

## Just $nr$ -Excellent Graphs

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**Abstract:** Given an  $k$ -tuple of vectors,  $S = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$ , the neighborhood adjacency code of a vertex  $v$  with respect to  $S$ , denoted by  $nc_S(v)$  and defined by  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  where  $a_i$  is 1 if  $v$  and  $v_i$  are adjacent and 0 otherwise.  $S$  is called a Smarandachely neighborhood resolving set on subset  $V' \subset V(G)$  if  $nc_S(u) \neq nc_S(v)$  for any  $u, v \in V'$ . Particularly, if  $V' = V(G)$ , such a  $S$  is called a neighborhood resolving set or a neighborhood  $r$ -set. The least(maximum) cardinality of a minimal neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  is called the neighborhood(upper neighborhood) resolving number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $nr(G)$  ( $NR(G)$ ). A study of this new concept has been elaborately studied by S. Suganthi and V. Swaminathan. Fircke et al, in 2002 made a beginning of the study of graphs which are excellent with respect to a graph parameters. For example, a graph is domination excellent if every vertex is contained in a minimum dominating set. A graph  $G$  is said to be just  $nr$ -excellent if for each  $u \in V$ , there exists a unique  $nr$ -set of  $G$  containing  $u$ . In this paper, the study of just  $nr$ -excellent graphs is initiated.

**Key Words:** Locating sets, locating number, Smarandachely neighborhood resolving set, neighborhood resolving set, neighborhood resolving number, just  $nr$ -excellent.

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### §1. Introduction

In the case of finite dimensional vector spaces, every ordered basis induces a scalar coding of the vectors where the scalars are from the base field. While finite dimensional vector spaces have rich structures, graphs have only one structure namely adjacency. If a graph is connected, the adjacency gives rise to a metric. This metric can be used to define a code for the vertices. P. J. Slater [20] defined the code of a vertex  $v$  with respect to a  $k$ -tuple of vertices  $S = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$  as  $(d(v, v_1), d(v, v_2), \dots, d(v, v_k))$  where  $d(v, v_j)$  denotes the distance of the vertex  $v$  from the vertex  $v_j$ . Thus, entries in the code of a vertex may vary from 0 to diameter of  $G$ . If the codes of the vertices are to be distinct, then the number of vertices in  $G$  is less than or equal to

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$(diam(G) + 1)^k$ . If it is required to extend this concept to disconnected graphs, it is not possible to use the distance property. One can use adjacency to define binary codes, the motivation for this having come from finite dimensional vector spaces over  $Z_2$ . There is an advantage as well as demerit in this type of codes. The advantage is that the codes of the vertices can be defined even in disconnected graphs. The drawback is that not all graphs will allow resolution using this type of codes.

Given an  $k$ -tuple of vectors,  $S = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k)$ , the neighborhood adjacency code of a vertex  $v$  with respect to  $S$  is defined as  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k)$  where  $a_i$  is 1 if  $v$  and  $v_i$  are adjacent and 0 otherwise. Whereas in a connected graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,  $V$  is always a resolving set, the same is not true if we consider neighborhood resolvability. If  $u$  and  $v$  are two vertices which are non-adjacent and  $N(u) = N(v)$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  will have the same binary code with respect to any subset of  $V$ , including  $V$ . The least(maximum) cardinality of a minimal neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  is called the neighborhood(upper neighborhood) resolving number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $nr(G)$  ( $NR(G)$ ). This concept has been done in [31], [32], [33], [34], [35], [36] and [37].

Suk J. Seo and P. Slater [27] defined the same type of problem as an open neighborhood locating dominating set (OLD-set), is a minimum cardinality vertex set  $S$  with the property that for each vertex  $v$  its open neighborhood  $N(v)$  has a unique non-empty intersection with  $S$ . But in Neighborhood resolving sets  $N(v)$  may have the empty intersection with  $S$ . Clearly every OLD-set of a graph  $G$  is a neighborhood resolving set of  $G$ , but the converse need not be true.

M.G. Karpovsky, K. Chakrabarty, L.B. Levitin [15] introduced the concept of identifying sets using closed neighborhoods to resolve vertices of  $G$ . This concept was elaborately studied by A. Lobstein [16].

Let  $\mu$  be a parameter of a graph. A vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is said to be  $\mu$ -good if  $v$  belongs to a  $\mu$ -minimum ( $\mu$ -maximum) set of  $G$  according as  $\mu$  is a super hereditary (hereditary) parameter.  $v$  is said to be  $\mu$ -bad if it is not  $\mu$ -good. A graph  $G$  is said to be  $\mu$ -excellent if every vertex of  $G$  is  $\mu$ -good. Excellence with respect to domination and total domination were studied in [8], [12], [23],[24], [25], [26]. N. Sridharan and Yamuna [24], [25], [26], have defined various types of excellence.

A simple graph  $G = (V, E)$  is  $nr$ - excellent if every vertex is contained in a  $nr$ -set of  $G$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be just  $nr$ -excellent if for each  $u \in V$ , there exists a unique  $nr$ -set of  $G$  containing  $u$ . This paper is devoted to this concept. In this paper, definition, examples and properties of just  $nr$ -excellent graphs is discussed.

## §2. Neighborhood Resolving Sets in Graphs

**Definition 2.1** Let  $G$  be any graph. Let  $S \subset V(G)$ . Consider the  $k$ -tuple  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)$  where  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Let  $v \in V(G)$ . Define a binary neighborhood code of  $v$  with

respect to the  $k$ -tuple  $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k)$ , denoted by  $nc_S(v)$  as a  $k$ -tuple  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k)$ , where

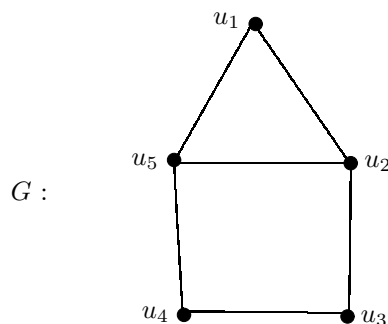
$$r_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } v \in N(u_i), 1 \leq i \leq k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,  $S$  is called a neighborhood resolving set or a neighborhood  $r$ -set if  $nc_S(u) \neq nc_S(v)$  for any  $u, v \in V(G)$ .

The least cardinality of a minimal neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  is called the neighborhood resolving number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $nr(G)$ . The maximum cardinality of a minimal neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  is called the upper neighborhood resolving number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $NR(G)$ .

Clearly  $nr(G) \leq NR(G)$ . A neighborhood resolving set  $S$  of  $G$  is called a minimum neighborhood resolving set or  $nr$ -set if  $S$  is a neighborhood resolving set with cardinality  $nr(G)$ .

**Example 2.2** Let  $G$  be a graph shown in Fig.1.



**Fig.1**

Then,  $S_1 = \{u_1, u_2, u_5\}$  is a neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  since  $nc_S(u_1) = (0, 1, 1)$ ,  $nc_S(u_2) = (1, 0, 1)$ ,  $nc_S(u_3) = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $nc_S(u_4) = (0, 0, 1)$  and  $nc_S(u_5) = (1, 1, 0)$ . Also  $S_2 = \{u_1, u_3, u_4\}$ ,  $S_3 = \{u_1, u_2, u_4\}$ ,  $S_4 = \{u_1, u_3, u_5\}$  are neighborhood resolving sets of  $G$ . For this graph,  $nr(G) = NR(G) = 3$ .

**Observation 2.3** The above definition holds good even if  $G$  is disconnected.

**Theorem 2.4**([31]) Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n \geq 3$ . Then  $G$  does not have any neighborhood resolving set if and only if there exist two non adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $V(G)$  such that  $N(u) = N(v)$ .

**Definition 2.5**([33]) A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called an  $nr$ -irredundant set of  $G$  if for every  $u \in S$ , there exist  $x, y \in V$  which are privately resolved by  $u$ .

**Theorem 2.6**([33]) Every minimal neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  is a maximal neighborhood resolving irredundant set of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.7**([33]) The minimum cardinality of a maximal neighborhood resolving irredundant set of  $G$  is called the neighborhood resolving irredundance number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $ir_{nr}(G)$ .

The maximum cardinality is called the upper neighborhood resolving irrundance number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $IR_{nr}(G)$ .

**Observation 2.8**([33]) For any graph  $G$ ,  $ir_{nr}(G) \leq nr(G) \leq NR(G) \leq IR_{nr}(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.9**([34]) For any graph  $G$ ,  $nr(G) \leq n-1$ .

**Theorem 2.10**([32]) Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  such that  $nr(G) = k$ . Then  $\log_2 n \leq k$ .

**Observation 2.11**([32]) There exists a graph  $G$  in which  $n = 2k$  and there exists a neighborhood resolving set of cardinality  $k$  such that  $nr(G) = k$ . Hence all the distinct binary  $k$ -vectors appear as codes for the  $n$  vertices.

**Theorem 2.12**([34]) Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  admitting neighborhood resolving sets of  $G$  and let  $nr(G) = k$ . Then  $k = 1$  if and only if  $G$  is either  $K_2$  or  $K_1$ .

**Theorem 2.13**([34]) Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  admitting neighborhood resolving sets of  $G$ . Then  $nr(G) = 2$  if and only if  $G$  is either  $K_3$  or  $K_3$  + a pendant edge or  $K_3 \cup K_1$  or  $K_2 \cup K_1$ .

**Definition 2.14**([36]) Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. Let  $u \in V(G)$ . Then  $u$  is said to be  $nr$ -good if  $u$  is contained in a minimum neighborhood resolving set of  $G$ . A vertex  $u$  is said to be  $nr$ -bad if there exists no minimum neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  containing  $u$ .

**Definition 2.15**([36]) A graph  $G$  is said to be  $nr$ -excellent if every vertex of  $G$  is  $nr$ -good.

**Theorem 2.16**([36]) Let  $G$  be a non  $nr$ -excellent graph. Then  $G$  can be embedded in a  $nr$ -excellent graph (say)  $H$  such that  $nr(H) = nr(G) + \text{number of } nr\text{-bad vertices of } G$ .

**Theorem 2.17**([36]) Let  $G$  be a connected non- $nr$ -excellent graph. Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  be the set of all  $nr$ -bad vertices of  $G$ . Add vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  with  $V(G)$ . Join  $v_i$  with  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$ ,  $i \neq j$ . Join  $u_i$  with  $v_1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Let  $H$  be the resulting graph. Suppose there exists no  $nr$ -set  $T$  of  $H$  such that  $v_1$  privately resolves  $nr$ -good vertices and  $nr$ -bad vertices of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is  $nr$ -excellent,  $G$  is an induced subgraph of  $H$  and  $nr(H) = nr(G) + 3$ .

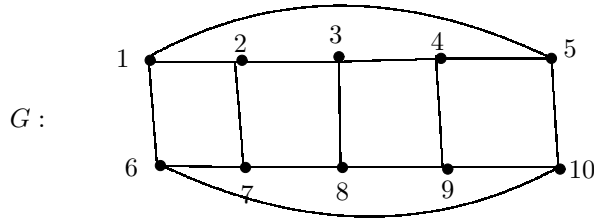
### §3. Just $nr$ -Excellent Graphs

**Definition 3.1** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. Let  $u \in V(G)$ . Then  $u$  is said to be  $nr$ -good if  $u$  is contained in a minimum neighborhood resolving set of  $G$ . A vertex  $u$  is said to be  $nr$ -bad if there exists no minimum neighborhood resolving set of  $G$  containing  $u$ .

**Definition 3.2** A graph  $G$  is said to be  $nr$ -excellent if every vertex of  $G$  is  $nr$ -good.

**Definition 3.3** A graph  $G$  is said to be just  $nr$ -excellent graph if for each  $u \in V$ , there exists a unique  $nr$ -set of  $G$  containing  $u$ .

**Example 3.4** Let  $G = C_5 \square K_2$ .



**Fig.2**

The only  $nr$ -sets of  $C_5 \square K_2$  are  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $\{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ . Therefore,  $C_5 \square K_2$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $G$  be a just  $nr$ -excellent graph. Then  $deg(u) \geq \frac{n}{nr(G)} - 1$  for every  $u$  which does not have 0-code with respect to more than one  $nr$ -set  $S_i$  of  $G$ .

*Proof* Let  $V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_m$  be a partition of  $V(G)$  into  $nr$ -sets of  $G$ . Let  $x \in V(G)$ . Suppose  $x$  does not have 0-code with respect to any  $S_i$ . Then  $x$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in each  $S_i$ . Therefore  $deg(u) \geq m = \frac{n}{nr(G)}$ .

Suppose  $x$  has 0-code with respect to exactly one  $nr$ -set (say)  $S_i$ . Then  $x$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in each  $S_j, j \neq i$ .  $deg(u) \geq m - 1 = \frac{n}{nr(G)} - 1$ . □

**Note 3.6** These graphs  $G1$  to  $G72$  referred to the appendix of this paper.

**Theorem 3.7** If  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent, then  $nr(G) \geq 4$ .

*Proof* Let  $G$  be just  $nr$ -excellent. If  $nr(G) = 2$ , then  $G$  is  $K_3$  or  $K_3 +$  a pendant edge or  $K_3 \cup K_1$  or  $K_2 \cup K_1$ . None of them is just  $nr$ -excellent.

Let  $nr(G) = 3$ . Let  $\Pi = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k\}$  be a  $nr$ -partition of  $G$ . Suppose  $k \geq 3$ . Then  $|V(G)| \geq 9$ . But  $|V(G)| \leq 2^{nr(G)} = 2^3 = 8$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $k \leq 2$ . Suppose  $k = 1$ . Then  $|V(G)| = 3 = nr(G)$ , a contradiction since  $nr(G) \leq |V(G)| - 1$ . Therefore  $k = 2$ . Then  $|V(G)| = 6$ .

Now  $\langle S_1 \rangle, \langle S_2 \rangle$  are one of graphs  $P_3$  or  $K_3 \cup K_1$  or  $K_3$ . Clearly  $\langle S_1 \rangle, \langle S_2 \rangle$  cannot be  $P_3$ .

**Case 1**  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_3 = \langle S_2 \rangle$ .

Let  $V(S_1) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $V(S_2) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Since  $v_i$  has 0-code with respect to  $S_1$ , if there exists no edge between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , there should be at least one edge between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

**Subcase 1.1** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq 3$ . From  $G1$ , it is clear that  $S = \{u_1, u_2, v_3\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is a just  $nr$ -excellent graph.

**Subcase 1.2** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$  for exactly two of the values from  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u_2$  be adjacent with  $v_2$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent with  $v_3$ . Then in  $G2$ , it is clear that  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is a just  $nr$ -excellent graph. The other cases can be proved by similar reasoning.

**Subcase 1.3** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and one or more  $u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  are adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ . Let  $u_i$  be adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . If every  $u_i$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ , then each  $v_i$  has the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction.

Suppose exactly one  $u_i$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u_1$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ . Then  $v_2$  and  $u_3$  have the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $u_{i_1}$  and  $u_{i_2}$  are adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq i_1, i_2, j \leq 3$ ,  $i_1 \neq i_2$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , then  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  have the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction in  $G3$ .

**Subcase 1.4** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$  for exactly two of the values of  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and for exactly one  $i$ ,  $u_i$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ . Without loss of generality let  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  respectively. If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , then  $nc_{S_1}(v_2) = nc_{S_1}(u_3)$ , a contradiction. If  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(u_3)$ , a contradiction. If  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(u_2)$ , a contradiction in  $G4$ .

**Subcase 1.5** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ , for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and one or more  $u_i$  are adjacent with exactly two of the vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $u_2$  may be adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  or  $u_3$  may be adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_2) = nc_{S_1}(u_3)$ , a contradiction in  $G5$ . The other cases can be proved similarly.

**Subcase 1.6** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$  for exactly two of the values of  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , and one of the vertices which is adjacent with some  $v_i$  is also adjacent with exactly one  $v_j$ ,  $j \neq i$ . If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ;  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_2$ , but  $u_3$  is not adjacent with  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ , then  $nc_{S_1}(v_2) = nc_{S_1}(u_3)$ , a contradiction in  $G6$ . The other cases also lead to contradiction.

**Subcase 1.7** Suppose exactly one  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  (say)  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ . If  $u_1$  is not adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ , then  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  receive 0-code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction. If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2$  and not with  $v_3$ , then  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  receive the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction. If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  then  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$  receive the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction in  $G7$ . The other cases can be similarly proved. Since  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  form cycles, any other case of adjacency between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  will fall in one of the seven cases discussed above. Hence when  $k = 2$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = K_3$ , then  $G$  is not just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Case 2**  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Let  $V(S_1) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $V(S_2) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be adjacent. Since  $G$  is connected,  $v_3$  is adjacent with some  $u_i$ . Since the argument in Case 1 does not depend on the nature of  $\langle S_2 \rangle$ , we get that  $G$  is not just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Case 3**  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Let  $V(S_1) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  and  $V(S_2) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u_1$  be adjacent with  $u_2$  and  $v_1$  be adjacent with  $v_2$ .

**Subcase 3.1** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Then  $G$  is disconnected, a contradiction, since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.2** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$  for exactly two of the values from  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Then  $G$  is disconnected, a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.3** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and one or more  $u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  are adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ . If every  $u_i$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ , then each  $v_j$  has the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction, since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$  in  $G8$ .

If  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ ,  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  have the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction, since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$  ( $G9$ ).

If  $u_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $u_3$  are adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , then  $v_i$  and  $v_3$  have the same code with respect to  $S_1$ , a contradiction, since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$  ( $G10$ ).

**Subcase 3.4** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$  for exactly two of the values  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and for exactly one  $i$ ,  $u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  are adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ .

**Subcase 3.4.1** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_2$ . If  $u_1$  or  $u_2$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , then  $G$  is disconnected, a contradiction, since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent. If  $u_3$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , then  $nc_{S_2}(v_1) = nc_{S_2}(u_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$  in  $G11$ .

**Subcase 3.4.2** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ . If  $u_1$  or  $u_3$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(u_2)$ , a contradiction,  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$  ( $G1$ ).

If  $u_2$  is adjacent with every  $v_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 3$ , then  $nc_{S_1}(v_2) = nc_{S_1}(u_1)$ , a contradiction,  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$  ( $G13$ ). The other cases can be similarly proved.

**Subcase 3.5** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ , for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and one or more  $u_i$  are adjacent with exactly two of the vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ . Let  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ , for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

**Subcase 3.5.1** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  or  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Then  $G$  is disconnected, a contradiction,  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.5.2** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ ,  $u_i$ ,  $i = 2, 3$  are adjacent with  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  ( $G14$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ ,  $u_2, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  ( $G15$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  ( $G16$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2$  and  $v_3$ ,  $u_2, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  ( $G17$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$  ( $G18$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_2, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$  ( $G19$ ). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(u_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.3** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  ( $G20$ ), or  $u_1, u_2, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G21$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G22$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  ( $G23$ ), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with

$v_2, v_3, u_2, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G24). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(v_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.4** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_i, v_3, i = 1, 2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3, u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G25). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(v_3)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.5** Suppose  $u_1, u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2, u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i, v_3, i = 1, 2$  (G26), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3, u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3, u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i, v_3, i = 1, 2$  (G27). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_1) = nc_{S_2}(u_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.6** Suppose  $u_1, u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3; u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G28). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_2) = nc_{S_1}(v_3)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.7** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3; u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G29), or  $u_1, u_2$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G30), or  $u_1, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_3, u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_i, v_j, 1 \leq i, j \leq 3, i \neq j$  (G31). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_2) = nc_{S_1}(u_1)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.8** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_1$  and not with  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  (G32). Then  $nc_{S_2}(v_2) = nc_{S_2}(u_1)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.9** Suppose  $u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_2$  and not with  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  (G33). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_2) = nc_{S_2}(v_1)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.5.10** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2, u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3, u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_i, i = 2, 3$  (G34), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2, u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3, u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_i, v_j, 1 \leq i, j \leq 3, i \neq j$  (G35). Then  $S = \{u_1, v_1, v_3\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.5.11** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3, u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2, u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3$  (G36). Then  $S = \{u_1, u_3, v_1\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.5.12** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3, u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3, u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_i, i = 1, 3$  (G37). Then  $S = \{u_1, u_3, v_2\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.5.13** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3, u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2, u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_i, i = 1, 3$  (G38). Then  $S = \{u_2, v_1, v_3\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.5.14** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3, u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3, u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2$  (for fig.39). Then  $S = \{u_3, v_1, v_2\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.5.15** Suppose  $u_1, u_2$  are adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3; u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3$  (G40). Then  $S = \{u_2, u_3, v_1\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.6** Suppose  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$  for exactly two of the values of  $i, 1 \leq i \leq 3$ .



**Subcase 3.6.1** Let  $u_1$  be adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $u_3$  be adjacent with  $v_3$  (G41 – G56).

**Subcase 3.6.1.1** Suppose  $u_1, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G41). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(v_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.1.2** Suppose  $u_1, u_2$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$  (G42), or  $u_1, u_2$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G43). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_1) = nc_{S_2}(u_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.1.3** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$  (G44), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_i, v_3$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) (45), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_i, v_3$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$  (G46). Then  $nc_{S_1}(u_2) = nc_{S_1}(v_1)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.1.4** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_i, v_2$ ,  $i = 1, 3$  (G47), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3$  (G48). Then  $S = \{u_1, v_1, v_3\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.6.1.5** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G49), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G50), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G51), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G52). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_2) = nc_{S_1}(u_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.1.6** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G53), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_i$  ( $i = 2, 3$ ) (G54), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_i$   $i = 2, 3$  (G55), or  $u_1, u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_i$   $i = 2, 3$  (G56). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(v_3)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.2** Let  $u_1$  be adjacent with  $v_1$  and  $u_2$  be adjacent with  $v_2$  (G57 – G64).

**Subcase 3.6.2.1** Suppose  $u_1, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$  (G57). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_1) = nc_{S_2}(u_3)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.2.2** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ;  $u_2, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G58). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_2) = nc_{S_2}(u_3)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.2.3** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with only  $v_i, v_3$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with only  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2$  (G59). Then  $S = \{u_2, u_3, v_1\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction, since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.6.2.4** Suppose  $u_1, u_2$  are adjacent with only  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with only  $v_1, v_2$  (G60). Then  $S = \{u_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction, since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.6.2.5** Suppose  $u_1, u_3$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G61), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_i$  ( $i = 2, 3$ ),  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G62). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(v_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.2.6** Suppose  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$  (G63), or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_i, v_3$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  (G64). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_2) = nc_{S_2}(v_1)$ ,

a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ . The other instances can be similarly argued.

**Subcase 3.6.3** Suppose exactly one  $u_i$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ .

**Subcase 3.6.3.1** If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G65$ ). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_3) = nc_{S_1}(u_1)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.3.2** If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ , or  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_2$ , or If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ , or  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_2$  ( $G66$ ). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_3) = nc_{S_2}(v_1)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.3.3** If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$ , or  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G67$ ). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_3) = nc_{S_1}(u_2)$ , a contradiction, since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.3.4** If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ , or  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1$ , or if  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ , or  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1$  ( $G68$ ). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_3) = nc_{S_2}(v_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.3.5** If  $u_1, u_2$  are adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G69$ ). Then  $nc_{S_2}(u_1) = nc_{S_2}(u_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_2$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.3.6** If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G70$ ). Then  $nc_{S_1}(v_1) = nc_{S_1}(v_2)$ , a contradiction since  $S_1$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ .

**Subcase 3.6.3.7** If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G71$ ). Then  $S = \{u_1, u_2, v_2\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 3.6.3.8** If  $u_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_3$ ,  $u_2$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_3$ ,  $u_3$  is adjacent with  $v_1, v_2$  ( $G72$ ). Then  $S = \{u_2, u_3, v_2\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent. The other instances can be similarly argued. Hence, if  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent, then  $nr(G) \geq 4$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8** *Every just  $nr$ -excellent graph  $G$  is connected.*

*Proof* If  $G$  is not connected, all the connected components of  $G$  contains more than one vertex (since  $G \cup K_1$  is not a  $nr$ -excellent graph). Let  $G_1$  be one of the component of  $G$ . As  $G_1$  is also just  $nr$ -excellent, and  $nr(G_1) \leq \frac{|G_1|}{2}$ ,  $G_1$  has more than one  $nr$ -set. Select two  $nr$ -sets say  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  of  $G_1$ . Fix one  $nr$ -set  $D$  for  $G - G_1$ . Then both  $D \cup S_1$  and  $D \cup S_2$  are  $nr$ -sets

of  $G$ , which is a contradiction, since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent. Hence every just  $nr$ -excellent graph is connected.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9** *The graph  $G$  of order  $n$  is just  $nr$ -excellent if and only if*

- (1)  $nr(G)$  divides  $n$ ;
- (2)  $d_{nr}(G) = \frac{n}{nr(G)}$ ;
- (3)  $G$  has exactly  $\frac{n}{nr(G)}$  distinct  $nr$ -sets.

*Proof* Let  $G$  be just  $nr$ -excellent. Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$  be the collection of distinct  $nr$ -sets of  $G$ . Since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent these sets are pairwise disjoint and their union is  $V(G)$ . Therefore  $V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_m$  is a partition of  $V$  into  $nr$ -sets of  $G$ .

Since  $|S_i| = nr(G)$ , for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$  we have neighborhood resolving partition number of  $G = d_{nr}(G) = m$  and  $nr(G)m = n$ .

Therefore both  $nr(G)$  and  $d_{nr}(G)$  are divisors of  $n$  and  $d_{nr}(G) = \frac{n}{nr(G)}$ . Also  $G$  has exactly  $m = \frac{n}{nr(G)}$  distinct  $nr$ -sets.

Conversely, assume  $G$  to be a graph satisfying the hypothesis of the theorem. Let  $m = \frac{n}{nr(G)}$ . Let  $V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_m$  be a decomposition of neighborhood resolving sets of  $G$ .

Now as  $nr(G)m = n = \sum_{i=1}^m |S_i| \geq m \cdot nr(G)$ , for each  $i$ ,  $S_i$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ . Since it is given that  $G$  has exactly  $m$  distinct  $nr$ -sets,  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$  are the distinct  $nr$ -sets of  $G$ .

$V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_m$  is a partition and hence each vertex of  $V$  belongs to exactly one  $S_i$ . Hence  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.10** *Let  $G$  be a just  $nr$ -excellent graph. Then  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ .*

*Proof* Suppose there exists a vertex  $u \in V(G)$  such that  $deg(u) = 1$ . Let  $v$  be the support vertex of  $u$ . Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$  be the  $nr$ -partition of  $G$ .

**Case 1** Let  $u \in S_1$  and  $v \notin S_1$ . Suppose  $u$  resolves  $u$  and  $v$  only. Then  $(S_1 - \{u\}) \cup \{v\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction. Suppose  $u$  resolves privately and uniquely  $v$  and  $y$  for some  $y \in V(G)$ .

**Subcase 1.1**  $v$  and  $y$  are non-adjacent.

Since  $v \in S_i$ ,  $i \neq 1$  and  $S_i$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , there exists some  $z \in S_i$  such that  $z$  resolves  $v$  and  $y$ . Further  $x_1, x_2 \in V(G)$  where  $x_1, x_2 \neq u$ , are resolved by the vertices of  $S_1 - \{u\}$ . Therefore  $(S_1 - \{u\}) \cup \{z\}$  is a neighborhood resolving set of  $G$ . Since  $|(S_1 - \{u\}) \cup \{z\}| = |S_1|$ ,  $(S_1 - \{u\}) \cup \{z\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction to  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent.

**Subcase 1.2**  $v$  and  $y$  are adjacent.

Then  $(S_1 - \{u\}) \cup \{v\}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction.

**Case 2** Suppose  $u, v \in S_i$  for some  $S_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u, v \in S_1$ .

**Subcase 2.1** Suppose  $u$  resolves  $u$  and  $v$  only. Let  $S_1^1 = S_1 - \{u\}$ . Suppose there exists a vertex  $w$  in  $S_1$  such that  $w$  and  $v$  have 0-code with respect to  $S_1 - \{u\}$ . Then  $u$  resolves  $v$  and

$w$  in  $S_1$ , a contradiction, since  $u$  resolves  $u$  and  $v$  only. So  $v$  does not have 0-code with respect to  $S_1^1$ . Therefore  $S_1^1$  is a neighborhood resolving set, a contradiction.

**Subcase 2.2** Suppose  $u$  resolves privately and uniquely  $v$  and  $y$  for some  $y \in V(G)$ . If  $v$  and  $y$  are adjacent, then  $v$  resolves  $v$  and  $y$ , a contradiction, since  $u$  resolves privately  $v$  and  $y$ . Therefore  $v$  and  $y$  are non-adjacent.

Since  $S_i$ ,  $i \neq 1$ , is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , there exists a vertex  $z \in S_i$ , such that  $z$  resolves  $v$  and  $y$ . Consider  $S_1^{11} = (S_1 - \{u\}) \cup \{z\}$ . Suppose there exists a vertex  $w$  in  $S_1$  whose code is zero with respect to  $S_1 - \{u\}$  and  $v$  also has 0-code with respect to  $S_1 - \{u\}$ . If  $y \neq w$ , then  $u$  resolves  $v$  and  $w$  in  $S_1$ , a contradiction, since  $u$  resolves  $v$  and  $y$  uniquely. Therefore  $y = w$ . That is  $y$  receives 0-code with respect to  $S_1 - \{u\}$ .

Since  $z$  resolves  $v$  and  $y$  with respect to  $S_1$ ,  $z$  is either adjacent to  $v$  or adjacent to  $y$ . If  $z$  is adjacent to  $y$ , then  $v$  receives 0-code with respect to  $S_1^{11}$ .  $x, y \in V(G)$  where  $x, y \neq u$ , are resolved by the vertices of  $S_1 - \{u\}$ . Therefore,  $S_1^{11}$  is a neighborhood resolving set of  $G$ . Since  $|S_1^{11}| = |S_1|$ ,  $S_1^{11}$  is an  $nr$ -set of  $G$ , a contradiction, since  $G$  is just  $nr$ -excellent. If  $z$  is adjacent to  $v$ , then  $z$  is not adjacent to  $y$ . Then  $y$  receives 0-code with respect to  $S_1^{11}$ . Arguing as before we get a contradiction. Consequently,  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ .  $\square$

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**Appendix:** Graphs  $G1 - G72$

