

# Complementary Non-negative Signed Domination Number

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**Abstract** — A function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  is called a Complementary Non-negative Signed Dominating Function (CNSDF) of  $G$  if  $\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 0$  for every  $v \in V(G)$  with  $\deg v \neq n - 1$ . The Complementary Non-negative Signed Domination Number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{CNN}(G)$  and is defined as  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = \min\{w(f) \mid f \text{ is a minimal CNSDF of } G\}$ . In this paper, we initiate the study of complementary Non-negative Signed Domination number in graphs.

**Keywords** — Complementary Non-negative signed dominating function, Complementary Non-negative signed Domination number.

## I. INTRODUCTION

By a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , we mean a finite, non-trivial, connected, and undirected graph with neither loops nor multiple edges. The order and size of  $G$  are denoted by  $n$  and  $m$ , respectively. For graph theoretic terminology we refer to Chartand and Lesniak [1].

The study of domination is one of the fastest growing areas within graph theory. A subset  $D$  of vertices is said to be a *dominating set* of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V$  either belongs to  $D$  or is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The *domination number*  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ . Survey of several advanced topics on domination is given in the book edited by Haynes et al. [2].

For a real valued function  $f: V \rightarrow R$  on  $V$ , *weight of  $f$*  is defined to be  $w(f) = \sum_{v \in V} f(v)$  and also for a subset  $S \subseteq V$ , we define  $f(S) = \sum_{v \in S} f(v)$ . Therefore,  $w(f) = f(V)$ . Further, for a vertex  $v \in V$ , let  $f[v] = f(N[v])$  for notation convenience. A function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  is called a Non-negative signed dominating function (NNSDF) of  $G$  if  $f(N[v]) \geq 0$  for all vertices in  $G$ . The *Non-negative Signed Domination Number* of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{NN}(G)$  and is defined as  $\gamma_{NN}(G) = \min\{w(f) \mid f \text{ is an NNSDF of } G\}$ . The parameter  $\gamma_{NN}(G)$  was investigated in [5].

A function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  is called a Complementary Signed Dominating Function of  $G$  if  $\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1$  for every  $v \in V(G)$  with  $\deg v \neq n - 1$ . The Complementary Signed Domination Number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{CS}(G)$  and is defined as

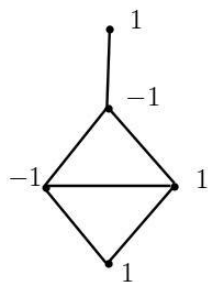
$$\gamma_{CS}(G) = \min\{w(f) \mid f \text{ is a minimal complementary signed dominating function of } G\}.$$

The parameter  $\gamma_{CS}(G)$  was first investigated in [6].

## II. DEFINITION OF $\gamma_{CNN}(G)$

**Definition 2.1** A function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  is called a Complementary Non-negative Signed Dominating Function (CNSDF) of  $G$  if  $\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 0$  for all vertices  $v \in V(G)$  with  $\deg v \neq n - 1$ . The Complementary Non-negative Signed Domination Number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{CNN}(G)$  and is defined as  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = \min\{w(f) \mid f \text{ is a minimal CNSDF of } G\}$ .

**Example 2.2** Now consider the graph  $G$  as follows



By the way of assigning  $-1$  and  $+1$  to the vertices of  $G$ , we obtain  $\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 0$  for all the vertices of  $G$ . Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = 1$ .

**Remark 2.3** If  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of a graph  $G$ , we define the sets  $P_f$  and  $M_f$  as follows.

- (i)  $P_f(G) = \{v \in V(G) : f(v) = +1\}$
- (ii)  $M_f(G) = \{v \in V(G) : f(v) = -1\}$

**Remark 2.4** If  $f$  is any complementary non-negative signed dominating function of a graph  $G$  of order  $n$ , then it is obvious that  $|P_f| + |M_f| = n$  and  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = |P_f| - |M_f|$ .

### III. SOME RESULTS ON $\gamma_{CNN}(G)$

**Theorem 3.1** If  $G$  is any connected graph of order  $n$  and  $H = G \circ K_1$ , then  $\gamma_{CNN}(H) = 0$

**Proof.** Let  $H = G \circ K_1$ . Now suppose  $g$  be a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $H$  with  $\gamma_{CNN}(H) = g(V)$ . Let  $v_j$  be a pendant vertex of  $H$ . Then  $\sum_{u \in N[v_j]} g(u) \geq 0$ . If all the pendant vertices are assigned with  $-1$ , then for a vertex  $v_i \in V(G)$  with  $\deg v_i = 2$ , we have  $\sum_{u \in N[v_i]} g(u) \geq -1(n-1) + 1(n-2) = -1$ . Hence there exists a pendant vertex  $v_j$  with  $g(v_j) = +1$ . Therefore

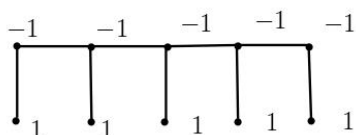
$$\sum_{v \in V(H)} g(v) = \sum_{u \in N[v_j]} g(u) + g(v_j) + g(N(v_j)) \geq 0 + 1 - 1 = 0.$$

Now define  $f: V(H) \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } v \in V(G) \\ +1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to verify that  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $H$ . Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(H) \leq 0$ . Consequently the result follows.

**Example 3.2** Now consider the graph  $H = P_5 \circ K_1$  as follows



**Theorem 3.3** Let  $G = K_{2n} - M$ ; where  $M$  is a perfect matching in the complete graph  $K_{2n}$ . Then  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(K_{2n}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2n}\}$  and  $M = \{v_1v_2, v_3v_4, v_5v_6, \dots, v_{2n-1}v_{2n}\}$ . Now define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by  $f(v_i) = +1$  for all the vertices of  $G$ . Then it is easy to verify that  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $G$ . Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) \leq n$ .

Now suppose  $g$  be a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $G$  with  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = g(V)$ . Since every vertex of  $G$  is non-adjacent to exactly one vertex in  $G$ , we have  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) \geq n$ . Consequently the result follows.

**Corollary 3.4** If every vertex of  $G$  is non-adjacent to exactly one vertex in  $G$ , then  $\gamma_{CS}(G) = \gamma_{CNN}(G) = n$ .

**Theorem 3.5** For any complete bipartite graph  $(K_{m,n})$

$$\gamma_{CNN}(K_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } m \text{ and } n \text{ are odd,} \\ 3 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd and } n \text{ is even,} \\ 3 & \text{if } m \text{ is even and } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 4 & \text{if } m \text{ and } n \text{ are even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $(U, W)$  be the bipartition of  $K_{m,n}$  with  $|U| = m$  and  $|W| = n$ . Let  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  and  $W = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ . Now suppose  $f$  be a minimum complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $K_{m,n}$  with  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_{m,n}) = f(V)$ . If all the vertices in  $U$  are assigned with  $-1$ , then  $\sum_{v \in N[u_i]} f(v) < 0$ , for all

$1 \leq i \leq m$ . This argument is similar for the vertices in the partite set  $W$ . Therefore there exists vertices  $u_i \in U$  and  $w_j \in W$  such that  $f(u_i) = f(w_j) = +1$ . Hence  $\sum_{v \in N[u_i]} f(v) \geq 0$  if  $m$  is odd and  $\sum_{v \in N[u_i]} f(v) \geq 1$  if  $m$  is even. Similarly  $\sum_{v \in N[w_j]} f(v) \geq 0$  if  $n$  is odd and  $\sum_{v \in N[w_j]} f(v) \geq 1$  if  $n$  is even. Hence the lower bound follows.

On the other hand define a function  $g: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by

$$g(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for any } \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ vertices in } U \text{ and for any } \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ vertices in } W \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to verify that  $g$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $K_{m,n}$ . Hence

$$\gamma_{CNN}(K_{m,n}) \leq \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } m \text{ and } n \text{ are odd} \\ 3 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd and } n \text{ is even} \\ 3 & \text{if } m \text{ is even and } n \text{ is odd} \\ 4 & \text{if } m \text{ and } n \text{ are even} \end{cases}$$

Consequently the result follows.

**Theorem 3.6** Let  $G = P_n \diamond K_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{CNN}(P_n \diamond K_2) = 2$

**Proof.** Let  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $V_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be the vertex sets of the two copies of  $P_n$  in  $G$  and let  $v_i u_i \in E(G)$ .

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

Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } v = v_i, u_i, (i \text{ is odd}) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Claim:**  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function.

For  $x \in v_i, u_i, (i = 1, n)$

$$\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor \right] + (-1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \right] = 2 - 1 = 1.$$

For  $x \in v_i, u_i$ , ( $i$  is even)

$$\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor \right] + (-1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor \right] + 2 = 2.$$

For  $x \in v_i, u_i$ , ( $i$  is odd)

$$\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{n-3}{2} + 1 \right) \right] + (-1) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{n-3}{2} - 1 \right) \right] - 2 = 2.$$

Therefore  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function. Since  $\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = 1$  for  $x \in v_i, u_i$ , ( $i = 1, n$ ), the labelling is minimum with respect to all the vertices in  $G$ . If any one of  $f(v_i) = f(u_i) = -1$ , for ( $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ ),  $i$  is odd, then  $\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = -1$  for  $x \in \{v_1, u_1, v_n, u_n\}$ . Also if  $f(v_1) = -1$ , then  $\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = -1$  for  $x \in \{v_n, u_n\}$ . This argument is similar for the vertices  $u_1, u_n$  and  $v_n$ . It is easy to observe that

$$\sum_{v \in V(P_n \diamond K_2)} f(v) = (+1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \right] + (-1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor \right] = 2$$

Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(P_n \diamond K_2) = 2$  if  $n$  is odd.

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

Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } v = v_i, u_i, u_n, (i \text{ is odd}) \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Claim:**  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function.

For  $x \in v_i, u_i$  ( $i = 1, n$ )

$$\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{n-2}{2} + 1 \right) \right] + (-1) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{n-2}{2} \right) \right] = 1.$$

For  $x \in v_i, u_i$  ( $i \neq 1, n$ )

$$\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor + 3 \right] + (-1) \left[ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \right] = 2.$$

Therefore  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function. Since  $\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = 1$  for  $x \in v_i, u_i$ , ( $i = 1, n$ ), the labelling is minimum with respect to all the vertices in  $G$ . If any one of  $f(v_i) = f(u_i) = -1$ , for ( $2 \leq i \leq n-1$ ),  $i$  is odd, then  $\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = -1$  for  $x \in \{v_1, u_1, v_n, u_n\}$ . Also if  $f(v_1) = -1$ , then  $\sum_{u \notin N[x]} f(u) = -1$  for  $x \in \{v_n, u_n\}$ . This argument is similar for the vertices  $u_1, u_n$  and  $v_n$ . It is easy to observe that

$$\sum_{v \in V(P_n \diamond K_2)} f(v) = (+1) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) \right] + (-1) \left[ 2 \left( \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right) \right] = 2$$

Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(P_n \diamond K_2) = 2$  if  $n$  is even.

**Theorem 3.7** Let  $G$  denote the friendship graph with  $t$ -triangles. Then  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = -1$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u$  be the central vertex of  $G$  and let  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{2t})$  be the vertices in the triangles. Define  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by  $f(u) = -1$  and

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } i \text{ is odd,} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then it is to verify that  $\sum_{u \in N[v_i]} f(u) \geq 0$  for all  $i$ . Hence  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) \leq -1(t+1) + 1(t) = -1$ .

Now suppose  $g$  be a complementary non-negative signed dominating function of  $G$  such that  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) = g(V)$ . Then  $|P_g| \geq 1$ . Since  $\deg u = n - 1$ ,  $u \notin P_g$ . Therefore  $v_i \in P_g$ , for some  $i$ . Hence

$$\gamma_{CNN}(G) = \sum_{u \in N[v_i]} g(u) + g(v_i) + g(u) + g(v_{i+1})$$

$$\geq 0 + 1 - 1 - 1 \\ = -1.$$

Consequently the result follows.

**Theorem 3.8** Let  $G = K_n \diamond K_2$ . Then

$$\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ 4 & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $V_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be the vertex sets of the two copies of  $K_n$  in  $G$  and let  $v_i u_i \in E(G)$ .

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

Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } v = v_i, u_i, (1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) \\ +1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Claim:**  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function.

For  $x \in v_i, u_i, (1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$

$$\sum_{u \in N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + (-1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 = 1 + 1 = 2.$$

For  $x \in v_i, u_i, (\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq n)$

$$\sum_{u \in N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + (-1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor = 0.$$

Therefore  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function. Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) \leq 2$ , if  $n$  is odd.

Now suppose  $g$  be complementary non-negative signed dominating function with  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) =$

$g(V)$ . Let  $v_i \in V(G)$ . Then  $\sum_{u \in N[v_i]} g(u) \geq 0$ . Hence there exists some vertex  $u_j \in P_g$ . Then for the corresponding vertex  $v_j$ ,  $\sum_{u \in N[v_j]} g(u) \geq 0$ . This argument is similar for some vertex  $u_i \in V(G)$ . Therefore  $|P_g| \geq 2 \left( \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \right)$ . Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) \geq 2$ , if  $n$  is odd. Thus  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) = 2$  if  $n$  is odd.

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

Define a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{-1, +1\}$  by

$$f(v) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } v = v_i, u_i, (1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1) \\ +1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Claim:**  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function.

For  $x \in v_i, u_i, (1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1)$

$$\sum_{u \in N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right\rfloor + (-1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} - 2 \right\rfloor = 1 + 2 = 3.$$

For  $x \in v_i, u_i, (\frac{n}{2} \leq i \leq n)$

$$\sum_{u \in N[x]} f(u) = (+1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + (-1) \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} - 1 \right\rfloor = 1.$$

Therefore  $f$  is a complementary non-negative signed dominating function. Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) \leq 4$ , if  $n$  is even.

Now suppose  $g$  be complementary non-negative signed dominating function with  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) = g(V)$ . Let  $v_i \in V(G)$ . Then  $\sum_{u \in N[v_i]} g(u) \geq 1$ . Hence there exists some vertex  $u_j \in P_g$ . Then for the corresponding vertex  $v_j$ ,  $\sum_{u \in N[v_j]} g(u) \geq 1$ . This argument is similar for some vertex  $u_i \in V(G)$ . Therefore  $|P_g| \geq 2 \left( \frac{n}{2} + 1 \right)$ . Hence  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) \geq 4$ , if  $n$  is odd. Thus  $\gamma_{CNN}(K_n \diamond K_2) = 4$  if  $n$  is odd.

#### IV. OPEN PROBLEMS

- (i) Given any integer  $k$ , does there exist graph  $G$  such that  $\gamma_{CNN}(G) - \gamma_{Cmaj}(G) = k$ .
- (ii) Characterization of graphs  $G$  for which  $\gamma_{Cmaj}(G) = \gamma_{CNN}(G)$ .
- (iii) Find both lower and upper bound for  $\gamma_{CNN}$ .

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