

# Congruent Domination Number of Graphs Obtained by Means of Some Graph Operation

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**Abstract**— A dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a congruent dominating set of a graph  $G$  if  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{\sum_{v \in D} d(v)}$ . The minimum cardinality of a minimal congruent dominating set of  $G$  is called the congruent domination number of  $G$  which is denoted by  $\gamma_{cd}(G)$ . In this paper, we investigate congruent domination number of some graphs obtained by means of some graph operation.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Domination in graphs is one of the concepts in graph theory that has piqued the interest of many researchers due to its potential to solve real-world problems involving communication network design and analysis, as well as defence surveillance. There are numerous domination models available in the literature. [1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9] provide a concise explanation of dominating sets and related concepts. For standard notations and graph theoretic terminology, we follow West [17] while the terms related to number theory are used in the sense of Burton [2].

We begin with finite, undirected and simple graph  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  of order  $n$ . A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is called a dominating set if each vertex in  $V(G) - D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of  $D$ . A dominating set  $D$  is a minimal dominating set if no proper subset  $D'$  of  $D$  is a dominating set of graph  $G$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a minimal dominating set.

The following new concept is recently introduced and further explored by Vaidya and Vadhel [13, 14, 15, 16].

A dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a congruent dominating set of  $G$  if

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{\sum_{v \in D} d(v)} \quad (1)$$

A congruent dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a minimal congruent dominating set if no proper subset  $D'$  of  $D$  is congruent dominating set. The minimum cardinality of a minimal congruent dominating set of  $G$  is called the congruent domination number of  $G$  which is denoted by  $\gamma_{cd}(G)$ .

In the present paper we have investigated the congruent domination number of some graph obtained by means of some graph operation like Corona product, square graph of a graph, complement graph of a graph and extended double cover of a graph. The domination number of the Cartesian product of paths and cycles have been investigated in [5, 10, 11]. We have also investigated the exact value of congruent domination number for Cartesian product of cycles and paths.

The complement  $\bar{G}$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and two vertices are adjacent in  $\bar{G}$  if and only if they are not adjacent in  $G$ .

The square graph  $G^2$  of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V(G)$  is the graph obtained by joining every pair of vertices which are at distance two in  $G$ .

The corona  $G \circ H$  of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  (with order  $n$  and  $m$  respectively) is defined as a graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G$  and  $n$  copies of  $H$  and joining the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G$  with an edge to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $H$ .

The Cartesian product of two graphs  $G(V_1, E_1)$  and  $H(V_2, E_2)$ , denoted by  $G \square H$ , is the graph with vertex set is  $V_1 \times V_2$  and edge set  $E(G \square H) = \{(g_1, h_1), (g_2, h_2)\}: g_1 = g_2 \text{ and } (h_1, h_2) \in E_2 \text{ or } h_1 = h_2 \text{ and } (g_1, g_2) \in E_1\}$ .

**Definition 1.1** The extended double cover of a graph  $G$  with the vertex set  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a bipartite graph  $G'$  with bipartition  $(X, Y)$ ;  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ , where two vertices  $x_i$  and  $y_j$  are adjacent if and only if  $i = j$  or  $v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_j$  in  $G$ .

We state the following results as our ready references:

**Theorem 1.2** [11] For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\gamma(C_n \square P_2) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1 & ; \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor & ; \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Theorem 1.3** [3] Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $m$  and let  $H$  be any graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma(G \circ H) = m$ .

## II. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , then  $\gamma_{cd}(G \circ K_1) = \gamma_{cd}(G \circ K_2) = n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges.

Let  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , then  $2m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  and  $2m \equiv 0 \pmod{2n}$ .

This implies that  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  and  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{2n}$  (2)

Now, consider the graphs  $G \circ K_1$  with  $V(G \circ K_1) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{1'}, v_{2'}, \dots, v_{n'}\}$ , where  $d(v_i) = d_G(v_i) + 1$ ,  $d(v_{i'}) = 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $G \circ K_2$  with  $V(G \circ K_2) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{1'}, v_{2'}, \dots, v_{n'}, v_{1''}, v_{2''}, \dots, v_{n''}\}$ , where  $d(v_i) = d_G(v_i) + 1$ ,  $d(v_{i'}) = 2$  and  $d(v_{i''}) = 1$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Moreover,  $\sum_{v \in V(G \circ K_1)} d(v) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) + 2n$  and  $\sum_{v \in V(G \circ K_2)} d(v) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) + 4n$  (3)

Let  $D = \{v_{1'}, v_{2'}, \dots, v_{n'}\}$ , then  $D$  is a dominating set for both  $G \circ K_1$  and  $G \circ K_2$  with  $|D| = n$ . Moreover,  $D$  is a minimal domination set with minimum cardinality as  $\gamma(G \circ K_1) = \gamma(G \circ K_2) = n$ .

Moreover,  $\sum_{v \in D(G \circ K_1)} d(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_{G \circ K_1}(v_i') = n$  and  $\sum_{v \in D(G \circ K_2)} d(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n d_{G \circ K_2}(v_i') = 2n$  (4)

Thus, from (1), (2) and (3), we get,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Hence,  $\gamma_{cd}(G \circ K_1) = \gamma_{cd}(G \circ K_2) = n$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -regular graph, then  $\gamma_{cd}(G \circ K_1) = n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be an  $r$ -regular graph with  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Now, consider the graph  $G \circ K_1$  with  $V(G \circ K_1) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{1'}, v_{2'}, \dots, v_{n'}\}$ , where for each  $i$ ,  $v_{i'}$  is the corresponding vertex of  $v_i$ . Then

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n d(v_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n d(v_i') = n(r + 1) + n = n(r + 2)$$
 (5)

Let  $D = \{v_{1'}, v_{2'}, \dots, v_{n'}\}$ , then  $D$  is a minimal domination set with minimum cardinality as  $\gamma(G \circ K_1) = n$ .

Moreover,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = \sum_{i=1}^n d(v_i') = n$  (6)

Thus, from (5) and (6),  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set. Hence,  $\gamma_{cd}(G \circ K_1) = n$ .

**Theorem 2.3** For the square of path  $P_n$ ,

$$\gamma_{cd}(P_n^2) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{3} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & ; \text{if } n \text{ is prime} \\ \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of vertices of path  $P_n^2$  with  $|V| = n$ .

Here,  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  are the vertices of degree 2,  $v_2$  and  $v_{n-1}$  are the vertices of degree 3 and  $v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-2}$  are the vertices of degree 4.

Therefore,  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 2(2) + 2(3) + 4(n - 4) = 4n - 6 = 2(2n - 3)$ .

**Case-1:**  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Define  $D = \{v_{3k+1} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{3} - 1\}$  with  $|D| = \frac{n}{3}$ . Then  $D$  is a minimal dominating set as  $D - \{v_i\}$  doesn't dominate vertex  $v_i$ , for each  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .

Moreover, there is 1 vertex of degree 2 and all other vertices of degree 4 and so  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 2 + 4\left(\frac{n}{3} - 1\right) = \frac{2}{3}(2n - 3)$ .

Then,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set. Therefore,  $D$  is a congruent dominating set. Since,  $D$  is a minimal dominating set, it is a minimal congruent dominating set.

Let  $S \subset V(G)$  be the set of vertices with  $|S| < |D|$  and  $\sum_{v \in S} d(v) = t < \frac{2}{3}(2n - 3)$ .

Then, there does not exist any  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $t < \frac{2}{3}(2n - 3)$  such that  $t < 2n - 1$  and  $t|2(2n - 1)$ .

Hence,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

**Case 2:**  $n$  is prime.

Define  $D = \{v_2 \cup v_{2k+1} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n-3}{2}\}$  with  $|D| = \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Then  $D$  is a dominating set.

Moreover, there is one vertex of degree 3 and all other vertex of degree 4 in set  $D$  and so,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 3 + 4\left(\frac{n-3}{2}\right) = (2n - 3)$ . Then,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set. Therefore,  $D$  is a congruent dominating set.

Moreover,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set as  $D - \{v\}$ ;  $\forall v \in V(G)$  is not a congruent dominating set.

Let  $S \subset V(G)$  be the set of vertices with  $\sum_{v \in S} d(v) = t < (2n - 3)$ .

Then, there does not exist any  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $t < 2n - 3$  and  $t|2(2n - 1)$ .

Hence,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

**Case-3:** Define  $D = \{v_{2k+1} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1\}$  with  $|D| = \frac{n}{2}$ . Then  $D$  is a dominating set.

Moreover, there is one vertex of degree 2, one vertex of degree 3 and  $\left(\frac{n}{2} - 2\right)$  vertices of degree 4 in  $D$  and so,

$$\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 2 + 3 + 4\left(\frac{n}{2} - 2\right) = (2n - 3).$$

Then,  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) \equiv 0 \pmod{\sum_{v \in D} d(v)}$ . Therefore,  $D$  is a congruent dominating set.

Moreover,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set as  $D - \{v\}$ ;  $\forall v \in V(G)$  is not a congruent dominating set.

Let  $S \subset V(G)$  be the set of vertices with  $\sum_{v \in S} d(v) = t < (2n - 3)$ .

Then, there does not exist any  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $t < 2n - 3$  and  $t|2(2n - 1)$ .

This implies that  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Hence,

$$\gamma_{cd}(G) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{3} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & ; \text{if } n \text{ is prime} \\ \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.4** For the book graph  $B_n$ ,

$$\gamma_{cd}(B_n) = \begin{cases} n + 1 & ; \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+3}{2} & ; \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $V(G) = \{u, v, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of vertices of  $B_n$ , where  $u$  and  $v$  are the apex vertices of degree  $n + 1$  and all other vertices are of degree 2.

Then,  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 2(n + 1) + 2(2n) = 6n + 2 = 2(3n + 1)$ .

**Case-1:**  $n = 1$  or  $n$  is even.

Consider a set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  as follows:

$D = \{u, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  with  $|D| = n + 1$ .

Then,  $D$  is a minimal dominating set as for any  $x \in D$ ,  $D - \{x\}$  will not dominate  $x$ .

Here,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = (n + 1) + 2(n) = 3n + 1$ .

Therefore,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set. Hence,  $D$  is a congruent dominating set.

Moreover,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set as it is a minimal dominating set.

Select  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $i|6n + 2$ .

Now consider the set of vertices  $S$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $|S| < |D|$  with  $\sum_{v \in S} d(v) = \frac{6n+2}{i}$ .

Then,  $\left(\frac{6n+2}{i}\right) |6n + 2$ .

But for each  $i > 2$ ,  $|S| < 2$  and  $\gamma(B_n) = 2$ .

Therefore, no such congruent dominating set  $S$  exists such that  $|S| < n + 1$ .

This implies that  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

**Case-2:**  $n > 1$  is odd.

Consider a set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  as follows:

$D = \{u, v, u_{2k} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n-3}{2}\}$  with  $|D| = \frac{n+3}{2}$ . Then  $D$  is a dominating set.

Here,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 2(n+1) + 2\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) = 3n+1$ . Therefore,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set.

Hence,  $D$  is a congruent dominating set.

Select  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $i | 6n+2$ .

Now consider the set of vertices  $S$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $|S| < |D|$  with  $\sum_{v \in S} d(v) = \frac{6n+2}{i}$ .

Then,  $\left(\frac{6n+2}{i}\right) | 6n+2$ .

But for each  $i > 2$ ,  $|S| < 2$  and  $\gamma(B_n) = 2$ .

Therefore, no such congruent dominating set  $S$  exists such that  $|S| < \frac{n+3}{2}$ .

This implies that  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Hence,  $\gamma_{cd}(B_n) = \begin{cases} n+1 & ; \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+3}{2} & ; \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $G$  be the complement of path  $P_n$  with  $n > 2$ , then

$$\gamma_{cd}(G) = \begin{cases} 2 & ; \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of vertices of graph  $G$ .

Then,  $d(v_1) = d(v_n) = n-2$  and  $d(v_i) = n-3 ; \forall 2 \leq i \leq n-1$  and so,

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 2(n-2) + (n-2)(n-3) = (n-1)(n-2).$$

**Case-1:**  $n$  is odd.

Consider a subset  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of vertices as follows:

$D = \{v_1, v_2\}$  with  $|D| = 2$ . Then  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality as  $\gamma_{cd}(\overline{P_n}) = 2$ .

Now,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 2(n-2)$  and  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = (n-1)(n-2)$ .

Here,  $2(n-2) | (n-1)(n-2)$  this implies that  $2 | n-1$  as  $n$  is odd and so,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set.

Since  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality it is also a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

**Case-2:**  $n$  is even.

Consider a subset  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of vertices as follows:

$D = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k / 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$  with  $|D| = \frac{n}{2}$ . Then  $D$  is a dominating set.

Now,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = (n-2) + \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)(n-3) = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$ .

Then,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set. Therefore,  $D$  is a congruent dominating set.

Now  $\gamma(\overline{P_n}) = 2$  and so  $2 \leq \gamma_{cd}(\overline{P_n})$ .

Select  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $i | (n-1)(n-2)$ .

Now consider the set of vertices  $S$  of  $V(G)$  such that  $|S| < |D|$  with  $\sum_{v \in S} d(v) = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{i}$ .

Then,  $\left(\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{i}\right) | (n-1)(n-2)$ .

But for each  $i > 2$ ,  $|S| < 2$  and  $\gamma(\overline{P_n}) = 2$ .

Therefore, no such congruent dominating set  $S$  exists such that  $|S| < \frac{n}{2}$ .

This implies that  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Hence,  $\gamma_{cd}(G) = \begin{cases} 2 & ; \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$

**Theorem 2.6** Let  $G$  be the extended double cover of cycle  $C_n$ , then

$$\gamma_{cd}(G) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4) \\ \frac{2n}{3} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \ \& \ n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 4) \\ n & ; \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of cycle  $C_n$ . Then,  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_1', v_2', \dots, v_n'\}$  is the set of vertices of graph  $G$ , where  $G$  is the extended double cover of cycle  $C_n$  and  $d(v) = 3, \forall v \in V(G)$ . Moreover,  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 6n$ .

**Case-1:**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$

Consider  $D = \{v_{4k+1} \cup v_{4k+3}' / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{4} - 1\}$ , then  $|D| = \frac{n}{2}$ . Moreover,  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality with degree sum of vertex set of dominating set  $D$  is  $\frac{3n}{2}$ . Hence,  $D$  satisfies the condition (1) for being a congruent dominating set.

Since  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality, it is also a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Thus,  $\gamma_{cd}(G) = \frac{n}{2}$ , in this case.

**Case-2:**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \ \& \ n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)$

Consider  $D = \{v_{3k+1} \cup v_{3k+2}' / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{3} - 1\}$ , then  $|D| = \frac{2n}{3}$  and  $D$  is a dominating set. Moreover, the degree sum of vertex set of a dominating set  $D$  is  $2n$ . Hence,  $D$  satisfies the condition (1) for being a congruent dominating set.

We claim that  $D$  is of minimal cardinality.

Let  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $i|6n$ .

If possible, let  $S \neq D, S \subset V(G)$  with  $|S| < |D|$  and degree sum of vertices of  $S$  is  $\frac{6n}{i}$ .

Then,  $\binom{6n}{i} |6n$ .

But for each  $i > 3, |S| < 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$  and  $\gamma(G) = 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$ .

Therefore, no such congruent dominating set  $S$  exists such that  $|S| < n$ .

This implies that  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Thus,  $\gamma_{cd}(G) = \frac{2n}{3}$ , in this case.

**Case-3:**  $n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 3,4)$

Consider  $D = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ , then  $|D| = n$  and  $D$  is a dominating set with degree sum of vertex set of dominating set  $D$  is  $3n$ . Hence,  $D$  satisfies the condition (1) for being a congruent dominating set.

Since,  $n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 3,4)$  and  $\forall v \in V(G), d(v) = 3$  implies there does not exist any congruent dominating set  $S$  with  $|S| < |D|$  and so,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Thus,  $\gamma_{cd}(G) = n$ , in this case.

Hence,

$$\gamma_{cd}(G) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 4) \\ \frac{2n}{3} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \ \& \ n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 4) \\ n & ; \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.7**  $\gamma_{cd}(P_n \times K_1) = n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be the set of vertices of  $C_n \times K_1$  with  $|V(G)| = 2n$ . Here  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  are the vertices of degree 2,  $v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}$  are the vertices of degree 3 and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  are the vertices of degree 1.

Therefore,  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 2(2) + 3(n-2) + n = 2(2n-1)$ .

If  $n$  is even, then define  $D = \{v_{2k} \cup u_{2k+1} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$  with  $|D| = n$ .

If  $n$  is odd, then define  $D = \{v_{2k} \cup u_{2k+1} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$  with  $|D| = n$ .

Then, in both the cases  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality as  $\gamma(P_n \times K_1) = n$ .

Now, if  $n$  is even then there are  $(\frac{n}{2} - 1)$  vertices of degree 3, one vertex of degree 2 and  $\frac{n}{2}$  vertices of degree 1 and so,

$$\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 3 \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right) + 2 + \frac{n}{2} = 2n - 1.$$

Then,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set.

Also, if  $n$  is odd then there is  $\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)$  vertices of degree 3 and  $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)$  vertices of degree 1 and so,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 3\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) + \frac{n+1}{2} = 2n - 1$ .

Then, in both cases,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set. Therefore,  $D$  is a congruent dominating set.

Since,  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality, it is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

Hence,  $\gamma_{cd}(P_n \times K_1) = n$ .

**Theorem 2.8** For  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$\gamma_{cd}(C_n \times P_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod}4) \\ \frac{2n}{3} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod}3) \text{ and } n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod}4) \\ n & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be the set of vertices of  $C_n \times P_2$  with  $|V(G)| = 2n$ .

Here,  $d(v) = 3 ; \forall v \in V(G)$ . Therefore,  $\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 6n$ .

**Case-1:**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$

Define  $D = \{v_{4k+3} \cup u_{4k+1} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{4} - 1\}$  with  $|D| = \frac{n}{2}$ . Then,  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality as for  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $\gamma(C_n \times P_2) = \frac{n}{2}$ .

Moreover,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = \frac{3n}{2}$ . Then,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set. Therefore,  $D$  is congruent dominating set.

Since,  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality, it is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimum cardinality.

**Case-2:**  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod} 3)$  and  $n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod} 4)$

Define  $D = \{v_{3k+2} \cup u_{3k+2} / 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{3} - 1\}$  with  $|D| = \frac{2n}{3}$ . Then  $D$  is minimal dominating set with as for any  $u \in D$ ,  $D - \{u\}$  doesn't dominate  $N(u)$ .

Moreover,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 3\left(\frac{2n}{3}\right) = 2n$ . Then,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set.

Therefore,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set, as it is a minimal dominating set.

Now, for  $n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $\gamma(C_n \times P_2) > \frac{n}{2}$  and so  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) > \frac{3n}{2}$ .

Let  $D' \subset V(G)$  be the set of vertices of  $C_n \times P_2$  with  $|D'| < |D|$  and  $\sum_{v \in D'} d(v) = t$ .

Then there does not exist any  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{3n}{2} < t < 2n$  and  $t|6n$ .

Therefore,  $D$  is minimal congruent dominating set with minimal cardinality.

**Case-3:**  $n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod} 3,4)$

Define  $D = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  with  $|D| = n$ .

Then,  $D$  is a minimal dominating set with as for any  $u \in D$ ,  $D - \{u\}$  doesn't dominate  $u$ .

Moreover,  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) = 3n$ . Then,  $D$  satisfies Condition (1) to be a congruent dominating set.

Therefore,  $D$  is minimal congruent dominating set, as it is minimal dominating set.

Now, for  $n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod}4)$ ,  $\gamma(C_n \times P_2) > \frac{n}{2}$  and so  $\sum_{v \in D} d(v) > \frac{3n}{2}$ .

Let  $D' \subset V(G)$  be the set of vertices of  $C_n \times P_2$  with  $|D'| < |D|$  and  $\sum_{v \in D'} d(v) = t$ .

Then, there does not exist any  $t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{3n}{2} < t < 2n$  and  $t|6n$ .

Therefore,  $D$  is a minimal congruent dominating set with minimal cardinality.

Hence,

$$\gamma_{cd}(C_n \times P_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod}4) \\ \frac{2n}{3} & ; \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod}3) \text{ and } n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod}4) \\ n & ; \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

## III. CONCLUSION

The concept of congruent domination in graphs has been recently introduced by Vaidya and Vadhel [13] and further investigated in [14, 15, 16]. The concept is a frontier between number theory and theory of graphs. The congruent domination numbers have been investigated for the graphs obtained by means of some graph operations.

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