

# Double domination number of inflated graphs

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## ABSTRACT

In a graph, a vertex is said to dominate itself and all its neighbors. A subset  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is a double dominating set of a graph  $G$ , if every vertex of  $V$  is dominated by at least two vertices of  $S$ . The double domination number denoted by  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a double dominating set. Graph operations are fundamental in graph theory and have various applications across different fields including network analysis, parallel computing and electrical circuit design. This paper studies the problem of finding the double domination number under unary and binary operations of graphs. We investigate the double domination number of graphs under unary operations such as inflation and cubic inflation. Also, we introduced two new unary operations inspired from inflation operation and studied the impact of these operations on double domination number. Further, we explore the double domination number of edge corona and neighborhood corona of two graphs. Additionally, we study the double domination number of various corona operations of two graphs combined with subdivision of a graph and  $R$ -graph.

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## 1. Introduction

All graphs we considered are finite, simple and undirected. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph with no isolated vertices. The number of vertices,  $|V(G)|$  is called the order of  $G$  and the number of edges  $|E(G)|$  is called the size of  $G$ . The open neighborhood of a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is the set  $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) | uv \in E(G)\}$  and the closed neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N[v] = N(v) \cup v$ . A vertex of degree one is called a pendant vertex and the vertex adjacent to a pendant vertex is called a support vertex. A vertex that is adjacent

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to all other vertices of a graph is called a universal vertex of the graph. For graph theory terminology and notation, we in general follow [1, 25]. A dominating set of a graph  $G$  is a subset  $D \subseteq V$  such that every vertex of  $V - D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ . The domination number,  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ . For more details we refer the books, Fundamentals of domination in graphs and Topics in domination in graphs [15, 14].

Depending upon various applications, different variations of domination have appeared in the literature. Among them  $k$ -tuple domination is well studied variation of domination. Frank Harary and Teresa Haynes [13, 12] introduced the concept of  $k$ -tuple domination in graphs. The case  $k = 2$  corresponds to 2-tuple domination or double domination. A double dominating set of a graph  $G$  is a subset  $D \subseteq V$  such that every vertex in  $V$  is dominated by at least two vertices in  $D$ . The double domination number denoted by  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a double dominating set of  $G$ . Equivalently, if  $|N[v] \cap D| \geq 2 \forall v \in V(G)$ , then  $D$  is a double dominating set of  $G$ .

A detailed survey on double domination in graphs can be found in [15]. The double domination number of trees have been explored in [3, 5]. The double domination problem has been studied under various binary operations such as corona, tensor, join, lexicographic, shadow and rooted products of two graphs in [7, 6, 4, 24]. It has also been studied under various unary operations in [23].

### 1.1. Related Work

The inflation of a graph is an unary operation which increases the order and the size of the graph but preserves the degree sequence of the graph. The cubic inflation of a graph is an unary operation that converts any connected graph with minimum degree at least two into a cubic graph. The inflation operation of a graph was introduced by Favaron in [9]. Inflation have been studied under various domination parameters in [16, 19, 18]. The cubic inflation operation was introduced in [2].

The corona of two graphs was first introduced by Frucht and Harary [10]. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs on disjoint sets of  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  vertices, respectively. The corona of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1 \circ G_2$ , is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  and  $n_1$  copies of  $G_2$ , and then joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ . Hou and Shiu [17] and Gopalapillai [11] introduced the two variants of the corona operation, namely the edge corona and the neighborhood corona respectively. The subdivision operation denoted by  $S(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph obtained by splitting each edge of  $G$  by introducing a new vertex [1]. In [23] we obtained the double domination number of subdivision of some classes of graphs. The two new operations on subdivision graphs, namely, subdivision-vertex corona and subdivision-edge corona were introduced by Lu and Miao [22]. Liu and Lu [21] introduced two new graph operations based on subdivision graphs, namely, the subdivision vertex neighborhood corona and the subdivision edge neighborhood corona. The  $R$ -graph of  $G$ , denoted by  $R(G)$  is the graph obtained from  $G$  by adding a vertex  $v$  to every edge  $e$  of  $G$  and joining  $v$  to the end vertices of  $e$  [8]. Observe that  $R(G)$  is just the edge corona of  $G$  and  $K_1$ . In [23] we proved that the double domination number of  $R$ -graph of any graph  $G$  is the order of  $G$ . Lan and nZhou [20]

defined four new graph operations based on  $R$ -graphs, namely the  $R$ -vertex corona,  $R$ -edge corona,  $R$ -vertex neighborhood corona and  $R$ -edge neighborhood corona.

Although the double domination number of various unary operations and vertex corona has been explored, the double domination number of inflation, cubic inflation, edge corona, neighborhood corona and various corona operations combined with subdivision and  $R$ -graph has not been examined so far. This inspired us to study the double domination problem under inflation and various corona operations.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we obtain the double domination number of inflation, cubic inflation and two new unary operations of graphs. In Section 3, we determine the double domination number of edge corona, neighborhood corona and various corona operations of two graphs combined with subdivision of a graph and  $R$ -graph respectively.

### 1.2. Preliminary results

**Observation 1.1.** [24] *Every double dominating set of a graph must contain all its leaves and support vertices.*

**Theorem 1.2.** [24] *For a connected graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G) = 2$  if and only if  $G$  has at least two universal vertices.*

**Theorem 1.3.** [24] *For a connected graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G) = |V(G)|$  if and only if every vertex of the  $G$  is either a leaf or a support vertex.*

**Theorem 1.4.** [24] *If  $G$  is a graph without isolated vertices then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G) \geq \frac{2n}{\Delta(G)+1}$ .*

**Theorem 1.5.** [24] *Let  $G$  be a cycle graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(C_n) = \lceil \frac{2n}{3} \rceil$ .*

**Theorem 1.6.** [24] *Let  $G$  be a path graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(P_n) = \lceil \frac{2(n+1)}{3} \rceil$ .*

## 2. Double domination under unary operations

### 2.1. Double domination in inflated graphs

**Definition 2.1.** The *inflation* of  $G$  or inflated graph  $G_I$  is obtained as follows: every vertex  $x \in V(G)$  of degree  $d(x)$  is replaced by a clique  $X = K_{d(x)}$  and each edge  $xy$  is an edge between two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  of the corresponding cliques  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $G_I$  in such a way that the edges of  $G_I$  which come from the edges of  $G$  form a matching.

As an obvious consequence of the definition of inflation,  $n(G_I) = \sum_{x_i \in V(G)} d(x_i) = 2m(G)$  and  $\Delta(G_I) = \Delta(G)$  and  $\delta(G_I) = \delta(G)$ . For the notations of inflated graphs we follow [9]. A graph  $G$  and its inflated graph  $G_I$  are shown in Figure 1.

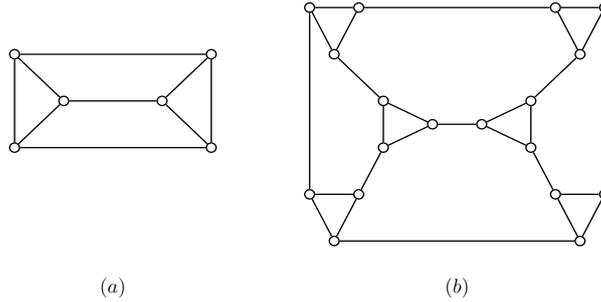


Fig. 1. (a)  $G$  and (b)  $G_I$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $G$  be a graph of order  $n$  with no isolated vertices. Then  $n \leq \gamma_{2\times}(G_I) \leq 2n$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Let  $K_{d(v_i)}; v_i \in V(G)$  be the cliques of  $G_I$ . Let  $S$  be the minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$ . Then  $S$  must contain at least one vertex from each of the cliques in  $G_I$ , because a vertex  $v$  in  $G_I$  has only one neighbor outside  $K_{d(v)}$ . Since, there are  $n$  cliques in  $G_I$ , to double dominate every vertex of  $G_I$  we need at least  $n$  vertices. This implies,  $|S| \geq n$ .

Every clique  $K_{d(v_i)}$  has at least two universal vertices and thus by Theorem 1.2, we have,  $\gamma_{2\times}(K_{d(v_i)}) = 2$  for each  $i; 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_{2\times}(K_{d(v_i)}) = 2n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $G$  be a graph without isolated vertex. Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) \geq 2l(G)$ , where  $l(G)$  is the number of leaves in  $G$  with equality if and only if every vertex of  $G$  is either a leaf or a support vertex.*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be the minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$ . Let  $x_i$  be a leaf adjacent to  $y_i$ . Since every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is replaced by a clique of size  $\deg(v)$ , a leaf in  $G$  remains as a leaf in  $G_I$ . Also each leaf in  $G_I$  is adjacent to a unique vertex in  $G_I$ . Therefore, to double dominate every leaf of  $G_I$ , we need every leaf and its support vertex to be in the minimum double dominating set  $S$  of  $G_I$ . Hence,  $|S| \geq 2l(G)$ .

Suppose  $|S| = 2l(G)$  be a minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$ . Let  $u$  be the vertex which is neither a leaf nor a support vertex in  $G$ . Then by definition of  $G_I$   $u$  cannot be adjacent to any of the support vertex in  $G_I$ . Thus  $u$  is not dominated even once, contradicting the fact that  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$ .

Conversely, suppose every vertex in the graph  $G$  is either a leaf or a support vertex. Then by observation 1, and by the fact that every leaf of  $G_I$  is adjacent to a unique support vertex,  $S$  contains every leaf and support vertex of  $G_I$  to double dominate them.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $G \cong C_n$  be the cycle graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) = \lceil \frac{4n}{3} \rceil$ .*

**Proof.** The inflation of cycle of order  $n$  is again a cycle of order  $2n$ . Therefore by Theorem

1.5,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) = \lceil \frac{4n}{3} \rceil$ . □

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $G \cong P_n$  be the path graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) = \lceil \frac{4(n-2)}{3} \rceil$ .*

**Proof.** The inflation of path of order  $n$  is again a path of order  $2(n-1)$ . Therefore by Theorem 1.6,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) = \lceil \frac{4(n-2)}{3} \rceil$ . □

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $G \cong W_n$  be the wheel graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) = \lceil \frac{2(n-1)}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \rceil$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Let  $v_n$  be the universal vertex of  $G$ . Then each  $v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$  are replaced by a clique of size 3 and  $v_n$  is replaced by a clique of size  $\deg(v_n)$  in  $G_I$ . Let  $\{v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}, v_{i,3}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  be the vertices of the cliques,  $K_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$  corresponding to the vertices  $v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Let  $\{v_{i,3}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  be the vertices adjacent to the vertices in the clique,  $K_{v_n}$  corresponding to  $v_n$  in  $G_I$ . Then the vertices  $\{v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  form a cycle of length  $2(n-1)$ . Let  $S$  be the double dominating set of  $G_I$ . We pick the minimum double dominating set  $\{v_{i,j}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; j = 1, 2; i+j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$  of the cycle to be in  $S$ . Then the vertices in this cycle are dominated at least twice. Observe that,  $S$  contains two vertices from cliques  $K_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and exactly one vertex from the cliques  $K_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Hence,  $S$  dominates vertices in  $K_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  at least twice. Now there are  $\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \rceil$  vertices,  $\{v_{i,3}\}$  of the cliques  $K_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  that are adjacent to the vertices in the clique  $K_{v_n}$  that is dominated only once by  $S$ . Hence, we include the vertices  $\{v_{n,i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}\}$  from  $K_{v_n}$  that are the neighbors of the vertices  $\{v_{i,3}\}$  of the cliques  $K_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  in  $S$ . This set  $S = \{v_{i,j}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \cup \{v_{n,i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}\}$  dominates every vertex of  $G_I$  at least twice and  $|S| = \lceil \frac{4(n-1)}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \rceil$ . Now, we need to prove  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$ . Since the double domination number is the minimum among cardinality of all the double dominating sets of  $G_I$  we have  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) \leq |S| = \lceil \frac{4(n-1)}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \rceil$ .

To dominate every vertex of  $G_I$  at least twice we need to include two vertices from each clique that is  $2n$  vertices which is greater than  $|S|$ . Otherwise we need to include the minimum dominating set  $\{v_{i,j}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1; j = 1, 2; j \equiv i \pmod{3}\}$  of the cycle of length  $2(n-1)$ . Then Let  $S' = S - \{u\}$  for any  $u$  in  $S$ . This set  $S'$  dominates every vertex of  $G_I$  at least twice except the neighbors of  $u$ . This implies,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) \geq \lceil \frac{2(n-1)}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \rceil = |S|$ . This proves  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$  and  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) = \lceil \frac{2(n-1)}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \rceil$ . □

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $G \cong K_n$  be the complete graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_I) = 2(n-1)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$  and  $K_{v_i}$  be the cliques corresponding to the vertex  $v_i$ . Let  $\{v_{j,k}; 1 \leq j \leq n; 1 \leq i, k \leq d(v_i)\}$  be the vertices of the cliques

$K_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $S = \{v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}, v_{j,k}; 3 \leq j \leq n; 1 \leq k \leq d(v_i)\}$  where  $v_{j,k} \in \{N(v_{1,1}) \cup N(v_{2,1})\} - \{K_{v_1} \cup K_{v_2}\}$  and  $(v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}) \in E(G_I)$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_I$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is the double dominating set of  $G_I$  and  $|S| = 2(n - 1)$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From the definition of double domination number it is obvious that  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) \leq |S| = 2(n - 1)$ . Observe that every vertex in a clique has a unique neighbor from another clique. This implies, no two vertices of a clique  $K_{v_i}$  have a common neighbor outside  $K_{v_i}$ . Therefore, to dominate all the vertices of a clique at least twice, we need to include two vertices from each clique or one vertex from the clique and its neighbor from another clique. In both the cases,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) = 2n \geq |S| = 2(n - 1)$ . Thus,  $S$  is a minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$ . Hence  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) = 2(n - 1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $G \cong K_{m,n}$  be the complete bipartite graph of order  $m + n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) = 2(m + n - 1)$ .*

**Proof.** The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of the previous theorem. Let  $\{v_i, v_j; 1 \leq i \leq m; 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$  and  $K_{v_i}, K_{v_j}$  be the cliques corresponding to the vertex  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  respectively. Let  $\{v_{k,l}; 1 \leq k \leq m; 1 \leq l \leq d(v_i)\}$  be the vertices of the cliques  $K_{v_i}$  and  $\{v_{p,q}; m + 1 \leq p \leq n; 1 \leq q \leq d(v_j)\}$  be the vertices of the cliques  $K_{v_j}$ . Let  $S = \{v_{1,1}, v_{2,1}, v_{k,l}, v_{p,q}; 3 \leq k \leq m; 1 \leq l \leq 2; m + 1 \leq p \leq n; 1 \leq q \leq d(v_i)\}$  where  $v_{p,q} \in \{N(v_{1,1}) \cup N(v_{2,1})\} - \{K_{v_1} \cup K_{v_2}\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_I$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is the double dominating set of  $G_I$  and  $|S| = 2(m + n - 1)$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From the definition of double domination number it is obvious that  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) \leq |S| = 2(m + n - 1)$ . Observe that every vertex in a clique has a unique neighbor from another clique. This implies, no two vertices of a clique  $K_{v_i}$  have a common neighbor outside  $K_{v_i}$ . Therefore, to dominate all the vertices of a clique at least twice, we need to include two vertices from each clique or one vertex from the clique and its neighbor from another clique. In both the cases,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) = 2(m + n) \geq |S| = 2(m + n - 1)$ . Thus,  $S$  is a minimum double dominating set of  $G_I$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) = 2(m + n - 1)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $G \cong K_{1,n}$  and  $G' \cong S_{r,t}$  be a star graph and a double star graph of order  $n + 1$  and  $r + t$  respectively. Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I) = 2l(G)$  and  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G'_I) = 2l(G')$  where  $l(G)$  is the number of leaves in  $G$ .*

**Proof.** The proof follows from the Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

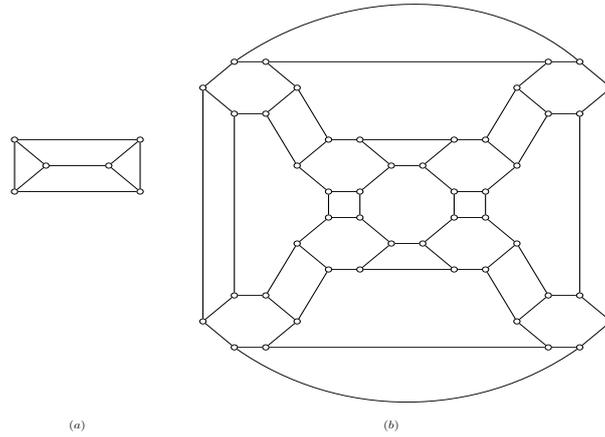
Observe that the inflation operation increases the double domination number as the number of vertices and edges increases. Also the gap between  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G)$  and  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_I)$  can be arbitrarily large. For example,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(K_n) = 2$  but  $\gamma_{2 \times}(K_{nI}) = 2(n - 1)$ .

## 2.2. Double domination in cubic inflated graphs

**Definition 2.10.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph without isolated vertices. The *cubic inflation* of graph  $G$  denoted by  $CI(G)$  is obtained as follows: First we replace every vertex

$v$  with a cycle  $Q_v$  of length twice the degree of  $v$  and then replace every edge  $uv$  of  $G$  by two edges joining  $Q_u$  and  $Q_v$ .

A graph  $G$  and its cubic inflation  $CI(G)$  are shown in Figure 2. From the definition we have  $n(CI(G)) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} 2deg(v) = 4m(G)$  [2].



**Fig. 2.** (a)  $G$  and (b)  $CI(G)$

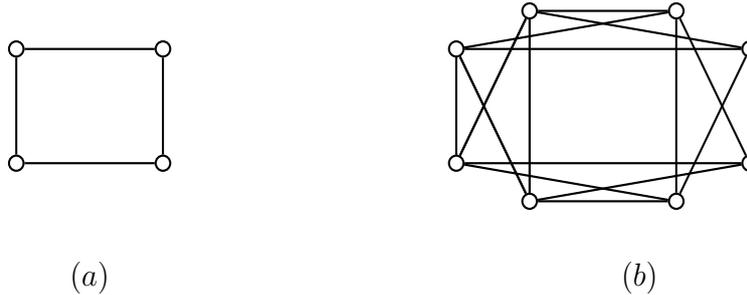
**Theorem 2.11.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and size  $m$ , with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(CI(G)) = 2m$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $CI(G)$ . Let  $C_{v_i}$  be the cycles of order  $2deg(v_i)$  in  $CI(G)$  corresponding to the vertices  $v_i$ . Let  $\{v_{i,j}; 1 \leq i \leq n; 1 \leq j \leq 2deg(v_i)\}$  be the vertices of the cycles  $C_{v_i}$ . Let  $S$  be the double dominating set of  $CI(G)$ . We pick the vertices  $\{v_{i,j}; 1 \leq i \leq n; j = even\}$  from each cycle  $C_{v_i}$  to  $S$  in such a way that  $(v_{i,j}, v_{k,j}) \in E(CI(G)); 1 \leq i, k \leq n; i \neq k$ . That is we pick  $deg(v_i)$  vertices from each cycle and there are  $n$  cycles. Therefore,  $|S| = \sum_{i=1}^n deg(v_i) = 2m$ . From Theorem 1.4, we have  $\gamma_{2 \times}(CI(G)) \geq \frac{2n(CI(G))}{\Delta(CI(G))+1} = \frac{8m}{4} = 2m$ . This implies,  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $CI(G)$  and hence  $\gamma_{2 \times}(CI(G)) = 2m$ .  $\square$

### 2.3. Double domination under $\alpha$ -operation

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$ . Let  $G_\alpha$  be the graph obtained after applying  $\alpha$  - operation on  $G$ . The operation is defined as follows: every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is replaced by the independent set,  $I_v$  of cardinality  $deg(v)$  and every vertex of  $I_v$  is adjacent to every vertex of  $I_u$  if  $uv \in E(G)$ .  $G_\alpha$  has  $\sum_{i=1}^n deg(v_i)$  vertices.

A graph  $G$  and the graph  $G_\alpha$  obtained after applying  $\alpha$  - operation on  $G$  are shown in Figure 3.



**Fig. 3.** (a)  $G$  and (b)  $G_\alpha$

**Theorem 2.13.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and with a universal vertex or two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $N[u] \cup N[v] = V(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = 4$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Then each vertex  $v_i$  is replaced by an independent set  $I_{v_i}$  of size  $\deg(v_i)$  in  $G_\alpha$ . Let  $v_n$  be the universal vertex of  $G$  and  $I_{v_n}$  be the independent set corresponding to the vertex  $v_n$ . Since  $v_n$  is a universal vertex, every vertex in  $I_{v_n}$  is connected to every vertex in  $I_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Therefore, any two vertices from the independent set  $I_{v_n}$  will dominate every vertex of  $G_\alpha$  at least twice except the vertices in  $I_{v_n}$ . Since vertices in  $I_{v_n}$  share no edges between them, in order to double dominate the vertices in  $I_{v_n}$  choose any two vertices from any of the independent sets  $I_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . This implies,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = 4$ .

Similarly, let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vertices of  $G$  such that  $N[u] \cup N[v] = V(G)$  and  $I_u$  and  $I_v$  be the independent sets corresponding to the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  respectively. In this case, any two vertices from each of the independent sets  $I_u$  and  $I_v$  will dominate every vertex of  $G_\alpha$  at least twice. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = 4$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $G \cong C_n$  be the cycle graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = n$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Each  $v_i$  is replaced by an independent set  $I_{v_i}$  of size 2 in  $G_\alpha$ . Let  $\{v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G_\alpha$ . Let the set  $S = \{v_{i,1}; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_\alpha$  at least twice because these vertices form a cycle of length  $n$  and the vertices  $\{v_{i,2}; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  are adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $S$ . Therefore  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_\alpha$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From the definition of double domination number it is obvious that  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) \leq |S| = n$ . In  $G_\alpha$ , each vertex is replaced by an independent set of size 2 and the resulting graph is a 4-regular graph. The vertices in each independent set have four neighbors in common. But these four neighbors share no edges among them. Therefore, to dominate every vertex at least twice we need to include the vertex and one of its neighbors or two of the neighbors of each vertex and one more vertex common to these two neighbors. In both the cases, we need at least  $n$  vertices to dominate every vertex of  $G_\alpha$  at least twice. This implies,  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_\alpha$  and hence  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.15.** *Let  $G \cong P_n$  be the path graph of order  $n$ . Then ,*

$$\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = \begin{cases} n-1, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \\ n, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Each  $v_i; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$  is replaced by an independent set  $I_{v_i}$  of size 2 and the vertices  $v_1, v_n$  are replaced by the independent sets  $I_{v_1}, I_{v_n}$  of size 1 in  $G_\alpha$ . Let  $\{v_{1,1}, v_{n,1}, v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}; 2 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_\alpha$ .

*Case 1.* When  $n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let us consider the set  $S = \{v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, v_{n-1,1}, v_{n-1,2}, v_{i,1}, v_{i+1,2}; 2 \leq i, \leq n-3; i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_\alpha$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_\alpha$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From the definition of double domination number it is obvious that  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) \leq |S| = n$ . In  $G_\alpha$ , each vertex is replaced by an independent set of size 2 except for the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . The vertices in each independent set  $I_{v_i}; 3 \leq i \leq n-2$  have four neighbors in common. But these four neighbors share no edges among them. Therefore, to dominate every vertex at least twice we need to include the vertex and one of its neighbors or two of the neighbors of each vertex and one more vertex common to these two neighbors. In both the cases, we need at least  $n$  vertices to dominate every vertex of  $G_\alpha$  at least twice. This implies,  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_\alpha$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = |S| = n$ .

*Case 2.* When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

In this case consider the set  $S = \{v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, v_{n-1,1}, v_{n-1,2}, v_{i,1}, v_{i+1,2}; 2 \leq i, j \leq n-3; i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}\} - \{v_{n-3,2}\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_\alpha$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_\alpha$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. The same set as in the previous case without the vertex  $v_{n-3,2}$  acts as the minimum double dominating set for this case. This implies,  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_\alpha$  with  $|S| = n-1$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\alpha) = |S| = n-1$ .  $\square$

#### 2.4. Double domination under $\beta$ - operation

**Definition 2.16.** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$ . Let  $G_\beta$  be the graph obtained after applying  $\beta$  - operation on  $G$ . The operation is defined as follows: every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is replaced by the path,  $P_v$  of order  $\deg(v)$  and every vertex of  $P_v$  is adjacent to every vertex of  $P_u$  if  $uv \in E(G)$ .  $G_\beta$  has  $\sum_{i=1}^n \deg(v_i)$  vertices.

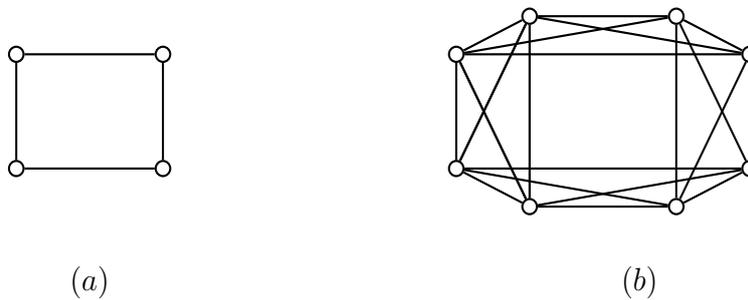
In Figure 4, we present a graph  $G$  and the graph  $G_\beta$  obtained after applying  $\beta$  - operation on  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.17.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and with a universal vertex or two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $N[u] \cup N[v] = V(G)$ . Then for  $n \geq 6$ ,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\beta) = 4$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.13. Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Then each vertex  $v_i$  is replaced by a path  $P_{v_i}$  of order  $\deg(v_i)$  in  $G_\beta$ . Let  $v_n$

be the universal vertex of  $G$  and  $P_{v_n}$  be the path corresponding to the vertex  $v_n$ . Since  $v_n$  is a universal vertex, every vertex in  $P_{v_n}$  is connected to every vertex in  $P_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Therefore, any two vertices from the path  $P_{v_n}$  will dominate every vertex of  $G_\beta$  at least twice except the vertices in  $P_{v_n}$ . Since vertices in  $P_{v_n}$  is a path of order  $\deg(v_i)$ , any two vertices of  $P_{v_n}$  is not sufficient to double dominate the vertices in  $P_{v_n}$ . Therefore, choose any two vertices from any of the paths  $P_{v_i}; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . This implies,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_\beta) = 4$ .

Similarly, let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vertices of  $G$  such that  $N[u] \cup N[v] = V(G)$  and  $P_u$  and  $P_v$  be the paths corresponding to the vertices  $u$  and  $v$  respectively. In this case, any two vertices from each of the paths  $P_u$  and  $P_v$  will dominate every vertex of  $G_\beta$  at least twice. Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_\beta) = 4$ .  $\square$



**Fig. 4.** (a)  $G$  and (b)  $G_\beta$

**Corollary 2.18.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$  and with a universal vertex or two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $N[u] \cup N[v] = V(G)$ . Then for  $n < 6$ ,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_\beta) = 3$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $n < 6$ , the degree of the universal vertex  $u$  will be less than or equal to 4. Therefore, the order of the path  $P_u$  replaced instead of  $u$  will be less than or equal to 4. Therefore, any two vertices from  $P_u$  will dominate every vertex of  $G_\beta$  at least twice but the vertices in the path  $P_u$  corresponding to  $u$  is dominated only once by those two vertices. To dominate these vertices at least twice its enough to pick any vertex of  $G_\beta$  other than the vertices in  $P_u$ . Therefore, for  $n < 6$ ,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_\beta) = 4$ .

Similarly, let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vertices such that  $N[u] \cup N[v] = V(G)$ . Then for  $n < 6$ ,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_\beta) = 3$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.19.** *Let  $G \cong C_n$  be the cycle graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_\beta) = \gamma_{2 \times}(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Each  $v_i$  is replaced by a path  $P_{v_i}$  of order 2 in  $G_\beta$ . Let  $\{v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G_\beta$ . Note that the set  $S_G = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n; i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G$  and  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G) = \lceil \frac{2n}{3} \rceil$ . Now consider the set  $S_{G_\beta} = \{v_{i,1}; 1 \leq i \leq n; i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_\beta$  at least twice because, these vertices form a cycle of length  $n$  and the vertices  $\{v_{i,2}; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  are adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $S_{G_\beta}$  and therefore  $S_{G_\beta}$  is a double dominating set of  $G_\beta$  and  $|S| = \lceil \frac{2n}{3} \rceil = \gamma_{2 \times}(G)$ . Now we need to prove  $S_{G_\beta}$

is minimum. From Theorem 1.4, we have  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\beta) \geq \frac{2(n(G_\beta))}{\Delta(G_\beta)+1} = \frac{4n}{6} = \frac{2n}{3}$ . This implies,  $S_{G_\beta}$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_\beta$  and hence  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\beta) = \gamma_{2\times}(G)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.20.** *Let  $G \cong P_n$  be the path graph of order  $n$ . Then,*

$$\gamma_{2\times}(G_\beta) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{2(n+1)}{3} \right\rceil - 1, & n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ \left\lceil \frac{2(n+1)}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  be the vertices of  $G$ . Each  $v_i; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$  is replaced by a path  $P_{v_i}$  of order 2 and the vertices  $v_1, v_n$  are replaced by the path  $P_{v_1}, P_{v_n}$  of size 1 in  $G_\beta$ . Let  $\{v_{1,1}, v_{n,1}, v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}; 2 \leq i \leq n-1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_\beta$ .

*Case 1.* When  $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

Let us consider the set  $S = \{v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, v_{n-1,1}, v_{n-1,2}, v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}; 3 \leq i \leq n-3; i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_\beta$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_\beta$ . Now to prove  $S$  is minimum. From the definition of double domination number it is obvious that  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\beta) \leq |S| = \left\lceil \frac{2(n+1)}{3} \right\rceil$ . In  $G_\beta$ , each vertex is replaced by a path of order 2 except for the vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . The vertices in each path  $P_{v_i}; 3 \leq i \leq n-2$  have five neighbors in common. But these five neighbors share no edges among them. Therefore, to dominate every vertex at least twice we need to include the vertex and one of its neighbors or two of the neighbors of each vertex and one more vertex common to these two neighbors. In both the cases, we need at least  $n$  vertices to dominate every vertex of  $G_\beta$  at least twice. This implies,  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $G_\beta$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\beta) = |S| = \left\lceil \frac{2(n+1)}{3} \right\rceil$ .

*Case 2.* When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

In this case, the same set  $S = \{v_{2,1}, v_{2,2}, v_{n-1,1}, v_{n-1,2}, v_{i,1}, v_{i,2}; 3 \leq i, j \leq n-3; i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}\}$  dominates every vertex of  $G_\beta$  at least twice but  $|S| = \left\lceil \frac{2(n+1)}{3} \right\rceil - 1$ . Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_\beta$  which is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_\beta) = |S| = \left\lceil \frac{2(n+1)}{3} \right\rceil - 1$ .  $\square$

### 3. Double domination under binary operations

#### 3.1. Edge corona of two graphs

**Definition 3.1.** [17] Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs on disjoint sets  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  vertices,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  edges respectively. The edge corona  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  and  $m_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and joining two end vertices of  $i^{\text{th}}$  edge of  $G_1$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ .  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  has  $n_1 + m_1 n_2$  vertices and  $m_1 + 2m_1 n_2 + m_1 m_2$  edges. For example consider the edge corona graph of a cycle of order 3 and a path of order 2,  $C_3 \diamond P_2$ , see Figure 5.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  and size  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively. Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \diamond G_2) = n_1$ .*

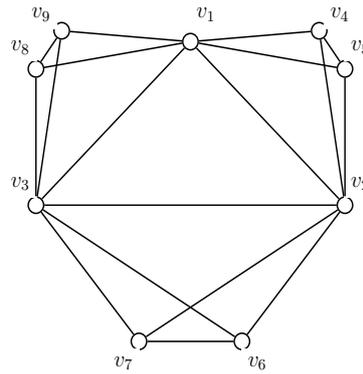


Fig. 5.  $C_3 \diamond P_2$

**Proof.** Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively. Then  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  has  $n_1 + m_1 n_2$  vertices. Let  $|E(G_1)| = m_1$  and  $|E(G_2)| = m_2$ . Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_1}\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  and  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{m_1}\}$  be the edges of  $G_1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_1}\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  and  $|S| = n_1$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. Since  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1 \diamond G_2$  and  $|S| = n_1$  and the minimum double dominating set of a graph is the minimum cardinality among all the double dominating sets of a graph, we have,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \diamond G_2) \leq n_1 = |S|$ . In  $G_1 \diamond G_2$ , to double dominate every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  we either need to include the minimum double dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$  or the minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$  and one of the endpoints of each edge of  $G_1$ . In both the cases,  $|S| \geq n_1$ . Observe that every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$  in  $G_1 \diamond G_2$ . Therefore, we need all the vertices of  $G_1$  to double dominate every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$ . This proves  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_1}\}$  is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \diamond G_2) = |S| = n_1$ .  $\square$

### 3.2. Neighborhood corona of two graphs

**Definition 3.3.** [11] Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs on  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  vertices,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  edges respectively. Then the neighborhood corona  $G_1 \star G_2$  is the graph obtained by taking  $n_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and for each  $i$ , making all vertices in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$  adjacent with neighbors of  $v_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1$ .

$G_1 \star G_2$  has  $n_1 + n_1 n_2$  vertices and  $m_1(2n_2 + 1) + n_1 m_2$  edges. For example, consider the neighborhood corona of cycle of order 3 and path of order 3,  $C_3 \star P_3$ , see Figure 6.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $G_1$  be a graph of order  $n_1$  whose vertices are either a pendant or a support vertex and let  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) = n_1 + l \cdot \gamma(G_2)$  where  $l$  is the number of pendant vertices in  $G_1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G_1$  be a graph whose vertices are either pendant or a support vertex. Observe that the pendant vertices have only one neighbor and so every vertex in the copies of  $G_2$  with respect to the pendant vertices of  $G_1$  are adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $G_1$  in  $G_1 \star G_2$ . But the vertices in the copies of  $G_2$  with respect to the support vertices of  $G_1$  are

adjacent to at least two vertices of  $G_1$ . Therefore, the set  $S = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice but the vertices in the copies of  $G_2$  with respect to the pendant vertices are dominated only once by  $S$ . Therefore, we include the minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$  with respect to the pendant vertices to  $S$ . This  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is the double dominating set of  $G_1 \star G_2$  which is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) = n_1 + l \cdot \gamma(G_2)$ .  $\square$

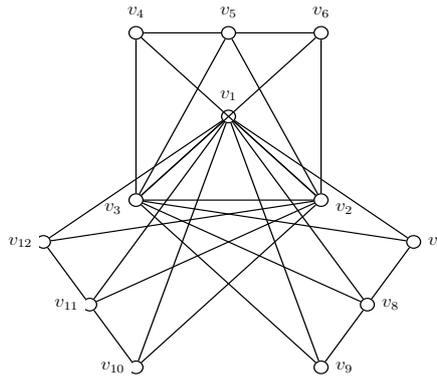


Fig. 6.  $C_3 \star P_3$

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $G_1$  be a graph with at least two universal vertices and of order  $n_1$  and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) = 3$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  and let  $v_i, v_j$  for any  $i, j; 1 \leq i, j \leq n_1; i \neq j$  be the two universal vertices. Observe that every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to two universal vertices of  $G_1$  in  $G_1 \star G_2$ . But the vertices in the copy of  $G_2$  with respect to the universal vertices are adjacent to only one vertex of  $G_1$ . Note that every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  are dominated at least twice by the universal vertices itself but the vertices in the copy of  $G_2$  with respect to the two universal vertices are dominated only once by the universal vertices. Consider the set  $S = \{v_i, v_j, v_k; 1 \leq i, j, k \leq n_1; i \neq j \neq k\}$  where  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are two universal vertices and  $v_k$  is any vertex of  $G_1$  which is included in  $S$  to double dominate the vertices in the copy of  $G_2$  with respect to the universal vertices. This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1 \star G_2$  which is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) = |S| = 3$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $G_1$  be a cycle of order  $n_1$  and  $G_2$  be any graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) = n_1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G_1$  be a cycle of order  $n_1$  and  $G_2$  be any graph of order  $n_2$ . Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$ . Observe that every vertex of  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_1}\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1 \star G_2$ . It is clear that  $S$  is minimum because, to dominate every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  at least twice

we need to include one of their neighbors from  $G_1$  and minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$  or minimum double dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$ . In both the cases  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) \geq n_1 = |S|$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) = |S| = n_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $G_1$  be a path graph of order  $n_1$  and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) = n_1 + 2\gamma(G_2)$ .*

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of previous theorem. Let  $G_1$  be a path graph of order  $n_1$  and  $G_2$  be any graph of order  $n_2$ . Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  where  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  are the pendant vertices of  $G_1$ . Observe that every vertex of  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$  except the first and last copy of  $G_2$  which are adjacent to only one vertex of  $G_1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n_1}\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice but the vertices in first and last copy of  $G_2$  are dominated only once by  $S$ . In order to double dominate them we include the minimum double dominating sets of first and last copies of  $G_2$  to  $S$ . This set  $S$  will dominate every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice. Thus  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1 \star G_2$ . This set  $S$  is minimum because to dominate every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  at least twice we need to include one of their neighbors from  $G_1$  and minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$  or minimum double dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$ . In both the cases,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) \geq n_1 + 2\gamma(G_2) = |S|$ .

Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) = |S| = n_1 + 2\gamma(G_2)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $G_1$  be a complete bipartite graph of order  $m + n$ ;  $m, n \geq 2$  and  $G_2$  be any graph of order  $n'$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) = 4$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $G_1$  be a complete bipartite graph of order  $m + n$  and  $G_2$  be any graph of order  $n'$ . Then  $G_1 \star G_2$  has  $(m + n) + (m + n)n'$  vertices. Observe that every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to at least  $m$  vertices of  $G_1$ . Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$ . Then  $G_{2,1}, G_{2,2}, \dots, G_{2,m}, G_{2,1}, \dots, G_{2,n}$  are the  $m + n$  copies of  $G_2$  in  $G_1 \star G_2$ . Observe that every vertex of  $G_{2,i}; \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq m$  is adjacent to  $n$  vertices of  $G_1$  and every vertex of  $G_{2,i}; \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  is adjacent to  $m$  vertices of  $G_1$  in  $G_1 \star G_2$ . Let  $S = \{v_i, v_j, u_k, u_l\}$  for any  $i, j | i \neq j; 1 \leq i, j \leq m$  and for any  $k, l | 1 \leq k, l \leq n; k \neq l$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1 \star G_2$  which is minimum.

Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) = |S| = 4$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.9.** *Let  $G_1$  be a wheel graph of order  $n_1 + 1$  and  $G_2$  be any graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1 \star G_2) = \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil + 1$ .*

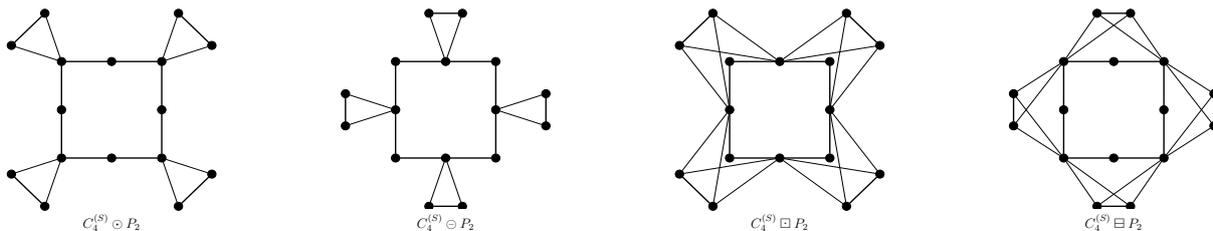
**Proof.** Let  $G_1$  be a wheel graph of order  $n_1 + 1$  and  $G_2$  be any graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $G_1 \star G_2$  has  $(n_1 + 1) + (n_1 + 1)n_2$  vertices. Let  $u$  be the universal vertex of  $G_1$ . Here, every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  has at least three neighbors in  $G_1$  in  $G_1 \star G_2$ . Also,

$u$  is the common neighbor to every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  except the copy of  $G_2$  corresponding to  $u$  in  $G_1 \star G_2$ . Let  $\{u, v_1, v_n, \dots, v_{n_1}\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{u, v_i, v_{i+1} \mid i = 2k + 1; k = 0, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n_1}{2} \rfloor\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1 \star G_2$  and  $|S| = 1 + \lfloor \frac{n_1}{2} \rfloor$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From the definition of double domination number  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) \leq \lfloor \frac{n_1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ . The vertex  $v_n$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1 \star G_2$  exactly once except the copy of  $G_2$  corresponding to  $v_n$ . The vertices in copies of  $G_2$  corresponding to the vertices  $v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices other than  $v_n$ . To dominate them at least twice we need to include for each copy of  $G_2$ , a vertex  $v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Also, observe that two copies of  $G_2$  have exactly one common neighbor. This implies, to dominate every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  at least twice, we need at least  $\lfloor \frac{n_1}{2} \rfloor + 1$  vertices. Thus,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) \geq \lfloor \frac{n_1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ . Therefore,  $S$  is a minimum double dominating set of  $G_1 \star G_2$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1 \star G_2) = |S| = \lfloor \frac{n_1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Double domination number of variants of corona combined with subdivision of a graph

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two vertex disjoint graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  and size  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively. Let  $I(G)$  be the new vertices added in the  $S(G)$  to divide each edge of  $G$ . The *subdivision-vertex corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2$ , is the graph obtained from  $S(G_1)$  and  $|V(G_1)|$  copies of  $G_2$ , all vertex disjoint, and joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ . The *subdivision-edge corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(S)} \ominus G_2$ , is the graph obtained from  $S(G_1)$  and  $m_1$  copies of  $G_2$ , all vertex disjoint, and joining the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $I(G_1)$  to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ , where  $I(G_1)$  is the set of new vertices added to  $S(G_1)$ . The *subdivision-vertex neighbourhood corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ , is the graph obtained from  $S(G_1)$  and  $|V(G_1)|$  copies of  $G_2$ , all vertex disjoint, and joining the neighbors of the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy  $G_2$ .

The *subdivision-edge neighbourhood corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(S)} \boxminus G_2$ , is the graph obtained from  $S(G_1)$  and  $m_1$  copies of  $G_2$ , all vertex disjoint, and joining the neighbors of the  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $I(G_1)$  to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ . Figure 7 show the examples of Subdivision vertex corona, Subdivision- edge corona, subdivision vertex neighbourhood corona and subdivision edge neighbourhood corona of graphs  $C_4$  and  $P_2$ .



**Fig. 7.** Subdivision-vertex corona, Subdivision-edge corona, Subdivision-vertex neighbourhood corona and Subdivision-edge neighbourhood corona of graphs  $C_4$  and  $P_2$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively. Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2) = n_1(1 + \gamma(G_2))$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$ . Let  $S$  be the double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2$ . Consider the set  $S_1 = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$ . This set  $S_1$  will dominate every vertex in  $I(G_1)$  exactly twice but the vertices of  $G_1$  and the vertices in each copy of  $G_2$  is dominated only once by  $S_1$ . Since every  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $G_1$  is adjacent to every vertex in the  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ , we include the minimum dominating set  $\{D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  of each copy of  $G_2$  in  $S$  to double dominate every vertex of  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$ . Therefore, the set  $S = \{S_1 \cup D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  will dominate every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2$  at least twice and  $S$  is a double dominating set and  $|S| = n_1(\gamma(G_2) + 1)$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set. Observe that every vertex in  $I(G_1)$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$  and every vertex in the each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $G_1$ . To dominate them at least twice we need to include either both the neighbors of vertices in  $I(G_1)$  and the minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$  or every vertex in  $I(G_1)$  and one of their neighbors and minimum double dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$ . In both the cases  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2) \geq |S| = n_1(\gamma(G_2) + 1)$ . This proves  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set of  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2) = n_1(1 + \gamma(G_2))$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  and of size  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively. Then*

$$\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2) = \begin{cases} m_1(\gamma(G_2) + 1) + l_1; & \text{if } \delta(G_1) = 1, \\ m_1(\gamma(G_2) + 1); & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $l_1$  is the number of leaves in  $G_1$

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof of previous theorem.

*Case 1.* When  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ , in  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$  every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $I(G_1)$ . Let  $S$  be the double dominating set of  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$ . Let  $I(G_1) \subseteq S$ . Now  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1$  at least twice but the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  and the vertices of each copy of  $G_2$  is dominated only once by  $S$ . Since every  $i^{th}$  vertex of  $I(G_1)$  is adjacent to every vertex of  $i^{th}$  copy of  $G_2$ , we include the minimum dominating set  $\{D_i; 1 \leq i \leq m_1\}$  of each copy of  $G_2$  in  $S$  to double dominate every vertex of  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$  at least twice and thus  $S = I(G_1) \cup D_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  is a double dominating set of  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$  which is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2) = m_1(\gamma(G_2) + 1)$ .

*Case 2.* When  $\delta(G_1) = 1$ , a pendant vertex of  $G_1$  remains as a pendant vertex in  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$ . Therefore, the set  $S = I(G_1) \cup D_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  dominates every vertex of  $(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2)$  at least twice, but the pendant vertices are dominated only once by  $S$ . By observation 1, we need to include all the pendant vertices to  $S$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2) = m_1(\gamma_{2\times}(G) + 1) + l_1$  where,  $l_1$  is the number of pendant vertices in  $G_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $G_1$  be a graph of order  $n_1$  whose vertices are either a pendant vertex or*

a support vertex and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \square G_2) = m_1 + l(1 + \gamma(G_2))$  where  $l$  is the number of pendant vertices in  $G_1$ .

**Proof.** In  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  the pendant vertices of  $G_1$  remain as pendant vertices. Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  and  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices of  $I(G_1)$ . Consider the set  $S = \{u_j, v_k; 1 \leq j \leq m_1; 1 \leq k \leq l\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is the double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From the definition of double domination number,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \square G_2) \leq |S|$ . By Observation 1.1, we need to include all the pendant vertices and support vertices of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  in the double dominating set. This dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  at least twice but the vertices in copies of  $G_2$  corresponding to the pendant vertices are dominated only once by  $S$ . To dominate them at least twice we need to include the minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$  corresponding to the pendant vertices. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \square G_2) = m_1 + l(1 + \gamma(G_2))$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $G_1$  be a cycle graph of order  $n_1$  and size  $m_1$  and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$  and size  $m_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \square G_2) = m_1 + \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil$ .

**Proof.** In  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . Let  $S$  be the double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$ . Let  $I(G_1) \subseteq S$ . Now  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  at least twice but the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  are dominated only once by  $S$ . Let  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  and  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$ . Each vertex in  $I(G_1)$  has exactly two neighbors in  $G_1$  and two consecutive vertices  $u_i, u_{i+1}$  of  $I(G_1)$  have exactly one common neighbor. Therefore, to dominate the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  at least twice we include the vertices  $\{v_i; i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  to  $S$ . Thus the set  $S = I(G_1) \cup \{v_i; i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  which is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \square G_2) = |S| = m_1 + \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $G_1$  be a path graph of order  $n_1$  and size  $m_1$  and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$  and size  $m_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \square G_2) = m_1 + \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil + 2\gamma(G_2)$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the previous theorem. In  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$  but the two copies of  $G_2$  corresponding to the pendant vertices of  $G_1$  is adjacent to only one vertex of  $G_1$ . Let  $v_1$  and  $v_{n_1}$  be the pendant vertices of  $G_1$  and  $G_2^{(v_1)}$  and  $G_2^{(v_{n_1})}$  be the copies of  $G_2$  corresponding to the pendant vertices respectively. Let  $S$  be the double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$ . Let  $I(G_1) \subseteq S$ . Now  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \square G_2$  at least twice but the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  and vertices in  $G_2^{(v_1)}$  and  $G_2^{(v_{n_1})}$  are dominated only once by  $S$ . Let  $\{u_i; 1 \leq i \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  and  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$ . To dominate the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  and vertices in  $G_2^{(v_1)}$  and  $G_2^{(v_{n_1})}$  at least twice, we include the vertices  $\{v_i; i \equiv 1 \pmod{2}; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  and the minimum dominating sets  $D_1$  and  $D_{n_1}$  of  $G_2^{(v_1)}$  and  $G_2^{(v_{n_1})}$  to  $S$ . Thus the set  $S = I(G_1) \cup \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil\} \cup D_1 \cup D_{n_1}$  is a double dominating

set of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  which is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = |S| = m_1 + \lceil \frac{m_1}{2} \rceil + 2\gamma(G)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $G_1$  be a wheel graph of order  $n_1$  and size  $m_1$  and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$  and size  $m_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = \frac{m_1}{2} + \lceil \frac{n_1-1}{2} \rceil + \lfloor \frac{n_1-1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ .*

**Proof.** In  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ , every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly three vertices of  $G_1$ . Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  where  $v_{n_1}$  is the universal vertex of  $G_1$ . Let  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  where  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq \frac{m_1}{2}\}$  are the vertices corresponding to the edges in the outer cycle of  $G_1$  and  $\{u_j; \frac{m_1}{2} + 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices corresponding to the edges inside the cycle of  $G_1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{u_j, v_i; 1 \leq i \leq \frac{m_1}{2}; i \equiv 0 \pmod{2}; 1 \leq i \leq n_1 - 1\} \cup \{u_j; \frac{m_1}{2} + 1 \leq j \leq m_1; j \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\} \cup \{v_{n_1}\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  at least twice. Thus  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set. Observe that the vertices in each copy of  $G_2$  are adjacent to the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  only. Also, the every vertex of  $I(G_1)$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices in  $G_1$ . Therefore, to dominate the vertices of  $I(G_1)$  and every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  at least twice we need to include every vertex of  $I(G_1)$  and one of the neighbors of each vertex in  $I(G_1)$  or both the neighbors of each vertex of  $I(G_1)$  and the minimum double dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$ . In both the cases  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) \geq |S| = \frac{m_1}{2} + \lceil \frac{n_1-1}{2} \rceil + \lfloor \frac{n_1-1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ . Hence,  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set and  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = \frac{m_1}{2} + \lceil \frac{n_1-1}{2} \rceil + \lfloor \frac{n_1-1}{2} \rfloor + 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $G_1$  be a complete graph of order  $n_1$  and size  $m_1$  and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$  and size  $m_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = 2n_1$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  and  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  where  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices dividing the edges in outer cycle of  $G_1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq n_1; 1 \leq j \leq n_1\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ . We need to prove  $S$  is minimum. In  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ , every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly  $n - 1$  vertices of  $I(G_1)$  and each vertex in  $I(G_1)$  is adjacent to exactly two neighbors of  $G_1$ . Observe that every vertex dividing the edges inside of the cycle  $\{u_j; n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  share no common vertices of  $G_1$ . To dominate every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  at least twice we need to include either two of the neighbors of copies of  $G_2$  from  $I(G_1)$  and two neighbors of  $\{u_j; n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  or two of the neighbors of copies of  $G_2$  from  $I(G_1)$  and the vertices  $\{u_j; n_1 + 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  and one of their neighbors from  $G_1$ . In both the cases,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) \geq 2n_1 = |S|$ . Hence  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = 2n_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $G_1$  be a complete bipartite graph of order  $n_1 + n_2$  and size  $m_1$  and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_3$  and size  $m_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = n_1n_2 + \min\{n_1, n_2\}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1 + n_2\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  and  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices in  $I(G_1)$ . Consider the set  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$ . This set of vertices will

dominate every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  at least twice but the vertices  $\{u_j, v_i; 1 \leq j \leq m_1; 1 \leq i \leq n_1 + n_2\}$  are dominated only once by  $I(G_1)$ . Now consider the set  $S = \{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq \min\{n_1, n_2\}\}$ . This set will dominate every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is the double dominating set of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ . We need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From definition of double domination number,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) \leq |S| = n_1 n_2 + \min\{n_1, n_2\}$ . In  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ , the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  are adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . To dominate these vertices at least twice we need to include all the vertices in  $I(G_1)$  and one of their neighbors or both the neighbors of  $I(G_1)$ . In first case, those vertices dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  at least twice, but in the latter case, only the vertices of  $I(G_1)$  are dominate twice and remaining vertices are not dominated at least twice. Therefore, we need to include two of the vertices from  $I(G_1)$  for each copy of  $G_2$ . In both the cases,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) \geq n_1 n_2 + \min\{n_1, n_2\} = |S|$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = n_1 n_2 + \min\{n_1, n_2\}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively. Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = n_1 + \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1$  and  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices of  $I(G_1)$ . In  $G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $(G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2)$  at least twice except the vertices of  $G_1$ . In order to dominate them at least twice we include the vertices  $\{u_j; j \equiv 1 \pmod{2}; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  to  $S$ . Thus the set  $S = \{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq n_1; 1 \leq j \leq m_1; j \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}$  dominates every vertex of  $(G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2)$  at least twice. This  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set because every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  and  $I(G_1)$  are adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . But the vertices of  $G_1$  are adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $I(G_1)$  and adjacent to the vertices of  $G_2$ . To dominate them we have to include one of the neighbors of the vertices of  $G_1$ . Since, two vertices of  $G_1$  have a common neighbor from  $I(G_1)$  to dominate them at least twice, we need to include at least  $\lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil$  vertices from  $I(G_1)$ . This implies,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) \geq n_1 + \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil = |S|$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = |S| = n_1 + \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil$ .  $\square$

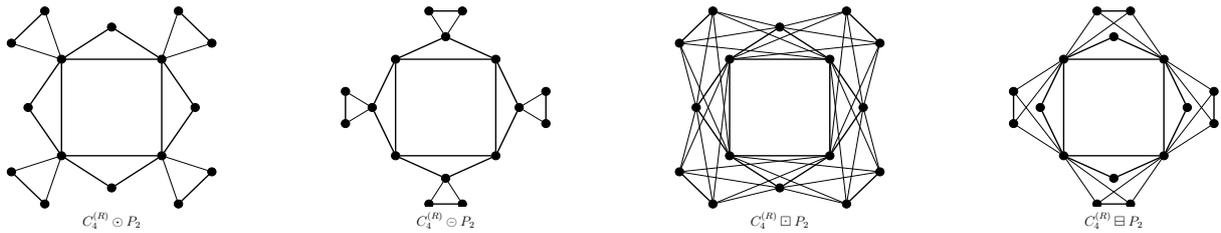
**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $G_1$  be a graph of order  $n_1$  where every vertex of  $G_1$  is either a pendant or a support vertex and  $G_2$  be a graph of order  $n_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = n_1 + l$  where  $l$  is the number of pendant vertices in  $G_1$ .*

**Proof.** In  $G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$ , every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . Let  $S = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2$  at least twice except the vertices of  $G_1$ . Let  $\{e_j; 1 \leq j \leq l\}$  be the pendant edges of  $G_1$  and  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq l\}$  be the vertices of  $I(G_1)$  corresponding to the pendant edges. In order to dominate the vertices of  $G_1$  at least twice we include the vertices  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq l\}$  to  $S$  because these vertices are adjacent to both pendant and support vertices of  $G_1$ . Therefore, the set  $S = \{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq n_1; 1 \leq j \leq l\}$  is a double dominating set which is

also minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_{n_1}^{(S)} \boxtimes G_2) = |S| = n_1 + l$ .  $\square$

## 5. Corona based on R-graph

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two vertex disjoint graphs. The *R-vertex corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$ , is the graph obtained from vertex disjoint  $R(G_1)$  and  $V(G_1)$  copies of  $G_2$  by joining the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G_1$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ . The *R-edge corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(R)} \ominus G_2$ , is the graph obtained from vertex disjoint  $R(G_1)$  and  $I(G_1)$  copies of  $G_2$  by joining the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $I(G_1)$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ , where  $I(G_1) = V(R(G_1)) - V(G_1)$ . The *R-vertex neighbourhood corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(R)} \boxtimes G_2$ , is the graph obtained from vertex disjoint  $R(G_1)$  and  $V(G_1)$  copies of  $G_2$  by joining the neighbors of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G_1$  in  $R(G_1)$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ . The *R-edge neighbourhood corona* of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , denoted by  $G_1^{(R)} \boxdot G_2$ , is the graph obtained from vertex disjoint  $R(G_1)$  and  $I(G_1)$  copies of  $G_2$  by joining the neighbors of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $I(G_1)$  in  $R(G_1)$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $G_2$ . Figure 8 show the examples of R-vertex corona, R-edge corona, R-vertex neighbourhood corona, R-edge neighbourhood corona of graphs  $C_4$  and  $P_2$ .



**Fig. 8.** R-vertex corona, R-edge corona, R-vertex neighbourhood corona, R-edge neighbourhood corona of graphs  $C_4$  and  $P_2$

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively. Then  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2) = n_1(1 + \gamma(G_2))$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq n_1; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1^{(R)}$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2)$  at least twice, but the vertices in  $G_1$  and vertices in each copy of  $G_2$  are dominated only once by  $S$ . In order to double dominate them we include minimum dominating set  $D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1$  of each copy of  $G_2$  to  $S$ . Therefore, the set  $S = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\} \cup \{D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$  at least twice and thus a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$ . This set  $S$  is a minimum double dominating set because, each  $u_j$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . In  $(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2)$  every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $G_1$ . The vertices of  $I(G_1)$  are dominated exactly twice by  $S$  but the vertices in each copy of  $G_2$  are dominated only once by  $S$ . In order to dominate them at least twice, we need to include the neighbors of those vertices from  $G_1$  and the minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2) = n_1(1 + \gamma(G_2))$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.2.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  and size  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively. Then*

$$\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2) = \begin{cases} m_1(\gamma(G_2) + 1) + s_1; & \text{if } \delta(G_1) = 1, \\ m_1(\gamma(G_2) + 1); & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $s_1$  is the number of support vertices in  $G_1$ .

**Proof.** *Case 1.* When  $\delta(G_1) \geq 2$ .

The proof is similar to the previous theorem. Let  $\{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq n_1; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1^{(R)}$ . Consider the set  $S = \{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$ . This set dominates every vertex of  $(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2)$  at least twice, but the vertices  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  and vertices in each copy of  $G_2$  are dominated only once by  $S$ . In order to double dominate them we include minimum dominating set  $D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1$  of each copy of  $G_2$  to  $S$ . Therefore, the set  $S = \{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\} \cup \{D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$  at least twice and thus a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$ . Now we need to prove  $S$  is minimum. From definition of double domination number  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2) \leq |S|$ . Observe that each  $u_j$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . In  $(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2)$  every vertex of each copy of  $G_2$  is adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $I(G_1)$ . To dominate them at least twice we need to include the vertices of  $I(G_1)$  and the minimum dominating set of each copy of  $G_2$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2) = |S| = m_1(1 + \gamma(G_2))$ .

*Case 2.* When  $\delta(G_1) = 1$ .

In this case the set  $S = \{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\} \cup \{D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$  defined in the previous case dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$  at least twice but the pendant vertices of  $G_1$  are dominated only once by  $S$ . Therefore, by observation 1, we include the support vertices of  $G_1$  to  $S$ . Let  $SP(G_1)$  be the set of all support vertices of  $G_1$ . The set  $S = \{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\} \cup \{D_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\} \cup \{SP(G_1)\}$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$  at least twice. Thus  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2$  which is minimum. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2) = |S| = m_1(1 + \gamma(G_2)) + s_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.3.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively. Then*

$$\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \boxtimes G_2) = n_1.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq n_1; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1^{(R)}$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(R)} \boxtimes G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(R)} \boxtimes G_2$ . This set  $S$  is the minimum double dominating set because every vertex of  $G_1^{(R)} \boxtimes G_2$  is adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$  and to dominate these vertices at least twice, we need at least  $n_1$  vertices. Hence,  $\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \boxtimes G_2) = n_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.4.** *Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs of order  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  respectively. Then*

$$\gamma_{2\times}(G_1^{(R)} \boxminus G_2) = n_1.$$

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the previous theorem. Let  $\{v_i, u_j; 1 \leq i \leq n_1; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  be the vertices of  $G_1^{(R)}$ . Consider the set  $S = \{v_i; 1 \leq i \leq n_1\}$ . This set  $S$  dominates every vertex of  $G_1^{(R)} \boxplus G_2$  at least twice. Therefore,  $S$  is a double dominating set of  $G_1^{(R)} \boxplus G_2$ . This set  $S$  is minimum double dominating set because, in  $G_1^{(R)} \boxplus G_2$  every vertex in each copy of  $G_2$  and the vertices  $\{u_j; 1 \leq j \leq m_1\}$  are adjacent to exactly two vertices of  $G_1$ . To double dominate them we need at least  $n_1$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{2 \times}(G_1^{(R)} \boxplus G_2) = n_1$ .  $\square$

## 6. Summary of the main results

The impact of unary operations on double domination number of standard graphs is given below:

Graph class	Operation	$\gamma_{2 \times}$
$C_n$	Inflation	$\lceil \frac{4n}{3} \rceil$
$P_n$	Inflation	$\frac{4(n-2)}{3}$
$W_n$	Inflation	$\frac{2(n-1)}{3} + \lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \rceil$
$K_n$	Inflation	$2(n-1)$
$K_{m,n}$	Inflation	$2(m+n-1)$
$K_{1,n}$	Inflation	$2l(K_{1,n})$
$S_{r,t}$	Inflation	$2l(S_{r,t})$
Any graph $G$	Cubic inflation	$2m(G)$
$C_n$	$\alpha$ -operation	$n$
$P_n$	$\alpha$ -operation	$n-1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}; n$ , otherwise
$W_n$	$\alpha$ -operation	4
$K_n$	$\alpha$ -operation	4
$K_{m,n}$	$\alpha$ -operation	4
$K_{1,n}$	$\alpha$ -operation	4
$S_{r,t}$	$\alpha$ -operation	4
$C_n$	$\beta$ -operation	$\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \rceil$
$P_n$	$\beta$ -operation	$\frac{2(n+1)}{3} - 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}; \frac{2(n+1)}{3}$ , otherwise
$W_n$	$\beta$ -operation	4
$K_n$	$\beta$ -operation	4
$K_{m,n}$	$\beta$ -operation	4
$K_{1,n}$	$\beta$ -operation	4
$S_{r,t}$	$\beta$ -operation	4
$G_1 \diamond G_2$	Edge corona	$n(G_1)$
$C_n \star G_2$	Neighborhood Corona	$n$
$P_n \star G_2$	Neighborhood Corona	$n + 2\gamma(G_2)$
$W_n \star G_2$	Neighborhood Corona	$\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1$
$K_n \star G_2$	Neighborhood Corona	3
$K_{m,n} \star G_2$	Neighborhood Corona	4
$K_{1,n} \star G_2$	Neighborhood Corona	$(n+1) + l\gamma(G_2)$
$S_{r,t} \star G_2$	Neighborhood Corona	$(r+t) + l\gamma(G_2)$
$G_1^{(S)} \odot G_2$	Subdivision-vertex corona	$n_1(1 + \gamma(G_2))$
$G_1^{(S)} \ominus G_2$	Subdivision-edge corona	$m_1(1 + \gamma(G_2)) + l(G_1); \delta(G_1) = 1; m_1(1 + \gamma(G_2));$ otherwise
$C_n^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-vertex Neighborhood Corona	$m(C_n) + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$
$P_n^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-vertex Neighborhood Corona	$m(P_n) + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 2\gamma(G_2)$
$W_n^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-vertex Neighborhood Corona	$\frac{m(W_n)}{2} + \lceil \frac{n(W_n)-1}{2} \rceil + \lfloor \frac{n(W_n)-1}{2} \rfloor + 1$
$K_n^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-vertex Neighborhood Corona	$2n$
$K_{m,n}^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-vertex Neighborhood Corona	$mn + \min\{m, n\}$
$K_{1,n}^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-vertex Neighborhood Corona	$m(K_{1,2}) + l(1 + \gamma(G_2))$
$S_{r,t}^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-vertex Neighborhood Corona	$m(S_{r,t}) + l(1 + \gamma(G_2))$
$G_1^{(S)} \boxplus G_2$	Subdivision-edge Neighborhood Corona	$n_1 + \lceil \frac{n_1}{2} \rceil$

$K_{1,n}^{(S)} \boxminus G_2$	Subdivision-edge Neighborhood Corona	$(n + 1) + l(K_{1,n})$
$S_{r,t}^{(S)} \boxminus G_2$	Subdivision-edge Neighborhood Corona	$(r + t) + l(S_{r,t})$
$(G_1^{(R)} \odot G_2)$	R-vertex corona	$n_1(1 + \gamma(G_2))$
$(G_1^{(R)} \ominus G_2)$	R-edge corona	$m_1(1 + \gamma(G_2)) + s_1, \delta(G_1) = 1; m_1(1 + \gamma(G_2));$ otherwise
$(G_1^{(R)} \boxminus G_2)$	R-vertex neighborhood corona	$n(G_1)$
$(G_1^{(R)} \boxplus G_2)$	R-vertex neighborhood corona	$n(G_1)$

## 7. Conclusion

This work studies the impact of various unary and binary operations on graphs, including inflation and cubic inflation and various corona operations on double domination number. We also defined two new unary operations and explored the impact of these operations on the double domination number. The inflation and cubic inflation operations increase the order and size of the graph, and thus the double domination number increases. The two new operations defined in this paper also increase the order and size of the graph and thus creates an impact to the double domination number of graphs. Further, we studied the double domination number of various corona operations of two graphs. These findings contribute to the better understanding of double domination in various graph structures.

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