

# Domination Parameters of Middle Graph of Sunlet Graph

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**Abstract** - If all the vertex of  $G$  is dominated by one vertex of  $S$  atleast, then a set  $S$  in vertex of  $G$  is a dominating set of  $G$ . The middle graph of an undirected graph  $G$  is another graph  $M(G)$  that represents adjacencies between vertex and edges of  $G$ . In this paper, we obtain the domination parameters of middle graph of Sunlet graph  $S_n$  denoted by  $M(S_n)$  and its structural properties.

**Keywords** - Sunlet graph, Middle graph, Domination paramters

## I. INTRODUCTION

Domination in graphs helps in finding the shortest and the longest route. In graph theory, it is the fastest growing area which came as a result of study of games such as game of chess where the goal is to dominate the various squares of a chessboard. In graph, the concept of domination number was defined by Berge but it was introduced by De Jaenisch in 1862. In this paper, the finite, simple and un-directed graphs are considered to determine the domination number of middle graphs of n-sunlet graph. From the definition of domination, every vertex of graph must be protected by its neighbourhood, so the domination number is found by considering the neighbourhood of vertices.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

$G$  is a non-trivial connected graph with set of vertices  $V(G)$  and set of edges  $E(G)$ . The notation  $M(G)$  denotes the middle graph of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.1:** If every vertices of  $G$  is adjacent to one vertex of  $S$  atleast then  $V(G)$  is said to be dominating set of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.2:** The cardinality of dominating set is minimum dominating set. It is notated as  $\gamma(G)$ .

**Definition 2.3:** The dominating set with minimum cardinality among  $G$  is called domination number of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.4:** The attachment of  $n$ -pendent edges to the cycle  $C_n$  results in  $n$ -sunlet graph with  $2n$  vertices and it is denoted by  $S_n$ .

**Definition 2.5:**  $M(G)$  is the middle graph with the vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$ . Two vertices in the vertex set  $M(G)$  are adjacent, if any one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $x, y$  are in  $E(G)$  and  $x, y$  is adjacent in  $G$ .
- (ii)  $x$  in  $V(G), y$  is in  $E(G)$  and  $x, y$  are incident in  $G$ .

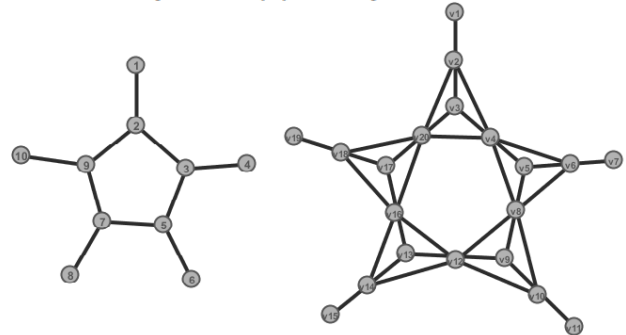


Fig 1 : 5-Sunlet graph and its Middle graph

**Definition 2.6:** The dominating set  $S$  is said to be split dominating set of  $G$  if induced sub graph  $(V - S)$  is disconnected. The split dominating set with minimum cardinality is the split domination number  $\gamma_s(G)$  of  $G$ .

## III. DOMINATION PARAMETERS OF MIDDLE GRAPH OF N-SUNLET GRAPHS

**Propositions 3.1:**

The domination number of middle graph of 3-sunlet graph,  $\gamma[M(S_3)] = 3$ .

**Proof:**

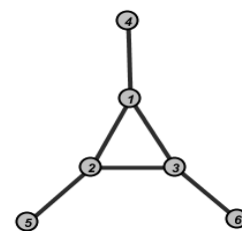


Fig 2 : 3-Sunlet graph

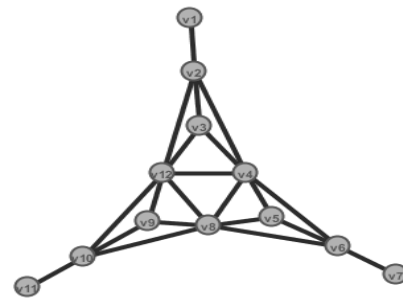


Fig 3: Middle graph of 3-Sunlet graph

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## Domination Parameters of Middle Graph of Sunlet Graph

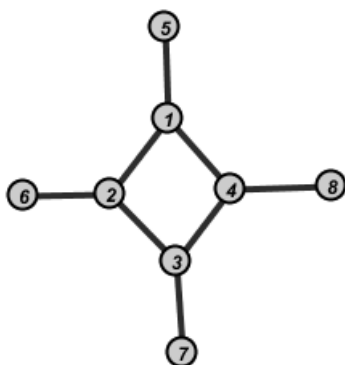
The figure 2 is the 3-sunlet graph obtained by attaching 3 pendant edges on 6 vertices to a cycle  $c_3$  and the figure 3 is the middle graph of 3 sunlet graph with vertices  $V(G) = \{V_1 \dots \dots V_{12}\}$  and edges  $E(G) = \{e_1, \dots \dots e_{21}\}$ .

Let  $D = \{V_2, V_6, V_{10}\}$ , where  $V_2$  dominates  $\{V_1, V_3, V_4, V_{12}\}$ ,  $V_6$  dominates  $\{V_5, V_7\}$  and  $V_{10}$  dominates  $\{V_9, V_8, V_{11}\}$ . Therefore D is the dominating set of middle graph of 3-sunlet graph. On removal of any one vertex from D i.e., on removal of  $V_6$  from D,  $V_6, V_5$  and  $V_7$  are not dominated, on removal of  $V_2$  from D,  $V_1, V_3, V_4$  and  $V_{12}$  are not dominated and on removal of  $V_{10}$  from D,  $V_9, V_8, V_{11}$  are not dominated. Hence, on removal any one vertex from D, it cannot be the dominating set. So, D is can be said as minimal dominating set with the domination number 3.i.e.,  $\gamma[M(S_3)] = 3$

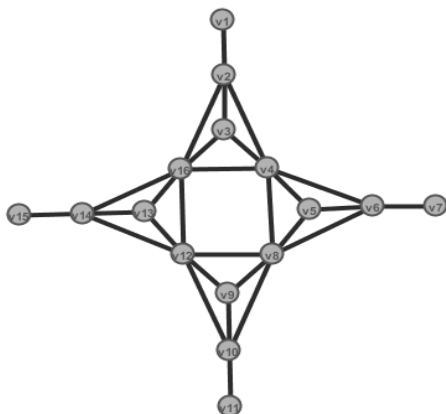
### Propositions 3.2:

The domination number of middle graph of 4-sunlet graph,  $\gamma[M(S_4)] = 4$ .

#### Proof:



**Fig 4 : 4-Sunlet graph**



**Fig 5: Middle graph of 4-Sunlet graph**

The figure 4 is the 4-sunlet graph on 8 vertices with 4 pendant edges to cycle  $c_4$ , and by definition figure 5 is the middle graph with the vertices  $V_1, V_2, \dots \dots V_{16}$  and with the edges  $e_1, \dots \dots e_{28}$ .

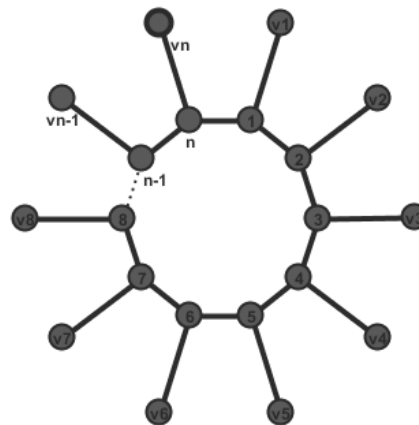
$D = \{V_2, V_6, V_{10}, V_{14}\}$  is the minimal dominating set, since each and every vertex of D dominates minimum of two to maximum of six vertices in  $S_4$  so on removal of any one vertex from D, some neighbourhood vertices remains un

dominated, therefore D is the minimal dominating set with the domination number 4.i.e.,  $\gamma[M(S_4)] = 4$ .

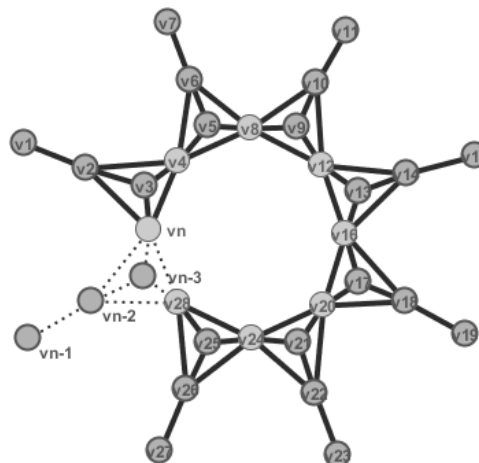
### Theorem 3.3:

The domination number of middle graph of n-sunlet graph,  $\gamma[M(S_n)] = n$ .

#### Proof:



**Fig 6 : n-Sunlet graph**



**Fig 7 : Middle graph of n-Sunlet graph**

By attaching n pendant edges to an cycle  $c_n$  the n-sunlet graph figure 6 is obtained on  $2n$  vertices.

Let  $\{V_1, V_2, \dots \dots V_{2n}\}$  be the vertices and  $\{e_1, \dots \dots e_{2n}\}$  be the edges of n-sunlet graph.

By the definition, figure 7 is the middle graph of n-sunlet graph where each edges are subdivided by the vertices. Therefore the vertex set  $V[M(S_n)] = \{V_1, V_2, \dots \dots V_{2n}\} \cup \{e_1, e_2, \dots \dots e_{2n}\}$  where  $v$  is the vertex and  $e$  is the edges.

Let  $D = \{V_2, V_6, V_8, \dots \dots V_{2n-2}\}$ , since the maximum degree is  $n$ . This set D dominates atleast two vertices, on removal of any one vertex makes D a non dominating set. Therefore D is a minimal dominating set of the middle graph of n-sunlet graph with the domination number  $n$ . i.e.,  $\gamma[M(S_n)] = n$ .

**Proposition 3.4:**

The split domination number of middle graph of 3 sunlet graph  $\gamma_s[M(S_3)] = 3$ .

**Proof:**

Let the dominating set be  $D = \{V_2, V_6, V_{10}\}$ . By the proposition 4.1, as D is the dominating set it dominates all the vertices of  $S_3$ . D cannot be the dominating set on removal any one vertex from D, so D is the minimal dominating set. On removal of D from  $S_3$  the graph is disconnected as the vertex  $V_1, V_7, V_{11}$  becomes isolated. The dominating set  $S_3$  is split dominating set of G as induced sub graph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is disconnected. The split domination number of M(G) of 3 sunlet graph is 3.i.e.,  $\gamma_s[M(S_3)] = 3$ .

**Lemma 3.5:**

By proposition 3.4, we have the split domination number of M(G) of 4-sunlet graph  $\gamma_s[M(S_4)] = 4$  since all the vertices of  $S_4$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex of S.

**Theorem 3.6:**

The split domination number of middle graph of n sunlet graph  $\gamma_s[M(S_n)] = n$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $D = \{V_2, V_6, V_8, \dots, V_{2n-2}\}$  be the dominating set. By the theorem 4.3, as D is the dominating set it dominates all the vertices of  $S_n$ . On removal any one vertex from D, D cannot be the dominating set. So D is the minimal dominating set. The graph is disconnected as the vertex  $V_1, V_7, V_{11}, \dots$  becomes isolated on removal of D from V. The dominating set  $S_n$  is split dominating set of G as induced sub graph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is disconnected. The split domination number of middle graph of n sunlet graph is n. i.e.,  $\gamma_s[M(S_n)] = n$ .

**IV. RESULTS**

Domination number of middle graph of 3-sunlet graph is 3 as 3 vertices dominates the remaining vertices of middle graph of 3-sunlet graph. Similarly, Domination number of middle graph of 4-sunlet graph is 4 and therefore domination number of middle graph of n-sunlet graph is  $\gamma[M(S_n)] = n$ . At the same time, middle graph of 3-sunlet graph remains disconnected on removal of 3 vertices of dominating set so that the split domination number of middle graph is 3 and therefore the split domination number of n-sunlet graph is  $\gamma_s[M(S_n)] = n$ .

**V. DISCUSSION**

From the graph, we have certain points under discussion.

For  $n \geq 3$ , in n-sunlet graph

Number of vertices and edges in 3-sunlet graph is 6, 4-sunlet graph is 8. Therefore, in n-sunlet graph number of vertices and edges will be  $2n$ . Also we can

understand that the Maximum degree of n-sunlet graph is 3 and Minimum degree is 1.

For  $n \geq 3$ , in middle graph of n-sunlet graph

Number of vertices in middle graph of 3-sunlet graph is 12, 4-sunlet graph is 16. Therefore, in middle graph of n-sunlet graph number of vertices will be  $4n$ . Number of edges in middle graph of 3-sunlet graph is 21, 4-sunlet graph is 28. Therefore, in middle graph of n-sunlet graph number of vertices will be  $7n$ . The Maximum degree of middle graph of sunlet graph is 6 and Minimum degree is 1.

**VI. CONCLUSION**

In this paper, we have identified the domination number and split domination number of middle graph of n-sunlet graph.

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