{H}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{l, 1}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& =d_{H}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{1,1}\right) \\
& =d_{H}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{1, k-i+1}\right)+d_{H}\left(v_{1, k-i+1}, v_{1,1}\right) \\
& =k-1 \\
& d_{H}\left(z, S_{2}^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{d_{H}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{l, l+1}\right): 1 \leq l \leq m\right\} \\
& = \begin{cases}d_{H}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{k-1, k}\right), & \text { if } k \leq m-1, \\
d_{H}\left(v_{i, k}, v_{m, m+1}\right), & \text { if } k>m-1 .\end{cases} \\
& = \begin{cases}k-1-i, & \text { if } k \leq m-1, \\
(m-i)+(k-m-1) & \text { if } k>m-1 .\end{cases} \\
& =k-1-i \text {. }
\end{aligned}
$$

By considering the resolving $3-$ partition $\Pi=$ $\left\{S_{1}, S_{2}, S_{3}\right\}$ of a graph $G^{\prime}$ in Theorem 3.3, we obtain that for any vertex $x \in V\left(G^{\prime}\right)$ where $V\left(G^{\prime}\right)=V(H)$, then $\quad r(x \mid \Pi)=r\left(x \mid \Pi^{\prime}\right)$. Therefore, $\quad r\left(x \mid \Pi^{\prime}\right) \neq$ $r\left(y \mid \Pi^{\prime}\right)$ for any two vertices $x, y \in V(H)$ and so that $\Pi^{\prime}$ is a resolving partition of $H$.

Figure 5 represents some graphs satisfying Theorem 3.4, namely (a) $H=G^{\prime}-F$, (b) $H_{1} \supset H$ and (c) $H_{2} \supset H$ where $H_{1}=G^{\prime}-F_{1}^{\prime}$ and $H_{2}=G^{\prime}-$ $F_{2}^{\prime}$ for some $F_{1}^{\prime}, F_{2}^{\prime} \subseteq F$. Note that from Theorem 3.4, $p d(H)=p d\left(H_{1}^{\prime}\right)=p d\left(H_{2}^{\prime}\right)=3$.

(a)

(b)

(c)

Figure 5: Graphs (a) $H=G^{\prime}-F$, (b) $H_{1} \supset H$ and (c) $H_{2} \supset$ $H$ where $H_{1}=G^{\prime}-F_{1}^{\prime}$ and $H_{2}=G^{\prime}-F_{2}^{\prime}$ for some $F_{1}^{\prime}, F_{2}^{\prime} \subseteq F$.

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