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# THE STRONG METRIC DIMENSION OF SOME GENERALIZED PETERSEN GRAPHS 

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#### Abstract

In this paper the strong metric dimension of generalized Petersen graphs $G P(n, 2)$ is considered. The exact value is determined for the cases $n=4 k$ and $n=4 k+2$, while for $n=4 k+1$ an upper bound of the strong metric dimension is presented.


## 1. INTRODUCTION

The strong metric dimension problem was introduced by Sebo and Tannier [13]. This problem is defined in the following way. Given a simple connected undirected graph $G=(V, E)$, where $V=\{1,2, \ldots, n\},|E|=m$ and $d(u, v)$ denotes the distance between vertices $u$ and $v$, i.e. the length of a shortest $u-v$ path. A vertex $w$ strongly resolves two vertices $u$ and $v$ if $u$ belongs to a shortest $v-w$ path or $v$ belongs to a shortest $u-w$ path. A vertex set $S$ of $G$ is a strong resolving set of $G$ if every two distinct vertices of $G$ are strongly resolved by some vertex of $S$. A strong metric basis of $G$ is a strong resolving set of the minimum cardinality. The strong metric dimension of $G$, denoted by $\operatorname{sdim}(G)$, is defined as the cardinality of a strong metric basis. Now, the strong metric dimension problem is defined as the problem of finding the strong metric dimension of a graph $G$.

Example 1. Consider the Petersen graph G given on Figure 1. It is easy to see that set $S=\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}\right\}$ is a strong resolving set, i.e. each pair of vertices in $G$ is strongly resolved by a vertex from $S$. Since any pair with at least

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Figure 1: Petersen graph G
one vertex in $S$ is strongly resolved by that vertex, the only interesting case is pair $u_{4}, v_{4}$. This pair is strongly resolved e.g. by $u_{0} \in S$ since the shortest path $u_{0}, u_{4}, v_{4}$ contains $u_{4}$. In Section 2 it will be demonstrated that $S$ is a strong resolving set with the minimum cardinality and, therefore, $\operatorname{sdim}(G)=8$.

The strong metric dimension has many interesting theoretical properties. If $S$ is a strong resolving set of $G$, then the matrix of distances from all vertices from $V$ to all vertices from $S$ uniquely determines the graph $G[\mathbf{1 3}]$.

The strong metric dimension problem is NP-hard in general case [10]. Nevertheless, for some classes of graphs the strong metric dimension problem can be solved in polynomial time. For example, in [8] an algorithm for finding the strong metric dimension of distance hereditary graphs with $O(|V| \cdot|E|)$ complexity is presented.

In [4] an integer linear programming (ILP) formulation of the strong metric dimension problem was proposed. Let variable $y_{i}$ determine whether vertex $i$ belongs to a strong resolving set $S$ or not, i.e. $y_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}1, & i \in S \\ 0, & i \notin S\end{array}\right.$. Now, the ILP model of the strong metric dimension problem is given by (1).

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\begin{gather*}
\min \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \\
\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{(u, v), i} \cdot y_{i} \geq 1  \tag{1}\\
y_{i} \in\{0,1\} \\
\text { where } A_{(u, v), i}= \begin{cases}1, & d(u, i)=d(u, v)+d(v, i) \\
1, & d(v, i)=d(v, u)+d(u, i) . \\
0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
\end{gather*}
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This ILP formulation will be used in Section 2 for finding the strong metric dimension of generalized Petersen graphs in individual cases, when dimensions are small. The following definition of mutually maximally distant vertices and two properties from the literature will also be used in Section 2.

Definition 1. ([4]) A pair of vertices $u, v \in V, u \neq v$, is mutually maximally distant if and only if

1. $d(w, v) \leq d(u, v)$ for each $w$ such that $\{w, u\} \in E$ and
2. $d(u, w) \leq d(u, v)$ for each $w$ such that $\{v, w\} \in E$.

Property 1. ([4]) If $S \subset V$ is a strong resolving set of graph $G$, then, for every two maximally distant vertices $u, v \in V$, it must be $u \in S$ or $v \in S$.

Let $\operatorname{Diam}(G)$ denote the diameter of the graph $G$, i.e. the maximal distance between two vertices in $G$.

Property 2. ([4]) If $S \subset V$ is a strong resolving set of the graph $G$, then, for every two vertices $u, v \in V$ such that $d(u, v)=\operatorname{Diam}(G)$, it must be $u \in S$ or $v \in S$.

A survey paper [5] contains results on the strong metric dimension of graphs up to mid 2013. Since then several interesting theoretical papers related to the properties of the strong metric dimension have been published (see e.g. $[\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{7}, \mathbf{1 2}$, 14]).

This paper considers the strong metric dimension of a special class of graphs, so called generalized Petersen graphs. The generalized Petersen graph $G P(n, m)$ $(n \geq 3 ; 1 \leq m<n / 2)$ has $2 n$ vertices and $3 n$ edges, with the vertex set $V=$ $\left\{u_{i}, v_{i} \mid 0 \leq i \leq n-1\right\}$ and the edge set $E=\left\{\left\{u_{i}, u_{i+1}\right\},\left\{u_{i}, v_{i}\right\},\left\{v_{i}, v_{i+m}\right\} \mid\right.$ $0 \leq i \leq n-1\}$, where vertex indices are taken modulo $n$. The Petersen graph from Figure 1 can be considered as $G P(5,2)$.

The generalized Petersen graphs were first studied by Coxeter [1]. Various properties of $G P(n, m)$ have been recently theoretically investigated in the following areas: metric dimension [9], decycling number [3], component connectivity [2] and acyclic 3-coloring [15].

In the case when $k=1$ it is easy to see that $G P(n, 1) \equiv C_{n} \square P_{2}$, where $\square$ is the Cartesian product of graphs, where $C_{n}$ is the cycle on $n$ vertices and $P_{2}$ is the path with 2 vertices. Using the following result from [11]: $\operatorname{sdim}\left(C_{n} \square P_{r}\right)=n$, for $r \geq 2$, it follows that $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(n, 1))=n$.

## 2. THE STRONG METRIC DIMENSION OF $G P(n, 2)$

In this section we consider the strong metric dimension of the generalized Petersen graph $G P(n, 2)$. The exact value is determined for the cases $n=4 k$ and $n=4 k+2$, while for $n=4 k+1$ an upper bound of the strong metric dimension
is presented. In order to prove that the sets defined in Lemma 1, Lemma 3 and Lemma 5 are strong resolving we used shortest paths given in Tables 1-3, which are organized as follows:

- The first column named "case" contains the case number.
- The next two columns named "vertices" and "res. by" contain a pair of vertices and a vertex which strongly resolves them.
- The last two columns named "condition" and "shortest path" contain the condition under which the vertex in column three strongly resolves the pair in column two, and the corresponding shortest path, respectively.

Lemma 1. The set $S=\left\{u_{2 i}, v_{i} \mid i=0,1, \ldots, 2 k\right\}$ is a strong resolving set of $G P(4 k+2,2)$ for $k \geq 2$.

Proof. Let us consider pairs of vertices such that neither vertex is in $S$. There are three possible cases:

Case 1. $\left(u_{i}, u_{j}\right), i, j$ are odd. Without loss of generality we may assume that $i<j$. If $j-i \leq 2 k$, according to Table 1 , vertices $u_{i}$ and $u_{j}$ are strongly resolved by vertex $u_{i-1}$. The shortest paths corresponding to the subcases $j-i=2$ and $4 \leq j-i \leq 2 k$ are also given in Table 1. As $i-1$ is even, then $u_{i-1} \in S$. If $j-i \geq 2 k+2$, then the pair $\left(u_{i}, u_{j}\right)$ can be represented as the pair $\left(u_{i^{\prime}}, u_{j^{\prime}}\right)$, where $i^{\prime}=j$ and $j^{\prime}=i+4 k+2$. Since $j^{\prime}-i^{\prime} \leq 2 k$, the situation is reduced to the previous one.

Case 2. $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right), i, j \geq 2 k+1$. Without loss of generality we may assume that $i<j$. If $j-i$ is even, $v_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $u_{j}$ or $u_{j+1}$. Namely, when $j$ is even $u_{j} \in S$, while $u_{j+1} \in S$ for odd $j$. If $j-i$ is odd, then $v_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $v_{2 k} \in S$ if $i$ is even, and $v_{2 k-1} \in S$ if $i$ is odd, and hence $u_{i}$ and $u_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $S$.

Case 3. $\left(u_{i}, v_{j}\right), i$ odd, $j \geq 2 k+1$. There are seven subcases, characterized by conditions presented in Table 1. Vertices which strongly resolve pair $\left(u_{i}, v_{j}\right)$ listed in Table 1 belong to the set S . Indeed, vertices $v_{2 k-1}$ and $v_{2 k}$ belong to $S$ by assumption, while $u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, u_{i+5}$ belong to $S$ since $i$ is odd. Finally, $u_{j} \in S$ since $j$ is even by condition.

Lemma 2. If $S$ is a strong resolving set of $G P(4 k+2,2)$, then $|S| \geq 4 k+2$, for any $k \geq 2$.

Proof. Since $d\left(u_{i}, u_{i+2 k+1}\right)=d\left(v_{i}, v_{i+2 k+1}\right)=k+3=\operatorname{Diam}(G P(4 k+2,2)), i=$ $0,1, \ldots, 2 k$, from Property 2 , at least $2 k+1 u$-vertices and $2 k+1 v$-vertices belong to $S$. Therefore, $|S| \geq 4 k+2$.
Table 1: Shortest paths in Lemma 1

| Case | vertices | res. by | condition | shortest path |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \left(u_{i}, u_{j}\right), \\ & i, j \text { odd } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & u_{i-1} \\ & u_{i-1} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} j-i=2 \\ 4 \leq j-i \leq 2 k \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} u_{i-1}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}, u_{i+2}=u_{j} \\ u_{i-1}, u_{i}, v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 2 | $\begin{aligned} & \left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right) \\ & i, j \geq 2 k+1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} u_{j} \text { or } u_{j+1} \\ v_{2 k} \\ v_{2 k-1} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} j-i \text { even } \\ j-i \text { odd, } i \text { even } \\ j-i \text { odd, } i \text { odd } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j}, u_{j+1} \\ v_{2 k}, v_{2 k+2}, \ldots, v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}, \ldots, v_{j} \\ v_{2 k-1}, v_{2 k+1}, \ldots, v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}, \ldots, v_{j} \end{gathered}$ |
| 3 | $\begin{aligned} & \left(u_{i}, v_{j}\right), \\ & i \text { odd, } j \geq 2 k+1 \end{aligned}$ | $u_{i+1}$ $v_{2 k}$ $u_{i-1}$ $u_{i+1}$ $v_{2 k-1}$ $u_{j+2}=u_{i+5}$ $u_{j}$ $u_{j}$ | $\begin{gathered} i \geq j, j \text { odd } \\ i>j, j \text { even } \\ j \text { odd, } 0<j-i \leq 2 k \\ j \text { odd, } j-i \geq 2 k+2 \\ j-i=1 \\ j-i=3 \\ j \text { even, } 5 \leq j-i \leq 2 k+1 \\ j \text { even, } j-i \geq 2 k+3 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1} \\ v_{2 k}, v_{2 k+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j}, u_{j+1}, v_{j+1}, v_{j+3}, \ldots, v_{i}, u_{i} \\ u_{i-1}, u_{i}, v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j} \\ v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1} \\ v_{2 k-1}, v_{2 k+1}, \ldots, v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}=v_{j} \\ u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}=v_{j}, v_{j+2}, u_{j+2} \\ u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j} \\ u_{j}, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{i-1}, u_{i-1}, u_{i} \end{gathered}$ |

Table 2: Shortest paths in Lemma 3

| Case | vertices | res. by | condition | shortest path |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\left(u_{i}, u_{j}\right)$, | $j-i=2$ | $u_{i}, u_{i+1}, u_{i+2}=u_{j}, u_{j+1}$ |  |
|  | $i, j \geq 2 k, i, j$ even | $u_{j+1}=u_{i+3}$ | $u_{j+1}$ | $j-i \geq 4$ |
| 2 | $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$, | $u_{j}+1$ | $j-i \leq 2 k-2$ | $u_{i}, v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j}, u_{j+1}$ |
|  | $i, j$ even | $u_{i}$ and $u_{i+2 k}$ | $j-i=2 k$ | $v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j}, u_{j+1}$ |
|  | $\left(u_{i}, v_{j}\right)$, | $u_{i-1}$ | $0 \leq j-i \leq 2 k-2$ | $u_{i}, v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{i+2 k}=v_{j}, u_{i+2 k}=u_{j}$ |
| 3 | $i, j$ even, | $u_{i-1}, u_{i}, v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}$ |  |  |
|  | $i \geq 2 k$ | $u_{i-2 k}=u_{j}$ | $j-i=-2 k$ | $u_{i}, v_{i}, v_{i-2}, \ldots, v_{i-2 k}=v_{j}, u_{i-2 k}=u_{j}$ |
|  | $i \geq 2 k$ | $u_{j-1}$ | $-2 k<j-i<-2$ | $u_{j-1}, u_{j}, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{i}, u_{i}$ |
|  |  | $u_{i+1}$ | $j-i=-2$ | $v_{j}, v_{j+2}=v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}$ |

The strong metric dimension of $G P(4 k+2,2)$ is given in Theorem 1.
Theorem 1. For all $k$ it holds that $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(4 k+2,2))=4 k+2$.
Proof. It follows directly from Lemmas 1 and 2 that $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(4 k+2,2))=4 k+2$ for $k \geq 2$. For $k=1$, using CPLEX solver on ILP formulation (1), we have proved that the set $S$ from Lemma 1 is also a strong metric basis of $G P(6,2)$, i.e. $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(6,2))=6$.

The strong metric dimension of $G P(4 k, 2)$ will be determined using Lemmas 3 and 4.

Lemma 3. The set $S=\left\{u_{i} \mid i=0,1, \ldots, 2 k-1\right\} \cup\left\{u_{2 k+2 i+1} \mid i=0,1, \ldots k-1\right\} \cup$ $\left\{v_{2 i+1} \mid i=0,1, \ldots 2 k-1\right\}$ is a strong resolving set of $G P(4 k, 2)$ for $k \geq 2$.

Proof. Since $S$ contains $u_{i}, i=1, \ldots, 2 k-1$ and all $u_{i}$ and $v_{i}$ for odd $i$, we need to consider only three possible cases:

Case 1. $\left(u_{i}, u_{j}\right), i, j \geq 2 k$ are even. Without loss of generality we may assume that $i<j$. Vertices $u_{i}$ and $u_{j}$ are strongly resolved by vertex $u_{j+1}$ (see Table 2). The shortest paths corresponding to subcases $j-i=2$ and $j-i \geq 4$ are given in Table 2. As $j+1$ is odd, then $u_{j+1} \in S$.

Case 2. $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right), i, j$ are even. Without loss of generality we may assume that $i<j$. If $j-i \leq 2 k-2$, vertices $v_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $u_{j+1} \in S$. If $j-i \geq 2 k+2$, then the pair $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$ can be represented as the pair $\left(v_{i^{\prime}}, v_{j^{\prime}}\right)$, where $i^{\prime}=j$ and $j^{\prime}=i+4 k$. Since $j^{\prime}-i^{\prime} \leq 2 k-2$, the situation is reduced to the previous one. If $j-i=2 k$, vertices $v_{i}$ and $v_{j}=v_{i+2 k}$ are strongly resolved by both $u_{i}$ and $u_{j}=u_{i+2 k}$. Since $S$ contains $u_{0}, \ldots, u_{2 k-1}$ it follows that $u_{i}$ or $u_{i+2 k}$ belongs to $S$ and hence $v_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $S$.

Case 3. $\left(u_{i}, v_{j}\right), i, j$ even, $i \geq 2 k$. Let us assume first that $i \leq j$. If $j-i \leq 2 k-2$, vertices $u_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by vertex $u_{i-1}$. As $i-1$ is odd it follows that $u_{i-1} \in S$ and $u_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $S$. Assume now that $i>j$. If $j-i=-2 k$ then vertices $u_{i}$ and $v_{j}=v_{i-2 k}$ are strongly resolved by vertex $u_{j}=u_{i-2 k}$. Since $S$ contains $u_{0}, \ldots, u_{2 k-1}$ and $i \geq 2 k$, it follows that $u_{i-2 k}$ belongs to $S$ and hence $u_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $S$. If
$-2 k<j-i<0$ then the pair $\left(u_{i}, v_{j}\right)$ is strongly resolved by $u_{j-1}$. Since $j-1$ is odd, then $u_{j-1} \in S$. These three subcases cover all possible values for $i$ and $j$ having in mind that vertex indices are taken modulo $n$.

Lemma 4. If $k \geq 10$ and $S$ is a strong resolving set of $G P(4 k, 2)$, then $|S| \geq 5 k$.
Proof. Let us note that $d\left(v_{i}, v_{i+2 k-1}\right)=k+2=\operatorname{Diam}(G P(4 k, 2)), i=0,1, \ldots, 4 k-$ 1. If we suppose that $S$ contains less than $2 k v$-vertices, since we have $4 k$ pairs $\left(v_{i}, v_{i+2 k-1}\right), i=0, \ldots, 4 k-1$, and each vertex appears exactly twice, there exists some pair $\left(v_{i}, v_{i+2 k-1}\right), v_{i} \notin S, v_{i+2 k-1} \notin S$. This is in contradiction with Property 2. Therefore, $S$ contains at least $2 k v$-vertices.

Considering $u$-vertices, we have two cases:
Case 1. If there exist $u_{2 i} \notin S$ and $u_{2 j+1} \notin S$, then, as pairs $\left\{u_{2 i}, u_{2 i+2 l-1}\right\}, l=$ $3,4, \ldots, 2 k-2$ and $\left\{u_{2 j+1}, u_{2 j+2 l}\right\}, l=3,4, \ldots, 2 k-2$ are mutually maximally distant, at most 8 additional vertices are not in $S$ : $u_{2 i-3}, u_{2 i-1}$, $u_{2 i+1}, u_{2 i+3}, u_{2 j-2}, u_{2 j}, u_{2 j+2}, u_{2 j+4}$. Consequently, at most 10 vertices, where $10 \leq k$, are not in $S$.

Case 2. Indices of $u$-vertices which are not in $S$ are all either even or odd. Without loss of generality we may assume that all these indices are even. Since $d\left(u_{2 i}, u_{2 i+2 k}\right)=k+2=\operatorname{Diam}(G P(4 k, 2)), i=0,1, \ldots, k-1$, according to Property 2, we have $k$ pairs $\left(u_{2 i}, u_{2 i+2 k}\right), i=0, \ldots, k-1$, with at most one vertex not in $S$. Therefore, at most $k u$-vertices are not in $S$.

In both cases we have proved that at most $k u$-vertices are not in $S$, so at least $3 k u$-vertices are in $S$. Since we have already proved that at least $2 k v$-vertices should be in $S$, it follows that $|S| \geq 5 k$.

The strong metric dimension of $G P(4 k, 2)$ is given in Theorem 2.
Theorem 2. For all $k \geq 5$ it holds sdim $(G P(4 k, 2))=5 k$.
Proof. Lemma 3 and Lemma 4 imply that $S=\left\{u_{i} \mid i=0,1, \ldots, 2 k-1\right\} \cup\left\{u_{2 k+2 i+1} \mid i=\right.$ $0,1, \ldots k-1\} \cup\left\{v_{2 i+1} \mid i=0,1, \ldots 2 k-1\right\}$ is a strong metric basis of $G P(4 k, 2)$ for $k \geq 10$. Using CPLEX solver on ILP formulation (1), we have proved that the set $S$ from Lemma 3 is a strong metric basis of $\operatorname{GP}(4 k, 2)$ for $k \in\{5,6,7,8,9\}$.

In the case when $n=4 k+1$, an upper bound of the strong metric dimension of $G P(4 k+1,2)$ will be determined as a corollary of the following lemma.

Lemma 5. The set $S=\left\{u_{2 i+1} \mid i=0,1, \ldots, k-1\right\} \cup\left\{u_{2 k+i} \mid i=0,1, \ldots, 2 k\right\} \cup\left\{v_{i} \mid i=\right.$ $0,1, \ldots 2 k+3\}$ is a strong resolving set of $G P(4 k+1,2)$ for $k \geq 3$.

Proof. As in Lemma 1, there are three possible cases:

Table 3: Shortest paths in Lemma 5

| Case | vertices | res. by | condition | shortest path |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\left(u_{2 i}, u_{2 j}\right)$, | $u_{2 j+1}$ | $j-i \geq 2$ | $u_{2 i}, v_{2 i}, v_{2 i+2}, \ldots, v_{2 j}, u_{2 j}, u_{2 j+1}$ |
|  | $0 \leq i, j \leq k-1$ | $u_{2 j+1}$ | $j-i=1$ | $u_{2 i}, u_{2 i+1}, u_{2 i+2}=u_{2 j}, u_{2 i+3}=u_{2 j+1}$ |
| 2 | $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$, | $v_{1}$ | $v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{1}$ |  |
|  | $2 k+4 \leq i, j \leq 4 k$ | $v_{0}$ | $i, j$ even | $v_{i}, v_{i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{0}$ |
|  |  | $v_{0}$ | $i$ even, $j$ odd | $v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}, \ldots, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{0}$ |
|  |  | $v_{1}$ | $i$ odd, $j$ even | $v_{i}, u_{i}, u_{i+1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+3}, \ldots, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{1}$ |
| 3 | $\left(u_{2 i}, v_{j}\right)$, | $u_{j}$ | $j$ even, $j-2 i \leq 2 k$ | $u_{2 i}, v_{2 i}, v_{2 i+2}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j}$ |
|  | $0 \leq i \leq k-1$, | $u_{j}$ | $j$ even, $j-2 i \geq 2 k+2$ | $u_{j}, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{2 i-1}, u_{2 i-1}, u_{2 i}$ |
|  | $2 k+4 \leq j \leq 4 k$ | $u_{j}$ | $j$ odd, $j-2 i \leq 2 k-1$ | $u_{2 i}, u_{2 i+1}, v_{2 i+1}, v_{2 i+3}, \ldots, v_{j}, u_{j}$ |
|  |  | $u_{j}$ | $j$ odd, $j-2 i \geq 2 k+1$ | $u_{j}, v_{j}, v_{j+2}, \ldots, v_{2 i}, u_{2 i}$ |

Case 1. $\left(u_{2 i}, u_{2 j}\right), 0 \leq i, j \leq k-1$. Without loss of generality we may assume that $i<j$. Vertices $u_{2 i}$ and $u_{2 j}$ are strongly resolved by vertex $u_{2 j+1} \in S$. The shortest paths corresponding to subcases $j-i \geq 2$ and $j-i=1$ are given in Table 3.

Case 2. $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right), 2 k+4 \leq i, j \leq 4 k$. Without loss of generality we may assume that $i<j$. If $j$ is even, vertices $v_{i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $v_{1} \in S$, while if $j$ is odd, they are strongly resolved by $v_{0} \in S$. The details about shortest paths can be seen in Table 3.

Case 3. $\left(u_{2 i}, v_{j}\right), 0 \leq i \leq k-1,2 k+4 \leq j \leq 4 k$. Vertices $u_{2 i}$ and $v_{j}$ are strongly resolved by $u_{j}$, and the shortest paths corresponding to four subcases can be seen in Table 3. Since the set $S$ contains $u$-vertices $u_{2 k}, u_{2 k+1}, \ldots, u_{4 k}$ and $2 k+4 \leq j \leq 4 k$ it follows that $u_{j} \in S$.

Corollary 1. If $k \geq 3$ then $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(4 k+1,2)) \leq 5 k+5$.
The strong metric bases given in Lemma 1 and Lemma 3 and the strong resolving set given in Lemma 5 hold for $n \geq 20$. The strong metric bases for $n \leq 19$ have been obtained by CPLEX solver on ILP formulation (1). Computational results show that for $n \in\{6,10,14,18\}$ the strong resolving set $S$ from Lemma 1 is a strong metric basis. The strong metric bases for the remaining cases for $n \leq 19$ are given in Table 4.

## 3. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we have studied the strong metric dimension of the generalized Petersen graphs $G P(n, 2)$. We have found closed formulas of the strong metric dimensions in the cases $n=4 k$ and $n=4 k+2$, and a tight upper bound of the strong metric dimension for $n=4 k+1$.

The experimental results for remaining cases of $G P(n, 2)$ indicate the following hypotheses: $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(4 k+1,2))=5 k+5$, for $k \geq 5$, $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(4 k+3,2))=$ $5 k+6$ for $k=5 l-2$ and $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(4 k+3,2))=5 k+4$ for $k \neq 5 l-2$, where $l \in \mathbb{N}$.

Table 4: Other strong metric bases of $G P(n, 2)$ for $n \leq 19$

| $n$ | $\operatorname{sdim}(G P(n, 2))$ | $S$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 8 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}\right\}$ |
| 7 | 9 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}, v_{4}, v_{6}\right\}$ |
| 8 | 8 | $\left\{u_{4}, u_{5}, u_{6}, u_{7}, v_{1}, v_{3}, v_{5}, v_{7}\right\}$ |
| 9 | 13 | $\left\{u_{2}, u_{4}, u_{5}, u_{6}, u_{7}, u_{8}, v_{0}, v_{2}, v_{3}, v_{4}, v_{5}, v_{6}, v_{7}\right\}$ |
| 11 | 12 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4}, u_{5}, v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{5}, v_{6}, v_{7}\right\}$ |
| 12 | 13 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4}, u_{5}, u_{6}, v_{0}, v_{2}, v_{4}, v_{6}, v_{8}, v_{10}\right\}$ |
| 13 | 17 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4}, u_{5}, u_{6}, u_{7}\right\}$ |
|  |  | $\cup\left\{v_{1}, v_{3}, v_{5}, v_{6}, v_{7}, v_{8}, v_{9}, v_{10}, v_{12}\right\}$ |
| 15 | 20 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4}, u_{5}, u_{6}, u_{7}, u_{8}, u_{9}\right\}$ |
|  |  | $\cup\left\{v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}, v_{4}, v_{5}, v_{6}, v_{7}, v_{8}, v_{9}\right\}$ |
| 16 | 19 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4}, u_{5}, u_{6}, u_{7}, u_{8}, u_{9}, u_{10}\right\}$ |
|  |  | $\cup\left\{v_{0}, v_{2}, v_{4}, v_{6}, v_{8}, v_{10}, v_{12}, v_{14}\right\}$ |
| 17 | 24 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{1}, u_{2}, u_{3}, u_{4}, u_{5}, u_{6}, u_{7}, u_{8}, u_{9}, u_{10}, u_{11}\right\}$ |
|  |  | $\cup\left\{v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{2}, v_{3}, v_{4}, v_{5}, v_{6}, v_{7}, v_{8}, v_{9}, v_{10}, v_{11}\right\}$ |
| 19 | 24 | $\left\{u_{0}, u_{4}, u_{6}, u_{7}, u_{8}, u_{9}, u_{10}, u_{11}, u_{12}, u_{13}, u_{14}, u_{15}, u_{16}, u_{17}\right\}$ |
|  |  | $\cup\left\{v_{0}, v_{1}, v_{5}, v_{6}, v_{9}, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{14}, v_{15}, v_{16}\right\}$ |

Future work could be directed also towards obtaining the strong metric dimension of some other challenging classes of graphs.

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