

# Results on Relatively Prime Domination Number of Vertex Switching of Some Graphs

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## Abstract

If a set  $S \subseteq V$  has at least two members and every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  is such that  $(d(u), d(v)) = 1$ , then it is said to be a relatively prime dominating set. The relatively prime domination number, represented by  $\gamma_{rpd}(G)$ , is the lowest cardinality of a relatively prime dominating set. The switching of a finite undirected graph by a subset is defined as the graph  $G^\sigma(V, E')$ , which is obtained from  $G$  by removing all edges between  $\sigma$  and its complement  $V - \sigma$  and adding as edges all non-edges between  $\sigma$  and  $V - \sigma$ . In this paper, we compute the relatively prime domination number of vertex switching of cycle type graphs like David Star Graph, Helm Graph, Friendship Graph and Book Graph .

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## 1 Introduction

In the realm of graph theory, a finite undirected graph without loops and multiple edges is typically denoted as  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $G$ 's order and size are represented by the symbols  $|V|(p)$  and  $|E|(q)$ , respectively. This foundational terminology is commonly cited in literature, with references to Harary[2] for graph theoretical concepts and Haynes [3] for domination-related terminology.

One fundamental concept in graph theory is the notion of domination sets. In a subset  $V - S$  of vertices  $V$ , each vertex is considered adjacent to at least one vertex in set  $S$  if  $S$  functions as a dominating set in graph  $G$ . The smallest cardinality of such a dominating set in  $G$  is referred to as the domination number, denoted as  $\gamma(G)$ . This concept traces its origins to the works of Berge [2] and Ore [9], paving the way for a plethora of other domination-related graph metrics.

In our study, we consider nontrivial graphs and introduce the concept of relatively prime dominating sets. Specifically, if a set  $S$  is dominant, and every pair of its vertices  $u$  and  $v$  share a greatest common divisor of 1 (i.e.  $((d(u), d(v)) = 1)$ , then the set is termed relatively prime. The corresponding parameter, denoted as  $\gamma_{rpd}(G)$  [5], represents the minimum cardinality of a relatively prime dominating set. Furthermore, our previous research [6, 7] introduced the notion of a substantially prime dominating polynomial.

Building on this foundation, we delve into the concept of switching in graphs, originally introduced by Lint and Sidel [8]. By switching vertices within the graph, we obtain a transformed graph  $G^\sigma(V, E')$ , where edges between  $\sigma$  and its complement  $V - \sigma$  are removed, and all non-edges between  $\sigma$  and  $V - \sigma$  are added. This transformation, often referred to as vertex switching when  $\sigma = v$  and  $G^v$  is used in place of  $G$ [4], plays a crucial role in our investigation.

In this paper, we venture into a novel direction by introducing the concept of relatively prime dominating sets (RPDS) in nontrivial graphs. The idea of RPDS emerges from the observation that in some scenarios, it is desirable for the vertices in a dominating set to be relatively prime with respect to their degrees. This concept not only enriches our understanding of domination in graphs but also has intriguing implications in various practical scenarios, such as resource allocation in networks.

Furthermore, our prior research introduced the substantially prime dominating polynomial, which offers an interesting connection between algebraic and combinatorial aspects of domination. This polynomial provides a powerful tool for

analyzing the structure of dominating sets in graphs.

In the following sections of this paper, we narrow our focus to a specific class of graphs, the cycle-type graphs, which include well-known examples such as the David Star Graph, Helm Graph, Friendship Graph, and Book Graph. By studying these cycle-type graphs, we aim to uncover patterns and properties related to relatively prime domination numbers resulting from vertex switching. Our primary objective is to provide a comprehensive understanding of how the interplay of vertices and the unique characteristics of these graphs affect domination, shedding light on the broader implications of our findings.

## 2 Definition and examples

**Definition 2.1.** For a finite undirected graph  $G(V, E)$  and  $v \in V$ , the vertex switching of  $G$  by  $v$  is the graph  $G^v$  which is obtained from  $G$  by removing all edges incident to  $v$  and adding edges which are not adjacent to  $v$ .

**Example 2.1.** The graphs  $C_5$  and  $C_5^v$  are given in figures 2. 1 and 2. 2, respectively. Clearly,  $\{u, x\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $C_5^v$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(C_5^v) = 2$ .

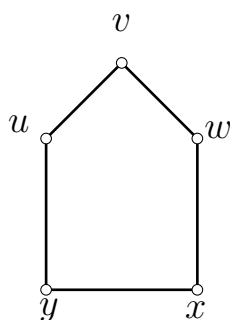


Fig.2.1. $C_5$

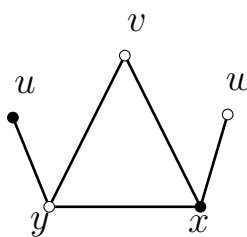


Fig.2.2. $C_5^v$

**Example 2.2.** Consider the graph  $G$  given in figure 2. 3. The graph  $G^{v_1}$  is given in figure 2. 4. Clearly,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$  is a dominating set of  $G^{v_1}$ . Also  $(d(v_1), d(v_2)) = (3, 1) = 1$ ;  $(d(v_1), d(v_4)) = (3, 2) = 1$  and  $(d(v_2), d(v_4)) = (1, 2) = 1$ . By definition,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set of  $G^{v_1}$ . Also  $\{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$  is a minimal dominating set with this property and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_1}) = 3$ . But  $\gamma(G^{v_1}) = 2$ , since  $\{v_3, v_6\}$  is the minimal dominating set.

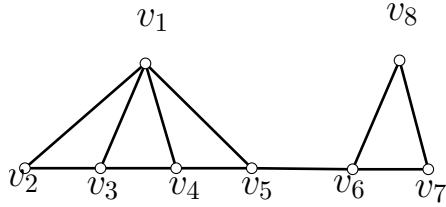


Fig.2.3.G

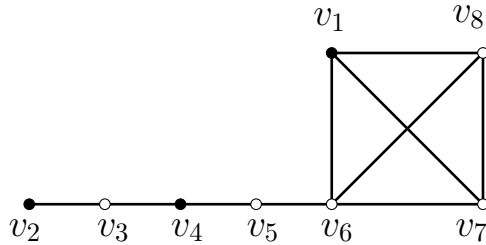


Fig.2.4.G<sup>v1</sup>

**Definition 2.2.** [10] Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph and let  $x, y, z$  be three variables taking values + or -. The transformation graph  $G^{xyz}$  is the graph having  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  as the vertex set, and for  $\alpha, \beta \in V(G) \cup E(G)$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are adjacent in  $G^{xyz}$  if and only if one of the following holds:

- (i) For  $\alpha, \beta \in V(G)$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are adjacent in  $G$  if  $x = +$  ;  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not adjacent in  $G$  if  $x = -$ .
- (ii) For  $\alpha, \beta \in E(G)$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are adjacent in  $G$  if  $y = +$  ;  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not adjacent in  $G$  if  $y = -$ .
- (iii) For  $\alpha \in V(G), \beta \in E(G)$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are incident in  $G$  if  $z = +$  ;  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not incident in  $G$  if  $z = -$ .

Thus, we may obtain eight kinds of transformation graphs, in which  $G^{+++}$  is the total graph of  $G$ , and  $G^{---}$  is its complement. Also,  $G^{--+}$ ,  $G^{-+-}$  and  $G^{-++}$  are the complements of  $G^{+++}$ ,  $G^{+-+}$  and  $G^{+--}$  respectively.

**Example 2.3.** The graph  $G = C_4$  and  $G^{---}$  are given in figure 2. 5.

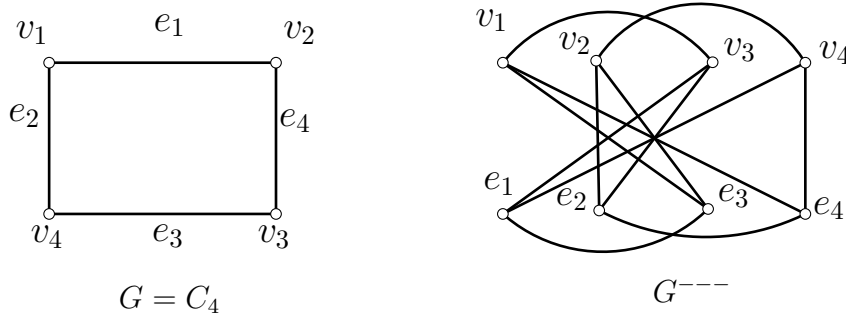


Fig.2.5

**Definition 2.3.** By adding a pendent edge at each node of the cycle, the wheel graph can be converted into the Helm graph  $H_n$ .

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**Definition 2.4.** *By combining  $n$  duplicates of the cycle graph  $C_3$  with a common vertex, the friendship graph  $F_n$  can be created.*

**Definition 2.5.** *The Cartesian product of a star and a single edge is the book graph  $B_m$ . The definition of the  $m$ -book graph is the graph Cartesian product  $S_{m+1}$  times  $P_2$ , where  $S_{m+1}$  is a star graph and  $P_2$  is a path graph on two vertices.*

**Theorem 2.1.** [5]  $\gamma_{rpd}(G) = 0$  if a graph  $G$  has an isolated vertex and each dominating set contains at least one vertex with degree  $> 1$ .

**Result 2.1.** [5] For any graph  $G$  with more than one isolated vertex,  $\gamma_{rpd}(G) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** [5] For a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ ,  $\gamma_{rpd}(K_{m,n}) = 2$  if and only if  $(m, n) = 1$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** [5]  $\gamma_{rpd}(K_m \cup K_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if and only if } (m-1, n-1) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** [5] If  $G = nK_2 \cup K_1$ , then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G) = n + 1$ .

**Notation :** We use the symbols  $d(u)$  and  $d'(u)$  to denote the degree of a vertex  $u$  in  $G$  and  $G^v$ , respectively.

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $G$  be the David Star graph and let  $v$  be any vertex of  $G$ . Then,*

$$\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } d(v) = 4 \\ 0 & \text{if } d(v) = 2 \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Label the vertices of  $G$  having degree 2 as  $v_1, v_3, \dots, v_{11}$  and degree 4 as  $v_2, v_4, \dots, v_{12}$  such that  $v_{2j}v_{2j+2}, v_2v_{12}, v_i v_{i+1}$  and  $v_1v_{12}$  are edges in  $G, 1 \leq j \leq 5, 1 \leq i \leq 11$ . The graph  $G$  is given in figure 3.1.

Case 1.  $d_G(v) = 2$

In this case  $v$  is  $v_i, i = 2n + 1, 0 \leq n \leq 5$ . Clearly,  $G^{v_1} \cong G^{v_3} \cong \dots \cong G^{v_{11}}$ . Let  $v$  be  $v_1$ . The graph  $G^{v_1}$  is given in figure 3.2. In  $G, v_1$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $v_{12}$ . This implies  $v_1$  is adjacent to all the vertices except  $v_2$  and  $v_{12}$  in  $G^{v_1}$ . Also  $v_2$  and  $v_{12}$  are adjacent. Hence either  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  or  $\{v_1, v_{12}\}$  is a minimal dominating set of  $G^{v_1}$  and  $d'(v_1) = 9, d'(v_2) = 3$  and  $d'(v_{12}) = 3$ . Now,  $(d'(v_1), d'(v_2)) = (9, 3) = 3$  and  $(d'(v_1), d'(v_{12})) = (9, 3) = 3$ . This implies that, neither  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  nor  $\{v_1, v_{12}\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $G^{v_1}$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_1})$  is either 0 or greater than 2. Any dominating set that has more than two vertices either

has two vertices with degrees 3 and 9 or at least a pair of vertices of the same degree, making it a non-relatively prime dominating set. Hence,  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_1}) = 0$ .

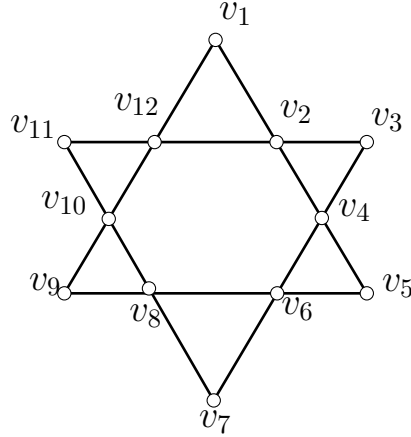


Fig.3.1.  $G$

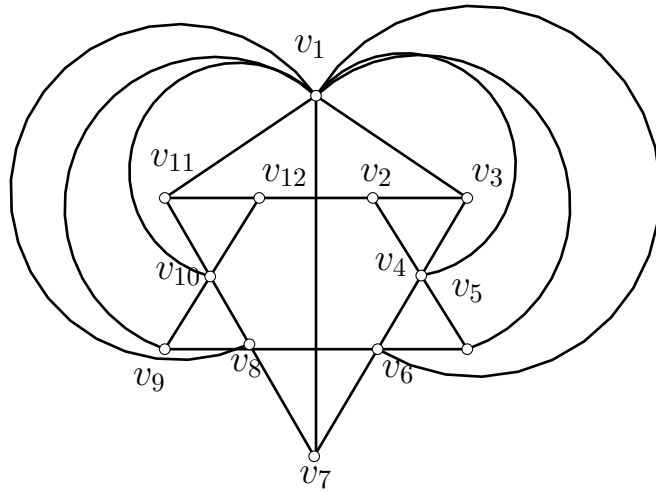


Fig.3.2.  $G^{v_1}$

Case 2.  $d_G(v) = 4$

Here  $v$  is  $v_i, i = 2n+2, 0 \leq n \leq 5$ . Clearly,  $G^{v_2} \cong G^{v_4} \cong \dots \cong G^{v_{12}}$ . Let  $v$  be  $v_2$ . The graph  $G^{v_2}$  is given in figure 3.3. In  $G$ ,  $v_2$  is adjacent to  $v_1, v_3, v_4$  and  $v_{12}$  only and hence  $v_2$  is adjacent to all vertices except  $v_1, v_3, v_4$  and  $v_{12}$  in  $G^{v_2}$ . Also  $v_1$  is adjacent to  $v_{12}$  and  $v_3$  is adjacent to  $v_4$ . Therefore,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a minimal dominating set of  $G^{v_2}$ . Clearly,  $d'(v_1) = d'(v_3) = 1, d'(v_2) = 7$  and  $(d'(v_1), d'(v_2)) = (d'(v_2), d'(v_3)) = (d'(v_1), d'(v_3)) = 1$ . This implies that,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $G^{v_2}$  and thereby  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_2}) = 3$ .

The theorem follows from cases 1 and 2. □

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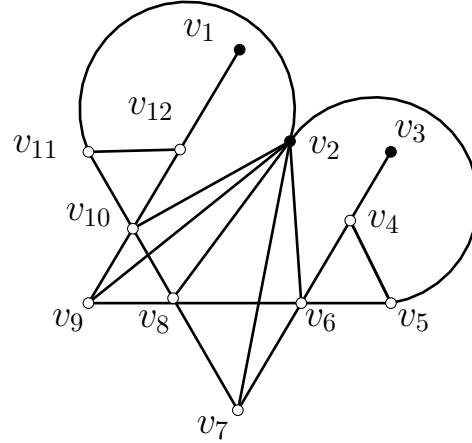


Fig.3.3.  $G^{v_2}$

**Theorem 3.2.** For the helm graph  $H_n$ ,

$$\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(H_n^v) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } v \text{ is an end vertex of } H_n \text{ and } 2n \neq 3r + 1, 5r + 1 \\ & \text{where } r \geq 1 \text{ is odd and } n \neq 3r - 1, r \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be centre and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be vertices of the outer cycle of  $H_n$ . Let  $u_i$  be the vertex attached with  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . The resultant graph  $G$  is  $H_n$  with  $V(G) = \{u, v_i, u_j / 1 \leq i, j \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{uv_i, uv_n, v_i v_{i+1}, v_1 v_n, v_i u_i, v_n u_n / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ . We consider three cases.

Case 1.  $v$  is the central vertex of  $H_n$

Here  $v$  is  $u$ . The graph  $H_4$  is given in figure 3.4 and the graph  $H_4^u$ .

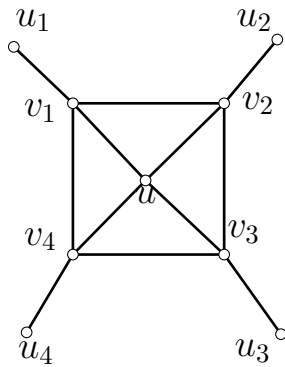


Fig.3.4.  $H_4$

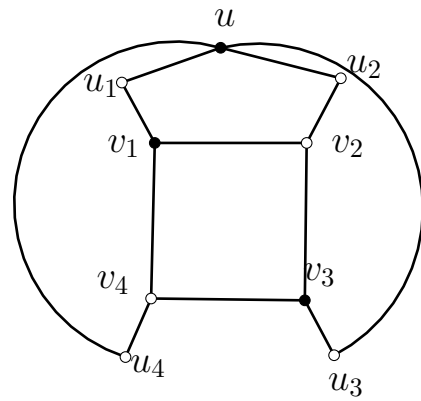


Fig.3.5.  $H_4^u$

In  $H_n$ ,  $u$  is adjacent to  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and non-adjacent to  $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence  $u$  is adjacent to  $u_i$  and non-adjacent to  $v_i$  in  $H_n^u, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Clearly,  $d'(u) = n, d'(u_i) = 2, d'(v_i) = 3, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Now, if  $n$  is odd, then  $\{u, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_{n-2}\}$

is a minimal dominating set of  $H_n^u$  and if  $n$  is even, then  $\{u, v_1, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  is a minimal dominating set of  $H_n^u$ . Clearly, the minimal dominating sets contain at least two vertices having equal degrees. Hence neither  $\{u, v_1, v_4, \dots, v_{n-2}\}$  nor  $\{u, v_1, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $H_n^u$ . Hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(H_n^u) = 0$ .

Case 2.  $v$  is a vertex of the outer cycle of  $H_n$

In this case  $v$  is  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Now  $H_n^{v_i}$  is a disconnected graph with the isolated vertex  $u_i$  and all other vertices have degree  $> 1$ . By Theorem 2.9,  $\gamma_{rpd}(H_n^{v_i}) = 0$ .

Case 3.  $v$  is an end vertex of  $H_n$

Here  $v$  is  $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $v$  be  $u_1$ . The graph  $H_4^{u_1}$  is given in figure 3.6.

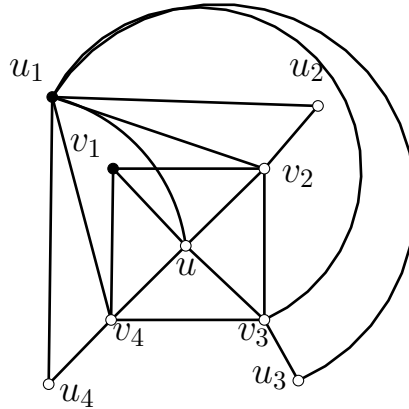


Fig.3.6.  $H_4^{u_1}$

In  $H_n$ ,  $u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_1$  and hence  $u_1$  is adjacent to all vertices except  $v_1$  in  $H_n^{u_1}$ . Therefore,  $\{u_1, v_1\}$  is a minimal dominating set of  $H_n^{u_1}$ . Also  $v_1$  is adjacent to  $u, v_2$  and  $v_n$  in  $H_n^{u_1}$ . Hence  $\{u_1, u\}$ ,  $\{u_1, v_2\}$  and  $\{u_1, v_n\}$  are also a minimal dominating sets of  $H_n^{u_1}$ . Clearly,  $d'(u_1) = 2n - 1, d'(v_1) = 3, d'(u) = n + 1, d'(v_i) = 5, 2 \leq i \leq n, d'(u_i) = 2, 2 \leq i \leq n$ . Therefore,  $(d'(u_1), d'(v_1)) = (2n - 1, 3) = 1$  if  $2n - 1 \neq 3r$ . This implies that  $2n \neq 3r + 1$ . Since  $2n$  is even,  $r$  must be odd. Therefore,  $(2n - 1, 3) = 1$  if  $2n \neq 3r + 1$  where  $r \geq 1$  is odd. This implies that  $\{u_1, v_1\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $H_n^{u_1}$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(H_n^{u_1}) = 2$  when  $2n \neq 3r + 1$  and  $r \geq 1$  is odd. Also,  $(d'(u_1), d'(v_2)) = (d'(u_1), d'(v_n)) = (2n - 1, 5) = 1$  if  $2n - 1 \neq 5r$ . This implies that  $2n \neq 5r + 1$ . Since  $2n$  is even,  $r$  must be odd. Therefore,  $(2n - 1, 5) = 1$  if  $2n \neq 5r + 1$  where  $r \geq 1$  is odd. This implies that  $\{u_1, v_2\}$  and  $\{u_1, v_n\}$  are minimal relatively prime dominating sets of  $H_n^{u_1}$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(H_n^{u_1}) = 2$  when  $2n \neq 5r + 1$  and  $r \geq 1$  is odd. Now  $(d'(u_1), d'(u)) = (2n - 1, n + 1) = 1$  if  $n \neq 3r - 1, r \geq 1$ . Therefore,  $\{u_1, u\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $H_n^{u_1}$  if  $n \neq 3r - 1$  and so  $\gamma_{rpd}(H_n^{u_1})$



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The theorem follows from cases 1, 2 and 3. □

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $G = P_m^{+++}$  and  $v$  be an end vertex of  $P_m$ , then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $v_1v_2\dots v_m$  be the path  $P_m$ ,  $m \geq 2$  and let  $e_i = v_iv_{i+1}$  be the edges of  $P_m$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Then  $V(P_m^{+++}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m-1}\}$  and hence  $G$  has  $2m - 1$  vertices. We consider two cases.

Case 1.  $m = 2$

In this case  $v$  is either  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  and  $G$  is  $K_3$ . Clearly,  $G^v = K_1 \cup K_2$  where  $K_1$  is  $v$ . Clearly  $\{v, e_1\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $G^v$  and hence by Theorem 2. 12,  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ .

Case 2.  $m \geq 3$

Here  $v$  is either  $v_1$  or  $v_n$ . Without loss of generality, let  $v$  be  $v_1$ . In  $G$ ,  $v_1$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $e_1$  and hence  $v_1$  is non-adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $e_1$  in  $G^v$ . Also  $v_2$  is adjacent to  $e_1$  in  $G^v$ . Therefore,  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a minimal dominating set of  $G^v$ . In  $G^v$ ,  $d'(v_1) = 2m - 4 = 2(m - 2)$  is even and  $d'(v_2) = 3$  is odd and hence  $(d'(v_1), d'(v_2)) = 1$ . Thus  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $G^v$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ . □

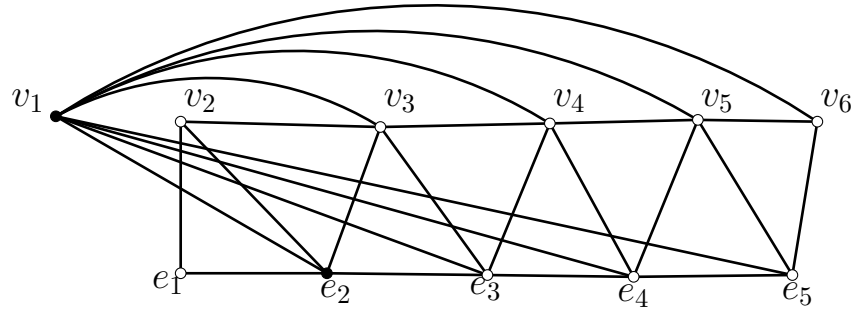


Fig.3.7.  $G^v$  where  $G = P_6^{+++}$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $G$  be a friendship graph  $F_n$  and let  $v$  be any vertex of  $G$ . Then,*

$$\gamma_{rpd}(F_n^v) = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{if } v \text{ is the central vertex of } F_n \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

*Proof.* Let  $v_{i1}, v_{i2}, v_{i3}$  be the vertices of  $i^{th}$  copy of cycle  $C_3$ . Identify the vertices  $v_{i3}, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and denote it by  $u$ . The resultant graph  $G$  is the friendship graph  $F_n$  with vertex set  $V(F_n) = \{v_{i1}, v_{i2}, u / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and edge set  $E(G) = \{uv_{i1}, uv_{i2}, v_{i1}v_{i2} / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Clearly,  $d(v_{i1}) = d(v_{i2}) = 2, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $d(u) = 2n$ . The graphs  $F_4, F_4^{v_{11}}$  and  $F_4^u$  are given in figures 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10 respectively.

Case 1.  $v$  is the central vertex of  $F_n$

Here  $v$  is  $u$  and  $F_n^u = nK_2 \cup K_1$ . By Theorem 2. 13,  $\gamma_{rpd}(F_n^u) = n + 1$ .

Case 2.  $v$  is not the central vertex of  $F_n$

Here  $v$  is  $v_{ij}, 1 \leq i \leq n, j = 1, 2$ . Let  $v$  be  $v_{11}$ . In  $F_n$ ,  $v_{11}$  is adjacent to both  $v_{12}$  and  $u$  and hence  $v_{11}$  is adjacent to every vertices except  $v_{12}$  and  $u$  in  $F_n^{v_{11}}$ . Since  $u$  and  $v_{12}$  are adjacent in  $F_n^{v_{11}}$ ,  $\{u, v_{11}\}$  is a minimal dominating set of  $F_n^{v_{11}}$ . Clearly,  $d'(u) = 2n - 1, d'(v_{11}) = 2n - 2$  and  $(d'(u), d'(v_{11})) = (2n - 1, 2n - 2) = 1$ . Thus  $\{u, v_{11}\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $F_n^{v_{11}}$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(F_n^v) = 2$ .

The theorem follows from cases 1 and 2. □

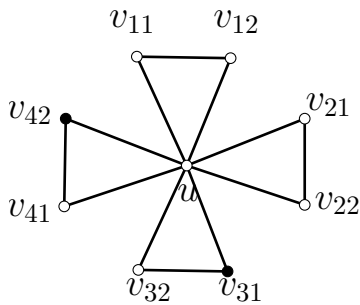


Fig.3.8.  $F_4$

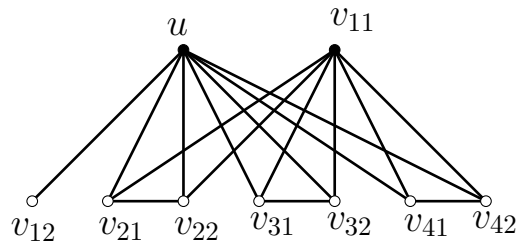


Fig.3.9.  $F_4^{v_{11}}$

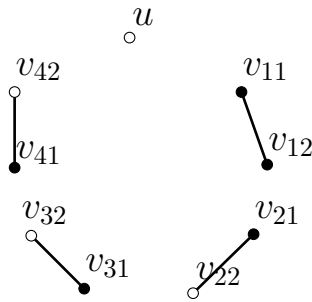


Fig.3.10.  $F_4^u$

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $G$  be the book graph  $B_m, m \geq 2$  and  $v$  be any vertex of  $G$ .

- (i) If  $d(v) = 2$  and  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ , then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$ .
- (ii) If  $d(v) = 2$  and  $m \not\equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ , then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ .
- (iii) If  $d(v) = m$ , then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = m$ .

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*Proof.* Let  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m$  and  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_m$  be the two copies of star  $K_{1,n}$  with central vertices  $v_0$  and  $u_0$  respectively. Join  $u_i$  with  $v_i$  for all  $i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ . The resultant graph  $G$  is  $B_m$  with vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_0, u_0, v_i, u_i/1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and edge set  $E(G) = \{u_0v_0, u_iv_i, v_0v_i, u_0u_i/1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Then  $G$  has  $2m + 2$  vertices,  $3m + 1$  edges,  $d(v) = 2$  if  $v \in \{u_i, v_i/1 \leq i \leq m\}$  and  $d(v) = m$  if  $v \in \{u_0, v_0\}$ . The graphs  $G = B_8, G^{v_1}$  and  $G^{v_0}$  are given in figures 3.11, 3.12 and 3.13 respectively.

Case 1.  $d(v) = 2$

In this case  $v$  is either  $v_i$  or  $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ . Clearly,  $G^{v_i} \cong G^{u_i}$ . Let  $v$  be  $v_1$ . In  $G$ ,  $v_1$  is adjacent to only  $v_0$  and  $u_1$  and hence  $v_1$  is adjacent to all vertices except  $u_1$  and  $v_0$  in  $G^{v_1}$ . But  $u_0$  is adjacent to both  $u_1$  and  $v_0$  in  $G^{v_1}$ . Clearly,  $\{v_1, u_0\}$  is the minimal dominating set of  $G^{v_1}$  and hence  $\gamma(G^{v_1}) = 2$ . Now,  $d'(v_1) = 2m - 1, d'(u_0) = m + 2$  and  $(d'(v_1), d'(u_0)) = (2m - 1, m + 2)$ . If  $n$  is even, then  $2m - 1$  is odd and so  $(2m - 1, m + 2) = 1$ . This implies that  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_1}) = 2$ . If  $n$  is odd, then both  $2m - 1$  and  $m + 2$  are odd. Also  $2m - 1 > m + 2$  for  $m > 3$  and  $2m - 1 = m + 2$  for  $m = 3$ . If  $m \not\equiv 3 \pmod{5}$  which implies that  $m = 3 + 5k + c$  where  $1 \leq c \leq 4$ . Then  $n + 2 = 5(k + 1) + c$  and  $2n - 1 = 5(2k + 1) + 2c$ . Since  $c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}, 2c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$  and so  $(2m - 1, m + 2) = 1$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_1}) = 2$ . Suppose  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ , then  $(d'(v_1), d'(u_0)) = (2m - 1, m + 2) = (2(5r + 3) - 1, (5r + 3) + 2) = (10r + 5, 5r + 5) = 5 \neq 1$ . This implies that  $\{v_1, u_0\}$  is not a relatively prime dominating set of  $G^{v_1}$ . Consider the dominating set  $\{v_1, u_1, v_0\}$  of  $G^{v_1}$  in which  $d'(v_1) = 2m - 1, d'(u_1) = 1, d'(v_0) = m$ . Clearly,  $(d'(u_1), d'(v_1)) = (d'(u_1), d'(v_0)) = (d'(v_1), d'(v_0)) = 1$  if  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ . This implies that  $\{v_1, u_1, v_0\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $G^{v_1}$  and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_1}) = 3$ .

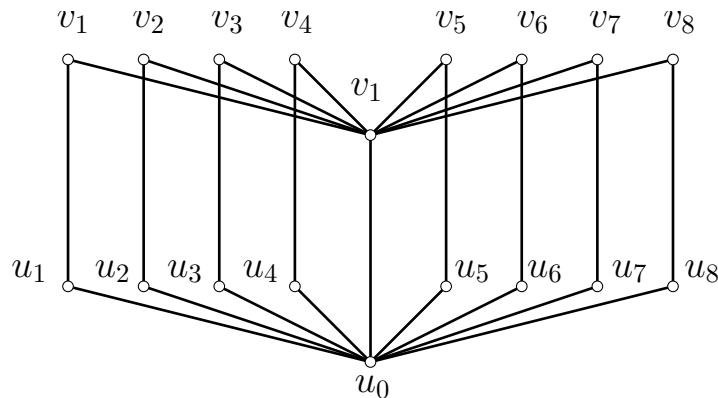


Fig.3.11.  $G = B_8$

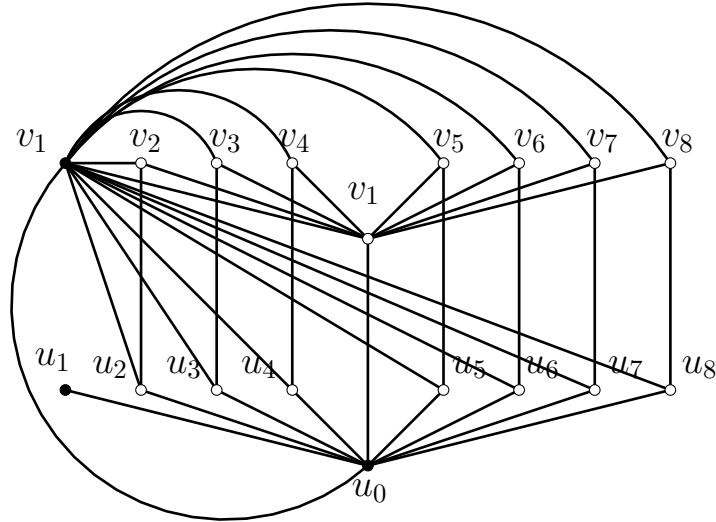


Fig.3.12.  $G^{v_1}$

Case 2.  $d_G(v) = m$

Here  $v$  is either  $u_0$  or  $v_0$ . Clearly,  $G^{v_0} \cong G^{u_0}$ . A minimal dominating set of  $G^{v_0}$  is  $\{u_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ . Clearly,  $d'(u_1) = 3$  and  $d'(v_i) = 1$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . This implies that  $(d'(u_1), d'(v_i)) = 1$  and so  $\{u_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is a minimal relatively prime dominating set of  $G^{v_0}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^{v_0}) = m$ .

The theorem follows from cases 1 and 2. □

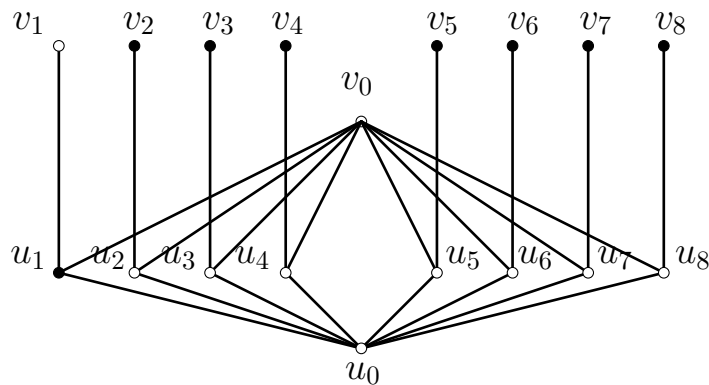


Fig.3.13.  $G^{v_0}$

### Conclusion

As a result, we have demonstrated how to identify the relatively prime domina-

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tion number of vertex switching graphs in this study. Additionally, we determine the relatively prime domination number for vertex switching in cycle type graphs such the David Star, Helm, Friendship, and Book graphs.

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