



## FURTHER RESULTS ON PSEUDO-D-ACHROMATIC NUMBER OF GRAPHS

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### ABSTRACT

*By extending the notion of pseudo-achromatic number in the context of  $(k, d)$  coloring and introducing the concept of pseudo-d-achromatic number  $\psi_s^d(G)$  of a graph  $G$ . In this paper, I discuss further results on this new coloring in terms of partition graphs, the effect on the pseudo-d-achromatic number of removing points or lines, the exact values for the cycles, complete  $m$ -partite graphs and the bounds for the pseudo-d-achromatic numbers in terms of other parameters and the construction of  $k$ -edge  $d$ -critical graphs.*

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### **1.Introduction:**

Let  $G$  be a simple graph. A coloring  $\zeta: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$  is called pseudo complete if each pair of different colors appears in an edge. The pseudo achromatic number  $\psi_s^d(G)$  is the maximum  $k$  for which there exists a pseudo complete coloring of  $G$ . If the coloring is required to be proper (that is, each chromatic class is independent) then such a maximum is known as the achromatic number of  $G$  denoted by  $\psi(G)$ . The chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  is the minimum number

of colors required for the vertex coloring of  $G$ . A chromatic coloring that used  $\chi(G)$ -colors is a complete coloring. Hence,  $\chi(G) \leq \psi(G) \leq \psi_s(G) - [1]$ .

Vince [6] introduced the concept of starchromatic number which is the natural generalization of chromatic number. Let  $k, d$  be positive integers with  $k \geq 2d$ . Let  $Z_k = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$  is the set of integer modulo  $k$  and  $D_k(x, y) = \min\{|x - y|, k - |x - y|\}$ . A  $(k, d)$ -coloring of a graph  $G$  is a mapping  $C: V \rightarrow Z_k$  such that  $D_k(C(u), C(v)) \geq d$  for each edge  $uv \in E$ . If  $|V(G)| = n$  and  $G$  has a  $(k, d)$ -coloring, then the star chromatic number  $\chi^*(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is defined by  $\chi^*(G) = \min\{k / G \text{ has a } (k, d)\text{-coloring and } 2d \leq k \leq n\}$ . The concept of  $d$ -achromatic number  $\psi^d(G)$  and pseudo  $d$ -achromatic number  $\psi_s^d(G)$  was introduced in [4] in the context of  $(k, d)$ -coloring of  $G$ . A pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of using  $k$  colors is a mapping  $\varphi: V(G) \rightarrow Z_k$  such that for any two elements  $i, j \in Z_k$  with  $D_k(i, j) \geq d$  there exists adjacent vertices  $u, v$  such that  $\varphi(u) = i$  and  $\varphi(v) = j$ . The pseudo achromatic number  $\psi_s^d(G)$  is the maximum value of  $k$  for which there exists a pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . A graph having a pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring using  $k$  colors is called a  $k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -colorable graph. If the complete  $d$ -coloring required to be proper, then such a maximum is known as  $d$ -achromatic number denoted by  $\psi^d(G)$ . Also we have  $\chi^d(G) \leq \psi^d(G) \leq \psi_s^d(G)$  where  $\chi^d(G)$  is the minimum number of colors required for proper complete  $d$ -coloring. In this paper, I found the exact values of this number  $\psi_s^d(G)$  for a variety of family of graphs and defined this pseudo  $d$ -chromatic number in terms of partition graphs and investigate further results about the effect of removing points and lines on this number and upper bounds for this pseudo  $d$ -chromatic number.

The following results are proved in [4]

**Proposition 1.1[4]:** Let  $G$  be a  $k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -colorable graph. Then  $|V(G)| \geq k \left\lceil \frac{k-2d+1}{\Delta} \right\rceil$

**Corollary 1.2[4]:** For any graph, with maximum degree  $\Delta$ ,  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq \max\{k/k \left\lceil \frac{k-2d+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq |V(G)|\}$

**Remark 1.3[4]:** Let  $k$  and  $d$  be positive integer with  $k \geq 2d$ . Consider the graph  $G_k^d = (V, E)$  where  $V = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$  and  $E(G) = \{(i, j) / D_k(i, j) \geq d\}$ . Clearly  $G_k^d$  is  $(k - 2d + 1)$  regular and  $G_k^d$  is  $k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -colorable graph and size of the graph is  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$ .

**Proposition 1.4[4]:** Let  $k$  and  $d$  be positive integers with  $k \geq 2d$ . Let  $n(k, d)$  denote the integer  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$  or  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2} + \frac{k}{2}$  according as  $k$  is odd or even. Then the cycle on  $n(k, d)$  vertices is  $k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -colorable.

**Proposition 1.5[4]:** Let  $k$  and  $d$  be positive integers with  $k \geq 2d$ .

$$\text{Let } n(k, d) = \begin{cases} \frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2} + 1 & \text{if } k \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2} + \frac{k}{2} & \text{if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Then any path on  $n(k, d)$  vertices is  $k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -colorable.

## 2. Main results:

**Theorem 1.1:** Let  $n$  and  $d$  be positive integers with  $n > d$ , then  $\psi_s^d(K_{n,n}) = n + d$  where  $K_{n,n}$  is a complete bipartite graph.

**Proof:** Let  $X = \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and  $Y = \{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be a bipartition of  $K_{n,n}$ . Consider the function  $f: V(K_{n,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \dots, n + d\}$  defined by  $f(x_i) = i$  and  $f(y_i) = i + d, 1 \leq i \leq n$  gives a  $(n + d)$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $G$  so that  $\psi_s^d(K_{n,n}) \geq n + d$  (1)

By Corollary 1.2, we have  $\psi_s^d(K_{n,n}) \leq \max\{n + d / \left\lceil \frac{n-d+1}{n} \right\rceil (n + d) \leq V(K_{n,n})\}$  so that

$$\psi_s^d(K_{n,n}) \leq n + d \quad (2)$$

Hence by (1) and (2)  $\psi_s^d(K_{n,n}) = n + d$ .

**Remark 1.2:** If a graph  $G$  admits a  $k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring then for any pair of colors  $i, j \in Z_k$  with  $D_k(i, j) \geq d$ , there exists at least one edge whose end vertices receive the colors  $i$  and  $j$ . Hence  $|E(G)| \geq \frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$ .

**Theorem 1.3:** The Jelly fish graph  $J(m, n)$  is a 5-pseudo complete 2-colorable graph and  $\psi_s^2(J_{m,n}) = 5$ .

**Proof:** The graph  $J_{m,n}$  is defined as follows:

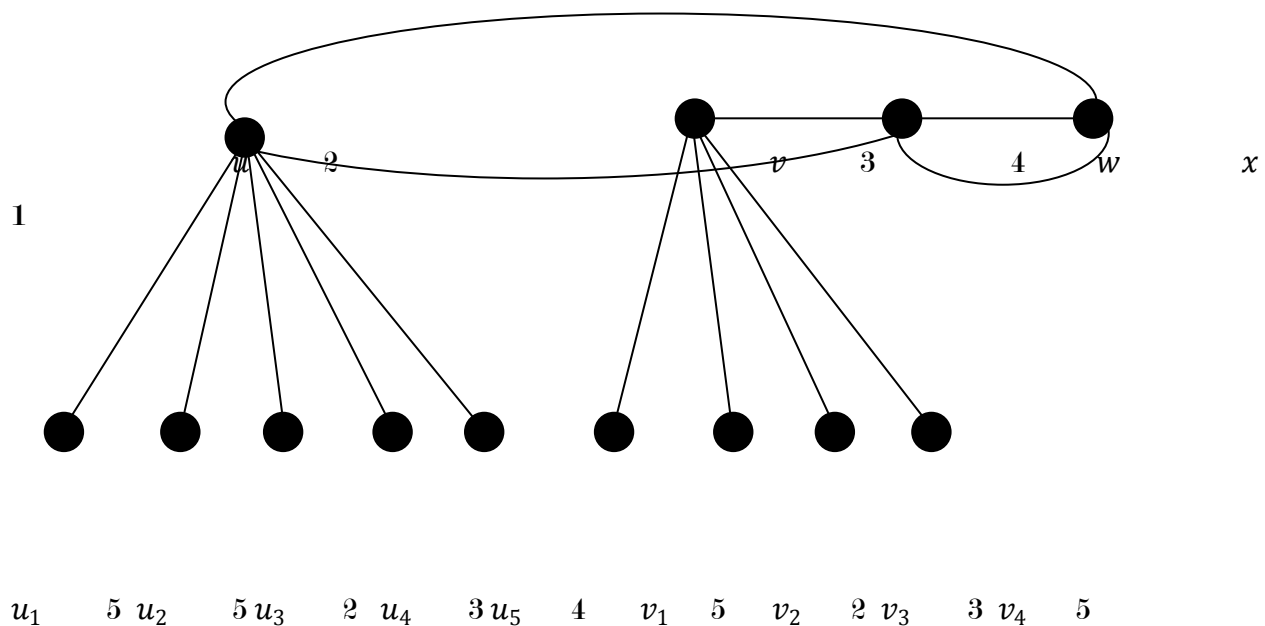
$$V(J_{m,n}) = \{u, v, w, x\} \cup \{u_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \text{ and}$$

$$E(J_{m,n}) = \{(u, u_i) / 1 \leq i \leq m\} \cup \{(v, v_j) / 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{(u, w), (u, x), (w, v), (w, x), (x, v)\}$$

Define  $C: V(J_{m,n}) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  as follows:

$C(u) = 2, C(w) = 4, C(x) = 1, C(v) = 3, C(u_1) = 5, C(v_1) = 5$  and assign for the rest of the vertices any of these five colors. Then  $C$  is 5-pseudo complete 2-coloring of  $J_{m,n}$  and hence  $\psi_s^2(J_{m,n}) = 5$ . Claim:  $\psi_s^2(J_{m,n}) \leq 5$ . Suppose  $\psi_s^2(J_{m,n}) = 6$  under some optimal pseudo achromatic d-coloring obviously it will assign distinct colors to the higher degree vertices. Therefore the colors of  $u, v, w, x$  must be distinct. Now the 6<sup>th</sup> color must appear on the pendent vertices of  $J_{m,n}$ . Since  $x$  and  $w$  are not adjacent to the pendent vertices there exists atleast one color pair with distance  $d$  having no edge between them in  $J_{m,n}$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\psi_s^2(J_{m,n}) \leq 5$ . Therefore  $\psi_s^2(J_{m,n}) = 5$ .

The figure below shows the 5-pseudo complete 2-coloring of the Jelly fish graph  $J_{5,4}$



**Figure (1)**

**Theorem 1.4:** Let  $G$  be any graph. Then the 1 crown graph  $G \circ K_{1,1}$  obtained from  $G$  by identifying the central vertex of  $K_{1,1}$  with each vertex of  $G$ . Then  $\psi_s^d(G \circ K_{1,1}) = \psi + 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(G) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$ . Let  $V(G \odot K_{1,1}) = V(G) \cup \{u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_p\}$  and  $E(G \odot K_{1,1}) = E(G) \cup \{(u_i, u'_i) / 1 \leq i \leq p\}$ . Let  $f$  be any pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $G \odot K_{1,1}$ . Let  $f(V(G \odot K_{1,1})) = f(V(G)) = \{1, 2, \dots, \psi\}$  and let the set of vertices in  $\{u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_p\}$  which are adjacent to the vertices of  $G$  receiving colors  $1, 2, \dots, d-1$  assigned colors  $\psi - (d - 1) + i$  where  $1 \leq i \leq d - 1$  and the remaining vertices of  $\{u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_p\}$  assigned the color  $\psi + 1$  under  $f$ . Then  $f$  is a  $\psi + 1$  -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $G \odot K_{1,1}$  and hence  $\psi_s^d(G \odot K_{1,1}) \geq \psi + 1$ . We claim  $\psi_s^d(G \odot K_{1,1}) = \psi + 1$ . Suppose  $f$  uses  $\psi + 2$  colors then  $(\psi + 2)^{th}$  color has to be adjacent with the  $\psi$  colors of  $G$  and the set of vertices  $u'_i$  receiving the  $(\psi + 1)^{th}$  color with the distance  $d$ . Suppose  $f$  has a few redundant vertices where one of the  $\psi$ -colors is used. We can recolor any such vertex with the  $(\psi + 2)^{th}$  color. But as the maximum number of colors used in a pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $G$  is  $\psi$ ,  $(\psi + 2)^{th}$  color must have non adjacency with some of the  $\psi$ -colors of  $G$ . Those colors cannot be assigned to the vertices  $u'_i$  and hence results in at least one pair of colors in which  $(\psi + 2)^{th}$  color is present with no edge between them, a contradiction. Therefore  $|f| \leq \psi + 1$  and hence  $\psi_s^d(G \odot K_{1,1}) = \psi + 1$ .

**Theorem 1.5:** Let  $k$  and  $d$  be positive integers with  $k \geq 2d$ . Let  $C_n$  be the cycle on  $n$  vertices. Then  $\psi_s^d(C_n) = 2k - 1, 2k$  or  $2k + 1$  according as  $:(k - d)(2k - 1) \leq n \leq k(2k - 2d + 1) + k - 1$  or  $k(2k - 2d + 1) + k \leq n \leq (k - d + 1)(2k + 1) - 1$  or  $(k - d + 1)(2k + 1) \leq n \leq (k - d + 2)(2k + 1) - 1$ .

**Proof:** First observe that, for any  $n, d$  there is a unique  $k$  such that  $(k - d)(2k - 1) \leq n \leq (k - d + 2)(2k + 1) - 1$ . If  $\psi_s^d(C_n) = \psi$ , then  $C_n$  contains at least  $\frac{\psi(\psi - 2d + 1)}{2}$  edges and hence  $\frac{\psi(\psi - 2d + 1)}{2} \leq n$ . Therefore  $\psi_s^d(C_n) \leq 2k$  if  $(k - d)(2k - 1) \leq n \leq (k - d + 1)(2k + 1) - 1$  and  $2k + 1$  if  $(k - d + 1)(2k + 1) \leq n \leq (k - d + 2)(2k + 1) - 1$

**Case (i):**  $(k - d)(2k - 1) \leq n \leq k(2k - 2d + 1) + k - 1$

Clearly  $\psi_s^d(C_n) \leq 2k$  suppose  $\psi_s^d(C_n) = 2k$ . Let  $f$  be any  $2k$  -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $C_n$  with color classes  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{2k}$  where for  $1 \leq i \leq 2k, V_i$  be the set of vertices, receiving color  $c_i$ . Obtain a new graph  $G^*$  with vertex set  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k}$ . The edge set  $E(G^*)$  is obtained by introducing  $S_{ij}$  edges joining  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  where  $S_{ij} = \left\lfloor \frac{|V_i| |V_j|}{d} \right\rfloor$  with  $D_k(i, j) \geq d$  is the number of edges of  $C_n$  having one end in  $V_i$  and other end in  $V_j$ . As  $f$  is  $2k$  -pseudo  $d$ -complete,  $S_{ij} \geq 1$  for

each  $i \neq j$ . Clearly  $G^*$  is Eulerian and an Euler Tour of  $G^*$  can be obtained by traversing in the order of the vertices of  $C_n$  also  $f$  is  $2k - d$ -pseudo  $d$ -complete, the underlying graph of  $G^*$  is  $G_{2k}^d$ . To obtain an Eulerian super graph of the odd, regular graph  $G_{2k}^d$  we have to add at least  $k$  new edges. Hence  $n \geq k(2k - 2d + 1) + k$ , a contradiction. Hence  $\psi_s^d(C_n) \leq 2k - 1$ . To obtain equality, we have to obtain a  $(2k - 1)$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring for  $C_n$ . For this consider  $G_{2k-1}^d$  and label its vertices by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2k-1}$ . Let  $T$  be any euler tour of  $G_{2k-1}^d$ . If the  $i^{th}$  edge of  $T$  is say  $v_k v_l$  then color the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $C_{(k-d)(2k-1)}$  by  $c_l$ . This yields a  $(2k - 1)$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $C_{(k-d)(2k-1)}$  with  $(2k - 1)$ -colors. Now this coloring of  $C_{(k-d)(2k-1)}$  can be extended to  $(2k - 1)$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring of  $C_n$  by subdividing an edge  $e = (u, v)$  of  $C_{(k-d)(2k-1)}$ ,  $n - C_{(k-d)(2k-1)}$  times and assigning to each new vertex either the color of  $u$  or the color of  $v$ . Hence  $\psi_s^d(C_n) = 2k - 1$ .

**Case 2:**  $k(2k - 2d + 1) + k \leq n \leq (k - d + 1)(2k + 1) - 1$

Once again  $\psi_s^d(C_n) \leq 2k$ . To establish the equality, consider a perfect matching  $F$  of  $G_{2k}^d$  and obtain a new graph  $G_{2k}^{d*}$  from  $G_{2k}^d$  by duplicating the edges of  $F$ . Clearly  $G_{2k}^{d*}$  is  $(2k - 2d + 2)$ -regular and hence it is eulerian. Let  $T$  be the euler tour of  $G_{2k}^{d*}$ . As in case (i),  $T$  gives  $2k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring for the cycle  $C_{k(2k-2d+1)+k}$ . Using the subdivision method as in case (i), we can obtain a  $2k$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -coloring for  $C_n$ .

**Case (iii)**  $(k - d + 1)(2k + 1) \leq n \leq (k - d + 1)(2k + 1) - 1$

Here consider the graph  $G_{2k+1}^d$  and its Euler tour  $T$  and proceed as in case (i).

The figure (2) below shows  $G_6^{2*}$  from  $G_6^2$  by duplicating the edges (1,4), (2,5), (3,6) which  $2k - 2d + 2 = 4$ -regular.

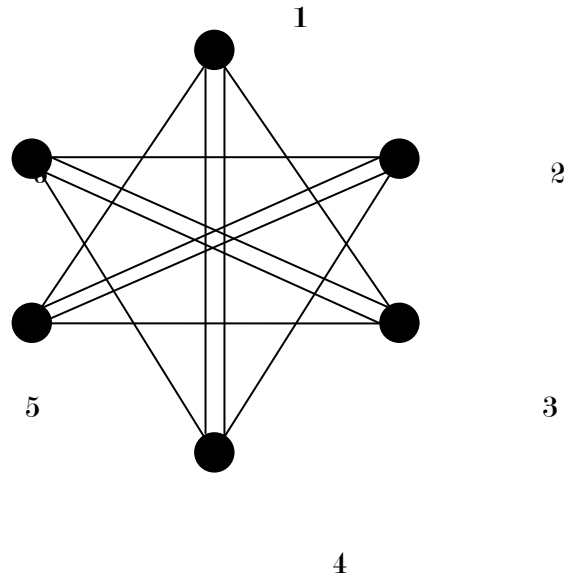


Figure (2)

**Corollary 1.6:** Let  $P_n$  be the path of length  $n - 1$ . Then  $\psi_s^d(P_n) = 2k - 1, 2k$  or  $2k + 1$  according as  $(k - d)(2k - 1) \leq n \leq k(2k - 2d + 1) - 1, k(2k - 2d + 1) \leq n \leq (k - d + 1)(2k + 1) - 1$  or  $(k - d + 1)(2k + 1) \leq n \leq (k - d + 2)(2k + 1) - 1$ . This can be proved on similar lines as in theorem 1.5.

**Theorem 1.7:** Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m, d$  be positive integers, where  $m \geq 3, n_1 \leq n_2 \leq \dots \leq n_m$  and  $n + (m - 1)d + 1 \geq 4d$ . Also let  $n_m \leq \frac{n - (m - 1)d + 1}{2} + 1$  where  $n = \sum n_i$ . Then  $K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m}$  is  $\left\lfloor \frac{n + (m - 1)d + 1}{2} \right\rfloor$ -pseudo complete  $d$ -colorable graph and  $\psi_s^d(K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m}) = \left\lfloor \frac{n + (m - 1)d + 1}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V_i = \{v_{ij} / 1 \leq j \leq n_i\}$  denote  $i^{th}$  partite set of  $K^* = K_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m}$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , color  $v_{i1}$  by  $c_{(i-1)d+1}$ . Now arrange the remaining vertices  $V' = V(K^*) - \{v_{i1} / 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  in the lexicographic order with respect to the indices  $i, j$  of  $v_{ij}$ . If  $n$  and  $m$  are of the same parity, then color the  $n - m$  vertices of  $V'$  with colors  $c_2, c_3, \dots, c_d, c_{d+1}, \dots, c_{\frac{n + (m - 1)d + 1}{2}}, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_d, \dots$  respectively in order. This color will be pseudo  $d$ -complete if and only if there is no positive integer  $j$ , where  $md + 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n + (m - 1)d + 1}{2}$  such that the set of the vertices of  $V'$  corresponding to the sequence  $c_j, c_{j+1}, \dots, c_{\frac{n + (m - 1)d + 1}{2}}, c_{md+1}, \dots, c_j$  is contained in some partite set of  $K^*$ . But

the cardinality of such a set is  $\frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} + (1-j) + (j-md) = \frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} + 1$  and hence taking into account, the initial vertex of this partite set, this partite set should contain  $\frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} + 2$  vertices. But this is not the case as per our hypothesis. Hence the given coloring is a pseudo complete d-coloring of  $K^*$  using  $\left\lfloor \frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} \right\rfloor$  colors when  $n$  and  $m$  are of same parity. If  $n$  and  $m$  are of opposite parity, color the vertices of  $V'$  with  $C_{md+1}, \dots, \dots, C_{\frac{n+(m-1)d}{2}}, C_{md+1}, \dots, \dots, C_{\frac{n+(m-1)d}{1}}, C_{md+1}, \dots$  respectively in order. Once again this coloring yields a pseudo complete d-coloring of  $K^*$  using  $\left\lfloor \frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} \right\rfloor$  colors. Hence  $\psi_s^d(K^*) \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ . To establish equality, consider any pseudo complete d-coloring  $\zeta$  of  $K^*$  with  $\psi_s^d(K^*) = \psi$ . Let  $C_1 = \{c_i / c_i \text{ is assigned to exactly one vertex of } K^*\}$  and  $C_2 = \zeta(V(K^*)) - C_1$ . Let  $|C_i| = x_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then we have  $x_1 \leq (m-1)d + 1$  and  $x_1 + x_2 = \psi$ . If  $\psi \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ ,  $x_1 + 2x_2 \leq n$  and hence  $2\psi \leq x_1 + n$ . Suppose  $\psi \geq \frac{n+(m-1)d+2}{2}$  which implies  $n + (m-1)d + 2 \leq x_1 + n$  then  $(m-1)d + 2 \leq x_1$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $\psi_s^d(K^*) = \left\lfloor \frac{n+(m-1)d+1}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

## 2. Further results of pseudo-d-achromatic number using Partition graphs

The chromatic, achromatic and pseudo achromatic numbers were defined by Sampath Kumar and Bhawe [5] in terms of the partition graphs. Now we define d-chromatic number  $\chi^d(G)$ , d-achromatic number  $\psi^d(G)$  and pseudo d-achromatic number  $\psi_s^d(G)$  in terms of Partition graphs.

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $P$  be a partition of  $V(G)$  of a graph  $G$ . The Partition graph  $P(G)$  of  $G$  is a graph with point set  $P = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  where  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  are adjacent if there exists  $v_i \in V_i$  and  $v_j \in V_j$  such that  $v_i v_j$  is a line in  $G$ .

**Definition 2.2:** Let  $k$  and  $d$  be positive integers with  $k \geq 2d$ . A partition is complete with respect to  $(k, d)$  –coloring if  $P(G) = G_k^d$ . Let  $p(G)$  denote the class of all partition graphs of  $G$ , and  $\overline{p(G)}$  denote the class of all partition Graphs of  $G$  which are homomorphic images of  $G$ . It is easy to see that

**Lemma 2.3:** For a graph  $G$ ,  $n$  and  $d$  be positive integers with  $n \geq 2d$ .



- 1)  $\chi^d(G) = \min\{n/G_n^d \in \overline{p(G)}\}$
- 2)  $\psi^d(G) = \max\{n/G_n^d \in \overline{p(G)}\}$
- 3)  $\psi_s^d(G) = \max\{n/G_n^d \in p(G)\}$  whereas  $\psi_s(G) = \max\{n/K_n \in p(G)\}$

**Theorem 2.4:** For any graph  $G$  and any point  $u \in V(G)$ ,  $\psi_s^d(G) \geq \psi_s^d(G - u) \geq \psi_s^d(G) - 1$

**Proof:** Let  $\psi_s^d(G - u) = n$ . Let  $n, d$  be positive integers with  $n \geq 2d$ . Then there exists a partition  $P' = \{V'_1, V'_2, \dots, V'_n\}$  with respect to  $d$ -coloring of  $V(G) - \{u\}$  such that  $P'(G - \{u\}) = G_n^d$ . Now since  $P = \{V'_1 \cup \{u\}, V'_2, \dots, V'_n\}$  is a partition of  $V(G)$  such that  $P(G) = G_n^d$ . It follows that  $\psi_s^d(G) \geq \psi_s^d(G - u)$ . To prove the other inequality, suppose  $\psi_s^d(G) = n$ , then there exists a partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$  with respect to  $d$ -coloring such that  $P(G) = G_n^d$ . Let  $u \in V_1 \in P$ . Clearly the points of  $P - \{V_1\}$  induces  $G_{n-1}^d$  as subgraph in  $P(G)$  and hence  $\psi_s^d(G - u) \geq n - 1 = \psi_s^d(G) - 1$ . Thus we get  $\psi_s^d(G) \geq \psi_s^d(G - u) \geq \psi_s^d(G) - 1$ .

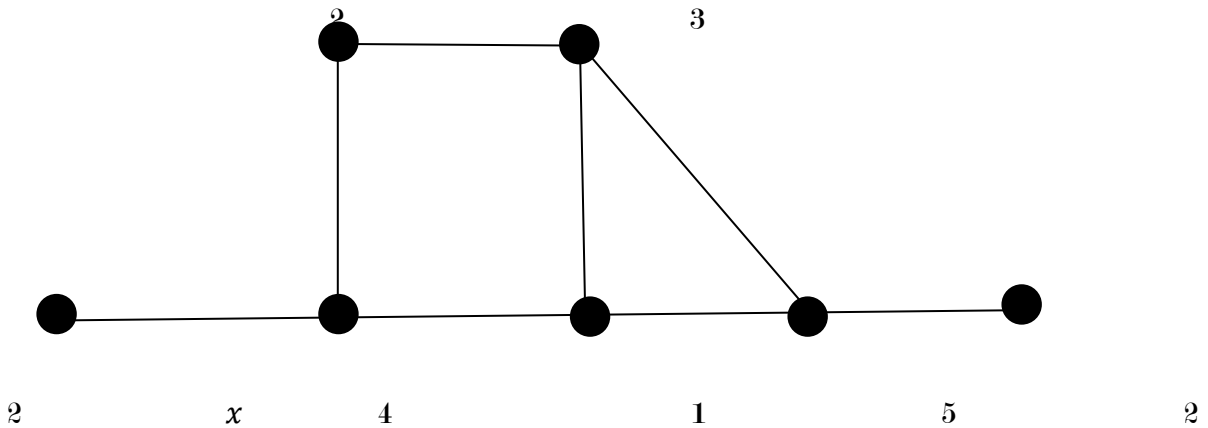
**Theorem 2.5:** For any graph and a line  $e \in E(G)$ ,  $\psi_s^d(G) \geq \psi_s^d(G - e) \geq \psi_s^d(G) - 1$

**Proof:** Suppose  $\psi_s^d(G) = n$ . Let  $n, d$  be positive integers with  $n \geq 2d$ . Then there exists a partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $P(G) = G_n^d$  with respect to  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . If the line  $e$  joins a point of  $V_i$  to a point of  $V_j$  where  $V_i, V_j \in P, i \neq j$  then the partition  $P' = P - \{V_i, V_j\} \cup \{V_i \cup V_j\}$  of  $V(G)$  will be such that  $P'(G - \{e\})$  which induces  $G_{n-1}^d$  as subgraph. Hence  $\psi_s^d(G - e) \geq n - 1 = \psi_s^d(G) - 1$  on the other hand, if  $P$  is a partition of  $V(G)$  such that  $P'(G - \{e\}) = G_n^d$  with respect to  $d$ -coloring of  $G$  where  $m = \psi_s^d(G - e)$  then for the same partition  $P, P(G) = m$  and hence  $\psi_s^d(G) \geq m = \psi_s^d(G - e)$ .

**Theorem 2.6:** For any graph  $G$ , with  $\psi_s^d(G) > \psi^d(G)$  there exists a line  $x$  such that  $\psi_s^d(G - x) = \psi_s^d(G) - 1$

**Proof:** Let  $\psi_s^d(G) > \psi^d(G)$  and  $\psi_s^d(G) = n$  where  $n, d$  are positive integers with  $n \geq 2d$ . Then there exists a partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $P(G) = G_n^d$  with respect to  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . Clearly the partition is not homomorphic, for otherwise  $\psi_s^d(G) \geq n$ . Hence there is a line joining points of the same set  $V_i$  of  $P$ . This line  $x$  will be such that  $P(G - x) = G_n^d$ . Therefore  $\psi_s^d(G - x) \geq n$  but by theorem 2.5,  $\psi_s^d(G - x) \leq n - 1$ . Thus  $\psi_s^d(G - x) = n - 1 = \psi_s^d(G) - 1$ .

**Remark 2.7:** The converse of theorem 2.6 need not be true. The graph  $G$  in figure (3) has a line  $x$  such that  $\psi_s^d(G - x) = \psi_s^d(G)$



**Figure (3)**

Here  $\psi_s^2(G) = \psi_s^2(G - x) = 5$ . But  $\psi_s^2(G) = \psi^2(G) = 5$ .

**Theorem 2.8:** If  $G$  is a graph with  $q$  lines then  $\psi^d(G) \leq \psi_s^d(G) \leq r$  where  $r$  is the maximum integer with  $q \geq \frac{r(r-2d+1)}{2}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\psi_s^d(G) = n$  where  $n$  and  $d$  are positive integers with  $n \geq 2d$ . Then there exists a partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $P(G) = G_n^d$  with respect to any  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . Then  $G$  has at least  $\frac{n(n-2d+1)}{2}$  lines. Hence  $q \geq \frac{n(n-2d+1)}{2}$ . If  $G = qK_2$  where  $q = \frac{r(r-2d+1)}{2}$  then  $\psi_s^d(G) = r$ . This shows that the bound is attained.

**Definition 2.9:** A graph  $H$  is a partition realizable from a graph  $G$ , if  $P(G) = H$  for some partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$ .

**Lemma 2.10:** If  $G$  is a graph with  $q$  lines and no isolated points then  $G$  is a partition realizable from  $qK_2$

that is a graph with  $q$  copies  $K_2$ .

**Lemma 2.11:** If  $H$  is a subgraph of  $G$ ,  $q$  and  $q_1$  are the number of lines in  $G$  and  $H$  respectively, then  $G$  is a partition realizable from  $H \cup rK_2$  where  $r = q - q_1$ . In lemma 2.10 and 2.11, in

forming the partition graphs we observe that no lines of  $G$  are destroyed and hence the partitions are homomorphisms of  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.12:** If  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a > b > 2d$ ) are two positive integers then there exists a graph  $G$  with  $\psi^d(G) = \psi_s^d(G) = a$  and  $\chi^d(G) = b$

**Proof:** Let  $G = G_b^d \cup_r K_2$  where  $r = \frac{a(a-2d+1)}{2} - \frac{b(b-2d+1)}{2}$ . Then by lemma 2.11, there exists a partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$  with  $P(G) = G_a^d$ . Hence with respect to any  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ ,  $\psi_s^d(G) \geq a$ . Also  $G$  has  $\frac{a(a-2d+1)}{2}$  lines. Hence  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq a$ . Thus  $\psi_s^d(G) = a$ . Since  $P$  is a homomorphism of  $G$ , we have  $\psi^d(G) = a$  and  $\chi^d(G) = b$  follows since  $G_b^d$  is a component of  $G$  and every other component of  $G$  is  $K_2$ . Hence the proof.

**Definition 2.13:** A graph  $G$  is  $k$ -achro- $d$ -critical if  $\psi^d(G - x) < \psi^d(G) = k$  for every line  $x$  in  $G$  where  $k \geq 2d$ .

**Theorem 2.13:** If  $G$  is  $k$ -achro  $d$ -critical where  $k \geq 2d$  then  $G$  has exactly  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$  lines and if  $\psi^d(G) = k$  and  $G$  has  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$  lines then  $G$  is  $k$ -achro  $d$ -critical.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be  $k$ -achro  $d$ -critical graph, let  $P(G) = G_k^d$  where  $P = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$  is a homomorphism with respect to  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . Then each set  $V_i$  is independent and there is only one line joining  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  in  $G$  with  $D_k(i, j) \geq d$  where  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}, i \neq j$ . This implies  $G$  has exactly  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$  lines. Conversely, if  $\psi^d(G) = k$  and  $G$  has exactly  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$  lines then for any line  $x$  in  $G$  we have  $\psi^d(G - x) < k$  by theorem 2.8. Hence  $G$  is  $k$ -achro  $d$ -critical.

**Theorem 2.14:** A graph  $G$  is  $k$ -achro  $d$ -critical if and only if it is  $k$ -pseudo  $d$ -critical (that is  $k$  edged  $d$ -critical)

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be  $k$ -pseudo  $d$ -critical then there exists a complete partition  $P = (V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k)$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $P(G) = G_k^d$  with respect to  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . We claim  $P$  is a homomorphism of  $G$ . For suppose  $V_i \in P$  is not independent and  $x$  be a line of  $G$  with both ends in  $V_i$ , then for some partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$ , we get  $P(G - x) = G_k^d$ . This implies that  $\psi_s^d(G - x) \geq k$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $P$  is a homomorphism of  $G$ . Hence  $\psi^d(G) \geq k$ , but  $\psi^d(G) \leq \psi_s^d(G) = k$  which implies  $\psi^d(G) = k$ . Also for every line  $x$  of  $G$ ,  $\psi^d(G - x) \leq \psi_s^d(G - x) < \psi_s^d(G) = k$

(since  $G$  is  $k$  pseudo  $d$ -critical). Therefore we get  $\psi^d(G - x) < k$ . Hence  $G$  is  $k$  -achro  $d$ -critical. Conversely, suppose  $G$  is  $k$  -achro  $d$ -critical. By theorem 2.13,  $G$  has  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$  lines. Hence by theorem 2.8,  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq k = \psi^d(G)$ . But we have  $k = \psi^d(G) \leq \psi_s^d(G)$ . Hence  $\psi_s^d(G) = k$ . Again by theorem 2.8,  $\psi_s^d(G - x) < k$  for any line  $x$ . Hence  $G$  is  $k$  -pseudo  $d$ -critical.

**Definition 2.15:** An  $k$  -edge  $d$ -critical graph is one which is  $k$  -pseudo  $d$ -critical (hence  $k$  -achro  $d$ -critical).

### Construction of $k$ -edge $d$ -critical graphs:

Let  $H$  be a subgraph of  $G$ . Then we shall denote the subgraph of  $G$  obtained by deleting all lines of  $H$  and the resulting isolated points in  $G$  by  $G - H$ . It is clear that

**Lemma 2.16:** Let a graph  $H$  be partition realizable from  $G$  and  $H_1$  be an induced subgraph of  $H$ , then 1)  $H_1$  is a partition realizable from an induced subgraph  $G_1$  of  $G$ . 2)  $H - H_1$  is a partition realizable from  $G - G_1$ .

We observe that  $G_k^d - G_{k-1}^d = K_{1,k-2d+1} \cup (d-1)K_2$  where  $k \geq 2d$ .

**Corollary 2.17:** If  $G_k^d$  where  $k \geq 2d$  is a partition realizable from  $G$ , then there exists an induced subgraph  $G_1$  of  $G$  such that

- (i)  $G_{k-1}^d$  is a partition realizable from  $G_1$  and
- (ii)  $K_{1,k-2d+1} \cup (d-1)K_2$  is a partition realizable from  $G - G_1$ .

The above lemma suggests a method of constructing  $k$  -edge  $d$ -critical graphs from the set of all  $(k-1)$  -edge  $d$ -critical graphs. The method is as follows. We consider the graphs with no isolated points.

Let  $\{G_i\}$  be the collection of all  $(k-1)$  -edge  $d$ -critical graphs and  $\{H_j\}$  be the collection of all graphs with  $k-2d+1+d-1 = k-d$  lines such that  $K_{1,k-2d+1} \cup (d-1)K_2$  is a partition realizable from  $H_j$ . Since  $G_{k-1}^d$  is a partition realizable from  $G_i$  and  $K_{1,k-2d+1} \cup (d-1)K_2$  is a partition realizable from  $H_j$ ,  $G_k^d$  is a partition realizable from  $G$  each of the graphs formed below. Further each of the following graphs has exactly  $\frac{k(k-2d+1)}{2}$  lines. Hence each is  $k$  -edge  $d$ -critical graph.

Consider a graph  $G_i$ . Let  $P = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{k-1}\}$  be a complete partition of  $V(G_i)$ . It is easy to see that each  $H_j$  has at least  $k - 2d + 1 + 2(d - 1) = k - 1$  points of degree 1 say  $u_r$  where  $r = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ . Let  $G$  be a graph obtained from  $G_i$  and  $H_j$  by identifying some, all or none of the points  $u_r$  with the points of  $G_i$  such that no two points  $u_r$  are identified with the points of same set  $V_i \in P$ . We claim that any  $k$ -edge  $d$ -critical graph is isomorphic to a graph obtained above. For, let  $G$  be  $k$ -edge  $d$ -critical graph and  $P(G) = G_k^d$ . Then as  $G_{k-1}^d$  is an induced subgraph of  $G_k^d$ , there exists an induced subgraph  $G'_i$  of  $G$  such that  $G_{k-1}^d$  is a partition realizable of  $G'_i$  and  $K_{1, k-2d+1} \cup (d-1)K_2$  is a partition realizable from  $G - G'_i$  by corollary 2.17. Therefore  $G'_i$  has  $\frac{(k-1)(k-2d)}{2}$  lines and hence it is  $(k-1)$ -edge  $d$ -critical and  $G - G'_i$  has  $k-d$  lines. Therefore  $G$  is isomorphic to one of the graphs obtained above.

### 3. Some upper bounds of $\psi_s^d(G)$ :

Let  $\beta_0, \beta, \alpha_0, \alpha$  denotes the point independent number, line independent number, point covering number, line covering number respectively.

**Theorem 3.1:** For any graph  $G$  with  $p$  points,  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq p - \beta_0 + 2d - 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\psi_s^d(G) = r$ . Clearly there exists a partition  $P = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_r\}$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $P(G) = G_r^d$  where  $r \geq 2d$  with respect to  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . Let  $S$  be the set of  $\beta_0$  independent points of  $G$ . Since any two  $V_i, V_j, i \neq j$  are adjacent in  $P(G)$ , with  $|V_i - V_j|_r \geq d$ . It can be seen that  $V_i \cup V_j$  is not contained in  $S$  for all  $i, j$ . This implies at least  $r - 2d + 1$  of the sets in  $P$  intersect  $V(G) - S$ . Thus,

$$r - 2d + 1 \leq |V(G) - S| \leq p - \beta_0$$

$$\chi_s^d = r \leq p - \beta_0 + 2d - 1$$

Hence  $\chi_s^d \leq p - \beta_0 + 2d - 1$

**Corollary 3.2:** For any graph  $G$ ,  $\chi_s^d(G) \leq \alpha_0 + 2d - 1$  where  $\alpha_0$  is the point covering number of  $G$ .

**Proof:** From theorem 3.1, we get  $\chi_s^d(G) \leq p - \beta_0 + 2d - 1$  —————(1) where  $\beta_0$  is the point independence number of a graph  $G$ . Already, we know that  $\alpha_0 + \beta_0 = p$  where  $\alpha_0$  is the point

covering number of  $G$ . Hence  $\beta_0 = p - \alpha_0$ . Applying (1) we get  $\chi_s^d(G) \leq p - (p - \alpha_0) + 2d - 1$ . Therefore  $\chi_s^d(G) \leq \alpha_0 + 2d - 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** For any graph  $G$ , (i)  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq 2\beta_1 + 2d - 1$  and (ii)  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq 2(p - \alpha_1 + d) - 1$  where  $\beta_1, \alpha_1$  be the line independence number and line covering number respectively.

**Proof:** (i) If  $\psi_s^d(G) = n$  where  $n \geq 2d$  then there exists a partition  $P$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $P(G) = G_n^d$  with respect to any  $d$ -coloring of  $G$ . Also we have  $\beta_1(G_n^d) = \frac{1}{2}(n - 2d + 2)$  or  $\frac{1}{2}(n - 2d + 1)$  according as  $n$  is even or odd. Hence we get,  $n \leq 2\beta_1(G_n^d) + 2d - 1$  which implies  $n \leq 2\beta_1(P(G)) + 2d - 1$ . Therefore  $n \leq 2\beta_1(G) + 2d - 1$ . Hence  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq 2\beta_1 + 2d - 1$ .

(ii) Moreover we have  $\alpha_1 + \beta_1 = p = \alpha_0 + \beta_0$ . Therefore  $\beta_1 = p - \alpha_1$  where  $\alpha_1$  is the line covering number of  $G$ . Substituting in (i) we get  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq 2(p - \alpha_1) + 2d - 1$ . Hence  $\psi_s^d(G) \leq 2(p - \alpha_1 + d) - 1$

#### 4. Existence of graphs with the given pseudo-d-achromatic number

**Theorem 4.1:** For any positive integers  $m, n, d$  such that  $m > n$  and  $m + n \geq d$  there exists a graph whose pseudo-d-achromatic number is  $m + n + d + 1$ .

**Proof:** Construct a graph and call it  $G_{m,n}$  which is a bipartite graph with a complete bipartite subgraph. This graph has bipartition  $(A, B)$  where  $A$  is  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\} \cup \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  and  $B$  is  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\} \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ .  $E(G) = \{(u_i, x_j) / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{(v_i, y_j) / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\} \cup \{(u_i, v_j) / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq m\} \cup \{(y_i, x_j) / 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

**Lower bound:** Let us color the graph  $G_{m,n}$  as follows:

- For  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , color  $u_i$  with  $c_i$
- For  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , color  $v_i$  with  $c_{i+d}$
- For  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , color  $x_j$  with  $c_{m+j+d}$
- For  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , color  $y_j$  with  $c_{m+j+d+1}$
- Color  $u$  with  $c_{m+d+1}$
- Color  $v$  with  $c_d$

This yields a pseudo complete d-coloring of  $G_{m,n}$  with  $m + n + d + 1$  colors. Therefore  $\psi_s^d(G_{m,n}) \geq m + n + d + 1$

**Upper bound:**

$G_{m,n}$  is a subgraph of  $K_{m+n+1,m+n+1}$ . Let  $f$  be a pseudo complete d-coloring of  $K_{n,n}$ . Assume  $|f(V(K_{n,n}))| \geq n + d + 1$  where  $d < n$ , this means there exists  $d + 1$  colors, which are not represented in one part (an independent set of vertices) of the graph. This means they must be represented in other part which is also an independent set as it is a bipartite graph. Thus there are no two vertices colored with  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{d+1}$  that are adjacent. This is a contradiction to it being a pseudo complete d-coloring of  $K_{n,n}$ . Hence  $\psi_s^d(K_{n,n}) < n + d + 1$ . This means  $\psi_s^d(K_{m+n+1,m+n+1}) \leq m + n + d + 1$ . Hence  $\psi_s^d(G_{m,n}) \leq m + n + d + 1$ . Therefore  $\psi_s^d(G_{m,n}) \leq m + n + d + 1$ .

The graph  $G_{4,3}$  is pictured in the figure below with the double line meaning that the two set of vertices are joined that is, every vertex in one subset is adjacent to every vertex in other subset. Here  $\psi_s^d(G_{4,3}) = 11$

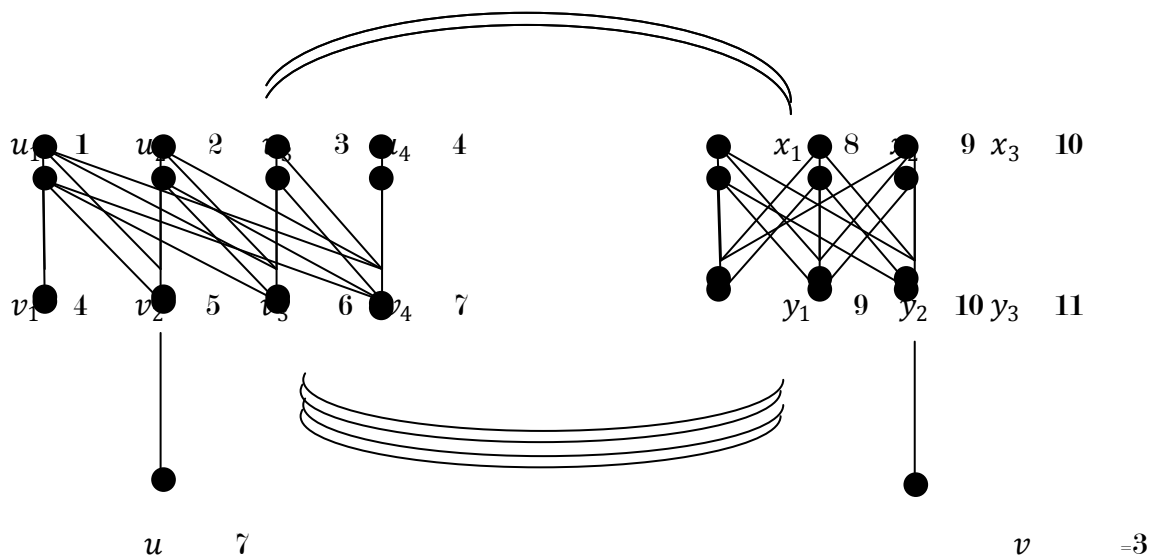


Figure (4)

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