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## Concepts Arising from Strong Efficient Domination Number. Part – III

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of  $G$  if for every  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $|N_s[v] \cap S|=1$ . ( $|N_w[v] \cap S|=1$ ), where  $N_s(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G), \deg u \geq \deg v\}$ . ( $N_w(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G), \deg v \geq \deg u\}$ ). The minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of  $G$  is called the 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  $G$ . The strong efficient co-bondage number  $bcse(G)$  is the maximum cardinality of all sets of edges  $X \subseteq E$  such that  $\gamma_{se}(G + X) \leq \gamma_{se}(G)$ . In this paper, further results on strong efficient co-bondage number of some special graphs are determined.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper finite, undirected graphs without loops or multiple edges are considered. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. The concept of strong efficient domination in graphs was introduced by N. Meena. The concept of co-bondage number was introduced in

V.R. Kulli and B. Janakiram. The concept of strong efficient co-bondage number of graphs was introduced by N. Meena and M. Madhan Vignesh. In this paper, further results on strong efficient co-bondage numbers of some special graphs are studied.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Before proving the result some basic definitions, results and theorems are given.

**Definition 2.1:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of  $G$  if for every  $v \in V(G)$  ( $|N_w[v] \cap S|=1$ ) where  $N_s(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G), \deg u \geq \deg v\}$  and  $N_s[v] = N_s(v) \cup \{v\}$  ( $N_w(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G), \deg v \geq \deg u\}$  and  $N_w[v] = N_w(v) \cup \{v\}$ ).

**Remark 2.2:** The minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of  $G$  is called the 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  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.3:** For any path  $P_m$ ,  $\gamma_{se}(P_m) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } m = 3n, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n + 1 & \text{if } m = 3n + 1, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n + 2 & \text{if } m = 3n + 2, n \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$

**Theorem 2.4:**  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3n}) = n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Observation 2.5:**  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$  if and only if  $G$  has a full degree vertex.

**Definition 2.6:** 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 2.7:**  $P_n^2$  is a graph obtained from a path of length  $n - 1$  by joining a vertex to another vertex which is away from a path of length 2.

**Definition 2.8:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_t \cup T$ , where each  $S_i$  is a set of vertices having at least two vertices and having the same degree and  $T = V \cup S_i$ . The degree splitting graph  $G$  is denoted by  $DS(G)$  and is obtained from  $G$  by adding the vertices  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_t$  and joining  $W_i$  to each vertex of  $S_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Definition 2.9:** Let  $G$  be a graph with fixed vertex  $v$  and let  $(P_m: G)$  be the graph obtained from  $m$  copies of  $G$  and the path  $P_m : u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  by joining  $u_i$  with the vertex  $v$  of the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G$  by means of an edge for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Definition 2.10:** The strong efficient co-bondage number  $bc_{se}(G)$  is the maximum cardinality of all sets of edges  $X \subseteq E$  such that  $\gamma_{se}(G + X) \leq \gamma_{se}(G)$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULT

**Theorem 3.1:** Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph. Then  $bc_{se}(G_n) = 1, n \geq 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = G_n, n \geq 3$ . Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of the gear graph  $G$ . Then the vertex  $v$  is adjacent with  $v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n$ .  $\deg(v) = n = \Delta(G), \deg(v_i) = 3; 1 \leq i \leq n, \deg(u_i) = 2; 1 \leq i \leq n$ .  $v$  strongly efficiently dominates all the vertices  $v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n$ . The vertices  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  are mutually non-adjacent with each other. Therefore  $\{v, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Thus  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n + 1$ . Let  $e = u_i v_i$ ; for some  $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $H = G + e$ . Then  $S_i = \{v, u_j / 1 \leq j \leq n, i \neq j\}, 1 \leq i \leq n$  is the strong efficient dominating set of  $G$  and  $|S_i| = n$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = n < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 1$ .

**Example 3.2:** Consider the following graphs  $G = G_4$  and  $G + e$

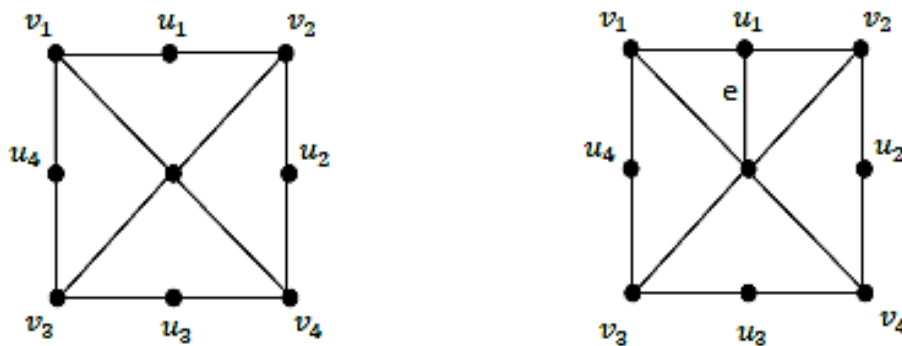


Figure 3.1

Let  $G = G_4$ . Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq 3\}$  be the vertices of the gear graph  $G$ .  $\{v, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq 4\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Thus  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 5$ . Let  $e = vu_1$ .

Let  $H = G + e$ . Then  $S = \{v, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$  and  $|S| = 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 4 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Let  $G = P_m^2$ ,  $m \geq 6$ .

$$\text{Then } bc_{se}(G) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } m = 5n+1, m = 5n+3 \\ 2 \text{ if } m = 5n+2 \\ 4 \text{ if } m = 5n+4 \\ 5 \text{ if } m = 5n+5 \end{cases}, \text{ for all } n \geq 1$$

**Proof:** Let  $G = P_m^2$ ,  $m \geq 6$ . Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_m\}$  and  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, v_j v_{j+2} : 1 \leq i \leq m-1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq m-2\}$ .

**Case - (i):** Let  $m = 5n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $\{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \leq n$ . Every maximum degree vertex can strongly efficiently dominates five vertices. At least  $n$  vertices are needed to strongly efficiently dominate  $5n$  vertices. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \geq n$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n$ . Let  $e_1 = v_1 v_8$ ,  $e_2 = v_2 v_8$ ,  $e_3 = v_3 v_8$ ,  $e_4 = v_4 v_8$ ,  $e_5 = v_5 v_8$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}$ . Then  $\{v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = n - 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) \leq 5$ . But five edges are needed to  $G$ . Therefore  $bc_{se}(G) \geq 5$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 5$ .

**Case - (ii):** Let  $m = 5n + 1$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}, v_{5n+1}\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_4, v_9, \dots, v_{5n-1}\}$  are two strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \leq n + 1$ . Every maximum degree vertex can strongly efficiently dominates five vertices. At least  $n + 1$  vertices are needed to strongly efficiently dominate  $5n + 1$  vertices. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \geq n + 1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n + 1$ . Let  $e = v_{5n-2} v_{5n+1}$ . Let  $H = G + e$ . Then  $\{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = n < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 1$ .

**Case - (iii):** Let  $m = 5n + 2$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}, v_{5n+1}\}$  and  $\{v_2, v_5, v_{10}, \dots, v_{5n}\}$  are two strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \leq n + 1$ . As in Case-(i), at least  $n + 1$  vertices are needed to strongly efficiently dominate  $5n + 2$  vertices. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \geq n + 1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n + 1$ . Let  $e_1 = v_{5n-2} v_{5n+1}$ ,  $e_2 = v_{5n-2} v_{5n+2}$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Then  $\{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = n < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) \leq 2$ . Suppose one edge is added in such a way that the existence of strong efficient dominating set is guaranteed. Let  $H = G + e$ . Let  $S$  be any strong

efficient dominating set of  $H$ . For any two vertices  $v_i, v_j$  in  $S$ ,  $d(v_i, v_j) \geq 5$ . The maximum degree vertex strongly efficiently dominates exactly 5 vertices of  $H$ . To strongly efficiently dominate the remaining  $(5n - 5) + 1$  vertices,  $n$  vertices are needed.  $\gamma_{se}(H) \geq n + 1$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $bc_{se}(G) \geq 2$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 2$ .

**Case - (iv):** Let  $m = 5n + 3$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\{v_1, v_4, v_9, \dots, v_{5n-1}, v_{5n+2}\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_5, v_{10}, \dots, v_{5n-1}, v_{5n+3}\}$  are two strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \leq n + 2$ . As in Case-(i), at least  $n + 2$  vertices are needed to strongly efficiently dominate  $5n + 3$  vertices. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \geq n + 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n + 2$ . Let  $e = v_1 v_4$ . Let  $H = G + e$ . Then  $\{v_4, v_9, \dots, v_{5n-1}, v_{5n+2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = n + 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 5$ .

**Case - (v):** Let  $m = 5n + 4$ ,  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}, v_{5n+2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \leq n + 1$ . As in Case-(i), at least  $n + 1$  vertices are needed to strongly efficiently dominate  $5n + 4$  vertices. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) \geq n + 1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n + 1$ . Let  $e_1 = v_{5n-2} v_{5n-1}$ ,  $e_2 = v_{5n-2} v_{5n}$ ,  $e_3 = v_{5n-2} v_{5n+1}$ ,  $e_4 = v_{5n-2} v_{5n+2}$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ . Then  $\{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5n-2}\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = n < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) \leq 4$ . But four edges are needed to  $G$ . Therefore  $bc_{se}(G) \geq 4$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 4$ .

**Theorem 3.4:** Let  $G = DS(P_n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Then  $bc_{se}(G) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 4 \\ 3 & \text{if } n \geq 5 \end{cases}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = DS(P_n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Let  $V(G) = \{u, w, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{uv_1, uv_n, wv_j, v_i v_{i+1} / 2 \leq j \leq n - 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ .

**Case – 1:** Take  $n = 4$ . Let  $G = DS(P_4)$ . Since there is no full degree vertex in  $G$ , then  $\gamma_{se}(G) \geq 2$ . Therefore,  $\{v_2, v_4\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_3\}$  are the two strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$ . Let  $e_1 = uv_2$  and  $e_2 = v_2 v_4$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Then  $\{v_2\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) \leq 2$ . Here  $\deg(v_2) = \deg(v_4) = \Delta(G) = 3$ . To make  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$ ,  $\deg(v_2)$  or  $\deg(v_4)$  must be 5. Two more edges are added either with  $v_2$  or  $v_4$ . Therefore,  $bc_{se}(G) \geq 2$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 2$ .

**Case – 2:** Let  $n \geq 5$ . Then  $\{u, w\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$ . Let  $H = G + \{uw, wv_1, wv_n\}$ . Then  $\{w\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) \leq 3$ . Here,  $\deg w = n - 2 = \Delta(G)$ . Therefore,  $w$  is the unique maximum degree vertex of  $G$ . To get  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 1$ , there must be a full degree vertex. Three edges are needed to make ‘ $w$ ’ as a full degree vertex. Therefore  $bc_{se}(G) \geq 3$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 3$ .

**Illustration 3.5:** Consider the following graphs  $G = DS(P_4)$  and  $G + \{e_1, e_2\}$ .



Figure 3.2

Let  $G = DS(P_4)$ .  $\{v_2, v_4\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_3\}$  are the two strong efficient dominating sets of  $G$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$ . Let  $e_1 = uv_2$  and  $e_2 = v_2v_4$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Then  $\{v_2\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 2$ .

**Example 3.6:** Consider the following graphs  $G = DS(P_6)$  and  $G + \{e_1, e_2\}$ .

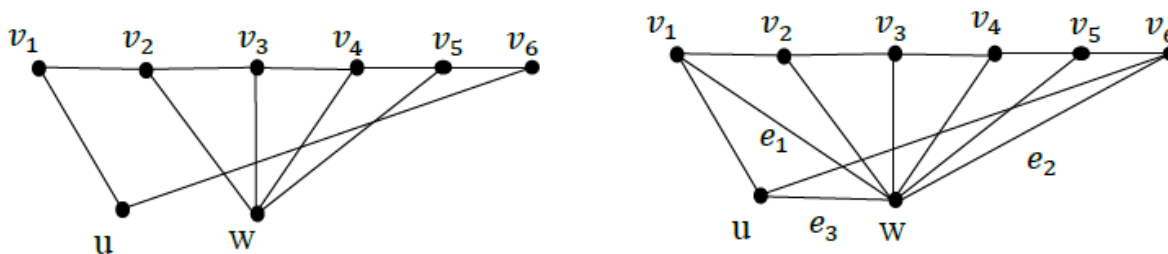


Figure 3.3

Let  $G = DS(P_6)$ . Then  $\{u, w\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_3\}$  are the two strong efficient dominating sets of  $G$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$ . Let  $e_1 = uv_2$  and  $e_2 = v_2v_4$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2\}$ . Then  $\{v_2\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 2$ .

**Theorem 3.7:** Let  $G = C_n \odot K_1$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Then  $bc_{se}(DS(G)) = n + 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = C_n \odot K_1$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Let  $V(DS(G)) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(DS(G)) = \{uu_i, vv_i, v_nv_1, v_iv_{i+1}, v_ju_j / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ . Here  $\{u, v\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $DS(G)$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(DS(G)) = 2$ . Let  $X = \{vu_i, uv / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let  $H = DS(G) + X$ . Then  $v$  is the unique full degree vertex in  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 1$  and  $|X| = n + 1$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(DS(G)) \leq n + 1$ . Now reduce  $\gamma_{se}(DS(G))$  to 1, there must be full degree vertex. Here  $u$  and  $v$  are the maximum degree vertex and  $\deg u = \deg v = n$ . Therefore  $n + 1$  edges must be added to  $DS(G)$  to make either  $u$  or  $v$  as a full degree vertex. Therefore  $bc_{se}(DS(G)) \geq n + 1$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(DS(G)) = n + 1$ .

**Illustration 3.8:** Consider the following graphs  $G = DS(C_5 \odot K_1)$  and  $G + \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$ . Let  $G = DS(C_5 \odot K_1)$ . Then  $\{u, v\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 2$ . Let  $e_1 = uv_1, e_2 = uv_2, e_3 = uv_3, e_4 = uv_4, e_5 = uv_5, e_6 = uv$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$ . Then  $v$  is the full degree vertex of  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 6$ .

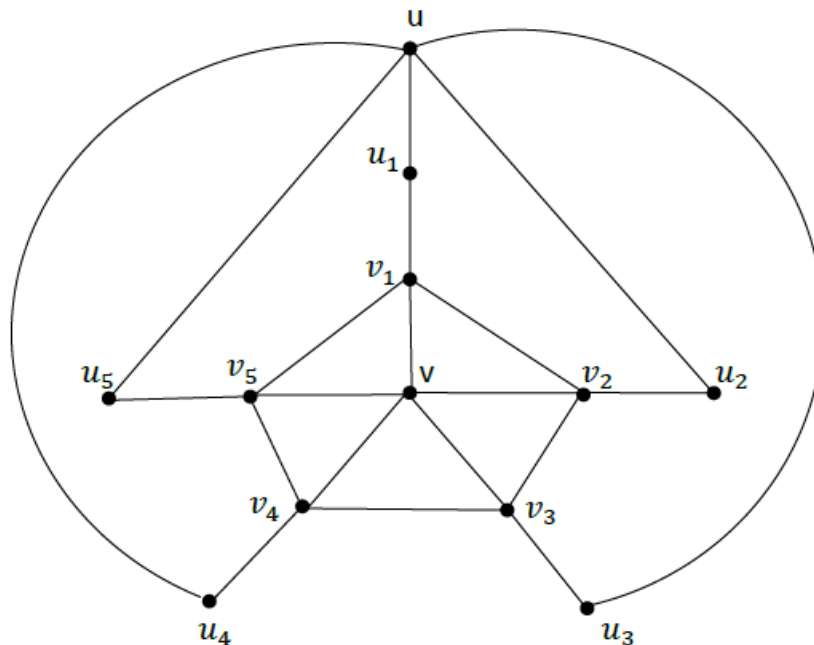


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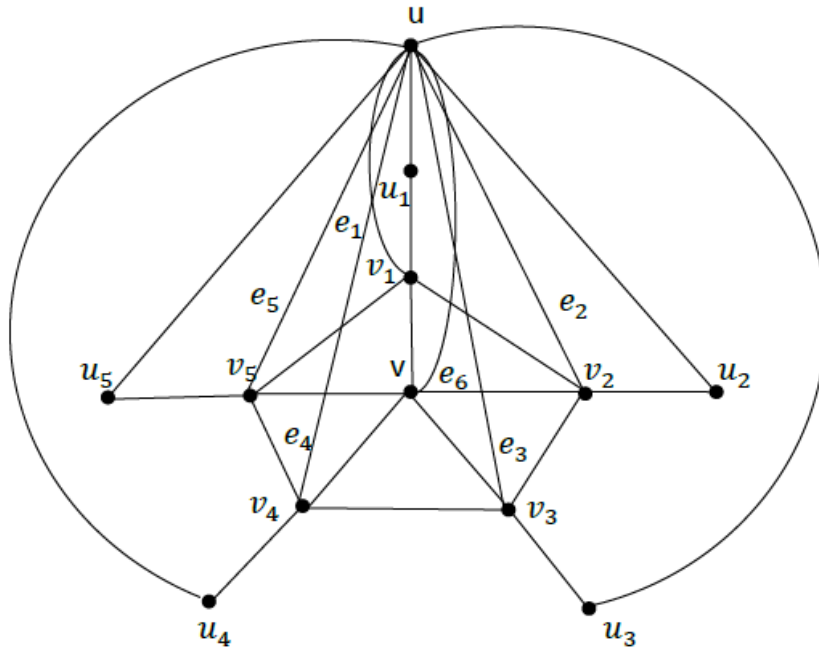


Figure 3.5

**Theorem 3.9:** Let  $G = P_n : S_m$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 2$ . Then  $bc_{se}(G) = m + 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = P_n : S_m$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and  $m \geq 2$ . Let  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ . Let  $V(G) = V(P_n) \cup \{u_i, u_{ij} / 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq m\}$  and  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1}, v_k v_k, v_k v_{kj} / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, 1 \leq j \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ . Then  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) = n$ . Let  $X_i = \{u_i u_{kj}, u_i u_k, u_i v_k / 1 \leq j \leq m\}$  and Let  $H = G + X_i$ . Then  $|X_i| = m + 2$ . Therefore  $\{u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq k\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Hence  $\gamma_{se}(H) = n - 1 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Therefore  $bc_{se}(G) \leq m + 2$ .  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  are maximum degree vertices. Each  $u_i$  strongly efficiently dominates  $v_i, u_{ij}, 1 \leq j \leq m$ . To reduce the strong efficient domination number to  $n - 1$  at least  $m + 2$  edges should be added. Therefore  $bc_{se}(G) \geq m + 2$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = m + 2$ .

**Illustration 3.10:** Consider the following graphs  $G = P_4 : S_4$  and  $G + \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$ . Let  $G = P_4 : S_4$ . Then  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(G) = 4$ . Let  $e_1 = v_1 u_2, e_2 = u_1 u_2, e_3 = u_{11} u_2, e_4 = u_{12} u_2, e_5 = u_{13} u_2, e_6 = u_{14} u_2$ . Let  $H = G + \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}$  Then  $\{u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  is the unique strong efficient dominating set of  $H$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(H) = 3 < \gamma_{se}(G)$ . Hence  $bc_{se}(G) = 6$ .



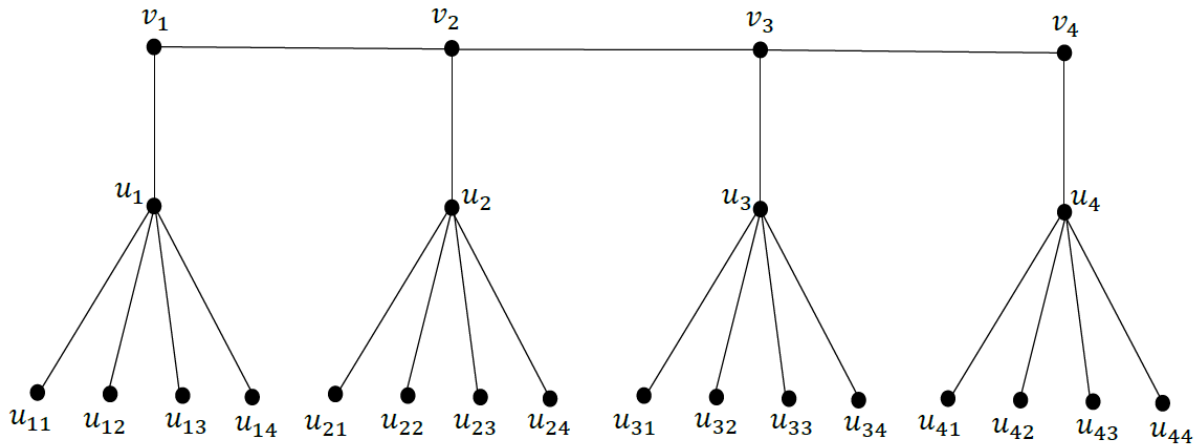


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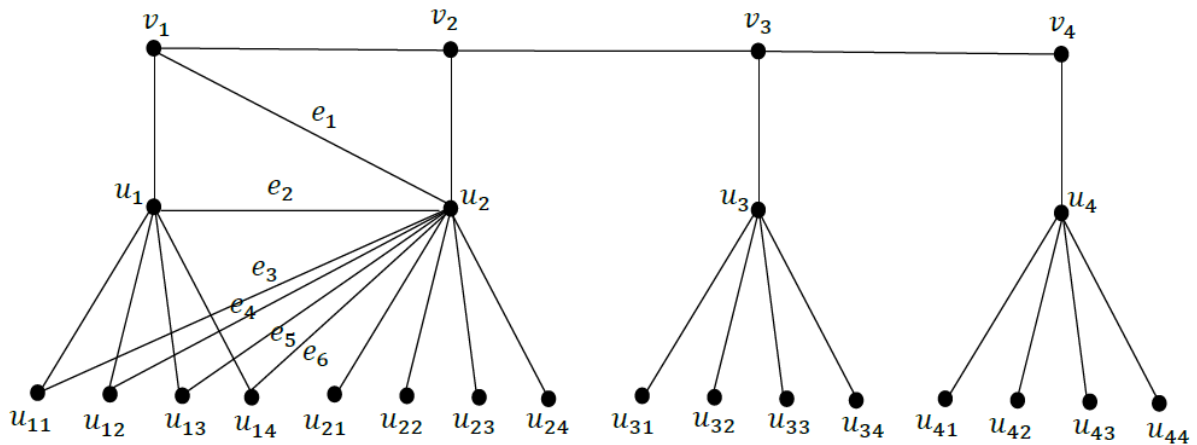


Figure 3.7

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Thus in this paper the authors studied further results on strong efficient co-bondage number of some special graphs. Similar studies can be made on strong efficient co-bondage number for path and its derived graphs such as line graph, subdivision graph, paraline graph, total graph etc. Also sum of this strong efficient co-bondage number and chromatic number of graphs can be found. The relation between strong efficient co-bondage number of some and their middle graphs can be determined.

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