

# On the Forcing edge Steiner Global Domination Number of a Graph

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $W$  be the minimum edge Steiner global dominance set of a connected graph  $G$ . If  $W$  is the only minimum edge Steiner global dominating set that contains  $T$ , then a subset  $T \subseteq W$  is referred to as a forcing subset for  $W$ . A minimum forcing subset of  $W$  is a forcing subset for  $W$  with minimum cardinality. The cardinality of a minimal forcing subset of  $W$  is its forcing edge Steiner global dominance number, represented by  $f_{\text{se}}(W)$ .  $f_{\text{se}}(G) = \min\{f_{\text{se}}(W)\}$ , is the forcing edge Steiner global domination number of  $G$ , represented by  $f_{\text{se}}(G)$ , where the minimum is obtained across all minimal edge Steiner global dominating sets  $W$  in  $G$ . The forcing Steiner and edge Steiner global dominance number of a graph is given some realisation findings in this article.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper discusses a simple, connected undirected graph,  $G = (V, E)$ . Let  $n$  and  $m$  stand for size and order, respectively. For a fundamental reference to graph theory, see [2]. Two vertices,  $u$  and  $v$ , are considered nearby if  $uv$  is an edge of  $G$ . Vertex  $v \in V$  has a degree of  $\deg(v) = |N(v)|$ , and  $u$  is  $v$ 's neighbour if  $uv \in E(G)$ . The collection of  $v$ 's neighbours is represented by  $N(v)$ . A vertex  $v$  is called a universal vertex if  $\deg(v) = n - 1$ . With  $V(G[S]) = S$  and  $E(G[S]) = \{uv \in E(G) : u, v \in S\}$ , the subgraph created by a set  $S$  of vertices of a graph  $G$  is represented as  $G[S]$ . If  $G[N(v)]$  is complete, then a vertex  $v$  is an extreme vertex. If there is a universal vertex in  $N(v)$  in the subgraph created by its neighbours, then a vertex  $v$  is a semi-extreme vertex of  $G$ .

One of the fundamental ideas of graph theory is distance [3]. The length of the shortest  $u - v$  path in a connected graph  $G$  is the distance  $d(u, v)$  between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . A  $u - v$  geodesic is a  $u - v$  route of length  $d(u, v)$ . The Steiner distance  $d(W)$  of a nonempty set  $W$  of vertices in a connected graph  $G$  is the smallest size of a connected subgraph of  $G$  that contains  $W$ . In [2], the Steiner distance was examined. Every subgraph is a tree, and they are referred to as Steiner trees with regard to  $W$  or Steiner  $W$ -trees. The set of all vertices on Steiner  $W$ -trees is represented by  $S(W)$ .  $S(W) = W$  if it is linked. A Steiner  $W$ -tree is a shortest  $u - v$  path or a  $u - v$  geodesic if  $W$  has precisely two vertices,  $u$  and  $v$ . If every vertex in a set  $W \subseteq V(G)$  or if  $S(W) = V(G)$ , then the set is referred to as a Steiner set of  $G$ . The Steiner number  $S(G)$  of  $G$  is the cardinality of a Steiner set of minimal cardinality, often known as a minimum Steiner set or just an  $s$ -set. A graph's Steiner number was first shown in [2] and then examined in [5]. If a set of vertices  $W$  in  $G$  is both a dominating set of  $G$  and an edge Steiner set, then  $W$  is referred to as an edge Steiner dominating set of  $G$ . The edge Steiner domination number, represented as  $\gamma_{se}(G)$ , is the lowest cardinality of an edge Steiner dominating set of  $G$ . A  $\gamma_{se}$ -set of  $G$  is defined as an edge Steiner dominant set of  $G$  size  $\gamma_{se}(G)$ .

If each vertex of  $V \setminus D$  has at least one neighbour in  $D$ , then  $D$  is a dominant set in  $G$ . The domination number of  $G$ , represented as  $\gamma(G)$ , is the lowest cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ . A  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$  is a dominant set of cardinality  $\gamma(G)$ . If  $D$  is a dominating set of both  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$ , then a subset  $D \subseteq V$  is referred to be a global dominating set in  $G$ . The smallest cardinality of a minimal global dominating set in  $G$  is the global domination number  $\bar{\gamma}(G)$ . In [4], these ideas were examined.

If a set  $S$  is both a Steiner set and a global dominating set of  $G$ , then  $S \subseteq V$  is a Steiner global dominating set of  $G$ . The Steiner global domination number of  $G$ , represented by  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G)$ , is the lowest cardinality of a Steiner global dominating set of  $G$ . A  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  is a Steiner global dominating set of cardinality  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G)$ . If a vertex  $v$  is present in every  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$ , then it is considered a Steiner global dominance vertex of  $G$ . If an edge Steiner set  $S$  is both an edge Steiner set and a global dominating set of a linked graph  $G$ , then  $S$  is an edge Steiner global dominating set of  $G$ . An edge Steiner global dominating set's minimal cardinality is the edge  $\bar{\gamma}_{se}(G)$  is the Steiner global dominance number of  $G$ .

The Steiner global dominant vertices of  $G$  are all of its extreme and universal vertices. There exist, in fact, Steiner global dominant vertices that are neither universal nor extreme vertices of  $G$ . If a vertex  $v$  is present in every  $\bar{\gamma}_{se}$ -set of  $G$ , it is considered an edge Steiner global dominating vertex of  $G$ . All of  $G$ 's universal and semi-extreme vertices are edge Steiner global dominating vertices. In actuality, certain edge Steiner global dominant vertices are neither universal nor semi-extreme vertices of  $G$ . In [6], these ideas were examined.

Numerous authors have examined the notion of force in [1][3]. Let  $S$  be a Steiner global dominating set of  $G$  that is at least minimal. If  $S$  is the only minimal Steiner global dominating set that contains  $T$ , then a subset  $T \subseteq S$  is referred to be a forcing subset for  $S$ . A minimum forcing subset of  $S$  is a forcing subset for  $S$  with minimum cardinality. The cardinality of a minimal forcing subset of  $S$  is its forcing Steiner global dominance number, represented by  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(S)$ .  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = \min\{f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(S)\}$ , is the forced Steiner global domination number of  $G$ , represented by  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G)$ , where the minimum is calculated across all minimal Steiner global dominating sets  $S$  in  $G$ . These ideas have been examined in [1][5].

The sequel use the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** [5] Let  $G$  be a connected graph. Then

- (i) Each extreme vertex and each universal vertex of  $G$  belongs to every Steiner global dominating set of  $G$ .
- (ii)  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) \leq \bar{\gamma}_s(G) - |Z|$ , where  $Z$  is the set of all Steiner global dominating vertices of  $G$ .

## 2. THE FORCING EDGE STEINER GLOBAL DOMINATION NUMBER OF A GRAPH

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $W$  be the least edge Steiner global dominance set of a connected graph  $G$ . If  $W$  is the only minimum edge Steiner global dominating set that contains  $T$ , then a subset  $T \subseteq W$  is referred to as a forcing subset for  $W$ . A minimum forcing subset of  $W$  is a forcing subset for  $W$  with minimum cardinality. The cardinality of a minimal forcing subset of  $W$  is the forcing edge Steiner global domination number, represented as  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(W)$ .  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = \min\{f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(W)\}$  is the forcing edge Steiner global domination number of  $G$ , represented by  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G)$ , where the minimum is obtained across all minimal edge Steiner global dominating sets  $W$  in  $G$ .

**Example 2.2.** As shown in Figure 2.1, the graph  $G$  is represented as  $W_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$  and  $W_2 = \{v_1, v_4, v_7\}$  are the only two  $\bar{\gamma}_{se}$ -sets of  $G$  such that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(W_1) = f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(W_2) = 1$  so tha  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 1$ .

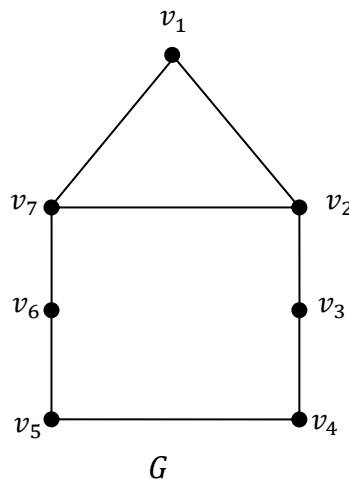


Figure 2.1

**Theorem 2.3.** For every connected graph  $G$ ,  $0 \leq f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) \leq \bar{\gamma}_{se}(G) \leq n$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Assume that  $G$  is a connected graph. Consequently,

- (i)  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 0$  if and only if  $G$  possesses a distinct Steiner global dominating set with a minimal edge.

- (ii)  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 1$  if and only if  $G$  contains a minimal edge Steiner global dominating set with at least two elements, one of which is a special minimum edge Steiner global dominating set that contains one of its components.
- (iii) If and only if no minimal edge Steiner global dominating set of  $G$  is the sole minimum edge Steiner global dominating set that contains any of its appropriate subsets, then  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = \bar{\gamma}_{se}(G)$ .

**Observation 2.5.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph, and  $W$  the set of all edge Steiner global dominating set. Then  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) \leq \bar{\gamma}_{se}(G) - |W|$

The forcing edge Steiner global dominance number of standard graphs is determined below.

**Observation 2.6.** (i) For the path  $G = P_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ),  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 0$ .

(ii) For the complete graph  $G = K_n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ),  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 0$ .

(iii) For the star graph  $G = K_{1,n-1}$  ( $n \geq 2$ ),  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** For every positive integer  $a \geq 0$ , there exists a connected graph  $G$  such that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = a$ .

**Proof.** Let  $P: x, y, z$  be a three-vertex route. Consider a replica of the path on two vertices,  $P_i: u_i, v_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ). Let  $H$  be the graph that is produced by adding the edges  $yu_i$  and  $zv_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ) to  $P$  and  $P_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ). Let  $G$  be the graph that was created from  $H$  by adding the edges  $zz_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq b - a - 1$ ) and the additional vertices  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{b-a-1}$ . Figure 2.2 shows the graph  $G$ .

We establish by demonstrating that  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G) = b$ . Consider the set of end vertices of  $G$  to be  $Z = \{x, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{b-a-1}\}$ . Since  $Z$  is a subset of each Steiner global dominating set of  $G$  according to Theorem 1.1 (i),  $\bar{\gamma}_{se}(G) \geq b - a - 1 + 1 = b - a$ .  $Z$  is not a Steiner global dominating set of  $G$  as  $S(W) \neq V(G)$ . Let  $H_i = \{u_i, v_i\}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ). Every Steiner global dominating set has at least one vertex from each  $H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ), as can be readily shown, and so  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G) \geq b - a + a = b$ . Now  $W = Z \cup \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_a\}$  is a Steiner global dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G) = b$ .

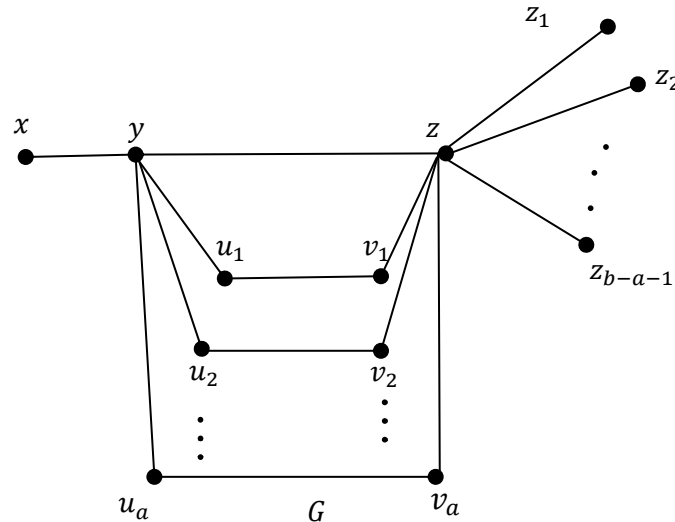


Figure 2.2

Following that, we demonstrate that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = a$ .  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = \bar{\gamma}_s(G) - |Z| = b - (b - a) = a$ . according to Theorem 1.1 (ii). Now since  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G) = b$  and every  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  contains  $Z$ , it is easily seen that  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  is of the form  $W = Z \cup \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_a\}$ , where  $c_i \in H_i$ . Let  $T$  be any proper subset of  $W$  with  $|T| < a$ . Then there is a vertex  $c_j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ) such that  $c_j \notin T$ . Let  $b_j$  be a vertex of  $H_j$  distinct from  $c_j$ . Then  $W_1 = (W - \{c_j\}) \cup \{b_j\}$  is a  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  properly containing  $T$ . Thus  $T$  is not a forcing subset of  $M$ . This is true for all minimum  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  and so it follows that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = a$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** For every integer  $a \geq 0$ , there exists a connected graph  $G$ , such that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = a$  and  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 0$ .

Proof. Let  $P_i: x_i, y_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ) be a replica of the route on two vertices, and let  $P: x, y, z$  be a path of three vertices. Let  $Q$  be the graph that is created by adding the edges  $yx_i, xx_i$  and  $zy_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ) to  $P$  and  $P_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ). Figure 2.3 shows the graph  $G$ .

We start by demonstrating that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = a$ . Let  $H_i = \{x_i, y_i\}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ) and  $Z = \{x, z\}$ . Since every Steiner global dominating set of  $G$  has at least one vertex from each  $H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ),  $Z$  is a subset of all Steiner global dominating sets of  $G$  according to Theorem 1.1 (i), meaning that  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G) \geq a + 2$ . Suppose that  $W = Z \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_a\}$ . Consequently,  $S(W) = V(G)$ . The Steiner global dominant set of  $G$  is thus  $S$ . Since  $W$  is a dominating set in  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$ .  $W$  is a global dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $W$  is an edge Steiner global dominating set of  $G$  so that  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G) = a + 2$ .

Following that, we prove  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = a$ .  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = \bar{\gamma}_s(G) - |Z| = a + 2 - 2 = a$  according to Theorem 1.1 (ii). It is now clear that the  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  is of the type  $W = Z \cup \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_a\}$ , where  $c_i \in H_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ), since  $\bar{\gamma}_s(G) = a + 2$  and every  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  includes  $Z$ . Let  $T$  be any proper subset of  $W$  with  $|T| < a$ . Then there is a vertex  $c_j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq a$ ) such that  $c_j \notin T$ . Let  $b_j$  be a vertex of  $H_j$  distinct

from  $c_j$ . Then  $W_1 = (W - \{c_j\}) \cup \{b_j\}$  is a  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  properly containing  $T$ . Thus  $T$  is not a forcing subset of  $W$ . This is true for all minimum  $\bar{\gamma}_s$ -set of  $G$  and so it follows that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_s}(G) = a$ . Such that we demonstrate  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 0$ . According to Theorem 1.1,  $Z$  is a subset of all Steiner global dominating sets of  $G$ , and since only the vertex  $x_i$  appears in every Steiner global dominating set, so  $\bar{\gamma}_{se}(G) \geq a + 2$ . It follows that  $f_{\bar{\gamma}_{se}}(G) = 0$  and  $\bar{\gamma}_{se}(G) = a + 2$  since  $W = Z \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_a\}$  is the unique  $\bar{\gamma}_{se}$ -set of  $G$ .

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