

## Characterization of induced paired domination number of a graph

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### Abstract

The concept of induced paired domination number of a graph was introduced by D.S.Studer, T.W. Haynes and L.M. Lawson<sup>11</sup>, with the following application in mind. In the guard application an induced paired dominating set represents a configuration of security guards in which each guard is assigned one other as a designated backup with in (as in a paired dominating set), but to avoid conflicts (such as radio interference) between a guard and his/her backup, we require that the backup each guard be unique. Since among the guards only designated partners are adjacent to each other, we reduce the possibility of conflicts in communication. A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a induced -paired dominating set if  $S$  is a dominating set of  $G$  and the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is a set of independent edges. The induced - paired domination number  $\gamma_{ip}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all induced paired dominating sets in  $G$ . The minimum number of colours required to colour all the vertices so that adjacent vertices do not receive the same colour and is denoted by  $\chi(G)$ . Mahadevan<sup>3-5</sup>  $G$ , characterized the classes of all graphs whose sum of induced paired domination number and chromatic number of order up to  $2n - 5$ . In this paper we characterize the classes of all graphs whose sum of induced paired domination number and chromatic number equals to  $2n - 6$ , for any  $n \geq 4$ .

*Key words:* Induced Paired domination number, Chromatic number

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## 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, by a graph we mean a finite, simple, connected and undirected graph  $G(V, E)$ . For notations and terminology, we follow Haynes *et al.*<sup>11</sup>. The number of vertices in  $G$  is denoted by  $n$ . Degree of a vertex  $v$  is denoted by  $\deg(v)$ . We denote a cycle on  $n$  vertices by  $C_n$ , a path of  $n$  vertices by  $P_n$ , complete graph on  $n$  vertices by  $K_n$ . If  $S$  is a subset of  $V$ , then  $\langle S \rangle$  denotes the vertex induced subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $S$ . A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $S$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of all such dominating sets in  $G$ . A dominating set  $S$  is called a total dominating set, if the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  has no isolated vertices. The minimum cardinality taken over all total dominating sets in  $G$  is called the total domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma_t(G)$ . One can get a comprehensive survey of results on various types of domination number of a graph<sup>10</sup>. The chromatic number  $\chi(G)$  is defined as the minimum number of colors required to color all the vertices such that adjacent vertices receive the same color<sup>1-5</sup>.

Recently many authors have introduced different types of domination parameters by imposing conditions on the dominating set and/or its complement. D.S.Studer, T.W. Haynes and L.M. Lawson<sup>11</sup>, introduced the concept of induced paired domination number of a graph with the following application in mind. In the guard application an induced paired dominating set represents a configuration of security guards in which each guard is assigned one, other as a designated backup with in (as in

a paired dominating set), but to avoid conflicts (such as radio interference) between a guard and his/her backup. We require that the backup each guard be unique. Since among the guards only designated partners are adjacent to each other, we reduce the possibility of conflicts in communication<sup>2-7</sup>.

A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a induced -paired dominating set if  $S$  is a dominating set of  $G$  and the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is a set of independent edges. The induced -paired domination number  $\gamma_{ip}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all induced paired dominating sets in  $G$ .

Several authors have studied the problem of obtaining an upper bound for the sum of a domination parameter and a graph theoretic parameter and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. In<sup>8</sup>, Paulraj Joseph J and Arumugam S proved that  $\gamma + \kappa \leq p$ , where  $\kappa$  denotes the vertex connectivity of the graph. In<sup>7</sup>, Paulraj Joseph J and Arumugam S proved that  $\gamma_c + \chi \leq p + 1$  and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. They also proved similar results for  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma_t$ . In<sup>6</sup>, Mahadevan G Selvam A, Iravithul Basira A characterized the extremal of graphs for which the sum of the complementary connected domination number and chromatic number. In<sup>3</sup>, Mahadevan G, characterized the classes of all graphs whose sum of induced paired domination number and chromatic number of order up to  $2n-5$ . Motivated by the above results, in this paper we characterize all graphs for which  $\gamma_{ip}(G) + \chi(G) = 2n - 6$  for any  $n \geq 4$ .

We use the following preliminary results and notations for our consequent characterization:



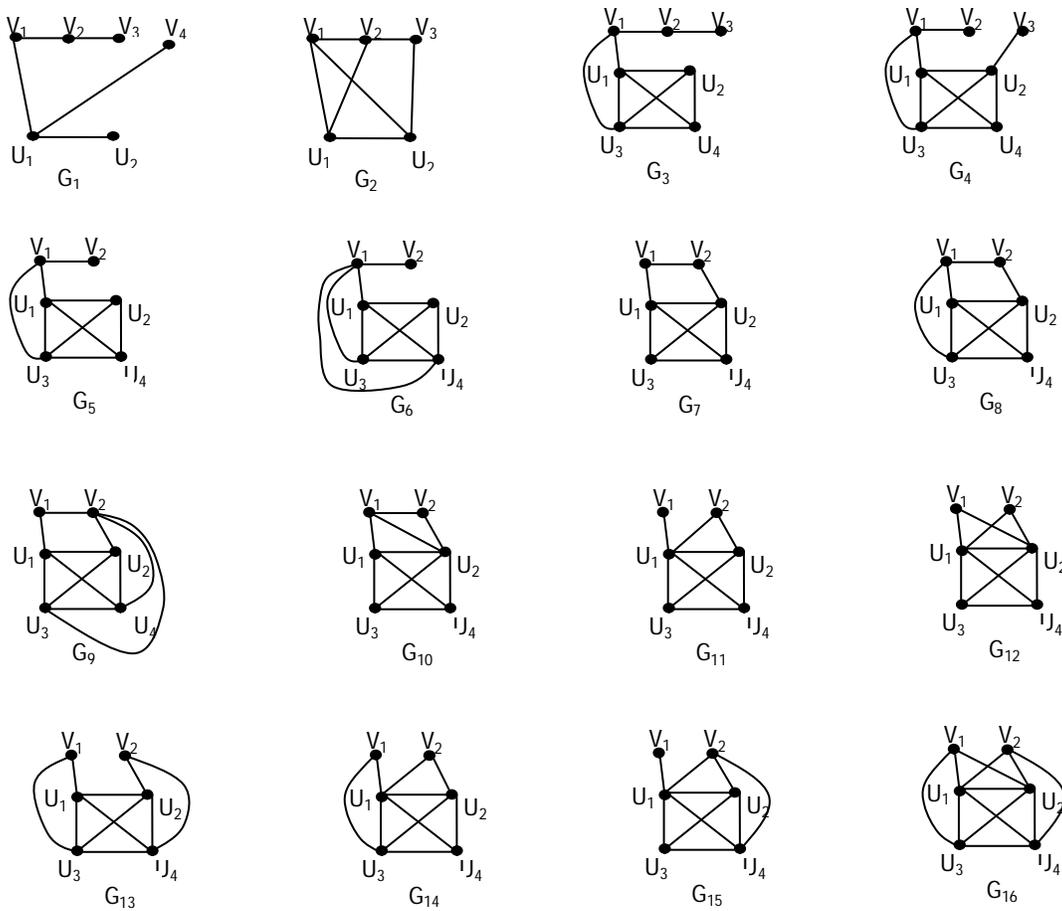


Figure 2.1

*Proof:* If  $G$  is any one the graphs given in the Figure 2.1, then it can be verified that  $\gamma_{ip}(G) + \chi(G) = 10 = 2n - 6$ . Conversely, let  $\gamma_{ip}(G) + \chi(G) = 2n - 6$ . Then the various possible cases are (i)  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 1$  and  $\chi(G) = n - 5$  (ii)  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 2$  and  $\chi(G) = n - 4$  (iii)  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 3$  and  $\chi(G) = n - 3$  (iv)  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 4$  and  $\chi(G) = n - 2$  (v)  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 5$  and  $\chi(G) = n - 1$  (vi)  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 6$  and  $\chi(G) = n$ .

*Case i.*  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 1$  and  $\chi(G) = n - 5$ .

Since  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 1$ , By theorem 1.1,  $G$  is isomorphic to  $P_3, C_3, P_5$ , or  $G'$ . Since  $\chi(G) = n - 5$ ,  $G$  is not isomorphic to  $P_3, C_3, P_5$ , or  $G'$ . Hence no graph exists.

*Case ii.*  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = n - 2$  and  $\chi(G) = n - 4$ .

Since  $\chi(G) = n - 4$ ,  $G$  contains a clique  $K$  on  $n - 4$  vertices or does not contain a clique  $K$  on  $n - 4$  vertices. Let  $G$  contains a clique  $K$  on  $n - 4$  vertices. Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ . Then the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  has the following possible cases.  $\langle S \rangle = K_4, \overline{K}_4, P_4, C_4, K_{1,3}, K_2 \cup K_2, K_3 \cup K_1, \{K_4 - e\}, C_3(1, 0, 0), P_3 \cup K_1, K_2, \overline{K}_2$ .

*Subcase i:* Let  $\langle S \rangle = K_4$ .

Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  of  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ . Let  $u_i$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  for some  $i$  in  $K_{n-4}$ . Then  $\{v_1, u_i\}$  is an  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

*Subcase ii.* Let  $\langle S \rangle = \overline{K}_4$ .

Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  be the vertices of  $\overline{K}_4$ . Since  $G$  is connected, two vertices of the  $\overline{K}_4$  are adjacent to one vertex say  $u_i$  and the remaining two vertices of  $\overline{K}_4$  are adjacent to one vertex say  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . In this case  $\{u_i, u_j\}$  for  $i \neq j$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is connected, one vertex of  $\overline{K}_4$  is adjacent to  $u_i$  and the remaining three vertices of  $\overline{K}_4$  are adjacent to vertex say  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . In this case  $\{u_i, u_j\}$  for  $i \neq j$  forms a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  be the vertices of  $\overline{K}_4$ . Since  $G$  is connected, all the vertices of are adjacent to

one vertex say  $u_i$  in the vertices of  $K_{n-4}$ . In this case  $\{u_i, u_j\}$  for  $i \neq j$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is connected, two vertices of  $\overline{K}_4$  is adjacent to  $u_i$  and one vertex is adjacent to  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and the remaining one vertex is adjacent to a vertex say  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$ . In this case  $\gamma_{ip}$  set does not exist. If  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  is adjacent to  $v_3$  and  $u_s$  for  $i \neq j \neq k \neq s$  is adjacent to  $v_4$ . In this case  $\gamma_{ip}$  set does not exist.

*Subcase iii.* Let  $\langle S \rangle = P_4 = v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4$ .

Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$  (or  $v_4$ ) or  $v_2$  (or  $v_3$ ). If  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $v_1$ , then  $\{u_i, u_j, v_2, v_3\}$  forms a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$ . Hence  $K = K_2 = u_1 u_2$ . If  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2, \deg(v_2) = \deg(v_3) = 2, \deg(v_4) = 1$ , then  $G \cong P_6$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_4$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_2), \deg(v_3) = 2 = \deg(v_4)$ , then  $G \cong C_6$ . If  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $v_2$ , then  $\{u_j, u_k, v_2, v_3\}$  for some  $u_j$  and  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  in  $K_{n-4}$  forms a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$  and hence  $K = K_2 = u_1 u_2$ . Hence no graph exists.

*Subcase iv:* Let  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_2$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2$  be the vertices of  $K_2$  and  $v_3, v_4$  be the vertices of  $K_2$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  and any one of  $\{v_3, v_4\}$ .

Let  $u_i$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_3$ . In this case  $\{u_j, u_k, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  for some  $u_j$  and  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  in  $K_{n-4}$  forms an  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 6$  and  $n = 8$  and hence  $K = K_4 = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle$ . Let  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_3$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_3)$ ,  $\deg(v_2) = 1 = \deg(v_4)$  then  $G \cong K_4(u(P_3, P_3))$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_3$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  and  $u_s$  for  $i \neq j \neq k \neq s$ . In this case  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, u_k, u_s\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 6$  and  $n = 8$  and hence  $K = K_4 = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle$ . Let  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_3$  and  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_3)$ ,  $\deg(v_2) = 1 = \deg(v_4)$  then  $G \cong K_4(P_3, P_3, 0, 0)$ .

*Subcase v:*  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup \overline{K_2}$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2$  be the vertices of  $\overline{K_2}$  and  $v_3, v_4$  be the vertices of  $K_2$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$ , which is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and any one of  $\{v_3, v_4\}$ . Let  $u_i$  be adjacent to  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ . In this case  $\{u_i, v_3\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is connected there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$  and there exists a vertex  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  in  $K_{n-4}$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ . In this case  $\gamma_{ip}$  does not exist. Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  is adjacent to  $v_3$ . In this case  $\{u_i, u_j, v_3, v_4\}$  forms a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ . So that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

*Subcase vi:*  $\langle S \rangle = P_3 \cup K_1$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  be the vertices of  $P_3$  and  $v_4$  be the vertex of  $K_1$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and  $v_4$ . In this case  $\{u_i, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$  so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$ . Hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_4$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_2)$ ,  $\deg(v_4) = 1 = \deg(v_3)$  then  $G \cong G_3$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_4$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2$ ,  $\deg(v_2) = 3$ ,  $\deg(v_3) = 1 = \deg(v_4)$ , then  $G \cong C_4(P_2, 0, P_2, 0)$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is adjacent to  $v_4$ . In this case  $\{u_i, u_j, v_2, v_3\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$  and hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_4$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2$ ,  $\deg(v_2) = \deg(v_3) = 2$ ,  $\deg(v_4) = 1$ , then  $G \cong C_4(P_3)$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$ , which is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is adjacent to  $v_4$ . In this case  $\{u_j, u_k, v_2, v_3\}$  for some  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  in  $K_{n-4}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$  and hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_4$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 1$ ,  $\deg(v_4) = \deg(v_3) = 1$ ,  $\deg(v_2) = 3$ , then  $G \cong G_1$ .

*Subcase vii:*  $\langle S \rangle = K_3 \cup K_1$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  be the vertices of  $K_3$  and  $v_4$  be the vertices of  $K_1$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and  $v_4$ . In this case

$\{u_i, v_2\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip}=2$  and  $n=4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is adjacent to  $v_4$ . In this case  $\{u_j, u_k, v_1, v_2\}$  for some  $u_i$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  in  $K_{n-4}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$  and hence  $K = K_2$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

*Subcase viii:*  $\langle S \rangle = K_4 - \{e\}$

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  be the vertices of  $K_4$ . Let  $\{e\}$  be any one the edge inside the cycle  $C_4$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$  of degree 3. In this case  $\{u_i, v_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_2$  of degree 2. In this case  $\{u_i, u_j, v_1, v_3\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ . So that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

*Subcase ix:*  $\langle S \rangle = C_3(1, 0, 0)$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3$  be the vertices of  $C_3$  and  $v_4$  is adjacent to  $v_1$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$ . In this case  $\{u_j, u_k, v_1, v_2\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$ . In this case  $\{u_i, v_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is disconnected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is

adjacent to  $v_4$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . In this case  $\{u_i, u_j, v_1, v_2\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

*Subcase x:*  $\langle S \rangle = K_{1,3}$ .

Let  $v_1$  be the root vertex and  $v_2, v_3, v_4$  are adjacent to  $v_1$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$ . In this case  $\{u_i, v_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-4}$  which is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ . Let  $u_i$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . In this case  $\{u_j, u_k, v_1, v_2\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 6$ , and hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 2, \deg(v_3) = 1 = \deg(v_4)$ , then  $G \cong G_1$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 2 = \deg(v_3), \deg(v_4) = 1$ , then  $G \cong C_4(P_2, 0, P_2, 0)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $v_4$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 2 = \deg(v_4), \deg(v_3) = 1$ , then  $G \cong C_4(P_2, 0, P_2, 0)$ .

*Subcase xi:*  $\langle S \rangle = C_4$ .

In this case it can be verified that no graph exists.

If  $G$  does not contain a clique  $K$  on  $n-4$  vertices, then it can be verified that no new graph exists.

*Case iii.*  $\gamma_{ip} = n - 3$  and  $\chi = n - 3$ .

Since  $\chi = n - 3$ ,  $G$  contains a clique  $K$  on  $n - 3$  vertices or does not contain a clique  $K$  on  $n - 3$  vertices. Let  $G$  contains a clique  $K$

on  $n - 3$ . Let  $S = V(G) - V(K) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Then the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  has the following possible cases.  $\langle S \rangle = K_3, \overline{K_3}, P_3, K_2 \cup K_1$ .

*Subcase i:*  $\langle S \rangle = K_3 = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ .

Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-3}$  which is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Let  $u_i$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ , then  $\{u_i, v_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 5$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

*Subcase ii:*  $\langle S \rangle = \overline{K_3} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$ .

Since  $G$  is connected, one of the vertices of  $K_{n-3}$  say  $u_i$  is adjacent to all the vertices of  $S$  (or)  $u_i$  be adjacent to  $v_1, v_2$  and  $u_j$  be adjacent to  $v_3$  ( $i \neq j$ ) (or)  $u_i$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_j$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_k$  be adjacent to  $v_3$  ( $i \neq j \neq k$ ). If  $u_i$  for some  $i$  is adjacent to all the vertices of  $S$ , then  $\{u_i, u_j\}$  for some  $u_j$  for ( $i \neq j$ ) in  $K_{n-3}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 5$  and hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . If  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ , then  $G \cong (K_{1,4})$ . If  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ , then  $\{u_i, u_j\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 5$ . Hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . If  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  is adjacent to  $v_3$ , then  $G \cong S^*(K_{1,3})$ . Since  $G$  is connected, If  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $v_1$ ,  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  in  $K_{n-3}$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_k$  for  $i \neq j \neq k$  in  $K_{n-3}$ , is adjacent to  $v_3$ . Then  $\gamma_{ip}$  set does not exist.

*Subcase iii:*  $\langle P_3 \rangle = v_1 v_2 v_3$ .

Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-3}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$  (or equivalently  $v_3$ ) or  $v_2$ . If  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $v_2$ , then  $\{u_i, v_2\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 5$ . Hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . If  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_2$ , then  $G \cong S^*(K_{1,3})$ . If  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  is adjacent to  $v_3$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 1, \deg(v_2) = 3, \deg(v_3) = 2$ , then  $G \cong C_4(P_2)$ . If  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_3$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 3, \deg(v_3) = 2$ , then  $G \cong G_2$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-3}$  which is adjacent to  $v_1$ . Then  $\{u_i, u_j, v_2, v_3\}$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 7$  and hence  $K = K_4 = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_2), \deg(v_3) = 1$ , then  $G \cong K_4(P_4)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 2, \deg(v_3) = 1$ , then  $G \cong G_3$ .

*Subcase iv:*  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Let  $v_1, v_2$  be the vertices of  $K_2$  and  $v_3$  be the isolated vertex. Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-3}$  which is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  and  $\{v_3\}$  (or)  $u_i$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  and  $u_j$  for  $i \neq j$  is adjacent to  $v_3$ . In this case  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, u_j\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 4$  and  $n = 7$  and hence  $K = K_4 = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_3$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2, \deg(v_2) = 1 = \deg(v_3)$ , then  $G \cong K_4(P_3, P_2, 0, 0)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_3$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 1 = \deg(v_3)$ , then  $G \cong G_4$ . If a vertex

$u_i$  in  $K_{n-3}$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  then  $\{u_i, v_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 5$  and hence  $K = K_2 = \langle u_1, u_2 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_3$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2, \deg(v_2) = 1 = \deg(v_3)$  then  $G \cong S^*(K_{1,3})$ .

If  $G$  does not contain a clique  $K$  on  $n - 3$  vertices, then it can be verified that no new graph exists.

*Case v:*  $\gamma_{ip} = n - 4$  and  $\chi = n - 2$ .

Since  $\chi = n - 2$ ,  $G$  contains a clique  $K$  on  $n - 2$  vertices or does not contain a clique  $K$  on  $n - 2$  vertices. Let  $G$  contains a clique  $K$  on  $n - 2$  vertices. If  $G$  contains a clique  $K$  on  $n - 2$  vertices. Let  $S = V(G) - V(K) = \{v_1, v_2\}$ . Then  $\langle S \rangle = K_2, \overline{K_2}$ .

*Subcase i:*  $\langle S \rangle = K_2$ .

Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $u_i$  in  $K_{n-2}$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  then  $\{u_i, v_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 6$  and hence  $K = K_4 = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2, \deg(v_2) = 1$ , then  $G \cong K_4(P_3)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 1$ , then  $G \cong G_5$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_4$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 4, \deg(v_2) = 1$  then  $G \cong G_6$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_2)$ , then  $G \cong G_7$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 2$ , then  $G \cong G_8$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and

$u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_4$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2, \deg(v_2) = 4$ , then  $G \cong G_9$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 2$ ,  $G \cong G_{10}$ .

*Subcase ii:* Let  $\langle S \rangle = \overline{K_2}$ .

Since  $G$  is connected,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are adjacent to a common vertex say  $u_i$  of  $K_{n-2}$  (or)  $v_1$  is adjacent to  $u_i$  for some  $i$  and  $v_2$  is adjacent to  $u_j$  for some  $i \neq j$  in  $K_{n-2}$ . In both cases  $\{u_i, u_j\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 6$  and hence  $K = K_4 = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 1 = \deg(v_2)$ , then  $G \cong K_4(P_2, P_2, 0, 0)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 1 = \deg(v_2)$ , then  $G \cong K_4(2P_2, 0, 0, 0)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 1, \deg(v_2) = 2$ , then  $G \cong G_{11}$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_2)$ , then  $G \cong G_{12}$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_4$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2 = \deg(v_2)$ , then  $G \cong G_{13}$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2, \deg(v_2) = 2$ , then  $G \cong G_{14}$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_4$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 1, \deg(v_2) = 3$ , then  $G \cong G_{15}$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_4$  be adjacent to  $v_2$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3, \deg(v_2) = 3$ , then  $G \cong G_{16}$ .

If  $G$  does not contain a clique  $K$  on  $n-2$  vertices, then it can be verified that no new graph exists.

Case v:  $\gamma_{ip} = n - 5$  and  $\chi = n - 1$ .

Since  $\chi = n - 1$ ,  $G$  contains a clique  $K$  on  $n - 1$  vertices. Let  $v_1$  be the vertex not on  $K_{n-1}$ . Since  $G$  is connected, there exists a vertex  $v_1$  is adjacent to one vertex  $u_i$  of  $K_{n-1}$ . In this case  $\{u_i, v_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$  set of  $G$ , so that  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$  and  $n = 7$  and hence  $K = K_6 = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5, u_6 \rangle$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 1$ , then  $G \cong K_6(1)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_6$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 2$ , then  $G \cong K_6(2)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_6$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_5$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 3$ , then  $G \cong K_6(3)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_6$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_5$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_4$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 4$ , then  $G \cong K_6(4)$ . Let  $u_1$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_6$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_5$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_4$  be adjacent to  $v_1$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent to  $v_1$ . If  $\deg(v_1) = 5$ , then  $G \cong K_6(5)$ .

Case vi.  $\gamma_{ip} = n - 6$  and  $\chi = n$ .

Since  $\chi = n$ ,  $G = K_n$ . But for  $K_n$ ,  $\gamma_{ip} = 2$ , so that  $n = 8$ . Hence  $G \cong K_8$ .

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