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## The Bridge Graphs Partition Dimension

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**Abstract.** Finding the partition dimension of graph is still an open problem in the graph theory. Therefore, several researchers investigate the problem in several operations of the graph. For example, the partition dimension of corona product, cartesian product, subdivision operation has been published by several researchers. Let  $G_1, G_2$  be two connected graphs. We present the partition dimension of a graph  $G$  which is obtained from two graphs  $G_1, G_2$  with a linking a vertex in  $G_1$  to one vertex in  $G_2$  (a bridge in graph  $G$ ). This paper is devoted to find the upper bound of partition dimension of the connected two graphs by a bridge.

**Keywords:** partition dimension, bridge graphs

### 1. Introduction

Several applications of dimensional concepts have been published by several studies such as navigation robots [7]. In addition, this concept can also be used in the optimization of the placement of threat detection sensors [6]. However, the problems with the concept of dimension graph have not yet been resolved such as the partition dimension of the bridge graph.

Suppose  $G = (V, E)$  is a connected graph and  $x, y$  are two distinct vertices of  $G$ . The length of shortest path from a vertex  $x$  to vertex  $y$  is called the distance of  $x$  to  $y$ , denoted by  $d(x, y)$ . The distance from  $x$  to a subset  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k\}$  of  $V(G)$  is  $\min \{d(x, b_i) | b_i \in B\}$ . Suppose  $B = \{L_1, L_2, L_3, \dots, L_k\}$  is a partition of  $V(G)$ . The vector  $(d(x, L_1), d(x, L_2), \dots, d(x, L_k))$  is called The representation of a vertex  $x$  with respect to the partition  $B$ , denoted by  $r(x|B)$ . For any distinct pair  $x, y \in V(G)$ , if  $r(x|B) \neq r(y|B)$ , then the partition  $B$  is called a resolving partition of  $G$ . The smallest cardinality of any resolving partition of  $G$  is called the partition dimension of  $G$ , denoted by  $pd(G)$ . Two distinct  $x$  and  $y$  are called the distinguished by a class partition  $L_t$  for some  $t \in [1, k]$ , if the distance from  $x$  to  $L_t$  is different to distance from  $y$  to  $L_t$ . Suppose two distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  that are distinguished by  $L_t$  for some  $t \in [1, k]$ . So, If a vertex  $x \in L_t$  is a vertex that has the nearest distance from  $u$  to  $L_t$  and a  $y \in L_t$  is a vertex that has the nearest distance from  $y$  to  $L_t$ , then the vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in  $L_t$  are called the distance defining vertices of  $u$  and  $v$  in  $L_t$ .

Some researchers investigate the partition dimensions based on the certain classes such as homogeneous firecrackers [4], series parallel graphs [10] and books graph [11]. The other researchers using the operations of graph such as corona [7, 13], subdivision [1,2,3,5], and cartesian operations [12]. In this case, we examine the operation of union of two graphs that linked by a bridge.



Suppose  $H_1, H_2$  are two connected graphs,  $u \in V(H_1)$  and  $v \in V(H_2)$ . A new graph  $G$  which is obtained from  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  with connecting a vertex  $u$  to  $v$  by a new edge  $uv$  is called the bridge graph, is denoted by  $B(H_1, H_2, uv)$ . If the vertex  $v$  is only adjacent to one vertex then the vertex  $v$  is called a leaf.

## 2. Basic Concepts

In this section, we give some useful concepts to determine our results. The following Lemmas 2.1 shows the properties of two vertices that have the same distance to any other vertices of the graph.

### Lemma 2.1 [9]

Suppose  $B$  is a resolving partition of a connected graph  $G$ . If the distance from  $u$  to  $w$  is the same to distance from  $v$  to  $w$  for all vertices  $w$  in  $G$  except  $u$  and  $v$ , then the vertex  $u$  is in a different partition class of  $B$  than the vertex  $v$

By this lemma, we know that the graph has a vertex with  $k$  leaves, it has partition dimension at least  $k$ . So, the Lemma 2.1 gives minimum of partition dimension of the graph with a vertex which is adjacent to  $k$  leaf.

### Corollary 2.1 [9]

Suppose  $H$  is a connected graph and  $k$  is an integer, the lower bound of partition dimension of  $H$  is at least  $k$ , if the graph  $H$  has a vertex  $v$  that is adjacent to  $k$  leaves.

### Lemma 2.2 [8]

The graph  $H$  is a path  $P_n$  where  $n \geq 2$  if and only if the partition dimension of  $H$  is two.

The Lemma 2.2 show that the partition dimension of any connected graph and non-trivial is at least three except for a path. Some other certain graphs have obtained the partition dimension such as complete graph  $K_n$ , star graph  $K_{1,n}$  and cycle graph  $C_n$  where  $pd(K_n) = n$ ,  $pd(K_{1,n}) = n$ , and  $pd(C_n) = 3$ .

## 3. The Main Results

This section, we give our main results. On the Theorem 3.1 until 3.5, we give the partition dimension of  $B(G_1, G_2, e)$  for  $G_i, i \in 1, 2$  is a special graph. The Theorem 3.6 give the tight upper bound of partition dimension of  $B(G_1, G_2, e)$  for any connected graph  $G_i$ , and  $i \in 1, 2$ .

First, in Theorem 3.1 we give the partition dimension  $B(G_1, G_2, e)$  where  $G_i, i \in 1, 2$  is a path.

### Theorem 3.1

If  $P_m, P_n$  are two paths for  $m, n \geq 2$ , and  $u \in V(P_m), v \in V(P_n)$ , then

$$pd(B(P_m, P_n, uv)) = \begin{cases} 2 & u, v \text{ are the leaves} \\ 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### Proof

Consider  $u, v$  in  $B(P_m, P_n, uv)$ . If the vertices  $u, v$  are the leaves, then  $B(P_m, P_n, uv)$  is a path. By Theorem 2.3,  $pd(B(P_m, P_n, uv)) = 2$ .

If vertices  $u, v$  is the other, then we have that  $B(P_m, P_n, uv)$  is not a path. So, we have  $pd(B(P_m, P_n, uv)) \geq 3$ .

Now, we will show  $pd(B(P_m, P_n, uv)) \leq 3$ .

Let  $V(P_m) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  and  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Let  $uv = u_p v_q$  be a bridge of  $B(P_m, P_n, uv)$  for some  $p \in [1, m]$  and  $q \in [1, n]$ . Let  $v_i \in L_2$  and  $v_j \in M_2$ . Define a new partition  $L = L_1, L_2, L_3$  of  $V(B(P_1, P_2))$  where  $L_1 = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p$ ,  $L_2 = \{u_{\{p+1\}}, u_{\{p+2\}}, \dots, u_{\{m\}}\} \cup \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{q-1}\}$  and  $L_3 = \{v_q, v_{q+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ , see at the Figure 1.

If  $x, y \in L_1$  or  $x, y \in L_3$ , then they are distinguished by  $L_2$ . If  $x, y \in L_2$ , then they are distinguished by  $M_2$  or  $M_3$ . This show that the partition  $\Pi$  is a resolving partition of  $B(P_m, P_n, uv)$ . So, we have  $pd(B(P_m, P_n, uv)) = 3$ . ■

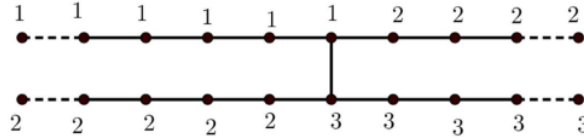


Figure 1.  $pd(B(P_m, P_n)) = 3$ .

**Theorem 3.2**

If  $C_m, C_n$  are two cycles, then  $pd(B(C_m, C_n, uv)) = 3$  for  $u \in V(C_m), v \in V(C_n)$ .

**Proof**

Let  $V(C_m) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  and  $V(C_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Let  $u_1 v_1$  be a bridge of  $B(C_m, C_n, u_1 v_1)$ . Define  $L = \{L_1, L_2, L_3\}$  is a partition of  $V(B(P_1, P_2, u_1 v_1))$  where  $L_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1}\} \cup \{v_n\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{v_{n-1}\}$  and  $L_3 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}\} \cup \{u_m\}$ .

For  $z, w \in L_1$ , if  $d(z, L_3) = d(w, L_3)$  then the vertices  $z, w$  are distinguished by  $v_{n-1}$ . If the distance from  $z$  to  $L_3$  is different to distance from  $w$  to  $L_3$  then they are distinguished by  $L_3$ . For  $u, w \in L_3$ , if  $d(z, L_1) = d(w, L_1)$  then  $z, w$  are distinguished by  $u_{n-1}$ . The otherwise, they are distinguished by  $L_1$ . We know that the partition class  $L_2$  contains only one vertex. So, these show that partition  $L$  is a resolving partition of  $B(C_m, C_n, uv)$ . Thus, we obtain  $pd(B(C_m, C_n, uv)) = 3$ .

**Theorem 3.3**

Suppose  $G$  is a connected graph and  $K_n$  is a complete graph where  $n \geq 4$ . If  $u \in V(G)$  and  $v \in V(K_n)$ , then  $pd(B(G, K_n, uv)) \geq n$ .

**Proof**

Let  $V(K_m) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Let  $v = v_1$  and  $T$  be a resolving partition of  $B(G, K_n, uv_1)$ . Since  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  have the same distance to others vertices of  $B(G, K_n, uv_1)$ , then they are in the distinct partition classes of  $T$ . Base on the Lemma 2.1, we have  $pd(B(K_m, K_n, uv_1)) \geq n - 1$ .

Suppose the partition  $T = \{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{n-1}\}$  is a resolving partition of  $B(G, K_n, uv_1)$ . Now consider  $v_1$  in partition class of  $T$ . Since  $T$  is a resolving partition of  $B(G, K_n, uv_1)$ , the vertex  $v_1$  must be in  $L_i$  for some  $i \in [1, n - 1]$ . Without loss of generality (w.l.o.g), let  $v_1 \in L_1$ . This implies  $v_1, v_j \in L_1$  for some  $j \in [2, n]$ . Thus, we obtain  $d(v_1, L_t) = d(v_j, L_t)$  for  $t \in [1, n - 1]$ . So, we have  $r(v_1|L) = r(v_j|L)$ , contradiction. This implies  $pd(B(K_m, K_n, uv_1)) \geq n$ .

**Theorem 3.4**

If  $K_m, K_n$  be two complete graph with  $3 \leq m \leq n$  and  $v \in V(K_m), w \in V(K_n)$ , then  $pd(B(K_m, K_n, vw)) = n$

**Proof**

Let  $V(K_m) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ ,  $V(K_n) = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  and  $vw = v_1 w_1$  be a bridge of  $B(K_m, K_n, v_1 w_1)$ .

By Lemma 3.3, we have  $pd(B(K_m, K_n, v_1 w_1)) \geq n$ .

Now, let  $n \geq m$ . Let the partition  $T = \{M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n\}$  be a partition of  $V(B(K_m, K_n, v_1 w_1))$  where  $M_1 = \{v_1, v_m, w_1\}$ ,  $M_i = \{v_i, w_i\}$  for  $2 \leq i \leq m - 1$ ,  $M_i = \{w_i\}$  for  $m \leq i \leq n$ .

Let  $x, y$  be two different vertices which are in the same partition class of  $T$ .

For  $x, y \in M_i$  with  $1 \leq i \leq m - 1$ , the vertices  $x, y$  are distinguished by  $M_n$ . So, this show that  $r(x|\Pi) \neq r(y|\Pi)$ . For  $x, y \in M_i$  with  $m \leq i \leq n$ , Clearly  $M_i$  is a singleton. Thus,  $T$  is a resolving partition of  $B(K_m, K_n, v_1 w_1)$ . This implies  $pd(B(K_m, K_n, v_1 w_1)) = n$ .

The next theorem, we give the partition dimension of star graph  $K_{1,n}$ . The star graph  $K_{1,n}$  is a complete bipartite graph where  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(K_{1,n}) = \{vv_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . The vertex  $v$  which is adjacent to  $n$  other vertices is called a *center vertex* of  $K_{1,n}$ .

**Theorem 3.5**

Let  $K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}$  be two star graphs with  $2 \leq m \leq n$ .

If  $z \in V(K_{1,m})$  and  $w \in V(K_{1,n})$  then

$$pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) = \begin{cases} n-1 & \text{if } z, w \text{ are two leaves or} \\ n & \text{z is a leaf and } w \text{ is a center vertex and } n > m \\ n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof**

Let  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , where  $v$  is a center vertex of  $K_{1,n}$ . Let  $V(K_{1,m}) = \{u, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$ , where  $u$  is a center vertex of  $K_{1,m}$ .

Consider  $z, w$  in two cases.

Case 1), for  $z, w$  are two leaves, and let  $z = v_1$  and  $w = u_1$ .

Let  $L = \{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{n-1}\}$  be a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, u_1v_1)$  where  $L_1 = \{v_1, v_n, u_2\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{u_1, u, v_2\}$ ,  $L_i = \{v_i, u_{i+1}\}$  for  $3 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $L_i = \{v_i\}$  for  $m \leq i \leq n-2$ , and  $L_{n-1} = \{v, v_{n-1}\}$ .

Easily to show that  $L$  is a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, u_1v_1)$ . This implies that  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) \leq n-1$ .

Now, consider graph  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, u_1v_1)$ . We know that  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, u_1v_1)$  has a vertex  $v$  with  $n-1$  leaves. So, by Corollary 2.1, we have  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) \geq n-1$ . These implies that  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) = n-1$ .

Next, if  $w = v_1$  is a leaf and  $z = u$  is a center vertex of  $K_{1,m}$  and  $n > m$  then the graph  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)$  has a vertex  $v$  which is adjacent to  $n-1$  leaves. So, by Corollary 2.1, we have  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) \geq n-1$ . Let  $L = \{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{n-1}\}$  be a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, u_1v_1)$  where  $L_1 = \{v_1, v_2, u_1\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{u, u_2, v_3\}$ ,  $L_i = \{v_{i+1}, u_i\}$  for  $3 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $L_i = \{v_i\}$  for  $m \leq i \leq n-2$ , and  $L_{n-1} = \{v, v_{n-1}\}$ . Easily to show that  $L$  is a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)$ . This implies that  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) = n-1$ .

Case 2), if  $w = v_1$  is a leaf and  $z = u$  is a center vertex of  $K_{1,m}$  and  $n = m$  then the graph  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)$  has a vertex  $v$  which is adjacent to  $n$  leaves. So, by Corollary \ref{coro1}, we have  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) \geq n$ .

Let  $L = L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n$  be a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, u_1v_1)$ , where  $L_1 = \{u_1, v_1, v_2\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{u, u_2, v_3\}$ ,  $L_i = \{v_{i+1}, u_i\}$  for  $3 \leq i \leq n-2$ ,  $L_{n-1} = \{v, v_n, u_{n-1}\}$ , and  $L_n = \{u_n\}$ . Easily to show that  $L$  is a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)$ . This implies that  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) = n$ .

Next, if  $w = v$  and  $z = u$  is a center vertex of  $K_{1,n}$  and  $K_{1,m}$ , then the graph  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)$  has a vertex  $v$  which is adjacent to  $n$  leaves. So, by Corollary 2.1, we have  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) \geq n$ .

Let  $L = \{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_n\}$  be a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, u_1v_1)$  where  $L_1 = \{u, u_1, v_1\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{v, v_2\}$ ,  $L_i = \{v_i, u_i\}$  for  $3 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $L_i = \{v_i\}$  for  $m+1 \leq i \leq n$ . Easily to show that  $L$  is a resolving partition of  $B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)$ . This implies that  $pd(B(K_{1,m}, K_{1,n}, zw)) = n$ .

On the Lemma 3.1, we give a distance between a vertex  $u$  and a distance defining vertex  $u$  under a partition class of  $\Pi$ . In this case, we consider two distinct vertices  $u, v$  which have the same distance to a dominant vertex of  $G$ .

**Lemma 3.1**

Suppose  $G$  is a connected graph,  $u, v, z \in V(G)$  and  $\Pi$  be a resolving partition of  $G$ . Let  $z$  be a dominant vertex under  $\Pi$ , and the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  have the same distance to  $z$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two distance defining vertices of  $u$  and  $v$ .

If  $d(u, x) < d(v, y)$ , then  $d(u, x) < d(u, z)$ .

**Proof**

Clearly  $x \neq z$  because if  $x = z$ , then  $d(u, x) = d(v, x)$ , a contradiction with  $x$  is a distance defining vertex of  $u$ . Let  $\Pi = \{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_k\}$  and  $x, y \in L_t$  for some  $t \in [1, k]$ . Since  $z$  is a dominant vertex

under  $\Pi$ , there is a vertex  $w$  such that  $wz \in E(G)$  and  $w \in L_t$ . If  $w$  is a internal vertex of a  $u - z$  path, i.e.,  $u \cdots wz$ , then  $d(u, w) = d(u, z) - 1$ . Otherwise, we have  $d(u, w) = d(u, z) + 1$ .

If  $w$  is a internal vertex of a  $v - z$  path, then  $d(v, w) = d(v, z) - 1$ . Otherwise, we have  $d(v, w) = d(v, z) + 1$ . If  $w$  is a internal vertex of  $u - z$  and  $v - z$  paths then we have  $d(u, x) < d(v, y) \leq d(v, w) < d(u, z)$ . If  $w$  is a internal vertex of  $u - z$  path and  $w$  is not a internal vertex of  $v - z$  path then we have  $d(u, x) \leq d(u, w) = d(u, z) - 1 < d(u, z)$  and  $d(v, y) \leq d(v, w) = d(v, z) + 1$ .

If  $w$  is not a internal vertex of  $u - z$  path and  $w$  is a internal vertex of  $v - z$  path then we have  $d(v, y) \leq d(y, w) = d(u, z) - 1 < d(u, z)$ . Since  $d(u, x) < d(v, y)$ , we have  $d(u, x) < d(u, z)$ . If  $w$  is not a internal vertex of  $u - z$  path and  $v - z$  path then we have  $d(v, y) \leq d(v, w) = d(v, z) + 1$ . Since  $d(u, x) < d(v, y)$ , we have  $d(u, x) < d(v, y) \leq d(v, w) = d(v, z) + 1 = d(u, z) + 1$ . So,  $d(u, x) < d(u, z) + 1$ . Since  $x \neq z$ , we obtain  $d(u, x) < d(u, z)$ .

**Theorem 3.6**

Let  $G_1, G_2$  be a connected graphs,  $L = L_1, L_2, \dots, L_s$  and  $M = \{M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k\}$  be two resolving partition of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ . Let  $a \in V(G_1)$  and  $b \in V(G_2)$ . If  $a \in V(G_1)$ ,  $b \in V(G_2)$  be two dominant of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  under  $L$  and  $M$  then  $pd(B(G_1, G_2, ab)) \leq \max\{s, k\} + 1$ .

**Proof**

Let  $a \in L_1$  and  $b \in M_1$ . Let  $k = \max\{s, k\}$ . Define a new partition  $\Pi = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{k+1}\}$  of  $B(G_1, G_2, ab)$  where  $P_i = L_i \cup M_i$  for  $i \in [2, s]$ ,  $P_1 = L_1, P_{k+1} = M_1$ , and  $P_i = M_i$  for  $s + 1 \leq i \leq k$ . We will show that  $\Pi$  is a resolving partition of  $B(G_1, G_2, ab)$ .

Let  $u, v$  be two distinct vertices of  $B(G_1, G_2, ab)$ . If  $u \in V(G_1)$  and  $v \in V(G_2)$ , then consider  $d(u, a)$  and  $d(v, a)$ . If  $d(u, a) \neq d(v, a)$ , then  $u, v$  are distinguishing by  $P_1$  or  $P_{k+1}$ .

If  $d(u, a) = d(v, a)$ , then we have  $d(u, P_1) \leq d(u, a)$ , because  $a \in P_1$ . Consider two conditions  $d(u, P_1) < d(u, a)$  or  $d(u, P_1) = d(u, a)$ . If  $d(u, P_1) < d(u, a)$ , then we obtain  $d(u, P_1) < d(u, a) = d(v, a) = d(v, P_1)$  because  $P_1 \subseteq V(G_1)$ . So, the vertices  $u, v$  are distinguished by  $P_1$ . if  $d(u, P_1) = d(u, a)$ , then we obtain  $d(u, P_{\{k+1\}}) = d(u, b) = d(u, a) + 1$  and  $d(v, P_{\{k+1\}}) \leq d(v, b) = d(v, a) - 1$ . This implies that  $u, v$  are distinguishing by  $P_{k+1}$ .

Next, we consider  $u, v \in V(G_1)$  or  $u, v \in V(G_2)$ . Without loss of generality (w.l.o.g), let  $u, v \in V(G_1)$ . Since  $L$  is a resolving partition of  $G_1$ , there is a partition class  $L_q, 1 \leq q \leq s$  which is distinguishing the vertices  $u, v$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  in  $L_q$  are a distance defining vertex of  $u$  and  $v$ . Let  $d(u, x) < d(v, y)$ .

By Lemma 3.1, we have  $d(u, x) < d(u, a)$ . So, we obtain  $d(u, P_t) = d(u, L_t)$ .

Since  $v \in V(G_1)$  and vertex  $a$  is a dominant vertex, there is at least one vertex  $w \in L_q$  which is adjacent to  $a$ . So we have  $d(u, x) < d(v, y) \leq d(v, w)$ . This implies that  $x$  and  $y$  is too the distance defining vertices of  $u$  and  $v$  in  $B(G_1, G_2, ab)$ . Thus, the vertices  $u, v$  are distinguished by  $P_q$ . Therefore, we obtain that  $\Pi$  is a resolving partition of  $B(G_1, G_2, ab)$ . This implies  $pd(B(G_1, G_2, ab)) \leq k + 1$ .

Theorem 3.3 shows value of lower bound of the partition dimension of the graph. Whereas Theorem 3.6 give to upper bound of the partition dimension. So, easily to get the next Corollary 3.1.

**Corollary 3.1**

If  $pd(G)$  is less than order of complete graph  $K_n$  with  $n \geq 3$  and a vertex  $x$  is a dominant vertex of  $G$ , then  $n \leq pd(B(G, K_n, xy)) = n + 1$  for any connected graph  $G$  and  $y \in V(K_n)$ .

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