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Generalized 3 – Complement of Set Domination

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Abstract:

Let $G=(V,E)$ be a simple, undirected, finite nontrivial graph. A set $S \subseteq V$ of vertices of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is called a dominating set if every vertex $v \in V$ is either an element of S or is adjacent to an element of S . A set $S \subseteq V$ is a set dominating set if for every set $T \subseteq V-S$, there exists a non-empty set $R \subseteq S$ such that the subgraph $\langle RUT \rangle$ is connected. The minimum cardinality of a set dominating set is called set domination number and it is denoted by $\gamma_s(G)$. Let $P=(V_1, V_2, V_3)$ be a partition of V of order 3. Remove the edges between V_i and V_j where $i \neq j$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq 3$) in G and join the edges between V_i and V_j which are not in G . The graph G_3^P thus obtained is called 3-complement of G with respect to 'P'.

Keywords: Dominating set, Set dominating set, 3-complement of G .

1. Introduction

Let $G=(V,E)$ be a simple, undirected, finite nontrivial graph with vertex set V and edge set E . And $K_n, K_{m,n}, C_n, P_n$ and $K_{1,n}$ denote the complete graph, the complete bipartite graph, the cycle, the path and the star on n -vertices respectively. A nonempty set $S \subseteq V$ of vertices in a graph $G=(V,E)$ is called a dominating set if every vertex $v \in V$ is either an element of S or is adjacent to an element of S . A set $S \subseteq V$ is a set dominating set if for every set $T \subseteq V-S$, there exists a non-empty set $R \subseteq S$ such that the subgraph $\langle RUT \rangle$ is connected. The minimum cardinality of a set dominating set is called set domination number and it is denoted by $\gamma_s(G)$.

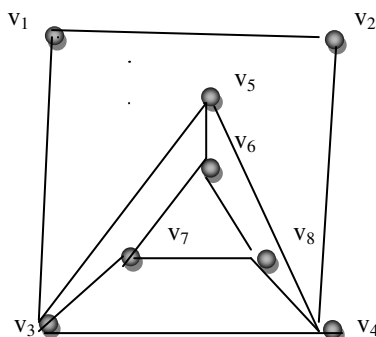
2. Observation

For any connected graph G , $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_s(G)$.

In the following example the set domination number γ_s is calculated.

3. Example

Consider the following graph G :



Let $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ be the vertices of G . $S = \{v_3, v_4, v_6\}$.

For every $T \subseteq V-S$ there exists a nonempty set $R \subseteq S$ such that $\langle RUT \rangle$ is connected.

Here, $\gamma_s(G) = 3$.

The 3-complementary of the set domination number of some standard graphs are given below.

4. Theorem

When $G=K_n$ ($n \geq 3$), let (V_1, V_2, V_3) be a partition of G and $|V_1|=k, |V_2|=r, |V_3|=l$ ($k \leq r \leq l$) then

$$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = k+r+1.$$

Proof:-

Let $V(K_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and (V_1, V_2, V_3) be a partition of G . Suppose $V_1 = \{v_1\}$, $V_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with 3 components. And v_1 and v_2 are isolated vertices.

Here $\langle \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ form a complete graph with $n-2$ vertices in G_3^p . Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Therefore

$$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3.$$

If $V_1 = \{v_1\}$, $V_2 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with 3 components. And v_1 is an isolated vertex. And v_2 is adjacent to v_3 . Here $\langle \{v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ form a complete graph with $n-3$ vertices in G_3^p . Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$.

$$\text{Therefore } \gamma_s(G_3^p) = 4.$$

Suppose $V_1 = \{v_1\}$, $V_2 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with 3 components. And v_1 is an isolated vertex. Here $\langle \{v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_2, v_3, v_4\} \rangle$ are disjoint and they form a complete graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$.

$$\text{Therefore } \gamma_s(G_3^p) = 5.$$

Suppose $V_1 = \{v_1\}$, $V_2 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph. And v_1 is an isolated vertex. Here $\langle \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ are disjoint and they form a complete graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 6$.

Proceeding like this, Suppose $V_1 = \{v_1\}$, $V_2 = \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_n\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}$, $V_2 = \{v_3, v_4\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with 3 components. And v_1 is adjacent to v_2 , v_3 is adjacent to v_4 and $\langle \{v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ form a complete graph with $n-5$ vertices. Here a γ_s – set is

$$\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}. \text{ Therefore } \gamma_s(G_3^p) = 5.$$

If $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}$, $V_2 = \{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with 3 components. Here $\langle \{v_1, v_2\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_3, v_4, v_5\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ are disjoint. Here v_1 is adjacent to v_2 and $\langle \{v_3, v_4, v_5\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ form a complete graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 6$.

If $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}$, $V_2 = \{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with 3 components. Here $\langle \{v_1, v_2\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ are disjoint. Here v_1 is adjacent to v_2 and $\langle \{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\} \rangle$ and $\langle \{v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ form a complete graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 7$.

Proceeding like this, If $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}$, $V_2 = \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ and $V_3 = \{v_n\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph. Here v_n is an isolated vertex. And v_1 is adjacent to v_2 and $\langle \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}\} \rangle$ form a complete graph with $n-2$ vertices. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_n\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 4$.

All other partitions, we get an isomorphic graph of one of the above cases.

5. Theorem

Let G be a Complete bipartite graph with partition (V_1, V_2) , where $|V_1|=m$ and $|V_2|=n$ where $m \leq n$. Let (W_1, W_2, W_3) be a partition of $V(G_3^p)$ then

$$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |W_i|=|W_j|=1 \text{ where } i, j=1, 2, 3 \text{ with } i \neq j \\ 2 & \text{if } W_i=\{u, v\} \text{ where } u \in V_1 \text{ and } v \in V_2 \\ m+1 & \text{if } W_i=V_1, W_j=\{v\} \text{ where } v \in V_2, W_k=V \setminus (W_i \cup W_j) \text{ for } i, j=1, 2, 3 \\ n+1 & \text{if } W_i=V_2, W_j=\{u\} \text{ where } u \in V_1, W_k=V \setminus (W_i \cup W_j) \text{ for } i, j=1, 2, 3 \\ m+2 & \text{if } W_i=V_1, W_j=\{v_p, v_q\} \text{ where } v_p, v_q \in V_2, W_k=V \setminus (W_i \cup W_j) \text{ for } i, j=1, 2, 3 \\ n+2 & \text{if } W_i=V_2, W_j=\{u_p, u_q\} \text{ where } u_p, u_q \in V_1, W_k=V \setminus (W_i \cup W_j) \text{ for } i, j=1, 2, 3 \end{cases}$$

Proof:

→ Case:1

Let $|W_1|=|V_j|+1, |W_2|=1, |W_3|=1$ for some i . Then G_3^p is a connected graph. In G_3^p , which element is joined to V_i that element is adjacent to all other elements. Therefore a γ_s -set has only one element to satisfy the set domination. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$

→ Case:2

If $V_1 = \{u_1\}$, $V_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_3^p is a connected graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, u_2\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{u_1\}$, $V_2 = \{u_2, v_1\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_3^p is a connected graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, u_2\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{u_1\}$, $V_2 = \{u_2, u_3, v_1\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_3^p is a connected graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, u_3\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{v_2\}$, $V_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_3^p is a connected graph. Here a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{u_1, v_1\}, V_2 = \{u_2, u_3\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_p^3 is a connected graph. Here u_1 is adjacent to u_2 and u_3 . And v_1 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_1, v_1\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{u_1, v_1, v_2\}, V_2 = \{u_2, u_3\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_p^3 is a connected graph. Here u_1 is adjacent to u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n . And v_1 and v_2 are adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_1, v_2\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{u_1, v_1, v_2, v_3\}, V_2 = \{u_2, u_3\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then u_1 is adjacent to $u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, v_3$. And v_1, v_2, v_3 are adjacent to v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_1, v_1\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2\}, V_2 = \{u_3\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_p^3 is a connected graph. Here u_3 is adjacent to $u_1, u_2, u_4, u_5, \dots, u_n$. And u_4 is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_3, u_4\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

If $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2\}, V_2 = \{u_3, v_1\}$ and $V_3 = V \setminus (V_1 \cup V_2)$ then G_p^3 is a connected graph. Here u_3 is adjacent to $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$. And v_1 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_3, v_1\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

Proceeding like this, for other similar partitions we get $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

→ Case:3

In this case, G_p^3 is a disconnected graph. Here u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m are isolated vertices. And $v_i \in W_j$ is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n except i . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m, v_1\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = m+1$.

→ Case:4

In this case, G_p^3 is a disconnected graph. Here v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are isolated vertices. And $u_i \in W_j$ is adjacent to u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n except i . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_i, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = n+1$.

→ Case:5

In this case, G_p^3 is a disconnected graph. Here u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m are isolated vertices. And $v_p, v_q \in W_j$ are adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m, v_p, v_q\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = m+2$.

→ Case:6

In this case, G_p^3 is a disconnected graph. Here v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n are isolated vertices. And $u_p, u_q \in W_j$ are adjacent to u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m . Therefore a γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, u_p, u_q\}$. Therefore $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = n+2$.

6. Theorem

Let G be a star $(K_{1,n}$ where $n \geq 4$) Let u be the star center and u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n be the pendant of G . Let (W_1, W_2, W_3) be the partition of G_p^3 .

$$\text{Then } \gamma_s(G_p^3) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_k = \{u, u_i\}, 1 \leq i \leq n, k=1,2,3 \\ 3 & \text{if } W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_i, u_j\}, W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2) \text{ or } W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_i, u_j, u_k\}, W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2) \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

→ case:1

If $W_1 = \{u, u_1\}, W_2 = \{u_2\}, W_3 = \{u_3, u_4, \dots, u_n\}$ then in G_p^3 , u_1 is adjacent to all other vertices. Since, u_1 is adjacent to u and all other vertices of W_2 and W_3 . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{u, u_2\}, W_2 = \{u_3\}, W_3 = \{u_1, u_4, u_5, \dots, u_n\}$ then in G_p^3 , u_2 is adjacent to u and all other vertices of W_2 and W_3 . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 1$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{u, u_n\}, W_2 = \{u_{n-1}\}, W_3 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-2}\}$ then in G_p^3 , u is adjacent to u_2 and all other vertices W_2 and W_3 . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 1$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_1, u_2\}, W_3 = \{u_3, u_4, \dots, u_n\}$ then in G_p^3 , u is an isolated vertex. And u_1 is adjacent to u_3, u_4, \dots, u_n , u_2 is adjacent to u_3, u_4, \dots, u_n . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u, u_1, u_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}, W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_p^3 , u is an isolated vertex. And u_1 is adjacent to u_4, u_5, \dots, u_n , u_2 is adjacent to u_4, u_5, \dots, u_n and also u_4 is adjacent to u_1, u_2, u_3 . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u, u_1, u_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-2}\}, W_3 = \{u_{n-1}, u_n\}$ then in G_p^3 , u is an isolated vertex. And u_1 is adjacent to u_{n-1}, u_n and also u_{n-1} is adjacent to u_1, u_2, u_{n-2} . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u, u_1, u_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-3}\}, W_3 = \{u_{n-2}, u_{n-1}, u_n\}$ then in G_p^3 , u is an isolated vertex. And u_1 is adjacent to u_{n-2}, u_{n-1}, u_n , also u_{n-2} is adjacent to u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-3} . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u, u_1, u_{n-2}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 3$.

→ Case:3

If $W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_1\}, W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_p^3 , u is an isolated vertex. And u_1 is adjacent to u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u, u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{u\}, W_2 = \{u_n\}, W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_p^3 , u is an isolated vertex. And u_n is adjacent to u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1} . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u, u_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{u, u_1, u_2\}, W_2 = \{u_3\}, W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_p^3 , u is adjacent to u_1, u_2 . And u_1 is adjacent to all other vertices of W_2 and W_3 . Therefore a γ_s set is $\{u, u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_p^3) = 2$.

If $W_1=\{u,u_1,u_2\}$, $W_2=\{u_3,u_4,\dots,u_{n-2}\}$, $W_3=\{u_{n-1},u_n\}$ then in G_3^p , u is adjacent to u_1,u_2 . And u_1 is adjacent to all other vertices of W_2 and W_3 . Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u,u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=2$.

If $W_1=\{u,u_1,u_2,\dots,u_{n-4}\}$, $W_2=\{u_{n-3},u_{n-2}\}$, $W_3=\{u_{n-1},u_n\}$ then in G_3^p , u is adjacent to u_1,u_2,\dots,u_{n-4} . And u_1 is adjacent to all other vertices of W_2 and W_3 . Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u,u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=2$.

If $W_1=\{u,u_1,u_2,\dots,u_{n-3}\}$, $W_2=\{u_{n-2}\}$, $W_3=\{u_{n-1},u_n\}$ then in G_3^p , u is adjacent to u_1,u_2,\dots,u_{n-3} . And u_1 is adjacent to u_{n-2},u_{n-1},u_n . Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u,u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=2$.

Proceeding like this, If $W_1=\{u,u_1,u_2,\dots,u_{n-2}\}$, $W_2=\{u_{n-1}\}$, $W_3=\{u_n\}$ then in G_3^p , u is adjacent to u_1,u_2,\dots,u_{n-2} . And u_1 is adjacent to u_{n-1},u_n . Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u,u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=2$.

7. Theorem

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Proof:

If $W_1=\{u,u_1\}$, $W_2=\{u_2\}$, $W_3=\{u_3\}$ then in G_3^p , u_1 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

If $W_1=\{u,u_2\}$, $W_2=\{u_1\}$, $W_3=\{u_3\}$ then in G_3^p , u_2 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

If $W_1=\{u,u_3\}$, $W_2=\{u_1\}$, $W_3=\{u_2\}$ then in G_3^p , u_3 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1=\{u\}$, $W_2=\{u_1\}$, $W_3=\{u_2,u_3\}$ then in G_3^p , u is an isolated vertex. And u_1 is adjacent to u_2,u_3 . Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u,u_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=2$.

If $W_1=\{u\}$, $W_2=\{u_2\}$, $W_3=\{u_1,u_3\}$ then in G_3^p , u is an isolated vertex. And u_2 is adjacent to u_1,u_3 . Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u,u_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=2$.

If $W_1=\{u\}$, $W_2=\{u_3\}$, $W_3=\{u_1,u_2\}$ then in G_3^p , u is an isolated vertex. And u_3 is adjacent to u_1,u_2 . Therefore a γ_s -set is $\{u,u_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=2$.

8. Note

If W_k has only a star u then G_k^p is a disconnected graph for $k=1,2,3$.

9. Theorem

Let G be a path on n vertices ($n \geq 5$) say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . Let v_1 and v_n are pendant vertices and v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1} are vertices of degree 2 then

$$\text{Then } \gamma_s(G_3^p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_k=\{v_j \cup N(v_j)\}, j=1,n, k=1,2,3 \text{ or } W_k=\{v_s, v_{s+1}, v_{s+2}\}, \text{ where } 1 \leq s \leq n. \\ 3 & \text{if } W_i=\{v_r\}, W_j=\{v_s\}, W_k=V \setminus (W_i \cup W_j) \text{ where } v_r \text{ and } v_s \text{ are alternative, non pendant vertices.} \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

→ case :1

If $W_1=\{v_1,v_2\}$, $W_2=\{v_3,v_4\}$ and $W_3=V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_3^p , v_1 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s -set is $\{v_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

If $W_1=\{v_1,v_2\}$, $W_2=\{v_3,v_4,v_5\}$ and $W_3=V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_3^p , v_1 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s -set is $\{v_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

If $W_1=\{v_1,v_2\}$, $W_2=\{v_3,v_4,v_5,v_6\}$ and $W_3=V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_3^p , v_1 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s -set is $\{v_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

Proceeding like this, If $W_1=\{v_1,v_2\}$, $W_2=\{v_3,v_4,\dots,v_{n-1}\}$ and $W_3=\{v_n\}$ then in G_3^p , v_1 is adjacent to v_2,v_3,\dots,v_n . Therefore γ_s -set is $\{v_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

If $W_1=\{v_1\}$, $W_2=\{v_2,v_3,\dots,v_{n-2}\}$ and $W_3=\{v_{n-1},v_n\}$ then in G_3^p , v_n is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s -set is $\{v_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

If $W_1=\{v_1\}$, $W_2=\{v_2,v_3,v_4\}$ and $W_3=V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_3^p , v_3 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s -set is $\{v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p)=1$.

Proceeding like this,

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-3}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ then in G^3_p , v_{n-1} is adjacent to to all other vertices. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

And, if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_{n-10}, v_{n-8}, v_{n-7}, v_{n-6}\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_6, v_7, v_8, \dots, v_{n-9}, v_{n-5}, v_{n-4}, v_{n-3}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ then in G^3_p , v_{n-1} is adjacent to to all other vertices. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_4 is an isolated vertex. And v_3 is adjacent to $v_1, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n$. Also v_5 is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n$. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_4 is an isolated vertex. And v_3 is adjacent to $v_1, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n$. Also v_5 is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n$. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_3 is an isolated vertex. And v_2 is adjacent to $v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n$. Also v_4 is adjacent to $v_1, v_6, v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n$. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 3$.

Proceeding like this, If $W_1 = \{v_{n-1}\}, W_2 = \{v_{n-3}\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_{n-2} is an isolated vertex. And v_{n-3} is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-5}, v_{n-1}, v_n$. Also v_{n-1} is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-5}, v_{n-4}$. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_{n-2}, v_{n-3}, v_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_{n-2}\}, W_2 = \{v_n\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_{n-1} is an isolated vertex. And v_{n-2} is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-5}, v_{n-4}$. Also v_n is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-4}, v_{n-3}$. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}, v_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 3$.

→ Case:3

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n . Also v_2 is adjacent to v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n . Also v_2 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n . Also v_2 is adjacent to v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n . Also there exists a path from v_2 to v_5 and v_6 to v_n . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_n\}$ then in G^3_p , v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n . Also v_n is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2} . Also, there exists a path from v_2 to v_{n-2} . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_2 is an isolated vertex. Also v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n . Also, there exists a path from v_4 to v_{n-1} . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_5, v_7\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_1 is adjacent to v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n . Also v_5 is adjacent to $v_2, v_3, v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n$. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{n-10}, v_{n-8}, v_{n-6}\}, W_2 = \{v_7, v_9, v_{11}, \dots, v_{n-4}, v_{n-2}, v_n\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_1 is adjacent to $v_4, v_6, v_8, v_{10}, v_{12}, v_{14}, v_{16}, v_{18}, v_{20}, v_{22}, v_{24}, v_{26}, v_{28}, v_{30}, v_{32}, v_{34}, v_{36}, v_{38}, v_{40}, v_{42}, v_{44}, v_{46}, v_{48}, v_{50}, v_{52}, v_{54}, v_{56}, v_{58}, v_{60}, v_{62}, v_{64}, v_{66}, v_{68}, v_{70}, v_{72}, v_{74}, v_{76}, v_{78}, v_{80}, v_{82}, v_{84}, v_{86}, v_{88}, v_{90}, v_{92}, v_{94}, v_{96}, v_{98}, v_n$. Also v_n is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2} . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2, v_4, v_6\}, W_2 = \{v_{n-3}, v_{n-1}\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G^3_p , v_2 is adjacent to $v_5, v_7, v_8, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n$. Also v_{n-1} is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2} . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_2, v_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

10. Theorem

Let G be a path on n vertices with $n=3$ say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n then $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

Proof:

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3\}$ then G^3_p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_2 is an isolated vertex. Also v_1 is adjacent to v_3 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1\}$ then G^3_p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_2 is an isolated vertex. Also v_1 is adjacent to v_3 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_1\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2\}$ then G^3_p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_2 is an isolated vertex. Also v_1 is adjacent to v_3 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

11. Theorem

Let G be a path on n vertices ($n=4$) say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n . Let v_1 and v_n are pendant vertices and v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1} are vertices of degree 2 then

$$\text{Then } \gamma_s(G^3_p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_k = \{v_j \cup N(v_j)\}, 1 \leq j \leq n \text{ or } W_k = \{v_r\}, \text{ where } k \neq i, W_i = \{v_{s+1}\} \text{ and vice versa.} \\ 3 & \text{if } W_k = \{v_1, v_n\} \text{ where } k=1, 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof:

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_4\}$ then in G^3_p , v_4 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_2\}$ then in G_p^3 , v_1 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_4\}$ then in G_p^3 is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_1 is adjacent to v_3 . Also v_2 is adjacent to v_4 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$

→ Case:3

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ then in G_p^3 , v_2 is adjacent to v_3, v_4 . Also v_1 is adjacent to v_3 and v_4 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ then G_p^3 is a disconnected graph with two components. In G_p^3 , v_3 is an isolated vertex. And v_4 is adjacent to v_1, v_2 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_3, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

12. Theorem

Let G be a cycle with n vertices with n=4 say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n then

$$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } W_i = \{v_j \cup N(v_j)\}, 1 \leq j \leq n, W_j = \{v_s\}, W_k = \{v_{s+1}\} \text{ for some } s \text{ and vice versa.} \\ 3 & \text{if } W_i = \{v_j \cup N(v_j)\}, 1 \leq j \leq n, W_j = \{v_r\}, W_3 = \{v_s\} \text{ where } v_r \text{ and } v_s \text{ are non- adjacent vertices or} \\ & W_1 = \{v_p, v_q\} \text{ where } v_p, v_q \text{ are non adjacent vertices, } W_2 = \{v_r\}, W_3 = \{v_s\} \text{ where } v_r \text{ and } v_s \text{ are non – adjacent} \\ & \text{vertices and vice versa.} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_4\}$ then v_3 is adjacent to v_2 and v_4 . And v_4 is adjacent to v_1, v_3 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_3, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_3 and v_4 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_2 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_2\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_2 and v_4 . And v_2 is adjacent to v_1, v_3 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_3, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_3 and v_4 . And v_2 is adjacent to v_3 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1 = \{v_2, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_1\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_4\}$ then G_p^3 is a disconnected graph with three components. Here v_2 and v_3 are isolated vertices. Also v_1 is adjacent to v_4 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ then G_p^3 is a disconnected graph with three components. Here v_2 and v_3 are isolated vertices. Also v_1 is adjacent to v_4 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_4\}$ then G_p^3 is a disconnected graph with three components. Here v_1 and v_4 are isolated vertices. Also v_2 is adjacent to v_3 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

13. Theorem

Let G be a cycle with n vertices with n=5 say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n then

$$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_k = \{v_s, v_{s+1}, v_{s+2}\} \text{ for } k=1, 2, 3. \\ 2 & \text{if } W_i = \{v_j \cup N(v_j)\}, 1 \leq j \leq n, W_j = \{v_p\} \text{ for some } p, W_k = V \setminus (W_i \cup W_j) \text{ and vice versa.} \\ 3 & \text{if } W_i = \{v_k\}, W_j = \{v_1\} \text{ where } v_k \text{ and } v_1 \text{ are no adjacent vertices or } W_i = \{v_p\} \text{ where } 1 \leq p \leq n, \\ & W_j = \{v_j, v_k\} \text{ where } i \neq j, W_k = V \setminus (W_i \cup W_j) \text{ where } v_j \text{ and } v_k \text{ are non adjacent vertices.} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ then v_4 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ then v_3 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_4, v_5\}$ then v_5 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_4\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ then v_2 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ then v_2 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, v_5 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_5 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ then v_4 is adjacent to v_1, v_2, v_5 . And v_5 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_4 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_4, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_4\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4 . And v_5 is adjacent to v_2, v_3 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_4 . And v_2 is adjacent to v_1, v_4, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_4\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_5\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_4 . And v_2 is adjacent to v_1, v_4, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_5\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_4\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_4 . And v_2 is adjacent to v_1, v_4, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_5\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ then v_2 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, v_5 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_2, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_5\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ then v_2 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, v_5 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_2, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

→ Case:3

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_4, v_5\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_2 is an isolated vertex. And v_1 is adjacent to v_4, v_5 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3, v_5\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_5 is an isolated vertex. And v_2 is adjacent to v_3, v_4 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_2 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_2, v_3, v_5\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_3 is an isolated vertex. And v_1 is adjacent to v_4, v_5 . And v_2 is adjacent to v_4, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_3, v_4\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_1 is an isolated vertex. And v_2 is adjacent to v_4, v_5 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_4, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_4 is an isolated vertex. And v_1 is adjacent to v_2, v_3 . And v_2 is adjacent to v_1, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_5\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. In one component v_1 is adjacent to v_3 . And in the other component v_2 is adjacent to v_4, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_5\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. In one component v_2 is adjacent to v_4 . And in the other component v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_5 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_5\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_4\}$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. In one component v_1 is adjacent to v_4 . And in the other component v_5 is adjacent to v_2, v_3 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_4, v_5\}$. Hence

$\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

14. Theorem

Let G be a cycle with n vertices with $n=6$ say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n

Then $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_k = \{v_j \cup N(v_j)\}, 1 \leq j \leq n, \text{ or } W_k = \{v_s, v_{s+1}, v_{s+2}\} \text{ for } k=1,2,3. \\ 3 & \text{if } W_k = \{v_i, v_j, v_1\} \text{ where } W_k \text{ contains all alternative vertices for } k=1,2,3. \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Proof:

→ Case:1

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_6\}$ then in G_3^p v_2 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4\}, W_2 = \{v_1\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_5, v_6\}$ then in G_3^p v_3 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3, v_4, v_5\}, W_2 = \{v_1, v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_6\}$ then in G_3^p v_4 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

Proceeding like this, If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ then in G_3^p v_5 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 1$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_3, v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_4, v_6\}$ then in G_3^p , v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, v_5 . And v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_6 . Also v_5 is adjacent to v_1, v_2 . Therefore $\gamma_s - \text{set}$ is $\{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_4, v_6\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_2} is adjacent to v_4, v_5, v_6 . And v_4 is adjacent to v_1, v_2 . Also v_6 is adjacent to v_2, v_3 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_4, v_6\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 3$.
 If $W_1 = \{v_2, v_4\}, W_2 = \{v_6\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_6} is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_4 . And v_4 is adjacent to v_1, v_6 . Also v_2 is adjacent to v_5, v_6 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_4, v_6\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 3$.

→ Case:3

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_1} is adjacent to $v_3, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_{n-1}$. And v_2 is adjacent to v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ then G^3_p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_2 is an isolated vertex. And in the other component v_5 is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3, v_5, v_6\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_1} is adjacent to v_3, v_4, v_5 . And v_4 is adjacent to v_1, v_2, v_6 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_6\}$ then G^3_p is a disconnected graph with two components. Here v_6 is an isolated vertex. And in the other component v_3 is adjacent to v_1, v_2, v_4, v_5 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_3, v_6\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_6\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_1} is adjacent to v_3, v_4, v_5 . And v_6 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_4 . And there exists a path from v_2 to v_5 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_6\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-2}\}, W_2 = \{v_{n-1}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_n} is adjacent to v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-2} . And v_1 is adjacent to v_2, v_{n-1}, v_n . And there exists a path from v_1 to v_{n-2} . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

Also if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_5, v_6\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_5} is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_6 . And v_6 is adjacent to v_2, v_3, v_4 . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_5, v_6\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

15. Theorem

Let G be a cycle with $n \geq 7$ vertices say v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n then

$$\text{Then } \gamma_s(G^3_p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W_k = \{v_s, v_{s+1}, v_{s+2}\} \text{ for } k=1,2,3. \\ 3 & \text{if } W_i = \{v_k\}, 1 \leq k \leq n, W_j = \{v_l\} \text{ where } v_l \text{ is any vertex and } v_l \text{ is an alternative vertex of } \\ & v_k \text{ or } W_k \text{ contains 2 or 3 alternative vertices.} \\ 2 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_4, v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_2} is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_2} is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_4, v_5, \dots, v_{n-3}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ then in $G^3_{p, v_{n-1}}$ is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_4} is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}, W_2 = \{v_5, v_6, v_7\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_8, v_9, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_6} is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_6\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}, W_2 = \{v_6, v_7, \dots, v_{n-3}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ then in $G^3_{p, v_{n-1}}$ is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-8}\}, W_2 = \{v_{n-7}, v_{n-6}, v_{n-5}, v_{n-4}, v_{n-3}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ then in $G^3_{p, v_{n-1}}$ is adjacent to all other vertices. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_{n-1}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 1$.

→ Case:2

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_2\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_1} is adjacent to $v_3, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n$ and v_2 is adjacent to v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n . And there exists a path from v_3 to v_n . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_3, v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_1} is adjacent to $v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}$ and v_2 is adjacent to v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n . And there exists a path from v_5 to v_n . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}, W_2 = \{v_5, v_6\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n\}$ then in G^3_{p, v_5} is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n$ and v_6 is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_8, v_9, \dots, v_n$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_5, v_6\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-3}\}, W_2 = \{v_{n-2}\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}$ then in $G^3_{p, v_{n-1}}$ is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-3}, v_n$ and v_n is adjacent to $v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_{n-1}, v_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n\}$ then G^3_p is a connected graph. And v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1} and v_4 is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G^3_p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_5\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1} and v_5 is adjacent to $v_2, v_3, v_7, v_8, \dots, v_n$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_5\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_n\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1} and v_n is adjacent to v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-2} . Also there exists a path from v_2 to v_{n-1} . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}, W_2 = \{v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8\}$ and $W_3 = \{v_9, v_{10}, \dots, v_n\}$ then v_2 is adjacent to $v_1, v_3, v_5, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n$ and v_3 is adjacent to $v_2, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n$. Also there exists a path from v_1 to v_4, v_5 to v_8 and v_9 to v_n . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}, W_2 = \{v_5, v_7\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then v_1 is adjacent to v_4, v_5, \dots, v_{n-1} and v_7 is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_5, v_9, v_{10}, \dots, v_n$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_7\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

If $W_1 = \{v_3, v_5\}, W_2 = \{v_7, v_9, v_{11}\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then v_3 is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n$ and v_7 is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_5, v_9, v_{10}, \dots, v_n$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_3, v_7\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{2n-1}\}, W_2 = \{v_2, v_4, v_6, v_8\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then v_2 is adjacent to $v_5, v_6, \dots, v_{2n-1}, v_{2n}$ and v_{10} is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_6, v_8, v_9, \dots, v_{2n-1}$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_{10}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 2$.

→ Case:3

If $W_1 = \{v_1\}, W_2 = \{v_3\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. v_2 is an isolated vertex. v_1 is adjacent to v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1} and v_3 is adjacent to v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n . Also there exists a path from v_4 to v_n . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_2\}, W_2 = \{v_4\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. v_3 is an isolated vertex. v_2 is adjacent to v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n and v_4 is adjacent to $v_1, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n$. Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_2, v_3, v_4\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

Proceeding like this, if $W_1 = \{v_{n-3}\}, W_2 = \{v_{n-1}\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then in G_3^p , v_{n-2} is an isolated vertex. v_{n-3} is adjacent to $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-4}, v_n$ and v_{n-1} is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-4} . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}, v_{n-3}\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

If $W_1 = \{v_{n-2}\}, W_2 = \{v_n\}$ and $W_3 = V \setminus (W_1 \cup W_2)$ then G_3^p is a disconnected graph with two components. v_{n-1} is an isolated vertex. v_{n-2} is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-4} and v_n is adjacent to v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-3} . Therefore γ_s – set is $\{v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, v_n\}$. Hence $\gamma_s(G_3^p) = 3$.

16. Conjecture

For any complete graph $3 \leq \gamma_s(G_3^p) \leq n-1$, the lower bound is attained when $|W_1| = |W_2| = 1$ and the upper bound is attained when $n=6$.

17. Theorem

If G and G_3^p are connected graphs then $2 \leq \gamma_s(G) + \gamma_s(G_3^p) \leq n+1$.

Proof:

For any connected graph G and G_3^p , $\gamma_s(G) \geq 1$ and $\gamma_s(G_3^p) \geq 1$. Therefore $2 \leq \gamma_s(G) + \gamma_s(G_3^p)$.

Also we can justify $\gamma_s(G) + \gamma_s(G_3^p) \leq n+1$ with the following examples.

Example:

The upper bound is attained at $n=8$ with a path. Here $\gamma_s(G)=7$ and $\gamma_s(G_3^p) \leq 2$ for a connected graph G_3^p .

Therefore $\gamma_s(G) + \gamma_s(G_3^p) \leq 9 = n+1$.

18. Conjecture

If any n partitions contain an isolated vertex then $\gamma_s(G_3^p) \geq n+1$.

Proof:

If any two partition contains an isolated vertex then $\gamma_s(G_3^p) \geq 2$.

If any two partitions contain an isolated vertex then $\gamma_s(G_3^p) \geq 3$.

In general, If any n partitions contain an isolated vertex then $\gamma_s(G_3^p) \geq n+1$

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