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## THE CONDITION FOR A SEQUENCE TO BE POTENTIALLY $A_{L,M}$ - GRAPHIC

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**ABSTRACT.** The set of all non-increasing non-negative integer sequences  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is denoted by  $NS_n$ . A sequence  $\pi \in NS_n$  is said to be graphic if it is the degree sequence of a simple graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices, and such a graph  $G$  is called a realization of  $\pi$ . The set of all graphic sequences in  $NS_n$  is denoted by  $GS_n$ . The complete product split graph on  $L + M$  vertices is denoted by  $\bar{S}_{L,M} = K_L \vee \bar{K}_M$ , where  $K_L$  and  $K_M$  are complete graphs respectively on  $L = \sum_{i=1}^p r_i$  and  $M = \sum_{i=1}^p s_i$  vertices with  $r_i$  and  $s_i$  being integers. Another split graph is denoted by  $S_{L,M} = \bar{S}_{r_1, s_1} \vee \bar{S}_{r_2, s_2} \vee \dots \vee \bar{S}_{r_p, s_p} = (K_{r_1} \vee \bar{K}_{s_1}) \vee (K_{r_2} \vee \bar{K}_{s_2}) \vee \dots \vee (K_{r_p} \vee \bar{K}_{s_p})$ . A sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is said to be potentially  $S_{L,M}$ -graphic (respectively  $\bar{S}_{L,M}$ -graphic) if there is a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $S_{L,M}$  (respectively  $\bar{S}_{L,M}$ ) as a subgraph. If  $\pi$  has a realization  $G$  containing  $S_{L,M}$  on those vertices having degrees  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{L+M}$ , then  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic. A non-increasing sequence of non-negative integers  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic if and only if it is potentially  $S_{L,M}$ -graphic. In this paper, we obtain the sufficient condition for a graphic sequence to be potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic and this result is a generalization of that given by J. H. Yin on split graphs.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $G(V, E)$  be a simple graph (a graph without multiple edges and loops) with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges having vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . The set of all non-increasing non-negative integer sequences  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is denoted by  $NS_n$ . A sequence  $\pi \in NS_n$  is said to be graphic if it is the degree sequence of a simple graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices, and such a graph  $G$  is called a realization of  $\pi$ . The set of all graphic sequences in  $NS_n$  is denoted by  $GS_n$ . There are several famous results, Havel and Hakimi [3, 4] and Erdős and Gallai [1] which give necessary and sufficient conditions for a sequence

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$\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  to be the degree sequence of a simple graph  $G$ . A combinatorial characterization of degree sequences can be seen in [6]. The disjoint union of the graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is written as  $G_1 \cup G_2$ . If  $G_1 = G_2 = G$ , we write  $G_1 \cup G_2$  as  $2G$ . Further  $K_k, C_k, T_k$  and  $P_k$  respectively denote a complete graph on  $k$  vertices, a cycle on  $k$  vertices, a tree on  $k + 1$  vertices and a path on  $k + 1$  vertices. A clique is a maximal complete subgraph. If  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is a graphic sequence, we denote by  $\sigma(\pi) = d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_n$ . A graphic sequence  $\pi$  is potentially  $H$ -graphic if there is a realization of  $\pi$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph, while  $\pi$  is forcibly  $H$  graphic if every realization of  $\pi$  contains  $H$  as a subgraph. If  $\pi$  has a realization in which the  $r$  vertices of largest degree induce a clique, then  $\pi$  is said to be potentially  $A_r$ -graphic. It is shown in [2] that if  $\pi$  is a graphic sequence with a realization  $G$  containing  $H$  as a subgraph, then there is a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $H$  with the vertices of  $H$  having  $|V(H)|$  largest degree of  $\pi$ . We know that a graphic sequence  $\pi$  is potentially  $K_{k+1}$ -graphic if and only if  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{k+1}$ -graphic [10].

In this paper, we obtain the sufficient condition for a graphic sequence to be potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic and this result is a generalization of that given by Yin [11] on split graphs. The main results of this paper are Theorems 3.3 and 3.4.

### 2. Definitions and preliminaries

We have the following definitions.

**Definition 2.1.** *The join (complete product) of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is a graph  $G = G_1 \vee G_2$  with vertex set  $V(G_1) \cup V(G_2)$  and the edge set consisting of all the edges of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  together with the edges joining each vertex of  $G_1$  with every vertex of  $G_2$ .*

**Definition 2.2.** [9]. *The split graph of the complete graphs  $K_r$  and  $K_s$ , denoted by  $\bar{S}_{r,s}$ , is the graph  $K_r \vee \bar{K}_s$  having  $r + s$  vertices, where  $\bar{K}_s$  is the complement of  $K_s$ . We note that  $\bar{S}_{r,1} = K_{r+1}$ . For example, let  $r = 3$  and  $s = 4$ , we form the split graph  $\bar{S}_{3,4} = K_3 \vee \bar{K}_4$ . We take  $V(K_3) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  and  $V(\bar{K}_4) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ . The resulting split graph  $\bar{S}_{3,4}$  on seven vertices is shown in Figure 1.*

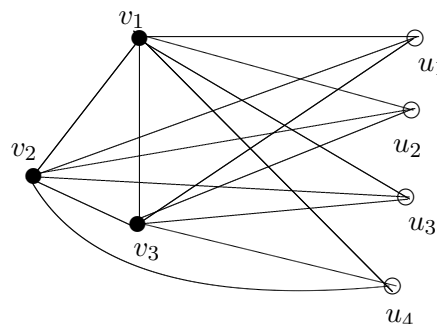


Figure 1 ( $\bar{S}_{3,4}$ )

Let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_p$  and  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_p$  be positive integers and let  $\sum_{i=1}^p r_i = L$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^p s_i = M$ . The split graph (by Definition 2.1) in this case is denoted by  $\bar{S}_{L,M} = K_L \vee \bar{K}_M$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $\bar{S}_{r_1,s_1}, \bar{S}_{r_2,s_2}, \dots, \bar{S}_{r_p,s_p}$  be split graphs, respectively with  $r_1 + s_1, r_2 + s_2, \dots, r_p + s_p$  vertices. The split graph in this case, denoted by  $S_{L,M}$ , is the complete product of  $\bar{S}_{r_1,s_1}, \bar{S}_{r_2,s_2}, \dots, \bar{S}_{r_p,s_p}$ . We write

$$\begin{aligned} S_{L,M} &= \bar{S}_{r_1,s_1} \vee \bar{S}_{r_2,s_2} \vee \dots \vee \bar{S}_{r_p,s_p} \\ &= (K_{r_1} \vee \bar{K}_{s_1}) \vee (K_{r_2} \vee \bar{K}_{s_2}) \vee \dots \vee (K_{r_p} \vee \bar{K}_{s_p}). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly  $S_{L,M}$  has vertex set  $\bigcup_{i=1}^p V(\bar{S}_{r_i,s_i})$  and the edge set consists of all the edges of  $\bar{S}_{r_1,s_1}, \bar{S}_{r_2,s_2}, \dots, \bar{S}_{r_p,s_p}$  together with the edges joining each vertex of  $\bar{S}_{r_i,s_i}$  with every vertex of  $\bar{S}_{r_j,s_j}$  for every  $i, j$  with  $i \neq j$ .

**Remark 2.4.**  $\bar{S}_{L,M}$  is always a subgraph of  $S_{L,M}$ .

For example, let  $r_1 = 2, r_2 = 2, s_1 = 1$  and  $s_2 = 2$ . Take  $L = r_1 + r_2 = 2 + 2 = 4$ , and  $M = s_1 + s_2 = 1 + 2 = 3$ . We construct the split graphs  $\bar{S}_{L,M}$  and  $S_{L,M}$  as follows.

We have,  $\bar{S}_{L,M} = \bar{S}_{3,4} = K_3 \vee \bar{K}_4$ . This is shown in Figure 1.

We have  $\bar{S}_{r_1,s_1} = \bar{S}_{2,1} = K_2 \vee \bar{K}_1$  and  $\bar{S}_{r_2,s_2} = \bar{S}_{2,2} = K_2 \vee \bar{K}_2$ . We form the complete product split graph  $S_{L,M} = S_{3,4} = \bar{S}_{r_1,s_1} \vee \bar{S}_{r_2,s_2} = (K_2 \vee \bar{K}_1) \vee (K_2 \vee \bar{K}_2)$ . We take the vertex set of  $\bar{S}_{r_1,s_1} = \bar{S}_{2,1}$  as  $\{u_1, u_2, v_1\}$ , and the vertex set of  $\bar{S}_{r_2,s_2} = \bar{S}_{2,2}$  as  $\{w_1, w_2, x_1, x_2\}$ . The resulting complete product split graph  $S_{L,M} = S_{3,4}$  on seven vertices is shown in Figure 3.

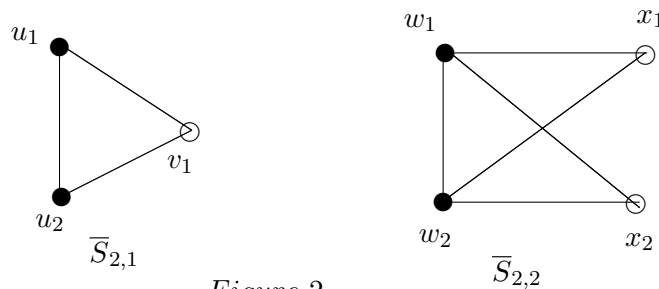


Figure 2

A sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is said to be potentially  $S_{L,M}$ -graphic (respectively  $\bar{S}_{L,M}$ -graphic) if there is a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $S_{L,M}$  (respectively  $\bar{S}_{L,M}$ ) as a subgraph. If  $\pi$  has a realization  $G$  containing  $S_{L,M}$  on those vertices having degree  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{L+M}$ , then  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic. A non-increasing sequence of non-negative integers  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic if and only if it is potentially  $S_{L,M}$ -graphic. Let  $d'_1 \geq d'_2 \geq \dots \geq d'_{n-1}$  be the rearrangement in non-increasing order of  $d_2 - 1, d_3 - 1, \dots, d_{d_1+1} - 1, d_{d_1+2}, \dots, d_n$ , then  $\pi' = (d'_1, d'_2, \dots, d'_{n-1})$  is called the residual sequence of  $\pi$ .

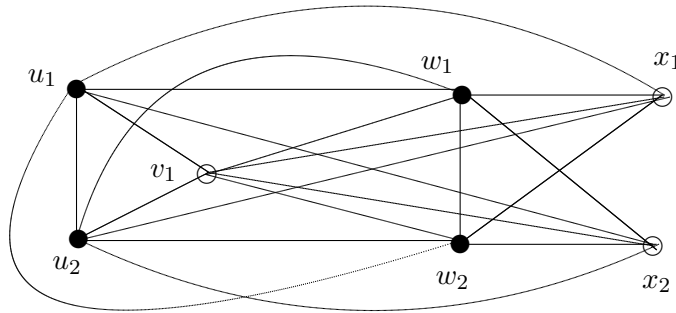


Figure 3 ( $S_{3,4} = \bar{S}_{2,1} \vee \bar{S}_{2,2}$ )

Let  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_p$  be graphical sequences realizing the graphs  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_p$ . The following result can be seen in [7]. Some more results on split graphs can be found in [8].

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\pi_i$  of  $G_i$  be potentially  $\bar{S}_{r_i, s_i}$ -graphic, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . Then*

(1) *the graphic sequence  $\pi$  of  $G = G_1 \vee G_2 \vee \dots \vee G_m$  is potentially  $S_{L, M}$ -graphic,*

where  $L = \sum_{i=1}^p r_i$  and  $M = \sum_{i=1}^p s_i$ .

(2) *the graphic sequence of  $S_{L, M}$  is*

$$\pi' = \left( \left( \sum_{i=1}^p (r_i + s_i - 1) \right)^{r_j}, \left( \sum_{i=1}^p r_i + \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^p s_i \right)^{s_j} \right),$$

for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$

(3)

$$\sigma(\pi') = \left( \sum_{i=1}^p r_i \right)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^p r_i \sum_{j=1}^p s_j + s_j \left( \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^p s_i \right) - \sum_{i=1}^p r_i.$$

The following results are due to Yin [11].

**Theorem 2.6.**  *$\pi$  is potentially  $\bar{A}_{r, s}$ -graphic if and only if  $\pi_r$  is graphic.*

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $n \geq r + s$  and let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  be a non-increasing graphic sequence. If  $d_{r+s} \geq 2r + s - 2$ , then  $\pi$  is potentially  $\bar{A}_{r, s}$ -graphic.*

### 3. Main results

We start with the following observations.

If  $\pi$  has a realization  $G$  containing  $K_{r+1}$  on those vertices having degree  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{r+1}$ , then  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{r+1}$ -graphic. Rao [9] showed that a non-increasing sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is potentially  $A_{r+1}$ -graphic if and only if it is potentially  $K_{r+1}$ -graphic, Rao [9] considered the problem

of characterizing potentially  $K_{r+1}$ -graphic sequences and developed a Havel-Hakimi type procedure to determine the maximum clique number of a graph with a given degree sequence  $\pi$ . This procedure can also be used to construct a graph with the degree sequence  $\pi$  and containing  $K_{r+1}$  on the first  $r + 1$  vertices.

Let  $n \geq L + 1$  and let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  be a non-increasing sequence of non negative integers with  $d_{L+1} \geq L$ . We construct a sequence of sequences  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_{r_1}, \pi_{r_1+1}, \dots, \pi_L$  as follows. We first construct the sequence  $\pi_1 = (d_2 - 1, d_3 - 1, \dots, d_{L+1} - 1, d_{L+2}^{(1)}, \dots, d_n^{(1)})$  from  $\pi$  by deleting  $d_1$ , and reducing the first  $d_1$  terms of  $\pi$  by one and then reordering the last  $n - L - 1$  terms to be in non-increasing order. For  $2 \leq i \leq L$ , we construct  $\pi_i = (d_{i+1} - i, d_{i+2} - i, \dots, d_{L+1} - i, d_{L+2}^{(i)}, \dots, d_n^{(i)})$  from  $\pi_{i-1} = (d_i - i + 1, d_{i+1} - i + 1, \dots, d_{L+1} - i + 1, d_{L+2}^{(i-1)}, \dots, d_n^{(i-1)})$  by deleting  $d_i - i + 1$ , reducing the first  $d_i - i + 1$  remaining terms of  $\pi_i - 1$  by one and then reordering the last  $n - L - 1$  terms to be non-increasing.

We have the following observation.

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic then  $\pi$  is potentially  $\overline{A}_{L,M}$ -graphic.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic. Then there exists a realization  $G$  of  $\pi$  containing  $S_{L,M}$  as a subgraph and therefore also contains  $\overline{S}_{L,M}$ , since  $\overline{S}_{L,M}$  is a subgraph of  $S_{L,M}$ . Thus  $\pi$  is potentially  $\overline{A}_{L,M}$ -graphic. □

**Remark 3.2.** *The converse of Lemma 3.1 is not true in general. This can be seen as follows.*

Let  $\pi$  be potentially  $\overline{A}_{L,M}$ -graphic. Take  $r_1 = 2, r_2 = 2$  and  $s_1 = 1, s_2 = 2$ , so that  $L = \sum_{i=1}^2 r_i = 2 + 2 = 5$  and  $M = \sum_{i=1}^2 s_i = 1 + 2 = 3$ . Clearly the realization of  $\pi$  contains  $\overline{S}_{L,M}$  as a subgraph but it does not contain  $S_{L,M}$  as a subgraph, as shown in Figure 1. Therefore  $\pi$  is not potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic.

The main results of this paper are 3.3 and 3.4.

**Theorem 3.3.**  *$\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic if and only if  $\pi_L$  is graphic.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ -graphic. Then  $\pi$  has a realization  $G$  with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that  $d_G(v_i) = d_i$  for  $(1 \leq i \leq n)$  and  $G$  contains  $S_{L,M}$  on the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{L+M}$ , where  $L+M \leq n$ , so that  $V(K_L) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$ . We show that  $\pi$  has a realization  $G$  such that  $v_1$  is adjacent to the vertices  $v_{L+M+1}, \dots, v_{d_1+1}$ .

If not, we may choose such a realization  $H$  of  $\pi$  such that the number of vertices adjacent to  $v_1$  in  $\{v_{L+M+1}, \dots, v_{d_1+1}\}$  is maximum.

Let  $v_i \in \{v_{L+M+1}, \dots, v_{d_1+1}\}$  and  $v_1v_i \notin E(H)$  and  $v_1v_j \in E(H)$  and let  $v_j \in \{v_{d_1+2}, \dots, v_n\}$ . We assume that  $d_i \geq d_j$ , since the order of  $i$  and  $j$  can be interchanged, if  $d_i = d_j$ . Thus there is a vertex  $v_t, (t \neq i, j)$  such that  $v_iv_t \in E(H)$  and  $v_jv_t \notin E(H)$ . Construct a graph  $G$  from  $H$  by deleting the edges  $v_1v_j$  and  $v_iv_t$  and adding the edges  $v_1v_i$  and  $v_jv_t$ . This operation does not change the degrees. Therefore  $G$  is a realization of  $\pi$  such that  $d_G(v_i) = d_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $G$  contains  $S_{L,M}$  on the

vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{L+M}$  with  $V(K_L) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r_1}, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$ . Also in  $G$ , the number of vertices adjacent to  $v_1$  in  $\{v_{L+M+1}, \dots, v_{d_1+1}\}$ , is larger than that of  $H$ . This contradicts the choice of  $H$ . Clearly,  $\pi_1$  the graphic sequence of  $G - v_1$  is potentially  $A_{L-1, M}$ -graphic. Repeating this procedure, we can see that  $\pi_i$  is potentially  $A_{L-i, M}$ -graphic successively for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, r_1, r_1 + 1, \dots, L$ . In particular,  $\pi_L$  is graphic.

Conversely, suppose that  $\pi_L$  is graphic and is realized by a graph  $G_L$  with the vertex set  $V(G_L) = \{v_{L+1}, \dots, v_n\}$  such that  $d_{G_L}(v_i) = d_i$  for  $L + 1 \leq i \leq n$ . For  $i = L, L - 1, \dots, 2, 1$ , form  $G_{i-1}$  from  $G_i$  by adding a new vertex  $v_i$ , that is adjacent to each of  $v_{i+1}, \dots, v_{L+M}$  and also to the vertices of  $G_i$  with degrees  $d_{L+M+1}^{(i-1)} - 1, \dots, d_{d_i+1}^{(i-1)} - 1$ . Then for each  $i$ ,  $G_i$  has degrees given by  $\pi_i$  and  $G_i$  contains  $S_{L-i, M}$  on  $L + M - i$  vertices  $v_{i+1}, \dots, v_{L+M}$  whose degrees are  $d_{i+1} - i, \dots, d_{L+M} - i$  so that  $V(K_{L-i}) = \{v_{i+1}, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$  whose degrees are  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{L+M}$ . So  $V(K_L) = \{v_1, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$ . In particular,  $G$  has degrees given by  $\pi$  and contains  $S_{L, M}$  on  $L + M$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{L+M}$  whose degrees are  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{L+M}$  so that  $V(K_L) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $n \geq L + M$  and let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_{r_1}, d_{r_1+1}, \dots, d_n)$  be a non-increasing graphic sequence. If  $d_{L+M} \geq 2L + M - 2$ , then  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L, M}$  - graphic.*

*Proof.* Let  $n \geq L + M$  and let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_{r_1}, d_{r_1+1}, d_{r_1+2}, \dots, d_n)$  be a non-increasing graphic sequence. Using the same argument as in Theorem 2.7,  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_L$  - graphic. Therefore, we may assume that  $G$  is a realization of  $\pi$  with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that  $d_G(v_i) = d_i$ , ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) and  $G$  contains  $K_L$  on  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L$  and

$$t = E_G(\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r_1}, \dots, v_L\}, \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+s_1}, \dots, v_{L+M}\})$$

(that is, the number of edges between  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r_1}, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $\{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+s_1}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$ ) is maximum. If  $t = LM + s_1s_2 + s_j \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} s_i$ , for  $j = 3, 4, \dots, p$ , then  $G$  contains  $S_{L, M}$  on  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{L+M}$  with  $V(K_M) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+s_1}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$ . In other-words,  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L, M}$  - graphic. Assume that  $t < \{LM + s_1s_2 + s_j \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} s_i\}$ , for  $j = 3, 4, \dots, p$ . Then there exists a  $v_k \in \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{s_i}\}$  and  $v_m \in \{v_{s_i+1}, v_{s_i+2}, \dots, v_{s_i+s_j}\}$ , ( $i \neq j$ ) such that  $v_kv_m \notin E(G)$ . Let

$$A = N_{G \setminus \{v_{s_i+1}, v_{s_i+2}, \dots, v_{s_i+s_j}\}}(v_k) \setminus N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{s_i}\}}(v_m)$$

$$B = N_{G \setminus \{v_{s_i+1}, v_{s_i+2}, \dots, v_{s_i+s_j}\}}(v_k) \cap N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{s_i}\}}(v_m).$$

Then  $xy \in E(G)$  for  $x \in N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r_i}\}}(v_m)$  and  $y \in N_{G \setminus \{v_{s_i+1}, v_{s_i+2}, \dots, v_{s_i+s_j}\}}(v_k)$ . Otherwise, if  $xy \notin E(G)$ , then  $G' = (G \setminus \{v_kv_m, xy\}) \cup \{v_kv_m, xy\}$  is a realization of  $\pi$  and contains  $S_{L, M}$  on  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r_1}, v_{r_1+1}, \dots, v_{L+s_1}, \dots, v_{L+M}$  with  $V(K_L) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$  such that  $E_{G'}(\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}, \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}) > t$  which contradicts the choice of  $G$ . Thus  $B$  is complete. We consider the following two cases.

**Case 1.**  $A = \phi$ . Then  $2L + M - 2 \leq d_k = d_G(v_k) \leq L + M - 2 + |B|$ , and so  $|B| \geq L$ . Since each vertex in  $N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m)$  is adjacent to each vertex in  $B$  and  $|N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m)| \geq 2L + M - 2 - (L - 1) =$

$L + M - 1$ , it can be easily seen that the induced subgraph of  $N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m) \cup \{v_m\}$  in  $G$  contains  $S_{L,M}$  as a subgraph. Thus  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ - graphic.

**Case 2.**  $A \neq \phi$ . Let  $a \in A$ . If there are  $x, y \in N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m)$  such that  $xy \notin E(G)$ , then  $G' = (G \setminus \{v_m x, v_m y, v_k a\}) \cup \{v_k v_m, a v_m x y\}$  is a realization of  $\pi$  and contains  $S_{L,M}$  on  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r_1}, v_{r_1+1}, \dots, v_{r_1+s_1}, \dots, v_{L+M}$  with  $V(K_L) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}$  and  $V(\overline{K}_M) = \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}$  such that  $E_{G'}(\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}, \{v_{L+1}, v_{L+2}, \dots, v_{L+M}\}) > T$ . This contradicts the choice of  $G$  and thus it follows that  $N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m)$  is complete. Since  $|N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m)| \geq L + M - 1$  and  $v_m z \in E(G)$  for any  $z \in N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m)$ , it is easy to see that the induced subgraph of  $N_{G \setminus \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_L\}}(v_m) \cup \{v_m\}$  in  $G$  is complete, and so contains  $S_{L,M}$  as a subgraph. Thus  $\pi$  is potentially  $A_{L,M}$ - graphic.  $\square$

**Remark 3.5.** If  $L = r$ ,  $M = s$  and  $p = 1$ , then Theorem 3.3 reduces to Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 3.4 reduces to Theorem 2.7.

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