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# PLITHOGENIC VERTEX DOMINATION NUMBER

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ABSTRACT. The thrust of this paper is to extend the notion of Plithogenic vertex domination to the basic operations in Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs (PPFGs). When the graph is a complete PPFG, Plithogenic vertex domination numbers (PVDNs) of its Plithogenic complement and perfect Plithogenic complement are the same, since the connectivities are the same in both the graphs. Since extra edges are added to the graph in the case of perfect Plithogenic complement, the PVDN of perfect Plithogenic complement, when the graph under consideration is an incomplete PPFG. The maximum and minimum values of the PVDN of the intersection or the union of PPFGs depend upon the attribute values given to P-vertices, the number of attribute values and the connectivities in the corresponding PPFGs. The novelty in this study is the investigation of the variations and the relations between PVDNs in the operations of Plithogenic complement, perfect Plithogenic complement, union and intersection of PPFGs.

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# 1. Introduction

Based on the idea of fuzzy sets by L. Zadeh [25], fuzzy graphs were discussed by Kaufman [11, 16] and Rosenfeld [20]. Since then, fuzzy graph theory has grown exponentially both in theory and its applications in various disciplines. There are a large number of literary works on different types of fuzzy graphs and other related concepts. Domination in fuzzy graphs is one such an area in fuzzy graph theory where a constant and remarkable research is in progress. It was first introduced by Somasundaram A. and Somasundaram S. in 1998 [23] followed by many others like [1, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19]. Theoretical discussions regarding

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domination number in fuzzy graphs are also found in [2, 12, 24]. Mohideen and Ismayil [14] developed a new concept of domination where u dominates v need not imply v dominates u and vice versa. Based on this notion, dominating set, minimal/minimum dominating set, independent domination, domination number and their bounds were defined and investigated with examples and results. As the generalization of different types of fuzzy graphs, Plithogenic graphs were introduced by Smarandache et al. [9, 22]. As an extension of Plithogenic fuzzy graphs, *PPFG* was newly defined and discussed by T. Bharathi and S. Leo. [3], where the usual product operator is applied to compute the attribute values of P-edges. T. Bharathi et al. [4, 5, 6] also further explored in this line and newly introduced distance, operations of complement, perfect complement, union, intersection and domination in PPFGs. They discussed on two types of domination in *PPFGs*. In this paper, basic definitions and terminologies required for this study are presented in sections 2. The notion of Plithogenic vertex domination number in Plithogenic complement, perfect Plithogenic complement, union and intersection of PPFGs is analyzed for newer results and proofs in Section 3. The main ideas and the scope for further research are provided in the conclusion in section 4.

### 2. Basic Concepts

Let  $G_F = (V_F, E_F)$  be a Plithogenic fuzzy graph, where  $V_F = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$ and  $E_F = \{E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_m\}$  are Plithogenic fuzzy sets of vertices and edges respectively characterized by k attributes.  $G_F$  is said to be a PPFG denoted by  $G_p = (V_P, E_P)$ , if for any two adjacent  $V_i, V_j \in V_F, i \neq j$ , with the corresponding edge  $E_c \in E_F$ ,  $V_i = X_i(s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k)$ ,  $V_j = X_j(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_k)$  and  $E_c = Y_c(c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_k)$  where for any  $c_d \in Y_c$ ,  $c_d = s_a t_b$  with  $s_a \in X_i$  and  $t_b \in X_j; \ d = a = b; \ 1 \le d, a, b \le k; \ c_d, s_a, t_b \in [0, 1].$  Here  $X_i, X_j$  and  $Y_c$  are sets of attribute values from [0, 1] characterizing  $V_i, V_j$  and  $E_c$  respectively in  $G_F$  and  $k \geq 4$ . The sum of the attribute values of any  $V \in V_P$  is its P-weight denoted by  $P_{VW}(V)$ . The sum of the attribute values of any  $E \in E_P$  is its Pweight denoted by  $P_{EW}(E)$ . The sum of the *P*-weights of all the *P*-vertices in  $G_P$ is denoted by  $P_O(G_P)$ . Any  $V \in V_P$  with attribute values  $s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_k$  is said to be a strong P-vertex, if  $(s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_k) \ge A_{VW}(G_P)$ , where  $A_{VW}(G_P)$  is the average P-weight of P-vertices in  $G_P$ , i.e.,  $A_{VW}(G_P) = P_O(G_P)/|V_P(G_P)|$ , where  $|V_P(G_P)|$  is the number of P-vertices in  $G_P$ . Otherwise, V is called a weak *P*-vertex. A *P*-edge is said to be highly strong, if both of its adjacent *P*-vertices are strong. A P-edge is said to be strong, if one of its adjacent P-vertices is strong. Otherwise, it is a weak P-edge.  $G_P$  is said to be a complete PPFG if every  $V \in V_P$  is adjacent to the rest of the *P*-vertices in  $G_P$  [3].

The Plithogenic complement of a connected Plithogenic product fuzzy graph,  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  with  $V_P = \{V_1, V_2, \ldots, V_n\}$  and  $E_P = \{E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_m\}$ , is  $\overline{G_P} = (\overline{V_P}, \overline{E_P})$ , where  $|\overline{V_P}| = |V_P|$  with the same adjacency such that any adjacent  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  with attribute values  $\{s_a : 1 \le a \le k\}$  and  $\{t_b : 1 \le b \le k\}$  respectively in  $G_P$ , implies that

(i).  $\{(1-s_a) \in V_i : 1 \le a \le k\}$  and  $\{(1-t_b) \in V_j : 1 \le b \le k\}$  where  $V_i, V_j \in \overline{V_P}$ . (ii). $\{(1-s_a)(1-t_b) \in V_iV_j : 1 \le a, b \le k\}$ , where a = b and  $V_iV_j \in \overline{E_P}$ .

Moreover,  $\overline{G_P}$  is said to be a perfect Plithogenic complement of  $G_P$ , denoted by  $P\overline{G_P} = (\overline{V_{PP}}, \overline{E_{PP}})$  if for any two  $V_r$  and  $V_s$  nonadjacent in  $G_P$ , there exists a P-edge  $V_r V_s \in P\overline{G_P}$  such that the above conditions are satisfied [4].

Let  $G_{P_1} = (V_{P_1}, E_{P_1})$  and  $G_{P_2} = (V_{P_2}, E_{P_2})$  be PPFGs with k attribute values each.  $G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$  is  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  where  $|V_P| \leq |V_{P_1} \cup V_{P_2}|$  and  $|E_P| \leq |E_{P_1} \cup E_{P_2}|$  defined as follows:

(i). When  $V_{P_1} \cap V_{P_2} = \emptyset$ , then  $|V_P| = |V_{P_1} \cup V_{P_2}|$  and  $|E_P| = |E_{P_1} \cup E_{P_2}|$ .

(ii). For any  $V_i \in V_{P_1} \cap V_{P_2}$ , the attribute values of  $V_i$  is

 $\{g_d = max(s_a, t_b) : 1 \leq d, a, b \leq k; d = a = b; s_a \in V_{P_1}, t_b \in V_{P_2}\}$ , such that for every  $V_j$  with attribute values  $\{h_e : 1 \leq e \leq k\}$  adjacent to  $V_i$ , the attribute values of  $V_iV_j = \{g_dh_e : d = e \text{ and } 1 \leq d, e \leq k\}$  [4].

Let  $G_{P_1} = (V_{P_1}, E_{P_1})$  and  $G_{P_2} = (V_{P_2}, E_{P_2})$  be PPFGs with k attribute values each such that  $|V_{P_1}| = |V_{P_2}|$  with the same adjacency.  $G_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2}$  is  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  defined as for every  $V_i \in V_{P_1}$  and the corresponding  $V_j \in V_{P_2}$ , the attribute values of the corresponding  $V_x \in G_P$  is  $\{g_d = min(s_a, t_b) : 1 \le d, a, b \le k; d = a = b; s_a \in V_i \text{ in } G_{P_1}; t_b \in V_j \text{ in } G_{P_2}\}$  with i = j = x such that for any  $V_y \in V_P$  with attribute values  $\{h_e : 1 \le e \le k\}$  adjacent to  $V_x$ , the attribute values of  $V_x V_y = \{g_d h_e : d = e \text{ and } 1 \le d, e \le k\}$  [4].

Let  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  be a connected Plithogenic product fuzzy graph. For any adjacent  $V_i, V_j \in V_P$  in  $G_P, V_i$  is said to dominate  $V_j$  if  $V_i V_j$  is either a highly strong or strong *P*-edge in  $G_P$  such that  $P_{VW}(V_j) \leq P_{VW}(V_i)$ . Otherwise, the *P*-vertex with a greater *P*-weight is said to dominate the other whenever  $V_i V_j$ is a weak *P*-edge. A subset  $R_P$  of  $V_P$  is called a Plithogenic vertex dominating set of  $G_P$  if for every  $V_j \notin R_P$ , there exists at least one  $V_i \in R_P$  such that  $V_i$  dominates  $V_j$ . A Plithogenic vertex dominating set  $R_P$  is called a minimal Plithogenic vertex dominating set, if there is no Plithogenic vertex dominating set R' of  $G_P$  such that  $R' \subset R_P$ . The sum of the *P*-weights of the elements of any Plithogenic fuzzy set  $V_P$  is said to be its Plithogenic fuzzy cardinality denoted by  $|V_P|_f$ . The Plithogenic vertex domination number  $\gamma_v(G_P)$ , and the Plithogenic vertex upper-domination number  $D_v(G_P)$  are the minimum and the maximum Plithogenic fuzzy cardinalities taken over all minimal Plithogenic vertex dominating sets of  $G_P$  [6].

**Lemma 2.1.** If a Plithogenic product fuzzy graph  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  is complete with  $P_{VW}(V_i) = c$  (constant) for every  $V_i \in V_P$ , then its minimal Plithogenic vertex dominating sets are singleton sets containing every element of  $V_P$  [6].

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  is a Plithogenic product fuzzy graph with distinct P-weights of P-vertices, then every Plithogenic vertex dominating set of  $G_P$ contains  $V_i \in V_P$  such that  $P_{VW}(V_i)$  is the maximum [6].

#### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** For any incomplete Plithogenic product fuzzy graph with distinct P-weights of P-vertices, the Plithogenic vertex domination number of its Plithogenic complement is always greater than or equal to that of its perfect Plithogenic complement.

Proof. Let  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  be an incomplete PPFG where  $V_P = \{V_1, V_2, \ldots, V_n\}$ and  $E_P = \{E_1, E_2, \ldots, E_m\}$  are Plithogenic fuzzy sets of *P*-vertices and *P*edges respectively characterized by *k* attributes. Consider  $\overline{G_P} = (\overline{V_P}, \overline{E_P})$  and  $P\overline{G_P} = (\overline{V_{PP}}, \overline{E_{PP}})$  to be its Plithogenic complement and perfect Plithogenic complement respectively. Suppose that for every  $V_i \in V_P$  in  $G_P$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_i)$  is distinct. This implies that for every  $V_j \in \overline{V_P}$  in  $\overline{G_P}$ , and the corresponding  $V_r \in \overline{V_{PP}}$  in  $P\overline{G_P}$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_j) = P_{VW}(V_r)$ , where  $1 \leq i, j, r \leq n$  and i = j = r. **Case (i)** When the minimum PVDSs of  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  are singleton sets. Since the *P*-vertex with the maximum *P*-weight is the same both in  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$ , and it is the only element that belongs to the minimum PVDSs of both  $\overline{G_P}$  and

 $P\overline{G_P}$  by Lemma 2.2,  $\gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$ 

**Case (ii)** When the minimum PVDS of  $\overline{G_P}$  consists of more than one element. Since  $P\overline{G_P}$  is a complete PPFG and the minimum PVDS of  $P\overline{G_P}$  is a singleton set containing only the *P*-vertex with the maximum *P*-weight by Lemma 2.2., and the minimum PVDS of  $\overline{G_P}$  consists of more than one element including the *P*-vertex with the maximum *P*-weight,  $\gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) > \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** In a Plithogenic product fuzzy graph  $G_P$ , if for every  $V_i \in \overline{G_P}$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_i)$  is the same, then  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) = c$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G_P$ ,  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  be a *PPFG*, its Plithogenic complement and perfect Plithogenic complement respectively. Given that for every  $V_i \in \overline{G_P}$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_i)$  is the same. This implies  $P_{VW}(V_j)$  is also the same, where  $V_j$  is the corresponding *P*-vertex in  $P\overline{G_P}$ .

**Case (i)** When  $\overline{G_P}$  is complete and for every  $V_i \in \overline{G_P}$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_i)$  is the same, it implies that since  $P\overline{G_P}$  is complete, every *P*-vertex is adjacent to the rest of the *P*-vertices in  $P\overline{G_P}$ , and any one *P*-vertex dominates  $P\overline{G_P}$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) = c$ , where c is the *P*-weight of any *P*-vertex in  $P\overline{G_P}$ .

**Case (ii)** When  $\overline{G_P}$  is incomplete and for every  $V_i \in \overline{G_P}$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_i) = c$ , it implies that since  $P\overline{G_P}$  is complete, every *P*-vertex is adjacent to the rest of the *P*-vertices in  $P\overline{G_P}$ , and any one *P*-vertex dominates  $P\overline{G_P}$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) = c$ , where c is the *P*-weight of any *P*-vertex in  $P\overline{G_P}$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Any two Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs are said to be crisp isomorphic, if they have the same number of *P*-vertices, *P*-edges and also the same edge connectivity.

**Definition 3.4.** Any two crisp isomorphic Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  are said to be Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic if the number of attribute values is the same in both.



FIGURE 1.  $G_{P_1}$ 



FIGURE 2.  $G_{P_2}$ 

**Example 3.5.** Consider Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  as shown in Figures 1 and 2 respectively. Though their structures are different, they are crisp isomorphic Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs, since the number of P-vertices and their adjacencies are the same in both  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$ . The corresponding P-vertices in  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  are as follows:  $V_1 = A$ ;  $V_2 = B$ ;  $V_3 = C$ ;  $V_4 = D$  and  $V_5 = E$ . Moreover, since both  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  have 5 attribute values each, they are also Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic graphs.

**Lemma 3.6.** If the Plithogenic vertex domination numbers of a complete Plithogenic product fuzzy graph and its Plithogenic complement are distinct, then the Plithogenic vertex domination number of its perfect Plithogenic complement equals that of Plithogenic complement.

*Proof.* Let  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$  be a complete *PPFG*. Consider  $\overline{G_P} = (\overline{V_P}, \overline{E_P})$  and  $P\overline{G_P} = (\overline{V_{PP}}, \overline{E_{PP}})$  to be its Plithogenic complement and perfect Plithogenic complement respectively. Obviously  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  are also complete *PPFGs*. Let  $\gamma_v(G_P)$ ,  $\gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$  and  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$  be *PVDNs* of  $G_P$ ,  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  respectively. Suppose that  $\gamma_v(G_P) \neq \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$ . i.e.,  $V_i \in G_P$  such that  $P_{VW}(V_i)$  is the maximum dominates  $G_P$  implies  $\gamma_v(G_P) = P_{VW}(V_i)$ , and  $V_j \in G_P$  such that

 $P_{VW}(V_j)$  is the minimum, implies that for the corresponding  $V_r \in \overline{G_P}$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_r)$ is the maximum in  $\overline{G_P}$ , and  $V_r$  dominates  $\overline{G_P}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) = P_{VW}(V_r)$ and vice versa. Since  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  are Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic with the same *P*-weights, for  $V_s \in P\overline{G_P}$  corresponding to  $V_r \in \overline{G_P}$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_s) = P_{VW}(V_r)$ , and the singleton set containing  $V_s$  dominates  $P\overline{G_P}$ . This implies  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) = P_{VW}(V_s)$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** For a Plithogenic product fuzzy graph,  $G_P$  if  $\gamma_v(G_P)$  and  $\gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$  are not equal, then either  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$  or  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) \neq \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G_P$ ,  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  be Plithogenic product fuzzy graph, its Plithogenic complement and perfect Plithogenic complement respectively. Suppose that  $\gamma_v(G_P) \neq \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$ .

**Case (i)** When  $G_P$  is a complete *PPFG*, then obviously both  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  are also complete. By Lemma 3.6,  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$ .

**Case (ii)** When  $G_P$  is an incomplete *PPFG*, then  $\overline{G_P}$  is also incomplete, but  $P\overline{G_P}$  is complete. Suppose the minimum *PVDS* of  $\overline{G_P}$  and  $P\overline{G_P}$  are singleton sets, then by Theorem 3.1,  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$ . Otherwise,  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) < \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$ , i.e.,  $\gamma_v(P\overline{G_P}) \neq \gamma_v(\overline{G_P})$ .

**Remark 3.1.** For a complete Plithogenic product fuzzy graph  $G_P$  where every attribute value of *P*-vertices in  $G_P$  is  $\theta$ ,

(a)  $\gamma_v(G_P) < \gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$  when  $0 \le \theta < 0.5$ (b)  $\gamma_v(G_P) = \gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$  when  $\theta = 0.5$ (c)  $\gamma_v(G_P) > \gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) = \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$  when  $0.5 < \theta \le 1$ 

**Remark 3.2.** For an incomplete Plithogenic product fuzzy graph  $G_P$ , when every attribute value of *P*-vertices in  $G_P$  is  $\theta$ ,

(a)  $\gamma_v(G_P) < \gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) \ge \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$  when  $0 \le \theta < 0.5$ (b)  $\gamma_v(G_P) = \gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) \ge \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$  when  $\theta = 0.5$ (c)  $\gamma_v(G_P) > \gamma_v(\overline{G_P}) \ge \gamma_v(P\overline{G_P})$  when  $0.5 < \theta \le 1$ 

**Theorem 3.8.** The Plithogenic vertex domination number of the union of any two Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic graphs is always greater than or equal to the average of the Plithogenic vertex domination numbers of the corresponding graphs.

*Proof.* Let  $G_{P_1} = (V_{P_1}, E_{P_1})$  and  $G_{P_2} = (V_{P_2}, E_{P_2})$  be two Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic graphs with k attribute values each. Consider  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) = x$ ,  $\gamma_v(G_{P_2}) = y$ , and the union of  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  as  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$ . To prove that  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) \ge (x+y)/2$ , the following cases are considered.

**Case (i)** Suppose for every  $V_i \in V_{P_1}$  and the corresponding  $V_j \in V_{P_2}$  such that  $P_{VW}(V_i) = P_{VW}(V_j)$  and for every  $a_i \in V_i$  and the corresponding  $b_i \in V_j$  implies that  $a_i = b_i$  where  $a_i, b_i \in [0, 1]$  and  $1 \le i \le k$ , then  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) = \gamma_v(G_{P_2})$ , i.e., x = y. Therefore,  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) = (x + y)/2$  since  $G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2} = G_{P_1} = G_{P_2}$ . **Case (ii)** Suppose for every  $V_i \in V_{P_1}$  and the corresponding  $V_j \in V_{P_2}$  such

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that  $P_{VW}(V_i) \neq P_{VW}(V_j)$ , then  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) \neq \gamma_v(G_{P_2})$ , i.e.,  $x \neq y$ . This implies that since in  $G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$  for every  $V_r \in V_P$ ,  $P_{VW}(V_r) = \sum_{i=1}^k max(a_i, b_i)$  where  $a_i \in V_i$  and  $b_i \in V_j$ ;  $a_i, b_i \in [0, 1]$ ;  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  are the corresponding common *P*-vertices of  $V_r \in G_P$  in  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  respectively, it follows that  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) > 1/2\{\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) + \gamma_v(G_{P_2})\}$ , i.e.,  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) > (x + y)/2$ . **Case (iii)** Suppose there exist *P*-vertices in  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  such that for any  $V_i \in V_{P_1}$  and the corresponding  $V_j \in V_{P_2}$ , either  $P_{VW}(V_i) = P_{VW}(V_j)$  or  $P_{VW}(V_i) \neq$  $P_{VW}(V_j)$ . Since  $P_{VW}(V_r) = \sum_{i=1}^k max(a_i, b_i)$  where  $a_i \in V_i$  and  $b_i \in V_j$ ;  $a_i, b_i \in$ [0, 1];  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  are the corresponding common *P*-vertices of  $V_r \in$  $G_P$  in  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  respectively, it follows that  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) > 1/2\{\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) + \gamma_v(G_{P_2})\}$ , i.e.,  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) > (x + y)/2$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** The Plithogenic vertex domination number of the union of any two Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs is greater than the average of the Plithogenic vertex domination numbers of the corresponding graphs.

Proof. Let  $G_{P_1} = (V_{P_1}, E_{P_1})$  and  $G_{P_2} = (V_{P_2}, E_{P_2})$  be two Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs with k attribute values each such that  $V_{P_1} \cap V_{P_2} \neq \emptyset$ . Consider  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) = x, \gamma_v(G_{P_2}) = y$  and  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2})$  to be the PVDNs of  $G_{P_1}, G_{P_2}$  and  $G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$  respectively. For any  $V_r \in G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$ , any of the following holds true: (i)  $P_{VW}(V_r) = \sum_{i=1}^k max(a_i, b_i)$  where  $a_i \in V_i$  and  $b_i \in V_j$ ;  $a_i, b_i \in [0, 1]$ ;  $1 \le i \le k$ and  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  are the corresponding common P-vertices of  $V_r \in G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$  in  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  respectively, (ii)  $P_{VW}(V_r) = P_{VW}(V_i)$  when  $V_r = V_i$  and  $V_i$  is the corresponding P-vertex of  $V_r \in G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$  in  $G_{P_1}$ , and (iii)  $P_{VW}(V_r) = P_{VW}(V_j)$ when  $V_r = V_j$  and  $V_j$  is the corresponding P-vertex of  $V_r \in G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$  in  $G_{P_2}$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) > 1/2\{\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) + \gamma_v(G_{P_2})\}$ , i.e.,  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}) > (x + y)/2$ .

**Remark 3.3.** When  $V_{P_1} \cap V_{P_2} = \emptyset$ , Plithogenic vertex domination doesn't exist, since  $G_{P_1} \cup G_{P_2}$  results in a disconnected Plithogenic product fuzzy graph.

**Remark 3.4.** The Plithogenic vertex domination number of the union of any two Plithogenic product fuzzy graphs is always less than or equal to the sum of the Plithogenic vertex domination numbers of the corresponding graphs.

**Theorem 3.10.** For any two Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic graphs,  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2}) \leq \min\{\gamma_v(G_{P_1}), \gamma_v(G_{P_2})\}.$ 

*Proof.* Let  $G_{P_1} = (V_{P_1}, E_{P_2})$  and  $G_{P_2} = (V_{P_2}, E_{P_2})$  be any two Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic graphs with k attribute values each. Consider  $\gamma_v(G_{P_1}) = x$ and  $\gamma_v(G_{P_2}) = y$  and the intersection of  $G_{P_1}$  and  $G_{P_2}$  as  $G_P = (V_P, E_P)$ .

**Case (i)** When for every  $V_i \in V_{P_1}$  and the corresponding  $V_j \in V_{P_2}$  such that  $P_{VW}(V_i) = P_{VW}(V_j)$  where for every  $a_i \in V_i$  and the corresponding  $b_i \in V_j$ ,

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 $\begin{array}{l} a_i = b_i; \ a_i, b_i \in [0,1] \ \text{and} \ 1 \leq i \leq k, \ \text{then} \ \gamma_v(G_{P_1}) = \gamma_v(G_{P_2}). \ \text{i.e.}, \ x = y. \\ \text{Therefore,} \ \gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2}) = \min(x,y) \ \text{since} \ G_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2} = G_{P_1} = G_{P_1}. \\ \textbf{Case (ii)} \ \text{When there exists for every} \ V_i \in V_{P_1} \ \text{and the corresponding} \ V_j \in V_{P_2}, \ \text{either} \ P_{VW}(V_i) = P_{VW}(V_j) \ \text{or} \ P_{VW}(V_i) \neq P_{VW}(V_j), \ \text{then} \ P_{VW}(V_r) = \\ \sum_{i=1}^k \min(a_i, b_i) \ \text{where} \ a_i \in V_i \ \text{and} \ b_i \in V_j \ \text{such that} \ a_i, b_i \in [0,1]; \ 1 \leq i \leq k \\ \text{and} \ V_i \ \text{and} \ V_j \ \text{are the corresponding common} \ P\text{-vertices of} \ V_r \in G_P \ \text{in} \ G_{P_1} \ \text{and} \\ G_{P_2} \ \text{respectively, it follows that} \ \gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2}) < \min\{\gamma_v(G_{P_1}), \gamma_v(G_{P_2})\}, \ \text{i.e.}, \\ \gamma_v(G_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2}) < \min(x,y). \\ \textbf{Case (iii)} \ \text{When for any} \ V_i \in V_{P_1} \ \text{and the corresponding} \ V_j \in V_{P_2}, \ P_{VW}(V_i) \neq \\ P_{VW}(V_j), \ \text{then} \ \gamma_v(G_{P_1}) \neq \gamma_v(G_{P_2}). \ \text{i.e.}, \ x \neq y. \ \text{This implies that since in} \\ G_P \ \text{for any} \ V_r \in V_P, \ P_{VW}(V_r) = \sum_{i=1}^k \min(a_i, b_i) \ \text{where} \ a_i \in V_i \ \text{and} \ b_i \in V_j \\ \text{such that} \ a_i, b_i \in [0,1]; \ 1 \leq i \leq k \ \text{and} \ V_i \ \text{and} \ V_j \ \text{are the corresponding} \\ \text{corresponding} \ C_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2} < \min\{b_i \in V_i \ \text{and} \ b_i \in V_j \ \text{such that} \ a_i, b_i \in [0,1]; \ 1 \leq i \leq k \ \text{and} \ V_i \ \text{and} \ V_j \ \text{are the corresponding} \\ \text{corresponding} \ C_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2} < \min\{b_i \in V_j \ P_{VW}(V_r)\} = \sum_{i=1}^k \min(a_i, b_i) \ \text{where} \ a_i \in V_i \ \text{and} \ b_i \in V_j \ \text{such that} \ a_i, b_i \in [0,1]; \ 1 \leq i \leq k \ \text{and} \ V_i \ \text{and} \ V_j \ \text{are the corresponding} \\ \text{corresponding} \ C_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2} < \min\{c_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2}\}, \ (c_{P_1} \cap G_{P_2}) < \min\{c_{P_1}$ 

**Remark 3.5.** Plithogenic vertex domination number of the intersection of any two Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic graphs is always greater than the absolute difference between Plithogenic vertex domination numbers of the corresponding graphs.

## 4. Conclusion

The analysis of PVDN in the basic operations on PPFGs is a mathematical tool for better perception and optimization of the solution to complemented and merged PPFGs. Since perfect Plithogenic complement of a PPFG is always a complete *PPFG*, the *P*-vertex with the maximum *P*-weight dominates the rest of the P-vertices, and the corresponding P-weight becomes its PVDN. Whenever the minimum *PVDSs* of Plithogenic complement and perfect Plithogenic complement of a PPFG are singleton sets, their PVDNs are equal, since Pvertices belonging to these sets have the same P-weights. Otherwise, PVDN of Plithogenic complement is greater than that of its perfect Plithogenic complement. Since the maximum of the attribute values of the common *P*-vertices in the respective PPFGs is allotted to the corresponding *P*-vertex in their union, the PVDN of the union is greater than or equal to the average and less than or equal to the sum of the PVDNs of the concerned graphs. On the contrary since the minimum of the attribute values of the common P-vertices in the Plithogenic product fuzzy isomorphic graphs is assigned to the corresponding P-vertex in their intersection, the PVDN of the intersection is always less than or equal to the minimum of *PVDNs* of the corresponding graphs and greater than the absolute difference between them. Likewise, further research to analyze the variations and relations of Plithogenic edge domination numbers in operations on PPFGs is to be carried out in the future.

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