



## Decomposition of corona graph

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**Abstract.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a finite and connected graph. The corona  $G_m \odot G_n$  of two graphs  $G_m$  and  $G_n$  is defined as the graph created by taking one copy of  $G_m$  and  $|V(G_m)|$  copies of  $G_n$  and attaching the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G_m$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_n$ . In this paper, we initiate to decompose the corona  $G_m \odot G_n$  into cycles, paths, and claws of varying lengths.

### 1. Introduction

A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is finite simple connected graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. A path graph  $P_n$  with  $n$  vertices consists of vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and edges  $\{v_i, v_{i+1}\}$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ . The length of this path graph is  $n - 1$  which is the number of edges in the graph. A cycle graph is a graph with only one cycle and denoted by  $C_n$  with length  $n$ . A star  $S_n$  is a tree with one internal vertex and  $n$  leaves / pendent vertex, or the complete bipartite graph  $K_{1,n}$ . The claw is a tree which is also a complete bipartite graph  $K_{1,3}$  or star graph  $S_4$ . For term and notation not defined here refer in [4, 6]. For positive integrals  $m$  and  $n$ , see the corona in [10, 12, 20], where  $G_m \odot G_n$  of two graphs  $G_m$  and  $G_n$  is the graph created by taking one copy of  $G_m$  and  $|V(G_m)|$  copies of  $G_n$  and attaching the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G_m$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_n$ . Additionally, it has vertices of the form  $V(G_m \odot G_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edges of the form  $E(G_m \odot G_n) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{mm}\}$  with  $m + n(m + 1) + 1$  vertices and  $2mn + 2n - 1$  edges.

In [11, 17], the term “decomposition” refers to the grouping of subgraphs  $H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k$ , of  $G$  such that each edge of  $G$  belongs to precisely one  $H_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, k$ . Several authors have explored different sorts of decompositions and associated factors by placing restrictions on the decomposition’s constituents [9, 13–15, 17]. These decompositions include claw decomposition, path decomposition, and cycle decomposition. A path decomposition of graph is the decomposition of its edges into subgraphs, where each subgraph represents a path or a union of paths [2, 7, 13, 14, 18] and a cycle decomposition is a decomposition of the graph such that every member of the subgraph is a cycle [1, 5, 8, 15, 16]. Finally, a claw decomposition is a decomposition where each subgraph represents a claw or union of claws [3, 9, 17, 19, 21]. Further, the

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corona graphs  $S_4 \odot P_3$ ,  $K_4 \odot P_3$ , and  $C_3 \odot P_3$  are depicted in Figures 1, 2, and 3. In this paper, we determine the decomposition of the corona  $G_m \odot G_n$  into cycles, paths, and claws with respect to different length, where the graph  $G$  is  $S_m$ ,  $C_m$ ,  $K_m$  and  $P_n$ .

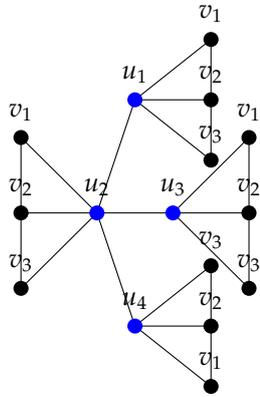


Figure 1: Corona Graph  $S_4 \odot P_3$

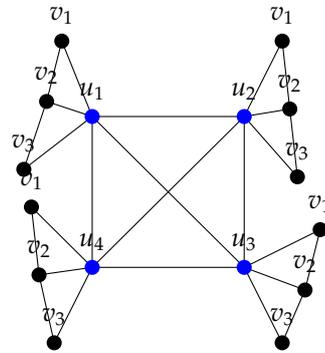


Figure 2: Corona Graph  $K_4 \odot P_3$

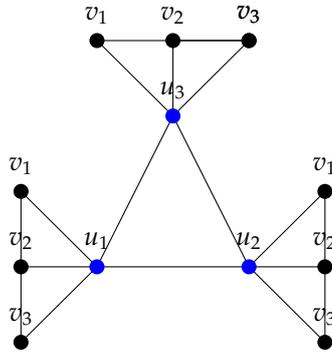


Figure 3: Corona Graph  $C_3 \odot P_3$

## 2. Main Results

### 2.1. Decomposition of $S_m \odot P_n$

Here, we define the corona  $S_m \odot P_n$  of star graph  $S_m$  and path graph  $P_n$ , where it is described as the graph created by taking one copy of  $S_m$  and  $|V(P_n)|$  copies of  $P_n$  and attaching the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $S_m$  to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $P_n$  with vertices of the form  $V(S_m \odot P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edges of the form  $E(S_m \odot P_n) = \{e_r = u_1 u_{r+1}, e_s^1 = u_1 v_s, e_s^2 = u_2 v_s, \dots, e_s^m = u_m v_s, e_t = v_t v_{t+1}\}$ , where  $s = \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ ,  $t = r = \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ , and has  $m + n(m + 1) + 1$  vertices and  $2mn + 2n - 1$  edges.

Now, we start with the following result and proof.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $m, n$  be positive integers and  $m, n \geq 4$ , then there exists a decomposition of  $S_m \odot P_n$  into

- (1)  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m + 1$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ , if  $m, n$  is even.
- (2)  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor + m$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ , if  $m, n$  is odd.
- (3)  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m + 1$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor + m$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ , if  $m$  is even and  $n$  is odd.
- (4)  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ , if  $m$  is odd and  $n$  is even.

*Proof.* Let  $V(S_m \odot P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(S_m \odot P_n) = \{e_r = u_1 u_{r+1}, e_s^1 = u_1 v_s, e_s^2 = u_2 v_s, \dots, e_s^m = u_m v_s, e_t = v_t v_{t+1}\}$ , denotes the vertex and edges of  $S_m \odot P_n$ . The theorem's proof consists of four cases:

**Case 1:** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m, n$  are even.

For  $P_2$ , let  $E = \{e_r = u_1 u_{r+1}\}$ , where  $r = \{3, 5, 7, \dots, m - 1\}$  and  $F_t = \{e_t = v_t v_{t+1}\}$ , where  $t = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 2\}$ .

For  $P_3$ , let  $G_r = \{e_r, e_{r+1}\}$ , where  $r = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, m - 3\}$ .

For  $C_3$ , let  $H_s^1 = \{e_s^1, e_{s+1}^1, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^2 = \{e_s^2, e_{s+1}^2, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^3 = \{e_s^3, e_{s+1}^3, e_t\}, \dots, H_s^m = \{e_s^m, e_{s+1}^m, e_t\}$ , where  $s = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, n - 1\}$  and  $t = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

Now take one copy of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E \rangle$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create as subgraphs  $\langle F_2 \rangle$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle F_4 \rangle$ , and this process of decomposition continue until  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle F_{n-2} \rangle$ . Again, take  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two creates a subgraph  $\langle G_r \rangle$  and finally  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three creates a subgraph  $\langle H_s^1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle H_s^2 \rangle$ , till  $\langle H_s^m \rangle$ . In this process, the corona graph of  $S_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into  $\{\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor\} + 1 = \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m + 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two, and  $\{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three.

**Case 2:** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m, n$  are odd.

For  $P_2$ , let  $E_t = \{e_t = v_t v_{t+1}\}$ , where  $t = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 3\}$ .

For  $P_3$ , let  $F_q = \{e_s^q, e_t\}$ , where  $q = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $s = \{m\}$ ,  $t = \{m - 1\}$   $G_r = \{e_r, e_{r+1}\}$ , where  $r = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, m - 2\}$ .

For  $C_3$ , let  $H_s^1 = \{e_s^1, e_{s+1}^1, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^2 = \{e_s^2, e_{s+1}^2, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^3 = \{e_s^3, e_{s+1}^3, e_t\}, \dots, H_s^m = \{e_s^m, e_{s+1}^m, e_t\}$ , where  $s = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, n - 2\}$  and  $t = \{1, 3, 7, \dots, n - 2\}$ .

Now, take  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E_2 \rangle$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E_4 \rangle$ , and this process continues until  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E_{n-3} \rangle$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two creates a subgraph  $F_q$  and  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two creates a subgraph  $\langle G_r \rangle$ , and finally  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three creates a subgraph  $\langle H_s^1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle H_s^2 \rangle$ , till  $\langle H_s^m \rangle$ . Hence, by the above process the corona graph  $S_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into  $\{\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor\} = \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor + m$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two, and  $\{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three.

**Case 3:** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m$  is even and  $n$  is odd.

For  $P_2$ , let  $E = \{e_r = u_1 u_{r+1}\}$ , where  $r = \{3, 5, 7, \dots, m - 1\}$  and  $F_t = \{e_t = v_t v_{t+1}\}$ , where  $t = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 2\}$ .

For  $P_3$ , let  $F'_q = \{e_s^q, e_t\}$ , where  $q = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $s = \{m\}$ ,  $t = \{m - 1\}$   $G_r = \{e_r, e_{r+1}\}$ , where  $r = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, m - 2\}$ .

For  $C_3$ , let  $H_s^1 = \{e_s^1, e_{s+1}^1, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^2 = \{e_s^2, e_{s+1}^2, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^3 = \{e_s^3, e_{s+1}^3, e_t\}, \dots, H_s^m = \{e_s^m, e_{s+1}^m, e_t\}$ , where  $s = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, n - 2\}$  and  $t = \{1, 3, 7, \dots, n - 2\}$ .

Now, take one copy of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E \rangle$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle F_2 \rangle$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle F_4 \rangle$ , and this process continues until  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle F_{n-2} \rangle$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two create a subgraph  $F'_q$  and  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two creates a subgraph  $\langle G_r \rangle$ , and finally  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three creates a subgraph  $\langle H_s^1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle H_s^2 \rangle$ , till  $\langle H_s^m \rangle$ . Hence, by the above process the corona graph  $S_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into  $\{\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor\} + 1 = \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m + 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor + m$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two, and  $\{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three.

**Case 4:** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m$  is odd and  $n$  is even.

For  $P_2$ , let  $E_t = \{e_t = v_t v_{t+1}\}$ , where  $t = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 3\}$ .

For  $P_3$ , let  $G_r = \{e_r, e_{r+1}\}$ , where  $r = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, m - 3\}$ .

For  $C_3$ , let  $H_s^1 = \{e_s^1, e_{s+1}^1, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^2 = \{e_s^2, e_{s+1}^2, e_t\}$ ,  $H_s^3 = \{e_s^3, e_{s+1}^3, e_t\}, \dots, H_s^m = \{e_s^m, e_{s+1}^m, e_t\}$ , where  $s = \{1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, n - 1\}$  and  $t = \{1, 3, 7, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

Now, take  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E_2 \rangle$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E_4 \rangle$ , and this process continues until  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_2$  with length one create a subgraph  $\langle E_{n-3} \rangle$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two creates a subgraph  $\langle G_r \rangle$  and finally  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three creates a subgraph  $\langle H_s^1 \rangle$ ,  $\langle H_s^2 \rangle$ , till  $\langle H_s^m \rangle$ . Hence, by the above process the corona graph  $S_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into  $\{\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor\} = \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of path  $P_3$  with length two, and  $\{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three.  $\square$

From Theorem 2.1, we have the following observations:

**Observation 2.2.** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m, n$  be positive integers, then  $S_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into

- (1)  $(m - 1) + (\frac{n-2}{2})m$  copies of  $P_2$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ , if  $n$  is even.
- (2)  $(m - 1) + (\frac{n+1}{2})m$  copies of  $P_2$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ , if  $n$  is odd.

**Observation 2.3.** When  $m, n \geq 3$ , and  $m, n$  be a positive integers, then  $S_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into

- (1)  $m$  copies of  $P_2$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor + (n - 1)m$  copies of  $P_3$ , if  $m$  is odd.
- (2)  $m + 1$  copies of  $P_2$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor + (n - 1)m$  copies of  $P_3$ , if  $m$  is even.
- (3)  $(n - 2)m + 1$  copies of  $P_2$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $m$  copies of cycle  $C_{n+1}$  of length  $n + 1$ , if  $m$  is even.
- (4)  $(n - 2)m$  copies of  $P_2$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $m$  copies of cycle  $C_{n+1}$  of length  $n + 1$ , if  $m$  is odd.
- (5)  $(m - 1)$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $m$  copies of  $P_n$ , and  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ , if  $m = n = 3q$ , where  $q = 1, 2, \dots$
- (6)  $(2m - 1)$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $m$  copies of  $P_n$ , and  $\frac{n^2-n}{3}$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ , if  $m = n = 3q + 1$ , where  $q = 1, 2, \dots$
- (7)  $(m - 1)$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $m$  copies of  $P_3$ ,  $m$  copies of  $P_n$ , and  $\frac{m-2m}{3}$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ , if  $m = n = 3q + 2$ , where  $q = 1, 2, \dots$

### 2.2. Decomposition of $C_m \odot P_n$

The corona  $C_m \odot P_n$  of cycle  $C_m$  and path  $P_n$  is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $C_m$  and  $|V(C_m)|$  copies of  $P_n$  and joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $C_m$  to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $P_n$ .

The graph formed by the corona product  $C_m \odot P_n$  has vertices of the form  $V(C_m \odot P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edges of the form  $E(C_m \odot P_n) = \{e_l = u_l u_{l+1}, e_{l'} = u_{l'} u_1, e_i = u_1 v_i, e'_i = u_2 v_i, e''_i = u_3 v_i, \dots, e_i^{m-1} = u_m v_i, e_j = v_j v_{j+1}\}$ , where  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $j = l = \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ ,  $l' = \{m\}$ . There are  $m + mn$  vertices and  $m + m(n - 1) + mn$  edges in the corona product  $C_m \odot P_n$ .

Now, we are calculating the decomposition of corona graph of  $C_m \odot P_n$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $m, n$  be positive integers. If  $n \geq 2, m \geq 3$ , then there exists a decomposition of  $C_m \odot P_n$  into a single copy of cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ , and  $m(n - 1)$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one.

*Proof.* Let  $V(C_m \odot P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the vertex set and edges-set consisting of all edges of the form  $E(C_m \odot P_n) = \{e_l = u_l u_{l+1}, e_{l'} = u_{l'} u_1, e_i = u_1 v_i, e'_i = u_2 v_i, e''_i = u_3 v_i, \dots, e_i^{m-1} = u_m v_i, e_j = v_j v_{j+1}\}$ , where  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $j = \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ ,  $l = \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ ,  $l' = \{m\}$ .

Since  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers that can be either an odd number or an even number.

**Case 1:** When  $m, n$  are even and it can be written as  $m = n = 2q$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Let  $F = \{e_l, e_{l'}\}$ , where  $l = \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$  and  $l' = \{m\}$ ,  $E_1 = \{e_i, e_j\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{e'_i, e_j\}$ ,  $E_3 = \{e''_i, e_j\}, \dots, E_m = \{e_i^{m-1}, e_j\}$  where  $i = \{1\}$ ,  $j = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n - 1\}$ . Also  $F_i = \{e_i\}$ ,  $F'_i = \{e'_i\}$ ,  $F''_i = \{e''_i\}, \dots, F_i^{m-1} = \{e_i^{m-1}\}$  where  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

Then, the subgraph  $\langle F \rangle$  create a single cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ , the subgraph  $\langle E_1 \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ , the subgraph  $\langle E_2 \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ , the subgraph  $\langle E_3 \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ , and this process continues until the subgraph  $\langle E_m \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ .

Again the subgraph  $\langle F_i \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one, the subgraph  $\langle F'_i \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one, the subgraph  $\langle F''_i \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one, and this process continues until the subgraph  $\langle F_i^{m-1} \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one. Hence  $C_m \odot P_n$

of cycle  $C_m$  and path  $P_n$  can be decomposed into one copy of cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ , and  $(1 + 1 + \dots + 1) = m$  copies of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$  and  $\{(n - 1) + (n - 1) + \dots + (n - 1)\} = m(n - 1)$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length 1.

**Case 2:** When  $m, n$  are odd and it can be written as  $m = n = 2q + 1$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Let  $F = \{e_l, e_{l'}\}$ , where  $l = \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$  and  $l' = \{m\}$ ,  $E_1 = \{e_i, e_j\}$ ,  $E_2 = \{e'_i, e_j\}$ ,  $E_3 = \{e''_i, e_j\}, \dots, E_m = \{e_i^{m-1}, e_j\}$  where  $i = \{1\}$ ,  $j = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n - 1\}$ . Also  $F_i = \{e_i\}$ ,  $F'_i = \{e'_i\}$ ,  $F''_i = \{e''_i\}, \dots, F_i^{m-1} = \{e_i^{m-1}\}$  where  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

Then, the subgraph  $\langle F \rangle$  creates a single cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ , the subgraph  $\langle E_1 \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path

$P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ , the subgraph  $\langle E_2 \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ , the subgraph  $\langle E_3 \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ , and this process continues until the subgraph  $\langle E_m \rangle$  creates 1 copy of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$ .

Again the subgraph  $\langle F_i \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one, the subgraph  $\langle F'_i \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one, the subgraph  $\langle F''_i \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one, and this process continues until the subgraph  $\langle F_i^{m-1} \rangle$  creates  $n - 1$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one. Hence the corona product  $C_m \odot P_n$  of cycle  $C_m$  and path  $P_n$  can be decomposed into one copy of cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ , and  $(1 + 1 + \dots + 1) = m$  copies of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$  and  $\{(n - 1) + (n - 1) + \dots + (n - 1)\} = m(n - 1)$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length 1.

□

By employing Theorem 2.4, we have the following observation:

**Observation 2.5.** When  $n \geq 2, m \geq 3$  and  $m, n$  be positive integers, then  $C_m \odot P_n$  can be decompose into a single copy of path  $P_m$  of length  $m - 1$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$  and  $(mn - m + 1)$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $m, n$  be a positive integers and  $m, n \geq 4$ , then there exist a decomposition of  $C_m \odot P_n$  into

- (1) One copy of  $C_m$ ,  $\frac{nm}{2}$  copies of  $C_3$ , and  $(\frac{n-2}{2})m$  copies of  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  is even.
- (2) One copy of  $C_m$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ ,  $m$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $(\frac{n-3}{2})m$  copies of  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  is odd.

*Proof.* Let  $V(C_m \odot P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the vertex and  $E(C_m \odot P_n) = \{e_l = u_l u_{l+1}, e'_l = u_l v_1, e_i = u_1 v_i, e'_i = u_2 v_i, e''_i = u_3 v_i, \dots, e_i^{m-1} = u_m v_i, e_j = v_j v_{j+1}\}$ , where  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ ,  $j = \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ ,  $l = \{1, 2, \dots, m - 1\}$ ,  $l' = \{m\}$  be the edges set.

Since  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers that can be either an odd number or an even number.

**Case 1:** When  $n > 2, m > 4$  and  $m = n =$  even number.

For  $C_m$ , let  $F = \{e_l, e_{l+1}, \dots, e_{l+m-2}, e_{l'}\}$ , where  $l = \{1\}, l' = \{m\}$ .

For  $C_3$ , let  $E_i = \{e_i, e_{i+1}, e_j\}$ ,  $E'_i = \{e'_i, e'_{i+1}, e_j\}$ ,  $E''_i = \{e''_i, e''_{i+1}, e_j\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $E_i^{m-1} = \{e_i^{m-1}, e_{i+1}^{m-1}, e_j\}$ , where  $i = j = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

For  $P_2$ , let  $H_j = \{e_j\}$ ,  $H'_j = \{e_i\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $H_j^{m-1} = \{e_j\}$ , where  $j = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 2\}$ . Then, the subgraph  $\langle F \rangle$  creates one copy of cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ , the subgraph  $\langle E_i \rangle$  creates  $\frac{n}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three, the subgraph  $\langle E'_i \rangle$  creates  $\frac{n}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three, the subgraph  $\langle E''_i \rangle$  creates  $\frac{n}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three, and this process continues until subgraph  $E_i^{m-1}$  creates  $\frac{n}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three. Finally, the subgraph  $\langle H_j \rangle$ ,  $\langle H'_j \rangle$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\langle H_j^{m-1} \rangle$  creates  $(\frac{n-2}{2})$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one. Hence,  $C_m \odot P_n$  of cycle  $C_m$  and path  $P_n$  can be decomposed into a single cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ ,  $(\frac{n}{2}) + (\frac{n}{2}) + \dots + (\frac{n}{2}) = \frac{nm}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three and  $\{(\frac{n-2}{2}) + (\frac{n-2}{2}) + \dots + (\frac{n-2}{2})\} = (\frac{n-2}{2})m$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one.

**Case 2:** When  $n > 3, m > 3$  and  $m = n =$  odd number.

For  $C_m$ , let  $E = \{e_l, e_{l+1}, \dots, e_{l+m-2}, e_{l'}\}$ , where  $l = \{1\}, l' = \{m\}$ .

For  $C_3$ , let  $F_i = \{e_i, e_{i+1}, e_j\}$ ,  $F'_i = \{e'_i, e'_{i+1}, e_j\}$ ,  $F''_i = \{e''_i, e''_{i+1}, e_j\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $F_i^{m-1} = \{e_i^{m-1}, e_{i+1}^{m-1}, e_j\}$  where  $i = j = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n - 2\}$ .

For  $P_3$ , let  $H = \{e_i, e_j\}$ ,  $H_1 = \{e'_i, e_j\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $H_{m-1} = \{e_i^{m-1}, e_j\}$ , where  $i = n, j = n - 1$ .

For  $P_2$ , let  $G_j = \{e_j\}$ ,  $G'_j = \{e_j\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $G_j^{m-1} = \{e_j\}$ , where  $j = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 3\}$ .

Then, the subgraph  $\langle E \rangle$  creates a single cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ , the subgraph  $\langle F_i \rangle$  creates  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three, the subgraph  $\langle F'_i \rangle$  creates  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three, the subgraph  $\langle F''_i \rangle$  creates  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three, and this process continues until the subgraph  $\langle F_i^{m-1} \rangle$  creates  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  of length three, the subgraph  $\langle H \rangle$  creates a single path  $P_3$  of length two, the subgraph  $\langle H_1 \rangle$  creates a single path  $P_3$  of length two, the subgraph  $\langle H_2 \rangle$  creates a single path  $P_3$  of length two, the subgraph  $\langle H_3 \rangle$  creates a single path  $P_3$  of length two, and by the above process continues until the subgraph  $\langle H_{m-1} \rangle$  creates a single path  $P_3$  of length two. Furthermore the subgraph  $\langle G_j \rangle$ ,  $\langle G'_j \rangle$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\langle G_j^{m-1} \rangle$  creates  $\frac{n-3}{2}$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one. Hence,  $C_m \odot P_n$  of cycle  $C_m$  and path  $P_n$  can be decomposed into one copy of cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ ,  $(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) = m \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  copies of cycle  $C_3$

of length three,  $(1 + 1 + \dots + 1) = m$  copies of path  $P_3$  of length two and  $\{(\frac{n-3}{2}) + (\frac{n-3}{2}) + \dots + (\frac{n-3}{2})\} = (\frac{n-3}{2})m$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one.  $\square$

By employing Theorem 2.6, we have the following observations:

**Observation 2.7.** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m, n$  be positive integers, then  $C_m \odot P_n$  can be decompose into

- (1) One copy of path  $P_m$ ,  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$ , and  $\frac{m(n-2)+2}{2}$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  is even.
- (2) One copy of path  $P_m$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of cycle  $C_3$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_3$ , and  $\frac{m(n-3)+2}{2}$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  is odd.

**Observation 2.8.** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m, n$  be positive integers, then  $C_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into

- (1) One copy of cycle  $C_m$ ,  $\frac{m}{3}$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ , and  $m$  copies of  $P_n$ , if  $n = 3q$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (2) One copy of cycle  $C_m$ ,  $m(\frac{n-1}{3})$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , and  $m$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $n = 3q + 1$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (3) One copy of cycle  $C_m$ ,  $(\frac{n-2}{3})m$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , and  $m$  copies of  $P_3$ , if  $n = 3q + 2$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (4) One copy of path  $P_m$ , one copy of path  $P_2$ ,  $\frac{m}{3}$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ , and  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , if  $n = 3q$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (5) One copy of path  $P_m$ ,  $m(\frac{n-1}{3})$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , and  $(m + 1)$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $n = 3q + 1$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (6) One copy of path  $P_m$ , one copy of path  $P_2$ ,  $(\frac{n-2}{3})m$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , and  $m$  copies of path  $P_3$ , if  $n = 3q + 2$ , where  $q = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

### 2.3. Decomposition of $K_m \odot P_n$

Here, we decompose the  $K_m \odot P_n$  of the complete graph  $K_m$  and path graph  $P_n$ . It is obtained by taking one copy of  $K_m$  and  $|V(P_n)|$  copies of  $P_n$  and joining the  $i$ -th vertex of  $K_m$  to every vertex in the  $i$ <sup>th</sup> copy of  $P_n$ . Let the vertex set be  $V(K_m \odot P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edge set be  $E(K_m \odot P_n) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1}, e_j^1 = u_1 v_j, e_j^2 = u_2 v_j, \dots, e_j^m = u_m v_j, e_k = u_k u_{k+1}, e_m = u_m u_1, e_{l^1}^1 = u_1 u_{l^1+2}, e_{l^2}^2 = u_2 u_{l^2+3}, \dots, e_{l^{m-2}}^{m-2} = u_{m-2} u_{l^{m-2}+(m-1)}\}$ , where  $i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1\}$ ,  $j = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ ,  $k = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 1\}$ ,  $l^1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 3\}$ ,  $l^2 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 3\}$ ,  $l^3 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 4\}$ ,  $l^4 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 5\}, \dots, l^{m-2} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - (m - 1)\}$ .

Now, we are calculating the decomposition of corona graph of  $K_m \odot P_n$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $m, n$  be positive integers and  $m, n \geq 4$ , then there exists a decomposition of  $K_m \odot P_n$  into

- (1) One copy of complete graph  $K_m$ ,  $\frac{m}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$ , and  $m(\frac{n-2}{2})$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  are even.
- (2) One copy of the complete graph  $K_m$ ,  $m(\frac{n-1}{2})$  copies of cycle  $C_3$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_3$ , and  $(\frac{n-3}{2})m$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  are odd.

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_m \odot P_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(K_m \odot P_n) = \{e_i = v_i v_{i+1}, e_j^1 = u_1 v_j, e_j^2 = u_2 v_j, \dots, e_j^m = u_m v_j, e_k = u_k u_{k+1}, e_m = u_m u_1, e_{l^1}^1 = u_1 u_{l^1+2}, e_{l^2}^2 = u_2 u_{l^2+3}, \dots, e_{l^{m-2}}^{m-2} = u_{m-2} u_{l^{m-2}+(m-1)}\}$ , where  $i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1\}$ ,  $j = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ ,  $k = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 1\}$ ,  $l^1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 3\}$ ,  $l^2 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 3\}$ ,  $l^3 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 4\}$ ,  $l^4 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 5\}, \dots, l^{m-2} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - (m - 1)\}$ , denotes the vertex and edges of  $K_m \odot P_n$ . The proof of the theorem consists of two cases:

**Case 1.** When  $m, n$  is even and  $m \geq 4, n \geq 4$ . Let the subgraph  $E = \{e_k, e_m, e_{l^1}^1, e_{l^2}^2, \dots, e_{l^{m-2}}^{m-2}\}$ , where  $k = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-1\}$ ,  $l^1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-3\}$ ,  $l^2 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-3\}$ ,  $l^3 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-4\}$ ,  $l^4 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-5\}, \dots, l^{m-2} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - (m - 1)\}$ ,  $F_j^1 = \{e_j^1, e_{j+1}^1, e_i\}$ ,  $F_j^2 = \{e_j^2, e_{j+1}^2, e_i\}, \dots, F_j^m = \{e_j^m, e_{j+1}^m, e_i\}$ , where  $j = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n - 1\}$ , and  $G_i = \{e_i\}$ , where  $i = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 2\}$ .

Then the subgraph  $\langle E \rangle$  generates a single complete graph  $K_m$ , the subgraph  $\langle F_j^1 \rangle$  generates  $\frac{n}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three, the subgraph  $\langle F_j^2 \rangle$  generates  $\frac{n}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three, and this process continue until the subgraph  $\langle F_j^m \rangle$  generates  $\frac{n}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three, the subgraph  $G_2$  generates  $\frac{n-2}{2}$  copies of  $P_2$  with length one, the subgraph  $G_4$  generates  $\frac{n-2}{2}$  copies of  $P_2$  with length one, and this process continue until the subgraph  $G_{n-2}$  generates  $\frac{n-2}{2}$  copies of  $P_2$  with length one.

Therefore, the  $K_m \odot P_n$  of  $K_m$  and  $P_n$  contains one copy of  $K_m$ ,  $\{\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \dots + \frac{n}{2}\} = (\frac{n}{2})m$  copies of  $C_3$ ,  $\{\frac{n-2}{2} + \frac{n-2}{2} + \dots + \frac{n-2}{2}\} = (\frac{n-2}{2})m$  copies of  $P_2$ .

**Case 2.** When  $m, n$  is odd and  $m \geq 4, n \geq 4$ . Let the subgraph  $E = \{e_k, e_m, e_{l_1}^1, e_{l_2}^2, \dots, e_{l_{m-2}}^{m-2}\}$ , where  $k = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-1\}$ ,  $l^1 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-3\}$ ,  $l^2 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-3\}$ ,  $l^3 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-4\}$ ,  $l^4 = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-5\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $l^{m-2} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-(m-1)\}$ ,  $F_j^1 = \{e_j^1, e_{j+1}^1, e_i\}$ ,  $F_j^2 = \{e_j^2, e_{j+1}^2, e_i\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $F_j^m = \{e_j^m, e_{j+1}^m, e_i\}$ , where  $j = \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n-2\}$ ,  $G_i = \{e_i\}$ , where  $i = \{2, 4, 6, \dots, n-1\}$ , and  $H^t = \{e_j^t, e_i\}$ , where  $t = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $j = \{n\}$ , and  $i = \{n-1\}$ .

Then, the subgraph  $\langle E \rangle$  generates a single complete graph  $K_m$ , the subgraph  $\langle F_j^1 \rangle$  generates  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three, the subgraph  $\langle F_j^2 \rangle$  generates  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three, and this process continue until the subgraph  $\langle F_j^m \rangle$  generates  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$  with length three, the subgraph  $G_2$  generates  $\frac{n-3}{2}$  copies of  $P_2$  with length one, the subgraph  $G_4$  generates  $\frac{n-3}{2}$  copies of  $P_2$  with length one, and this process continue until the subgraph  $G_{n-2}$  generates  $\frac{n-3}{2}$  copies of  $P_2$  with length one, the subgraph  $H^1$  generates one copy of path  $P_3$  of length 2, the subgraph  $H^2$  generates one copy of path  $P_3$  of length 2, and this process continue until the subgraph  $H^m$  generates one copy of path  $P_3$  of length 2. Therefore, the  $K_m \odot P_n$  of  $K_m$  and  $P_n$  contains one copy of  $K_m$ ,  $\{\frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{n-1}{2} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{2}\} = (\frac{n-1}{2})m$  copies of  $C_3$ ,  $\{\frac{n-3}{2} + \frac{n-3}{2} + \dots + \frac{n-3}{2}\} = (\frac{n-3}{2})m$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $\{1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1\} = m$  copies of  $P_3$ .  
□

By utilizing Theorem 2.9, we have the following observation:

**Observation 2.10.** When  $m, n \geq 4$  and  $m, n$  be positive integers, then  $K_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into

- (1) One copy of cycle  $C_m$ ,  $\frac{mn}{2}$  copies of path  $C_3$ , and  $\{2(m-3) + (m-4) + \dots + (m-(m-1)) + m(\frac{n-3}{2})\}$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  are even.
- (2) One copy of cycle  $C_m$ ,  $(\frac{n-1}{2})m$  copies of path  $C_3$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_3$ , and  $\{2(m-3) + (m-4) + \dots + (m-(m-1)) + m(\frac{n-3}{2})\}$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $m, n$  are odd.
- (3) One copy of cycle  $C_m$ ,  $\frac{n}{3}m$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ , and  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , if  $n = 3d$ , where  $d = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (4) One copy of the complete graph  $K_m$ ,  $m(\frac{n-1}{3})$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , and  $m$  copies of path  $P_2$ , if  $n = 3d + 1$ , where  $d = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- (5) One copy of cycle  $C_m$ ,  $(\frac{n-2}{3})m$  copies of claw  $K_{1,3}$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_n$ , and  $m$  copies of path  $P_3$ , if  $n = 3d + 2$ , where  $d = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper, we decompose the corona graphs  $S_m \odot P_n$ ,  $C_m \odot P_n$ , and  $K_m \odot P_n$  into cycles, claws, and paths of different lengths. In particular, we observe that for any positive integers  $m, n$ ,  $S_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into  $\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor m + 1$  copies of  $P_2$ ,  $\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$  copies of  $P_3$ , and  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor m$  copies of  $C_3$ . Similarly,  $C_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into a single copy of cycle  $C_m$  of length  $m$ ,  $m$  copies of path  $P_{n+1}$  of length  $n$  and  $m(n-1)$  copies of path  $P_2$  of length one. Moreover,  $K_m \odot P_n$  can be decomposed into  $\frac{m-2}{2}$  copies of complete graph  $K_m$ ,  $\frac{mn}{2}$  copies of cycle  $C_3$ , and  $\frac{m+n-2}{2}$  copies of path  $P_2$ .

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