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THE FAULT-TOLERANT METRIC DIMENSION OF THE KING'S GRAPH

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The concept of resolving the set within a graph is related to the optimal placement problem of access points in an indoor positioning system. A vertex w of the undirected connected graph G resolves the vertices u and v of G if the distance between vertices w and u differs from the distance between vertices w and v . A subset W of vertices of G is called a resolving set, if every two distinct vertices of G are resolved by some vertex of $w \in W$. The metric dimension of G is a minimum cardinality of its resolving set. The set of access points of the indoor positioning system corresponds to the resolving set of vertices in the graph. The minimum number of access points required to locate each of the vertices corresponds to the metric dimension of graph. A resolving set W of the graph G is fault-tolerant if $W \setminus \{w\}$ is also a resolving set of G , for each $w \in W$. The fault-tolerant metric dimension of the graph G is a minimum cardinality of the fault-tolerant resolving set. In the indoor positioning system the fault-tolerant resolving set provides correct information even when one of the access points is not working. The article describes a special case of a graph called the king's graph, or the strong product of two paths. The king's graph is a building model in some indoor positioning systems. In this article we give an upper bound for the fault-tolerant metric of the king's graph and a formula for a particular case of the king's graph. Refs 20. Figs 2.

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ОТКАЗОУСТОЙЧИВАЯ МЕТРИЧЕСКАЯ РАЗМЕРНОСТЬ ГРАФА ХОДОВ ШАХМАТНОГО КОРОЛЯ

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В некотором приближении аналогом задачи оптимального размещения точек доступа системы внутреннего позиционирования служит задача определения метрической размерности графа и построения его разрешающего множества. Пусть вершина w неориентированного связного графа G различает вершины u и v графа G , если расстояние между вершинами w и u отличается от расстояния между вершинами w и v . Подмножество W вершин графа G называется разрешающим, если для каждой пары вершин u и v графа G найдется различающая их вершина $w \in W$. Метрическая размерность графа — это минимальное число вершин в разрешающем подмножестве. Точкам доступа системы внутреннего позиционирования соответствует разрешающее множество вершин графа, а минимально необходимому числу точек доступа — метрическая размерность графа. Разрешающее множество называется отказоустойчивым, если оно остается разрешающим, даже если из него удалить любую его вершину. Отказоустойчивая метрическая размерность графа — это минимальное число вершин в отказоустойчивом разрешающем подмножестве, что в системе внутреннего позиционирования соответствует возможности определения местоположения объекта даже в случае потери информации от одной из точек доступа. Рассмотрен один частный случай графа — сильное произведение двух простых цепей, называемое иначе графом ходов шахматного короля. Установлена верхняя граница для отказоустойчивой

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Introduction. The concepts of the graph theory is used to describe the problem of navigation in the network [1] and in indoor positioning system to model the floorplan of the building. The building floorplan is modeled by the undirected connected graph $G = (V, E)$, where the vertices of the set V represent small zones, and the edges of the set E denote the possibility of moving directly between zones. A zone may consist of only one room, and big rooms may be partitioned into several zones. The distance $d(u, v)$ between vertices u and v is the minimum number of edges in the path having these two vertices as its endpoints.

In some vertices of the graph we can place the landmarks of the navigation system or access points of the indoor positioning system [2]. The set of access points of the indoor positioning system corresponds to the resolving set of vertices in graph. The minimum number of access points required to locate each of the vertices is called the metric dimension.

Formally, let $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_k\}$ be an ordered subset of vertices of graph G . The ordered k -tuple $r(v | W) = (d(v, w_1), \dots, d(v, w_k))$ is called a *representation* of the vertex v with respect to W . The subset of vertices $W \subset V$ is called a *resolving set*, if every two vertices u, v have distinct representations $r(u | W)$ and $r(v | W)$. The *metric dimension* $\beta(G)$ of the graph G is a minimum cardinality of the resolving set for G . A resolving set with the minimum number of vertices is called a *metric basis* for G .

In other words, the metric dimension of the graph G is the smallest integer m , for which subset $W \subset V$ exists, such that $|W| = m$ and for every pair of vertices $u, v \in V$ there is $w \in W$, that the distance between the vertices w and u is not equal to the distance between the vertices w and v . We also will say, that a vertex w of the graph G resolves the vertices v_1 and v_2 in G (is able to distinguish v_1 and v_2), if $d(w, v_1) \neq d(w, v_2)$.

A resolving set W of the graph G is *fault-tolerant* if $W \setminus \{w\}$ is also a resolving set of G , for each $w \in W$. The *fault-tolerant metric dimension* $\beta'(G)$ of G is a minimum cardinality of the fault-tolerant resolving set. A fault-tolerant resolving set of cardinality $\beta'(G)$ is called a *fault-tolerant metric basis* of G .

The strong product $G_1 \boxtimes G_2$ of the graphs $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (V_2, E_2)$ is the graph $G = (V, E)$, such that $V = V_1 \times V_2$ and two distinct vertices (u_1, u_2) and (v_1, v_2) are adjacent in G if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} &u_1 = v_1 \text{ and } (u_2, v_2) \in E_2, \text{ or} \\ &u_2 = v_2 \text{ and } (u_1, v_1) \in E_1, \text{ or} \\ &(u_1, v_1) \in E_1 \text{ and } (u_2, v_2) \in E_2. \end{aligned}$$

Now we denote $P_m = (I_m, J_m)$ – path graph, where m is natural number, $I_m = \{1, \dots, m\}$ and $J_m = \{(i, i+1) | i = 1, \dots, m-1\}$.

The *king's graph* with natural parameters (m, n) is a graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$, that represents all legal moves of the king chess piece on a $m \times n$ chessboard. The vertex set of the $m \times n$ king's graph is the Cartesian product $V = I_m \times I_n$. It is easy to check, that $d(v_1, v_2) = \max\{|i_1 - i_2|, |j_1 - j_2|\}$ for any two vertices $v_1 = (i_1, j_1)$ and $v_2 = (i_2, j_2)$ of graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$.

It is known that $\beta(P_n \boxtimes P_n) = 3$ [3], $\beta'(P_n \boxtimes P_n) = 4$ [4] for $n \geq 2$. The following theorem is proved in [5].

Theorem 1 [5]. For any integers n and m such that $2 \leq m < n$,

$$\beta(P_m \boxtimes P_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+m-2}{m-1} \right\rceil.$$

Figure 1 shows graph $P_3 \boxtimes P_{12}$. Vertices of metric basis are black, $\beta(P_3 \boxtimes P_{12}) = 7$.

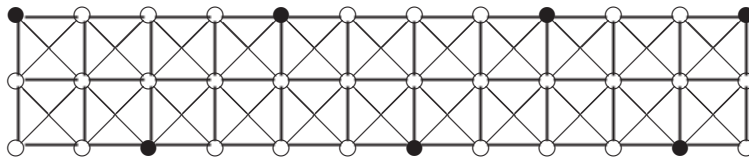


Fig. 1. Metric basis for graph $P_3 \boxtimes P_{12}$

In this paper we study the problem of finding a sharp bound for the fault-tolerant metric dimension of the king's graph and the exact value for a particular case. We assume that $n > m$ for the graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$. The case $m > n$ is considered analogously.

Related works. The problems of finding the metric dimension of a graph were introduced independently by Slater (1975) and Harary and Melter (1976) [6, 7]. Melter studied the metric dimension problem for the tree. Garey and Johnson (1979) noted that determining the metric dimension of the graph is an NP-complete problem. Khuller, Raghavachari, Rosenfeld (1996) described the application of the metric dimension problem in the field of computer science and robotics and outlined the graphs with metric dimension 1 and 2 [8]. Chartrand, Eroh, Johnson, Oellermann (2000) described the application in chemistry [9]. The strong metric dimension problem was introduced by Sebö and Tannier (2004) [10]. Fehr, Gosselin, Oellermann (2006) studied the metric dimension for different types of graphs, for example Cayley digraphs [11]. The concept of the fault-tolerant metric dimension was introduced by Hernando, Mora, Slater, Wood (2008) [12]. Okamoto, Phinezy, Zhang (2010) introduced the concept of local metric dimension [13]. The metric dimension of the random graph was considered by Bollobas, Mitsche, Pralat (2012) [14]. The formulas for metric dimension of many graph classes were studied [15–17]. Zejnilović, Mitsche, Gomes and Sinopoli (2016) extended the metric dimension to the graphs with missing edges [18].

The main results. We present the main result in the form of two theorems.

The first theorem gives the upper bounds for the fault-tolerant metric dimension of the king's graph.

Theorem 2. For any integers n and m , such that $2 \leq m < n$, the following assertion hold. If $(m-1)$ is a divisor of $(n-2)$, then

$$\beta'(P_m \boxtimes P_n) \leq 2 \frac{n-2}{m-1} + 3,$$

otherwise

$$\beta'(P_m \boxtimes P_n) \leq 2 \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{m-1} \right\rceil + 2.$$

There is a formula for the fault-tolerant metric dimension for a particular case of king's graph in second theorem.

Theorem 3. For any integers n and m , such that m is even, $m \geq 2$, $n \geq 2m-1$ and $(m-1)$ is a divisor of $(n-1)$,

$$\beta'(P_m \boxtimes P_n) = 2 \frac{n-1}{m-1} + 2.$$

First we introduce some definitions and prove some lemmas.

For the integers m, n, j , such that $2 \leq m < n$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, V_j denotes the vertex subset of graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$, where $V_j = \{(i, j) \mid i = 1, \dots, m\}$. We introduce the notation

$$V_{j_1, j_2} = \bigcup_{j=j_1}^{j_2} V_j.$$

Lemma 1. *Let $2 \leq m < n$ be integers. Let W be a resolving set of graph $G = P_m \boxtimes P_n$. If $v_1 = (i_1, j')$, $v_2 = (i_2, j')$ are vertices of G and $w = (i, j) \in W$, such that $|j - j'| \geq m - 1$, then vertex w does not resolve the vertices v_1 and v_2 .*

Proof. Since $|i - i'| \leq m - 1$ for all $i' = 1, \dots, m$, then

$$d(w, v_1) = d(w, v_2) = |j - j'|.$$

Hence, then vertex w does not resolve the vertices v_1 and v_2 . Lemma is proved.

Lemma 2. *Let $2 \leq m < n$ be integers. Let W be a resolving set of graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$. Then for any $j' \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ there exists vertex $w = (i, j) \in W$, such that $|j - j'| < m - 1$.*

Proof. Suppose, for the contrary, that exists $j' \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, such that for all $w = (i, j) \in W$ we have $|j - j'| \geq m - 1$. We now take any distinct $i_1, i_2 \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. According to the Lemma 1, no vertex $w \in W$ resolve the vertices $v_1 = (i_1, j')$ and $v_2 = (i_2, j')$. This contradiction proves the lemma.

Lemma 3. *Let $2 \leq m < n$ be integers and let W be a resolving set of graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$. Let $j' \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. If there exists only one vertex $w = (i, j) \in W$, such that $|j - j'| < m - 1$, then $j = j'$.*

Proof. Suppose, for the contrary, that exists $j' \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, that there exists only one vertex $w = (i, j) \in W$, such that $|j - j'| < m - 1$, but $j \neq j'$.

Let $i_1 = i$. If $i < m$, then let $i_2 = i + 1$. If $i = m$, then let $i_2 = i - 1$. Let $v_1 = (i_1, j')$, $v_2 = (i_2, j')$. Then $d(w, v_1) = |j - j'|$, $d(w, v_2) = |j - j'|$, hence $d(w, v_1) = d(w, v_2)$ and vertex $w \in W$ does not resolve the vertices v_1 and v_2 . In addition, according to the Lemma 1, no vertex in $W \setminus \{w\}$ that distinguish vertices v_1 and v_2 .

This contradiction proves the lemma.

Lemmas 2 and 3 lead to the next results.

Corollary 1. *Let $2 \leq m < n$ be integers and let W be a resolving set of graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$. Then for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ there exists $w \in W$, such that $w \in V_j$ or exist two distinct vertices $(i_1, j_1) \in W$ and $(i_2, j_2) \in W$, that $|j - j_1| < m - 1$ and $|j - j_2| < m - 1$.*

Corollary 2. *Let $2 \leq m < n$ be integers and let W be a fault-tolerant resolving set of graph $P_m \boxtimes P_n$. Then for all $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ there exist two distinct vertices $w_1, w_2 \in W$, such that $w_1, w_2 \in V_j$ or exist three distinct vertices $(i_1, j_1) \in W$, $(i_2, j_2) \in W$ and $(i_3, j_3) \in W$, that $|j - j_1| < m - 1$, $|j - j_2| < m - 1$ and $|j - j_3| < m - 1$.*

Lemma 4 [19]. *A resolving set W of a graph G is fault-tolerant if and only if every pair of vertices in G is resolved by at least two elements of W .*

Lemma 5. *Let $G = P_m \boxtimes P_n$, where m is even, $n \geq m \geq 2$. Let W be a fault-tolerant resolving set of G . Then for all $j \in \{0, \dots, n - m + 1\}$,*

$$\left| V_{j+1, j+m-1} \cap W \right| \geq 2.$$

Proof. Let $j \in \{0, \dots, n - m + 1\}$, $V' = V_{j+1, j+m-1}$, $v_1 = (\frac{m}{2}, j + \frac{m}{2})$, $v_2 = (\frac{m}{2} + 1, j + \frac{m}{2})$. In this case $v_1, v_2 \in V'$. Let V be the vertex set of graph G .

By Lemma 4 for the vertices v_1, v_2 there exist $w_1, w_2 \in W$, $w_1 \neq w_2$, such that $d(w_1, v_1) \neq d(w_1, v_2)$ and $d(w_2, v_1) \neq d(w_2, v_2)$.

Consider a vertex $w = (i, k) \in V \setminus V'$. Since $|i - \frac{m}{2}| \leq \frac{m}{2}$, $|i - \frac{m}{2} - 1| \leq \frac{m}{2}$ and $|k - j - \frac{m}{2}| \geq \frac{m}{2}$ we have $d(w, v_1) = |k - j - \frac{m}{2}|$ and $d(w, v_2) = |k - j - \frac{m}{2}|$. Hence $d(w, v_1) = d(w, v_2)$ and no vertex in $V \setminus V'$ is able to distinguish v_1 and v_2 .

Thus $w_1, w_2 \in V' \cap W$. Therefore, the proof is complete.

Lemma 6. *Let $G = P_m \boxtimes P_n$, where $m \geq 2$ and $n \geq 2$. Let W be a fault-tolerant resolving set of G and let $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. If exist distinct vertices $w_1, w_2 \in W$, that $W = \{w_1, w_2\}$ or $d(w, v_1) = d(w, v_2)$ for any $w \in W \setminus \{w_1, w_2\}$ and for each pair of distinct vertices $v_1, v_2 \in V_j$, then $w_1, w_2 \in V_j$.*

Proof. Let G, j, w_1 and w_2 be as in the hypotheses. Let V be the vertex set of graph G . By Lemma 4 for every pair of vertices $v_1, v_2 \in V_j$ there are at least two vertices of W , which are able to distinguish v_1 and v_2 . Hence, we have that $d(w_1, v_1) \neq d(w_1, v_2)$ and $d(w_2, v_1) \neq d(w_2, v_2)$ for all different $v_1, v_2 \in V$.

We will show that $w_1 \in V_j$. Suppose, for the contrary, that $w_1 = (i, j_1)$ and $j_1 \neq j$. If $i = 1$, then w_1 is not able to distinguish $v_1 = (1, j) \in V_j$ and $v_2 = (2, j) \in V_j$. If $i > 1$, then w_1 is not able to distinguish $v_1 = (i, j) \in V_j$ and $v_2 = (i - 1, j) \in V_j$. In both cases we have $d(w_1, v_1) = d(w_1, v_2) = |j_1 - j|$ and we get a contradiction.

The proof that $w_2 \in V_j$ is deduced analogously.

Lemma is proved.

Lemma 7. *Let $G = P_m \boxtimes P_n$, where $m \geq 2$ and $n \geq 2m - 3$. Let W be a fault-tolerant resolving set of G and let $\tilde{V}_j = V_{\max\{1, j-m+2\}, \min\{n, j+m-2\}}$, where $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. If*

$$|\tilde{V}_j \cap W| = 2,$$

then $\tilde{V}_j \cap W \subset V_j$.

Proof. Let $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and let $\{w_1, w_2\} = \tilde{V}_j \cap W$. Let V be the vertex set of graph G . We differentiate two cases for $V \setminus \tilde{V}_j$.

Case 1: $V \setminus \tilde{V}_j \neq \emptyset$. Consider a vertex $w = (i, k) \in V \setminus \tilde{V}_j$ and any different vertices $v_1 = (i_1, j) \in V_j, v_2 = (i_2, j) \in V_j$. Since $|i - i_1| \leq m - 1, |i - i_2| \leq m - 1$ and $|k - j| \geq m - 1$ we have $d(w, v_1) = |k - j|$ and $d(w, v_2) = |k - j|$. Hence $d(w, v_1) = d(w, v_2)$ and no vertex in $V \setminus \tilde{V}_j$ is able to distinguish v_1 and v_2 . Thus no vertex in $W \setminus \{w_1, w_2\}$ is able to distinguish any two different vertices $u, v \in V_j$. Therefore, by Lemma 6 $w_1, w_2 \in V_j$.

Case 2: $V \setminus \tilde{V}_j = \emptyset$. In this case we have $W = \{w_1, w_2\}$, by Lemma 6 $w_1, w_2 \in V_j$ and we conclude the proof.

Lemma 8. *Let $G = P_m \boxtimes P_n$, where $m \geq 2$ and $n \geq m$. Let W be a fault-tolerant resolving set of G . Then*

$$|V_{n-m+1, n} \cap W| \geq 3.$$

Proof. By Corollary 2 we have $|V_n \cap W| \geq 2$ or $|V_{n-m+2, n} \cap W| \geq 3$ and, additionally, $|V_{n-1} \cap W| \geq 2$ or $|V_{n-m+1, n} \cap W| \geq 3$. Anyway we get $|V_{n-m+1, n} \cap W| \geq 3$. The lemma is proved.

Now we present the proof of the Theorem 2.

Proof. Let $2 \leq m < n$ be integers and let $G = P_m \boxtimes P_n$. In paper [20] is shown, how construct a resolving set W (a metric generator) for graph G , such that

$$|W| = k = \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{m-1} \right\rceil + 1.$$

We use that construction and consider two cases.

Case 1: $(m - 1)$ is a divisor of $(n - 2)$. Let

$$w_{1t} = \begin{cases} (1, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ (m, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$t = 1, \dots, k,$$

$$w_{2t} = \begin{cases} (m, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ (1, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$t = 1, \dots, k - 1,$$

$$w_{2k} = \begin{cases} (1, n), & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \\ (m, n), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$w_{3t} = \begin{cases} (1, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ (m, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$t = 1, \dots, k - 1,$$

$$w_{3k} = \begin{cases} (1, n - 1), & \text{if } k \text{ is odd,} \\ (m, n - 1), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For $i = 1, \dots, 3$ let

$$W_i = \{w_{it} \mid t = 1, \dots, k\}.$$

W_1 is resolving sets of G [20]. Analogously we can show that W_2, W_3 are resolving sets of G .

Let $U = \{w_{1k-1}, w_{1k}, w_{3k}\}$. It is obviously, that $w_{1k-1} = w_{3k-1}$, $w_{1k} = w_{2k}$, $w_{3k} = w_{2k-1}$, $W_1 \setminus U = W_3 \setminus U$, $(W_1 \setminus U) \cap (W_2 \setminus U) = \emptyset$. Let $W = W_1 \cup W_2 \cup W_3$. We differentiate five cases. If $w \in W_1 \setminus U$, then $W_2 \subset W \setminus \{w\}$. If $w \in W_2 \setminus U$, then $W_1 \subset W \setminus \{w\}$. If $w = w_{1k-1}$, then $W_2 \subset W \setminus \{w\}$. If $w = w_{1k}$, then $W_3 \subset W \setminus \{w\}$. If $w = w_{3k}$, then $W_1 \subset W \setminus \{w\}$. We can point out that, in any case, $W \setminus \{w\}$ is resolving sets of G . Thus W is a fault-tolerant resolving set.

Case 2: $(m - 1)$ is not a divisor of $(n - 2)$. Let

$$w_{1t} = \begin{cases} (1, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ (m, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$w_{2t} = \begin{cases} (m, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{if } t \text{ is odd,} \\ (1, \min\{n, (t - 1)(m - 1) + 1\}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$t = 1, \dots, k.$$

For $i = 1, 2$ let

$$W_i = \{w_{it} \mid t = 1, \dots, k\}.$$

W_1, W_2 are resolving sets of G [20].

It is obviously, that $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$. Let $W = W_1 \cup W_2$. We differentiate two cases for $w \in W$. If $w \in W_1$, then $W_2 \subset W \setminus \{w\}$, if $w \in W_2$, then $W_1 \subset W \setminus \{w\}$. We can point out that, in any case, $W \setminus \{w\}$ is resolving sets of G . Thus W is a fault-tolerant resolving set.

This proves the theorem.

Now we present the proof of the Theorem 3.

Proof. Let n and m be integers, such that m is even, $m \geq 2$, $n \geq 2m - 1$ and $(m - 1)$ is a divisor of $(n - 1)$. Let W be a fault-tolerant metric basis of $P_m \boxtimes P_n$, and let V be the vertex set of $P_m \boxtimes P_n$.

We denote $k = \frac{n-m}{m-1}$. By Lemma 5 we have for all $t \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$

$$\left| V_{t(m-1)+1, (t+1)(m-1)} \cap W \right| \geq 2.$$

By Lemma 8 we have

$$\left| V_{n-m+1, n} \cap W \right| \geq 3.$$

We consider two cases.

Case 1. If there exists $t \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$ such that

$$\left| V_{t(m-1)+1, (t+1)(m-1)} \cap W \right| \geq 3,$$

since V is the union of sets, that are disjoint,

$$V = \bigcup_{t=0}^{k-1} V_{t(m-1)+1, (t+1)(m-1)} \cup V_{n-m+1, n},$$

then

$$|W| \geq 2(k-1) + 3 + 3 = 2k + 4.$$

Case 2. We assume, that for all $t \in \{0, \dots, k-1\}$,

$$\left| V_{t(m-1)+1, (t+1)(m-1)} \cap W \right| = 2. \tag{1}$$

We first consider that $t = 0$:

$$\left| V_{1, m-1} \cap W \right| = 2.$$

Then Lemma 7 leads to $V_{1, m-1} \cap W \subset V_1$, in particular

$$\left| V_1 \cap W \right| = 2. \tag{2}$$

We now take $t = 1$ in (1) and we get

$$\left| V_{m, 2(m-1)} \cap W \right| = 2.$$

Since $V_{2, m-1} \cap W = \emptyset$ we can notice, that

$$\left| V_{2, 2(m-1)} \cap W \right| = 2.$$

Then Lemma 7 leads to $V_{2, 2(m-1)} \cap W \subset V_m$, in particular

$$\left| V_{2, m} \cap W \right| = 2. \tag{3}$$

Further it is analogically proved by mathematical induction, that

$$\left| V_{t(m-1)+2, (t+1)(m-1)+1} \cap W \right| = 2 \tag{4}$$

for all $t = 1, \dots, k-2$.

By Lemma 5 we have

$$\left| V_{(k-1)(m-1)+2, k(m-1)+1} \cap W \right| \geq 2 \quad (5)$$

and

$$\left| V_{k(m-1)+2, n} \cap W \right| \geq 2. \quad (6)$$

Since V is the union of sets, that are disjoint,

$$V = \bigcup_{t=0}^k V_{t(m-1)+2, (t+1)(m-1)+1} \cup V_1,$$

and taking into account the above (2)–(6), we deduce

$$|W| \geq 2k + 4.$$

According to the two cases above we have

$$\beta'(P_m \boxtimes P_n) = |W| \geq 2k + 4 = 2 \frac{n-1}{m-1} + 2.$$

By Theorem 2 we have $\beta'(P_m \boxtimes P_n) \leq 2 \frac{n-1}{m-1} + 2$. Hence

$$\beta'(P_m \boxtimes P_n) = 2 \frac{n-1}{m-1} + 2.$$

This proves the theorem.

Figure 2 shows graph $P_3 \boxtimes P_{11}$. Vertices of the fault-tolerant metric basis are black, $\beta'(P_3 \boxtimes P_{11}) = 12$.

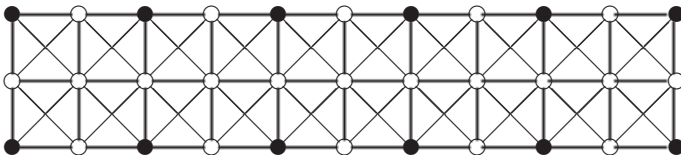


Fig 2. The fault-tolerant metric basis for graph $P_3 \boxtimes P_{11}$

Conclusion. Theorem 3 leads to the following inference. The fault-tolerant metric basis for a particular case of the king's graph contains two times more vertices than the metric basis does. Our conjecture consists of the statement that the upper bound for the fault-tolerant metric dimension of the king's graph from Theorem 2 is an exact value.

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