



STRONG PERFECT NONBONDAGE NUMBER OF SOME GRAPHS

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Abstract

Let G be a simple graph. A subset $S \subseteq V(G)$ is called a strong (weak) perfect dominating set of G if $|N_s(u) \cap S| = 1$ ($|N_w(u) \cap S| = 1$) for every $u \in V(G) - S$ where $N_s(u) = \{v \in V(G)/uv \in E(G), \deg v \geq \deg u\}$ ($N_w(u) = \{v \in V(G)/uv \in E(G), \deg v \leq \deg u\}$). The minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) perfect dominating set of G is called the strong (weak) perfect domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{sp}(G)$ ($\gamma_{wp}(G)$). The strong perfect non bondage number $b_{spn}(G)$ of a nonempty graph G is defined as the maximum cardinality among all sets of edges $X \subseteq E(G)$ for which $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If $b_{spn}(G)$ does not exist, then $b_{spn}(G)$ is defined as zero. In this paper strong perfect nonbondage number of some standard graphs are determined.

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1. INTRODUCTION

By a graph, it is meant that a finite, undirected graph without loops and multiple edges. Let G be a graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$. The neighbourhood of v , written as $N(v)$ is defined by $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) / u \text{ is adjacent to } v\}$. 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 degrees of vertices in G are denoted by $\delta(G)$ and $\Delta(G)$ respectively. A dominating set D of G is a subset of $V(G)$ such that every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to at least one vertex in D . A dominating set of G [9,10] of minimum cardinality is a minimum dominating set of G and cardinality is the domination number of G . It is denoted by $\gamma(G)$. A set $D \subseteq V(G)$ is a strong dominating set of G [8] if every vertex in $V - D$ is strongly dominated by at least one vertex in D . Similarly, D is a weak dominating set if every vertex in $V - D$ is weakly dominated by at least one vertex in D . The strong (weak) domination number $\gamma_s(G)$ ($\gamma_w(G)$) is the minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) dominating set of G . A dominating set S is a perfect dominating set of G [1,2] if $|N(v) \cap S| = 1$ for each $v \in V - S$. Minimum cardinality of the perfect dominating set of G is the perfect domination number of G [7] and it is denoted by $\gamma_p(G)$. Motivated by these definitions, the strong perfect domination in graph was introduced by T.S. Govindalakshmi and N. Meena [4]. In [6], Kulli and Janakiram introduced the concept of nonbondage number as follows. The nonbondage number $b_n(G)$ of a nonempty graph G is the maximum cardinality among all sets of edges $X \subseteq E(G)$ for which $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = \gamma_{sp}(G)$ for an edge set X . X is called the nonbondage set and the maximum one is the maximum nonbondage set. In this paper strong perfect nonbondage number of a graph is defined and strong perfect nonbondage number of standard graphs are determined. For all graph theoretic terminologies and notations Harary [5] is followed.

Definition 2.1[4] Let G be a simple graph. A subset $S \subseteq V(G)$ is called a strong (weak) perfect dominating set of G if $|N_s(u) \cap S| = 1$ ($|N_w(u) \cap S| = 1$) for every $u \in V(G) - S$ where $N_s(u) = \{v \in V(G) / uv \in E(G), \deg v \geq \deg u\}$ ($N_w(u) = \{v \in V(G) / uv \in E(G), \deg v \leq \deg u\}$).

Remark 2.2[4] The minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) perfect dominating set of G is called the strong (weak) perfect domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{sp}(G)$ ($\gamma_{wp}(G)$).

Definition 2.3. Bi star is the graph obtained by joining the apex vertices of two copies of star $K_{1, n}$.

Definition 2.4. The corona $G_1 \odot G_2$ of two graphs G_1 and G_2 (where G_i has p_i points and q_i lines) is defined as the graph G obtained by taking one copy of G_1 and p_1 copies of G_2 , and then joining by a line the i^{th} point of G_1 to every point in the i^{th} copy of G_2 .

Definition 2.5. The wheel W_n is defined to be the graph $C_{n-1} + K_1, n \geq 4$.

Definition 2.6. The helm H_n is the graph obtained from the wheel W_n with n spokes by adding n pendant edges at each vertex on the wheel's rim.

Theorem 2.7. [4] For any path P_m ,

$$\text{Then } \gamma_{sp}(P_m) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } m = 3n, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n + 1 & \text{if } m = 3n + 1, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n + 2 & \text{if } m = 3n + 2, n \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.8. [4] For any cycle C_m ,

$$\text{Then } \gamma_{sp}(C_m) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } m = 3n, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n + 1 & \text{if } m = 3n + 1, n \in \mathbb{N} \\ n + 2 & \text{if } m = 3n + 2, n \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.9. [4] Let G be a connected graph with $|V(G)| = n$. Then $\gamma_{sp}(G \odot K_1) = n$.

Remark 2.10. [4]

- (i) $\gamma_{sp}(D_{r,s}) = 2, r, s \in \mathbb{N}$
- (ii) $\gamma_{sp}(K_n) = 1$.
- (iii) $\gamma_{sp}(K_{1,n}) = 1$.
- (iv) $\gamma_{sp}(W_n) = 1$.
- (v) $\gamma_{sp}(H_n) = n, n \geq 5$ and $\gamma_{sp}(H_4) = 3$.

3. MAIN RESULTS

Definition 3.1: The strong perfect nonbondage number of G denoted $b_{spn}(G)$, is defined as the maximum cardinality among all sets of edges $X \subseteq E(G)$ for which $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If $b_{spn}(G)$ does not exist, then $b_{spn}(G)$ is defined as zero.

Example 3.2: Consider the graph $G = C_6 \odot K_1$ in figure 1, $\gamma_{sp}(G) = 6$.

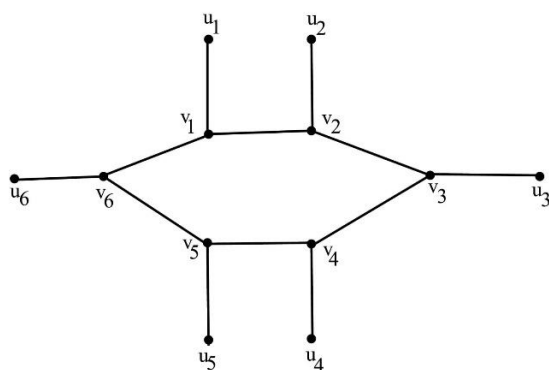


Figure 1, Graph $C_6 \odot K_1$

If anyone edge of the cycle is removed from G then the new graph G' is $P_6 \odot K_1$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 6 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If anyone edge $v_i u_i, 1 \leq i \leq 6$ is removed then $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 6 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If any two edges of the cycle are removed from G then G' is $P_2 \cup (P_5 \odot K_1)$ or $2(P_3 \odot K_1)$ or $(P_2 \odot K_1) \cup (P_4 \odot K_1)$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 6 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If any two edges $v_i u_i, 1 \leq i \leq 6$, are removed from G then also $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 6 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If one edge $v_i u_i, 1 \leq i \leq 6$ and one edge from the cycle are removed from G then $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 6 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Let $X = \{v_1 v_2, v_4 v_5, v_3 u_3\}$. $G - X = (P_3 \odot K_1) \cup P_5 \cup P_1$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = 7 > 6 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 2$.

Observation 3.3: Let G be a graph with unique full degree vertex v . $\gamma_{sp}(G) = 1$. If any edge incident with v is removed then strong perfect domination number of the resulting graph G' is greater than or equal to 2. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 0$.

Observation 3.4: $b_{spn}(K_{1, n}) = 0, n \geq 1$.

Theorem 3.5: For any path P_m on m vertices, $b_{spn}(P_m) = 0, m \geq 2$ and $m \neq 4$.

Proof: Let $G = P_m, m \geq 2$. Let $V(G) = \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\}$

Case (1): Let $m = 3n, n \geq 1$. Let $X = \{v_1 v_2\}$ or $\{v_{n-1} v_n\}$. $G - X = P_1 \cup P_{3n-1} = P_1 \cup P_{3(n-1)+2}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = n+2 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 0$.

Case (2): Let $m = 3n+1, n \geq 2$. Let $X = \{v_2 v_3\}$. $G - X = P_2 \cup P_{3n-1} = P_2 \cup P_{3(n-1)+2}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = n+2 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 0$.

Case (3): Let $m = 3n+2, n \geq 1$. Let $X = \{v_2 v_3\}$. $G - X = P_2 \cup P_{3n}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = n+1 < \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 0$.

Remark 3.6: Let $m = 4$. $X = \{v_1 v_2\}$ or $\{v_2 v_3\}$ or $\{v_3 v_4\}$. $G - X = P_1 \cup P_3$ or $2P_2$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = 2 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Remove any two edges. Then the resulting graph G' is $2P_1 \cup P_2$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 3 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(P_4) = 1$.

Theorem 3.7: For any cycle C_m on m vertices, $b_{spn}(C_m) = 1, m \geq 3$ and $m \neq 4$.

Proof: Let $G = C_m, m \geq 3$. Let $V(G) = \{u_i / 1 \leq i \leq m\}$.

Case (1): Let $m = 3n, n \geq 1$. If anyone edge is removed from the cycle G then the resulting graph G' is P_{3n} . Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = n = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Remove two edges from G such that the resulting graph G' is $P_2 \cup P_{3n-2}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = \gamma_{sp}(P_2) + \gamma_{sp}(P_{3(n-1)+1}) = n+1 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 1$.

Case (2): Let $m = 3n+1, n \geq 2$. If anyone edge is removed from the cycle G then the resulting graph G' is P_{3n+1} . Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = n+1 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Remove two edges from G such that the resulting graph G' is $P_2 \cup P_{3n-1}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = \gamma_{sp}(P_2) + \gamma_{sp}(P_{3(n-1)+2}) = n+2 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 1$.

Case (3): Let $m = 3n+2, n \geq 1$. If anyone edge is removed from the cycle G then the resulting graph G' is P_{3n+2} . Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = n+2 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Remove two edges from G such that the resulting graph G' is $P_2 \cup P_{3n}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = \gamma_{sp}(P_2) + \gamma_{sp}(P_{3n}) = n+1 < \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 1$.

Remark 3.8: Let $m = 4$. If anyone edge is removed from the cycle C_4 then the resulting graph G' is P_4 . Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 2 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If any two edges are removed from the cycle C_4 then the resulting graph G' is $P_1 \cup P_3$ or $2P_2$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 2 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. If any three edges are removed from the cycle C_4 then the resulting graph G' is $2P_1 \cup P_2$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 3 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 2$.

Theorem 3.9: For any complete graph K_n on n vertices,

$$b_{spn}(K_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} - 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } n \geq 2 \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd and } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let $G = K_n, n \geq 3$ and $n \neq 4$. $V(G) = \{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. $\gamma_{sp}(K_n) = 1$. All the vertices of K_n are full degree vertices. To increase the strong perfect

domination number of G , degree of each vertex must be reduced by at least one.

Case (1): Suppose n is even and $n \geq 2$. Let $X = \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ and } i \text{ is odd}\}$. $|X| = \frac{n}{2}$. $\deg v_i = n-2$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. $\{v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ is the unique strong perfect dominating set of $G - X$. Hence $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = n > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Remove $\frac{n}{2} - 1$ edges from G such that at least one full degree vertex exist in $G - X$. Also, removal of no set of less than $\frac{n}{2} - 1$ edges increase the strong perfect domination number of the resulting graph. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = \frac{n}{2} - 1$.

Case (2): Suppose n is odd and $n \geq 3$. As in case (1), if the degree of each vertex is reduced by at least one then strong perfect domination number of the resulting graph increases. Remove at least $\frac{n+1}{2}$ edges so that the resulting graph G' has no full degree vertex. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence remove $\frac{n+1}{2} - 1 = \frac{n-1}{2}$ edges from G such that at least one full degree vertex exist in $G - X$. Also, removal of no set of less than $\frac{n-1}{2}$ edges increase the strong perfect domination number of the resulting graph. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = \frac{n-1}{2}$.

Theorem 3.10: For any complete bipartite graph $K_{m, n}$ on $m + n$ vertices,

$$b_{spn}(K_{m, n}) = \begin{cases} n-1 & \text{if } m = n \\ mn - n - m^2 + m - 1 & \text{if } n > m \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let $G = K_{m, n}$, $m, n \geq 1$. $V(G) = \{v_i, u_j / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $E(G) = \{v_i u_j / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$. $\gamma_{sp}(K_{m, n}) = 2$ if $m = n$ and $m + n$ if $m \neq n$.

Case (1): Let $m = n$. $\deg v_i = \deg u_i = n$, $1 \leq i \leq n$. Removal of no set of less than n edges increase the strong perfect domination number of the resulting graph. Let $X = \{v_i u_j / 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ for some $i = 1$ to n . $G - X = K_{n-1, n} \cup K_1$. $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = 2n > 2 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = n - 1$.

Case (2): Let $n > m$. Remove $(m-1)(n-m)$ edges from G such that $\deg v_i = n$, for any $i = 1$ to n , $\deg u_j = m$, $\deg v_t = m$, $1 \leq t \leq n$, $t \neq i$ and $\deg u_k < n$, $1 \leq k \leq n$, $k \neq j$. $\{v_i, u_j\}$ is the unique strong perfect dominating set of the resulting graph G' . $\gamma_{sp}(G') = 2 < \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) \leq mn - n - m^2 + m - 1$. Removal of no set of greater than $(n-m)(m-1)$ edges decreases the strong perfect domination number of the resulting graph. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = mn - n - m^2 + m - 1$.

Theorem 3.11: For any bistar $D_{r, s}$ on $r+s+2$ vertices, $b_{spn}(D_{r, s}) = 0$, $r \geq s$, $r, s \geq 1$.

Proof: Let $G = D_{r, s}$, $r, s \geq 1$. Let $V(G) = \{u, v, u_i, v_j / 1 \leq i \leq r, 1 \leq j \leq s\}$. $\gamma_{sp}(G) = 2$. Let $r \geq s$, $r, s \geq 1$. Let $e = uv$. $G - e = K_{1, r} \cup K_{1, s}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - e) = 2 = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Let $e = u u_i, 1 \leq i \leq r$ or $v v_j, 1 \leq j \leq s$. $G - e = K_1 \cup D_{r-1, s}$ or $K_1 \cup D_{r, s-1}$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - e) = 3 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 0$.

Theorem 3.12: For any helm H_n , $n \geq 4$,

$$b_{spn}(H_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 4 \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 5 \\ 1 & \text{if } n \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let $G = H_n$, $n \geq 4$. $V(G) = \{v, v_i, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ and $E(G) = \{v v_i, v_i u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-2\} \cup \{v_{n-1} v_1\}$. $\gamma_{sp}(G) = n$, $n \geq 5$. $\deg v_i = 4$, $\deg u_i = 1, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$, $\deg v = n-1$. $\gamma_{sp}(G) = 3$ when $n = 4$.

Case (1): Let $n = 4$. If any edge is removed from G , obviously $\gamma_{sp}(G) = 3$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) \geq 1$. Removal of any two edges from G does not affect the strong perfect domination number of the resulting graph. Let $X = \{v_1 v_2, v_2 v_3, v_3 v_1\}$. $\{v, u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is the unique strong perfect dominating set of $G - X$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = 4 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 2$.

Case (2): Let $n = 5$. $\gamma_{sp}(H_5) = 5$. Let $e = v v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$. Let $X = \{e\}$. Let v_k be the vertex not adjacent with v_i . $S = \{v_k, u_j, v_i / 1 \leq j \leq n-1, j \neq i\}$ is the unique strong perfect dominating set of $G - X$. $|S| = 4$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = 4 < \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 0$.

Case (3): Let $n \geq 6$. Suppose any edge $v v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ is removed from G . $\{v, v_i, u_j / 1 \leq j \leq n-2, j \neq i\}$ is the unique strong perfect dominating set of the resulting graph G' . Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = n = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Suppose any edge $v_i v_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n-2$, or $v_{n-1} v_1$ or $v_i u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ is removed from G . $\{v, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ is the unique strong perfect dominating set of the resulting graph G' . Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G') = n = \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) \geq 1$. Let $X = \{v v_i, v_i u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$. $\{v, v_i, u_j, u_i / 1 \leq j \leq n-2, i \neq j\}$ is the unique strong perfect dominating set of $G - X$. Therefore $\gamma_{sp}(G - X) = n + 1 > \gamma_{sp}(G)$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) \leq 1$. Hence $b_{spn}(G) = 1$.

Observation 3.13: Since $W_4 = K_4$, $b_{spn}(W_4) = 1$. $W_n, n \geq 5$ has unique full degree vertex, $b_{spn}(W_n) = 0$.

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