

i-Hamiltonian Laceability in Product Graphs

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Abstract

For a connected graph G , let $h(G)$ be the length of a Hamiltonian walk in G and call it the Hamiltonian number of G . Let i be a non-negative integer. A connected graph G of order n is called i -Hamiltonian if $h(G)=n+i$. In this paper, we define i -Hamiltonian- t -laceable graphs and i -Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable graphs. We explore i -Hamiltonian- t^* -laceability properties in the cartesian product of graphs involving paths and cycles.

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Introduction

Let G be a finite, simple, connected and undirected graph. Let u and v be two vertices in G . The distance between u and v denoted by $d(u,v)$ is the length of a shortest u - v path in G . In [1] Goodman and Hedetniemi introduced the concept of a Hamiltonian walk in a connected graph G , defined as a closed spanning walk of minimum length in G . They denoted the length of a Hamiltonian walk in G by $h(G)$ and called $h(G)$ as the Hamiltonian number of G . Therefore, for a connected graph of order $n \geq 3$, it follows that $h(G)=n$ if and only if G is Hamiltonian. Figure 1 below shows a connected graph G with $h(G)=6$.

Let i be a non-negative integer. A connected graph G of order n is called i -Hamiltonian [2] if $h(G)=n+i$. Thus a 0-Hamiltonian graph is Hamiltonian. An almost Hamiltonian graph is a graph G of order n and $h(G)=n+1$.

A graph G is *Hamiltonian- t -laceable* [3] if there exists in G a Hamiltonian path between every pair of vertices u and v with $d(u,v)=t$, $1 \leq t \leq \text{diam}G$, where t is a positive integer.

A graph G is *Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable* [4] if there exist in G a Hamiltonian path between at least one pair of distinct vertices u and v such that $d(u,v)=t, 1 \leq t \leq \text{diam}G$.

With the concepts of *i -Hamiltonicity* and *Hamiltonian Laceability*, we define the following

Definition 1: Let G be a connected graph of order n , let $h_p(G)$ be the length of a Hamiltonian path between any two distinct vertices in G . A Hamiltonian path in G is called a *0-Hamiltonian path* if $h_p(G)=n-1$ and a path in G is called *1-Hamiltonian path* if $h_p(G)=n$.

Definition 2: Let i be a non-negative integer. A connected graph G of order n is called *i -Hamiltonian- t -laceable* if there exists in G , a *i -Hamiltonian path* between every pair of distinct vertices u and v with the property $d(u,v)=t, 1 \leq t \leq \text{diam}G$.

Definition 3: A connected graph G of order n is called *i -Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable* if there exists in G , a *i -Hamiltonian path* between at least one pair of distinct vertices u and v with the property $d(u,v)=t, 1 \leq t \leq \text{diam}G$.

Figure 1 below illustrates a *1-Hamiltonian* graph G with $h(G)=6$. With respect to the vertices v_1 and v_2 this graph is *1-Hamiltonian-2*-laceable*.

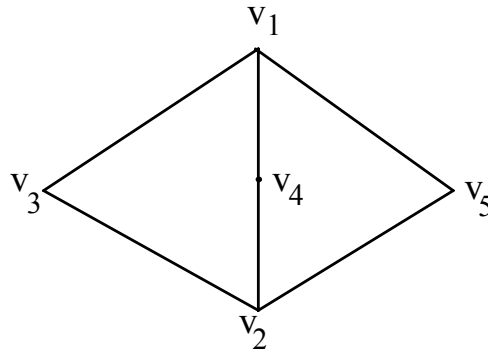


Figure 1: A graph with $h(G)=6$

Results

Theorem 1: Let $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$. If m and n are odd integers such that $m, n \geq 3$, the Cartesian-product $G \times H$ is *1-Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable*, for $t=1, 3$ and 5 .

Proof: Let $G_1=G \times H$. In G_1 there are mn vertices and diameter of $G \times H$ is $(m+n)-1$. Let the vertices of G_1 be denoted by $a_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$.

Let B_i denote the m paths in G_1 given by; $B_i: a_{i1}-a_{i2}-a_{i3}-\dots-a_{in}$ and let P_j denote the n paths in G_1 given by; $P_j: a_{1j}-a_{2j}-a_{3j}-\dots-a_{mj}$.

Then, in $G_1, d(a_{11}, a_{12}) = 1$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup$

$(B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{2n}, a_{2n-1})) \cup \dots \cup (a_{23}, a_{22}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{21}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{1n-1}, a_{1n-2})) \cup \dots \cup (a_{14}, a_{13}) \cup (a_{13}, a_{12}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (a_{1n-1}, a_{2n-1}) \cup (a_{2n-2}, a_{1n-2}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{14}, a_{24}) \cup (a_{23}, a_{13}) \cup (a_{13}, a_{22}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{12})$ } is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian-1*-laceable.

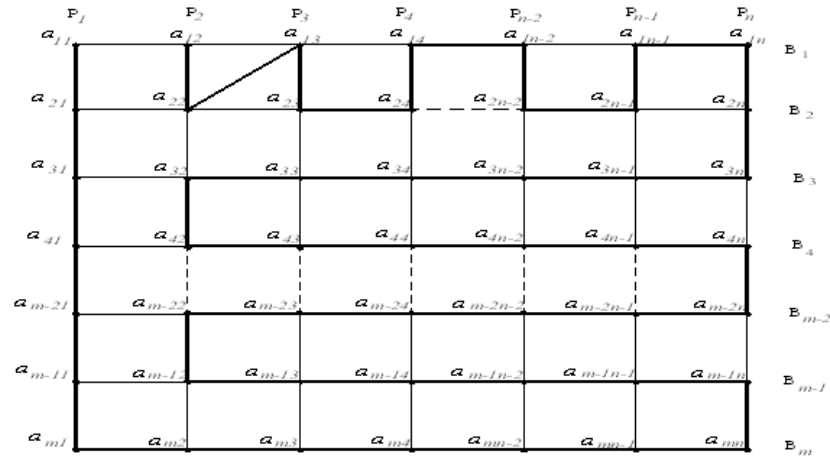


Figure 2: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{12}) = 1$

Also, in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{14}) = 3$ and the path P : $\{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (a_{1n}, a_{2n-1}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{2n}, a_{2n-1})) \cup (a_{2n-1}, a_{2n-2}) \dots \cup (a_{24}, a_{23}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{1n}, a_{1n-1})) \cup (a_{11}, a_{12})\}$ is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian-3*-laceable.

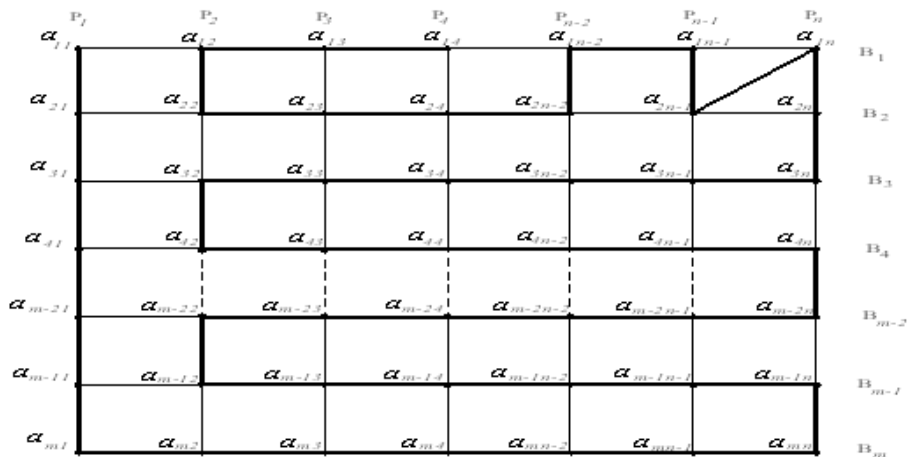


Figure 3: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{14}) = 3$

Further, in G_1 $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-1}) = 5$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (a_{1n}, a_{2n-1}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{12}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{2n}, a_{2n-1}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{21}, a_{22})) \cup \{B_1 - (a_{11}, a_{12}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{1n}, a_{1n-1})\}$ is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian-5*-laceable.

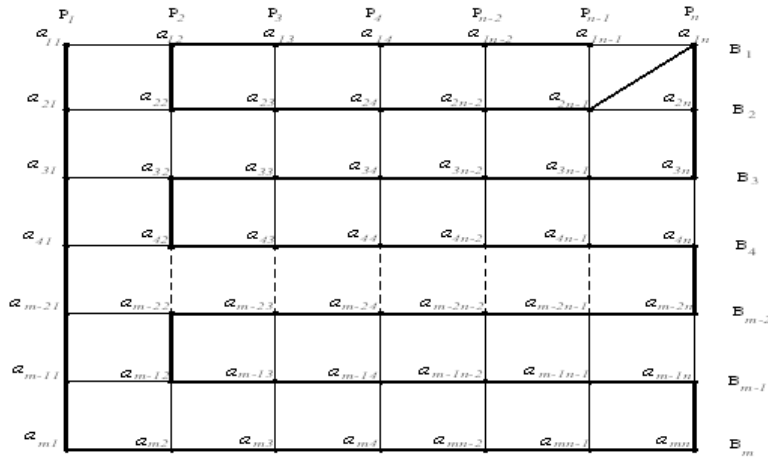


Figure 4: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-1}) = 5$

Hence the proof.

Theorem 2: Let $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$. If m and n are odd integers such that $m, n \geq 3$, the Cartesian-product $G \times H$ is 1-Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable, for $t=2, 4$ and 6 .

Proof: Let $G_1=G \times H$. In G_1 there are mn vertices and diameter of $G \times H$ is $(m+n)-1$. Let the vertices of G_1 be denoted by a_{ij} , $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$.

Let B_i denote the m paths in G_1 given by; $B_i: a_{i1}-a_{i2}-a_{i3}-\dots-a_{in}$ and let P_j denote the n paths in G_1 given by; $P_j: a_{1j}-a_{2j}-a_{3j}-\dots-a_{mj}$.

Then, in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{13}) = 2$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{2n}, a_{2n-1}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{22}, a_{21})) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{1n-1}, a_{1n-2}) \dots \dots (a_{14}, a_{13}) \cup (a_{11}, a_{12})) \cup (a_{1n-1}, a_{2n-1}) \cup (a_{2n-2}, a_{1n-2}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{14}, a_{24}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{12})\}$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian-2*-laceable.

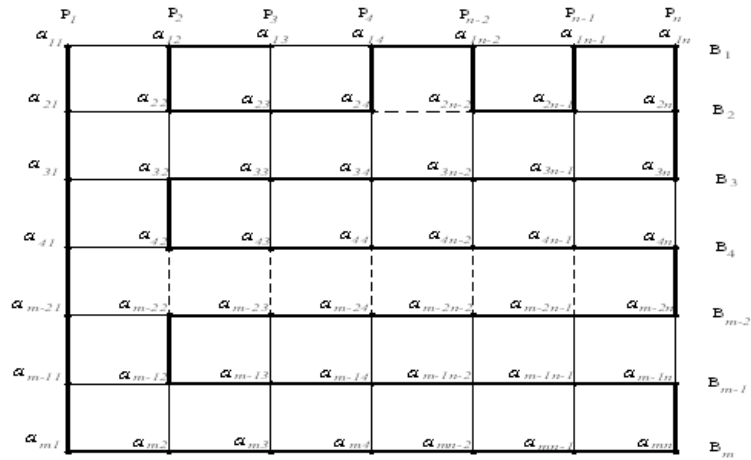


Figure 5: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{13}) = 2$

Also, in G_1 , $d(a_{11},a_{1n-2}) = 4$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{21}, a_{22})) \cup \dots \cup (a_{2n}, a_{2n-1}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{11}, a_{12})) \cup (a_{1n-2}, a_{1n-1}) \cup (a_{11}, a_{12})\}$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian-4*-laceable.

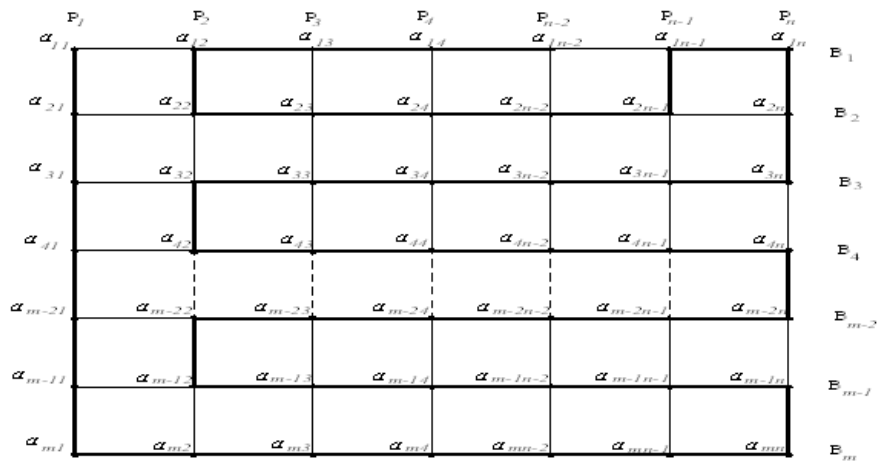


Figure 6: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{1n-2}) = 4$

Further, in G_1 , $d(a_{11},a_{1n}) = 6$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{21}, a_{22})) \cup \{B_1 - (a_{11}, a_{12})\}\}$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian-6*-laceable.

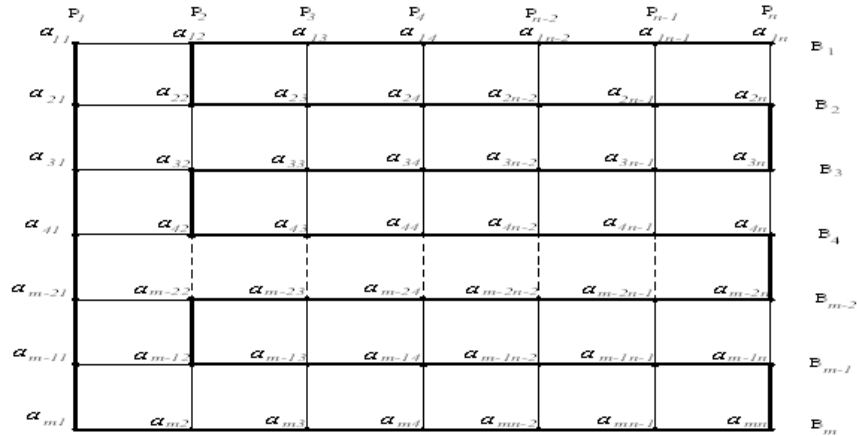


Figure 7: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{1n}) = 6$

Hence the proof

Theorem 3: Let $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$. If m and n are even integers such that $m, n \geq 3$, the Cartesian-product $G \times H$ is 1-Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable, for $t=2, 4$ and 6 .

Proof: Let $G_1 = G \times H$. In G_1 there are mn vertices and diameter of $G \times H$ is $(m + n) - 1$. Let the vertices of G_1 be denoted by a_{ij} , $1 \leq i \leq m$, $1 \leq j \leq n$. Let B_i denote the m paths in G_1 given by $B_i: a_{i1}-a_{i2}-a_{i3}-\dots-a_{in}$ and let P_j denote the n paths in G_1 given by $P_j: a_{1j}-a_{2j}-a_{3j}-\dots-a_{mj}$.

Then in G_1 , $d(a_{11},a_{13}) = 2$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{2n}, a_{2n-1}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{21}, a_{22})) \cup (B_1 - (a_{1n-1}, a_{1n-2})) \dots (a_{11}, a_{12}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (a_{1n-1}, a_{2n-1}) \cup (a_{2n-2}, a_{1n-2}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{14}, a_{24}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{12})\}$ is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian- 2^* -laceable.

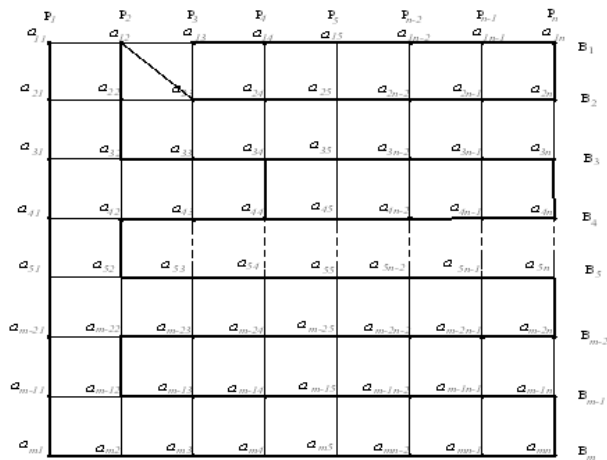


Figure 8: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{13}) = 2$

Also, in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-2}) = 4$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{2n}, a_{2n-1}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{21}, a_{22})) \cup (B_1 - (a_{1n-1}, a_{1n-2})) \dots \cup (a_{11}, a_{12}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (a_{1n-1}, a_{2n-1}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{22}, a_{12})\}$ is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian-4*-laceable.

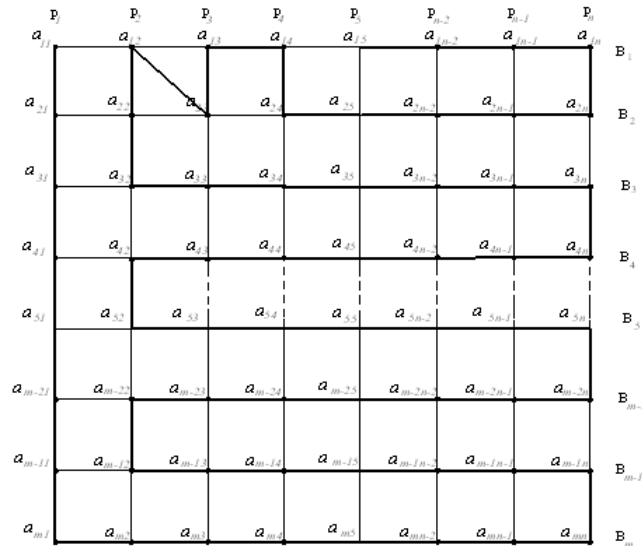


Figure 9: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-2}) = 4$

Further in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{1n}) = 6$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12})) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{21}, a_{22})) \cup (a_{22}, a_{12}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{11}, a_{12}))\}$ is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian-6*-laceable.

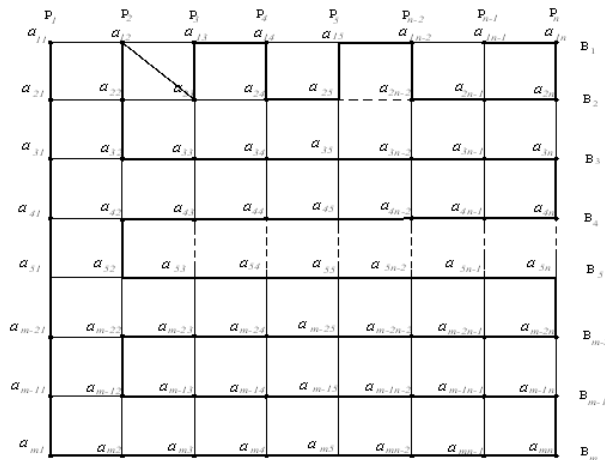


Figure 10: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{1n}) = 6$.

Hence the proof. ■

Theorem 4: Let $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$. Then the Cartesian-product $G \times H$ is 0-Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable, for $t=1, 3, 5$ such that $1 \leq t \leq (m+n)-2$ where m and n be even for $m, n \geq 3$.

Proof: Let $G_1 = G \times H$. In G_1 there are mn vertices and diameter of $G \times H$ is $(m + n) - 1$. Let the vertices of G_1 be denoted by $a_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$. Let B_i denote the m paths in G_1 given by $B_i: a_{i1}-a_{i2}-a_{i3}-\dots-a_{in}$ and P_j denote the n paths in G_1 given by; $P_j: a_{1j}-a_{2j}-a_{3j}-\dots-a_{mj}$.

Then in $G_1, d(a_{11},a_{12}) = 1$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn},a_{m-1n}) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_5 - (a_{51}, a_{52})) \cup (a_{52}, a_{42}) \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{4n}, a_{3n}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{32}, a_{22}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{21}, a_{22})) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{11},a_{12}))\}$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian- 1^* -laceable.

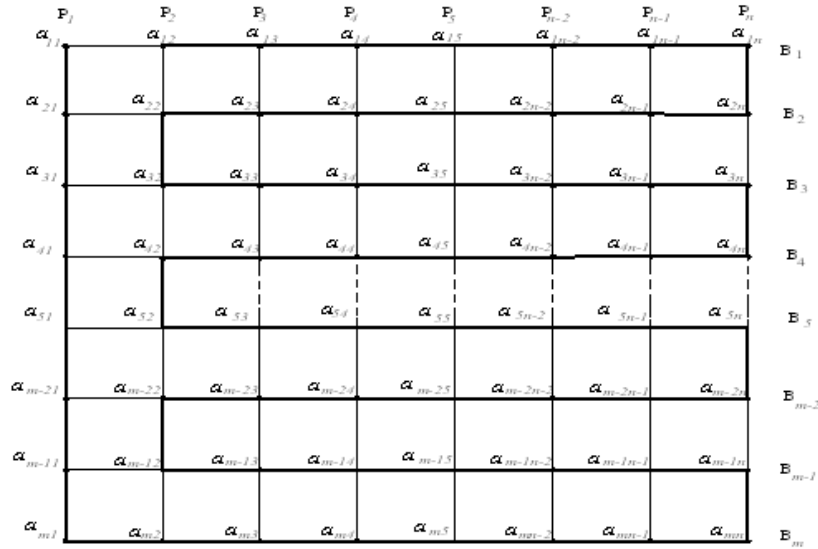


Figure 11: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H= P_n, d(a_{11},a_{12}) = 1$

Also, in $G_1, d(a_{11},a_{14}) = 3$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn},a_{m-1n}) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_5 - (a_{51}, a_{52})) \cup (a_{52}, a_{42}) \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{4n}, a_{3n}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{32}, a_{22}) \cup (a_{22},a_{12}) \cup (a_{13},a_{23}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{21}, a_{22}) \cup (a_{22},a_{23})) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{11},a_{12}) \cup (a_{13},a_{14}))\}$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian- 3^* -laceable.

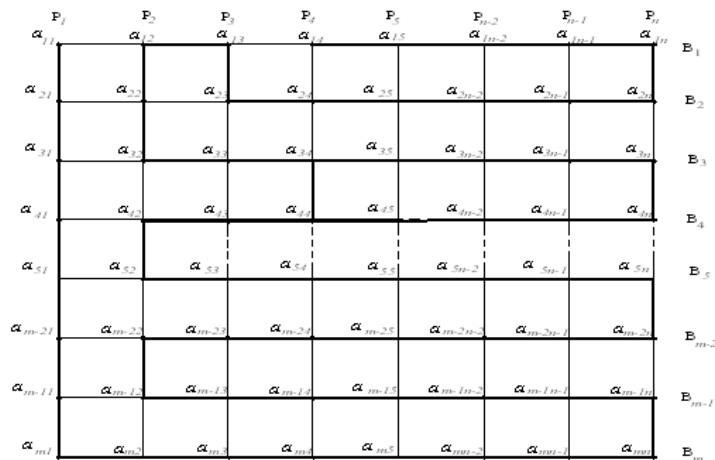


Figure 12: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{14}) = 3$

Further in G_1 , $d(a_{11},a_{1n-1}) = 5$ and the path $P: \{P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mm},a_{m-1n}) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_5 - (a_{51}, a_{52})) \cup (a_{52}, a_{42}) \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42})) \cup (a_{4n}, a_{3n}) \cup (B_3 - (a_{31}, a_{32})) \cup (a_{32}, a_{22}) \cup (B_2 - (a_{21}, a_{22}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{23}) \cup (a_{24}, a_{25}) \dots \dots \cup (a_{2n-3}, a_{2n-2})) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{11}, a_{12}) \cup (a_{13}, a_{14}) \cup \dots \dots \cup (a_{1n-3}, a_{1n-2})) \cup (a_{12}, a_{22}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{13}) \cup (a_{24}, a_{14}) \cup (a_{15}, a_{25}) \dots \dots \cup (a_{2n-3}, a_{1n-3})\}$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian-5*-laceable.

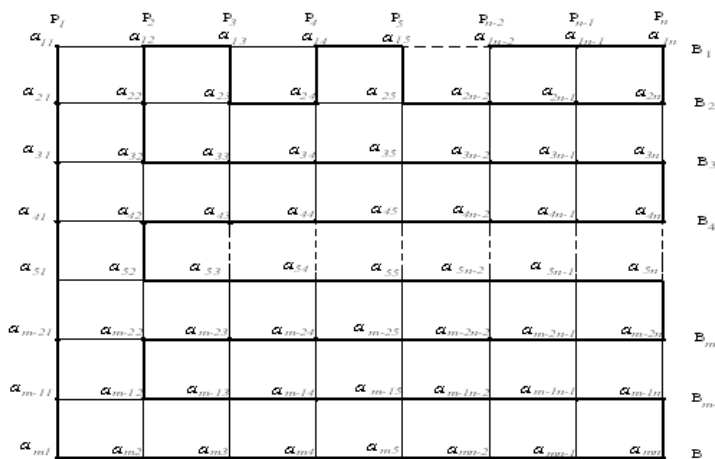


Figure 13: Cartesian product of $G=P_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{1n-1}) = 5$

Hence the proof
Theorem 5: Let $G=C_m$ and $H=P_n$. If $n \geq 2$ is an integer and $m \geq 3$ is an odd integer, the Cartesian-product $G \times H$ is 0-Hamiltonian-t*-laceable for $t=1,2$ and 3 .

Proof: Let $G_1 = G \times H$. Let the vertices of G_1 be denoted by a_{ij} , $1 \leq i \leq m$, $1 \leq j \leq n$. Let B_i denote the m paths in G_1 given by $B_i: a_{i1}-a_{i2}-a_{i3}-\dots-a_{in}$ and P_j denote the n paths in G_1 given by; $P_j: a_{1j}-a_{2j}-a_{3j}-\dots-a_{mj}$. Where n is an integer and m is odd.

Then in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{1n})=1$ and the path $P: P_1 \cup B_m \cup (a_{mn}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (B_{m-1}(a_{m-11}, a_{m-12}) \cup (a_{m-12}, a_{m-22}) \cup B_{m-2}(a_{m-21}, a_{m-22}) \cup \dots \cup (B_4(a_{41}, a_{42}) \cup (a_{42}, a_{32}) \cup (B_3(a_{31}, a_{32}) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{2n}) \cup (B_2(a_{22}, a_{12}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (B_1(a_{11}, a_{12})))$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is a 0-Hamiltonian-1* - laceable.

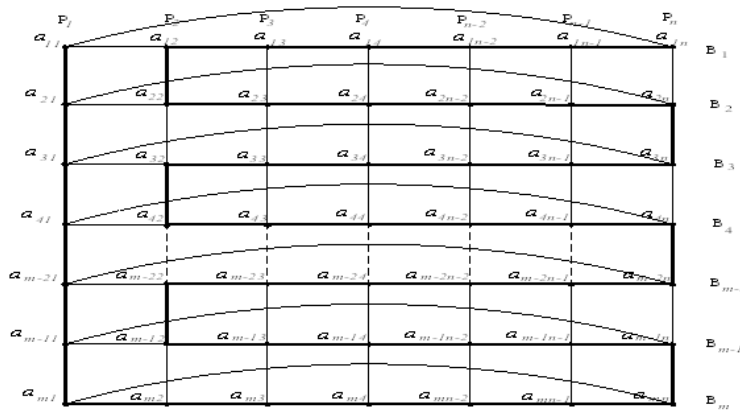


Figure 14: Cartesian product of $G=C_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{1n})=1$

Also, in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-1})=2$ and the path $P: (a_{11}, a_{1n}) \cup (a_{1n}, a_{2n}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{21}) \cup (a_{21}, a_{31}) \cup (a_{31}, a_{3n}) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{4n}) \cup (a_{4n}, a_{41}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{m-2n}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (a_{m-1n}, a_{m-11}) \cup (a_{m-11}, a_{m1}) \cup (a_{m1}, a_{mn}) \cup (B_m(a_{mn}, a_{mn-1}) \cup (a_{m1}, a_{m2})) \cup (P_2(a_{m2}, a_{m-12})) \cup (a_{12}, a_{13}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{1n}) \cup (P_3(a_{m3}, a_{m-13})) \cup (a_{m-13}, a_{m-14}) \cup (P_4(a_{m-14}, a_{14})) \cup \dots \cup (P_{n-2}(a_{m-1n-2}, a_{mn-2})) \cup (a_{m-1n-2}, a_{m-1n-1}) \cup (P_{n-1}(a_{m-1n-1}, a_{mn-1}))$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is a 0- Hamiltonian-2* - laceable.

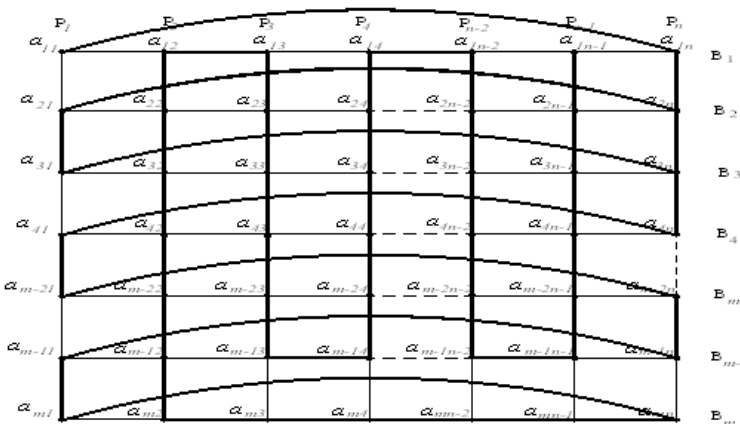


Figure 15: Cartesian product of $G=C_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-1})=2$

Further, in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-2})=3$ and the path

$P: (a_{11}, a_{1n}) \cup (a_{1n}, a_{2n}) \cup (a_{2n}, a_{21}) \cup (a_{21}, a_{31}) \cup (a_{31}, a_{3n}) \cup (a_{3n}, a_{4n}) \cup (a_{4n}, a_{41}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{m-21}, a_{m-2n}) \cup (a_{m-2n}, a_{m-1n}) \cup (a_{m-1n}, a_{m-11}) \cup (a_{m-11}, a_{m1}) \cup (a_{m1}, a_{mn}) \cup (B_m - (a_{mn}, a_{mn-1}) \cup (a_{m1}, a_{m2}) \cup (a_{m2}, a_{m-12}) \cup (B_{m-1} - (a_{m-11}, a_{m-12}) \cup (a_{m-1n-1}, a_{m-1n})) \cup (a_{m-1n-1}, a_{m-2n-1}) \cup (B_{m-2} - (a_{m-2n}, a_{m-2n-1}) \cup (a_{m-21}, a_{m-22})) \cup \dots \cup (B_4 - (a_{41}, a_{42}) \cup (a_{4n-1}, a_{4n})) \cup (B_2 - (a_{21}, a_{22}) \cup (a_{22}, a_{23})) \cup \dots \cup (a_{2n-1}, a_{2n}) \cup (a_{2n-1}, a_{1n-1}) \cup (B_1 - (a_{1n}, a_{1n-1}) \cup \dots \cup (a_{13}, a_{14}) \cup (a_{11}, a_{12}))$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian-3*-laceable.

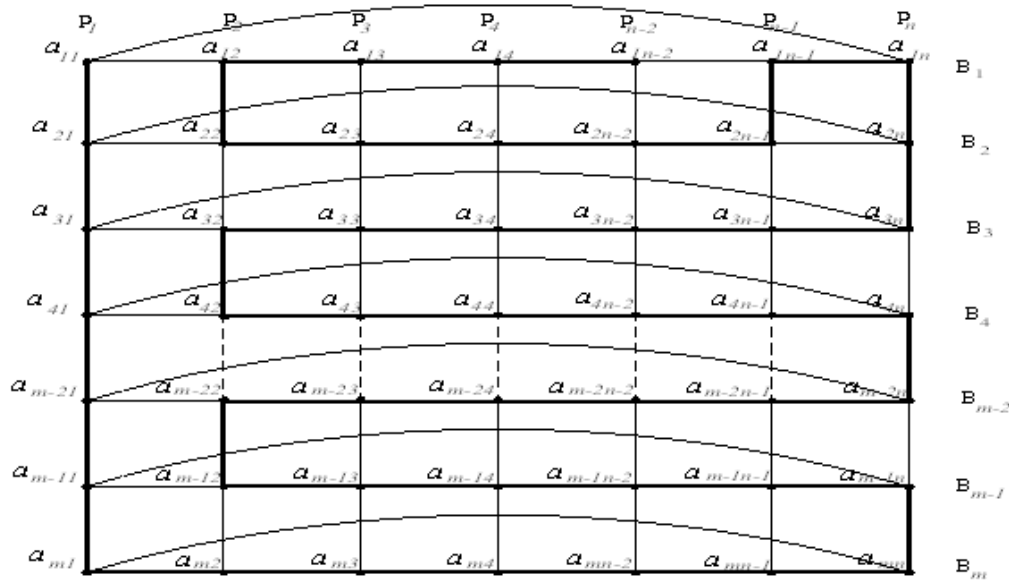


Figure 16: Cartesian product of $G=C_m$ and $H=P_n$, $d(a_{11}, a_{1n-2})=3$

Hence the proof

Theorem 6: Let $G=C_m$ and $H=P_n$. If $n \geq 2$ is an integer and $m \geq 3$ is an even integer, the Cartesian-product $G \times H$ is (i) 0-Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable for $t=1$ and 3 (ii) 1-Hamiltonian- t^* -laceable for $t=2$ and 4.

Proof: Let $G_1 = G \times H$. Let the vertices of G_1 be denoted by a_{ij} , $1 \leq i \leq m$, $1 \leq j \leq n$. Let B_i denote the m paths in G_1 given by $B_i: a_{i1}-a_{i2}-a_{i3}-\dots-a_{in}$ and P_j denote the n paths in G_1 given by; $P_j: a_{1j}-a_{2j}-a_{3j}-\dots-a_{mj}$. Where n is any integer and m is even.

Then in G_1 , $d(a_{11}, a_{1n})=1$ and the path

$P: P_1 \cup (a_{m1}, a_{m2}) \cup P_2 \cup (a_{12}, a_{13}) \cup P_3 \cup (a_{m3}, a_{m4}) \cup P_4 \cup \dots \cup P_{n-1} \cup (a_{mn-1}, a_{mn}) \cup P_n$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian-1*-laceable.

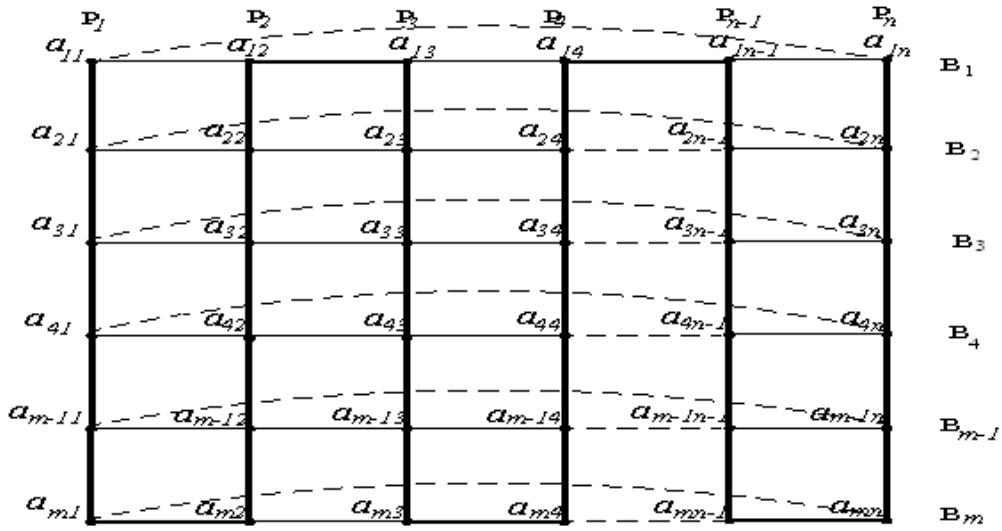


Figure 17: Cartesian product of $G=C_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{1n})=1$

Also, in G_1 , $d(a_{11},a_{2n})=2$ and the path

$P: P_1 \cup (a_{m1},a_{m2}) \cup P_2 \cup (a_{12},a_{13}) \cup P_3 \cup (a_{m3},a_{m4}) \cup P_4 \cup \dots \cup (P_{n-1} \cup (a_{mn-1},a_{mn}) \cup (P_n-(a_{3n},a_{2n})) \cup (a_{3n},a_{1n})$ is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian-2* - laceable.

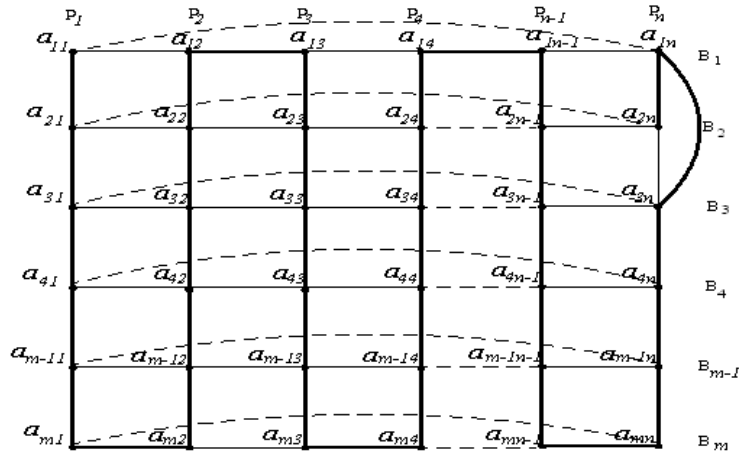


Figure 18: Cartesian product of $G=C_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{2n})=2$

Further in G_1 , $d(a_{11},a_{3n})=3$ and the path $P: P_1 \cup (a_{m1},a_{m2}) \cup P_2 \cup (a_{12},a_{13}) \cup P_3 \cup (a_{m3},a_{m4}) \cup P_4 \cup \dots \cup (P_{n-1}-(a_{1n-1},a_{2n-1})) \cup (a_{1n-1},a_{1n}) \cup (a_{2n-1},a_{2n}) \cup (a_{mn-1},a_{mn}) \cup (P_n-(a_{3n},a_{2n}))$ is a 0-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 0-Hamiltonian-3* - laceable.

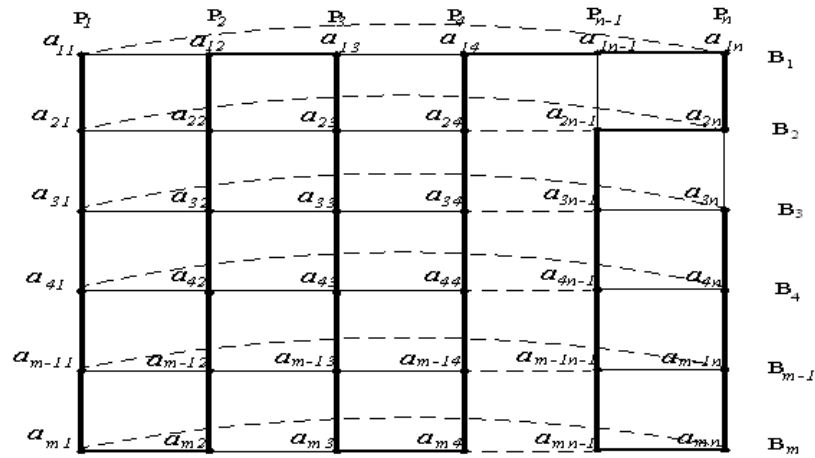


Figure 19: Cartesian product of $G=C_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{3n})=3$

Next in G_1 , $d(a_{11},a_{4n})=4$ and the path

$P: P_1 \cup (a_{m1},a_{m2}) \cup P_2 \cup (a_{12},a_{13}) \cup P_3 \cup (a_{m3},a_{m4}) \cup P_4 \cup \dots \dots \cup (P_{n-1}-(a_{1n-1},a_{2n-1})) \cup (a_{2n-1},a_{3n-1}) \cup (a_{m-1},a_{mn}) \cup (P_n-(a_{1n},a_{2n}) \cup (a_{3n},a_{4n})) \cup (a_{1n},a_{2n-1})$ is a 1-Hamiltonian path. Hence G_1 is 1-Hamiltonian-4* - laceable.

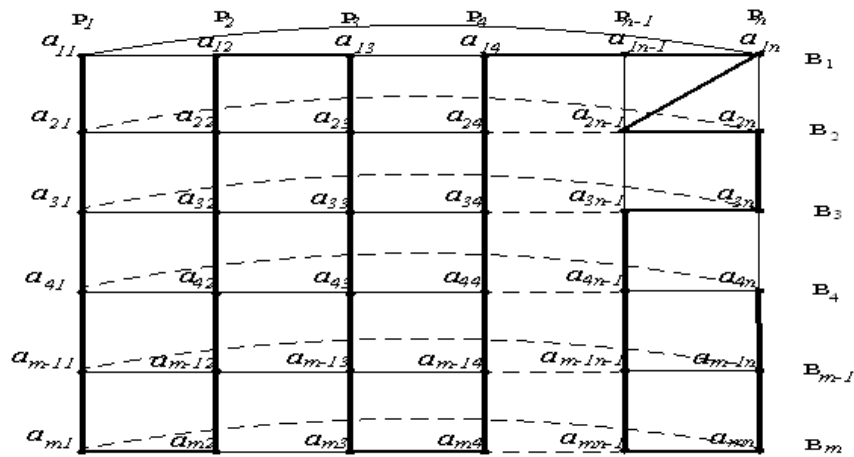


Figure 20: Cartesian product of $G=C_m$ and $H= P_n$, $d(a_{11},a_{4n})=4$

Hence the proof

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