

## SOME NEW PARAMETERS ON STRONG EFFICIENT DOMINATION

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of  $G$  if for every  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $|N_s[v] \cap S| = 1$  ( $|N_w[v] \cap S| = 1$ ).  $N_s(v) = \{ u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G), \deg(u) \geq \deg(v) \}$ . The minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of  $G$  is called strong (weak) efficient domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{se}(G)$  ( $\gamma_{we}(G)$ ). A graph  $G$  is strong efficient if there exists a strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . In this paper, Subdivision number, Anti subdivision number and Subdivision stability number of a strong efficient graph are introduced. Subdivision deficiency number of a non strong efficient graph is also introduced.

**Key words:** Strong efficient dominating sets, Strong efficient domination number, Number of strong efficient dominating sets, Subdivision number, Anti subdivision number, Subdivision stability number and Subdivision deficiency number.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, only finite, undirected and simple graphs are considered. The terms  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote respectively the vertex set and edge set of a graph  $G$ . Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. The degree of any vertex  $u$  in  $G$  is the number of edges incident with  $u$  and is denoted by  $\deg u$ . The minimum and maximum degree of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively. A vertex of degree 0 in  $G$  is called an

isolated vertex and a vertex of degree 1 in  $G$  is called a pendant vertex. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is called a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V(G) \setminus S$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $S$  [3]. The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ . Sampathkumar and Pushpalatha introduced the concepts of strong and weak domination in graphs [11]. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called a strong dominating set of  $G$  if for every  $v \in V - S$  there exists a  $u \in S$  such that  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent and  $\deg u \geq \deg v$ . A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called an efficient dominating set of  $G$  if for every  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $|N[v] \cap S| = 1$  [1]. The concept of strong (weak) efficient domination in graphs was introduced by Meena, Subramanian and Swaminathan [6]. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of  $G$  if for every  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $|N_s[v] \cap S| = 1$  ( $|N_w[v] \cap S| = 1$ ).  $N_s(v) = \{ u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G), \deg(u) \geq \deg(v) \}$ . The minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) efficient dominating set is called strong (weak) efficient domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma_{se}(G)$  ( $\gamma_{we}(G)$ ). A graph  $G$  is strong efficient if there exists a strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Obviously the domination number of graph changes when an edge is subdivided. This concept motivated the author to introduce the changing or otherwise of the values of strong efficient domination number. In this paper, Subdivision number, Anti subdivision number and Subdivision stability number of a strong efficient graph are introduced. The edge-magic deficiency of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $\mu(G)$ , is the minimum non-negative integer  $n$  such that  $G \cup nK_1$  is edge-magic [10]. This concept inspired the author to introduce the Subdivision deficiency number of a non strong efficient graph. In this paper, these new parameters are studied for some unfamiliar graphs. Terms not defined here are used in the sense of Harary [2]. For all terminologies and notations in domination, [3] is followed. The following are some basic definitions and results to discuss further.

**Definition 1.1:** A graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  for  $n \geq 3$  and edge set  $E(G) = \{vv_i/1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1}/1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_n v_1\}$  is called a wheel graph of length  $n$  and is denoted by  $W_n$ . The vertex  $v$  is called the axial or central vertex of the wheel graph.

**Definition 1.2:** A gear graph  $G_n$  is obtained from the wheel graph  $W_n$  by adding a vertex between every pair of adjacent vertices in the cycle.

**Definition 1.3:** The Bistar  $D_{m,n}$  is the graph obtained from  $K_2$  by joining  $m$  pendant edges to one end vertex of  $K_2$  and  $n$  pendant edges to the other end of  $K_2$ . The edge  $K_2$  is called the central edge of  $D_{m,n}$  and the vertices of  $K_2$  are called the central vertices of  $K_2$ .

**Definition 1.4:** A subdivision of an edge  $e = uv$  of a graph  $G$  is the replacement of the edge  $e$  by a path  $(u, v, w)$ . If every edge of  $G$  is subdivided exactly once, then the resulting graph is called the subdivision graph  $S(G)$ .

**Result 1.5 [6]:**  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) = 1, n \in N$

**Result 1.6 [6]:** For any path  $P_m, \gamma_{se}(P_m) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } m = 3n, n \in N \\ n + 1 & \text{if } m = 3n + 1, n \in N \\ n + 2 & \text{if } m = 3n + 2, n \in N \end{cases}$

**Result 1.7 [6]:**  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3n}) = n, n \in N$

**Result 1.8 [6]:**  $\gamma_{se}(K_n) = 1, n \in N$

**Result 1.9 [6]:**  $\gamma_{se}(D_{r,s}) = r + 1$  where  $r \leq s$

**Result 1.10[8]:**  $K_{n,n} - 1 F$  is strong efficient and  $\gamma_{se}(K_{n,n} - 1 F) = 2, \forall n \in N$

**Result [1.11][4]:** If an efficient graph  $G$  of order  $n$  is an  $r$ -regular, then  $\gamma = \frac{n}{r+1}$ .

**Definition 1.12[9]:** Let  $G$  be a graph with a strong efficient domination number  $\gamma_{se}(G)$ .

Number of distinct strong efficient dominating sets of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\#\gamma_{se}(G)$ .

**Definition 1.13[5]:** For natural numbers  $n$  and  $k$ , where  $n > 2k$ , a generalized Petersen graph  $P(n, k)$  has the vertex set to be the union of  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and its edge set to be  $\{u_i u_{i+1}, u_i v_i, v_i v_{i+k}\}$ .

**Result 1.14 [5]:** A generalized Petersen graph  $P(n, k)$  has an efficient dominating set if and only if  $n \equiv 0(mod 4)$  and  $k$  is odd.

**Result 1.15[7]:**  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$  if and only if  $G$  has a full degree vertex.

## II. MAIN RESULTS

**Definition 2.1:** Subdivision number of a strong efficient graph  $G$ , denoted by,  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G))$ , is the minimum of the minimal number of subdivisions of  $G$  to increase the strong efficient domination number of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.2:** Anti subdivision number of a strong efficient graph  $G$ , denoted by,  $S^-(\gamma_{se}(G))$ , is the minimum of the minimal number of subdivisions of  $G$  to decrease the strong efficient domination number of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.3:** Subdivision stability number of a strong efficient graph  $G$ , denoted by  $S^0(\gamma_{se}(G))$ , is the maximum of the minimal number of subdivisions of  $G$  that will not affect the strong efficient domination number of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.4:** Subdivision deficiency number of a non strong efficient graph  $G$ , denoted by  $D(\gamma_{se}(G))$ , is the minimum of the minimal number of subdivisions of  $G$  to make it strong efficient.

**Observations 2.5:** The following results are easily proved.

- i.  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(P_m)) = 1$  if  $m = 3n$  or  $3n+1$ ,  $n \in N$   
 $= 3$  if  $m = 3n+2$ ,  $n \in N$
- ii.  $S^-(\gamma_{se}(P_m)) = 1$  if  $m = 3n+2$ ,  $n \in N$
- iii.  $S^0(\gamma_{se}(P_2)) = 1$
- iv.  $S^0(\gamma_{se}(P_m)) = 2$  if  $m = 3n+1$  or  $3n+2$ ,  $n \in N$
- v.  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n})) = 1$ ,  $n \in N$
- vi.  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(C_{3n})) = 3$ ,  $n \in N$
- vii.  $D(\gamma_{se}(C_{3n+1})) = 2$ ,  $n \in N$
- viii.  $D(\gamma_{se}(C_{3n+2})) = 1$ ,  $n \in N$
- ix.  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(K_n)) = 2$  when  $n = 2$   
 $= 3$  when  $n = 3$   
 $= 1$  when  $n > 3$  and  $n \in N$
- x.  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(D_{r,s})) = 1$  where  $r, s \in N$
- xi.  $S^-(\gamma_{se}(D_{r,s})) = 2$  where  $r, s \geq 2$
- xii.  $S^0(\gamma_{se}(D_{r,s})) = 1$  where  $r, s \geq 2$
- xiii. For any wheel graph  $W_n$ ,  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(W_n)) = 1$ ,  $n \geq 3$
- xiv. For any gear graph  $G_n$ ,  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G_n)) = 3$ ,  $n \geq 3$

**Definition 2.6:** A crown graph on  $2n$  vertices is an undirected graph with two sets of vertices  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  and with an edge from  $u_i$  to  $v_i$  whenever  $i \neq j$ .

**Theorem 2.7:** For any crown graph  $G$  on  $2n$  vertices,  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

**Proof:** By Result 1.10,  $G$  is strong efficient with  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$ . Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the crown graph  $G$ . In  $G$ ,  $\{u_1, v_1\}, \{u_2, v_2\}, \{u_3, v_3\}, \dots, \{u_n, v_n\}$  are strong efficient dominating sets of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n$ . Let  $u$  be the new vertex obtained by subdividing any edge  $u_i v_j$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n, i \neq j$ . Let the new graph obtained be  $G'$ . Since  $u_i$  dominates all the  $v_j$ 's,  $i \neq j$ ,  $v_i$  dominates all the  $u_j$ 's,  $i \neq j$  and also  $u_i$  and  $v_j$  are not adjacent, to form a strong efficient dominating set of  $G'$  one  $u_i$  and one  $v_j$  are needed.  $u_k, k \neq i$  strongly dominates all  $v_j$ 's,  $v_k, k \neq j$  strongly dominates all the  $u_i$ 's and  $u$  is dominated by itself. Therefore  $\{u_k, v_k, u\}$  where  $k \neq i, j$  is a strong efficient dominating set of  $G'$ . Hence  $G'$  is strong efficient and  $\gamma_{se}(G') \leq 3$ . Suppose  $S$  is any other strong efficient dominating set not containing  $u$ . To dominate  $u$ , either  $u_i \in S$  or  $v_j \in S$ . If  $u_i \in S$ , then  $u_i$  strongly dominates all  $v_k$ 's,  $k \neq i, j$ . Hence  $v_i \in S$ . To dominate  $v_j$ , either  $v_j$  or  $u_k$ ,  $k \neq i, j$  belongs to  $S$ . If  $u_k, k \neq i, j \in S$  then  $|N_S[v_i] \cap S| \geq 2$ ,  $1 \neq i, j, k$  which is a contradiction. Similarly if  $v_j \in S$ , then  $|N_S[u] \cap S| \geq 2$  which is also a contradiction. Hence no strong efficient dominating set without  $u$  exist. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G') = 3$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

**Illustration 2.8:** Consider the graph  $G'$  obtained from the crown graph  $G$  on 8 vertices.

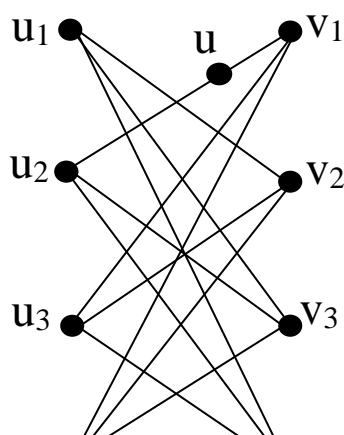


Figure 1

$\{u_3, v_3, u\}$  and  $\{u_4, v_4, u\}$  are strong efficient dominating sets of  $G'$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G') = 3$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.9:** A Threshold graph is a graph that can be constructed from one vertex graph by repeated applications of the following two operations.

- i. Addition of a single isolated vertex to a graph
- ii. Addition of a single dominating vertex to the graph, i.e., a single vertex that is connected to all other vertices.

**Theorem 2.10:** Let  $G$  be the Threshold graph. Then  $\gamma_{se}(G) = \#\gamma_{se}(G) = S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

Proof: Consider a threshold graph on  $n$  vertices. Let  $v_n$  be the  $n^{th}$  vertex adjacent with the vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$ . Now  $v_n$  is the unique full degree vertex in  $G$ . By result 1.15,  $\{v_n\}$  is the strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $G$  is strong efficient with  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$ . Let  $u$  be the vertex obtained by subdividing the edge  $v_{n-1}v_n$ . In the new graph  $G'$ , there is no full degree vertex in  $G'$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G') \geq 2$ .  $v_n$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $v_{n-1}$ . Also  $\deg(v_{n-1}) = 1$ . Hence  $\{v_{n-1}, v_n\}$  is a strong efficient dominating set of the new graph  $G'$ . Hence  $G'$  is also strong efficient with  $\gamma_{se}(G') = 2$  and hence  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

**Illustration 2.11:** Consider  $G'$  obtained from the threshold graph  $G$  on 8 vertices by subdividing the edge  $v_7v_8$ .

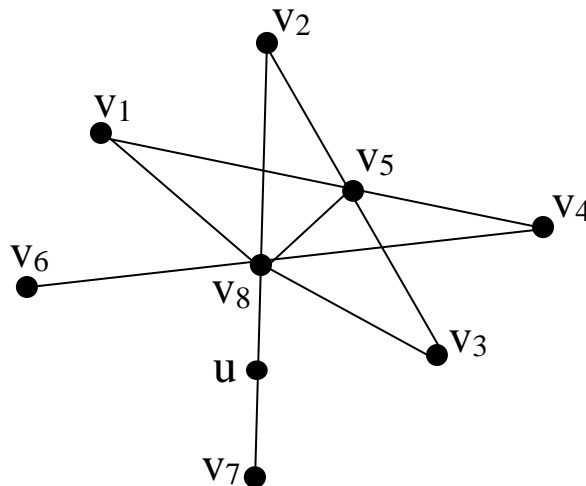


Figure 2

$\{v_8\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$ .  
 $\{v_8, v_7\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G'$ . Hence  $\#\gamma_{se}(G') = 1$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

**Definition 2.12:** A  $(m, n)$  - lollipop graph is a special type of graph consisting of an  $m$ -complete graph and an  $n$ -path connected with a bridge.

**Theorem 2.13:** A  $(m, n)$ - lollipop graph  $G$  is strong efficient if and only if  $n \neq 3k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof: Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$  be the  $m$  vertices of  $K_m$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the  $n$  vertices of  $P_n$ . Let  $v_i u_1$  be the bridge of the  $(m, n)$ - lollipop graph  $G$ . Suppose  $n \neq 3k$ .



Case(i): Let  $n = 3k+1$ . In  $G$ ,  $\deg(v_i) = m = \Delta(G)$ .  $v_i$  strongly dominates  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_m$  and  $u_1$ . Vertices  $u_{3j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$  strongly dominates all the remaining vertices of the path  $P_n$ . Let  $S = \{v_i, u_3, u_6, \dots, u_{3k}\}$ . Then  $S$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Hence  $G$  is strong efficient. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 1 + k$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$ .

Case(ii): Let  $n = 3k+2$ . Proceeding as in case (i),  $\{v_i, u_3, u_6, \dots, u_{3k}, u_{3k+2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Hence  $G$  is strong efficient. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2 + k$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$ .

Conversely let  $n = 3k$ . Suppose  $G$  is strong efficient. Let  $S$  be a strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Since  $v_i$  is the unique maximum degree vertex,  $v_i \in S$ .  $v_i$  strongly dominates all the vertices of  $K_m$  and  $u_1$ . Hence  $u_3, u_6, \dots, u_{3k-3}$  belong to  $S$ .  $u_{3k-3}$  strongly dominates  $u_{3k-4}$  and  $u_{3k-2}$ . Since  $\deg u_{3k} < \deg u_{3k-1}$ ,  $u_{3k-1} \in S$ . But  $|N_s[u_{3k-2}] \cap S| = |\{u_{3k-3}, u_{3k-1}\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $u_{3k-1} \notin S$ . Hence there is no element in  $S$  to dominate  $u_{3k-1}$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $G$  is not strong efficient when  $n = 3k$ .

**Observation 2.14:** For a  $(m, n)$ -lollipop graph  $G$ ,

- i.  $D(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$  when  $n = 3k$ ,  $k \geq 1$
- ii.  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$  when  $n = 3k+1$ ,  $k \geq 1$   
 $= 3$  when  $n = 3k+2$ ,  $k \geq 1$
- iii.  $S^0(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 2$  when  $n = 3k+2$ ,  $k \geq 1$

**Theorem 2.15:** For the Petersen graph  $G$  with  $n = 5$  and  $k = 1$ ,  $D(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 2$ .

Proof: By result 1.14, Petersen graph  $G$  is not strong efficient. Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{10}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Consider the cycle  $v_1 v_2 v_3 v_4 v_5 v_1$ . Let  $G'$  be the graph obtained by subdividing an edge of  $G$ .

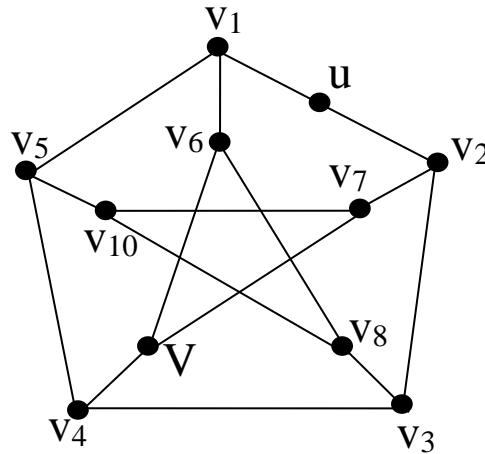


Figure 3

Case (1): Let  $u$  be the vertex subdividing any one of the edges  $v_1 v_2, v_2 v_3, v_3 v_4, v_4 v_5$  or  $v_5 v_1$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u$  be the vertex subdividing the edge  $v_1 v_2$  of  $G$ . Suppose  $G'$  is strong efficient. Let  $S$  be a strong efficient dominating set of  $G'$ .

Sub case(1a): Suppose  $v_1$  or  $v_2 \in S$ . If  $v_1 \in S$ , then  $v_1$  strongly dominates  $v_5, v_6$  and  $u$ . If  $v_3 \in S$ , then  $v_3$  strongly dominates  $v_2, v_4$  and  $v_8$ . If any one of the remaining three vertices  $v_7$  or  $v_9$  or  $v_{10} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_2] \cap S| = |\{v_3, v_7\}| > 1$  or  $|N_s[v_4] \cap S| = |\{v_3, v_9\}| > 1$  or  $|N_s[v_5] \cap S| = |\{v_1, v_{10}\}| > 1$  respectively. This is a contradiction. Proof is similar if  $v_2 \in S$ . Therefore  $G'$  is not strong efficient.

Sub case (1b): Suppose  $v_3$  or  $v_4$  or  $v_5 \in S$ . If  $v_5 \in S$ , then  $v_5$  strongly dominates  $v_1, v_4$  and  $v_{10}$ . If  $v_2 \in S$ , then  $v_2$  strongly dominates  $u, v_3$  and  $v_7$ . If any one of the remaining three vertices  $v_6, v_8$  and  $v_9 \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_1] \cap S| = |\{v_5, v_6\}| > 1$  or

$|N_s[v_3] \cap S| = |\{v_2, v_8\}| > 1$  or  $|N_s[v_4] \cap S| = |\{v_5, v_9\}| > 1$  respectively. This is a contradiction. Proof is similar if  $v_3 \in S$ . Therefore  $G'$  is not strong efficient. On the other hand if  $v_4 \in S$ , then  $v_4$  strongly dominates  $v_3, v_5$  and  $v_9$ . To dominate  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , either  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  belong to  $S$  or  $v_6$  and  $v_7$  belong to  $S$ . If  $v_1 \in S$ , then  $v_5$  is strongly dominated by  $v_1$  and  $v_4$ . If  $v_2 \in S$ , then  $v_3$  is strongly dominated by  $v_2$  and  $v_4$ . Hence  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  do not belong to  $S$ . If  $v_6$  and  $v_7$  belong to  $S$ , then  $v_9$  is strongly dominated by  $v_4, v_6$  and  $v_7$ . Hence there is no element in  $S$  to dominate  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $G'$  is not strong efficient.

Case (2): Let  $u$  be the vertex subdividing any one of the edges  $v_1v_6, v_2v_7, v_3v_8, v_4v_9$  or  $v_5v_{10}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u$  be the vertex subdividing the edge  $v_1v_6$ .

Suppose  $v_1 \in S$ . Then  $v_1$  strongly dominates  $v_2, v_5$  and  $u$ .  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  do not belong to  $S$ , otherwise  $v_2$  and  $v_5$  are strongly dominated by two vertices  $v_1, v_3$  and  $v_1, v_4$  respectively. If  $v_8$  and  $v_9 \in S$ , to dominate  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  respectively, then  $v_6$  is strongly dominated by  $v_8$  and  $v_9$ . Hence there is no strong efficient dominating set to dominate  $v_3$  and  $v_4$ . Proof is similar if  $v_i, 2 \leq i \leq 10$  belong to  $S$ . Hence  $G'$  is not strong efficient.

Case (3): Consider the cycle  $v_6uv_8v_{10}v_7v_9v_6$ .

Proceeding as in case (i),  $G'$  is not strong efficient. Therefore there exists no strong efficient dominating set with  $D(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ . Hence  $D(\gamma_{se}(G)) \geq 2$ .

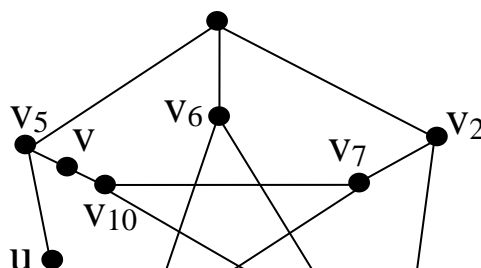


Figure 4

Let  $G''$  be the new graph obtained by subdividing the edges  $v_{i-1}v_i$  and  $v_iv_{i+5}$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq 5$  of  $G$ . Without loss of generality, let  $u$  and  $v$  be the new vertices obtained by subdividing the edges  $v_4v_5$  and  $v_5v_{10}$  respectively. Then  $S = \{v_1, v_4, v_{10}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of the new graph  $G''$ . Therefore  $G''$  is strong efficient with  $\gamma_{se}(G'') = 3$  and hence  $D(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 2$ .

**Theorem 2.16:** The 5-Regular Icosahedral graph  $G$  is strong efficient with  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

Proof: Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{12}$  be the vertices of the 5-Regular Icosahedral graph  $G$ .

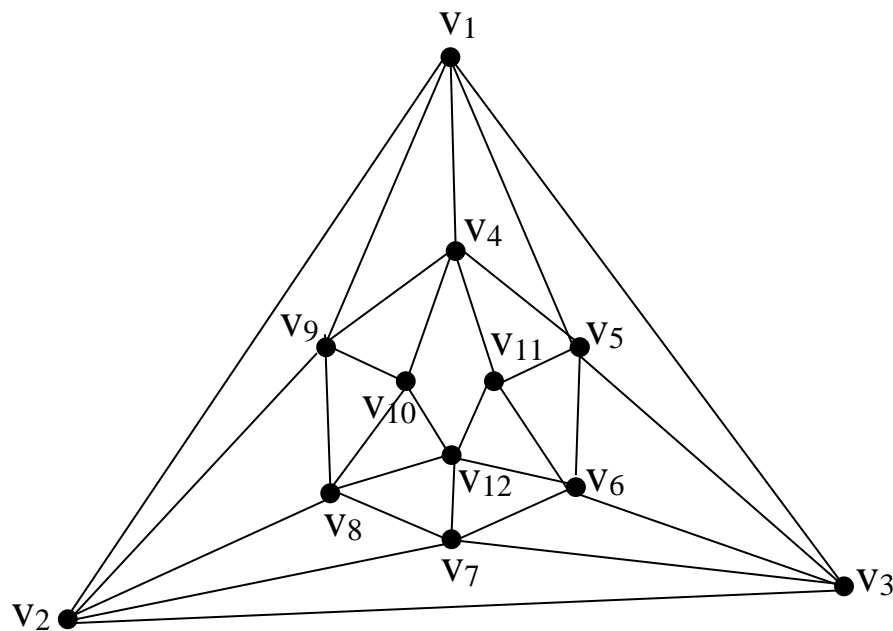


Figure 5

$v_4$  strongly dominates the vertices  $v_1, v_5, v_9, v_{10}$  and  $v_{11}$ . Similarly  $v_7$  strongly dominates the vertices  $v_2, v_3, v_6, v_8$  and  $v_{12}$ . Then  $S = \{v_4, v_7\}$  is a strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Similarly  $\{v_1, v_{12}\}, \{v_6, v_9\}, \{v_5, v_8\}, \{v_2, v_{11}\}, \{v_3, v_{10}\}$  are also strong efficient dominating sets of  $G$ . Since  $G$  is regular, it is efficient and all efficient dominating sets have same cardinality. Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(G) = 6$ . Let  $G'$  be the graph obtained by subdividing any one of the edges  $v_1v_2$  or  $v_2v_3$  or  $v_3v_1$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $u$  be the vertex obtained by subdividing the edge  $v_1v_2$ . In the new graph  $G'$ , as discussed earlier,  $v_4$  and  $v_7$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $u$ . Also  $u$  is the only vertex such that  $\deg(u) = \delta(G') = 2$ . Therefore  $\{v_4, v_7, u\}$  is a strong efficient dominating set of  $G'$  with cardinality 3. Similarly  $\{v_6, v_9, u\}, \{v_5, v_8, u\}$  and  $\{v_3, v_{10}, u\}$  are also strong efficient dominating sets of  $G'$ .

Claim: There exists no strong efficient dominating set without  $u$ . Suppose  $S$  is a strong efficient dominating set without  $u$ . For, if  $v_1 \in S$ , then it strongly dominates  $u$ ,  $v_3, v_5, v_4$  and  $v_9$ . To strongly dominate  $v_2$ , either  $v_7$  or  $v_8 \in S$ . If  $v_7 \in S$ , then  $v_3$  is strongly dominated by  $v_7$  and  $v_1$ . If  $v_8 \in S$ , then  $v_9$  is strongly dominated by  $v_8$  and  $v_1$ . Hence there is no element in  $S$  to dominate  $v_2$ . This is a contradiction. Proof is similar if  $v_2 \in S$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G') = 3$ ,  $\# \gamma_{se}(G') = 4$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

**Note 2.17:** The coxeter graph is a 3-regular graph with 28 vertices and 42 edges.

**Theorem 2.18:** For the coxeter graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 7$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$

Proof: Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{28}$  be the vertices of the coxeter graph  $G$ .

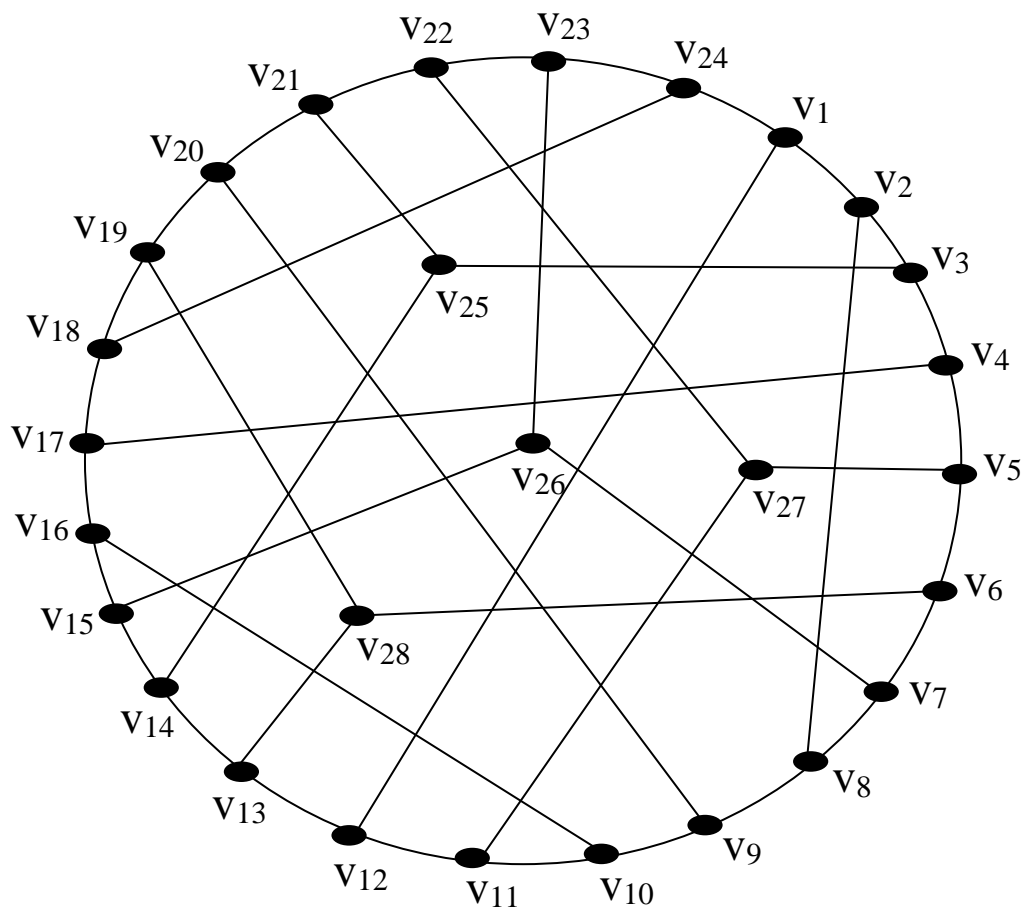


Figure 6

Let  $S = \{v_1, v_9, v_{17}, v_{25}, v_{26}, v_{27}, v_{28}\}$ . Then  $S$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Hence  $G$  is strong efficient and by result 1.11,  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 7$ . Let the vertex  $u$  subdivide any edge  $v_i v_j$  such that  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are not the elements of the strong efficient dominating set  $S$  of  $G$ . Let the new graph be  $G'$ . Without loss of generality, let the edge  $v_2 v_3$  of  $G$  be subdivided by the vertex  $u$ . Also  $u$  is the only vertex in  $G'$  such that  $\deg(u) = \delta(G') = 2$ . Clearly  $S \cup \{u\}$  is a strong efficient dominating set of  $G'$ . Hence  $G'$  is strong efficient. Suppose  $T$  is any other strong efficient dominating set of  $G'$  without  $u$ . Then either  $v_2 \in T$  or  $v_3 \in T$ .

Case(i): Suppose  $v_2 \in T$ . Then  $v_2$  strongly dominates  $v_1, u$  and  $v_8$ .

To strongly dominate  $v_{24}$  either  $v_{23}$  or  $v_{18} \in T$ .

Subcase(ia): Suppose  $v_{23} \in T$ . Then  $v_{23}$  strongly dominates  $v_{22}, v_{24}$  and  $v_{26}$ . To strongly dominate  $v_{21}$  either  $v_{20}$  or  $v_{25} \in T$ .

Subsubcase(iai): Suppose  $v_{20} \in T$ . Then  $v_{20}$  strongly dominates  $v_{21}, v_{19}$  and  $v_9$ . To strongly dominate  $v_{18}, v_{17} \in T$ . Now  $v_{17}$  strongly dominates  $v_{16}, v_{18}$  and  $v_4$ . To strongly dominate  $v_3$ , either  $v_3$  or  $v_{25} \in T$ . In such cases,  $|N_s[u] \cap T| = |\{v_2, v_3\}| > 1$  or  $|N_s[v_{21}] \cap S| = |\{v_{20}, v_{25}\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Therefore  $v_{20} \notin T$ .

Subsubcase(ii): Suppose  $v_{25} \in T$ . Then  $v_{25}$  strongly dominates  $v_3, v_{21}$  and  $v_{14}$ . Now  $v_{19}$  strongly dominates  $v_{18}, v_{20}$  and  $v_{28}$ .  $v_{16}$  strongly dominates  $v_{17}, v_{15}$  and  $v_{10}$ . To strongly

dominate  $v_{13}, v_{12} \in T$ . In such case  $|N_s[v_1] \cap T| = |\{v_2, v_{12}\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_{25} \notin T$ . From all the above cases,  $v_{23} \notin T$ .

Subcase(ib): Suppose  $v_{18} \in T$ . Then  $v_{18}$  strongly dominates  $v_{24}, v_{19}$  and  $v_{17}$ . To strongly dominate  $v_{23}$  either  $v_{22}$  or  $v_{26} \in T$ .

Subsubcase(ibi): Suppose  $v_{22} \in T$ . Then  $v_{22}$  strongly dominates  $v_{23}, v_{21}$  and  $v_{27}$ . To strongly dominate  $v_{20}, v_9 \in T$ . In such case,  $|N_s[v_8] \cap S| = |\{v_2, v_9\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_{22} \notin T$ .

Subsubcase(ibii): Suppose  $v_{26} \in T$ . Then  $v_{26}$  strongly dominates  $v_{23}, v_7$  and  $v_{15}$ .  $v_{21}$  strongly dominates  $v_{22}, v_{20}$  and  $v_{25}$ .  $v_{18}$  strongly dominates  $v_{19}, v_{17}$  and  $v_{24}$ . To strongly dominate  $v_{16}, v_{10} \in T$ .  $v_{10}$  strongly dominates  $v_9, v_{11}$  and  $v_{16}$ .  $v_{13}$  strongly dominates  $v_{12}, v_{14}$  and  $v_{28}$ .  $v_5$  strongly dominates  $v_4, v_6$  and  $v_{27}$ . If  $v_3 \in T$ , then  $|N_s[u] \cap T| = |\{v_1, v_2\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_{26} \notin T$ . From all the above cases,  $v_{18} \notin T$ .

Case(ic): Suppose  $v_4 \in T$ . Then  $v_4$  strongly dominates  $v_3, v_5$  and  $v_{17}$ . To strongly dominate  $v_6$  either  $v_7$  or  $v_{28} \in T$ .

Subcase(ici) If  $v_7 \in T$ , then  $|N_s[v_8] \cap T| = |\{v_2, v_7\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_7 \notin T$ .

Subcase(icii) Suppose  $v_{28} \in T$ . Then  $v_{28}$  strongly dominates  $v_6, v_{13}$  and  $v_{19}$ .  $v_{26}$  strongly dominates  $v_7, v_{15}$  and  $v_{23}$ .  $v_{10}$  strongly dominates  $v_9, v_{11}$  and  $v_{16}$ . Hence  $v_{12} \in T$ . Thus



$|N_s[v_1] \cap T| = |\{v_2, v_{12}\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_4 \notin T$ . From all the above cases,  $v_2 \notin T$ .

Case(ii): Suppose  $v_3 \in T$ . Then  $v_3$  strongly dominates  $v_{25}$ ,  $u$  and  $v_4, v_1 \in T$ .  $v_1$  strongly dominates  $v_{24}, v_2$  and  $v_{12}$ . Now  $v_{22} \in T$ .  $v_{22}$  strongly dominates  $v_{23}, v_{21}$  and  $v_{27}$ .

To strongly dominate  $v_{20}$  either  $v_{19}$  or  $v_9 \in T$ .

Subcase(iia): Suppose  $v_{19} \in T$ . Then  $v_{19}$  strongly dominates  $v_{20}, v_{18}$  and  $v_{28}$ .  $v_{16}$  strongly dominates  $v_{17}, v_{15}$  and  $v_{10}$ . Now either  $v_{14}$  or  $v_{13} \in T$ . In such cases,  $|N_s[v_{25}] \cap T| = |\{v_3, v_{14}\}| > 1$  or  $|N_s[v_{12}] \cap T| = |\{v_1, v_{13}\}| > 1$  which is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_{19} \notin T$ .

Subcase(iib): Suppose  $v_9 \in T$ .  $v_9$  strongly dominates  $v_8, v_{10}$  and  $v_{20}$ . To strongly dominate  $v_{19}$  either  $v_{18}$  or  $v_{28} \in T$ .

Subsubcase(iibi): Suppose  $v_{18} \in T$ . Then  $v_{18}$  strongly dominates  $v_{17}, v_{19}$  and  $v_{24}$ . Thus  $|N_s[v_{24}] \cap T| = |\{v_1, v_{18}\}| > 1$ . This is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_{18} \notin T$ .

Subsubcase(iibii): Suppose  $v_{28} \in T$ . Then  $v_{28}$  strongly dominates  $v_{19}, v_{13}$  and  $v_6$ . Now  $v_5 \in T$ . Thus  $|N_s[v_6] \cap T| = |\{v_5, v_{28}\}| > 1$ . This is a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_{28} \notin T$ . From all the above cases,  $v_9 \notin T$ .

Subsubcase(iic): To strongly dominate  $v_5$  either  $v_6$  or  $v_{27} \in T$ .

Subsubcase(iict): Suppose  $v_6 \in T$ . Then  $v_6$  strongly dominates  $v_5, v_7$  and  $v_{28}$ .  $v_9$  strongly dominates  $v_8, v_{10}$  and  $v_{20}$ . To strongly dominate  $v_{11}$ , either  $v_{12}$  or  $v_{27} \in T$ . If  $v_{12} \in T$ , then

$v_{12}$  strongly dominates  $v_{11}, v_{13}$  and  $v_1$ .  $v_{15}$  strongly dominates  $v_{14}, v_{26}$  and  $v_{16}$ .  $v_{18}$  strongly dominates  $v_{17}, v_{19}$  and  $v_{24}$ .  $v_{22}$  strongly dominates  $v_{21}, v_{23}$  and  $v_{27}$ . Therefore  $v_2 \in T$ . This is a contradiction by case (i)  $v_2 \notin T$ . Hence  $v_6 \notin T$ .

Subsubcase (iicli): If  $v_{27} \in T$ , then  $v_{27}$  strongly dominates  $v_5, v_{11}$  and  $v_{22}$ .  $v_7$  strongly dominates  $v_6, v_8$  and  $v_{26}$ . If  $v_{10} \in T$ , then  $|N_s[v_{11}] \cap T| = |\{v_{10}, v_{27}\}| > 1$ . This is also a contradiction to  $G'$  is strong efficient. Hence  $v_{27} \notin T$ . From the above subcases,  $v_3 \notin T$ .

Hence there exists no strong efficient dominating set without  $u$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G') = 8$  and  $S^+(\gamma_{se}(G)) = 1$ .

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