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# Some Cycle and Star Related Nordhaus-Gaddum Type Relations on Strong Efficient Dominating Sets

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ABSTRACT. Let G = (V, E) be a simple graph with p vertices and q edges. A subset S of V(G) is called a strong (weak) efficient dominating set of G if for every  $v \in V(G)$  we have  $|N_s[v] \cap S| = 1$  (resp.  $|N_w[v] \cap S| = 1$ ), where  $N_s(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G), deg(u) \ge deg(v)\}$ . 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. In this paper, some cycle and star related Nordhaus-Gaddum type relations on strong efficient dominating sets are studied.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper only finite, undirected and simple graphs are considered. Let G = (V, E) be a graph with p vertices and q edges. 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 degree of a vertex is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively. A vertex of degree 0 in G is called an *isolated vertex* and a vertex of degree 1 in G is called a *pendant vertex*. A subset S of V(G) is called a *dominating set* of G if every vertex in V(G) - S is adjacent to a vertex in S (see [5]). The domination number of a graph G, denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of G. Sampathkumar et al. introduced the concepts of strong and weak domination in graphs (see [10]). A subset S of V(G) is called a *strong dominating set* of G if for every  $v \in V - S$  there exists a  $u \in S$  such that u and v are adjacent and  $deg(u) \ge deg(v)$ . A subset S of V(G) is called an efficient dominating set of G if for every  $v \in V - S$  there exists a  $u \in S$  such that u and v are adjacent and  $deg(u) \ge deg(v)$ .

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for every  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $|N[v] \cap S| = 1$  (see [1] and [4]).

The concept of strong (weak) efficient domination in graphs was introduced by Meena et al. (see [7]). A subset S of V(G) is called a *strong (weak) efficient dominating set* of G if for every  $v \in V(G)$  we have  $|N_s[v] \cap S| = 1$  (resp.  $|N_w[v] \cap S| =$ 1). Here,  $N_s(v)$  denotes the set of all vertices  $u \in V(G)$  such that uv is an edge in G and where  $deg(u) \geq deg(v)$ . The minimum cardinality of a strong (weak) efficient dominating set is called *strong (weak) efficient domination number* and is denoted by  $\gamma_{se}(G)$  (resp.  $\gamma_{we}(G)$ ). A graph G is strong efficient if there exists a strong efficient dominating set of G. The number of strong efficient dominating sets of a graph G is donoted by  $\#\gamma_{se}(G)$ . Murugan et al. studied the Nordhaus-Gaddum type relations on strong efficient dominating sets in [8]. In this paper, some cycle and star related Nordhaus-Gaddum type relations on strong efficient dominating sets are necessary for the present study.

## **Results.**([7, 8])

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

**1.2:** 
$$\gamma_{se}(K_n) = 1, n \ge 1.$$

- **1.3:**  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) = 1, n \ge 1.$
- **1.4:**  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3n}) = n, n \ge 1.$
- **1.5:** Since  $C_{3n+1}$  and  $C_{3n+2}$  do not have efficient dominating sets, they do not have strong efficient dominating sets.
- **1.6:** If there exists exactly one maximum degree vertex, then any strong efficient dominating set must contain it.

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

- **1.8:** A graph G does not admit a strong efficient dominating set if the distance between any two maximum degree vertices is exactly two.
- **1.9:** Any strong efficient dominating set is independent.
- **1.10:** The sub division graph S(G) of a graph G is obtained from G by inserting a new vertex into every edge of G.
- **1.11:**  $\gamma_{se}[S(C_{3n})] = 2n \text{ for all } n \in N.$
- **1.12:**  $\gamma_{se}[S(k_{1,n})] = n + 1$  for all  $n \in N$ .
- **1.13:** If an efficient graph G of order n is an r-regular, then  $\gamma = \frac{n}{r+1}$ .

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**1.14:** Let G be a graph with a strong efficient dominating number  $\gamma_{se}(G)$ . The number of distinct strong efficient dominating sets of a graph G is denoted by  $\#\gamma_{se}(G)$ .

**1.15:** 
$$\#\gamma_{se}(P_m) = \begin{cases} 1 \ if \ m = 3n \ or \ m = 3n+2, \ n \in N \\ 2 \ if \ m = 2 \ or \ m = 3n+1, \ n \in N. \end{cases}$$

**1.16:**  $\#\gamma_{se}(K_n) = n, n \in N.$ 

**1.17:**  $\#\gamma_{se}(C_{3n}) = 3, n \in N.$ 

#### 2. Main Results

In this section, line graph, jump graph, semi-total point graph, semi-total line graph, total graph, quasi-vertex total graph and complementary prism are defined. Cycle and start related Nordhaus-Gaddum type relations of strong efficient dominating sets and the number of strong efficient dominating sets are studied.

**Definition 2.1.**([12]) The *line graph* L(G) of G is the graph whose vertex set is E(G) in which two vertices are adjacent if and only if they are adjacent in G.

The following theorem is established first.

**Theorem 2.2.**  $L(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if  $n = 3m, m \in N$ . Further  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \gamma_{se}[L(C_{3m})] = 2m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \#\gamma_{se}[L(C_{3m})] = 6$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$ ;  $1 \le i \le n-1, e_n = v_n v_1$  be the edges of the cycle  $C_n$ . Obviously  $L(C_n)$  is a  $C_n$  with vertices  $e_1, e_2, ..., e_n$ .

Therefore by Results 1.4 and 1.5,  $L(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if n = 3m. Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \gamma_{se}[L(C_{3m})] = 2m$  and by Result 1.17,  $\#\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \#\gamma_{se}[L(C_{3m})] = 6$ .

**Theorem 2.3.**  $L(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Further

$$\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[L(K_{1,n})] = 2 \text{ and } \#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[L(K_{1,n})] = n+1.$$

Proof.  $L(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Further  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[L(K_{1,n})] = 2$ and  $\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[L(K_{1,n})] = n + 1$ .  $\Box$ 

Now the concept of jump graph of a graph is defined.

**Definition 2.4.**([2]) The *jump graph* J(G) of G is the graph whose vertex set is E(G) in which two vertices are adjacent if and only if they are non-adjacent in G.

**Theorem 2.5.**  $J(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if n = 3 or n = 4. Moreover

$$\gamma_{se}[J(C_n)] = \begin{cases} 3 \ if \ n = 3, \\ 2 \ if \ n = 4, \end{cases} \quad and \quad \#\gamma_{se}[J(C_n)] = \begin{cases} 1 \ if \ n = 3, \\ 4 \ if \ n = 4. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be vertices of  $C_n$ , and  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$  for all  $1 \le i \le n-1$ 

and  $e_n = v_n v_1$  be the edges. Suppose n > 4. For all i with  $1 \le i \le n-1$ ,  $e_{1i}$  is adjacent in  $J(C_n)$  with all vertices other than  $e_{i-1}$  and  $e_{i+1}$ , similarly  $e_n$  is adjacent with all the vertices other than  $e_{n-1}$  and  $e_1$ . Thus  $J(C_n)$  is regular of degree n-3. Suppose  $J(C_n)$  is strong efficient, and let S be a strong efficient dominating set of  $J(C_n)$ . Suppose further that  $e_1 \in S$ . The vertex  $e_1$  strongly dominates all vertices other than  $e_2$  and  $e_n$ , which are adjacent. If  $e_2 \in S$ , then  $|N_s[e_4] \cap S| = |\{e_1, e_2\}| = 2 > 1$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $e_2 \notin S$ . If  $e_n \in S$ , then  $|N_s[e_3] \cap S| = |\{e_1, e_n\}| = 2 > 1$ ; also a contradiction. Therefore  $e_n \notin S$ . This is true for any  $e_i \in S, 1 \le i \le n$ . Hence  $J(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when n > 4.

Conversely suppose  $n \leq 4$ . Two cases are considered.

Case (i): Suppose n = 3.  $J(C_3)$  is  $3K_1$  which is obviously strong efficient with the unique strong efficient dominating set  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ .

Case (ii): Suppose n = 4.  $J(C_4)$  is  $2K_2$  for which  $\{e_1, e_2\}, \{e_1, e_4\}, \{e_3, e_2\}$  and  $\{e_3, e_4\}$  are strong efficient dominating sets.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.**  $J(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Moreover

$$\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[J(K_{1,n})] = n+1 \text{ and } \#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[J(K_{1,n})] = 2.$$

Proof. Since  $J(K_{1,n})$  is  $\overline{K}_n$ , we have  $\gamma_{se}[J(K_{1,n})] = n$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[J(K_{1,n})] = 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[J(K_{1,n})] = n + 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[J(K_{1,n})] = 2$ .  $\Box$ 

**Definition 2.7.** The paraline graph PL(G) is a line graph of the subdivision graph of G.

**Theorem 2.8.**  $PL(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if  $n = 3m, m \in N$ . Further  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \gamma_{se}[PL(C_{3m})] = 3m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \#\gamma_{se}[PL(C_{3m})] = 6$ .

*Proof.* Obviously  $PL(C_n)$  is  $C_{2n}$  and hence from Results 1.4 and  $1.5, \gamma_{se}[PL(C_{3m})] = 2m$  and by Result 1.17,  $\#\gamma_{se}[PL(C_{3m})] = 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \gamma_{se}[PL(C_{3m})] = 3m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \#\gamma_{se}[PL(C_{3m})] = 6$ .

**Theorem 2.9.**  $PL[K_{1,n}]$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Further

$$\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[PL(K_{1,n})] = n + 1 \text{ and} \\ \#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[PL(K_{1,n})] = \begin{cases} 4 \text{ if } n = 1, \\ n + 1 \text{ if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let v and  $v_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the vertices if  $K_{1,n}$  and let  $vv_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the edges. Let  $u_i$  be the vertice obtained by subdividing the edge  $vv_i$  of the star for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Let  $e_i = vu_i$  and  $e_{n+1} = u_iv_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the edges of  $PL[K_{1,n}]$ . Case (i): Suppose n = 1.  $PL[K_{1,1}]$  is  $P_2$  which is obviously strong efficient and hence  $\gamma_{se}[PL(K_{1,1})] = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[PL(K_{1,1})] = 2$ .

Case (ii): Suppose that n > 1, that  $\Delta PL[K_{1,n}] = deg(e_i) = n$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ and that  $deg(e_j) = 1; n + 1 \le j \le 2n$ . We see that  $e_1$  is adjacent with the  $e_j^s$  for  $2 \leq j \leq n+1$ . Hence  $e_1$  strongly dominates all of these vertices. Also, the vertices  $e_{n+j}$  for  $2 \leq j \leq n$  are muthually non-adjacent. Therefore  $\{e_1, e_{n+2}, e_{n+3}, \cdots, e_{2n}\}$  is a strong efficient dominating set of  $PL[K_{1,n}]$ . Similarly  $\{e_2, e_{n+1}, e_{n+3}, e_{n+4}, \cdots, e_{2n}\}, \{e_3, e_{n+1}, e_{n+2}, e_{n+4}, e_{n+5}, \cdots, e_{2n}\}, \cdots, \{e_n, e_{n+1}, e_{n+2}, \cdots, e_{2n-1}\}$  is also a strong efficient dominating set of  $PL(K_{1,n})$ .

Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[PL(K_{1,n})] = n$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(PL[K_{1,n}]) = \begin{cases} 2 \ if \ n = 1, \\ n \ if \ n > 1. \end{cases}$ 

Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[PL(K_{1,n})] = n + 1$  and

$$\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[PL(K_{1,n})] = \begin{cases} 4 \ if \ n = 1, \\ n+1 \ if \ n > 1. \end{cases} \square$$

**Definition 2.10.**([9]) The semi-total point graph  $T_2(G)$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices are adjacent if and only if

- (i) they are adjacent vertices of G or
- (ii) one is a vertex of G and the other is an edge of G incident with it.

**Theorem 2.11.**  $T_2(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if n = 3m for  $m \in N$ . Further

$$\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \gamma_{se}[T_2(C_{3m})] = 3m \text{ and } \#\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_2(C_{3m})] = 6.$$

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1$ , as well as  $e_n = v_n v_1$  be the edges of the cycle  $C_n$ . Let  $n \ne 3m$ . Suppose  $T_2(C_n)$  is strong efficient. Let S be a strong efficient dominating set of  $T_2(C_n)$ .

Case (i): Let n = 3m+1.  $\Delta[T_2(C_{3m+1})] = deg(v_i) = 4$ ,  $deg(e_i) = 2; 1 \le i \le 3m+1$ . Suppose  $v_1 \in S$ . We have that  $v_1$  strongly dominates the vertices  $v_2, v_{3m+1}, e_1$  and  $e_{3m+1}$ . Similarly  $v_{3i-2}$  strongly dominates  $v_{3i-3}, v_{3i-1}, e_{3i-3}$  and  $e_{3i-2}; 2 \le i \le m$ . If  $v_{3m} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[V_{3m+1}] \cap S| = |\{v_1, v_{3m}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $v_{3m} \notin S$ . Hence there is no vertex in S that strongly efficiently dominates  $V_{3m}$ . Hence  $T_2(C_{3m+1})$  is not strong efficient.

Case (ii): Let n = 3m + 2, and observe that  $\Delta[T_2(C_{3m+2})] = deg(v_i) = 4$  and  $deg(e_i) = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3m + 2$ . Suppose  $v_1 \in S$ . The vertex  $v_1$  strongly dominates the vertices  $v_2, v_{3m+2}, e_1$  and  $e_{3m+2}$ . Similarly  $v_{3i-2}$  strongly dominates  $v_{3i-3}, v_{3i-1}, e_{3i-3}$  and  $e_{3i-2}$  for  $2 \leq i \leq m$ . Moreover,  $v_{3m}$  and  $v_{3m+1}$  are adjacent. Subcase (ii a): Suppose  $v_{3m} \in S$ . Then  $|N_s[V_{3m-1}] \cap S| = |\{v_{3m}, v_{3m-2}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradicition. Therefore  $v_{3m} \notin S$ .

Subcase (ii b): Suppose  $v_{3m+1} \in S$ . Then  $|N_s[V_{3m+2}] \cap S| = |\{v_1, v_{3m+1}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradicition. Therefore  $v_{3m+1} \notin S$ . Hence there is no vertex in S to strongly efficiently dominate  $V_{3m+1}$ . Therefore  $T_2(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when n = 3m + 1 or 3m + 2.

Conversely suppose n = 3m. Then  $\Delta[T_2(C_{3m})] = deg(v_i) = 4$  and  $deg(e_i) = 2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3m$ . Also,  $e_i^s$  are non-adjacent. For  $1 \leq i \leq m$  the vertex  $v_{3i-2}$  strongly dominate all the vertices other than  $e_{3i-1}$ . The vertices  $e_{3i-1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ 

 $i \leq m$  are strongly dominated by themselves. Hence  $\{v_{3i-2}, e_{3i-1}; 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  is a strong efficient dominating set of  $T_2(C_{3m})$ . By symmetry,  $\{v_{3i-1}, e_{3i}; 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and  $\{v_{3i}, e_{3i-2}; 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  are also strong efficient dominating sets of  $T_2(C_n)$ .

Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[T_2(C_{3m})] = 2m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[T_2(C_{3m})] = 3$ .

Hence  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \gamma_{se}[T_2(C_{3m})] = 3m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_2(C_{3m})] = 6.$ 

Now the following theorem is established.

**Theorem 2.12.**  $T_2(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Further

$$\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,n})] = 2 \text{ and} \#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,n})] = \begin{cases} 5 \text{ if } n = 1, \\ 2 \text{ if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let v and  $v_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = vv_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the edges of the star  $K_{1,n}$ .

Case (i): Suppose n = 1. Then  $T_2(K_{1,1})$  is the cycle  $c_3$  for which  $\{e_1\}, \{v\}, \{v_1\}$  are the strong efficient dominating sets. Hence  $\gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,1})] = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,1})] = 3$ .

Case (ii): Suppose n > 1. In  $T_2(K_{1,n}), v$  is adjacent with all the  $v_i^s$  and  $e_i^s; 1 \le i \le n$ . Thus v is the unique full degree vertex. Therefore, by Result 1.1,  $\gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,n})] = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,n})] = 1$ .

Therefore 
$$\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,n})] = 2$$
 and  
 $\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_2(K_{1,n})] = \begin{cases} 5 \ if \ n = 1, \\ 2 \ if \ n > 1. \end{cases}$ 

**Definition 2.13.** ([9]) The semi-total line graph  $T_1(G)$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices are adjacent if and only if

- (i) they are adjacent edges of G or
- (ii) one is a vertex of G and the other is an edge of G incident with it.

**Theorem 2.14.**  $T_1(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if  $n = 3m, m \in N$ . Further  $\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \gamma_{se}[T_1(C_{3m})] = 3m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}(C_{3m}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_1(C_{3m})] = 6$ .

*Proof.*  $T_1(C_n)$  is obtained from  $T_2(C_n)$  by replacing  $v_i$  and  $e_i$ . Hence the result follows from Theorem 2.11.

**Theorem 2.15.**  $T_1(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Further

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[T_1(K_{1,n})] &= n+1, \text{ if } n \ge 1 \text{ and} \\ \#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_1(K_{1,n})] &= \begin{cases} 3 \text{ if } n = 1, \\ n+1 \text{ if } n > 1. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

*Proof.* Let v and  $v_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = vv_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the edges of the star  $K_{1,n}$ .

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 $T_1(K_{1,1})$  is  $P_3$  which is strong efficient and  $\gamma_{se}[T_1(K_{1,1})] = 1$ . Thus  $\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_1(K_{1,n})] = 3$ 

Suppose  $n \ge 2$ . In  $T_1(K_{1,n})$ , we have deg(v) = n,  $deg(v)_i = 1$ , and  $deg(e_i) = n + 1 = \Delta[T_1(K_{1,n})]$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Each  $e_i$  strongly uniquely dominates v and all  $v_i$ 's for  $j \ne i$ .

Hence  $\{e_i, v_j | j \neq i, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , form strong efficient dominating sets of  $T_1(K_{1,n})$ . Therefore  $T_1(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient and  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) = n$ , if  $n \geq 1$ .  $\#\gamma_{se}[T_1(K_{1,n})] = n$ . Hence  $\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T_1(K_{1,n})] = n + 1$  if n > 1

**Definition 2.16.** The *total graph* T(G) of a graph G is the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices are adjacent if and only if

- (i) they are adjacent vertices of G or
- (ii) they are adjacent edges of G or
- (iii) one is a vertex of G and the other is an edge of G incident with it.

**Theorem 2.17.**  $T(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if  $n = 5m, m \in N$ . Further  $\gamma_{se}[T(C_{5m})] = 2m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[T(C_{5m})] = 5$ .

Proof. Let  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1$  and  $e_n = v_n v_1$  be the edges of the cycle  $C_n$ . In  $T(C_n)$ ,  $v_i$  is adjacent with  $v_{i+1}, v_{i-1}, e_i$  and  $e_{i-1}$  for  $2 \le i \le n-1$ . We have that  $e_i$  is adjacent with  $e_{i-1}, e_{i+1}, v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  for  $2 \le i \le n-1$ , and that  $v_1$  is adjacent with  $v_2, v_n, e_1$  and  $e_n$ . The vertex  $v_n$  is adjacent with  $v_{n-1}, v_1, e_{n-1}$  and  $e_n$ . The vertex  $e_1$  is adjacent with  $e_2, e_n, v_1$  and  $v_2$ . The vertex  $e_n$  is adjacent with  $v_n, v_1, e_{n-1}$  and  $e_1$ . Hence  $deg(v_i) = deg(e_i) = 4$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Therefore  $T(C_n)$  is regular of degree 4. Suppose  $n \ne 5m$ . Suppose  $T(C_n)$  is strong efficient. Let S be a strong efficient dominating set.

Case (i): Let n = 5m + 1. Suppose  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2} \in S$  for  $1 \le i \le m$ . Then  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2}$ for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $v_{5m}$  and  $e_{5m}$ . Also  $v_{5m}$  and  $e_{5m}$  are adjacent. If  $v_{5m} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[V_{5m+1}] \cap S| = |\{v_1, v_{5m}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradicition. Therefore  $v_{5m} \notin S$ . If  $e_{5m} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_{5m+1}] \cap S| =$  $|\{v_1, e_{5m}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{5m} \notin S$ . This is for any  $v_i \in S$ . Therefore  $T(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when n = 5m + 1 for  $m \in N$ . Case (ii): Let n = 5m + 2. Suppose  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2} \in S$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . As before  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $v_{5m+1}, v_{5m}$ and  $e_{5m}$ . Also  $v_{5m+1}, v_{5m}$  and  $e_{5m}$  are mutually adjacent. If  $v_{5m+1} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[V_{5m+2}] \cap S| = |\{v_1, v_{5m+1}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $v_{5m+1} \notin S$ . If  $v_{5m} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[V_{5m-1}] \cap S| = |\{v_{5m}, e_{5m-2}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradicition. Therefore  $v_{5m} \notin S$ . If  $e_{5m} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[e_{5m-1}] \cap S| =$  $|\{e_{5m}, e_{5m-2}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{5m} \notin S$ . If  $e_{5m+1} \in$ S, then  $|N_s[e_{5m+2}] \cap S| = |\{v_1, e_{5m+1}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradicition. Therefore  $e_{5m+1} \notin S$ . Therefore  $e_{5m} \notin S$ . This is for any  $v_i \in S$ . Therefore  $T(C_n)$ is not strong efficient when  $n = 5m + 2, m \in N$ .

Case (iii): Let n = 5m + 3. Suppose  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2} \in S$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Then  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq m$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $e_{5m+2}$ . If  $e_{5m+2} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[V_{5m+3}] \cap S| = |\{v_1, e_{5m+2}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradicition. Therefore  $e_{5m+2} \notin S$ . Therefore  $e_{5m} \notin S$ . This is for any  $v_i \in S$ . Therefore  $T(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when  $n = 5m + 3, m \in N$ .

Case (iv): Let n = 5m + 4. Suppose  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2} \in S; 1 \leq i \leq m$ . As before  $v_{5i-4}, e_{5i-2}; 1 \leq i \leq m$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $v_{5m+3}, e_{5m+2}$  and  $e_{5m+3}$ . If  $v_{5m+3} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_{5m+4}] \cap S| = |\{v_1, v_{5m+3}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $v_{5m+3} \notin S$ . If  $e_{5m+2} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[e_{5m+1}] \cap S| = |\{v_{5m+1}, e_{5m+2}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{5m+2} \notin S$ . If  $e_{5m+3} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_{5m+4}] \cap S| = |\{e_{5m+3}, v_1\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{5m+2} \notin S$ . If  $e_{5m+3} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_{5m+4}] \cap S| = |\{e_{5m+3}, v_1\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{5m+3} \notin S$ . Therefore  $e_{5m} \notin S$ . This is for any  $v_i \in S$ . Therefore  $T(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when  $n = 5m + 4, m \in N$ .

Case (v): Let n = 4. Suppose  $v_1 \in S$ .  $v_1$  strongly dominates  $v_2, v_4, e_1$  and  $e_4$ . If  $e_2$  or  $v_3$  belongs to S then  $v_2$  is strongly dominated by two vertices  $v_1$  and  $e_2$  or  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  respectively. If  $e_3$  belongs to S then  $v_4$  is strongly dominated by two vertices  $v_1$  and  $e_3$ . Therefore  $e_2, e_3$  and  $v_3$  do not belong to S. There is no vertex in S to strongly dominate these three vertices, a contradiction. This is true if any  $v_i$  or  $e_i$  belong to S. Hence  $T(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when n = 4.

Case (vi): Let n = 3. Suppose  $v_1 \in S$ .  $v_1$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $e_2$ . If  $e_2$  belongs to S then all the vertices other than  $v_1$  are strongly dominated by two vertices  $v_1$  and  $e_2$ . Therefore  $e_2 \notin S$ . Hence there is no vertex in S to strongly dominate  $e_2$ , a contradiction. This is true if any  $v_i$  or  $e_i$  belong to S. Hence  $T(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when n = 3.

Conversely suppose n = 5m. In  $T(C_{5m}), v_{5i-4}$  strongly dominates the vertices  $v_{5i-3}, e_{5i-4}, e_{5m}$  and  $v_{5i-1}; 1 \leq i \leq m$ . Similarly  $e_{5i-2}$  strongly dominates the vertices  $e_{5i-3}, e_{5i-1}, v_{5i-2}$  and  $v_{5i-1}; 1 \leq i \leq m$ . Hence  $\{v_{5i-4}, e_{5i+2}; 1 \leq i \leq m\}$  are also strong efficient dominating sets of  $T(C_{5m})$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[T(C_{5m})] = 2m$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[T(C_{5m})] = 5, m \in N$ .

**Theorem 2.18.**  $T(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Further

$$\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,n})] = 2 \text{ and} \\ \#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,n})] = \begin{cases} 5 \text{ if } n = 1, \\ 2 \text{ if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let v and  $v_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = vv_i$  be the edges of the star  $K_{1,n}$ .

Case (i): Suppose n = 1.  $T(K_{1,1})$  is a cycle  $C_3$  for which  $\{e_1\}, \{v\}, \{v_1\}$  are the strong efficient dominating set.

Hence  $\gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,1})] = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,1})] = 3$ .

Case (ii): Suppose n > 1. In  $T(K_{1,n})$ , v is adjacent with all  $v_i^s$  and  $e_i^s$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Hence v is the unique full degree vertex,  $deg(v_i) = 2$ ,  $deg(e_i) = 1 + i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . By Result 1.1,  $\gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,n})] = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,n})] = 1$ .

Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,n})] = 2$  and

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$$\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[T(K_{1,n})] = \begin{cases} 5 \ if \ n = 1, \\ 2 \ if \ n > 1. \end{cases} \square$$

**Definition 2.19.**([11]) The quasi-total graph P(G) is the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices are adjacent if and only if

- (i) they are non adjacent vertices of G or
- (ii) they are adjacent edges of G or
- (iii) one is a vertex of G and the other is an edge of G incident with it.

**Theorem 2.20.**  $P(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if n = 3. Further  $\gamma_{se}[P(C_n)] = 2$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[P(C_n)] = 3$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1, e_n = v_n v_1$  be the edges of the cycle  $C_n$ . Let n > 3. Suppose  $P(C_n)$  is strong efficient. Let S be a strong efficient dominating set of  $P(C_n)$ .

Case (i): Let  $n = 4.\Delta[P(C_4)] = deg(e_i) = 4, deg(v_i) = 3; 1 \le i \le 4$ . Suppose  $e_1 \in S$ . The vertex  $e_1$  strongly dominates all the vertices other than  $e_3, v_3$  and  $v_4$ . If  $e_3 \in S$ , then  $|N_s[e_2] \cap S| = |\{e_1, e_3\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $e_3 \notin S$ . If  $v_3 \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_1] \cap S| = |\{e_1, v_3\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $v_3 \notin S$ . If  $v_4 \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_2] \cap S| = |\{e_1, v_3\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $v_3 \notin S$ . If  $v_4 \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_2] \cap S| = |\{e_1, v_4\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradiction. Therefore  $v_4 \notin S$ . Therefore  $P(C_4)$  is not strong efficient.

Case (ii): Let n = 5. In  $P(C_5)$ ,  $deg(v_i) = deg(e_i) = 4$  for  $1 \le i \le 5$ . Suppose  $e_1 \in S$ . The vertex  $e_1$  strongly dominates  $v_2, e_2, v_1$  and  $e_5$ . If either  $v_3$  or  $e_3$  belong to S, then  $e_2$  is dominated by two elements  $v_3, e_1 \text{or} e_3, e_1$  of S respectively, a contradiction. Therefore  $v_3$  and  $e_3$  do not belong to S. If  $v_4 \in S$ , then  $v_2$  is dominated by two elements  $v_4$  and  $e_1$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_4$  doesnot belong to S. If either  $v_5$  or  $e_4$  belong to S, then  $e_5$  is dominated by two elements  $v_5, e_1$  or  $e_4, e_1$  of S respectively, a contradiction. Therefore  $v_5$  and  $e_4$  do not belong to S. Hence  $P(C_5)$  is not efficient.

Case (iii): Let n > 5. Then  $\Delta[P(C_n)] = deg(v_i) = n - 1$ , and  $deg(e_i) = 4$  for  $1 \le i \le 4$ . The vertex  $v_i$  strongly dominates all the  $v_j^s$  other than  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Also  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  are adjacent. If  $v_{i-1} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_{i-3}] \cap S| = |\{v_i, v_{i-1}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $v_{i-1} \notin S$ . If  $v_{i+1} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[v_{i+3}] \cap S| = |\{v_i, v_{i+1}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradiction. Therefore  $v_{i+1} \notin S$ . Therefore  $P(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when n > 3.

Conversely suppose n = 3. Obviously  $\{e_1, v_3\}, \{e_2, v_1\}$  and  $\{e_1, v_3\}$  are strong efficient dominating sets  $P(C_3)$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[P(C_3)] = 2$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[P(C_3)] = 3$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.21.**  $P(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient if and only if n = 1. Further

$$\gamma_{se}[P(K_{1,1})] = \#\gamma_{se}[P(K_{1,n})] = 1$$

*Proof.*Let  $v, v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = vv_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$  be the edges of the star  $K_{1,n}$ . Suppose n > 1. Let  $P(K_{1,n})$  be strong efficient and let S be a strong efficient dominating set of  $P(K_{1,n})$ .

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In  $P(K_{1,n})$  the vertex  $v_i$  is adjacent with all other  $v_j^s$  and  $e_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Therefore  $deg(v_i) = n$ . Also  $e_i$  is adjacent with all other  $e_j^s$ ,  $v_i$  and v for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Therefore  $deg(e_i) = n + 1$ . Similarly v is adjacent with all other  $e_j^s$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Therefore deg(v) = n. Suppose  $e_i \in S$ . Then  $e_i$  strongly dominates all other  $e_j^s$ ,  $v_i$ and  $v; 1 \le i \le n$ . Suppose  $v_j \in S, j \ne i$ , then  $|N_s[v_i] \cap S| = |\{e_i, v_j\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradicition. Therefore  $v_j \notin S$ . Therefore  $P(K_{1,n})$  is not strong efficient if n > 1.

Conversely suppose n = 1. Then  $P(K_{1,1})$  is  $P_3$  which is obviously strong efficient with the unique strong efficient dominating set  $\{e_1\}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[P(K_{1,1})] =$  $\#\gamma_{se}[P(K_{1,1})] = 1$ .  $\Box$ 

**Definition 2.22.**([11]) The quasi vertex-total graph Q(G) is the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  where two vertices are adjacent if and only if

- (i) they are adjacent vertices of G or
- (ii) they are nonadjacent vertices of G or
- (iii) they are adjacent edges of G or
- (iv) one is a vertex of G and the other is an edge of G incident with it.

**Theorem 2.23.**  $Q(C_n)$  is strong efficient if and only if  $n = 3m + 2, m \in N$ . Further

$$\gamma_{se}[Q(C_{3m+2})] = m+1 \text{ and } \#\gamma_{se}[Q(C_{3m+2})] = 3m+2.$$

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1, e_n = v_n v_1$  be the edges of the cycle  $C_n$ . Let  $n \ne 3m+2, m \in N$ . Suppose  $Q(C_n)$  is strong efficient. Let S be a strong efficient dominating set of  $Q(C_n)$ .

Case (i): Suppose  $n = 3m, m \in N$ . We have  $\Delta[Q(C_{3m})] = deg(v_i) = 3m + 1$  and  $deg(e_i) = 4; 1 \leq i \leq 3m$ . Suppose  $v_1 \in S$ . Then  $v_1$  strongly dominates all other  $v_j^s, e_{3m}$  and  $e_1$ . The remaining  $(3m-2)e_j^s$  which are adjacent with  $v_j$  and  $v_{j+1}$  form a path of length 3m - 2. Obviously  $e_3, e_6, e_9, \cdots, e_{3m-3}$  strongly dominates all the  $e_j^s$  except  $e_{3m-1}$  If  $e_{3m-1} \in S$  then  $|N_s[e_{3m}] \cap S| = |\{e_{3m-1}, v_1\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{3m-1} \notin S$ . Therefore  $Q(C_n)$  is not strong efficient when n = 3m for  $m \in N$ .

Case (ii): Suppose n = 3m + 1 for  $m \in N$ .  $\Delta[Q(C_{3m+1})] = deg(v_i) = 3m + 2$  and  $deg(e_i) = 4$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3m + 1$ . Suppose  $v_1 \in S$ . Then  $v_1$  strongly dominates all other  $v_j^s, e_{3m+1}$  and  $e_1$ . The remaining  $(3m - 1)e_j^s$  which are adjacent with  $v_j$  and  $v_{j+1}$  form a path of length 3m - 1. Obviously  $e_3, e_6, e_9, \cdots, e_{3m-3}$  strongly dominates all the  $e_j^s$  except  $e_{3m}$  and  $e_{3m-1}$ . If  $e_{3m} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[e_{3m+1}] \cap S| = |\{e_{3m}, v_1\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{3m} \notin S$ . If  $e_{3m-1} \in S$ , then  $|N_s[e_{3m-2}] \cap S| = |\{e_{3m-1}, e_{3m-3}\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is also a contradiction. Therefore  $e_{3m-1} \notin S$ . Therefore  $Q(C_n)$  is not strong efficient if n = 3m or  $3m + 1, m \in N$ .

Conversely suppose n = 3m + 2 for  $m \in N$ . Then  $\Delta[Q(C_{3m+2})] = deg(v_i) = 3m + 3$  and  $deg(e_i) = 4$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3m + 2$ . Suppose  $v_1 \in Q(C_{3m+2})$ 

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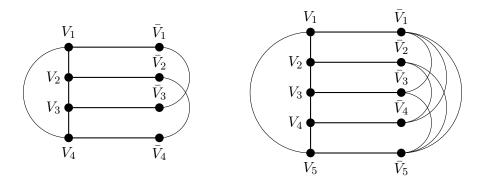


Figure 1: The graphs  $C_4\bar{C}_4$  and  $C_5\bar{C}_5$ 

S. We see that  $v_1$  strongly dominates all other  $v_j^s, e_{3m+2}$  and  $e_1$ . The remaining 3m vertices  $e_j^s$  which are adjacent with  $v_j$  and  $v_{j+1}$  form a path of length 3m. Obviously  $e_3, e_6, e_9, \cdots, e_{3m}$  strongly dominates all the remaining  $e_j^s$ . Hence  $\{v_1, e_3, e_6, e_9, \cdots, e_{3m}\}$  is a strong efficient dominating set. Similarly  $\{v_2, e_4, e_7, e_{10}, \cdots, e_{3m+1}\}, \{v_3, e_5, e_8, e_{10}, \cdots, e_{3m+2}\}\{v_4, e_6, e_9, e_{12}, \cdots, e_{3m}, e_1\}, \{v_5, e_7, e_{10}, e_{13}, \cdots, e_{3m+1}, e_2\} \cdots$  and  $\{v_{3m+2}, e_2, e_5, e_8, \cdots, e_{3m-1}\}$  are also strong efficient dominating sets.

Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[Q(C_{3m+2})] = m + 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[Q(C_{3m+2})] = 3m + 2, m \in N$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.24.**  $Q(K_{1,n})$  is strong efficient for all  $n \ge 1$ . Further

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,n})] &= 2 \ and \\ \#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,n})] &= \begin{cases} 5 \ if \ n = 1, \\ 2 \ if \ n > 1. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

*Proof.* Let v and  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be the vertices and  $e_i = vv_i$  be the edges of the star  $K_{1,n}$ . If n = 1, then  $Q(K_{1,1})$  is a cycle  $C_3$ . So  $\gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,1})] = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,1})] = 3$ . So let n > 1. In  $Q(K_{1,n})$ , v is adjacent with all  $v_i^s$  and  $e_i^s$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then v is the unique full degree vertex. Therefore by Result 1.1,  $\gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,n})] = 1$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,n})] = 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,n})] = 2$  and

$$\#\gamma_{se}(K_{1,n}) + \#\gamma_{se}[Q(K_{1,n})] = \begin{cases} 5 \ if \ n = 1, \\ 2 \ if \ n > 1. \end{cases} \square$$

**Definition 2.25.** ([6]) For a graph G, the complementary prism, donoted by  $G\overline{G}$ , is formed from a copy of G and a copy of  $\overline{G}$  by adding a perfect matching between corresponding vertices.

**Theorem 2.26.**  $C_n \bar{C}_n$  is strong efficient if and only if n = 3. Moreover  $\gamma_{se}[C_n \bar{C}_n] = 3$  and  $\# \gamma_{se}[C_n \bar{C}_n] = 3$ .

Proof. Let  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$  be the vertices of the cycle  $C_n$  and  $\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \cdots, \bar{v}_n$  be the vertices in the copy of  $\bar{C}_n$ . Let n > 3.

Case (i): Suppose n = 4 or n = 5. The graph  $C_4\bar{C}_4$  and  $C_5\bar{C}_5$  are shown in Fig 1. The subgraph induced by the maximum degree vertices is  $C_4$ , which is not strong efficient. Hence  $C_4\bar{C}_4$  is not strong efficient.  $C_5\bar{C}_5$  is the Peterson graph which is not efficient. Hence  $C_5\bar{C}_5$  is not strong efficient.

Case (ii): Suppose  $C_n \bar{C}_n$  is strong efficient. Let S be a strong efficient dominating set of  $C_n \bar{C}_n$  Suppose first n > 5. Then  $\Delta[C_n \bar{C}_n] = \deg(\bar{v}_i) = n - 2$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ and  $\deg(v_i) = 3$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ . Moreover  $\bar{v}_1$  and  $\bar{v}_n$  are non-adjacent. Suppose  $\bar{v}_1 \in S$  and observe that  $\bar{v}_1$  strongly dominates  $v_1$  and all  $\bar{v}_i$  other than  $\bar{v}_2$  and  $\bar{v}_n$ . Therefore  $\bar{v}_2 \in S$ . So  $|N_s[\bar{v}_4] \cap S| = |\{\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\bar{v}_2 \notin S$ . If  $\bar{v}_n \in S$ , then the vertices  $\bar{v}_i$  for  $3 \le i \le n - 2$  are strongly dominated by two vertices  $\bar{v}_i$  and  $\bar{v}_n$ , a contradiction. This is true if any  $\bar{v}_i \in S$ . Therefore  $C_n \bar{C}_n$  is not strong efficient when n > 3.

Conversely let n = 3.  $C_3\bar{C}_3$  is strong efficient with three strong efficient dominating sets  $\{v_1, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_3\}, \{v_2, \bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_3\}$  and  $\{v_3, \bar{v}_2, \bar{v}_1\}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[C_n\bar{C}_n] = 3$  and  $\#\gamma_{se}[C_n\bar{C}_n] = 3$ .

**Theorem 2.27.**  $K_{1,n}$ ,  $\overline{K}_{1,n}$  is strong efficient if and only if n = 1. Moreover

 $\gamma_{se}[K_{1,n}\bar{K}_{1,n}] = 2 \text{ and } \#\gamma_{se}[K_{1,n}\bar{K}_{1,n}] = 2.$ 

*Proof.* Let  $v, v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n$  be the vertices of  $K_{1,n}$  and  $\bar{v}, \bar{v}_i; 1 \leq i \leq n$  be the vertices of the copy of  $\bar{K}_{1,n}$  of  $\bar{K}_{1,n}$ . In  $K_{1,n}\bar{K}_{1,n}$ , v is adjacet with all  $v_i^s$  and  $\bar{v}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ .  $\Delta[K_{1,n}\bar{K}_{1,n}] = deg(v) = n + 1, deg(v_i) = 2, deg(\bar{v}_i) = n$  and  $deg(\bar{v}) = 1; 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let n > 1. Suppose  $K_{1,n}, \bar{K}_{1,n}$  is strong efficient. Any strong efficient dominating set must contain v. Let S be a strong efficient dominating set. v strongly dominates  $\bar{v}$  and  $v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n$ . If  $\bar{v}_i \in S$ , then  $|N_s[\bar{v}_i] \cap S| = |\{v, \bar{v}_i\}| = 2 > 1$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore  $\bar{v}_i \notin S$ . Therefore  $K_{1,n}\bar{K}_{1,n}$  is not strong efficient when n > 1.

Conversely let n = 1.  $K_{1,1}\bar{K}_{1,1}$  is the path  $P_4$  which is obviously strong efficient with strong efficient dominating set  $\{v, \bar{v}_1\}$  and  $\{\bar{v}, v_1\}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{se}[K_{1,n}\bar{K}_{1,n}] = 2$ and  $\#\gamma_{se}[K_{1,n}\bar{K}_{1,n}] = 2$ .

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