# Induced $\boldsymbol{P}_{\mathbf{3}}$-Packing $\boldsymbol{k}$-partition Number for Certain Graphs 

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#### Abstract

$\overline{\text { Abstract: Finding a partition } \boldsymbol{V}_{\mathbf{1}}, \boldsymbol{V}_{2}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{V}_{\boldsymbol{k}} \text { of } \boldsymbol{V}(\boldsymbol{G}) \text { with minimum } \boldsymbol{k} \text { is called the induced } \boldsymbol{H} \text {-packing } \boldsymbol{k} \text {-partition problem of }}$ $\boldsymbol{G}$. The minimum induced $\boldsymbol{H}$-packing $\boldsymbol{k}$-partition number is denoted by $\boldsymbol{i p p}(\boldsymbol{G}, \boldsymbol{H})$. In this paper we determine an induced $\boldsymbol{P}_{\mathbf{3}^{-}}$ packing $\boldsymbol{k}$-partition number for Butterfly Networks, Honeycomb Networks, and Circum Pyrene with $\boldsymbol{H}$ is isomorphic to $\boldsymbol{P}_{\mathbf{3}}$.


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## I. INTRODUCTION

Mathematically, assembling in predictable patterns is equivalent to packing in graphs. An $H$ - packing of a graph $G$ is the set of vertex disjoint subgraphs of $G$, each of which is isomorphic to a fixed graph $H[1]$. The maximum number of vertex disjoint copies of $H$ in $G$ is called the packing number and is denoted by $\lambda(G, H)$. An $H$-packing in $G$ is called perfect if it covers all the vertices of $G$. Packing problems was already studied for Honeycomb Networks[10]. An $\mathrm{H}-$ packing is of practical interest in the areas of scheduling [2], wireless sensor tracking[3], wiring-board design, code optimization[5], and many others. Packing lines in a hypercube has been studied in[4]. H-packing is determined for honeycomb[10] and hexagonal network[6]. Partitioning a network with respect to vertices, edges or subgraphs is a significant aspect in enlarging resource utilization of parallel machines. Partitioning large networks is often important for complexity reduction or parallelization. For instance, in telecommunication networks, same frequency can be assigned to different sub networks if the frequencies do not interfere with each other. Thus the study of partitioning a H packing such that no two members in the same partition interfere, becomes meaningful.

The concept is as follows: A collection $\mathcal{K}=\left\{H_{1}, H_{2}, \ldots, H_{r}\right\}$ of induced subgraphs of a graph $G$ is said to be $s g$ independent if (i) $V\left(H_{i}\right) \cap V\left(H_{j}\right)=\phi, i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq r$. (ii) no edge of $G$ has its one end in $H_{i}$ and the other end in $H_{j}$, $i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq r$. If $H_{i} \simeq H, \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq r$, then $\mathcal{K}$ is referred to as a $H$-independent set of $G$. Let $\mathcal{H}$ be a perfect or almost perfect $H$-packing of a graph $G$. Finding a partition $\left\{\mathcal{H}_{1}, \mathcal{H}_{2}, \ldots, \mathcal{H}_{k}\right\}$ of $\mathcal{H}$ such that $\mathcal{H}_{i}$ is $H$-independent set, $\forall i, 1 \leq i \leq k$, with minimum $k$ is called the induced $H$ -
packing $k$-partition problem of $G$. The minimum induced $H$ packing $k$-partition number is denoted by $\operatorname{ipp}_{\mathcal{H}}(G, H)$ and is defined as $\operatorname{ipp}(G, H)=\min i p p_{\mathcal{H}}(G, H)$ where the minimum is taken over all $H$-packing of $G$. The induced $H$-packing $k$ partition problem was studied for certain interconnection networks such as hypercubes, Sierpiński graphs [9]. Xavier et al [9] proved that the induced $P_{3}$-packing $k$-partition problem is NP-complete, also induced $C_{4}$-packing $k$-partition problem is NP-complete.

In this paper we determine an induced $H$-packing $k$-partition number for Butterfly networks, Honeycomb Networks and Circum Pyrene with $H$ is isomorphic to $P_{3}$.


Figure 1: Structure of the Diamond representation of $\operatorname{BF}(3)$

## II. BUTTERFLY NETWORK

Efficient representation for butterfly and benes networks has been obtained by Manuel et al. [7]. The definition of the butterfly network $\mathrm{BF}(\mathrm{r})$ is as follows: The $r$-dimensional butterfly has $(r+1) 2^{r}$ nodes and $r 2^{r+1}$ edges. The set $V$ of nodes of an $r$-dimensional butterfly correspond to pairs $[w, i]$, where $i$ is the dimension or level of a node $(0 \leq i \leq$ $r$ ) and $w$ is an $r$-bit binary number that denotes the row of the node. Two nodes $[w, i]$ and $\left[w^{\prime}, i^{\prime}\right]$ are linked by an edge if and only if $=i^{\prime}=i+1$ and either:

1. $w$ and $w^{\prime}$ are identical, or
2. $w$ and $w^{\prime}$ differ in precisely the $i^{t h}$ bit. The edges in the network are undirected. An $r$-dimensional butterfly is denoted by $B F(r)$. See Figure 1.

The butterfly network has provided new challenges and opportunities to the society. It has conveyed a unique communication to the world that it maintains data centre in the clouds and further reduces the packet loss. Network coding has been applied in wireless communication, data storage, and channel coding and computer networks to name a few. Its hypothetical consequences have been followed in mathematics, physics, and biology with ground breaking results. The butterfly network reduces the cost and network diameter. The main purpose of this technology is lightweight; it requires fewer resources and offers high security through increased impulsiveness [11].

Theorem 2.1 Let $G$ be a butterfly network of dimension 2, then $\operatorname{ipp}\left(G, P_{3}\right)=2$.
Proof. Let $G$ be the 2 dimensional butterfly network with even number of vertices. It is clear that $\operatorname{ipp}(G)>1$. The butterfly on 12 vertices has four 4 -cycles, $c_{1}, c_{2}, c_{3}$ and $c_{4}$ and the vertex sets of these four 4-cycles effect a partition of $V(G)$. See Figure 2(a). The consecutive packing in these cycles are perfect. The cycles $c_{1}, c_{2}, c_{3}$ and $c_{4}$ are connected together with a single vertex common to each other. The consecutive packing in these cycles should be placed in different partitions $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$ respectively. Thus $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$ induce a $P_{3}$-packing partition of $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{G})$. This implies that $\operatorname{ipp}(B F(2))=2$.


Figure 2: (a) Induced $P_{3}$-packing 2-partition of $B F(2)$ (b) Induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition of $B F(3)$, (c) Induced subgraph of $B F(3)$

Theorem 2.2 Let $G$ be the butterfly graph of dimension $n \geq 3$. Then $\operatorname{ipp}(G)=3$.
Proof. We prove the result by induction on the dimension of the butterfly network. $B F(3)$ consists of two copies of butterfly network of dimension 2 say $B F\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ and $B F\left(2^{\prime \prime}\right)$. $B F\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ is partitioned as shown in Figure 2(a). The packing pattern of $B F\left(2^{\prime \prime}\right)$ differs from $B F\left(2^{\prime}\right)$, in order to cover the middle vertices that lie between $B F\left(2^{\prime}\right)$ and $B F\left(2^{\prime \prime}\right)$. See Figure 2(b). Consider the induced subgraph $H^{\prime}$, of $B F(3)$. Label the $P_{3}$-packing in $H^{\prime}$ as shown in Figure 2(c)a, $b, c, d$ and $e$. Without loss of generality suppose $(a, d) \in V_{1}$ and $(b, c) \in V_{2}$, then $e \notin V_{1}$ and $e \notin V_{2}$. In $H^{\prime}$, vertex $u$ cannot receive label as 1 or 2. The labeling shown in Figure 2(c), implies $\operatorname{ipp}\left(H^{\prime}\right)=3$. Hence $\operatorname{ipp}\left(G, P_{3}\right)=3$. Therefore $\operatorname{ipp}(B F(3))=3$.

Let us assume that the result is true for butterfly network of dimension n . $\mathrm{BF}(\mathrm{n}+1)$ contains two copies of $B F\left(n^{\prime}\right)$ and $B F\left(n^{\prime \prime}\right)$. By induction hypothesis $B F\left(n^{\prime}\right)$ is partitioned as $B F(n)$ and $B F\left(n^{\prime \prime}\right)$ is partitioned as $B F(n)$ with the condition $V_{1}$ being labeled as $V_{2}$ or $V_{3}, V_{2}$ being labeled as $V_{1}$ or $V_{3}$ and $V_{3}$ being labeled as $V_{1}$ or $V_{2}$. Since the label of $B F(3)$ form an induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition, by induction hypothesis $B F\left(n^{\prime}\right)$ and $B F\left(n^{\prime \prime}\right)$ form an induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition. Therefore $\operatorname{ipp}(B F(n))=3$.


Figure 3: Induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition of $B F(4)$


Figure 4: Structure of the Honeycomb Network

## III. HONEYCOMB NETWORKS

A honeycomb network can be built in various ways. A high level honeycomb network can be constructed from a low level one. A unit honeycomb network is a hexagon, denoted by $H C$ (1). Honeycomb network of size 2 denoted $H C$ (2), can be obtained by adding six hexagons around the boundary edges of $H C(1)$. Inductively, honeycomb network $H C(n)$ can be obtained from $H C(n-1)$ by adding a layer of hexagons around the boundary edges of $H C(n-1)$. The number of vertices and edges of $H C(n)$ are $6 n^{2}$ and $9 n^{2}-3 n$ respectively. If $C_{n}^{o}$ denotes the outer cycle of $H C(n)$, then the number of vertices in $C_{n}^{o}$ is $12 n-6$ [10]. See Figure 4.

(a)

(b)

Figure 5: (a) The packing of Honeycomb Network HC (2),
(b) The partitioning of the induced subgraph $H^{\prime}$

Theorem 3.1 Let $G$ be the honeycomb network $H C(n)$. Then $\operatorname{ipp}(G)=3$
Proof. Let G be the honeycomb network. Consider the induced subgraph $H^{\prime}$ of $H C(n)$. The induced subgraph $H^{\prime}$ is packed with 5 vertex disjoint path of length 2, leaving out one vertex unsaturated. Label vertices in $H^{\prime}$ as shown in Figure $5(b)$. We claim that $i p p\left(H^{\prime}\right)=3$. Suppose on the contrary that $V_{1}, V_{2}$ form an induced $P_{3}$-packing 2 - partition
of $H^{\prime}$. Label vertices in $V_{1}$ as 1 and $V_{2}$ as 2 . Consider $(a, b, c, d, e)$. Without loss of generality suppose $(a, d) \in V_{1}$ and $(b, c) \in V_{2}$, then $e \notin V_{1}$ and $e \notin V_{2}$. In $H^{\prime}$, vertex $v$ cannot receive label as 1 or 2 The labeling shown in Figure $5(b)$ implies $\operatorname{ipp}\left(\mathrm{H}^{\prime}\right)=3$. Hence $\operatorname{ipp}\left(G, P_{3}\right)=3$.

We now give a procedure and its proof of correctness to show that the proof obtained in Theorem 3.1 is sharp.


Figure 6: (a) Induced $P_{3}$-packing 2-partition of $H C$ (1) (b) Induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition of $H C$ (2).

## Procedure Induced Packing Partition HC(n)

Input: A honeycomb network $G$ of dimension $n$ and $H \simeq P_{3}$. Algorithm:


(b)

Figure 7: (a) Induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition of $H C$ (3) (b) Induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition of $H C$ (4).
(i) Select the hexagon $H C(1)$. In Figure 6(a), find $P_{3}$ packing of size 2 and denote its partition as $V_{1}, V_{2}$.
(ii) Having selected $P_{3}$-packing in $H C(1)$, select the $P_{3}$ packing among the six hexagons, each contains a vertex adjacent to a vertex in $H C(1)$, where $H C(1)$ have been already selected and partitioned as $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$. In Figure 6(b), denote the partition as $V_{3}$, when there is no possibilities of partitioning as $V_{1}$ and $V_{2}$ in $H C(2)$.
(iii) Repeat (ii) for $n$ dimensions of honeycomb network.See Figure 7: (a) and (b).
Output: There exists a perfect $H$-packing of 3-partition of honeycomb network where $H \simeq P_{3}$.
Proof of correctness: The selection process (iii) and the copies of $P_{3}$ selected by the procedure implies that the Honeycomp network are vertex disjoint. The algorithm
covers all vertices of Honeycomb. Let $V_{i}$ be the set of all vertices that receive label $i, i=1,2,3$. For $u \in V_{i}, \mid N(u) \cap$ $V_{i} \mid=2, i=1,2,3$. Therefore $\operatorname{ipp}\left(G, P_{3}\right)=3$.


Figure 8: Circum-pyrene (1)

## IV. CIRCUM PYRENE

Pyrene is an alternante polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) and consists of four fused benzene rings, resulting in a large aromatic system. It is a colorless or pale yellow solid which forms during incomplete combustion of organic materials and therefore can be isolated from coal tar together with a broad range of related compounds. In the last four decades, a number of research works have been reported on both the theoretical and experimental investigation of pyrene concerning its electronic structure. Like most PAHs, pyrene is used to make dyes, plastics and pesticides. Circumscribing pyrene ( $C_{16} H_{10}$ ) gives circum-pyrene $\left(C_{42} H_{16}\right)$. Inductively, circum-pyrene ( $n$ ) is obtained from circum-pyrene $(n-1$ ) by adding a layer of hexagons around the boundary of circum-pyrene $(n-1)$ [8]. See Figure 8.

## Theorem 4.1 Let $H^{\prime}$ be the induced subgraph of circum

 pyrene, then its $P_{3}$-packing $k$-partition number is 3 .Proof. Consider the induced subgraph $H^{\prime}$ of $G$. The induced subgraph $H^{\prime}$ is packed with 5 vertex disjoint path of length 2, leaving out one vertex unsaturated. Label vertices in $H^{\prime}$ as shown in Figure9 (a). We claim that $\operatorname{ipp}\left(H^{\prime}\right)=3$. Suppose on the contrary that $V_{1}, V_{2}$ form an induced $P_{3}$-packing 2 partition of $H^{\prime}$. Label vertices in $V_{1}$ as 1 and $V_{2}$ as 2 . Consider $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right),\left(x_{4}, x_{5}, x_{6}\right),\left(x_{7}, x_{8}, x_{9}\right),\left(x_{10}, x_{11}\right.$, $\left.x_{12}\right),\left(x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}\right)$ and ( $x_{16}$ ). Without loss of generality $\operatorname{suppose}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}\right),\left(x_{7}, x_{8}, x_{9}\right) \in V_{1} .\left(x_{4}, x_{5}, x_{6}\right),\left(x_{10}, x_{11}\right.$, $\left.x_{12}\right) \in V_{2}$. Then $\left(x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}\right) \notin V_{1}$ or $V_{2}$, where the vertex $x_{16}$ is left uncovered. The labeling shown in figure 9(a) implies $\operatorname{ipp}\left(\mathrm{H}^{\prime}\right)=3$. In $G$, vertex $u$ cannot receive label as 1 or 2. Hence $\operatorname{ipp}\left(G, P_{3}\right)=3$.

Procedure Induced Packing Partition Circum Pyrene
Input: A Circum Pyrene $G$ of dimension $n$ and $H \simeq P_{3}$.

## Algorithm:

(i) Label the three vertices $x_{4}, x_{5}$ and $x_{6}$ in Figure $9(a)$ as 2 if the vertex $x_{3}$ and $x_{7}$ is labeled as 1 .
(ii) Label the three vertices $x_{10}, x_{11}$ and $x_{12}$ in Figure 9(a) as 2 if the vertex $x_{9}$ and $x_{13}$ is labeled as 1 or 3 and 3 or 1 respectively.
(iii) Label the packing from vertices $x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3} \ldots x_{n}$ in Figure $9(b)$ with labels 1, 2 and 3 , such that no two adjacent packing receives the same label.
Output: induced $P_{3}$-packing partition number for Circum pyrene is 3 .
Proof of correctness: The vertices that receive label 1, 2 or 3 are in $V_{1}, V_{2}$ and $V_{3}$ respectively. For any $x \varepsilon V_{i}, i=1,2,3$ exactly one vertex in $N(x) \in V_{i}$. Therefore $\operatorname{ipp}(G)=3$.

(a)

(b)

Figure 9: (a) Induced Subgraph $H^{\prime}$ (b) Induced $P_{3}$-packing 3-partition of Circum Pyrene

## V. CONCLUSION

In this paper we investigate the induced $H$-packing $k$ partition number is 3 for Butterfly network, Honeycomb Networks and Circum Pyrene. It would be an interesting line of research to determine the induced $H$-packing $k$-partition number for other chemical graphs.

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