

## On commutative characterization of graph operation with respect to complement metric dimension

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**Abstract:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . The distance between vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$  is denoted by  $d(u,v)$ , which serves as the shortest path length from  $u$  to  $v$ . Let  $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\} \subseteq V(G)$  be an ordered set, and  $v$  is a vertex in  $G$ . The representation of  $v$  with respect to  $W$  is an ordered set  $k$ -tuple,  $r(v|W) = (d(v, w_1), d(v, w_2), \dots, d(v, w_k))$ . The set  $W$  is called a complement resolving set for  $G$  if there are two vertices  $u, v \in V(G) \setminus W$ , such that  $r(u|W) \neq r(v|W)$ . A complement basis of  $G$  is the complement resolving set containing maximum cardinality. The number of vertices in a complement basis of  $G$  is called complement metric dimension of  $G$ , which is denoted by  $\overline{\dim}(G)$ . In general, comb and corona product are non-commutative operations on a graph. However these operations can be commutative in respect to complement metric dimensions. In this study, we get the commutative characterization of corona and comb product, which are  $\overline{\dim}(G \odot H) = \overline{\dim}(H \odot G) \Leftrightarrow 2n + \overline{\dim}(K_1 + H) = 2m + \overline{\dim}(K_1 + G)$  for  $n, m \geq 2$  and  $\overline{\dim}(G \triangleleft H) = \overline{\dim}(H \triangleleft G) \Leftrightarrow \overline{\dim}(H) - m = \overline{\dim}(G) - n$  for  $n, m \geq 3$ , where  $n$  and  $m$  are the order of  $G$  and  $H$ , respectively.

**Keywords:** Comb product operation, complement metric dimension, commutative characterization, corona operation

### I. INTRODUCTION (11 BOLD)

Graph theory are one of the subjects in Discrete Mathematics that have long been known and are widely applied in various fields. Graph theory that has developed rapidly to date started with the problem “Seven Konigsberg Bridges” which Euler successfully solved through his article “Solutio problematias geometriam situs pertinentis” in 1736 [1].

Until now, graph theory have been used in the study of electronic networks, computer database, discovery of medicine, genetics, architecture, and even the study of computer vision, artificial intelegent and deep learning [5]. One of the topics in graph theory is metric dimension. The metric dimension was first introduced by Harary and Melter at 1976. The study of metric dimension becomes a complete problem, meaning that it is not easy to get the metric dimension of a graph of a certain shape. Therefore, to get the metric dimension of certain shape graphs or certain classes, an analysis of the subclasses is carried out first to make it easier to find the metric dimensions of graphs in general [3]. The metric dimension is the minimum cardinality of resolving sets on graph  $G$  which is denoted by  $\dim(G)$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vertices on a connected graph  $G$ . The distance from  $u$  to  $v$  is the length of the shortest path between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$  denoted by  $d(u, v)$  [3].

Other concept of metric dimension is complement metric dimension. Let  $G$  be a connected graph that has more than two vertices with the vertex set  $V(G)$  and the edge set  $E(G)$ . Set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is complement resolving set of  $G$  if there are two vertices  $u, v \in V(G) \setminus S$ , such that  $r(u|S) \neq r(v|S)$ . Complement basis of  $G$  is complement resolving set that has the maximum cardinality. These cardinality of complement basis is called complement metric dimension, denoted by  $\overline{\dim}(G)$  [9].

Let  $*$  be an operation on a graph, the operation  $*$  is said to be commutative if  $G * H \cong H * G$  for each graph  $G$  and  $H$ . Then, the operation  $*$  is said to be commutative with respect to complement metric dimension if  $\overline{\dim}(G * H) = \overline{\dim}(H * G)$ , denoted by  $G * H \cong_{\overline{\dim}}(H * G)$ . Research on commutative characterization of corona and comb product operation has been done in [8] related to metric dimension. Meanwhile, research on complement metric dimension of graphs has also been done in [9] by getting complement metric dimension on the path graph ( $P_n$ ), circle graph ( $C_n$ ), star graph ( $S_n$ ), and complete graph ( $K_n$ ). Based on the description above, the purpose of writing this article is to analyze the commutative characterization of corona and comb product operations related to complement metric dimensions.

**Theorem 1.1** [8].  $\overline{\dim}(P_n) = 1$ , for  $n > 2$

**Theorem 1.2** [8].  $\overline{\dim}(C_n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$  where  $n > 2$

**Theorem 1.3 [8].**  $\overline{\dim}(S_n) = n - 2$ , for  $n > 2$

**Theorem 1.4 [8].**  $\overline{\dim}(K_n) = n - 2$ , for  $n > 2$

**Theorem 1.5 [8].** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and  $H$  be a connected graph of order of order  $m \geq 2$ . Then

$$\overline{\dim}(G \odot H) = (n - 1)(m + 1) + \overline{\dim}(K_1 + H)$$

**Theorem 1.6 [8].** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be a connected graph of order of order  $n, m \geq 3$ . Then

$$\overline{\dim}(G \triangleleft H) = \begin{cases} \overline{\dim}(H) + (n - 1)m & \text{if grafting vertex is a member basis complement of } H \\ m \cdot \overline{\dim}(G) & \text{for another} \end{cases}$$

## II.COMPLEMENT METRIC DIMENSION OF CORONA PRODUCT GRAPHS

In this section we get the complement metric dimension of corona product graphs, which are  $G \odot P_m$ ,  $G \odot C_m$ ,  $G \odot S_m$ , and  $G \odot K_m$ .

**Corollary 2.1** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and  $P_m$  be a path, then

$$\overline{\dim}(G \odot P_m) = \begin{cases} n(m + 1) - 2 & \text{if } m = 2,3 \\ n(m + 1) - 3 & \text{if } m > 3 \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Based on Theorem 1.5,  $\overline{\dim}(G \odot P_m) = (n - 1)(m + 1) + \overline{\dim}(K_1 + P_m)$ . So, first we must get  $\overline{\dim}(K_1 + P_m)$ . Let  $V(K_1 + P_m) = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $E(K_1 + P_m) = \{v_0 v_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} | i = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ .

**Case 1.** For  $m = 2$

Select  $W = \{v_0\} \subseteq V(K_1 + P_2)$ . Then there are  $v_1, v_2 \in V(K_1 + P_2) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1|W) = r(v_2|W) = (1,1)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + P_2$ . Because  $|V(K_1 + P_2)| = 3$  and  $|W| = 1 = |V(K_1 + P_2)| - 2$  is the maximum cardinality of complement resolving set, then  $\overline{\dim}(K_1 + P_2) = 1$ .

**Case 2.** For  $m = 3$

Select  $W = \{v_1, v_3\} \subseteq V(K_1 + P_3)$ . Then there are  $v_0, v_2 \in V(K_1 + P_3) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_0|W) = r(v_2|W) = (1,1)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + P_3$ . Because  $|V(K_1 + P_3)| = 4$  and  $|W| = 2 = |V(K_1 + P_3)| - 2$  is the maximum cardinality of complement resolving set, then  $\overline{\dim}(K_1 + P_3) = 2$ .

**Case 3.** For  $m > 3$

Select  $W = \{v_0, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V(K_1 + P_m)$ . Then there are  $v_1, v_2 \in V(K_1 + P_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1|W) = r(v_2|W) = (1,2,2, \dots, 2)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + P_m$ .

Next, it will be proved that  $W$  with  $|W| = m - 2$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. Take any set  $W' \subseteq V(K_1 + P_m)$  so that  $|W'| > m - 2$ . Suppose  $|W'| = m - 1$ . Then there are two vertices outside of  $W'$ . As for the possibilities of  $W'$  are:

- i. If  $W' = V(K_1 + P_m) \setminus \{v_0, v_i\}$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  then  $r(v_0|W') \neq r(v_i|W')$  because  $d(v_0, v_{i+2}) = 1$  while  $d(v_i, v_{i+2}) = 2$
- ii. If  $W' = V(K_1 + P_m) \setminus \{v_i, v_{i+1}\}$  then  $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_{i+1}|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{i+2}) = 2$  while  $d(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}) = 1$
- iii. If  $W' = V(K_1 + P_m) \setminus \{v_1, v_i\}$  with  $i = 3, 4, \dots, m - 1$  then  $r(v_1|W') \neq r(v_i|W')$  because  $d(v_1, v_{i+1}) = 2$  while  $d(v_i, v_{i+1}) = 1$
- iv. If  $W' = V(K_1 + P_m) \setminus \{v_k, v_l\}$  with  $k, l = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1, k < l$  then  $r(v_k|W') \neq r(v_l|W')$  because  $d(v_k, v_{k-1}) = 1$  while  $d(v_l, v_{k-1}) = 2$

Based on the possibilities above, it can be concluded that  $W'$  with  $|W'| = m - 1$  is not the complement resolving set of  $K_1 + P_m$ . Therefore  $W$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. So  $\overline{\dim}(K_1 + P_m) = m - 2$

From **Case 1**, **Case 2**, and **Case 3**, we obtained  $\overline{\dim}(K_1 + P_m) = \begin{cases} m - 1 & \text{if } m = 2,3 \\ m - 2 & \text{if } m > 3 \end{cases}$  Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\dim}(G \odot P_m) &= (n - 1)(m + 1) + \begin{cases} m - 1 & \text{if } m = 2,3 \\ m - 2 & \text{if } m > 3 \end{cases} \\ &= nm + n - m - 1 + \begin{cases} m - 1 & \text{if } m = 2,3 \\ m - 2 & \text{if } m > 3 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} nm + n - 2 & \text{if } m = 2,3 \\ nm + n - 3 & \text{if } m > 3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\overline{\dim}(G \odot P_m) = \begin{cases} n(m + 1) - 2 & \text{if } m = 2,3 \\ n(m + 1) - 3 & \text{if } m > 3 \end{cases}$  ■

**Corollary 2.2** Let  $G$  is a connected graph of order  $n$  and  $C_m$  is a cycle graph, then

$$\overline{dim}(G \odot C_m) = \begin{cases} n(m+1) - 2 & \text{if } m = 3,4 \\ n(m+1) - 4 & \text{if } m > 4 \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Based on Theorem 1.5,  $\overline{dim}(G \odot C_m) = (n-1)(m+1) + \overline{dim}(K_1 + C_m)$ . So, first we determine  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + C_m)$ . Suppose  $V(K_1 + C_m) = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $E(K_1 + C_m) = \{v_0v_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \cup \{v_iv_{i+1} | i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m-1\} \cup \{v_1v_m\}$

**Case 1.** For  $m = 3$

Select  $W = \{v_0, v_1\} \subseteq V(K_1 + C_3)$ . Then there are  $v_2, v_3 \in V(K_1 + C_3) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_2|W) = r(v_3|W) = (1,1)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + C_3$ . Because  $|V(K_1 + C_3)| = 4$  and  $|W| = 2 = |V(K_1 + C_3)| - 2$  is the maximum cardinality of complement resolving set, then  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + C_3) = 2$ .

**Case 2.** For  $m = 4$

Select  $W = \{v_0, v_1, v_3\} \subseteq V(K_1 + C_4)$ . Then there are  $v_2, v_4 \in V(K_1 + C_4) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_2|W) = r(v_4|W) = (1,1,1)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + C_4$ . Because  $|V(K_1 + C_4)| = 5$  and  $|W| = 3 = |V(K_1 + C_4)| - 2$  is the maximum cardinality of complement resolving set, then  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + C_4) = 3$ .

**Case 3.** For  $m > 4$

Select  $W = \{v_0, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V(K_1 + C_m)$ . Then there are  $v_2, v_3 \in (K_1 + C_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_2|W) = r(v_3|W) = (1,2,2, \dots, 2)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + C_m$ .

Next, it will be proved that  $W$  with  $|W| = m - 3$  is complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. Take any set  $W' \subseteq V(K_1 + C_m)$  so that  $|W'| > m - 3$ . Suppose  $|W'| = m - 2$ . Then there are three vertices outside of  $W'$ . As for the possibilities of  $W'$  are:

- i. If  $W' = V(K_1 + C_m) \setminus \{v_0, v_i, v_{i+1}\}$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$  then
  - $r(v_0|W') \neq r(v_i|W')$  because  $d(v_0, v_{i+2}) = 1$  while  $d(v_i, v_{i+2}) = 2$
  - $r(v_0|W') \neq r(v_{i+1}|W')$  because  $d(v_0, v_{i+3}) = 1$  while  $d(v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}) = 2$
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_{i+1}|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{i+2}) = 2$  while  $d(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}) = 1$
- ii. If  $W' = V(K_1 + C_m) \setminus \{v_0, v_i, v_j\}$  where  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $j > i + 1$  then
  - $r(v_0|W') \neq r(v_i|W')$  because  $d(v_0, v_{i+2}) = 1$  while  $d(v_i, v_{i+2}) = 2$
  - $r(v_0|W') \neq r(v_j|W')$  because  $d(v_0, v_{j+2}) = 1$  while  $d(v_j, v_{j+2}) = 2$
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_j|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{j+1}) = 2$  while  $d(v_j, v_{j+1}) = 1$
- iii. If  $W' = V(K_1 + C_m) \setminus \{v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}\}$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m - 2$  then
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_{i+1}|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{i-1}) = 1$  while  $d(v_{i+1}, v_{i-1}) = 2$
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_{i+2}|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{i+3}) = 2$  while  $d(v_{i+2}, v_{i+3}) = 1$
  - $r(v_{i+1}|W') \neq r(v_{i+2}|W')$  because  $d(v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}) = 2$  while  $d(v_{i+2}, v_{i+3}) = 1$
- iv. If  $W' = V(K_1 + C_m) \setminus \{v_i, v_{i+1}, v_j\}$  where  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1$  and  $j > i + 2$  then
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_{i+1}|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{i-1}) = 1$  while  $d(v_{i+1}, v_{i-1}) = 2$
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_j|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{j+1}) = 2$  while  $d(v_j, v_{j+1}) = 1$
  - $r(v_{i+1}|W') \neq r(v_j|W')$  because  $d(v_{i+1}, v_{j+1}) = 2$  while  $d(v_j, v_{j+1}) = 1$
- v. If  $W' = V(K_1 + C_m) \setminus \{v_i, v_j, v_k\}$  where  $i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $j > i + 1, k > j + 1$  then
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_j|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{j+1}) = 2$  while  $d(v_j, v_{j+1}) = 1$
  - $r(v_i|W') \neq r(v_k|W')$  because  $d(v_i, v_{k+1}) = 2$  while  $d(v_k, v_{k+1}) = 1$
  - $r(v_j|W') \neq r(v_k|W')$  because  $d(v_j, v_{k+1}) = 2$  while  $d(v_k, v_{k+1}) = 1$

Based on the possibilities above, it can be concluded that  $W'$  with  $|W'| = m - 2$  is not the complement resolving set of  $K_1 + C_m$ . Therefore  $W$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. So  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + C_m) = m - 3$ .

From **Case 1**, **Case 2**, and **Case 3**, we obtained  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + C_m) = \begin{cases} m - 1 & \text{if } m = 3,4 \\ m - 3 & \text{if } m > 4 \end{cases}$  Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{dim}(G \odot C_m) &= (n-1)(m+1) + \begin{cases} m - 1 & \text{if } m = 3,4 \\ m - 3 & \text{if } m > 4 \end{cases} \\ &= nm + n - m - 1 + \begin{cases} m - 1 & \text{if } m = 3,4 \\ m - 3 & \text{if } m > 4 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} nm + n - 2 & \text{if } m = 3,4 \\ nm + n - 4 & \text{if } m > 4 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\overline{dim}(G \odot C_m) = \begin{cases} n(m+1) - 2 & \text{if } m = 3,4 \\ n(m+1) - 4 & \text{if } m > 4 \end{cases}$  ■

**Corollary 2.3** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and  $K_m$  is a complete graph, then  $\overline{dim}(G \odot K_m) = n(m + 1) - 2$

**Proof.** Based on Theorem 1.5,  $\overline{dim}(G \odot K_m) = (n - 1)(m + 1) + \overline{dim}(K_1 + K_m)$ . Therefore, first we determine  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + K_m)$ . Suppose  $V(K_1 + K_m) = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $E(K_1 + K_m) = \{v_i v_j | i, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Select  $W = \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V(K_1 + K_m)$ . Then there are  $v_0, v_1 \in V(K_1 + K_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_0 | W) = r(v_1 | W) = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + K_m$ . Because  $|V(K_1 + K_m)| = m + 1$  and  $|W| = m - 1 = |V(K_1 + K_m)| - 2$  is the maximum cardinality of complement resolving set, then  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + K_m) = m - 1$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{dim}(G \odot K_m) &= (n - 1)(m + 1) + m - 1 \\ &= nm + n - m - 1 + m - 1 \\ &= nm + n - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\overline{dim}(G \odot K_m) = n(m + 1) - 2$ . ■

**Corollary 2.4** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and  $S_m$  is a star graph, then  $\overline{dim}(G \odot S_m) = n(m + 2) - 2$

**Proof.** Based on Theorem 1.5  $\overline{dim}(G \odot S_m) = (n - 1)(m + 2) + \overline{dim}(K_1 + S_m)$ . So, first we determine  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + S_m)$ . Suppose  $V(K_1 + S_m) = \{c, v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $E(K_1 + S_m) = \{c v_i | i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m\} \cup \{v_0 v_i | i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . Select  $W = \{c, v_0, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_m\} \subseteq V(K_1 + S_m)$ . Then there are  $v_1, v_2 \in V(K_1 + S_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1 | W) = r(v_2 | W) = (1, 1, 2, 2, \dots, 2)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $K_1 + S_m$ . Because  $|V(K_1 + S_m)| = m + 2$  and  $|W| = m = |V(K_1 + S_m)| - 2$  is the maximum cardinality of complement resolving set, then  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + S_m) = m$ . Therefore

$$\overline{dim}(G \odot S_m) = (n - 1)(m + 2) + m = nm + 2n - m - 2 + m = nm + 2n - 2$$

Thus  $\overline{dim}(G \odot S_m) = n(m + 2) - 2$ . ■

### III.COMPLEMENT METRIC DIMENSION OF COMB PRODUCT GRAPH

In this section we get the complement metric dimension of comb product graphs, which are  $G \triangleleft P_m$ ,  $G \triangleleft C_m$ ,  $G \triangleleft S_m$ , and  $G \triangleleft K_m$ .

**Corollary 3.1** Let  $G$  is a connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$  and  $P_m$  is a path graph with  $m \geq 3$ , then

$$\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft P_m) = \begin{cases} (n - 1)m + 1 & \text{if the grafting vertex of } P_m \text{ is not end vertex} \\ m \overline{dim}(G) & \text{if the grafting vertex of } P_m \text{ is the end vertex} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $V(G \triangleleft P_m) = \{v_i^j | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $E(G \triangleleft P_m) = E(G) \cup \{v_i^j v_i^{j+1} | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ .

**Case 1.** If the grafting vertex of  $P_m$  is not end vertex

For example, the grafting vertex of  $P_m$  is  $v_i^k$  where  $k = 2, 3, \dots, m - 1$ . Select  $W = \{v_1^k\} \cup \{v_i^j | i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq V(G \triangleleft P_m)$ . Then there are  $v_1^{k-1}, v_1^{k+1} \in V(G \triangleleft P_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1^{k-1} | W) = r(v_1^{k+1} | W)$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft P_m$ .

Furthermore, it will be shown that  $W$  with  $|W| = (n - 1)m + 1$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. Take any set  $W' \subseteq V(G \triangleleft P_m)$  so that  $|W'| > (n - 1)m + 1$ . Suppose  $W' = W \cup \{a\}$  where  $a \in \{v_i^j | j \neq k\}$ . Then the possibilities of  $W'$ :

- i. If  $W' = W \cup \{v_1^l\}$  where  $l = 1, m$ , then for  $p, q \neq k, l$  apply  $r(v_1^p | W') \neq r(v_1^q | W')$  because  $d(v_1^p, v_1^l) \neq d(v_1^q, v_1^l)$ .
- ii. If  $W' = W \cup \{v_1^l\}$  where  $l \neq 1, k, m$ , then for  $p, q \neq k$  apply  $r(v_1^p | W') \neq r(v_1^q | W')$  because  $(d(v_1^p, v_1^k), d(v_1^p, v_1^l) \neq (d(v_1^q, v_1^k), d(v_1^q, v_1^l))$ .

Based on the possibilities above, it can be concluded that  $W$  with  $|W| > (n - 1)m + 1$  is not the complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft P_m$ . Therefore  $W$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. So,  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft P_m) = (n - 1)m + 1$  if the grafting vertex of  $P_m$  is not end vertex.

**Case 2.** If the grafting vertex of  $P_m$  is the end vertex

Let the grafting vertex of  $P_m$  is  $v_1^1$ . If  $W_G$  is basis complement of graph  $G$  and  $W_G = \{w_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, \overline{dim}(G)\}$  then  $W_G \subseteq V(G) = \{v_i^1 | i = 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and there is  $v_p^1, v_q^1 \in V(G) \setminus W_G$  such that  $r(v_p^1 | W_G) = r(v_q^1 | W_G)$ . Select  $W = W_G \cup \{v_i^1 | v_i^1 = w_i; i = 2, 3, \dots, m\} \subseteq V(G \triangleleft P_m)$ , then  $v_p^1, v_q^1 \in V(G \triangleleft P_m) \setminus W$  and  $r(v_p^1 | W) = r(v_q^1 | W)$  because  $d(v_p^1, v_i^1) = d(v_q^1, v_i^1)$  for  $v_i^1 = w_i$  and  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set in graph  $G \triangleleft P_m$ .

Furthermore, it will be proved that  $W$  where  $|W| = m \cdot \overline{dim}(G)$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. Take any set  $W' \subseteq V(G \triangleleft P_m)$  so that  $|W'| > m \cdot \overline{dim}(G)$ . Suppose  $W' = W \cup \{a\}$  with  $a \in V(G \triangleleft P_m) \setminus W$ . Then the possibilities of  $W'$ :

- i. If  $W' = W \cup \{v_i^1\}$  where  $v_i^1 \notin W_G$  then  $W'$  is not basis complement of graph  $G \triangleleft P_m$  because  $W_G$  is complement basis of  $G$  so it is not possible to have a complement resolving set in graph  $G$  which has a cardinality greater so  $W_G$ .
- ii. If  $W' = W \cup \{v_i^j\}$  with  $v_i^j \notin W_G$  and  $j = 2, 3, \dots, m$ , then  $W'$  is not basis complement of  $G \triangleleft P_m$  because  $v_i^j$  is located in one branch with  $v_i^1$  which is also not a member of the basis of graph  $G$ .

Based on these possibilities, it can be concluded that  $W'$  with  $|W'| > m \cdot \overline{dim}(G)$  is not complement resolving set of graph  $G \triangleleft P_m$ . Therefore  $W$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. So,  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft P_m) = m \cdot \overline{dim}(G)$  if the grafting vertex of  $P_m$  is the end vertex.

Based on **Case 1** and **Case 2**, we obtained

$$\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft P_m) = \begin{cases} (n-1)m + 1 & \text{if the grafting vertex of } P_m \text{ is not end vertex} \\ m \cdot \overline{dim}(G) & \text{if the grafting vertex of } P_m \text{ is the end vertex} \end{cases} \blacksquare$$

**Corollary 3.2** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$  and  $C_m$  is a cycle graph with  $m \geq 3$ , then

$$\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft C_m) = \begin{cases} (n-1)m + 1 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ (n-1)m + 2 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $V(G \triangleleft C_m) = \{v_i^j | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $E(G \triangleleft P_m) = E(G) \cup \{v_i^j v_i^{j+1} | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \cup \{v_i^1 v_i^m | i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

**Case 1.** If  $m$  is odd

Suppose the grafting vertex on  $C_m$  is  $v_i^1$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Select  $W = \{v_i^1\} \cup \{v_i^j | i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq V(G \triangleleft C_m)$ . Then there are  $v_1^m, v_1^2 \in V(G \triangleleft C_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1^m | W) = r(v_1^2 | W)$ . So,  $W$  is complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft C_m$ .

Furthermore, it will be proved that  $W$  with  $|W| = (n-1)m + 1$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. Take any set  $W' \subseteq V(G \triangleleft C_m)$  so that  $|W'| > (n-1)m + 1$ . Suppose  $W' = W \cup \{a\}$  with  $a \in \{v_i^j | j = 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $W'$  is not a complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft C_m$  because  $r(v_1^p | W') \neq r(v_1^q | W')$  for  $p, q \neq 1, j$ .

Based on the evidence, it can be concluded that  $W$  with  $|W| = (n-1)m + 1$  is not the complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft C_m$ . Therefore  $W$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. So,  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft C_m) = (n-1)m + 1$  if  $m$  is odd.

**Case 2.** If  $m$  is even

Suppose the grafting vertex on  $C_m$  is  $v_i^1$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Select  $W = \left\{v_i^1, v_i^{\frac{1}{2}m+1}\right\} \cup \{v_i^j | i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq V(G \triangleleft C_m)$ . Then there are  $v_1^m, v_1^2 \in V(G \triangleleft C_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1^m | W) = r(v_1^2 | W)$ . So,  $W$  is the complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft C_m$ .

Furthermore, it will be proved that  $W$  with  $|W| = (n-1)m + 2$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. Take any set  $W' \subseteq V(G \triangleleft C_m)$  so that  $|W'| > (n-1)m + 2$ . Suppose  $W' = W \cup \{a\}$  with  $a \in \{v_i^j | j = 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . Then  $W'$  is not a complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft C_m$  because  $r(v_1^p | W') \neq r(v_1^q | W')$  for  $p, q \neq 1, j, \frac{1}{2}m + 1$ .

Based on the evidence, it can be concluded that  $W$  with  $|W| = (n-1)m + 2$  is not the complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft C_m$ . Therefore  $W$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality. So,  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft C_m) = (n-1)m + 2$  if  $m$  is even.

Based on **Case 1** and **Case 2**, we obtained  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft C_m) = \begin{cases} (n-1)m + 1 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ (n-1)m + 2 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \end{cases} \blacksquare$

**Corollary 3.3** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and  $K_m$  is a complete graph with  $m \geq 3$ , then  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft K_m) = mn - 2$

**Proof.** Let  $V(G \triangleleft K_m) = \{v_i^j | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $E(G \triangleleft K_m) = E(G) \cup \{v_i^j v_i^k | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j, k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Suppose the grafting vertex on  $K_m$  is  $v_i^1$  with  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Select  $W = \{v_i^j | j = 1, 2, \dots, m-2\} \cup \{v_i^j | i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq V(G \triangleleft K_m)$ . Then there are  $v_1^m, v_1^{m-1} \in V(G \triangleleft K_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1^m | W) = r(v_1^{m-1} | W)$ . So,  $W$  is the complement resolving set of  $G \triangleleft K_m$ . Because  $|V(G \triangleleft K_m)| =$

$mn$  and  $|W| = mn - 2 = |V(G \triangleleft K_m)| - 2$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality, then  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft K_m) = mn - 2$ . ■

**Corollary 3.4** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$  and  $S_m$  is a star graph with  $m \geq 2$ , then  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft S_m) = n(m + 1) - 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(G \triangleleft S_m) = \{v_i^j | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$  and  $E(G \triangleleft S_m) = E(G) \cup \{v_i^0 v_i^j | i = 1, 2, \dots, n; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ . Suppose the grafting vertex on  $S_m$  is  $v_i^0$  with  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Select  $W = \{v_1^j | j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m - 2\} \cup \{v_i^j | i = 2, 3, \dots, n; j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m\} \subseteq V(G \triangleleft S_m)$ . Then there are  $v_1^m, v_1^{m-1} \in V(G \triangleleft S_m) \setminus W$  such that  $r(v_1^m | W) = r(v_1^{m-1} | W)$ . So,  $W$  is the complement resolving set of  $G \triangleright S_m$ . Because  $|V(G \triangleleft S_m)| = (m + 1)n$  and  $|W| = n(m + 1) - 2 = |V(G \triangleleft S_m)| - 2$  is the complement resolving set with maximum cardinality, then  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft S_m) = n(m + 1) - 2$ . ■

#### IV.COMMUTATIVE CHARACTERIZATION OF CORONA AND COMB PRODUCTS OF GRAPHS WITH RESPECT TO COMPLEMENT METRIC DIMENSION

In this section we get the characterization of corona and comb products of graphs with respect to complement metric dimension.

**Corollary 4.1** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs with order  $n$  and  $m$  where  $n, m \geq 2$ . Then

$$\overline{dim}(G \odot H) = \overline{dim}(H \odot G) \Leftrightarrow 2n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H) = 2m + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G)$$

**Proof.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $\overline{dim}(G \odot H) = \overline{dim}(H \odot G)$ . Based on Theorem 1.5,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{dim}(G \odot H) &= \overline{dim}(H \odot G) \\ (n - 1)(m + 1) + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H) &= (m - 1)(n + 1) + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \\ nm + n - m - 1 + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H) &= nm - n + m - 1 + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \\ n - m + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H) &= m - n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \\ 2n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H) &= 2m + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \end{aligned}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $2n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H) = 2m + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G)$ . Then  $\overline{dim}(K_1 + H) = 2m - 2n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G)$ .

Based on Theorem 1.5,  $\overline{dim}(G \odot H) = (n - 1)(m + 1) + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{dim}(G \odot H) &= (n - 1)(m + 1) + 2m - 2n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \\ &= nm + n - m - 1 + 2m - 2n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \\ &= nm - n + m - 1 + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

Based on Theorem 1.5 too,

$$\overline{dim}(H \odot G) = (m - 1)(n + 1) + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) = nm - n + m - 1 + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G) \dots (ii)$$

It can be seen that Equation (i) is equal to Equation (ii) therefore  $\overline{dim}(G \odot H) = \overline{dim}(H \odot G)$ . ■

**Corollary 4.2** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs other than path with order  $n$  and  $m$  where  $n, m \geq 3$ . Then

$$\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft H) = \overline{dim}(H \triangleleft G) \Leftrightarrow \overline{dim}(H) - m = \overline{dim}(G) - n$$

**Proof.**

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft H) = \overline{dim}(H \triangleleft G)$ . Based on Theorem 1.6,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{dim}(G \triangleleft H) &= \overline{dim}(H \triangleleft G) \\ \overline{dim}(H) + (n - 1)m &= \overline{dim}(G) + (m - 1)n \\ \overline{dim}(H) + nm - m &= \overline{dim}(G) + nm - n \\ \overline{dim}(H) - m &= \overline{dim}(G) - n \end{aligned}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $\overline{dim}(H) - m = \overline{dim}(G) - n$ . Then  $\overline{dim}(H) = \overline{dim}(G) + m - n$ . Based on Theorem 1.6,

$\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft H) = \overline{dim} H + (n - 1)m$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{dim}(G \triangleleft H) &= \overline{dim}(G) + m - n + (n - 1)m \\ &= \overline{dim}(G) + m - n + nm - m \\ &= \overline{dim}(G) - n + nm \dots (i) \end{aligned}$$

Based on Theorem 1.6 too,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{dim}(H \triangleleft G) &= \overline{dim}(G) + (m - 1)n \\ &= \overline{dim}(G) + nm - n \dots (ii) \end{aligned}$$

It can be seen that Equation (i) is equal to Equation (ii) so  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft H) = \overline{dim}(H \triangleleft G)$ . ■

### V.CONCLUSION

In this paper we obtained two results related to the commutative characterization of corona and comb products of graphs with respect to complement metric dimension which are:

- i. Commutative characterization of corona products of graphs with respect to complement metric dimension is  $\overline{dim}(G \odot H) = \overline{dim}(H \odot G) \Leftrightarrow 2n + \overline{dim}(K_1 + H) = 2m + \overline{dim}(K_1 + G)$  where  $n$  and  $m$  are the order of  $G$  and  $H$  and  $nm \geq 2$ .
- ii. Commutative characterization of comb products of graphs with respect to complement metric dimension is  $\overline{dim}(G \triangleleft H) = \overline{dim}(H \triangleleft G) \Leftrightarrow \overline{dim}(H) - m = \overline{dim}(G) - n$  where  $n$  and  $m$  are the order of  $G$  and  $H$  and  $n, m \geq 3$ .

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