

# Fractional Separation Dimension

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Given a linear ordering  $\sigma$  of  $V(G)$ , say that a pair of nonincident edges is *separated* by  $\sigma$  if both vertices of one edge precede both vertices of the other. The *separation dimension* is the minimum size of a set of vertex orders needed to separate every pair of non-incident edges. The *t-separation dimension*  $\pi_t(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum size of a multiset of vertex orders needed to separate every pair of non-incident edges of  $G$   $t$  times. The *fractional separation dimension*  $\pi_f(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is  $\liminf_t \pi_t(G)/t$ .

We show that  $\pi_f(G) \leq 3$  for every graph  $G$ , with equality if and only if  $K_4 \subseteq G$ . On the other hand, there is no sharper upper bound; we show  $\pi_f(K_{m,m}) = \frac{3m}{m+1}$ .