

## Non-split domination subdivision critical graphs

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**Abstract:** A set of vertices  $S$  is said to *dominate* the graph  $G$  if for each  $v \notin S$ , there is a vertex  $u \in S$  with  $v$  adjacent to  $u$ . The minimum cardinality of any *dominating set* is called the *domination number* of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ . A *dominating set*  $D$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a *non-split dominating set* if the induced graph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is connected. The *non-split domination number*  $\gamma_{ns}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a *non-split domination set*. The purpose of this paper is to initiate the investigation of those graphs which are critical in the following sense: A graph  $G$  is called *vertex domination critical* if  $\gamma(G - v) < \gamma(G)$  for every vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . A graph  $G$  is called *vertex non-split critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G - v) < \gamma_{ns}(G)$  for every vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . Thus,  $G$  is  *$k$ - $\gamma_{ns}$ -critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G) = k$ , for each vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{ns}(G - v) < k$ . A graph  $G$  is called *edge domination critical* if  $\gamma(G + e) < \gamma(G)$  for every edge  $e \in \overline{G}$ . A graph  $G$  is called *edge non-split critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G + e) < \gamma_{ns}(G)$  for every edge  $e \in \overline{G}$ . Thus,  $G$  is  *$k$ - $\gamma_{ns}$ -critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G) = k$ , for each edge  $e \in \overline{G}$ ,  $\gamma_{ns}(G + e) < k$ . First we have constructed a bound for a non-split domination number of a subdivision graph  $S(G)$  of some particular classes of graph in terms of vertices and edges of a graph  $G$ . Then we discuss whether these particular classes of subdivision graph  $S(G)$  are  $\gamma_{ns}$ -critical or not with respect to vertex removal and edge addition.

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# 1 Introduction

In this paper all our graphs will be finite, connected, undirected and without loops or multiple edges such that  $G - v$  should not be a null graph for vertex removal. Terminology not defined here will conform to that in [2]. Let  $P_n, C_n, K_{1,n}, K_n, K_{m,n}$  denote the *path, cycle, star, complete and bipartite graph*.

An *end vertex* in a graph  $G$  is a vertex of *deg 1* and *support vertex* is a vertex which is adjacent to an *end vertex*.

A *subdivision* of an edge  $e = uv$  of a graph  $G$  is the replacement of an edge  $e$  by a path  $(u, v, w)$  where  $w \notin V(G)$ . The graph obtained from  $G$  by subdividing each edge of  $G$  exactly once is called the *subdivision graph* of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $S(G)$ . The neighborhood of a vertex in the graph  $G$  is the set of vertices adjacent to  $v$ . The neighborhood is denoted by  $N(v)$ .

A set of vertices  $S$  is said to *dominate* the graph  $G$  if for each  $v \notin S$ , there is a vertex  $u \in S$  with  $v$  adjacent to  $u$ . The minimum cardinality of any *dominating set* is called the *domination number* of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ .

The concept of non-split domination has been studied by V. R. Kulli and B. Janakiram [3]. A *dominating set*  $D$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a *non-split dominating set* if the induced graph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is *connected*. The *non-split domination number*  $\gamma_{ns}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a *non-split dominating set*. The concept of  $\gamma$ -critical graphs has been studied by Sumner and Blich [1] and Sumner [6].

In this paper, we study the *non-split domination critical* graphs. A graph  $G$  is called *vertex non-split critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G - v) < \gamma_{ns}(G)$  for every vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . Thus,  $G$  is *k- $\gamma_{ns}$ -critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G) = k$ , for each vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{ns}(G - v) < k$ . A graph  $G$  is called *edge domination critical* if  $\gamma(G + e) < \gamma(G)$  for every edge  $e \in \overline{G}$ . A graph  $G$  is called *edge non-split critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G + e) < \gamma_{ns}(G)$  for every edge  $e \in \overline{G}$ . Thus,  $G$  is *k- $\gamma_{ns}$ -critical* if  $\gamma_{ns}(G) = k$ , for each edge  $e \in \overline{G}$ ,  $\gamma_{ns}(G + e) < k$ .

First we have obtained a  $\gamma_{ns}$  set for some particular classes of subdivision graph  $S(G)$  in terms of vertices and edges of a graph  $G$ . Then we have discussed whether these particular classes of subdivision graph  $S(G)$  are  $\gamma_{ns}$  critical or not with respect to vertex removal and edge addition.

## 2 Construction of $\gamma_{ns}$ set for a particular classes of graph

### 2.1 Construction of $\gamma_{ns}$ set of a subdivision of a complete graph $S(K_n)$

STEP 1: To cover all the vertices that subdivides  $E(K_n)$ , we require minimum  $n - 1$  vertices of  $K_n$  which will not cover  $n^{th}$  vertex of  $K_n$ .

STEP 2: Removal of these  $n - 1$  vertices from  $S(K_n)$  makes the graph  $S(K_n)$  disconnected in which  $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$  components are  $K_1$  and another component  $K_{1,n-1}$ . Therefore in  $\gamma_{ns}$  set contains  $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$  vertices from each of  $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$  components of  $K_1$ .

STEP 3: Now to cover  $K_{1,n-1}$  vertex, we need a vertex of  $(V(S(K_n)) - V(K_n)) \cap V(K_{1,n-1})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Therefore, } \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) &= (n-1) + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} + 1. \\
&= (n-1)\left(1 + \frac{n-2}{2}\right) + 1. \\
&= (n-1)\left(\frac{2+n-2}{2}\right) + 1. \\
&= \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.2 Construction of $\gamma_{ns}$ set of a subdivision of a bipartite graph

$$S(K_{m,n}), m \geq n$$

STEP 1: To cover all the vertices that subdivides  $E(K_{m,n})$ , we require  $m$  number of vertices of  $K_{m,n}$ .

STEP 2: Removal of these  $m$  vertices from  $S(K_{m,n})$  makes the graph  $S(K_{m,n})$  disconnected into  $n$  number of components of  $K_{1,m}$  say  $G_1, G_2, G_3, \dots, G_n$ .

STEP 3: Therefore  $\gamma_{ns}$  set contains  $V(G_1) \cup V(G_2) \cup V(G_3) \cup \dots \cup V(G_{n-1})$ .

STEP 4: Now to cover  $n^{\text{th}}$  component  $K_{1,m}$ , we need one vertex of  $V(G_n)$  such that  $K_{1,m}$  is connected.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Therefore, } \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) &= m + (m+1)(n-1) + 1. \\
&= m + mn - m + n - 1 + 1. \\
&= n(1+m).
\end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 Construction of $\gamma_{ns}$ set of a subdivision of a wheel graph $S(W_n)$

STEP 1: To cover all the vertices that subdivides  $E(W_{m,n})$ , we require minimum of  $n-1$  vertices of  $W_n$  not containing the vertex of degree  $n-1$ .

STEP 2: Removal of these  $n-1$  vertices from  $S(W_n)$  makes the graph  $S(W_n)$  disconnected in which  $n-1$  components are of  $K_1$  and one component of  $K_{1,n-1}$ .

STEP 3: Therefore in  $\gamma_{ns}$  set contains  $n-1$  vertices of  $K_1$ .

STEP 4: Now to cover  $K_{1,n-1}$ , we need one vertex of  $(V(S(K_n)) - V(K_n)) \cap V(K_{1,n-1})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Therefore, } \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n)) &= (n-1) + (n-1) + 1. \\
&= 2(n-1) + 1. \\
&= 2n - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

## 3 Non-split vertex domination of a subdivision critical graph

**Theorem 3.1.** *The graph  $S(K_n)$  is non-split vertex critical  $n \geq 3$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be the  $\gamma_{ns}$  set of  $S(K_n)$  and let  $|V(S(K_n))| = \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} + n$ . Let  $A = V(S(K_n)) - V(K_n)$  and  $B = \{v_r/v_r \in V(S(K_n)) - D\}$ . we consider the following cases:

Case 1: Let  $v \in V(K_n)$  and  $v \notin N(B)$ , then  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) - v) = |D| - |v| = \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) - 1$ .

Otherwise  $v \in N(B)$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) - v) = |V(S(K_n))| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_s| - |v|$ , where  $v_j \in V(K_n), v_j \neq v, K = \{v_m \in A/v_m \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = n - 1$  and  $v_s \in K \cap N(v)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{\binom{n}{2}(n-1)}{2} + n\right) - 1 - (n-1) + 1 - 1. \\ &= \frac{\binom{n}{2}(n-1)}{2} + 1 + (n-1) - (n-1) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: Let  $v \in A$  and  $v \notin N(B)$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) - v) = |D| - |v|$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{\binom{n}{2}(n-1)}{2} + 1\right) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Otherwise  $v \in N(B)$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) - v) = |V(S(K_n))| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_s| - |v|$ , where  $v_j \in V(K_n), v_j \neq N(v), K = \{v_m \in A/v_m \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = n - 1$  and  $v_s \in K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{\binom{n}{2}(n-1)}{2} + n\right) - 1 - (n-1) + 1 - 1. \\ &= \frac{\binom{n}{2}(n-1)}{2} + 1 + (n-1) - (n-1) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

From Case(1) and Case(2), we have  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) - v) < \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n))$ , therefore  $S(K_n)$  is vertex non-split critical  $n \geq 3$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *The graph  $S(C_n)$  is non-split vertex critical for  $n \geq 3$ .*

**Lemma 3.3.** *The graph  $S(P_n)$  is not non-split vertex critical for  $n \geq 5$  and not nonsplit vertex critical for  $n < 5$ .*

**Lemma 3.4.** *The graph  $S(T), T \neq P_n$  is not a non-split vertex critical for  $n \geq 3$ .*

**Theorem 3.5.** *The graph  $S(K_{m,n})$  is non-split vertex critical for  $m \geq n, m, n \geq 2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_{m,n}) = V_1 \cup V_2$  where  $|V_1| = m, |V_2| = n$ . Let  $D$  be the  $\gamma_{ns}$  set of  $S(K_{m,n}), A = V(S(K_{m,n})) - V(K_{m,n})$  and  $B = \langle V(S(K_{m,n}) - D) \rangle$ . We consider the following cases.

Case 1: Let  $v \in V_2$  and if  $v \in N(B)$ , then  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) - v) = |D| - |v|$ .

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.$$

Otherwise  $v \notin N(B)$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) - v) = |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_r| - |v|$ , where  $v_j \in V_1, K = \{v_p \in A/v_p \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = m, v_r \in K \cup N(v)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= m + n + mn - 1 - m + 1 - 1. \\ &= n(1 + m) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: Let  $v \in V_1 \cap D$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) - v) = |D| - |v|$ .

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.$$

Otherwise  $v \in V_1, v \notin D$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) - v) = |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_r| - |v|$ , where  $v_j \neq v, v_j \in V_1, K = \{v_p \in A/v_p \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = m, v_r \in K$ .

$$= m + n + mn - 1 - m + 1 - 1.$$

$$= n(1 + m) - 1.$$

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.$$

Case 3: Let  $v \in A$  and  $v \notin N(B)$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) - v) = |D| - |v|$ .

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.$$

Otherwise  $v \in N(B)$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) - v) = |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_r| - |v|$ , where  $v_j \notin N(v), v_j \in V_1, K = \{v_p \in A/v_p \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = m, v_r \in K$ .

$$= m + n + mn - 1 - m + 1 - 1.$$

$$= n(1 + m) - 1.$$

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.$$

From all the above cases, we have  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) - v) < \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}))$ , therefore  $S(K_{m,n})$  is vertex non-split critical.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** *The graph  $S(W_n)$  is not vertex non-split critical for  $n \geq 5$  and vertex non-split critical for  $n = 4$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $D$  be the  $\gamma_{ns}$  set of  $S(W_n)$  and  $|V(S(W_n))| = 3n - 2$ . Let  $v_k \in V(W_n), \deg(v_k) = n - 1$ . Let  $B = \{v_i/v_i \in V(S(W_n)) - v_k\}$  and  $C = V(S(W_n)) - V(W_n)$  and  $F = \langle V(S(W_n)) - D \rangle$ . we consider the following cases:

Case 1: Let  $v \in B \cap D$  and  $v \notin N(F)$  then  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = |D| - |v|$ .

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n)) - 1.$$

Otherwise  $v \in N(F)$  and  $n \geq 5$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = |D| - |v| + |v_r| - |v_s|$ . Where  $v_s \in N(v_k) \cap D$  and covers  $v_k, v_r \in N(v) \cap N(v_k)$ .

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n)) - 1.$$

Otherwise for  $n = 4$ ,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = |D| - |v| + |v_r| - |v_s|$ . Where  $v_s \in N(F) \cap C, v_r \in N(v) \cap F$ .

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n)) - 1.$$

For  $n = 4, v \in B, v \notin D$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_4) - v) = |V(S(W_4))| - |v| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_s|$ . Where  $v_j \in \{B\} - \{v\}, K = \{v_r/v_r \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = 3, v_s \in K \cap N(v)$ .

$$= 3n - 2 - 1 - 1 - 3 + 1.$$

$$= 3n - 6.$$

Case 2: Let  $v = v_k$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_m|$ . Where  $v_j \in B, K = \{v_l/v_l \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = 3, v_m \in K \cap N(v_k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3n - 2 - 1 - 1 - 3 + 1. \\ &= 3n - 6. \end{aligned}$$

Case 3: Let  $v \in C, v \notin N(v_k)$  and if  $v \notin N(F)$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = |D| - |v|$ .

$$= \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n)) - 1.$$

Otherwise  $v \in N(F)$  and  $n = 4$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_m|$ . Where  $v_j \in B, v_j \notin N(v), K = \{v_l/v_l \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = 3, v_m \in K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3n - 2 - 1 - 1 - 3 + 1. \\ &= 3n - 6. \end{aligned}$$

Otherwise  $v \in N(v_k)$ , then  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_m|$ . Where  $v_j \in B, v_j \notin N(v), K = \{v_l/v_l \in N(v_j)\}$  with  $|K| = 3, v_m \in K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3n - 2 - 1 - 1 - 3 + 1. \\ &= 3n - 6. \end{aligned}$$

From Case 1, Case 2 and Case 3:

(i) If  $n = 4, \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = 3n - 6 < 2n - 1 = \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n))$ .

(ii) If  $n \geq 5, \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) = 3n - 6 \geq 2n - 1 = \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n))$ .

Hence the proof. □

## 4 Non-split edge domination of a subdivision critical graph

**Theorem 4.1.** *The graph  $S(K_n)$  is edge non-split critical for  $n \geq 3$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $C = V(S(K_n) - V(K_n))$ . We consider the following cases.

Case 1: Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_n)}), \{v_1, v_2\} \in V(K_n)$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) + e) = |V(S(K_n))| - |v_1| - |K|$ , where  $K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_1)\}$  with  $|K| = n - 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} + n - 1 - (n - 1). \\ &= \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} + 1 - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_n)}), \{v_1, v_2\} \in C, \{v_1, v_2\} \in N(v_k), v_k \in V(K_n)$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) + e) = |V(S(K_n))| - |v_2| - |\{v_k, v_l\}| - |K| - |R| + |v_m|$ . Where  $\{v_k, v_l\} \in V(K_n) \cap N(v_2), v_k \in N(v_1), K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \neq (v_2, v_1), v_s \in N(v_k)\}, R = \{v_r \in C/v_r \neq v_2, v_r \in N(v_l)\}$ , with  $|K| = n - 3, |R| = n - 2, v_m \in R$ .

$$= \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} + n - 1 - 2 - (n - 3) - (n - 2) + 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} - n + 3. \\
&= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) - (n - 2).
\end{aligned}$$

**Case 3:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_n)})$ ,  $v_1 \in V(K_n)$ ,  $v_2 \in C$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2\} \notin N(v_k)$ ,  $v_k \in V(K_n)$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_n) + e) = |V(S(K_n))| - |v_2| - |\{v_k, v_l\}| - |K| - |R| + |\{v_m, v_n\}|$ . Where  $\{v_k, v_l\} \in V(K_{m,n}) \cap N(v_2)$ ,  $K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \neq v_2, v_s \in N(v_k)\}$ ,  $R = \{v_r \in C/v_r \neq v_2, v_r \in N(v_l)\}$ , with  $|K| = n - 2$ ,  $|R| = n - 2$ ,  $v_m \in K$ ,  $v_n \in R$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} + n - 1 - 2 - (n - 2) - (n - 2) + 2. \\
&= \frac{(n)(n-1)}{2} - n + 3. \\
&= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_n)) - (n - 2).
\end{aligned}$$

The result follows from Case(1),Case(2) and Case(3). □

**Lemma 4.2.** *The graph  $S(C_n)$  is non-split edge critical for  $n \geq 3$ .*

**Lemma 4.3.** *The graph  $S(P_n)$  is not non-split edge critical for  $n \geq 3$ .*

**Lemma 4.4.** *The graph  $S(T)$  is not non-split edge critical, if  $T \neq K_{1,n}$ .*

**Theorem 4.5.** *The graph  $S(K_{m,n})$  is not edge critical for  $m > n$  and edge critical for  $m = n$  where  $m, n \geq 2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_{m,n}) = V_1 \cup V_2$  where  $|V_1| = m$ ,  $|V_2| = n$ . Let  $D$  be the  $\gamma_{ns}$  set of the graph  $S(K_{m,n})$  and  $C = V(S(K_{m,n})) - V(K_{m,n})$ . We consider the following cases:

**Case 1:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_{m,n})})$ ,  $v_1 \in D$ ,  $v_2 \notin D$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) + e) &= |D| - |v_r|, v_r \in N(v_2) \cap D. \\
&= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_{m,n})})$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2\} \in V_2$  or  $v_1 \in C$ ,  $v_2 \in V_2$  and suppose  $m > n$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) + e) = |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_j| - |K| + |v_m|$ ,  $v_j \in V_1$ ,  $K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_j)\}$ , with  $|K| = m$ ,  $v_m \in K$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= mn + m + n - 1 - m + 1. \\
&= n(m + 1). \\
&= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})).
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $m = n$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) + e) &= |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_2| - |K|, K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_2)\} \text{ with } |K| = n. \\
&= mn + m + n - 1 - n. \\
&= mn + m + n - 1 - m(\text{since } m = n). \\
&= n(m + 1) - 1. \\
&= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

**Case 3:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_{m,n})})$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2\} \in V_1$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) + e) &= |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_1| - |K|, K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_1)\} \text{ with } |K| = m. \\ &= mn + m + n - 1 - m. \\ &= n(m + 1) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.\end{aligned}$$

**Case 4:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_{m,n})})$ ,  $v_1 \in V_2, v_2 \in V_1$  or  $v_1 \in C, v_2 \in V_1$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) + e) &= |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_2| - |K|, K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_2)\} \text{ with } |K| = m. \\ &= mn + m + n - 1 - m. \\ &= n(m + 1) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.\end{aligned}$$

**Case 5:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(K_{m,n})})$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2\} \in C$  and  $\{v_1, v_2\} \in N(v_r), v_r \in V_1$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) + e) &= |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_r| - |K| + |v_1| - |v_m|, K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_r)\}, v_m \in \\ &N(v_2) \cap V_2 \text{ with } |K| = m. \\ &= mn + m + n - 1 - m + 1 - 1. \\ &= n(m + 1) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.\end{aligned}$$

**Otherwise**  $v_1 \in N(v_r), v_2 \in N(v_s), v_r \neq v_s, (v_r, v_s) \in V_1$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n}) + e) &= |V(S(K_{m,n}))| - |v_r| - |K| - |v_m| + |v_s|, K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_r)\}, v_m \in \\ &N(v_1) \cap V_2, v_s \in K \neq v_1 \text{ with } |K| = m. \\ &= mn + m + n - 1 - m - 1 + 1. \\ &= n(m + 1) - 1. \\ &= \gamma_{ns}(S(K_{m,n})) - 1.\end{aligned}$$

The result follows from the above cases. □

**Theorem 4.6.** *The graph  $S(W_n)$  is not edge non-split critical for  $n \geq 5$  and edge non-split critical for  $n = 4$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $|V(S(W_n))| = 3n - 2$  and  $B = \{v_i/v_i \in V(W_n) - v_k\}$ , where  $v_k$  is the vertex of degree  $n - 1$  and  $C = V(S(W_n)) - V(W_n)$ . We consider the following cases:

**Case 1:** Let  $e = v_1v_k \in E(\overline{S(W_n)})$ ,  $v_1 \in B \cup C$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) &= |V(S(W_n))| - |v_k| - |K| \text{ with } |K| = n - 1 \\ &= 3n - 2 - 1 - (n - 1) = 2n - 2.\end{aligned}$$

Since  $2n - 2 < 2n - 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) < \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n))$ .

**Case 2:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(W_n)})$ ,  $v_1 \in B \cup C, v_2 \in C, \{v_1, v_2\} \notin N(v_k)$  then,

$$\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v_2| - |\{v_i, v_j\}| - |\{v_r, v_s\}|. \text{ Where } \{v_i, v_j\} \in N(v_2) \cap B, (v_r, v_s) \in N(v_k) \cap N(v_i, v_j).$$



$$=3n - 2 - 1 - 2 - 2.$$

$$=3n - 7.$$

(i) If  $n = 4, 5$  then  $3n - 7 < 2n - 1$ , therefore  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) < \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n))$ .

(ii) If  $n \geq 6$  then  $3n - 7 \geq 2n - 1$ , therefore  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) \geq \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n))$ .

**Case 3:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(W_n)})$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2\} \in B$  and  $n \geq 5$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v_k| - |K| + |v_m|$ . Where  $K = \{v_s \in C/v_s \in N(v_k)\}$ ,  $v_m \in K$  with  $|K| = n - 1$ .

$$=3n - 2 - 1 - (n - 1) + 1.$$

$$=2n - 1.$$

$$=\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n)).$$

Otherwise for  $n = 4$  then,  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v_1| - |K|$ . Where  $K = \{v_m \in C/v_m \in N(v_1)\}$ .

$$=3n - 2 - 1 - (n - 1).$$

$$=3n - 6.$$

Since  $3n - 6 < 2n - 1$  for  $n = 4$ , therefore  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) < \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n))$ .

**Case 4:** Let  $e = v_1v_2 \in E(\overline{S(W_n)})$ ,  $\{v_1, v_2\} \in B \cup C$ ,  $v_1 \notin N(v_k)$ ,  $v_2 \in N(v_k)$  then,

$\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v_k| - |K| - |v_r| - |v_s| + |v_m|$ , Where  $K = \{v_p \in C/v_p \in N(v_k) \cap C\}$ ,  $v_r \in B \cap N(v_2)$ ,  $v_s \in N(v_r) \cap C$ ,  $v_s \neq (v_1, v_2)$ ,  $v_m \neq v_2$ ,  $v_m \in K$  with  $|K| = n - 1$ .

$$=3n - 2 - 1 - (n - 1) - 1 - 1 + 1.$$

$$=2n - 3. \text{ Otherwise } v_1 \in C \cap N(v_k) \text{ then,}$$

$\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) + e) = |V(S(W_n))| - |v_k| - |K| - |v_r| - |v_s| + |v_1|$ , Where  $K = \{v_p \in C/v_p \in N(v_k) \cap C\}$ ,  $v_r \in B \cap N(v_2)$ ,  $v_s \in N(v_r) \cap C$ ,  $v_s \neq v_2$  with  $|K| = n - 1$ .

$$=3n - 2 - 1 - (n - 1) - 1 - 1 + 1.$$

$$=2n - 3.$$

Since  $2n - 3 < 2n - 1$ , therefore  $\gamma_{ns}(S(W_n) - v) < \gamma_{ns}(S(W_n))$ .

The result follows from the above cases. □

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