

# POTENTIALLY GENERALIZED BIPARTITE SELF-COMPLEMENTARY BIPARTITIONED SEQUENCES

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In this paper we characterize all graphic bipartitioned sequences for which there is at least one generalized bipartite self-complementary realization. We also give a step by step procedure to check if a given bipartitioned sequence is bpgpsc or not.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

All graphs considered in this paper are finite, undirected graphs without multiple edges or loops. For terminology and notations not defined here the reader is referred to Harary<sup>8</sup>.

Let  $G$  be graph with  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  where  $d(v_1) \geq d(v_2) \geq \dots \geq d(v_p)$ . Then the sequence  $(d(v_1), d(v_2), \dots, d(v_p))$  is called the degree sequence of  $G$ . Conversely, a sequence  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_p)$  with  $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_p$  is called graphic if it is the degree sequence of a graph  $G$ . The following result due to Erdos and Gallai<sup>4</sup> on graphic sequence is well known.

*Result A* — Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_p)$  be a partition of  $2q$  into  $p > 1$  parts,  $d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_p$ .

Then  $\pi$  is graphical if for each  $r, 1 \leq r \leq p-1$  
$$\sum_{i=1}^r d_i \leq r(r-1) + \sum_{i=r+1}^p \min(r, d_i).$$

A graph is said to be bipartite if  $V(G)$  can be bipartitioned into two non empty subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every edge in  $G$  joins a vertex in  $V_1$  to a vertex in  $V_2$ . Such a partition  $(V_1, V_2)$  is called a partition of  $G$  and is denoted by  $P = \{V_1, V_2\}$ . A bipartite graph is denoted by  $G(V_1, V_2)$  or  $G(P)$ . Given a bipartite graph  $G$ , its bipartite complement, denoted by  $\overline{G}(P)$ , is the bipartite graph with  $V(G(P)) = V(\overline{G}(P))$  and  $E(\overline{G}(P)) = \{uv \mid u \in V_1, v \in V_2 \text{ and } uv \notin E(G(P))\}$ . A bipartite graph  $G(P)$  is said to be bipartite self-complementary (bipsc)<sup>7</sup> if  $G(P) \cong \overline{G}(P)$ .

Let  $(G, P)$  be bipsc. A bipartite complementing permutation (bipcp) of  $G(P)$  is an isomorphism between  $G$  and  $\overline{G}(P)$  i.e. a bijection  $\sigma$  from  $V(G)$  to  $V(\overline{G}(P))$  such that  $\sigma(u)\sigma(v)$  is an edge of  $\overline{G}(P)$  iff  $uv$  is an edge of  $G$ . We denote by  $C(G, P)$  the class of all bipcp's of the

bipsc graph  $G(P)$ . A cycle of a bipcp is said to be pure if it permutes only vertices belonging to a single set of  $P$  and is said to be mixed otherwise. We define a subclass  $C_p(G, P)$  of  $C(G, P)$  as follows :  $C_p(G, P) = \{\sigma \in C(G, P) \mid \text{all cycles of } \sigma \text{ are pure}\}$ . Let  $G(V_1, V_2)$  be a bipartite graph with  $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  where  $d(u_1) \geq d(u_2) \geq \dots \geq d(u_m)$  and  $d(v_1) \geq d(v_2) \geq \dots \geq d(v_n)$ . Let  $d(u_i) = d_i$  and  $d(v_j) = e_j$ . The bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  is called the degree sequence of  $G(V_1, V_2)$ . If  $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  then we say that  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \mid v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is an ordering of  $G(P)$ . The bipartite graph  $G(P)$  with ordering  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \mid v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  is said to be a realization of the bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  if  $d(u_i) = d_i$  and  $d(v_j) = e_j$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . We also say that  $G(P)$  is a realization of  $\pi$  if  $G(P)$  with some ordering  $S$  is a realization of  $\pi$ . A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi$  is said to be bigraphic if there is a realization of  $\pi$ . The following result due to Gale and Ryser<sup>3</sup> and Bhavne<sup>2</sup> gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a bipartitioned sequence to be bigraphic.

*Result B* — let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  be a bipartitioned sequence. Then  $\pi$  is bigraphic iff  $\pi$  satisfies the following conditions :

(i)  $n \geq d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_m, m \geq e_1 > e_2 \geq \dots \geq e_n$  and  $\sum d_i = \sum e_j$ .

(ii) 
$$\sum_{i=1}^r d_i \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \min(r, e_j); 1 \leq r \leq m$$

Condition (ii) can be replaced by the equivalent condition

$$\sum_{j=1}^k e_j \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \min(k, d_i); 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi$  is said to be potentially bipsc (pbipsc) if there exists at least one bipsc realization  $G(P)$  of  $\pi$ . The following result of Gangopadhyay<sup>5</sup> will be used in the sequel.

*Result C* : Let C1 denote the condition :

$$[d_i + d_{m+1-i} = n; 1 \leq i \leq m; e_j + e_{n+1-j} = m; 1 \leq j \leq n]$$

A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  is pbipsc iff it satisfies at least one of the following conditions :

(i) C1 holds and exactly one of  $m$  and  $n$  is odd.

(ii) C1 holds, both  $m$  and  $n$  are even and either  $d_{m/2} = d_{m/2+1} = \frac{n}{2}$  or  $e_{n/2} = e_{n/2+1} = \frac{m}{2}$ .

(iii) C1 holds,  $m, n$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^{n/2} e_j - \sum_{i=1}^{m/2} d_i - \frac{1}{4}(mn)$  are all even.

(iv)  $m = n$  is even,  $d_i + e_{m+1-i} = n$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $d_{2i-1} = d_{2i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m/2$ .

Furthermore  $\pi$  is the degree sequence of a bipsc graph  $G(P)$  with  $C_p(G, P) \neq \emptyset$  iff at least one of (i) - (iii) holds and  $\pi$  is the degree sequence of a bipsc graph  $G(P)$  with a bipcp sending  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  iff (iv) holds.

Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph and  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$  be a partition of  $V$ . We define a generalized bipartite complement  $G_Q$  of  $G$  as follows :  $V(G_Q) = V(G)$  and  $E(G_Q) = \{u v \mid u \in W_1, v \in W_2 \text{ and } u v \notin E\} \cup \{u v \mid u, v \in W_i, i = 1, 2 \text{ and } u v \in E\}$ .  $G_Q$  is also called a 2-switched graph with respect to  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$ <sup>1,9</sup>.  $G$  is said to be generalized bipsc (gbipsc) if it is isomorphic to  $G_Q$ <sup>9,12</sup>. Gangopadhyay and Rao hebbare<sup>6</sup> have investigated graphs  $G_Q$  where  $Q$  is identical with  $P$ .

A sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is said to be potentially gbipsc (pgbipsc) if there exists at least one gbipsc realization of  $\pi$ . A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  is said to be pgbipsc if there exists at least one bipartite realization  $G(V_1, V_2)$  of  $\pi$  which is gbipsc with respect to a partition  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$  of  $V_1 \cup V_2$ .

A bipcp  $\sigma$  of a gbipsc bipartite graph  $G(V_1, V_2)$  is said to be pure if  $\sigma(W_i) = W_i, i = 1, 2$ . If for a gbipsc bipartite graph  $G(V_1, V_2)$  there exists a pure bipcp  $\sigma$  then we call this graph gbipsc (pure). A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  is said to be pgbipsc (pure) if there exists at least one bipartite realization of  $\pi$  which is gbipsc (pure). Bhav<sup>2</sup> has characterized bipartitioned sequences which are pgbipsc (pure). In this paper we characterize all bipartitioned sequences that are pgbipsc. This also includes pgbipsc (pure) sequences.

A bipartite graph  $G(V_1, V_2)$  is said to be symmetric if there exists an automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $G$  such that  $\sigma(V_1) = V_2$  and  $\sigma(V_2) = V_1$ . A bipartitioned sequence is said to be potentially symmetric bigraphic if it has a symmetric realization. The following result of Bhav<sup>2</sup> will be used in the sequel.

*Result D* — A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  is potentially symmetric bigraphic with a realization in which a vertex is adjacent to its image iff  $\pi$  is bigraphic and  $d_i = e_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ .

*Definition 1* — Let  $G(V_1, V_2)$  be a bipartite graph which is gbipsc with respect to a partition  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$ .  $G$  is said to be gbipsc of type I if at least one of  $W_i \cap V_j, i, j = 1, 2$  is empty

and of type II otherwise.

**Definition 2** — A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  is said to be pgbipsc of type I (type II) if there exists at least one bipartite realization of  $\pi$  that is gbipsc of type I (type II)

We now state the two main theorems of this paper which characterize pgbipsc type I and type II sequences.

**Theorem 1** — A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \mid b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  is pgbipsc of type I if and only if it is one of the following types with suitable ordering of  $a_i$ 's and  $b_i$ 's

1<sup>0</sup> —  $\pi$  satisfies one of the conditions of (i) - (iv) of result C.

2<sup>0</sup> —  $\pi = (m_2 + (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1}), (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2}) \mid (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-m_2}), m_1 + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2}))$  where  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-m_2})$  satisfies one of the conditions (i)-(iii) of result C and  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2} \mid f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2})$  is the degree sequence of any symmetric graph.

3<sup>0</sup> —  $\pi = (m_1 - m_2 + (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2}), 2m_1 - m_2 - (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2}), m_1 - m_2 - (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2}) \mid m_1 + m_2 - (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2}), m_2 + (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2}), m_2 - (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2}))$  where  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2} \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2})$  is any bigraphic sequence.

Here  $m = m_1 + m_2$ .

**Theorem 2** — A bipartitioned sequence  $\pi = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \mid b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  is pgbipsc of type II iff it is of the following type 4<sup>0</sup> with suitable ordering of  $a_i$ 's and  $b_i$ 's.

4<sup>0</sup> —  $(m_2 + (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1}), n_1 + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2}) \mid m_1 + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2}), m_2 + (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n_1}))$  where  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n_1})$  is any bigraphic sequence and  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2} \mid f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2})$  is the degree sequence of any symmetric graph. Here  $m = m_1 + m_2$  and  $n = n_1 + m_2$ .

In sections 2 and 3 we prove Theorem 1 and 2 respectively and in Section 4 we give a step by step procedure to check if a given bipartitioned sequence is pgbipsc or not.

In figures used in this paper small circles represent vertices and big circles (ovals) represent set of vertices. A single line between two vertices represents an edge whereas a single line between sets of vertices means a complete bipartite graph between these sets. No line between sets of vertices mean no edge between those vertices. i.e. a null graph. A line with an arrow between sets of vertices indicates a specific graph between these sets.  $G(A \mid B)$  denotes the induced bipartite subgraph of  $G(V_1, V_2)$  between  $A$  and  $B$ . While writing the degree sequences,  $r + (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m)$  means  $(r + d_1, r + d_2, \dots, r + d_m)$  and  $(r)^f$  means the  $t$ -tuple  $(r, r, \dots, r)$ .

2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

Let  $G(V_1, V_2)$  be a gbipsc type I realization of  $\pi$  with a bipcp  $\sigma$  from  $G$  to  $G_Q$  where  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$ . For definiteness we assume  $W_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset$ . Thus  $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m_1}, u_{m_1+1}, u_{m_1+2}, \dots, u_{m_1+m_2}\}$ ,  $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $W_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m_1}\}$ ,  $W_2 = \{u_{m_1+1}, u_{m_1+2}, \dots, u_{m_1+m_2}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Clearly  $m_1$  and  $n$  cannot be zero. If  $m_2 = 0$  then  $W_1 = V_1$  and  $W_2 = V_2$ . So  $G_Q$  is  $\overline{G}(P)$ . Hence  $\pi$  satisfies one of the conditions (i)-(iv) of result C and thus in this case  $\pi$  is of type  $1^0$  of Theorem 1.

For convenience let us denote  $W_1$  by  $A$  and  $V_1 - W_1$  by  $B$ . Since there are no internal edges in  $V_1$ , the induced bipartite graph  $G(A|B)$  is null,  $N_{m_1, m_2}$ , and since  $G_Q$  is the 2-switched graph with  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$ ,  $G_Q(A|B)$  is full,  $K_{m_1, m_2}$ . Clearly this  $K_{m_1, m_2}$  must have its  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  parts in different parts of bipartition of  $G_Q$  viz.  $\sigma(V_1)$  and  $\sigma(V_2)$ . We have two cases to consider,  $W_1 \subset \sigma(V_1)$  or  $W_1 \subset \sigma(V_2)$ .

Case 2.1 —  $W_1 \subset \sigma(V_1)$  i.e.  $A \subset \sigma(V_1)$  then  $B \subset \sigma(V_2)$ . Let  $\sigma(V_1) = A \cup C$  and  $\sigma(V_2) = B \cup D$  so that  $V_2 = C \cup D$ . Thus  $\sigma(V_1) = \sigma(A \cup B) = A \cup C$  and  $\sigma(V_2) = \sigma(C \cup D) = B \cup D$ . Also  $W_1 = A$  and  $W_2 = B \cup C \cup D$ . Since  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$ , there is switching between  $A$  and  $C$  in  $G_Q$  while there is no switching between  $B$  and  $D$  in  $G_Q$ . Since there are no edges in  $V_1$  in  $G$ , there are no edges in  $\sigma(V_1)$  in  $G_Q$  i.e.  $G_Q(A|C)$  is null and due to switching  $G(A|C)$  is full. Similarly,  $G_Q(B|D)$  is null and due to no switching  $G(B|D)$  is also null. Also  $G(C|D)$  and  $G_Q(C|D)$  are null. This type of argument which uses bipartition, isomorphism and switching will be called the Bipartition Isomorphism Switching Technique (BIST). Now the only

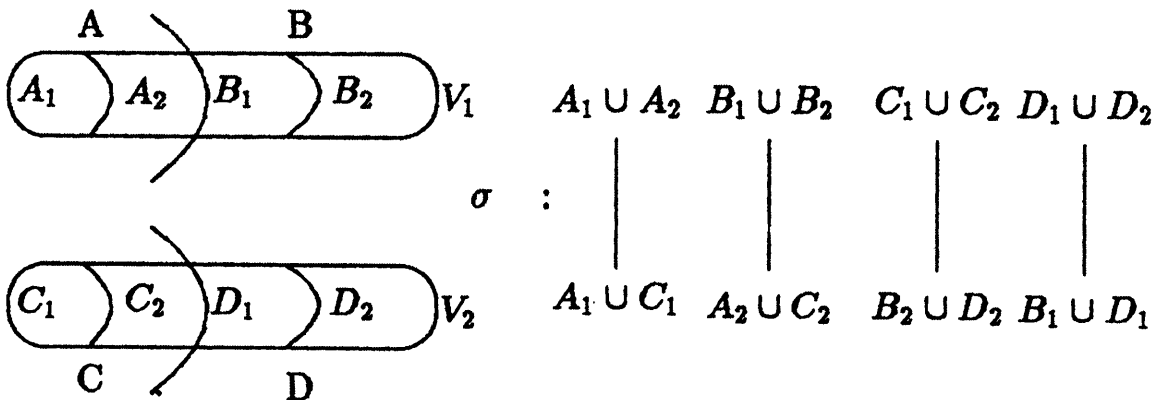


FIG. 2.1.

undetermined graphs in  $G$  are  $G(A|D)$  and  $G(B|C)$ . In this pursuit let  $\sigma(A) = A_1 \cup C_1$  where  $A_1 \subset A$  and  $C_1 \subset C$ ,  $\sigma(C) = B_2 \cup D_2$  where  $B_2 \subset B$  and  $D_2 \subset D$ ,  $\sigma(B) = A_2 \cup C_2$  where  $A_2 = A - A_1$ ,  $C_2 = C - C_1$  and  $\sigma(D) = B_1 \cup D_1$  where  $B_1 = B - B_2$  and  $D_1 = D - D_2$ . We present this information in the following Fig. 2.1.

$G(A|C)$  is full. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(\sigma(A)|\sigma(C))$  is full i.e.  $G_Q(A_1, C_1|B_2, D_2)$  is full, a contradiction unless either  $C_1 = \phi$  or  $D_2 = \phi$  (since  $G_Q(C|D)$  is null).

*Subcase (a)* — Let  $C_1 = \phi$  in Fig.2.1. Therefore  $A_2 = \phi$  and we get the following  $\sigma$ .  $\sigma(A_1) = A_1$ ,  $\sigma(B_1 \cup B_2) = C_2$ ,  $\sigma(C_2) = B_2 \cup D_2$  and  $\sigma(D_1 \cup D_2) = B_1 \cup D_1$ . We know,  $G(A_1|C_2)$  is full (since  $G(A|C)$  is full). By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(A_1|B_2, D_2)$  is full and because of Switching,  $G(A_1|D_2)$  is null. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(A_1|\sigma(D_2))$  is null. Thus,  $\sigma(D_2) \subset D_1$ . Because of Switching,  $G(A_1|\sigma(D_2))$  is full and by Isomorphism,  $G_Q(A_1|\sigma^2(D_2))$  is full which by Switching gives,  $G(A_1|\sigma^2(D_2) \cap D_1)$  is null. Let  $\sigma^2(D_2) \cap D_1 = D_{11}$ . Thus  $G_Q(A_1|\sigma(D_{11}))$  is null and so  $\sigma(D_{11}) \subset D_1$ . Because of Switching,  $G(A_1|\sigma(D_{11}))$  is full and by Isomorphism,  $G_Q(A_1|\sigma^2(D_{11}))$  is full. By Switching,  $G(A_1|\sigma^2(D_{11}) \cap D_1)$  is null. Let  $\sigma^2(D_{11}) \cap D_1 = D_{12}$ . Continuing thus we have a subset  $X$  of  $D_1$  with  $\sigma(X) = X$  and  $\sigma^2(D_{1i}) \cap D_1 = D_{1i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $G(A_1|X)$  is a bipsc graph satisfying one of the conditions (i) - (iii) of result C,  $G(A_1|D_2)$ ,  $G(A_1|D_{1i})$  are null and  $G(A_1|\sigma(D_2))$ ,  $G(A_1|\sigma(D_{1i}))$  are full.

Thus  $G(A_1|D_1, D_2)$  is bipsc since it is the union of null, full and a bipsc graph  $H$ . Hence it satisfies one of the conditions (i) - (iii) of result C. Also we know,  $G(B_1, B_2|D_1, D_2)$  is null. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(C_2|B_1, D_1)$  is null and because of no Switching,  $G(B_1|C_2)$  is null. By Isomorphism,  $(G_Q(\sigma(B_1)|\sigma(C_2)))$  is null i.e.  $G_Q(\sigma(B_1)|B_2, D_2)$  is null and because of no Switching,  $G(B_2|\sigma(B_1))$  is null. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(\sigma(B_2)|\sigma^2(B_1))$  is null and because of no Switching,  $G(\sigma^2(B_1) \cap B_2|\sigma(B_2))$  is null. Continuing thus, either  $G(B_2|C_2)$  is null or there exists  $Y \subset B_2$  such that  $\sigma^2(Y) = Y$ ,  $G(Y|\sigma(Y))$  is symmetric and the remaining subgraph of  $G(B_2|C_2)$  is null. As null graph is also symmetric  $G(B_1, B_2|C_2)$  is symmetric. Now the complete description of  $G$  is as below.  $G(A_1|C_1)$  is full,  $G(A_1|D_1, D_2) = H_1$ , a bipsc graph  $G(B_1, B_2|C_2) = H_2$ , a symmetric graph and  $G(B_1, B_2|D_1, D_2)$  is null. Since  $H_1$  is bipsc, the degree sequence  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-m_2})$  of  $H_1$  satisfies one of the conditions (i) - (iii) of result C and since  $H_2$  is

symmetric, by result *D*, it has the degree sequence  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2} | f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2})$  and hence  $\pi$  satisfies  $2^0$  of Theorem 1.

*Subcase (b)* — Let  $D_2 = \phi$  in Fig. 2.1. Therefore  $B_1 = \phi$  and we get the following  $\sigma$ .  
 $\sigma(A_1 \cup A_2) = A_1 \cup C_1$ ,  $\sigma(B_2) = A_2 \cup C_2$ ,  $\sigma(C_1 \cup C_2) = B_2$  and  $\sigma(D_1) = D_1$ .

Applying BIST as described in subcase (a), the complete description of  $G$  is as below :  
 $G(A_1, A_2 | C_1, C_2)$  is full,  $G(A_1, A_2 | D_1) = H_1$ , a bipsc graph,  $G(B_2 | C_1, C_2) = H_2$ , a symmetric graph and  $G(B_2 | D_1)$  is null. Since  $H_1$  is bipsc, the degree sequence  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-m_2})$  of  $H_1$  satisfies one of the conditions (i) - (iii) of result *C* and since  $H_2$  is symmetric, by result *D*, its degree sequence is of the type  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2} | f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2})$ . Thus the degree sequence of  $G$  i.e.  $\pi$  satisfies  $2^0$  of Theorem 1.

*Case 2.2* —  $W_1 \subset \sigma(V_2)$  i.e.  $A \subset \sigma(V_2)$ . Therefore  $B \subset \sigma(V_1)$ . As in case 2.1, let  $\sigma(V_2) = A \cup C$  and  $\sigma(V_1) = B \cup D$  where  $V_2 = C \cup D$ . As in case 2.1 we breakup  $A, B, C, D$  to get the following Fig. 2.2.

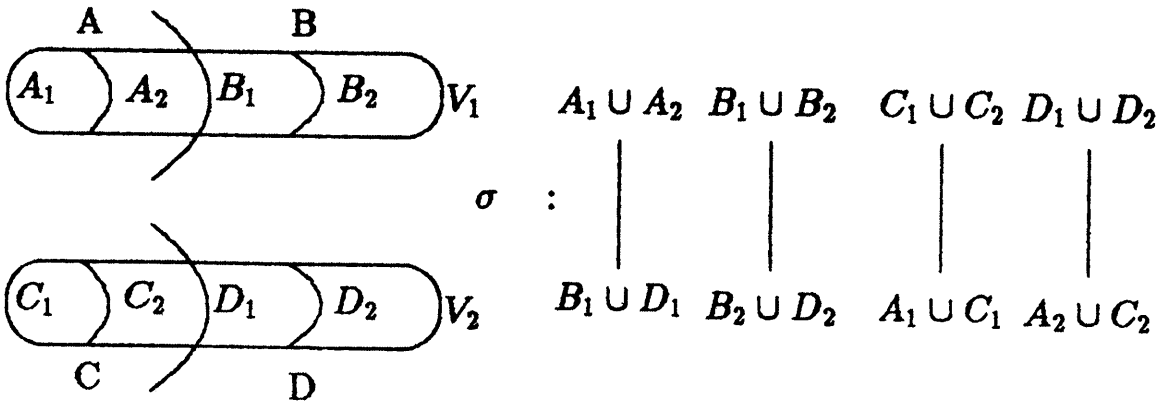


FIG. 2.2

As argued earlier,  $G(B|D)$  as well as  $G_Q(B|D)$  are null,  $G(C|D)$  as well as  $G_Q(C|D)$  are also null whereas  $G_Q(A|C)$  ( $A \cup C$  being  $\sigma(V_2)$ ) is null and due to switching  $G(A|C)$  is full. BIST gives four subcases viz.  $A_2 = \phi$  and  $C_1 = \phi$ ,  $A_2 = \phi$  and  $D_1 = \phi$ ,  $B_2 = \phi$  and  $C_1 = \phi$ ,  $B_2 = \phi$  and  $D_1 = \phi$ . We consider them one by one.

*Subcase (a)* — Let  $A_2 = \phi$  and  $C_1 = \phi$  (see Fig. 2.2). Then  $\sigma$  becomes,  
 $\sigma(A_1) = B_1 \cup D_1$ ,  $\sigma(B_1 \cup B_2) = B_2 \cup D_2$ ,  $\sigma(C_2) = A_1$  and  $\sigma(D_1 \cup D_2) = C_2$

We know  $G(A_1|C_2)$  is full. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(B_1, D_1|A_1)$  is full and because of

Switching,  $G(A_1 | D_1)$  is null. Hence,  $G_Q(B_1 D_1 | \sigma(D_1))$  is null and because of no Switching,  $G(B_1 | \sigma(D_1))$  is null. Hence,  $G_Q(\sigma(B_1) | \sigma^2(D_1))$  is null which gives that  $\sigma(B_1) \subset D_2$  (since  $G_Q(A_1 | B_2)$  is full)  $\Rightarrow \sigma(B_2) \supset B_2$ .

Hence  $\sigma(B_2) = B_2$  and  $\sigma(B_1) = D_2$ . Also,  $G(B_1, B_2 | D_1, D_2)$  is null. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(B_2, D_2 | C_2)$  is null and because of no Switching,  $G(B_2 | C_2)$  is null. Hence,  $G_Q(B_2 | A_1)$  is null which gives a contradiction unless  $B_2 = \phi$ . If  $B_2 = \phi$  then applying BIST we have the following  $\sigma, A_1 = \sigma^2(D_1) \cup \sigma^6(D_1) \dots \cup \sigma^{4k+6}(D_1), B_1 = \sigma^3(D_1) \cup \sigma^7(D_1) \dots \cup \sigma^{4k+3}(D_1), C_2 = \sigma(D_1) \cup \sigma^5(D_1) \dots \cup \sigma^{4k+5}(D_1), D_1 = \sigma^{4k+7}(D_1)$  and  $D_2 = \sigma^4(D_1) \cup \sigma^8(D_1) \dots \cup \sigma^{4k+4}(D_1)$  where  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  and the degree sequence of  $G$  is  $((2k+3)t^t, ((2k+2)t^t, \dots, (2t)^t, (t)^t | ((2k+3)t^t, ((2k+2)t^t, \dots, (t)^t, (0)^t), k \geq 0, t \geq 1$  with  $m_1 = (k+2)t, m_2 = (k+1)t$  and  $n = (2k+4)t$ . This sequence satisfies condition (i) or (ii) of result C and hence  $\pi$  is of type  $1^0$  of Theorem 1.

*Subcase (b)* — Let  $D_1 = \phi$  and  $B_2 = \phi$  (see Fig. 2.2). Then  $\sigma$  becomes,  $\sigma(A_1 \cup A_2) = B_1, \sigma(B_1) = D_2, \sigma(C_1 \cup C_2) = A_1 \cup C_1$  and  $\sigma(D_2) = A_2 \cup C_2$ . Applying BIST as in subcase (a) we get the degree sequence of  $G$  as  $((2k+3)t^t, ((2k+2)t^t, \dots, (t)^t, (0)^t | ((2k+3)t^t, (2k+2)t^t, \dots, (2t)^t, (t)^t); k \geq 0, t \geq 1$  with  $m_1 = (k+2)t = m_2$  and  $n = (2k+3)t$ . This sequence satisfies conditions (i) or (iii) of result C and hence  $\pi$  is of type  $1^0$  of Theorem 1.

*Subcase (c)* — Let  $A_2 = \phi$  and  $D_1 = \phi$  (see Fig. 2.2). Then  $\sigma$  becomes,

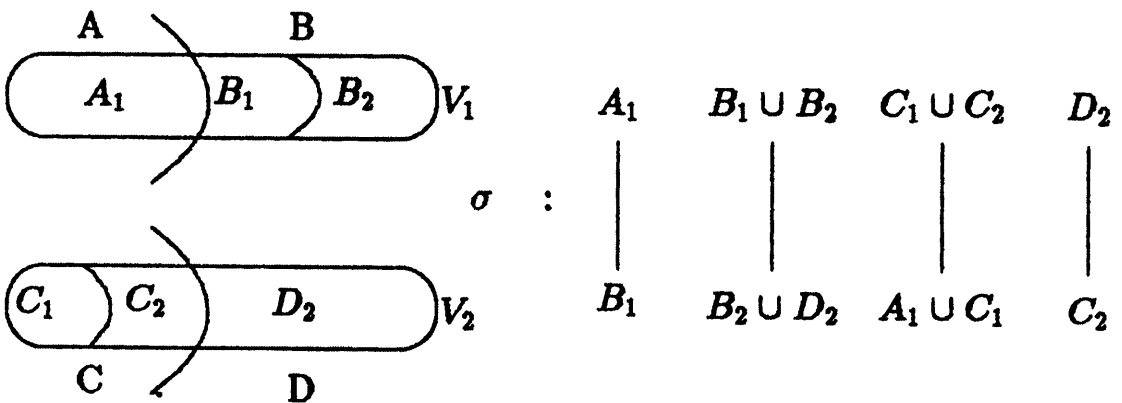


FIG. 2.3

We know,  $G(A_1 | C_1, C_2)$  is full. Hence,  $G_Q(B_1 | A_1, C_1)$  is full and because of no Switching,  $G(B_1 | C_1)$  is full. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(\sigma(B_1) | \sigma(C_1))$  is full. Also, we know,  $G(B_1, B_2 | D_2)$  is



null. Hence,  $G_Q(B_2, D_2 | C_2)$  is null and because of no Switching,  $G(B_2 | C_2)$  is null. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(\sigma(B_2) | \sigma(C_2))$  is null.

Breaking up  $A_1, B_2, C_1$  and  $D_2$  we have four cases which in turn give another four cases and ultimately at some stage we must have  $\sigma(B_2^k) = B_2^k$  or  $D_2^k$  and  $\sigma(C_1^k) = A_1^k$  or  $C_1^k$  where  $A_1^k, B_2^k, C_1^k$  and  $D_2^k$  represent the remaining parts of  $A_1, B_2, C_1$  and  $D_2$  respectively at the  $k$ th stage. Thus without loss of generality we consider the following four subcases of the subcase (c).

*Subcase (c) (i)* — Let  $\sigma(B_1) = B_2$  and  $\sigma(C_1) = A_1$  (see Fig. 2.3). Therefore  $\sigma(B_2) = D_2$  and  $\sigma(C_2) = C_1$  and  $\sigma = (A_1 B_1 B_2 D_2 C_2 C_1)$ . Hence we get the following adjacencies in  $G$ .  $G(A_1 | C_1, C_2)$  is full,  $G(B_1 | C_1)$  is full,  $G(B_1 | D_2)$  is null and  $G(B_2 | C_2, D_2)$  is null. If  $G(A_1 | D_2) = H$  is any bipartite graph then applying BIST  $G(D_2 | A_1) \bar{H}$  which means that  $H$  must be a bipsc graph satisfying condition (iv) of result C. In fact we observe that the degree sequence of  $G$  also satisfies condition (iv) of result C and thus  $\pi$  is of type  $1^0$  of Theorem 1. Applying BIST to the remaining subcases viz.  $\sigma(B_1) = B_2$  and  $\sigma(C_1) = C_1$ ;  $\sigma(B_1) = D_2$  and  $\sigma(C_1) = A_1$ ;  $\sigma(B_1) = D_2$  and  $\sigma(C_1) = C_1$  gives a contradiction.

*Subcase (d)* — Let  $B_2 = \phi$  and  $C_1 = \phi$  (see Fig. 2.2). Then we get the following  $\sigma$

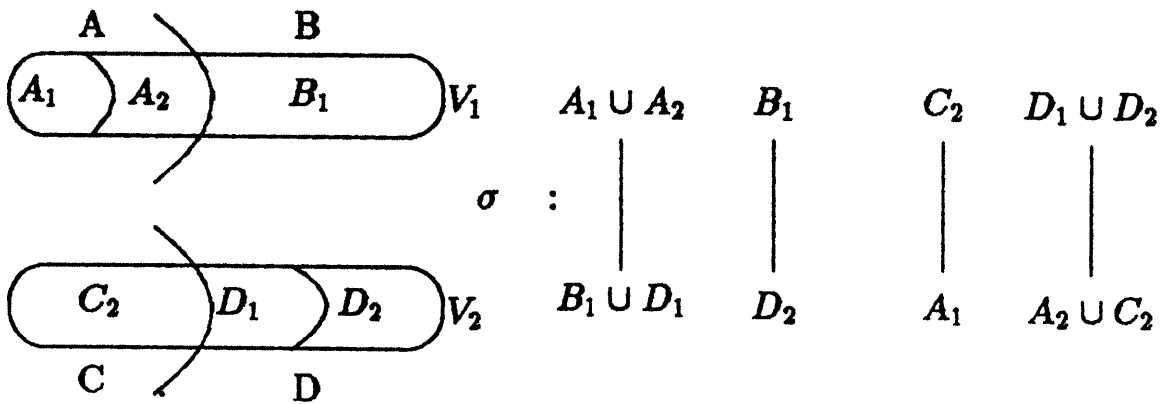


FIG. 2.4

We know,  $G(A_1, A_2 | C_2)$  is full. Hence  $G_Q(B_1, D_1 | A_1)$  is full and due to Switching,  $G(A_1 | D_1)$  is null. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(\sigma(A_1) | \sigma(D_1))$  is null. Also, we know,  $G(B_1 | D_1, D_2)$  is null. Hence,  $G_Q(D_2 | A_2, C_2)$  is null and due to Switching,  $G(A_2 | D_2)$  is full. By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(\sigma(A_2) | \sigma(D_2))$  is full. Breaking up  $A_2, B_1, C_2$  and  $D_1$  we have four cases which in turn give another four cases and ultimately at some stage we must have either  $\sigma(A_1^k) = B_1^k$  or  $D_1^k$  and

$\sigma(D_1^k) = A_2^k$  or  $C_2^k$  where  $A_2^k, B_1^k, C_2^k$  and  $D_1^k$  represent the remaining parts of  $A_2, B_1, C_2$  and  $D_1$  respectively at the  $k$ th stage. Thus without loss of generality we consider the following four subcases of the subcase (d).

*Subcase (d) (i)* — Let  $\sigma(A_1) = D_1$  and  $\sigma(D_1) = C_2$  (see Fig. 2.4). Therefore  $\sigma(A_2) = B_1$  and  $\sigma(D_2) = A_2$  and  $\sigma = (A_1, D_1, C_2) (A_2, B_1, D_2)$ . The adjacencies in  $G$  are as follows;  $G(A_1 | C_2)$  is full,  $G(A_1 | D_1)$  is null,  $G(A_2 | C_2, D_2)$  is full and  $G(B_1 | D_1, D_2)$  is null. If  $G(A_1 | D_2) = H$  is any bipartite graph then applying BIST we observe that it is just a bipartite graph and if it has the degree sequence  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2} | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2})$ , then the degree sequence of  $\bar{H}$  is  $(m_2 - (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2}) | m_1 - m_2 - (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2}))$ . Hence the degree sequence of  $G$  is  $(m_1 - m_2 + (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2}), 2m_1 - m_2 - (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2}), m_1 - m_2 - (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2}) | m_1 + m_2 - (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2}), m_2 + (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_2}), m_2 - (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1 - m_2}))$ . Thus  $\pi$  is of type  $3^0$  of Theorem 1.

*Subcase (d) (ii)* — Let  $\sigma(A_1) = B_1$  and  $\sigma(D_1) = C_2$  (see Fig. 2.4). Therefore  $\sigma(A_2) = D_1$  and  $\sigma(D_2) = A_2$  and  $\sigma = (A_1, B_1, D_2, A_2, D_1, C_2)$ . This gives the following adjacencies in  $G$ :  $G(A_1 | C_2, D_2)$  is full,  $G(A_1 | D_1)$  is null,  $G(A_2 | C_2, D_2)$  is full,  $G(A_2 | D_1)$  is null,  $G(B_1 | C_2, D_1, D_2)$  is null. This is the same as subcase (d) (i) with  $H = \text{full}$  and  $m_1 = 2m_2$ .

*Subcase (d) (iii)* — Let  $\sigma(A_1) = D_1$  and  $\sigma(D_1) = A_2$  (see Fig. 2.4). Therefore  $\sigma(A_2) = B_1$  and  $\sigma(D_2) = C_2$  and  $\sigma = (A_1, D_1, A_2, B_1, D_2, C_2)$  and we get the same adjacencies as in subcase (d) (i) with  $H = \text{null}$  and  $m_1 = 2m_2$ .

*Subcase (d) (iv)* — Let  $\sigma(A_1) = B_1$  and  $\sigma(D_1) = A_2$  (See Fig. 2.4). Therefore  $\sigma(A_2) = D_1$  and  $\sigma(D_2) = C_2$  and  $\sigma = (A_1, B_1, D_2, C_2) (A_2, D_1)$ . BIST gives a contradiction. This completes the proof of Necessity of Theorem 1.

### PROOF OF SUFFICIENCY

We take the degree sequences mentioned in Theorem 1 one by one, give a method of constructing a gbipsc realization of each of them, define a map  $\sigma$  from  $G$  to  $G_Q$  and prove that it is a bipcp.

$1^0$  — Let  $\pi$  be of type  $1^0$  of Theorem 1. By result C,  $\pi$  is pbipsc. Hence there exists a bipsc realization  $G(V_1, V_2)$  of  $\pi$  and a bipcp  $\sigma$  of  $G$  onto its bipartite complement  $\bar{G}$ . With  $W_1 = V_1$  and  $W_2 = V_2, G_Q = \bar{G} \bar{G}$ ,  $\sigma$  is also a bipcp from  $G$  to  $G_Q$ .

$2^0$  — Let  $\pi$  be of type  $2^0$  of Theorem 1. Since  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n - m_2})$  satisfies one of the conditions (i) - (iii) of result C, there exists a bipsc realization  $H_1(A | D)$  of  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n - m_2})$  and a bipcp  $\sigma_1$  with  $\sigma_1(A) = A$  and  $\sigma_1(D) = D$ . Again as

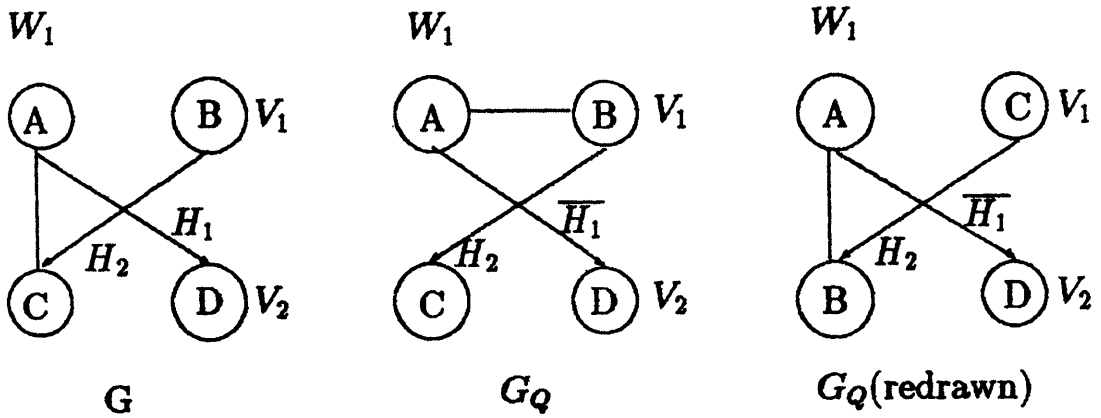


FIG. 2.5

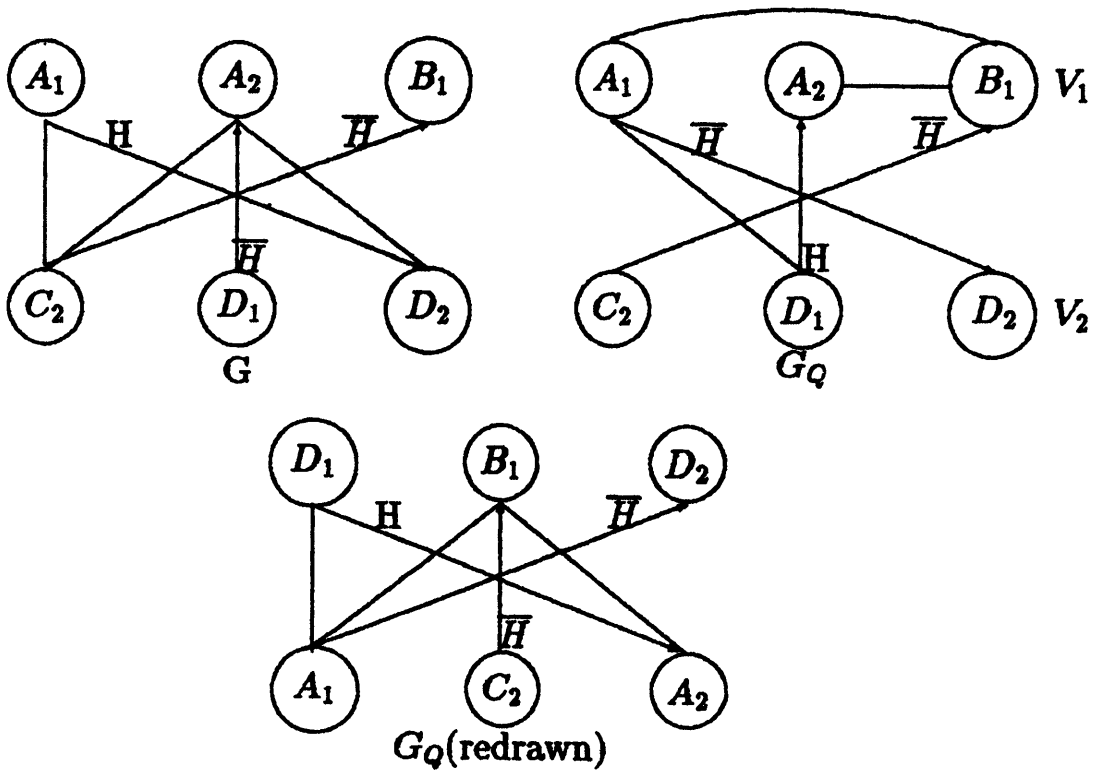


FIG. 2.6

$(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2} | f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2})$  satisfies conditions of result D, there exists a corresponding symmetric realization  $H_2(B | C)$  and a permutation  $\sigma_2$  with  $\sigma_2(B) = C$  and  $\sigma_2(C) = B$ . A realization  $G$  of  $\pi$ , its generalized complement  $G_Q$  and a bipcp  $\sigma$  are shown in Fig. 2.5 :

$\sigma = \sigma_1 \cup \sigma_2$ . In the figure,  $H_1$  is a bipsc graph and  $H_2$  is a symmetric graph,

$3^0$  — Let  $\pi$  be of type  $3^0$  of Theorem 1. A realization  $G$  of  $\pi$ , its generalized complement and a bipcp are shown in the Fig. 2.6.

Here  $H$  is any bipartite graph and  $W_1 = \{A_1, A_2\}$ ,  $W_2 = \{B_1, C_2, D_1, D_2\}$  with  $\sigma = (A_1 D_1 C_2) (B_1 D_2 A_2)$ .  $\square$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

Let  $G(V_1, V_2)$  be a gbipsc type II realization of  $\pi$  and  $Q = \{W_1, W_2\}$  be a partition of  $V_1 \cup V_2$  such that  $G \simeq G_Q$ . As  $G$  is gbipsc of type II,  $W_i \cap V_j \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i, j = 1, 2$ . For definiteness let  $W_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m_1}, v_{n_2+1}, v_{n_2+2}, \dots, v_{n_2+n_1}\}$  and  $W_2 = \{u_{m_1+1}, u_{m_1+2}, \dots, u_{m_1+m_2}, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$  where  $m = m_1 + m_2$  and  $n = n_1 + n_2$ . For convenience let us denote  $V_1 \cap W_1$  by  $A$ ,  $V_1 \cap W_2$  by  $B$ ,  $V_2 \cap W_1$  by  $C$  and  $V_2 \cap W_2$  by  $D$  so that  $V_1 = A \cup B$  and  $V_2 = C \cup D$ ,  $W_1 = A \cup C$  and  $W_2 = B \cup D$ . Thus let

$$A = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m_1}\} \quad B = \{u_{m_1+1}, u_{m_1+2}, \dots, u_{m_1+m_2}\}$$

$$C = \{v_{n_2+1}, v_{n_2+2}, \dots, v_{n_2+n_1}\} \quad D = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_2}\}$$

By applying BIST, the only possibilities for  $K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $K_{n_1 n_2}$  in  $G$  are given in the following cases.

*Case 3.1* —  $G(A|D) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G(C|B) = K_{n_1 n_2}$ . Since  $G_Q(A|B) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G_Q(C|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$  we get  $\sigma = (A)(BD)(C)$  and since  $|B| = |D|$ ,  $m_2 = n_2$ . Now the only undetermined graphs in  $G$  are  $G(A|C)$  and  $G(B|D)$ . Let  $G(A|C) = H_1$ . Isomorphism gives  $G_Q(A|C) \simeq H_1$  and because of no Switching,  $G(A|C) \sim H_1$ . Thus  $H_1$  is a bipartite graph. Let  $G(B|D) = H_2$ . By Isomorphism,  $G_Q(D|B) \simeq H_2$  and due to no Switching,  $G_Q(D|B) \simeq H_2$ . Thus  $H_2$  is any symmetric graph. Let  $H_1$  have the degree sequence  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n_1})$  and  $H_2$  have the degree sequence  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2} | f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2})$ . Then the degree sequence of  $G$  is  $(m_2 + (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1}), n_1 + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2}) | m_2 + (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n_1}), m_1 + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2}))$ . Thus  $\pi$  is of type  $4^0$  of Theorem 2.

*Case 3.2* —  $G(D|A) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G(B|C) = K_{n_1 n_2}$ . Since  $G_Q(A|B) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G_Q(C|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$  we get  $\sigma = (A B C D)$  and since  $|A| = |B| = |C| = |D|$ ,  $m_1 = m_2 = n_1 = n_2$ . Now the only undetermined graphs in  $G$  are  $G(A|C)$  and  $G(B|D)$ . If  $G(A|C) = H$  then BIST shows that it is any symmetric graph and the degree sequence of  $G$  is as in case 3.1 with  $H_1 = H_2 = H$ , a

symmetric graph and  $m_1 = m_2 = n_1 = n_2$ .

Case 3.3 —  $G(A|C) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G(D|B) = K_{n_1 n_2}$ . Since  $G_Q(A|B) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G_Q(C|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$  we get  $\sigma = (A)(B D C)$  and since  $|B| = |D| = |C|$ ,  $m_2 = n_1 = n_2$ . BIST shows that the degree sequence of  $G$  is as in case 3.1 with  $H_1 = \text{full}$ ,  $H_2 = \text{full}$  and  $m_2 = n_1 = n_2$ .

Case 3.4 —  $G(C|A) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G(B|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$ . Since  $G_Q(A|B) = K_{m_1 m_2}$ ,  $|A| = |B_1| = |C|$  and  $G_Q(C|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$  we get  $\sigma = (A B C)(D)$  and since  $|A| = |B_1| = |C|$ ,  $m_1 = m_2 = n_1$ . BIST shows that the degree sequence of  $G$  is as in case 3.1 with  $H_1 = \text{full}$ ,  $H_2 = \text{full}$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = n_1$ .

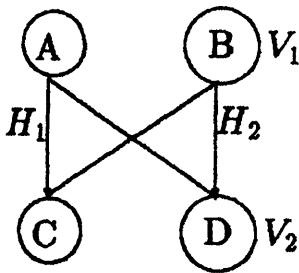
Case 3.5 —  $G(A|D) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G(B|C) = K_{n_1 n_2}$ . Since  $G_Q(A|B) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G_Q(C|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$  we get  $\sigma = (A)(B C D)$  and since  $|B| = |C| = |D|$ ,  $m_2 = n_1 = n_2$ . BIST shows that the degree sequence of  $G$  as in case 3.1 with  $H_1 = \text{null}$  and  $H_2 = \text{null}$  and  $m_2 = n_1 = n_2$ .

Case 3.6 —  $G(D|A) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G(C|B) = K_{n_1 n_2}$ . Since  $G_Q(A|B) = K_{m_1 m_2}$  and  $G_Q(C|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$ , we get  $\sigma = (A B D)(C)$  and since  $|A| = |B| = |D|$ ,  $m_1 = m_2 = n_2$ . BIST shows that the degree sequence for  $G$  is as in case 3.1 with  $H_1 = \text{null}$  and  $H_2 = \text{null}$  and  $m_1 = m_2 = n_2$ .

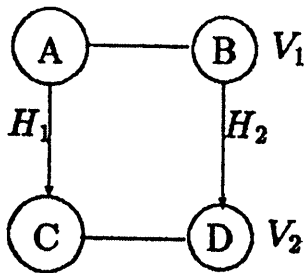
The remaining two cases viz.  $G(A|C) = K_{m_1 m_2}$ ;  $G(B|D) = K_{n_1 n_2}$  and  $G(C|A) = K_{m_1 m_2}$ ;  $G(D|B) = K_{n_1 n_2}$  give a contradiction which can be seen easily by applying BIST. Interchanging  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  we get 8 similar cases with no new degree sequences.

This completes the necessity of Theorem 2.

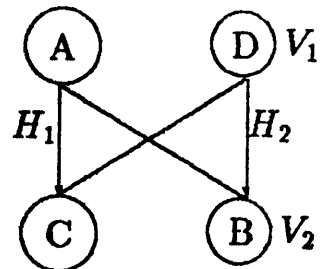
PROOF OF SUFFICIENCY : Let  $\pi$  be of type  $4^0$  of Theorem 2. The graph  $G$  given below is a realization of  $\pi$  and is gbipsc with  $W_1 = \{A, C\}$ ,  $W_2 = \{B, D\}$  and  $\sigma = (A)(B D)(C)$ , thus proving that  $\pi$  is pgbipsc of type II.



$G$



$G_Q$



$G_Q(\text{redrawn})$

$H_1$  is a bipartite graph whose degree sequence is  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m_1} | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n_1})$  and  $H_2$  is a symmetric graph whose degree sequence is  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2} | f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m_2})$ .  $\square$

#### 4. PROCEDURE TO CHECK IF A GIVEN BIPARTITIONED SEQUENCE IS pgbipsc

In section 2, from the proof of sufficiency of Theorem 1, we get a systematic method to construct bipsc type I graphs starting from any bigraphic sequence. Similarly in section 3, from the proof of sufficiency of Theorem 2, we get a systematic method to construct gbipsc type II graphs starting from any bigraphic sequence and the degree sequence of any symmetric graph. All we need to do is construct a graph whose degree sequence is the given bigraphic sequence and/or a symmetric sequence and by adding some more vertices and edges properly we get a supergraph which is gbipsc of type I or II.

To get a realization of the given bigraphic sequence we can use the following procedure which is similar to Havel - Hakimi procedure<sup>8</sup>. Let

$$\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$$

where  $n \geq d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_m$  and  $m \geq e_1 \geq e_2 \geq \dots \geq e_n$ .

(i) Construct a new bipartitioned sequence

$$\pi'_1 = (d_2 - 1, d_3 - 1, \dots, d_{e_1} - 1, d_{e_1+1}, d_{e_1+2}, \dots, d_m | e_2 - 1, e_3 - 1, \dots, e_{d_1} - 1, e_{d_1+1}, e_{d_1+2}, \dots, e_n).$$

(Note that  $\pi$  is bigraphic iff  $\pi'_1$  is so).

(ii) Reorder the terms of  $\pi'_1$  so that they are non increasing and call the resulting bipartition  $\pi_1$ .

(iii) Determine the modified bipartition  $\pi'_2$  of  $\pi_1$  as in step (i) and the reordered partition  $\pi_2$ .

(iv) Continue the process as long as some bigraphic sequence is obtained whose realization is known.

To get a realization of a symmetric sequence we use the following construction :

Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n | e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  where  $n \geq d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_n$  and  $n \geq e_1 \geq e_2 \geq \dots \geq e_n$  be a symmetric degree sequence. Let  $d_i = d(u_i)$  and  $e_i = d(v_i)$ . We know that  $d_i = e_i$ .

Join  $u_1$  to  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{d_1}$ . Thus  $d(u_1) = d_1$ .

Join  $v_1$  to  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{d_1}$ . Thus  $d(v_1) = d_1$ .

Join  $u_2$  to  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{d_2-1}$ . Thus  $d(u_2) = d_2$ .

Join  $v_2$  to  $u_2, u_3, \dots, u_{d_2-1}$ . Thus  $d(v_2) = d_2$ . Continuing thus we get a required realization.

To see whether the given sequence is pgbipsc or not we have to check if the given bipartitioned sequence fits into one of the types  $1^0$ ,  $2^0$ ,  $3^0$  or  $4^0$ . To do this we give below a step by step procedure and illustrate the same by an example.

Let  $\pi = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \mid e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$  be a given bipartitioned sequence.

*Step 1* — Check if  $\pi$  is bigraphic or not by checking the conditions of result *B*. If  $\pi$  is not bigraphic then it is not pgbipsc.

*Step 2* — Check if  $\pi$  satisfies the conditions of result *C*. If it does then  $\pi$  is of type  $1^0$  of Theorem 1 and hence is pgbipsc of type I.

*Step 3* — If  $2n - m = 3r$  then choose  $d_{i_1}, d_{i_2}, \dots, d_{i_r}$  and  $e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_{n-2r}}$  such that  $(d_{i_1}, d_{i_2}, \dots, d_{i_r}) = r + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r)$  and  $(e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_{n-2r}}) = n - 2r + (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{n-2r})$  where  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r \mid h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{n-2r})$  should be bigraphic. (If such a choice is not possible then  $\pi$  cannot be of type  $3^0$  of Theorem 1). Once such a choice is made, check if  $(d_{i_{r+1}}, d_{i_{r+2}}, \dots, d_{i_{3+n-2r}} = r - (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{n-2r}), (e_{i_{n-2r+1}}, e_{i_{n-2r+2}}, \dots, e_{i_{n-2r+r}}) = n - 2r - (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r)$  and  $d_{i_{n-r+1}}, d_{i_{n-r+2}}, \dots, d_{i_m} + n - r + r - (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{n-2r}), (e_{i_{n-r+1}}, \dots, e_{i_n}) = n - r + n - 2r - (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r)$ .

If this is so then  $\pi$  is pgbipsc of type I with

$$W_1 = \{u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, \dots, u_{i_r}, u_{i_{n-r+1}}, u_{i_{n-r+2}}, \dots, u_{i_m}\} \text{ where } d(u_{i_k}) = d_{i_k}.$$

*Step 4* — If  $r$  and  $s$  are such that  $m - r = n - s$  for smallest  $r$  and  $s$  then choose  $(d_{i_1}, d_{i_2}, \dots, d_{i_r}) = m - r + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r)$  and  $(e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_s}) = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_s)$  such that the sequence  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r \mid h_1, h_2, \dots, h_s)$  satisfies conditions of result *C*. If such a choice of  $r$  and  $s$  is not possible then check for the next possible values of  $r$  and  $s$ . If for any values of  $r$  and  $s$  such a choice of  $d_i$ 's and  $e_i$ 's is not possible then  $\pi$  cannot be of type  $2^0$  of Theorem 1. If a choice of  $d_i$ 's and  $e_i$ 's is made as above and if  $(e_{i_{s+1}}, e_{i_{s+2}}, \dots, e_{i_n}) = r + (d_{i_{r+1}}, d_{i_{r+2}}, \dots, d_{i_m})$  then  $\pi$  is of type  $2^0$  of Theorem 1 and hence  $\pi$  is pgbisc of type I with  $W_1 = \{u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, \dots, u_{i_r}\}$  where  $d(u_{i_k}) = d_{i_k}, k = 1, 2, \dots, r$ .

*Step 5* — If any of  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  is 0 then  $\pi$  cannot be of type  $4^0$  of Theorem 2.

If  $r$  and  $s$  are such that  $m - r = n - s$  for smallest  $r$  and  $s$  then choose  $(d_{i_1}, d_{i_2}, \dots, d_{i_r}) = m - r + (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r)$  and  $(e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_s}) = m - r + (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_s)$  such that  $(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_r \mid h_1, h_2, \dots, h_s)$  is bigraphic and then check if  $(d_{i_{r+1}}, d_{i_{r+2}}, \dots, d_{i_m}) = s + (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{m-r})$  and  $(e_{i_{s+1}}, e_{i_{s+2}}, \dots, e_{i_n}) = r + (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{n-r})$ . If this is so then  $\pi$  is of type  $4^0$  of Theorem 2 and  $\pi$  is pgbisc of type II with

$W_1 = \{u_{i_1}, u_{i_2}, \dots, u_{i_r}, v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_s}\}$  where  $d(u_{i_k}) = d_{i_k}$  and  $d(v_{i_l}) = e_{i_l}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ,  $l = 1, 2, \dots, s$ .

If not repeat the above procedure for different possible choice of  $r$  and  $s$ . If the procedure fails for all choices of  $r$  and  $s$  then  $\pi$  cannot be pgbipsc of type II.

*Step 6* — If  $\pi$  is not of any of the above types then  $\pi$  is not pgbipsc.

*Illustration* — In the following illustration, for the sake of non triviality we consider a bigraphic sequence which is not pbipsc. Thus step 1 and 2 of the above procedure can be skipped.

$$\pi = (8, 7, 6, 5^3, 2, 1 \mid 7^3, 6, 5, 4, 1^3, 0) \text{ Here } m = 8, n = 10.$$

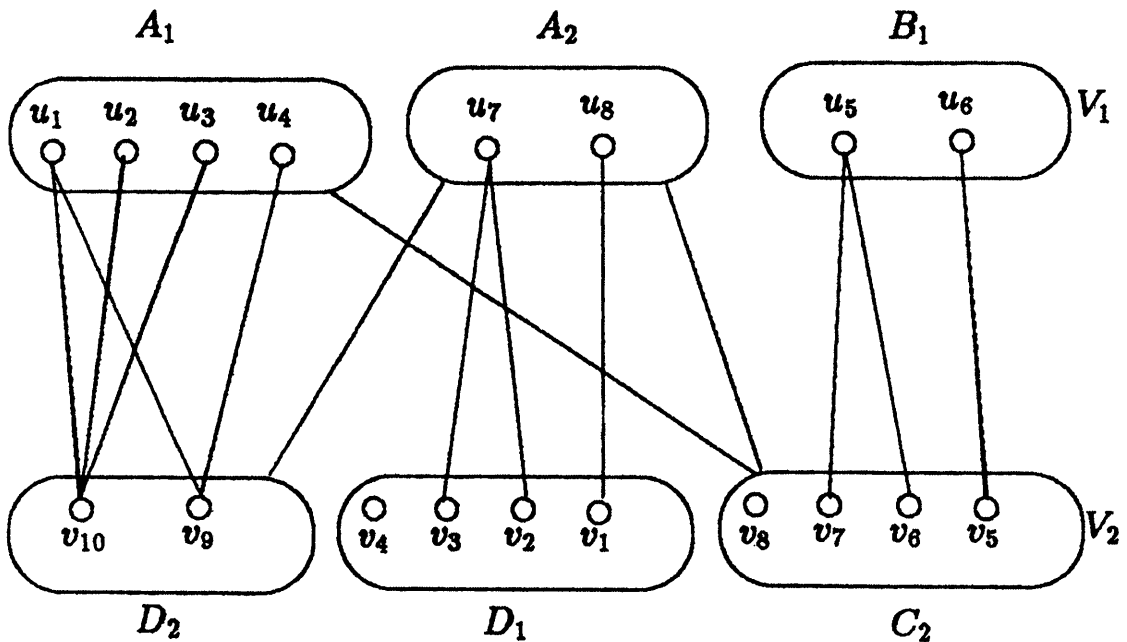
*Step 3* —  $2n - m = 12 = 3(4)$ . Hence  $r = 4$ . Therefore choose  $(d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4) = 4 + (f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4)$  and  $(e_1, e_2) = 2 + (h_1, h_2)$  such that  $(f_i \mid h_j)$  is bigraphic.

The only choices are  $(2, 1, 1, 1 \mid 4, 1)$  and  $(2, 1, 1, 1 \mid 3, 2)$ .

If  $(f_i \mid h_j) = (2, 1, 1, 1 \mid 4, 1)$  then there should be 2 of the  $d_i$ 's such that  $(d_5, d_6) = 4 - (h_1, h_2)$  which are not there. Thus  $(f_i \mid h_j) = (2, 1, 1, 1 \mid 3, 2)$ . Therefore  $(d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4) = (6, 5^3)$  and  $(e_1, e_2) = (5, 4)$ . Now  $(d_5, d_6) = 4 - (3, 2) = (1, 2)$  and  $(e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6) = 2 - (2, 1, 1, 1) = (0, 1^3)$ . Also  $(d_7, d_8) = 10 - (h_1, h_2) = (7, 8)$  and  $(e_7, e_8, e_9, e_{10}) = 8 - (e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4) = (6, 7^3)$ .

Thus  $\pi$  is of type  $3^0$  of Theorem 1 and hence  $\pi$  is pgbipsc of type I with  $W_1 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_7, u_8\}$  where  $d(u_i) = d_i$ .

Following is a realization of  $\pi$ .



$$\sigma = (u_1 v_4 v_8) (u_2 v_3 v_7) (u_3 v_2 v_6) (u_4 v_1 v_5) (u_5 v_9 v_7) (u_6 v_{10} v_8)$$



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