# Independence fractals of fractal graphs 

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#### Abstract

For an ordered subset $W=\left\{w_{1}, w_{2}, \ldots, w_{k}\right\}$ of $V(G)$ and a vertex $v \in V$, the metric representation of $v$ with respect to $W$ is a $k$-vector, which is defined as $r(v / W)=\left\{d\left(v, w_{1}\right), d\left(v, w_{2}\right), \ldots, d\left(v, w_{k}\right)\right\}$. The set $W$ is called a resolving set for $G$ if $r(u / W)=r(v / W)$ implies that $u=v$ for all $u, v \in V(G)$. The minimum cardinality of a resolving set of $G$ is called the metric dimension of $G$. For two graphs $G$ and $H$, the lexicographic product $G \imath H$ of $H$ by $G$ is obtained from $G$ by replacing each vertex of $G$ with a copy of $H$. A graph $G$ is considered fractal if a graph $\Gamma$ exists, with at least two vertices, such as $G \simeq \Gamma \imath G$. This paper intends to discuss the fractal graph of some graphs and corresponding independence fractals. Also, compare the independent fractals of the fractal graph G , fractal factor $\Gamma$ and $\Gamma$ 亿 $G$.


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## 1 Introduction

The concepts of metric dimension of a graph and its related properties such as basis were introduced by P.J.Slater 12 and independently by Harary and Melter [6. Slater introduced metric dimension by motivated from the robot navigation problem. The motivation of this paper came from the notion of fractal graphs which was introduced by Pierre Ille and Robert Woodrow [11. The definition of fractal graphs was made with respect to the idempotency under the lexicographic product of graphs [10]. Since the definition requires a graph with at least two vertices, we start with the lexicographic products which contain six vertices which is obtained from the graphs with two and three vertices. An attempt to study the fractal properties of these graphs using this definition has been made in this paper which will help us to extend it to the advanced graphs, which is currently a less explored area of study.

## 2 Preliminaries

All the graphs considered in this paper are undirected, simple, finite and connected. We use standard terminology, the terms not defined here may found in [8, 7].

Definition 2.1. 9] A function $f: V(G) \rightarrow V(H)$ is an egamorphism from $G$ to $H$ if for $v, w \in V(G)$ such that $f(v) \neq f(w)$, we have $[v, w]_{G}=[f(v), f(w)]_{H}$.

[^0]Definition 2.2. 9 For a graph $G, G$ is a fractal if and only if there exists a graph $\Gamma$ satisfying the properties, $V(\Gamma)=2$ and $G \simeq \Gamma \imath G$. The graph $\Gamma$ satisfying these properties is called the fractal factor of G. Here we use the weak notion of isomorphism of graphs which is given in Definition 2.1.

Definition 2.3. A partition $P$ of $V(G)$ is a modular partition of $G$ if each block of $P$ is a module of $G$. A subset $M$ of $V(G)$ is a module of $G$ if for any $x, y \in M$ and $v \in V(G) \backslash M$, we have $[x, v]_{G}=[y, v]_{G}$.

Definition 2.4. Let $G=(V, E)$ be a connected, undirected graph and $v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3} \in V$. A vertex $v$ is said to resolve the vertices $v_{1}$ and $v_{3}$ if the distance of $v_{1}$ from $v_{2}$ is different from distance of $v_{3}$ from $v_{2}$.

Definition 2.5. For an ordered subset $W=\left\{w_{1}, w_{2}, \ldots, w_{k}\right\}$ of $V(G)$ and for any vertex $v \in V$, the (metric)representation of $v$ with respect to $W$ is the $k$-vector which is denoted and defined as $r(v / W)=\left(d\left(v, w_{1}\right), d\left(v, w_{2}\right), \ldots, d\left(v, w_{k}\right)\right)$. The set $W$ is called a resolving set for $G$ if $r\left(v_{1} \mid W\right)=r\left(v_{2} \mid W\right)$ implies that $v_{1}=v_{2}$ for all $v_{1}, v_{2} \in V(G)$.

Definition 2.6. A resolving set of minimum cardinality for a graph $G$ is called a minimum resolving set. A minimum resolving set is usually called a basis for $G$. The minimum cardinality of a resolving set of $G$ is called the metric dimension of $G$ and is denoted by $\operatorname{dim}(G)$.

Definition 2.7. For two graphs $G$ and $H$, the lexicographic product $G \imath H$ of $H$ by $G$ is obtained from $G$ by replacing each vertex of $G$ by a copy of $H$.

Theorem 2.8. 5] A connected graph $G$ of order $n>2$ has dimension $n-1$ if and only if $G=K_{n}$.

Theorem 2.9. [5] A connected graph $G$ of order $n$ has dimension 1 if and only if $G=P_{n}$.

Theorem 2.10. 5] The metric dimension of $C_{n}$ is $\operatorname{dim} C_{n}=2$

## 3 Main Results

There are 112 graphs of order 6 exist. Among those graphs following are the only 3 graphs obtained as a lexico-
 Figure 1.


Figure 1（a）


Figure 1
Lexicographic products of order 6

In Figure 1（a），the set $W_{1}=\left\{\left(u_{1}, w_{1}\right),\left(u_{2}, w_{2}\right),\left(u_{2}, w_{1}\right)\right\}$ form a basis．Since with respect $W_{1}$ all vertices of $V \backslash W_{1}$ have unique metric representation $\{(1,1,1),(2,1,1),(1,1,2)\}$ ．Therefore $\operatorname{dim}\left(P_{2} \backslash P_{3}\right)=3$ ．In $P_{3}\left\{P_{2}\right.$ ，with respect to $W_{2}=\left\{\left(u_{2}, w_{1}\right),\left(u_{3}, w_{1}\right),\left(u_{1}, w_{2}\right)\right\}$ every vertices in $V \backslash W_{2}$ have unique metric representation $\{(1,2,1),(1,1,1),(1,1,2)\}$. Hence $\operatorname{dim}\left(G_{2}\right)=3$ ．The lexicographic product $C_{3}$ 亿 $P_{2}$ is same as $P_{2}$ 亿 $C_{3}$ and is isomorphic to the complete graph $K_{6}$ ，therefore by Theorem 2．8， $\operatorname{dim}\left(C_{3}\right.$ 亿 $\left.P_{2}\right)=\operatorname{dim}\left(P_{2} \backslash C_{3}\right)=5$ ．In the above discussed three lexicographic products， it is clear that only connected bases exist．Considering the lexicographic product with six vertices，which is generated from a combination of graphs with two and three vertices as explained above，we consider the graphs $P_{2}$ 亿 $P_{3}, P_{3}$ 亿 $P_{2}$ ， $P_{2}$ 乙 $C_{3}, C_{3}$ 乙 $P_{2}$ ．

In the following discussions we consider the graph $P_{2} \backslash P_{3}$ as a case to discuss the fractal properties defined．
Definition 3．1．For the graphs $P_{2}$ and $P_{2}$ 亿 $P_{3}$ ，define a function $f_{1}: V\left(P_{2} \backslash P_{3}\right) \rightarrow V\left(P_{2}\right)$ as $f_{1}(v, w)=v$ and $f_{1}: V\left(P_{2} \backslash P_{3}\right) \rightarrow V\left(P_{3}\right)$ as $g_{1}(v, w)=w$ are egamorphisms．

According to the definition，$f_{1}\left(u_{1}, w_{3}\right)=1, f_{1}\left(u_{1}, w_{4}\right)=1, f_{1}\left(u_{1}, w_{5}\right)=1$ and $f_{1}\left(u_{2}, w_{3}\right)=2, f_{1}\left(u_{2}, w_{4}\right)=2$ ， $f_{1}\left(u_{2}, w_{5}\right)=2$ ．For all the pairs for which $f_{1}(v) \neq f_{1}(w)$ ，we have $[v, w]_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}=\left[f_{1}(v), f_{1}(w)\right]_{P_{2}}$ ．Thus $f_{1}$ is an egamorphism from $P_{2}$ 〔 $P_{3}$ to $P_{2}$ ．Similarly，$g_{1}\left(u_{1}, w_{3}\right)=3$ and $g_{1}\left(u_{2}, w_{3}\right)=3, g_{1}\left(u_{1}, w_{4}\right)=4$ and $g_{1}\left(u_{2}, w_{4}\right)=4$ ， $g_{1}\left(u_{1}, w_{5}\right)=5$ and $g_{1}\left(u_{2}, w_{5}\right)=5$ ．By the same argument the function $g_{1}$ from $P_{2}$ l $P_{3}$ to $P_{3}$ is an egamorphism．

Figure 1：$f_{P_{3}}^{2}$

Figure 2：zeros of $f_{P_{3}}^{3}$

Using the Similar steps as explained above，we can define a function $f_{2}: V\left(P_{3} \backslash P_{2}\right) \rightarrow V\left(P_{3}\right)$ as $f_{2}(v, w)=v$ and $f_{2}: V\left(P_{3} \backslash P_{2}\right) \rightarrow V\left(P_{2}\right)$ as $g_{2}(v, w)=w$ are egamorphisms．

Similarly we can define for the graphs $C_{3}$ and $C_{3}$ 亿 $P_{2}$ ，a function $f_{3}$ as $f_{3}: V\left(C_{3}\right.$ 亿 $\left.P_{2}\right) \rightarrow V\left(P_{2}\right)$ as $f_{3}(v, w)=v$ and $g_{3}: V\left(P_{2} 乙 C_{3}\right) \rightarrow V\left(C_{3}\right)$ as $g_{3}(v, w)=w$ are egamorphisms．Also $f_{4}: V\left(C_{3} 乙 P_{2}\right) \rightarrow V\left(C_{3}\right)$ as $f_{4}(v, w)=v$ and $g_{4}: V\left(C_{3} \backslash P_{2}\right) \rightarrow V\left(P_{2}\right)$ as $g_{4}(v, w)=w$ are egamorphisms．

Proposition 3．2．The graph $G=P_{3}$ is a fractal graph with the fractal factor $P_{2}$ ．
Proof．We try to give a characterisation of a fractal graph in terms of the lexicographic product for the graph $P_{2}\left\langle P_{3}\right.$ ． As per the definition we need a graph $\Gamma$ such that $G \simeq \Gamma$ 亿 ．Let us consider the set $P=f\left(V\left(P_{2}\right.\right.$ 亿 $\left.\left.P_{3}\right)\right)$ ．We define the set $\pi(f)=\left\{f^{-1}(p): p \in P\right\}$ ．Then $\pi(f)=\left\{f^{-1}\left(u_{1}\right), f^{-1}\left(u_{2}\right)\right\}$ is a modular partition of $\left.P_{2}\right\} P_{3}$ and the function $f / \pi(f): P_{2} \prec P_{3} / \pi(f) \rightarrow P_{2}$ 孔 $P_{3}$ is an isomorphism from $P_{2} \imath P_{3} / \pi(f)$ onto $P_{2}$ 乙 $P_{3}$ ．

To prove that a graph $G=P_{3}$ is a fractal graph，we have to find a $\Gamma=P_{2}$ such that $\left.P_{3} \simeq P_{2}\right\} P_{3}$ ．The egamorphism $f: V\left(P_{2} \prec P_{3}\right) \rightarrow V\left(P_{2}\right)$ defined above induces an isomorphism $f / \pi(f)$ from $P_{2} \prec P_{3} / \pi(f)$ onto $P_{2} \prec P_{3}$ ．Thus the graph $P_{3}$ is a fractal graph and its fractal factor is $P_{2}$ ．

In the similar way the results can be discussed for the other two graphs under consideration．That is The graph $G=P_{2}$ is a fractal graph with the fractal factor $P_{3}$ ．The graph $G=C_{3}$ is a fractal graph with the fractal factor $P_{2}$ and The graph $G=P_{2}$ is a fractal graph with the fractal factor $C_{3} \ldots$

## 4 Independence Fractals of Fractal Graphs

From the proposition 3．2，$P_{3}$ is a fractal graph with the fractal factor $P_{2}$ ．Now our aim is to find independence fractal of $P_{2}, P_{3}$ and $P_{2} \prec P_{3}$ and compare．The independence polynomial of $P_{2}$ is $1+2 x$ and its independence fractal is $\{0\}$ ．Consider the graph $P_{3}$ ，path of 3 vertices．The reduced independence polynomial of $P_{3}$ is $x^{2}+3 x$ and the roots are $\{0,-3\}$ Reduced independence polynomial of $G^{2}$ is

$$
f_{P_{3}}^{2}=x^{4}+6 x^{3}+12 x^{2}+9 x
$$

zeros are $\{0,-3,-1.5+0.8660254037,-1.5-0.8660254037\} 1 f_{P_{3}}^{3}=x^{8}+12 x^{7}+60 x^{6}+162 x^{5}+255 x^{4}+234 x^{3}+117 x^{2}+27 x 2$
$f_{P_{3}}^{4}=x^{16}+24 x^{15}+264 x^{14}+1764 x^{13}+7998 x^{12}+26028 x^{11}+62694 x^{10}+113562 x^{9}+155532 x^{8}+160524 x^{7}+$ $123354 x^{6}+69012 x^{5}+27090 x^{4}+7020 x^{3}+1080 x^{2}+81 x 3$
$f_{P_{3}}^{5}=x^{32}+48 x^{31}+1104 x^{30}+16200 x^{29}+170364 x^{28}+1367352 x^{27}+8709372 x^{26}+45196164 x^{25}+194659260 x^{24}+$ $705275640 x^{23}+2171029500 x^{22}+5719669200 x^{21}+12964837320 x^{20}+25376373360 x^{19}+42985699164 x^{18}+63077397138 x^{17}$

$+80167328355 x^{16}+88129510128 x^{15}+83592981000 x^{14}+68160238128 x^{13}+47533167702 x^{12}+28162200528 x^{11}+$ $14054267070 x^{10}+5843229030 x^{9}+1995712704 x^{8}+549874440 x^{7}+119344806 x^{6}+19758816 x^{5}+2384910 x^{4}+196020 x^{3}+$ $9801 x^{2}+243 x$ 4
$f_{P_{3}}^{6}=x^{64}+96 x^{63}+4512 x^{62}+138384 x^{61}+3114744 x^{60}+54859248 x^{59}+787288248 x^{58}+9465398856 x^{57}+97284540936 x^{56}+$ $867969735408 x^{55}+6803390274840 x^{54}+47301219820800 x^{53}+293996733240960 x^{52}+1644168788246016 x^{51}+83183294568$ $94344 x^{50}+\ldots+4299232733079024600 x^{15}+1088670520304593740 x^{14}+244071483555679020 x^{13}+48072209536084050 x^{12}+$ $8242879270340016 x^{11}+1217238760267974 x^{10}+152800018311474 x^{9}+16046664935904 x^{8}+1381943626668 x^{7}+951336652$ $14 x^{6}+5060726748 x^{5}+198480051 x^{4}+5351346 x^{3}+88452 x^{2}+729 x 5$
$f_{P_{3}}^{7}=x^{128}+192 x^{127}+18240 x^{126}+1143072 x^{125}+53157360 x^{124}+1956526560 x^{123}+59365133424 x^{122}+1527201462672 x^{121}$ $+34001329348176 x^{120}+665471551534560 x^{119}+11591811962314416 x^{118}+\ldots+81230895019296631818 x^{10}+3295418716$ $560322710 x^{9}+112450270038475329 x^{8}+3162384373387500 x^{7}+71412759548046 x^{6}+1251240607386 x^{5}+16221458925 x^{4}+$ $145017054 x^{3}+796797 x^{2}+2187 x 6$

Next consider the graph $P_{2}$ 亿 $P_{3}$, path of 3 vertices. The reduced independence polynomial of $P_{2}$ 亿 $P_{3}$ is $2 x^{2}+6 x$ and the roots are $\{0,-3\}$ Reduced independence polynomial of $\left(P_{2} \backslash P_{3}\right)^{2}$ is

$$
f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{2}=8 x^{4}+48 x^{3}+84 x^{2}+36 x
$$

zeros are $\{0,-3,-1.5+0.8660254037,-1.5-0.8660254037\} 7$
$f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{3}=128 x^{8}+1536 x^{7}+7296 x^{6}+17280 x^{5}+21072 x^{4}+12384 x^{3}+3096 x^{2}+216 x 8$
$f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{4}=32768 x^{16}+786432 x^{15}+8454144 x^{14}+53673984 x^{13}+223420416 x^{12}+640106496 x^{11}+1289834496 x^{10}+$ $1837043712 x^{9}+1835721984 x^{8}+1264131072 x^{7}+582656256 x^{6}+171673344 x^{5}+29996640 x^{4}+2749248 x^{3}+111888 x^{2}+$ $1296 x 9$


Figure 5: zeros of $f_{P_{3}}^{6}$


Figure 6: zeros of $f_{P_{3}}^{7}$

Figure 7: $f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{2}$
$f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{5}=2147483648 x^{32}+103079215104 x^{31}+2345052143616 x^{30}+33629593927680 x^{29}+341073016651776 x^{28}+$ $2601790256185344 x^{27}+15499768708988928 x^{26}+73911918787559424 x^{25}+286898865724981248 x^{24}+9170365654216212$ $48 x^{23}+2432710724749885440 x^{22}+5382984053727166464 x^{21}+9963162798051557376 x^{20}+15438884485315166208 x^{19}+$ $20015873232029614080 x^{18}+21663088583601291264 x^{17}+19501885484129648640 x^{16}+14528838842766065664 x^{15}+$ $8897822396572631040 x^{14}+4441686131291848704 x^{13}+1788091567492055040 x^{12}+572801213100883968 x^{11}+143587145$ $204932608 x^{10}+27581251970801664 x^{9}+3954820455654912 x^{8}+409733633378304 x^{7}+29435235909120 x^{6}+1386964062720$ $x^{5}+39469930560 x^{4}+596522880 x^{3}+4030560 x^{2}+7776 x 10$
$f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{6}=9223372036854775808 x^{64}+885443715538058477568 x^{63}+41394493701404233826304 x^{62}+125578054956185143$ $5810816 x^{61}+27794382602016871818461184 x^{60}+478431968837375800570281984 x^{59}+6667139200089219482039353344$ $x^{58}+77311637987997737525698363392 x^{57}+760980840717088074268435021824 x^{56}+645408525416859521993194183065$ $6 x^{55}+\ldots+237876794452197651780403200 x^{11}+9536846753344184689803264 x^{10}+295937667967407804628992 x^{9}+$ $6912504047062167487488 x^{8}+117457846074269282304 x^{7}+1391339527620940800 x^{6}+10853279541365760 x^{5}+512818950$ $70080 x^{4}+128945675520 x^{3}+145115712 x^{2}+46656 x 11$
$f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{7}=170141183460469231731687303715884105728 x^{128}+32667107224410092492483962313449748299776 x^{127}+$ $3095208409512856263662855429199363651403776 x^{126}+192940102044172108783733402413812575895552000 x^{125}+8900$ $131925501413680454057339699115722876649472 x^{124}+324022069977248890691423948487280463230210670592 x^{123}+$ $9696579501064061946575326207136595557780828454912 x^{122}+245298178738242656713799374698776237375206176325$ $632 x^{121}+5354104711575856642198763390125764574148953934659584 x^{120}+\ldots+3013407562126801906029275283456 x^{9}+$ $11687182205060478407368218624 x^{8}+33010602054829372292603904 x^{7}+65055039812127620167680 x^{6}+84483726112429$ $885440 x^{5}+66489188857198848 x^{4}+27855748689408 x^{3}+5224258944 x^{2}+279936 x 12$

To check the connectedness of independence fractal of $P_{2}$ \{ $P_{3}$, the critical point of $f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}$ is $-3 / 2$ and its forward orbit is $\{-1.5,-4.5,13.5,445.5,399613.5, \ldots\}$ which is unbounded. Hence the independence fractal of $P_{2}$ 亿 $P_{3}$ is totally disconnected.

Proposition 4.1. Fractal graph $P_{3}$, its fractal factor $P_{2}$ and $P_{2}$ 〕 $P_{3}$ have totally disconnected independence fractals.

Figure 8: zeros of $f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{3}$

Figure 9: zeros of $f_{P_{2} \prec P_{3}}^{4}$


Figure 10: zeros of $f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{5}$


Figure 11: zeros of $f_{P_{2}\left\langle P_{3}\right.}^{6}$


Figure 12: zeros of $f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{7}$

Figure 13: zeros of $f_{P_{2} \backslash P_{3}}^{8}$

## Conclusion

Here we have tried to analyse the fractal properties of the lexicographic products of graphs with six vertices. Also determined the metric dimension of the fractal factor of the lexicographic products with six vertices which are detected using the egamorphisms.

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