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# RECURSIVELY ARBITRARILY VERTEX-DECOMPOSABLE SUNS

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**Abstract.** A graph G = (V, E) is arbitrarily vertex decomposable if for any sequence  $\tau$  of positive integers adding up to |V|, there is a sequence of vertex-disjoint subsets of V whose orders are given by  $\tau$ , and which induce connected graphs. The aim of this paper is to study the recursive version of this problem on a special class of graphs called suns. This paper is a complement of [O. Baudon, F. Gilbert, M. Woźniak, *Recursively arbitrarily vertex-decomposable graphs*, research report, 2010].

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### 1. TERMINOLOGY AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In this paper, we deal only with simple graphs, that means, graphs without loops or multiple edges. We denote by n the number of vertices, also called *order* of the graph and by m the number of edges. If G = (V, E) and  $A \subseteq V$ , G[A] will denote the subgraph of G induced by A. For more definitions on graphs, please refer to [2].

### 1.1. ARBITRARILY VERTEX-DECOMPOSABLE GRAPHS

Let n,  $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k$  be positive integers such that  $\tau_1 + \ldots + \tau_k = n$ .  $\tau = (\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k)$  is called a *decomposition* of n. If the size of the decomposition is pertinent, we would precise k-decomposition.

Let G = (V, E) be a graph of order n, and  $\tau$  a k-decomposition of n. G is  $\tau$ -vertex-decomposable iff it exists a partition of  $V: V_1, \ldots, V_k$  such that for each  $i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ 

- $|V_i| = \tau_i$ ,
- $G[V_i]$  is connected.

A graph G = (V, E) of order *n* is *arbitrarily vertex-decomposable* (in short AVD) iff for each decomposition  $\tau$  of *n*, *G* is  $\tau$ -vertex-decomposable.

### 1.2. RECURSIVELY ARBITRARILY VERTEX-DECOMPOSABLE GRAPHS

**Definition 1.1.** A graph G = (V, E) with order *n* is recursively arbitrarily vertex-decomposable (in short *R*-AVD) iff:

- $G = K_1$  or
- G is connected and for each decomposition  $\tau = (\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k)$  of  $n, k \ge 2$ , it exists a partition of  $V: V_1, \ldots, V_k$  such that for all  $i, 1 \le i \le k$ :

$$- |V_i| = \tau_i - G[V_i]$$
is R-AVD.

**Remark 1.2.** A graph G = (V, E) of order *n* is R-AVD iff for each integer  $1 \le \lambda \le \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ , it exists a subset  $V_{\lambda}$  of *V* such that:

- $|V_{\lambda}| = \lambda$ ,
- $G[V_{\lambda}]$  is R-AVD,
- $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  is R-AVD.

### 1.3. FAMILIES OF GRAPHS

We present here some families of graphs and their notations, used in the further sections.

Let a be a positive integer.  $P_a$  denotes the path of order a,  $C_a$  the cycle of order a (cp. Figures 1a and 1b).

A k-pode  $T_k(t_1, \ldots, t_k)$  is a tree of order  $1 + \sum_{i=1}^k t_i$  composed by k paths of order respectively  $t_1, \ldots, t_k$ , connected to a unique node, called the *root* of the k-pode (cp. Figure 1c).

Let a and b be two positive integers. A caterpillar Cat (a, b) is a tree of order a + b, composed by three paths of order a, b and 2, sharing exactly one node, called the *root* of the caterpillar. Cat (a, b) is isomorphic to  $T_3(a - 1, b - 1, 1)$  (cp. Figure 1d).

A sun with r rays is a graph of order  $n \ge 2r$  with r hanging vertices  $u_1, \ldots, u_r$ whose deletion yields a cycle  $C_{n-r}$ , and each vertex  $v_i$  adjacent to  $u_i$  is of degree three. If the sequence of vertices  $v_i$  is situated on the cycle  $C_{n-r}$  in such a way that there are exactly  $a_i \ge 0$  vertices, each of degree two, between  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, r$  (the indices taken modulo r), then this sun is denoted by  $\operatorname{Sun}(a_1, \ldots, a_r)$ , and is unique up to isomorphism (cp. Figure 1e).

Note that the order of  $Sun(a_1, \ldots, a_r)$  equals  $n = 2r + a_1 + \ldots + a_r$ .

#### 1.4. ON-LINE ARBITRARILY VERTEX-DECOMPOSABLE GRAPHS

The notion of on-line arbitrarily vertex decomposable graph has been introduced by Horňák and al. in [3].

Let G = (V, E) be a graph. Imagine now the following decomposition procedure consisting of k stages, where k is a random variable attaining values from [1, n]. In the  $i^{th}$  stage, where  $i \in [1, k]$ , a positive integer  $\tau_i$  arrives and we have to choose a subset  $V_i$  of V of order  $\tau_i$  that is disjoint from all subsets of V chosen in previous stages (without a possibility of changing the choice in the future).



Fig. 1. Examples of graphs

More precisely, for every partial sequence  $(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_i)$  whose sum is less than n, there is a sequence  $(V_1, \ldots, V_i)$  of disjoint subsets of V such that for  $1 \leq j \leq i$ ,  $|V_j| = \tau_j$ , with the following property: for all sequences  $(\tau'_1, \ldots, \tau'_k)$  with  $k \geq i$  and summing to n, such that  $\tau'_r = \tau_r$  for  $1 \leq r \leq i$ , there is a decomposition of V into disjoint subsets  $V'_1, \ldots, V'_k$  with  $|V'_j| = \tau'_j$  and  $G[V'_j]$  connected, for all j, and  $V'_j = V_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq i$ .

**Definition 1.3** ([3]). If the decomposition procedure can be accomplished for any (random) sequence of positive integers  $(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k)$  adding up to n, the graph G is said to be *on-line arbitrarily vertex-decomposable*, (in short *OL-AVD*).

**Lemma 1.4** ([3]). A graph G = (V, E) of order n is OL-AVD iff for each integer  $1 \le \lambda \le n-1$ , it exists a subset  $V_{\lambda}$  of V such that

• 
$$|V_{\lambda}| = \lambda$$
,

- $G[V_{\lambda}]$  is connected,
- $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  is OL-AVD.

**Remark 1.5.** A straightforward consequence of Lemma 1.4 and Remark 1.2 is that every R-AVDgraph is OL-AVD.

The opposite is not true. For example, the caterpillar Cat(8, 11) is OL-AVD [3], but not R-AVD [1].

The next result gives a complete characterization of OL-AVD suns.

**Theorem 1.6** ([4]). A sun with one ray is always OL-AVD.

A sun with two rays Sun(a, b) is OL-AVD iff a and b take values given in Table 1a. A sun with three rays Sun(a, b, c) is OL-AVD iff a, b and c take values given in Table 1b.

A sun with four rays is OL-AVD iff it is isomorphic to Sun(0,0,1,d), where  $d \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ .

A sun with five or more rays is never OL-AVD.

a	b	a	b	С
	arbitrary		0	$\equiv 1,2 \pmod{3}$
1 3	$= 0 \pmod{2}$		1	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
$\frac{1,0}{2}$	$= 0 \pmod{2}$ $\neq 3 \pmod{6} - 3 - 9 - 21$		2	$\equiv 2,4 \pmod{6}, 3, 6, 7, 11, 18, 19$
	$\neq$ 5 (mod 6), 5, 5, 21 = 2.4 (mod 6) [4.19]\{15}	0	3	$\equiv 2,4 \pmod{6}$
5	$= 2,4 \pmod{6}, [4,19] \setminus [10f]$		4	4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16
6	$\equiv 2,4 \pmod{0}, 0, 10$		5	6, 8, 16
7	0, 1, 0, 10, 11, 12, 14, 10		6, 7	8, 10
	8, 10, 12, 14, 10		8	8, 9
8	8, 9, 10, 11,12	1	2	$\equiv 2,4 \pmod{6}, 6, 18$
9	10, 12	2	3	4, 8, 16

Table 1. Values for OL-AVD suns

(a) Values  $a, b \ (b \ge a)$ , such that  $Sun \ (a, b)$  (b) Values  $a, b, c \ (c \ge b \ge a)$ , such that  $Sun \ (a, b, c)$  is OL-AVD

# 1.5. RECURSIVELY ARBITRARILY VERTEX-DECOMPOSABLE TREES

**Theorem 1.7** ([1]). A tree T is R-AVD if and only if either T is a path or T is a caterpillar Cat (a, b) with a and b given in Table 2 or T is the 3-pode  $T_3(2, 4, 6)$ .

Table 2.	Values $a, b$	$(b \ge a)$ .	such that	$\operatorname{Cat}(a,b)$	) is R-AVD
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a	l	b
2,	4	$\equiv 1 \pmod{2}$
3	5	$\equiv 1,2 \pmod{3}$
5	5	6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 19
6	i	7
7	7	8, 9, 11, 13, 15

### 2. RECURSIVELY ARBITRARILY VERTEX-DECOMPOSABLE SUNS

This section presents the main result of this paper, a complete characterization of R-AVD suns.

### Theorem 2.1.

A sun with one ray is always R-AVD.

A sun with two rays Sun(a, b) is R-AVD if and only if a and b take values given in Table 3a.

A sun with three rays Sun(a, b, c) is R-AVD if and only if a, b and c take values given in Table 3b.

A sun with four rays is R-AVD if and only if it is isomorphic to Sun(0,0,1,2) or to Sun(0,0,1,4).

A sun with five or more rays in never R-AVD.

	a	b		Ľ				
	0	arbitrary		Γ				
	1	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$						
	2	$\not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}, 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 21, 24, 36$		1				
	3	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$						
	4	$4 \le b \le 19$ except for $b = 15$ ,						
		$\equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ with $20 \le b \le 46$		L				
	5	$\equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ with $8 \le b \le 32, 6, 18$		Ľ				
	6	6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16						
(a) Values $a, b \ (b \ge a)$ , such that $Sun \ (a, b)$								
1	sı	V-AVD	r	,				

Table 3. Values for R-AVD suns

a	b	С
	0	$\equiv 1,2 \;(\mathrm{mod}\;3)$
	1	$\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$
0	$\overline{2}$	2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19
	3	4, 8, 10
	4	4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16
	5	6
1	2	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18
2	3	4

(b) Values a, b, c  $(c \ge b \ge a)$ , such that Sun (a, b, c) is R-AVD

*Proof.* Since every R-AVD graph is also OL-AVD, so, we shall use the complete characterization of OL-AVD suns given in Theorem 1.6, and Remark 1.2.

The labelling used in the proof follows that one from Figure 2.



#### **Fig. 2.** Sun (a, b, ...)

Sun with one ray. A sun with one ray is traceable. Thus, it is R-AVD.

Sun with two rays. Without loss of generality, we consider Sun (a,b) with  $b \ge a$ .

- Sun(0, b) is traceable and then is R-AVD.
- Sun (1, b) contains Cat (2, b+3) as partial graph. Thus, Sun (1, b) with  $b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  is R-AVD.
- Sun (2, b) is OL-AVD only for  $b \not\equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  or b = 3, 9, 21.
  - Sun (2, b) contains Cat (3, b + 3) as spanning tree and thus is R-AVD for  $b \neq 0 \pmod{3}$ .
    - If b = 6k with k = 5 or  $k \ge 7$ , it is not possible to find a partition into two R-AVD subgraphs of size 18 and n 18.
    - If  $b \in \{3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 21, 24, 36\}$ , then Sun(2, b) is R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 4.
- Sun (3, b) contains Cat (4, b + 1) as a spanning tree. Thus, it is R-AVD for  $b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .
- Sun (4, b) is OL-AVD only for  $b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$  or  $b \in \{4, ..., 19\} \setminus \{15\}$ .
  - Sun (4, b) contains Cat (5, b + 3) as a spanning tree. Thus, it is R-AVD for  $b \in \{4, 6, 8, 11, 16\}$ .
  - Similarly, Sun (4, b) contains Cat (7, b+1) as a spanning tree. Thus, it is R-AVD for  $b \in \{7, 10, 12, 14\}$ .
  - Let us consider the case where  $b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ .
    - \* If  $b \ge 50$ , then  $n = b + 8 \ge 58$ . Then, we have to consider the case  $\lambda = 30$  with  $n \lambda \ge 28$ . Because there is no caterpillar with order 30,  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  must be a path and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  a caterpillar Cat (5, x) or Cat (7, x). But such a caterpillar has a maximum order 24. Thus, if  $b \ge 50$ , Sun (4, b) cannot be R-AVD.
    - \* For  $b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \leq b \leq 46$ , all the Sun (4, b) are R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 5.
  - For the last possible values of b, that is  $b \in \{5, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19\}$ , Sun (4, b) is R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 5.
- Sun (5, b) is OL-AVD only for  $b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$  or  $b \in \{6, 18\}$ .
  - Consider the case  $b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ . For  $\lambda = 18$ , the only possibility is that  $G[V_{18}] = P_{18}$ . But in that case,  $G[V \setminus V_{18}]$  must be a caterpillar Cat (6, x) or Cat (8, x), which is impossible for  $n 18 \ge 14$ , that is  $n \ge 32$  and  $b \ge 23$ . Thus Sun (5, b) may be R-AVD only for  $b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$  with  $8 \le b \le 22$  or  $b \in \{6, 18\}$ .
  - For all the remaining values of b, that is  $b \in \{6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22\}$ , Sun (5, b) is R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 6.
- Sun (6, b) is OL-AVD only for  $b \in \{6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16\}$ .
  - Observe that Sun (6, b) contains, as a spanning tree, the caterpillar Cat (7, b+3). Thus, Sun (a, b) is R-AVD for  $b \in \{6, 8, 10, 12\}$ .
  - For all the remaining values of b, that is  $b \in \{7, 11, 14, 16\}$ , Sun (6, b) is R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 7.

- Sun (7, b) is OL-AVD only for  $b \in \{8, 10, 12, 14, 16\}$ . For all of these values of b, it is not possible to find an edge  $\{w_1, w_2\}$  such that  $G[V \setminus \{w_1, w_2\}]$  is R-AVD.
- Sun (8, b) is OL-AVD only for  $b \in \{8, 9, 10, 11, 12\}$ .
  - For  $b \in \{8, 10, 11, 12\}$ , it is not possible to find a set of size 3  $V_3$  such that both  $G[V_3]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_3]$  are R-AVD.
  - For b = 9, it is not possible to find an edge  $\{w_1, w_2\}$  such that  $G[V \setminus \{w_1, w_2\}]$  is R-AVD.
- Sun (9, b) is OL-AVD only for  $b \in \{10, 12\}$ . For these two values of b, it is not possible to find an edge  $\{w_1, w_2\}$  such that  $G[V \setminus \{w_1, w_2\}]$  is R-AVD.

b	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 21, 24, 36	1	$\{u_1\}$	$P_1$	sun with one ray
	2	$\{x_1, x_2\}$	$P_2$	$P_{b+4}$
3		$\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$	$P_3$	$P_6$
6, 12, 18, 24, 36	3	$\{x_2, v_2, u_2\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(2,b+1\right)$
9, 21		$\{x_{a+b-2}, x_{a+b-1}, x_{a+b}\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5, b-2)$
3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 21, 24, 36	4	$\{u_1, 1_2, x_1, x_2\}$	$P_4$	$P_{b+2}$
6, 9, 12, 18, 21, 24, 36	5	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$P_{b+1}$
	6	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2\}$	$P_6$	$P_b$
9, 12, 18, 21, 24, 36	7	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,5)$	$P_{b-1}$
12, 18, 21, 24, 36	8	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, x_4\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,5)$	$P_{b-2}$
	9	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,5)$	$P_{b-3}$
	10	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_8\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$	$P_{b-4}$
18, 21, 24, 36	11	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_9\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,8)$	$P_{b-5}$
	12	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_8\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$	$P_{b-6}$
21, 24, 36	13	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{11}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,10)$	$P_{b-7}$
24, 36	14	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{12}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,11)$	$P_{b-8}$
	15	$\{x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{14}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,13)$	Cat(2, b - 11)
	16	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{14}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,13)$	$P_{26}$
	$\overline{17}$	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{15}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,14)$	$P_{25}$
36	18	$\{x_{21}, \ldots, x_{38}\}$	$P_{18}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,19)$
	19	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{17}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(\overline{3},16)$	$P_{23}$
	20	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{18}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,17)$	P <sub>22</sub>
	21	$\{x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3, \dots, x_{20}\}$	Cat(2, 19)	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,19)$

**Table 4.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (2, b)

Sun with three rays. Without loss of generality, we consider Sun (a,b,c) with  $c \ge b \ge a$ .

- Sun (0,0,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ . Because Sun (0,0,c) contains Cat (3, c+3) as a spanning tree, thus it is also R-AVD for  $c \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$ .
- Sun (0,1,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Because Sun (0,1,c) contains Cat (4, c+3) as a spanning tree, thus it is also R-AVD for  $c \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ .
- Sun (0,2,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$  or  $c \in \{3, 6, 7, 11, 18, 19\}$ .

b	λ	V	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
3, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19 $b = 2.4 \pmod{6} 20 \le b \le 46$	1	(m. )	D	sun with
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 40$	1	$\{u_1\}$	<i>P</i> <sub>1</sub>	one ray
5, 13, 17, 19		(m. m.)	л	$C \rightarrow (2, 1 + 2)$
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 40$	1	$\{x_1, x_2\}$	$P_2$	Cat(3, 0+3)
9	4	$\left[\begin{array}{c} \{x_5, x_6\} \\ \hline \end{array}\right]$	P2 D-	Cat(7, 8)
10 5 12 17				Cat(0, 19)
0, 13, 17		$\left\{ x_5, x_6, x_7 \right\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7, 0-2)$
9, 19	3	$\{u_2, v_2, x_5\}$	<i>F</i> 3	$\operatorname{Cat}(0,0)$
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$		$\{x_1,x_2,x_3\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2, b+3)$
5, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19				
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$	4	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4\}$	$P_4$	$P_{b+4}$
5, 13, 17, 19		$\{x_3, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5\}$	Cat(2,3)	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,b)$
9	5	$\{x_5,\ldots,x_9\}$	$P_5$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$
18	t			
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$		$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, x_6\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	Cat(4, b - 1)
5, 9, 13, 17, 18, 19				
$b \equiv 2,4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$	6	$\{u_1,v_1,x_1,\ldots,x_4\}$	$P_6$	$P_{b+2}$
9, 13, 19		$\{x_3, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, x_6, x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,4)$	Cat(3, b-2)
17	7	$\{x_{15},\ldots,x_{21}\}$	$P_7$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7,11)$
18	Ī			
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$		$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_8\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,5)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4, b-3)$
9, 13, 17, 18, 19				
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$	8	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_2, u_2\}$	$P_8$	$P_b$
13, 17, 18, 19	9	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4,v_2,u_2,x_5,x_6,x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,5)$	$P_{b-1}$
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$	10	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, x_6\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$	$P_{b-2}$
17, 18, 19	11	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4,v_2,u_2,x_5,\ldots,x_9\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,6)$	$P_{b-3}$
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$	12	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4,v_2,u_2,x_5,\ldots,x_{10}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$	$P_{b-4}$
18, 19				
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$	13	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_9\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(6,7)$	$P_{b-5}$
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 20 \le b \le 46$	14	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4,v_2,u_2,x_5,\ldots,x_{12}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,9)$	$P_{b-6}$
$b \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}, 22 \le b \le 46$	15	$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{16}\}$	Cat(2, 13)	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(4,b-11\right)$
	16	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4,v_2,u_2,x_5,\ldots,x_{14}\}$	Cat(5, 11)	$P_{b-8}$
26, 28, 32, 34, 38, 40, 44, 46	17	$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{18}\}$	Cat(2, 15)	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(4,b-13\right)$
28, 32, 34, 38, 40, 44, 46	18	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{14}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7,11)$	$P_{b-10}$
	19	$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{20}\}$	Cat(2, 17)	Cat(4, b - 15)
32, 34, 38, 40, 44, 46	20	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{16}\}$	Cat(7, 13)	$P_{b-12}$
34, 38, 40, 44, 46	21	$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{22}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,19)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4, b - 17)$
	22	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{18}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7,1\overline{5})$	$P_{b-14}$
38, 40, 44, 46	23	$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{24}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,21)$	Cat(4, b - 19)
40, 44, 46	24	$\{x_1, \ldots, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \ldots, x_{22}\}$	Cat(5, 19)	$P_{b-16}$
	25	$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{26}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,23)$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(4, b - \overline{21}\right)$
44, 46	$2\overline{6}$	$\{x_3, x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{26}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(\overline{3,23})$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3, \overline{b-21})$
46	27	$\{x_4, v_2, u_2, x_5, \dots, x_{28}\}$	Cat(2,25)	Cat(4, 23)

**Table 5.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for some Sun (4, b)

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<i>b</i>	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
6, 8, 10, 14,	1	$\{u_1\}$	$P_1$	$\operatorname{sun}\operatorname{with}\operatorname{one}\operatorname{ray}$
16, 18, 20, 22	2	$\{x_1, x_2\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4, b+7)$
6, 18		$\{u_1,v_1,x_1\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5, b+1)$
8, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22	3	$\left\{ x_{1},x_{2},x_{3}\right\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3, b+3)$
	4	$\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,b+5)$
6, 8, 10, 14,	5	$\{x_1\ldots,x_5\}$	$P_5$	$P_{b+4}$
16, 18, 20, 22	6	$\{x_2\ldots,x_5,v_2,u_2\}$	$P_6$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,b+1)$
	7	$\{u_1,v_1,x_1\ldots,x_5\}$	$P_7$	$P_{b+2}$
8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22	8	$\{x_2 \ldots, x_5, v_2, u_2, x_6, x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,5)$	Cat(2, b-1)
10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22	9	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1 \dots, x_5, v_2, u_2\}$	$P_9$	$P_b$
	10	$\{x_4, x_5, v_2, u_2, x_6, \dots, x_{11}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$	Cat(4, b-5)
14, 16, 18, 20, 22	11	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_5, v_2, u_2, x_6, x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,8)$	$P_{b-2}$
16, 18, 20, 22	12	$\{x_2,\ldots,x_5,v_2,u_2,x_6,\ldots,x_{11}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$	Cat(2, b-5)
18, 20, 22	13	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_5,v_2,u_2,x_6,\ldots,x_{11}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(6,7)$	$P_{b-4}$
20, 22	14	$\{x_2,\ldots,x_5,v_2,u_2,x_6,\ldots,x_{13}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,9)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2, b-7)$
22	15	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, \dots, x_5, v_2, u_2, x_6, \dots, x_{11}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7,8)$	$P_{16}$

**Table 6.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (5, b)

Table 7. Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for some Sun (6, b)

b	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
7, 11, 14, 16	1	$\{u_1\}$	$P_1$	sun with one ray
7, 14		$\{u_1, v_1\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7, b+1)$
11, 16	2	$\{x_1, x_2\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5, b+3)$
7		$\{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,9)$
11	3	$\{v_2, u_2, x_7\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(7,b ight)$
14, 16		$\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(4,b+3\right)$
7, 11, 14, 16	4	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3, \mathrm{b+3})$
7, 11		$\{x_5, x_6, v_2, u_2, x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,b)$
14, 16	5	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_5\}$	$P_5$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,b+3)$
7,11,14,16	6	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_6\}$	$P_6$	$P_{b+4}$
7, 11		$\{x_3,\ldots,x_6,v_2,u_2,x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,5)$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(3,b ight)$
14, 16	$\overline{7}$	$\{x_2,\ldots,x_6,v_2,u_2\}$	$P_7$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2, b+1)$
7,11,14,16	8	$\{x_1,\ldots,x_6,v_2,u_2\}$	$P_8$	$P_{b+2}$
	9			
11, 14, 16	10			
	11	$[\{x_1,\ldots,x_6,v_2,u_2,x_7,\ldots,x_{\lambda-2}\}]$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(\lambda-7,7 ight)$	$P_{b+10-\lambda}$
14, 16	12			
16	13			

- Sun (0,2,c) contains Cat (5, c + 3) as a spanning tree, thus it is R-AVD for  $c \in \{3, 6, 11\}$ .
- For  $c \in \{7, 18, 19\}$ , Sun (0, 2, c) is R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 8.
- For  $c \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ , we first eliminate values of c such that Sun (0,2,c) is not R-AVD.
  - \*  $c \equiv 2 \pmod{6}, c \neq 2, 8, 14, 26$ 
    - Consider  $\lambda = 10$ . The two possibilities for  $G[V_{10}]$  to be R-AVD are
    - Cat (3,7) with  $V_{10} = \{u_2, v_2, v_1, u_1, x_{c+2}, \dots, x_{c-3}\}$ , and thus  $G[V \setminus V_{10}] =$ Cat (3, c-5). Cat (3, c-5) is not R-AVD for  $c \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ . -  $P_{10}$  with  $V_{10} = \{u_1, v_1, x_{c+2}, \dots, x_{c-5}\}$ . Then  $G[V \setminus V_{10}] =$ Cat (5, c-7). If we consider only the cases where  $c \geq 20$  and  $c \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ ,  $G[V \setminus V_{10}]$
    - is R-AVD only if c = 26.
  - \* c = 26
    - Consider  $\lambda = 13$ . The possibilities for  $G[V_{13}]$  to be R-AVD are
    - Cat (3,10) with  $V_{13} = \{u_2, v_2, v_1, u_1, x_{c+2}, \dots, x_{c-6}\}$ . If c = 26, then  $G[V \setminus V_{13}] = Cat (3, 18)$  which is not R-AVD.
    - $P_{13}$  with  $V_{13} = \{u_1, v_1, x_{c+2}, \dots, x_{c-8}\}$ . If c = 26,  $G[V \setminus V_{13}] = Cat(5, 16)$  which is not R-AVD.
  - \*  $c \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, c \ge 22$

First, observe that because n = c + 8 and  $c \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ , we have  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  and then  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

We consider  $\lambda = 15$ . Both 15 and  $n - 15 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Therefore, both  $G_{15}$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{15}]$  cannot be realized as a R-AVD caterpillar of the form Cat (3, b). Because Cat (5, 10) is not R-AVD the only remaining possibility is that  $G_{15}$  is a path  $P_{15}$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{15}]$  is a caterpillar Cat (5, c - 12). But Cat (5, c - 12) is not R-AVD for c = 22, 28 or  $c \geq 34$ .

In conclusion, for  $c \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ , the only remaining values are 2, 4, 8, 10, 14 and 16. For all of these values, Sun (0,2,c) is R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$ and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 8.

- Sun (0,3,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ .
- Consider first  $\lambda = 6$ . Because there is no R-AVD caterpillar of order 6,  $G[V_6]$  must be a path of length 6. The two possibilities are that  $V_6 = \{u_1, v_1, x_{c+3}, \ldots, x_c\}$  or  $\{u_3, v_3, x_4, \ldots, x_7\}$ .

If  $V_6 = \{u_3, v_3, x_4, \dots, x_7\}$ ,  $G[V \setminus V_6]$  is R-AVD if and only if  $G[V \setminus V_6]$  is a caterpillar Cat (3, 4) and c = 4.

If  $V_6 = \{u_1, v_1, x_{c+3}, \dots, x_c\}$ ,  $G[V \setminus V_6]$  is R-AVD if and only if  $G[V \setminus V_6]$  is a caterpillar Cat (5, 6) or Cat (6, 7) and then c = 8 or c = 10.

For  $c \in \{4, 8, 10\}$ , Sun (0, 3, c) is R-AVD and the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 9.

- Sun (0,4,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \in \{4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16\}$ . For all of these values of c, Sun (0,4,c) is also R-AVD and values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 10.
- Sun (0,5,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \in \{6, 8, 16\}$ .

<i>c</i>	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19	1	$\{u_3\}$	$P_1$	$P_{c+7}$
2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 19		$\{u_1, v_1\}$	$P_2$	Cat(3, c+3)
18	2	$x_1, x_2\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,19)$
2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18		$\{u_2, v_2, x_1\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(2,c+3\right)$
7, 19	3	$\{u_1, v_1, x_{c+2}\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,c)$
[2, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19]	4	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2\}$	$P_4$	$P_{c+4}$
2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18		$\{u_1, v_1, v_2, u_2, x_1\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	Cat(2, c+1)
7, 19	5	$\{x_{c+2}, v_1, u_1, v_2, u_2\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,c)$
4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19	6	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, v_3, u_3\}$	$P_6$	$P_{c+2}$
7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19	7	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, v_3, u_3, x_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,5)$	$P_{c+1}$
8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19	8	$\{u_1, v_1, v_2, u_2, x_1, x_2, v_3, u_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,5)$	$P_c$
10, 14, 16, 18, 19	9	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, v_3, u_3, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,5)$	$P_{c-1}$
14		$\{u_1, v_1, x_{16}, \dots, x_9\}$	$P_{10}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$
16, 18, 19	10	$\{u_2, v_2, v_1, u_1, x_{c+2}, \dots, x_{c-3}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(3,c-5\right)$
14, 16, 18, 19	11	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, v_3, u_3, x_3, \dots, x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,6)$	$P_{c-3}$
16, 18, 19	12	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, v_3, u_3, x_3, \dots, x_8\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$	$P_{c-4}$
18, 19	13	$\{u_2, v_2, v_1, u_1, x_{c+2}, \dots, x_{c-6}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,10)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3, c-8)$

**Table 8.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for some Sun (0, 2, c)

**Table 9.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (0, 3, c)

<i>c</i>	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
	1	$\{u_3\}$	$P_1$	$P_{c+8}$
	2	$\{u_2, v_2\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4, c+3)$
4, 8, 10	3	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3, c+3)$
	4	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2, c+3)$
	5	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$	$P_5$	$P_{c+4}$
4		$\{u_3,v_3,x_4,\ldots x_7\}$	$P_6$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,4)$
8, 10	6	$\{u_1, v_1, x_{c+3}, \dots, x_c\}$	$P_6$	Cat(6, c-3)
8, 10	7	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3\}$	$P_7$	$P_{c+2}$
8, 10	8	$\{u_2, v_2, v_1, u_1, x_{c+3}, \dots, x_c\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,5)$	Cat(4, c-3)
10	9	$\{x_1, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3, x_4, \dots, x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,5)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$

Consider  $\lambda = 2$ . There is only two possibilities for  $V_2$ , either  $V_2 = \{u_2, v_2\}$ , or  $V_2 = \{u_1, v_1\}$ .

If  $V_2 = \{u_2, v_2\}$ , then  $G[V \setminus V_2] = Cat(6, c + 3)$  which is not R-AVD for any  $c \in \{6, 8, 16\}$ .

If  $V_2 = \{u_1, v_1\}$ , then  $G[V \setminus V_2] = Cat(8, c+1)$  which is R-AVD for c = 6 but not for c = 8 or c = 16.

In fact, Sun (0, 5, 6) is R-AVD and values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 11.

• Sun (0,6,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \in \{8, 10\}$ .

Consider  $\lambda = 3$ . The two possibilities for  $V_3$  are  $\{u_2, v_2, x_1\}$  and  $\{u_1, v_1, x_{c+6}\}$ .

<i>c</i>	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16	1	$\{u_3\}$	$P_1$	$P_{c+9}$
4, 6, 11, 16		$\{u_2, v_2\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5, c+3)$
5, 8, 10, 12, 14	2	$\boxed{ \{u_1, v_1\}}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(7,c+1\right)$
4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16		$\{u_2, v_2, x_1\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4, c+3)$
5, 11	3	$\{u_1, v_1, x_{c+4}\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7,c)$
4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16		$\{x_1,\ldots,x_4\}$	$P_4$	Cat(3, c+3)
6, 12	4	$\{u_1, v_1, x_{c+4}, x_{c+3}\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7, c-1)$
4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16		$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$	$P_5$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2, c+3)$
5	5	$\{u_1, v_1, x_9, x_8, x_7\}$	$P_5$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$
11		$\{u_2, v_2, v_1, u_1, x_{15}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,11)$
[4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16]	6	$\{u_2,v_2,x_1,\ldots,x_4\}$	$P_6$	$P_{c+4}$
4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16		$\{u_1, v_1, v_2, u_2, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,4)$	Cat(2, c+1)
5, 11	$\overline{7}$	$\{u_2, v_2, v_1, u_1, x_{c+4}, x_{c+3}, x_{c+2}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,4)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5, c-2)$
6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16	8	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_3, u_3\}$	$P_8$	$P_{c+2}$
8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16	9	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_3, u_3, x_5\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,7)$	$P_{c+1}$
10, 11, 12, 14, 16	10	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_3, u_3, x_5, x_6\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$	$P_c$
12, 14, 16	11	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, \dots, x_4, v_3, u_3, x_5, x_6, x_7\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,7)$	$P_{c-1}$
14, 16	12	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, \ldots, x_4, v_3, u_3, x_5, \ldots, x_8\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$	$P_{c-2}$
16	13	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, \ldots, x_4, v_3, u_3, x_5, \ldots, x_9\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(6,7)$	$P_{c-3}$

**Table 10.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (0, 4, c)

**Table 11.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (0, 5, 6)

$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
1	$\{u_3\}$	$P_1$	$P_{16}$
2	$\{u_1, v_1\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(7,8)$
3	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,9)$
4	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, x_2\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,9)$
5	$\{u_1, v_1, v_2, u_2, x_1\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$
6	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, \ldots, x_4\}$	$P_6$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,9)$
7	$\{u_2,v_2,x_1,\ldots,x_5\}$	$P_7$	$P_{10}$
8	$\{u_1, v_1, v_2, u_2, x_1, \dots, x_4\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,5)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,7)$

In the first case,  $G[V \setminus V_3] = \text{Cat}(6, c+3)$ , in the second case  $G[V \setminus V_3] = \text{Cat}(9, c)$ . In both cases,  $G[V \setminus V_3]$  is not R-AVD for c = 8 or c = 10.

• Sun (0,7,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \in \{8, 10\}$ .

Consider  $\lambda = 2$ . There is only two possibilities for  $V_2$ , either  $V_2 = \{u_2, v_2\}$ , or  $V_2 = \{u_1, v_1\}$ .

If  $V_2 = \{u_2, v_2\}$ , then  $G[V \setminus V_2] = Cat(8, c+3)$ . If  $V_2 = \{u_1, v_1\}$ , then  $G[V \setminus V_2] = Cat(10, c+1)$ . Both Cat(8, c+3) and Cat(10, c+1) are not R-AVD for c = 8 and c = 10.

• Sun (0,8,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \in \{8,9\}$ .

Consider again  $\lambda = 2$  and the two possibilities for  $V_2$ :  $V_2 = \{u_2, v_2\}$ , or  $V_2 =$  $\{u_1, v_1\}.$ 

If  $V_2 = \{u_2, v_2\}$ , then  $G[V \setminus V_2] = Cat(9, c+3)$ . If  $V_2 = \{u_1, v_1\}$ , then  $G[V \setminus V_2] =$  $\operatorname{Cat}(11, c+1)$ . Both  $\operatorname{Cat}(9, c+3)$  and  $\operatorname{Cat}(11, c+1)$  are not R-AVD for c=8 and c = 9.

• Sun (1,2,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$  or  $c \in \{6, 18\}$ .

Consider first  $\lambda = 11$ . That means that  $n \ge 22$  and thus  $c \ge 13$ . We consider four possibilities to obtain a R-AVD graph with order 11:

- $V_{11} = \{u_2, v_2, x_1, v_1, u_1, x_{c+3}, \dots, x_{c-2}\}$ . In that case,  $G[V \setminus V_{11}] = Cat(3, c 1)$ 5).
- $-V_{11} = \{u_2, v_2, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3, x_4, \dots, x_8\}.$  Thus,  $G[V \setminus V_{11}] = \text{Cat}(2, c-4).$
- $V_{11} = \{x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3, x_4, \dots, x_10\}$ . Thus,  $G[V \setminus V_{11}] = Cat(4, c 6)$ .
- $V_{11} = \{x_1, v_1, u_1, x_{c+3}, \dots, x_{c-4}\}$ . Thus,  $G[V \setminus V_{11}] = Cat(5, c-7)$ .

For all these cases,  $G[V \setminus V_{11}]$  is not R-AVD for  $c \ge 13, c \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$ , except for  $G[V \setminus V_{11}] = Cat(5,7) \text{ or } Cat(5,19) \text{ and } c = 14 \text{ or } 26.$ 

Consider now  $\lambda = 13$ . That means that  $n \geq 26$  and thus  $c \geq 17$ . We consider three possibilities to obtain a R-AVD graph with order 13:

- $V_{13} = \{x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3, x_4, \dots, x_13\}.$ Thus,  $G[V \setminus V_{13}] = \text{Cat}(4, c 8).$   $V_{13} = \{u_2, v_2, x_1, v_1, u_1, x_{c+3}, \dots, x_{c-4}\}.$ In that case,  $G[V \setminus V_{13}] = \text{Cat}(3, c 8).$ 7).
- $V_{13} = \{x_1, v_1, u_1, x_{c+3}, \dots, x_{c-6}\}$ . Thus,  $G[V \setminus V_{13}] = \operatorname{Cat}(5, c-9)$ .

For all these cases,  $G[V \setminus V_{13}]$  is not R-AVD for  $c \ge 17, c \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$ , except when  $G[V \setminus V_{13}] = Cat(5, 19) \text{ and } c = 28.$ 

At last, consider an induced subgraph with order 18. Because the only caterpillar with this order is Cat(7, 11), the only way to have a R-AVD subgraph of Sun (1,2,c) with order 18 is a path  $P_{18}$ . In the cases of c = 26 or c = 28, the remaining subgraph contains four leaves and then, cannot be R-AVD.

Thus, the only remaining values for c are 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16 and 18. For all these values of c, Sun (1, 2, c) is R-AVD and values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 12.

• Sun (2,3,c) is OL-AVD only for  $c \in \{4, 8, 16\}$ . Let us consider  $\lambda = 2$ . If  $V_2 = \{u_1, v_1\}, V_2 = \{u_2, v_2\}$  or  $V_2 = \{u_3, v_3\}$ , then

 $G[V \setminus V_2]$  has four leaves and then is not R-AVD. The only remaining possibility is  $V_2 = \{x_1, x_2\}$ , and thus  $G[V \setminus V_2] = \operatorname{Cat}(6, c+3)$ . Then,  $\operatorname{Sun}(2, 3, c)$  cannot be R-AVD with c = 8 or c = 16.

Sun (2, 3, 4) is R-AVD and values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  are given in Table 13.

Sun with four rays. A sun with four rays is OL-AVD if and only if it is isomorphic to Sun (0, 0, 1, d) with  $d \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{6}$ .

Consider  $\lambda = 6$ . Since an R-AVD graph with order 6 must be a path, the only possibility is to have:

- $d = 2, V_6 = \{u_1, v_1, x_3, x_2, v_4, u_4\}$  and  $G[V \setminus V_6] = Cat(2, 3)$
- $d = 4, V_6 = \{u_1, v_1, x_5, x_4, x_3, x_2\}$  and  $G[V \setminus V_6] = Cat(4, 3)$ .

с	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18	1	$\{u_1\}$	$P_1$	$\mathrm{Sun}\left(2,c+2\right)$
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18	2	$\{x_2, x_3\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(4,c+3\right)$
2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16		$\{x_1, v_2, u_2\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3, c+3)$
6, 18	3	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5, c+1)$
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18	4	$\{u_2, v_2, x_2, x_3\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(2,c+3\right)$
2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18	5	$\{x_1, v_2, u_2, x_2, x_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$P_{c+4}$
4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18	6	$\{u_2, v_2, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3\}$	$P_6$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2, c+1)$
6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18	7	$\{x_1, v_2, u_2, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,5)$	$P_{c+2}$
8, 10, 14, 16, 18	8	$\{u_2, v_2, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3, x_4, x_5\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,5)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,c-1)$
10, 14, 16, 18	9	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1v_2, u_2, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,5)$	$P_c$
14, 16, 18	10	$\{x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3, x_4, \dots, x_9\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(4,c-5\right)$
14		$\{x_1, v_1, u_1, x_{c+3}, \ dots, x_{c-4}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,9)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5, c-7)$
16, 18	11	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, v_1, u_1, x_{c+3}, \ dots, x_{c-2}\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,7)$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(3,c-5\right)$
16, 18	12	$\{u_2, v_2, x_2, x_3, v_3, u_3, x_4, \dots, x_9\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(2,c-5\right)$
18	13	$\{u_2, v_2, x_1, v_1, u_1, x_{21}, \dots, x_9\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,9)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,11)$

**Table 12.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (1, 2, c)

**Table 13.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (2, 3, 4)

λ	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
1	$\{u_3\}$	$P_1$	$\operatorname{Sun}(2,8)$
2	$\{x_1, x_2\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}(6,7)$
3	$\{x_3,x_4,x_5\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(5,7)$
4	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,7)$
5	$\{x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2, x_3\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,7)$
6	$\{u_1, v_1, x_1, x_2, v_2, u_2\}$	$P_6$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,5)$
7	$\{u_2, v_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, v_3, u_3\}$	$P_7$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3,5)$

We prove that both Sun (0, 0, 1, 2) and Sun (0, 0, 1, 4) are R-AVD, by giving the values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  in Table 14.

d	$\lambda$	$V_{\lambda}$	$G[V_{\lambda}]$	$G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$
2, 4	1	$\{u_1\}$	$P_1$	$\mathrm{Sun}\left(0,1,d+1\right)$
2, 4	2	$\{u_2, v_2\}$	$P_2$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(4,d+3\right)$
2, 4	3	$\{u_3,v_3,x_1\}$	$P_3$	$\operatorname{Cat}(3, d+3)$
2, 4	4	$\{u_2, v_2, v_3, u_3\}$	$P_4$	$\operatorname{Cat}\left(2,d+3\right)$
2, 4	5	$\{u_2, v_2, v_3, u_3, x_1\}$	$\operatorname{Cat}(2,3)$	$P_{d+4}$
4	6	$\{u_1, v_1, x_5, x_4, x_3, x_2\}$	$P_6$	$\operatorname{Cat}(4,3)$

**Table 14.** Values of  $G[V_{\lambda}]$  and  $G[V \setminus V_{\lambda}]$  for Sun (0, 0, 1, d)

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