## STRONG SPLIT LICT DOMINATION OF A GRAPH

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#### ABSTRACT

In this paper we initiate the study of a variation of standard domination such as strong split Lict domination. A dominating set  $D_{ss}$  of a lict graph n(G) is a strong split lict dominating set if  $\langle V(n(G)) - D_{ss} \rangle$  is totally disconnected with at least two vertices. The strong split lict domination number of a graph is the minimum cardinality of the strong split lict dominating set of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_{ssn}(G)$ . In this paper  $\gamma_{ssn}$ - number of some standard graphs is obtained. Also we established upper bounds and lower bounds on  $\gamma_{ssn}$ - number in terms of elements of G. **Subject classification number: AMS-O5C69, 05C70.** 

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**1. Introduction:** The graph theoretical terminology not present here can be found in Harary [2].All the graphs considered here are simple, finite, non-trivial, undirected and connected. As usual p = |V| and q = |E| denote the number of vertices and edges of a graph *G*. The study of domination in graphs was begun by Ore [8] and Berge [1].The domination in graphs is discussed by T.W.Hynes, S.T.Hedetniemi and P.J. Slater in [6]

For any graph G = (V, E), the *lict graph* n(G) has vertex set as the union of the set of edges and the set of cut vertices of graph G in which two vertices of n(G) are adjacent if and only if their corresponding elements in G are adjacent or incident. This concept was introduced in [5].

We begin by recalling some standard definition from domination theory.

A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a *dominating set* of G, if every vertex in (V - D) is adjacent to at least one vertex in D. The minimum cardinality of minimal dominating set D is called *domination number* of G and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ .

Edge dominating set  $F \subseteq E(G)$  is such that every edge in (E(G) - F) must be adjacent to at least one edge in F. The minimum cardinality of edge dominating set is called *edge domination number* and is denoted by  $\gamma'(G)$ . Edge domination number was studied by S.L. Mitchell and Hedetniemi in [7].

A set  $D_{\varepsilon}$  of elements of G is an *entire dominating set* if every element not in  $D_{\varepsilon}$  is either adjacent or incident to at least one element in  $D_{\varepsilon}$ . The *entire domination number* is denoted as  $\gamma_{\varepsilon n}(G)$ . This concept was introduced in [4].

A dominating set  $D_s$  of G is called *strong split dominating set* of G if  $\langle V(G) - D_s \rangle$  is totally disconnected with at least two isolated vertices. The *strong split domination number*  $\gamma_{ss}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of minimal strong split dominating set. This concept of strong split domination was introduced in [3].

Analogously we define *strong split lict dominating set* of a graph G. A set  $D_{ss}$  is said to be strong split lict dominating set if  $\langle V(n(G)) - D_{ss} \rangle$  is totally disconnected with at least two vertices. The *strong split lict domination number* of a graph G is the minimum cardinality of the strong split lict dominating set of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_{ssn}(G)$ .

A vertex cover in a graph G is a set of vertices that covers all the edges of G. The vertex covering number  $\alpha_0$  G is a minimum cardinality of a vertex cover in G. An edge cover of a

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graph *G* without isolated vertices is a set of edges of *G* that covers all the vertices of *G*. The *edge covering number*  $\alpha_1$  *G* of a graph *G* is the minimum cardinality of an edge cover of *G*. A set of vertices/edges in a graph *G* is called an *independent set* if no two vertices/edges in the set are adjacent. The *vertex independence number*  $\beta_0$  *G* is the maximum cardinality of an independent set of vertices. The *edge independence number*  $\beta_1$  *G* of a graph *G* is the maximum cardinality of an independent set of edges.

A set of vertices S in a graph G is called an *independent set* if no two vertices in S are adjacent. The *lower independence number* i (G) is the minimum cardinality of a maximal independent set of G.

The minimum distance between any two farthest vertices of a connected graph G is called the *diameter* of G and is denoted by *diam* G.

The *clique number* of a graph G is the maximum order of the largest clique in G and it is denoted as  $\omega(G)$ .

We need the following Theorems to establish our further results:

**Theorem A** [7]: If G is a graph with no isolated vertex, then  $\gamma \in G \leq \frac{p}{2}$ 

**Theorem B** [3]: For any connected graph  $G_{,(G)} \neq K_{p_{,}} \gamma_{ss}(G) = \alpha_{0}(G)$ .

In section 2, we determine this parameter for some standard graphs. We obtain best possible upper and lower bound for  $\gamma_{ssn}(G)$ . Further we obtain Northus Gaddum type results.

### 2. RESULTS

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First we list out the exact values of  $\gamma_{ssn}(G)$  for some standard graphs.

#### Theorem 1:

- 1) For any cycle  $C_p$  with  $p \ge 4$  vertices  $\gamma_{ssn}[C_p] = \begin{cases} \frac{p}{2} & \text{if } p \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \frac{p}{2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- 2) For any path  $P_p$  with  $p \ge 4$  vertices  $\gamma_{ssn}[P_p] = p 1 = q$ .
- 3) For any complete graph  $K_p$  with  $p \ge 4$  vertices  $\gamma_{ssn}[P_p] = \frac{p(p-1)}{2} 2$ .

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4) For any bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  with  $m \le n$ ,  $\gamma_{ssn}[K_{m,n}] = m.n - m.$ 

The following are some observations on  $\gamma_{ssn}[G]$ :

- i) For any graph  $G = K_{m,n}$ ;  $m, n \ge 2, m < n$ ,
  - $n(K_{m,n}) = K_m \times K_n.$

Hence  $\gamma_{ssn}(K_m \times K_n) = m.n - m.$ 

ii) For any graph G,  $\gamma_{ss}(G) \leq \gamma_{ssn}(G)$ . Equality holds for any  $G = C_p$ .

iii) For any path  $P_p$ :

a) 
$$\gamma_{ssn}[P_p] = \gamma_{ss}[L(P)_p] + \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$$
 where  $p \ge 4$ .  
b)  $\gamma_{ssn}[P_p] = \gamma_{ssn}[L(P)_p] + 1$  where  $p \ge 5$ .

In the following Theorem we established the equality for  $\gamma_{ssn}$  of a wheel.

**Theorem 2:** For a wheel Wp;  $p \ge 4$  vertices

$$\gamma_{\rm ssn} (\mathbf{W}_{\rm p}) = \begin{cases} p+n, & n = \frac{p-4}{2}, & P = \text{even} \\ p+m, & m = \frac{p-3}{2}, & P = \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let 
$$V[Wp] = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$$
; deg  $v_i = 3$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$  and  
deg  $v_p = p - 1$ . Let  $E[W_p] = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{p-2}, e_{p-1}, e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e_{p-1}'\}$   
where each  $e_i = v_i v_p$  With  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$  and  $e'_1 = v_i v_{i+1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, p-2$  and  
 $e'_{p-1} = v_{p-1} v_1$ . Now  $V[n(W_p)] = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{p-2}, e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e_{p-1}'\}$ .  
Consider  $S_1, S_2 \subseteq V[n(Wp)]$ , such that  $S_1 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{p-2}, e_{p-1}\}$  and  
 $S_2 = \{e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_{p-2}, e'_{p-1}\}$ . The induced subgraph  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  is a complete subgraph  
 $K_{P-1}$  and induced subgraph  $\langle S_2 \rangle$  is a cycle in  $n$  (G). We consider the following two  
cases.

### **Case 1:** Suppose p is even. Then $|S_2|$ in an odd number, consider $S'_1 \subseteq S_1$ with

 $\mathbf{S'}_1 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{p-2}\}$  and consider another set  $\mathbf{S'}_2 \subseteq \mathbf{S}_2$  such that

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 $S'_{2} = \{e'_{2}, e'_{4}, \dots, e'_{p-4}, e'_{p-2}, e'_{p-1}\}$ . Clearly  $\langle V(n(W_{p})-(S'_{1} \cup S'_{2})) \rangle$  is totally disconnected. Then  $(S'_{1} \cup S'_{2})$  is a strong split dominating set of n(Wp) by the definition.

Hence 
$$\gamma_{ssn} (W_p) = |S'_1 \cup S'_2| = (P-2) + 2 + \frac{P-4}{2}$$
  
Which results in to  $\gamma_{ssn} (Wp) = P + n$ , where  $n = \frac{P-4}{2}$ 

**Case 2:** Suppose p is odd. Then  $|S_2| =$  even number. We consider  $S''_1 \subseteq S_1$ , with  $S''_1 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{p-2}\}$  and another set  $S''_2 \subseteq S_2$ , such that  $S''_2 = \{e'_2, e'_3, e'_5, e'_7, e'_9, \dots, e'_{p-5}, e'_{p-3}e'_{p-2}, e'_{p-1}\}$ . Clearly  $S''_1 \cup S''_2$  forms a strong split lict dominating set of  $W_p$ , since  $\langle V[n(W_p)] - (S''_1 \cup S''_2) \rangle$  is totally disconnected.

Then  $\gamma_{ssn} (W_p) = |(S''_1 \cup S''_2)|$ , also  $S''_1$ ,  $S''_2$  are vertex disjoint sets, so it results in to  $\gamma_{ssn} (W_p) = p + \frac{p-3}{2} = p+m$ , where  $m = \frac{p-3}{2}$ , p = odd.

Here we have found an upper bound for  $\gamma_{ssn}$  (G) in terms of  $\gamma$ (G).

- **Theorem 3:** For any connected (p.q) graph G,  $n(G) \neq K_p$  with  $p \ge 4$  vertices,  $\gamma_{ssn} [G] \ge p - [\gamma (G)+1]$ . Equality holds for  $C_{2p}$ ,  $p \ge 3$ .
  - **Proof:** In n (G), V  $[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$ . If  $n(G) = K_p$ , Then by definition,  $\gamma_{ssn}$  set does not exist. We consider the following two cases.
  - **Case 1:** Suppose G is a tree. Then in n(G) each block is complete. Let  $S = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_i\}$  be the set of all nonend edges in G and each  $e_i \in G$  preserves a one to one correspondence with  $v_i \in D$ , where  $D = \{v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_i\}$  and  $D \subseteq V[n(G)]$ . Suppose |D| = h. Then  $\langle V[n(G)] - D \rangle = H$ . Also H has maximum h+1 components. Now we partition H into H<sub>1</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>, where H<sub>1</sub> =  $\{v_j\}$ .  $1 \le j \le h+1$ , and each  $v_j$  is

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an isolate in H. Consider  $H_2 = \{b_k\}$ .  $1 \le k \le h+1$  and each  $b_k$  is a complete block with m vertices;  $m \ge 2$ . We consider a dominating set  $D_1$  which is not minimal in  $H_2$ . The set  $D_1$  consists of (m-1) vertices from each block  $b_k$ , such that  $\langle V[n(G)] - (D \cup D_1) \rangle$  is totally disconnected, it implies that  $(D \cup D_1)$  is  $\gamma_{ssn}$  - set of G.

Further let D is the minimal dominating set of G, then at least one vertex  $v \in V[n(G)]$  such that  $v \in (D_1 \cup D_2) \cap D$  then it follows  $|D_1 + D_2| + |D| + 1 \ge p$  resulting into  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) = p - [\gamma(G) + 1]$ .

**Case 2:** Suppose G is not a tree. Then G has  $p \ge 4$  and it contains at least one block with minimum three vertices.Now  $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$ . Let  $S_1 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_j\}$  be the set of nonendbridges of G, which preserves one to one correspondence with the vertex set  $D_1 \subseteq V[n(G)]$ . Let  $|D_1| = h$ , then  $\langle V[n(G)] - D_1 \rangle = H$  has h+1 components. We consider  $H = H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3$ ; where  $H_1 = \{v_i\}$  where each  $v_i \in V[(n(G)]$  is an isolate and  $H_2$  is a set of vertex disjoint components which are complete,  $H_2 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{h+1} K_{m_i}$ , where each  $K_{m_i}$  is a complete block with  $m_i$  vertices,  $m_i \ge V[n(G)] = \bigcup_{i=1}^{h+1} K_{m_i}$ .

2, 3, 4..... for  $i \ge 1$  and  $H_3 = \bigcup_{j=1}^{n+1} B_j$  where each  $B_j$  is a noncomplete block. We consider  $D_2 = \{v_i\} \subseteq V$  [H<sub>2</sub>] which includes  $(m_i - 1)$  vertices from each  $K_{m_i} \in H_2$  gives an isolate, then  $(H_2 - D_2)$  is totally disconnected, Further we consider  $D_3 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} \forall v_i \in Bj, 1 \le i \le k$ , and degree of each  $v_i$  is  $\delta(B_j)$ 

Now we consider  $B_j - D_3 = H_4$  in which each element is an isolate, then  $(D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3)$  is such that  $\langle V[n(G)] - (D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3) \rangle$  is totally disconnected. So  $(D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3)$  is a  $\gamma_{ssn}$  - set. And if D is the minimal dominating set of G then there exist at least one vertex  $v_i \in C$  (G) such that  $v_i \in D \cap (D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3)$  then it gives  $|D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3| + |D| + 1 \ge p$  or  $(D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3) \ge p - (|D|+1)$  such that  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \ge p - (\gamma(G) + 1)$ .Hence the result.

For equality:Let  $C_p$  be a cycle with  $p \ge 6$  or  $G = C_{2n}$ ,  $n \ge 3$ .

Let D<sub>ss</sub> be the minimal strong split lict dominating set of G, then

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$$|\mathbf{D}_{ss}| = \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil; \text{ whereas } \mathbf{p} - [\gamma(\mathbf{G}) + 1] = \mathbf{p} - \left( \left\lceil \frac{p}{3} \right\rceil + 1 \right). \text{ Now one can easily verify that}$$
$$|\mathbf{D}_{ss}| = \mathbf{p} - (\gamma(\mathbf{G}) + 1) \text{ for a cycle } \mathbf{C}_{2n}, n \ge 3.$$

**Theorem 4:** For any connected (p, q) graph G, with  $p \ge 4$  vertices and  $n(G) \ne K_{p}$ , then  $\gamma_{\varepsilon}[G] \le \gamma(G) + \gamma'[G] \le \gamma_{ssn}[G]$ .

**Proof:** First we establish the lower bound. Let D and F be the minimal dominating set and edge dominating set of G. Then  $D \cup F$  is an entire dominating set of G. Thus  $\gamma_{\varepsilon}(G) \leq |D \cup F| = \gamma(G) + \gamma'(G)$ .

For the upper bound Let  $D_{ss}$  is a  $\gamma_{ssn}$  - set of G and let  $F_1 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  be the minimal edge dominating set of G, then there exist  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V[n(G)] \forall v_i \in D_1$ ,  $v_i$  corresponds to  $e_i \in F_1$ , such that,  $D_1 \subseteq D_{ss}$ . We take  $F_2 = \{e_j\}$  where each  $e_j$  is nonendbridge in G, then  $D_2 = \{v_j\}$  is a set of all cut vertices in n(G) such that each  $v_j \in D_2$  corresponds to  $e_j \in F_2$  and  $D_2 \subseteq D_{ss}$ . Now consider a set  $V' \subseteq V[n(G)]$  such that  $V' \in N(D_1 \cup D_2)$ , so that  $V' \subseteq V[n(G)] - (D_1 \cup D_2)$  and  $\langle V[n(G)] - (V' \cup D_1 \cup D_2) \rangle$  is totally disconnected then

$$(D_1 \cup D_2) \cup V' = D_{ss}$$
(1)

Now let  $D_3$  is the minimal dominating set of G, then  $D_3$  consists of vertices which are incident to at least one edge  $e_j \in F_2$ . Also in G each cut vertex  $v_j \in D_3$ is such that  $v_j \in V' \subseteq V$  [n(G)], then  $|D_3| \leq |F_2| + |V'|$  which implies  $|D_3| \leq |D_2| + |V'|$  \_\_\_\_\_(2)

Combining (1) and (2) we get  $|D_1| + |D_3| \le |D_{ss}|$  which gives

$$\gamma(G) + \gamma'(G) \leq \gamma_{ssn}(G).$$

Thus 
$$\gamma_{\varepsilon n}(G) \leq \gamma(G) + \gamma'(G) \leq \gamma_{ssn}(G)$$
.

Equality for strong split domination number of a tree is established in the following Theorem.

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**Theorem 5:** For any connected (p, q) tree T, with  $p \ge 4$  vertices,  $T \ne K_{1,n}$  with  $n \ge 2$ , then  $\gamma_{ssn}(T)=q$ 

**Proof:** Suppose T is a tree and assume  $T = K_{1,n}$ . Then  $n(T) = K_p$ , from the definition of strong split lict domination,  $\gamma_{ssn}$  - set does not exist.

Further for any tree T, with  $p \ge 4$ , each block in n (T) is complete and each cut vertex of n(G) lies on exactly two blocks. Now V[n(G)] = E(G)  $\cup$  C (G) and V [n(G)] – E(G) = C(G) gives a disconnected graph such that  $\forall v_i \in C$  (G) is an isolate. Clearly E(G) is a Y<sub>ssn</sub>-set of T. Hence |E (G)| = q = Y<sub>ssn</sub>(G).

**Theorem 6:** If G is a connected graph of order  $p \ge 4$  and  $n(G) \ne K_p$ , then

 $\left[\frac{diamG+1}{2}\right] \leq \gamma_{ssn}(G)$ . Equality holds for C<sub>4</sub>.

- **Proof:** Suppose E (G) = { $e_1, e_2, ..., e_n$ } and C(G) = { $c_1, c_2, c_3, ..., c_j$ } be the edge set and cutvertex set of G respectively. Then V [n(G)] = E(G)  $\cup$  C(G). Let S = { $e_1, e_2, ..., e_j$ },  $1 \le j \le n$  constitute the diameteral path in G. Then |S| = diam G. Let D be a dominating set in n(G) and D<sub>1</sub>  $\subseteq$  V[n(G)] D, such that D<sub>1</sub>  $\in$  N (D), again we take D'<sub>1</sub>  $\subseteq$  D<sub>1</sub> such that H = V [n(G)] (D $\cup$ D'<sub>1</sub>) and  $\langle$ H $\rangle$  is totally disconnected. Hence D $\cup$ D'<sub>1</sub> = D<sub>ss</sub>. Further since S  $\subseteq$  V [(n(G)] and D $\cup$ D'<sub>1</sub> is a  $\gamma_{ssn}$  set, the diameteral path includes at most  $\gamma_{ssn}$  (G) 1 vertices which belongs to neighborhood of (D $\cup$ D'<sub>1</sub>) in n(G). Hence  $diam G \le \gamma_{ssn}$  (G) +  $\gamma_{ssn}$  (G) 1 which follows  $\left[\frac{diamG+1}{2}\right] \le \gamma_{ssn}$  (G). One can easily verify for the equality.
- **Theorem 7:** For any connected (p, q) graph G,  $n(G) \neq K_p$  then  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \leq \alpha_1(G) + \alpha_1[n(G)] 1$ Equality holds for Wp,  $p \geq 4$  vertices.

**Proof:** Consider a set  $D = \{e_i\}, i = 1, 2..., n$  be the maximal edge cover of G, so that

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 $|D| = \alpha_1$  (G). Further V  $[n(G)] = \{e_j\}$ , where each  $e_j = e_i e_j$  or  $e_j c_k$  where adjacency of  $e_i$  with  $e_j$ , and adjacency of  $e_j$  with cut vertex  $c_k$  is preserved as in G. We take a spanning tree H of n(G) and let  $D_1 = \{e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_k\} \subset E[n(G)]$  be the edge cover of H, then  $|D_1|=\alpha_1$  (H)  $=\alpha_1 [n(G)]$ . Consider  $H_1 = \{e''_j\}$  where each  $e''_j$  is only one edge chosen among all edges  $e_i e_j$  incident to vertex  $e_j$  in n(G) which corresponds to edge  $e_j$  of G and  $e_j \in \alpha_1(G)$  set, then  $H_1 \subset \alpha_1(G)$ -set. Further we consider a strong split dominating set  $D_{ss} = \{e_j, c_k\}$  in n(G), such that  $D_{ss} \subseteq H \cup H_1$ , which gives  $D_{ss} \subseteq |D| + |D_1| - 1$  resulting in to  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \le \alpha_1(G) + 1$ 

$$\alpha_1 (n (G)) - 1$$

**Theorem 8:** For any connected (p, q) graph G. 
$$n(G) \neq K_p$$
,  $p \ge 4$  vertices,  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \ge \frac{p}{2}$ 

- **Proof:** We consider the following cases:
- **Case 1:** Suppose G is a tree, with  $H = \{v_1, v_2...v_i\}$  be the set of all vertices in T. Then  $I = [v_1, v_2, ..., v_j]$  be the set of all end vertices in T and let  $H' = [e_1, e_2, ..., e_i]$  be the set of all non end edges in T, also  $I' = \{e_1, e_2, ..., e_j\}$  be the set of all end edges in T. In *n* (T), C be the set of all cut vertices in T, V [*n* (T)] =  $H' \cup I' \cup C$ . Suppose  $D_{ss}$  be a  $\gamma_{ssn}$  - set of T such that  $D_{ss} = H' \cup I'$  where  $I'' \subseteq I'$ , which gives

$$|\mathbf{H}' \cup \mathbf{I}''| = \gamma_{ssn} (\mathbf{T}) \ge \frac{\mathbf{H} \cup \mathbf{I}}{2}$$
 resulting in to  $\gamma_{ssn} (\mathbf{G}) \ge \left| \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2} \right|$ .

- **Case 2:** Suppose G is not a tree, then there exists at least one edge joining two distinct vertices of a tree T, which forms a cycle. From the above case 1  $|V(n(G))| \ge |H' \cup I' \cup C| + 1$  which gives  $|H' \cup I''| + 1 \ge \left|\frac{H \cup I}{2}\right| + 1$  resulting in to  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \ge \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ .
- **Theorem 9:** For any connected (p, q) graph G with  $n(G) \neq K_p$ ,  $p \ge 4$  vertices,  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \ge \gamma(G)$ . Equality holds if  $G = C_4$ .
  - **Proof:** Let G be a connected (p, q) graph and  $D_{ss}$  and D are  $\gamma_{ssn}$  set and  $\gamma$ -set of G respectively. By the Theorem [A] and Theorem [8], we have  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \ge \gamma(G)$ . Also one can easily verify the equality.

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- **Theorem10:** For any connected (p, q) graph G.  $n(G) \neq K_p$ ,  $p \ge 4$  vertices  $\gamma_{ss} [L(G)] \le \gamma_{ssn} (G)$  equality holds if G is a block graph.
  - **Proof:** Since  $V[n(G)] \supseteq V[L(G)]$  by definition. Hence the result follows. And if G = block graph then V[n(G)] = V[L(G)] which gives the equality.

**Theorem 11:** For any connected (p, q) graph G, with  $p \ge 4$  vertices,  $n(G) \ne K_p$ ,

 $\gamma_n(G) + \gamma_{ssn}(G) \le q + c$ , where c is the number of cutvertices in G.

**Proof:** Suppose G has  $p \le 3$ . Then  $\gamma_{ssn}$  - set does not exist. Now we consider any graph with  $p \ge 4$ , such that  $n(G) \ne K_p$ 

Since ,  $\gamma_n(G) \leq \beta_0[n(G)]$  and from Theorem B

 $\gamma_{ssn} [G] = \alpha_0 [n(G)].$ Further  $\gamma(G) + \gamma_{ssn}(G) \le \alpha_0 [n(G)] + \beta_0 [n(G)]$ = V [n(G)]= q + c

Hence  $\gamma(G) + \gamma_{ssn}(G) \leq q + c$ .

**Theorem 12:** For a connected (p, q) graph with  $p \ge 4$  vertices and  $n(G) \ne K_p$ , then

 $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \le q + c - 2$ , where c is the number of cutvertices in G.

**Proof:** It is known that

 $\gamma_{ssn} [G] = \alpha_0 [n(G)]$   $= V [n(G)] - \beta_0[n(G)] .$ Let n(G) = H, by Theorem B  $\gamma_{ssn}(H) = \alpha_0(H)$ Thus  $\gamma_{ssn} [H] = V(H) - \beta_0(H)$ Further it is known that  $\omega \left( \overline{H} \right) = \beta_0 (H)$ Hence  $\gamma_{ssn} (G) = V [n (G)] - \omega [\overline{n(G)}]$ Since ,  $\omega [\overline{(G)}] \ge 2$ 

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Then  $\gamma_{ssn}(G) \leq q + c - 2$ .

**Theorem 13:** For any connected (p, q) graph G, with  $p \ge 4$  vertices and  $n(G) \ne K_p$ , then

 $i[n(G)] + \gamma_{ssn}[G] \le q + c$ , where c is the number of cutvertices in G.

**Proof:** Since  $i[n(G)] \le \beta_0 [n(G)]$ and  $Y_{ssn} [G] \le \alpha_0 [n(G)]$  $i [n(G)] + \gamma_{ssn} [G] \le \alpha_0 [n(G)] + \beta_0 [n(G)]$ = V [n (G)]= q + c.Then  $i [n(G)] + \gamma_{ssn} [G] \le q + c.$ 

**Theorem 14:** For any connected (p, q) graph G with  $p \ge 4$  vertices and  $n(G) \ne K_p$ , then

$$\left\lceil \frac{\mathbf{p}}{\Delta(\mathbf{G})+1} \right\rceil \leq \gamma_{\rm ssn}(\mathbf{G})$$

**Proof:** Let D be a  $\gamma$  - set of G and each vertex dominates at most itself and  $\Delta(G)$  other

vertices, so 
$$\left| \frac{P}{\Delta(G)+1} \right| \le \gamma$$
 (G) and from Theorem [9]  
 $\left[ \frac{P}{\Delta(G)+1} \right] \le \gamma_{ssn}$  (G)

Finally we obtain Northus Gaddum Type results.

**Theorem 15:** For any connected (p, q) graph G and  $\overline{G}$  with  $p \ge 4$  vertices and  $n(G) \ne K_p$ , then

(i) 
$$\gamma_{\text{ssn}}(G) + \gamma_{\text{ssn}}(\overline{G}) \le p+q$$
  
(ii)  $\gamma_{\text{ssn}}(G) \cdot \gamma_{\text{ssn}}(\overline{G}) \le \left[\frac{p\cdot q}{2}\right]$ 

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