# Accurate certified domination number of graphs 

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#### Abstract

A dominating set $D$ of a graph $G=(V, E)$ is an accurate dominating set, if $V-D$ has no dominating set of cardinality $|D|$. An accurate dominating set $D$ of $G$ is an accurate certified dominating set, if $D$ has either zero or atleast two neighbours in $V-D$. The accurate certified domination number $\gamma_{a c e r}(G)$ of $G$ is the minimum cardinality of an accurate certified dominating set of $G$. In this paper, we initiate a study of this new parameter and obtain some results concerning this parameter.


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## I. Introduction

All graphs considered here are finite, non-trivial, undirected with loops and multiple edges. For graph theoretic terminology we refer to Harary [2]. Let $G=(V, E)$ be a graph with $|V|=p$ and $|E|=q$. Let $\Delta(G)(\delta(G))$ denote the maximum(minimum) degree and $\lceil x\rceil(\lfloor x\rfloor)$ the least (greatest) integer greater(less) than or equal to $x$. The neighbourhood of a vertex $u$ is the set $N(u)$ consisting of all vertices $v$ which are adjacent with $u$. The closed neighbourhood is $N[u]=N(u) \cup\{u\}$. A set of vertices in $G$ is independent, if no two of them are adjacent. The largest number of vertices in such a set is called the vertex independence number of $G$ and is denoted by $\beta_{o}(G)$. A vertex cover is vertex set $S$ such that each edge contains atleast one vertex in $S$ and is denoted by $\alpha_{o}(G)$.

A bipartite graph $G=(V, E)$ with partition $V=\left\{V_{1}, V_{2}\right\}$ is said to be a complete bipartite graph if every vertex in $V_{1}$ is connected to every vertex of $V_{2}$ and is denoted by $K_{m, n}$. A wheel graph $W_{p}$ is obtained from a cycle graph $C_{p-1}$ by adding a new vertex. That new vertex is called a Hub which is connected to all the vertices of $C_{p-1}$. A star graph is a complete bipartite graph if a single vertex belong to one set and all the remaining vertices belong to the other set and is denoted by $K_{1, p-1}$. The helm graph is the graph obtained from an wheel graph by adjoining a pendant edge at each node of the cycle and is denoted by $H_{n}$ where $2 n+1=p$. The diamond graph is a planar undirected graph with 4 vertices and 5 edges. A friendship graph is the graph obtained by taking $m$ copies of the cycle graph $C_{3}$ with a vertex in common and is denoted by $F_{p}$. The corona of two graphs $G_{1}$ and $G_{2}$ is the graph $G=G_{1} \circ G_{2}$ formed from one copy of $G_{1}$ and $\left|V\left(G_{1}\right)\right|$ copies of $G_{2}$ where $i^{\text {th }}$ vertex of $G_{1}$ is adjacent to every vertex in the $i^{\text {th }}$ copy of $G_{2}$.

A set $D$ of vertices in a graph $G=(V, E)$ is a dominating set of $G$, if every vertex in $V-D$ is adjacent to some vertex in $D$. The domination number $\gamma(G)$ of $G$ is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. For a comprehensive survey of domination in graphs see $[5,6]$.

A dominating set $D$ of $G=(V, E)$ is an accurate dominating set, if $V-D$ has no dominating set of cardinality $|D|$. The accurate domination number $\gamma_{a}(G)$ of $G$ is the minimum cardinality of an accurate dominating set. This concept was introduced by Kulli and Kattimani [7]. A dominating set $D$ of $G=(V, E)$ is a certified dominating set, if $D$ has either zero or atleast two neighbours in $V-D$. The certified domination number $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)$ of $G$ is the minimum cardinality of certified dominating set. This concept was introduced by M.Dettlaff, M. Lemanska, and J.Topp [10]. A dominating set $D$ of a graph $G$ is a maximal dominating set if $V-D$ is not a dominating set of $G$. The maximal domination number $\gamma_{m}(G)$ of $G$ is the minimum cardinality of a maximal dominating set. [4]

## II. Accurate Certified Domination Number

## Definition 2.1

An accurate dominating set $D$ of $G=(V, E)$ is an accurate certified dominating set, if $D$ has either zero or atleast two neighbours in $V-D$. The accurate certified domination number $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)$ of $G$ is the minimum cardinality of accurate certified dominating set.

Example 2.2 For the following graph, $\mathrm{V}\left(\mathrm{G}_{1}\right)=\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$ whereas, $\{1,4,5,6\}$ satisfied accurate certified condition. Hence, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(G_{1}\right)=4$.


Figure 1

## Accurate Certified Domination Number for some standard graphs.

## Preposition 2.3

For any $p$ vertices, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{p}\right)=\left\{\begin{array}{lc}\frac{p}{3} & p \equiv 0(\bmod 3) \\ \frac{p+2}{3} & p \equiv 1(\bmod 3) \\ \frac{p+1}{3} & p \equiv 2(\bmod 3) \\ p & p=2,4\end{array}\right.$
Proof: Let $p$ be the number of vertices in the path $P_{p}$ and $D$ and $D^{\prime}$ be the dominating set and accurate dominating set respectively.
Case 1. $p \equiv 0(\bmod 3)$
Every dominating set is adjacent to exactly two vertices of $V-D$. That is $D$ has atleast two neighbours in $V-D$ and $V-D$ has no dominating set of cardinality $|D|$. Therefore $D$ satisfies accurate certified dominating set. $\therefore \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{p}\right)=\frac{p}{3}$.
Case 2. $p \equiv 1(\bmod 3)$
We know, for $p \equiv 0(\bmod 3), \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{p}\right)=\frac{p}{3}$.
For $p \equiv 1(\bmod 3)$, we have one more extra vertex. So, $\gamma_{a c e r}\left(P_{p}\right)$ has $p \equiv 0(\bmod 3)$ plus one more vertex. Therefore $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{p}\right)=\frac{p-1}{3}+1=\frac{p+2}{3}$.
Case 3. $p \equiv 2(\bmod 3)$
We know, for $p \equiv 0(\bmod 3), \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{p}\right)=\frac{p}{3}$.
For $p \equiv 2(\bmod 3)$, we have two more extra vertex. So, $\gamma_{a c e r}\left(P_{p}\right)$ has $p \equiv 0(\bmod 3)$ plus one more vertex.
Therefore $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{p}\right)=\frac{p-2}{3}+1=\frac{p+1}{3}$.
Case 4. Suppose $p=2,4$. We know, $\gamma_{a}\left(P_{2}\right)=2$. Then clearly $\gamma_{a c e r}\left(P_{2}\right)=2$. Also we know, $\gamma_{a}\left(P_{4}\right)=3$. Then $D^{\prime}$ has one neighbour in $V-D^{\prime}$. Which is contradiction to $\gamma_{a c e r}-$ set. So we choose $p$ vertices. Therefore $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{p}\right)=p$.

## Observation 2.4

(i) For any cycle of order $p \geq 3, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(C_{p}\right)=p$.
(ii) For any complete graph of order $p \geq 3, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{p}\right)=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}p & \text { if } p<5 \\ \left\lfloor\left.\frac{p}{2} \right\rvert\,+1\right. & \text { if } p \geq 5\end{array}\right.$.
(iii) For any complete bipartite graph of order $p \geq 3, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{m, n}\right)= \begin{cases}4 & \text { if } m=n=2 \\ m+1 & \text { if } m=n \\ m & \text { if } m<n\end{cases}$ (Where $m \geq 1, n \geq 2$ and $m+n=p$ ).
(iv) For any wheel of order $p \geq 4, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(W_{p}\right)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}p & \text { if } p=4 \\ 1 & \text { otherwise }\end{array}\right.$
(v) For any helm graph of order $p \geq 7, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(H_{n}\right)=n$ (Where $2 n+1=p, n \geq 3$ ).
(vi) For any star graph of order $p \geq 3, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{1, p-1}\right)=1$.
(vii) For Petersen graph, $\gamma_{a c e r}(G)=6$.
(viii) For diamond graph of order $p=4, \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=4$.
(ix) For any friendship graph of order $p \geq 5, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(F_{p}\right)=1$ (Where $2 n+1=p, n \geq 2$ ).

Remark 2.5 An accurate certified dominating set of a graph $G$ may or may not be a minimal dominating set.

## Example 2.6



Figure 2


Figure 3

In Figure 2, $\gamma(G)=\{2\}$ and $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=\{2\}$. Therefore $\gamma(G)=\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)$.
In Figure $3, \gamma(G)=\{1,5\}$ and $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=\{1,2,3,4,5\}$. Therefore $\gamma(G) \neq \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)$.

Theorem 2.7 Every support vertex of $G$ belongs to accurate certified dominating set of $G$.
Proof: Let $D$ be an accurate certified dominating set of $G$. Let $S=\left\{v_{i}, i=1\right.$ to $\left.n\right\}$ be the support vertex of $V(G)=\left\{V_{j}, j=1\right.$ to $\left.m\right\}$. If $\left\{v_{i}\right\}$ is a support vertex which is not in $D$, then all the pendant should be in $D$. If so, all the pendant has only one neighbour in $V-D$, which is contradiction to $\gamma_{a c e r}$ set. Thus, every support vertex of $G$ belongs to accurate certified dominating set of $G$.

## Example 2.8



Figure 4
In Figure $4, \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=\{1,2,3,4,5\}$. Thus, the support vertex $\{1\}$ belongs to accurate certified dominating set of $G$.

Theorem 2.9 For any graph $G, 1 \leq \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq p$ and the bound is sharp.

Proof: If $G$ is any non-trivial connected graph containing exactly one vertex of degree $\Delta(G)=p-1$, then $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=1$, the lower bound holds. For the upper bound, Let $D$ be an accurate dominating set of $G$. Then for some vertex $v \in D, N(v)=1$. Therefore $D$ is not a accurate certified dominating set of $G$. So we choose the accurate certified dominating set with $N(v)=0$. Therefore $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq p$. Hence $1 \leq \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq p$. For $P_{3}$, the lower bound is sharp. For $C_{5}$, the upper bound is sharp.

Theorem 2.10 For any graph $G, \gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{a}(G) \leq \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)$ and $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{\text {cer }}(G) \leq \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\mathrm{G})$
Proof: Let $G$ be a graph of order $p$. By theorem 2.9, $\gamma_{a c e r}(G) \leq p$ and by [7], $\gamma_{a}(G) \leq\left[\frac{p}{2}\right\rfloor+1$. From the above, $\gamma_{a}(G) \leq \gamma_{a c e r}(G)$. By [7], every accurate dominating set of $G$ is a dominating set of $G$. Hence $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{a}(G) \leq$ $\gamma_{a c e r}(G)$. Also by [10], $\gamma_{c e r}(G) \leq p$. Therefore $\gamma_{c e r}(G) \leq \gamma_{a c e r}(G)$. By [10], any certified dominating is a dominating set. Hence $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{c e r}(G) \leq \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)$.

Theorem 2.11 For any graph $G,\left\lceil\frac{P}{1+\Delta}\right\rceil \leq \gamma_{a c e r}(G)$ and the bound is sharp.

Proof: Let $D$ be a $\gamma$-set of $G$. Each vertex can dominate atmost itself and $\Delta(G)$ other vertices. Hence $\gamma(G) \geq\left[\frac{p}{1+\Delta}\right]$. By theorem 2.10, $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{a c e r}(G)$. Therefore $\left[\frac{P}{1+\Delta}\right\rceil \leq \gamma_{a c e r}(G)$. For $P_{3}$, the bound is sharp.

Theorem 2.12 For any graph $G, \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq p-\gamma(G)+1$.
Proof: Let $D$ be a minimum dominating set of $G$ and $V$ be a vertex set of $G$. Then for any vertex $v \in D$,

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\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) & \leq(V-D) \cup\{v\} \\
& \leq p-\gamma(G)+1
\end{aligned}
$$

The sharpness is attained for $C_{3}$.
Theorem 2.13 For any graph $G, \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq \alpha_{0}(G)+1$.
Proof: Let $S$ be a vertex cover of $G$. We consider the following two cases.
Case 1: Suppose $|S|<\frac{p}{2}$. Then $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=|S|$

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\begin{aligned}
& =\alpha_{0}(G) \\
& \leq \alpha_{0}(G)+1
\end{aligned}
$$

Case 2: Suppose $|S| \geq \frac{p}{2}$. Then for any vertex $v \in V-S$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) & \leq S \cup\{v\} \\
& \leq \alpha_{0}+1
\end{aligned}
$$

Corollary 2.14 For any graph $G, \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq p-\beta_{0}+1$.
Proof: By [3,5,6], $\alpha_{0}+\beta_{0}=p$.
By theorem 2.13, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq \alpha_{o}+1$

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\leq p-\beta_{0}+1
$$

Observation 2.15 The theorem 2.12, 2.13 and corollary 2.14 does not hold for
(i) $\quad \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=p, p \geq 4$
(ii) $\quad \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{2,2}\right)$

Proof: Let $S$ be a vertex cover of $G$ and $p$ be the number of vertices of $G$. We know, The number of vertices of a graph is equal to its minimum vertex cover number plus the size of maximum independent set. Of so, the vertex cover does not have total number of vertices of $G$. Which is contradiction to $\gamma_{a c e r}(G) \leq \alpha_{0}+1$.
Also $p-\gamma(G)+1$ does not greater than or equal to $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=p$. Hence proved.

Theorem 2.16 For any tree $T$ with $m$ cut vertices, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(T) \leq m+1$. It is not true when $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(T_{p}\right)=p$.
Proof: Let $S=\left\{v_{j}, j=1\right.$ to $\left.m\right\}$ be the cut vertices of $V(G)=\left\{v_{i}, i=1\right.$ to $\left.n\right\}$ with $|S|=m$. Sometimes there is a vertex in $S$ has one neighbour in $V-S$. Then for any end vertex $v \in T$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) & \leq S \cup\{v\} \\
& \leq m+1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Corollary 2.17 For any tree $T$ with $m$ cut vertices and $n$ end vertices, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(T) \leq p-n+1$.
Proof: By [5,6], $m+n=p$.
By Theorem 2.16, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(T) \leq m+1$

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\leq p-n+1
$$

Theorem 2.18 For any graph $G, \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq \gamma_{m}(G)+1$. It is not true when $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=p, p \geq 5$.
Proof: Let $D$ be a $\gamma_{m}$-set of $G$. Then $V-D$ is not a dominating set of $G$.For some graphs $D$ has a one neighbour in $V-D$. Then for any vertex $v \in V-D, D \cup\{v\}$ is an accurate certified dominating set of $G$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\therefore \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) & \leq|D \cup\{v\}| \\
& =\gamma_{m}(G)+1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

For $P_{4}$, the bound is sharp.
Theorem 2.19 For any graph $G, \gamma_{a c e r}(G) \leq \gamma(G)+p-\Delta(\bar{G})$.
Proof: Let $v$ be a vertex of minimum degree that is $\delta(G)=\operatorname{deg} v$. By [4], $\gamma_{m}(G) \leq \gamma(G)+\delta(G)$. By [3], $\delta(G)+\Delta(\bar{G})=p-1$ and by theorem 2.18,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) & \leq \gamma_{m}(G)+1 \\
& \leq \gamma(G)+\delta(G)+1 \\
& \leq \gamma(G)+p-\Delta(\bar{G})
\end{aligned}
$$

For $C_{5}$, the bound is sharp.
Theorem 2.20 For any connected graph $G$ with $p$ vertices, $\gamma_{a c e r}(G)+\Delta(G) \leq 2 p-1$.
Proof: Let $G$ be a connected graph with $p$ vertices. We know that $\Delta(G) \leq p-1$ and by theorem 2.9 $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \leq p$. Hence $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)+\Delta(G) \leq 2 p-1$. For $K_{4}$, the bound is sharp.

Theorem 2.21 If $G=H \circ K_{1}$, where $H$ is any non-trivial connected graph then $\gamma_{a c e r}(G)=p$.

Proof: Let $p$ be the number of vertices in $G=H \circ K_{1}$. Let $l$ be the set of all pendant vertices in $G=H \circ K_{1}$ such that $|l|=\frac{p}{2}$. If $G=H \circ K_{1}$, then thereexist a minimal accurate certified dominating set $D$ containing all pendant vertices and $V(H)$ of $G$.
Hence $\quad \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=|V(H)|+|l|$
$=\frac{p}{2}+\frac{p}{2}$

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=p
$$

Theorem 2.22 For the corona graph $C_{m} \circ P_{n}, n \geq 4, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(C_{m} \circ P_{n}\right)=m$.
Proof: Let $V\left(C_{m}\right)=\left\{v_{i}, i=1\right.$ to $\left.m\right\}$
The vertices of $m^{t h}$ copy corresponding to the path $P_{n}$ is

$$
V\left(C_{m} \circ P_{n}\right)=\left\{v_{1}, v_{11}, v_{12}, \ldots, v_{1 n}, v_{2}, v_{21}, \ldots, v_{2 n}, \ldots, v_{m}, v_{m 1}, v_{m 2}, \ldots, v_{m n}\right\}
$$

Let $D$ be a minimum accurate certified dominating set of $G$. We prove this result by induction on $m$. Suppose $m=3$, Then $D=\left\{v_{i}, i=1\right.$ to $\left.m\right\}$ dominate every vertices on the $C_{3} \circ P_{n}, n \geq 4$. Also $D$ is the accurate certified dominating set of $C_{3} \circ P_{n}$. Thus, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(C_{3} \circ P_{n}\right)=3, n \geq 4$.

Let us assume this result is true for $m-1$. And, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(C_{m-1} \circ P_{n}\right)=m-1, n \geq 4$.
Let us prove for $m$, Let $\left\{v_{i}, i=1\right.$ to $\left.m\right\}$ be the vertices of $C_{m}$.
Since the result is true for $m-1, D=m-1$ Then for any vertex $v \in V-D,(m-1) \cup\{v\}$ is an accurate certified dominating set of $G$.
Thus $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(C_{m} \circ P_{n}\right)=|(m-1) \cup\{v\}|=m-1+1=m$.
Thus, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(C_{m} \circ P_{n}\right)=m, n \geq 4$.

## III. Accurate Certified Values for Some Graph Families

## Definition 3.1

The $p$-barbell graph is the simple graph obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph $K_{p}$ by a bridge.


## 4-Barbell graph

Figure 5
Theorem 3.1 For the barbell graph $p \geq 3, \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=p+1$.
Proof: The barbell graph has $2 p$ vertices. Let $V$ be the vertex set of first copy of $K_{p}$. Let $U$ be the vertex set of second copy of $K_{p}$ and $\left\{u_{1}, v_{1}\right\}$ be a bridge. Then $V \cup\left\{u_{1}\right\}$ is an accurate certified dominating set of $G$. Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) & =\left|V \cup\left\{u_{1}\right\}\right| \\
& =p+1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Definition 3.2

A web graph has defined as a prism graph $Y_{p+1,3}$ with the edges of the outer cycle removed and is denoted by $W_{p}$.

$W_{3}$
Figure 6
Theorem 3.2 For a web graph $W_{p}, p \geq 3, \gamma\left(W_{p}\right)=\gamma_{a}\left(W_{p}\right)=\gamma_{c e r}\left(W_{p}\right)=\gamma_{a c e r}\left(W_{p}\right)=p$.
Proof: Let $W_{p}$ be a graph with $3 p$ vertices. Let $D$ be a dominating set of $G$. Then the support vertex are a minimal dominating set of $W_{p}$ such that $\gamma\left(W_{p}\right)=p$. Since this dominating set has atleast two neighbours in $V-D$ and in $(V-D)$ there is no dominating set of cardinality $p$ it is both certified and accurate dominating set. Also it is an accurate certified dominating set.

## Definition 3.3

The lollipop graph is a special type of a graph consisting of a complete graph on $m$ vertices and a path graph on $n$ vertices connected with a bridge and is denoted by $K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)$.


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\boldsymbol{K}_{4}\left(\boldsymbol{P}_{2}\right)
$$

Figure 7

Theorem 3.3 For the lollipop graph $K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right), m \geq 3$,

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\gamma_{a c e r}\left(K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)\right)= \begin{cases}\frac{n}{3}+1 & n \equiv 0(\bmod 3) \\ \frac{n+2}{3} & n \equiv 1(\bmod 3) \\ \frac{n+4}{3} & n \equiv 2(\bmod 3)\end{cases}
$$

Proof: Let $u$ be the vertex with maximum degree in $K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)$.
Case 1: $n \equiv 0(\bmod 3)$, By proposition 2.3, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{n}\right)=\frac{n}{3}$. Then $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{n}\right) \cup\{u\}$ is an accurate certified dominating set of $G$. Thus $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)\right)=\frac{n}{3}+1$.
Case 2: $n \equiv 1(\bmod 3)$, The vertex $u$ dominate the vertices in $K_{m}$ and one vertex in $P_{n}$. In $K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)$, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{n}\right)=\frac{n-1}{3}$. Then $\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(P_{n}\right) \cup\{u\}$ is an accurate certified dominating set of $G$. Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)\right) & =\frac{n-1}{3}+1 \\
& =\frac{n+2}{3} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Case 3: $n \equiv 2(\bmod 3)$, In $K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)$, by preposition 2.3, $\gamma_{a c e r}\left(P_{n}\right)=\frac{n+1}{3}$. Then $\gamma_{a c e r}\left(P_{n}\right) \cup\{u\}$ is an accurate certified dominating set of $G$. Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{m}\left(P_{n}\right)\right) & =\frac{n+1}{3}+1 \\
& =\frac{n+4}{3} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Theorem 3.4 For the lollipop graph $K_{m}\left(P_{2}\right), m \geq 3, \gamma_{\text {acer }}\left(K_{m}\left(P_{2}\right)\right)=\left\lfloor\frac{m}{2}\right\rfloor+2$.
Proof: Let $V$ be the vertex set of $K_{m}$. Let $U$ be the vertex set of $P_{2}$ and $D$ be an accurate certified dominating set of $K_{m}\left(P_{2}\right)$. Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
|D| & =\left\lfloor\frac{m}{2}\right\rfloor+\left|U\left(P_{2}\right)\right| \\
& =\left\lfloor\frac{m}{2}\right\rfloor+2
\end{aligned}
$$

## IV. Nordhaus-Gaddum Type Results

In 1956 the original paper [1] by Nordhaus and Gaddum appeared. In it they gave sharp bounds on the sum and product of the chromatic numbers of a graph and its complement. Since then such results have been given for several parameters.

Theorem 4.1 If graphs $G$ and $\bar{G}$ have no isolated vertices, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)+\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq 2 p \\
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq p^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Furthermore the bounds are attained if $G=C_{4}$.

Proof: Let $G$ and $\bar{G}$ have no isolated vertices and $p$ be the number of vertices of $G$ and $\bar{G}$. By theorem 2.9, $\gamma_{a c e r}(G) \leq p$. Since $\bar{G}$ has no isolated vertices, $\gamma_{a c e r}(\bar{G}) \leq p$. Thus both upper bound holds. Clearly, if $G=C_{4}$, then $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=4$ and $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=4$. Therefore both bounds are attained.

Theorem 4.2 Nordhaus-Gaddum result for $p$ - barbell graph

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\begin{aligned}
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)+\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=2(p+1) \\
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=(p+1)^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Proof: Let $G$ and $\bar{G}$ be the $p$-barbell graph and its complement respectively. The $p$-barbell graph has $2 p$ vertices. By theorem 3.1, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=p+1$. Let $D$ be an accurate dominating set of $\bar{G}$. We know by [7], $|D|=\left\lfloor\frac{p}{2}\right\rfloor+1$. Also $D$ has atleast two neighbours in $V-D$. Therefore $D$ is also an accurate certified dominating set of $\bar{G}$. But here we have $2 p$ vertices. Therefore $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=p+1$. Hence $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)+\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=2(p+1)$ and $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=(p+1)^{2}$.

Theorem 4.3 Nordhaus-Gaddum result for web graph

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)+\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq \frac{5 p+2}{2} \\
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq \frac{3 p^{2}+2 p}{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Proof: Let $G$ and $\bar{G}$ be the web graph and its complement respectively. The web graph has $3 p$ vertices. By theorem 3.2, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=p$. Let $D$ be an accurate dominating set of $\bar{G}$. We know by $[7],|D|=\left\lfloor\frac{p}{2}\right\rfloor+1$. Also $D$ has atleast two neighbours in $V-D$. Therefore $D$ is also an accurate certified dominating set of $\bar{G}$. But here we have $3 p$ vertices. Therefore $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=\left\lfloor\frac{3 p}{2}\right\rfloor+1 \leq \frac{3 p+2}{2}$. Hence $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)+\gamma_{a c e r}(\bar{G}) \leq \frac{5 p+2}{2}$ and $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq \frac{3 p^{2}+2 p}{2}$.

Theorem 4.4 Nordhaus-Gaddum result for lollipop graph $K_{m}\left(P_{2}\right), m \geq 3$

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\begin{aligned}
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)+\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq \frac{m+8}{2} \\
& \gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq m+4
\end{aligned}
$$

Proof: Let $G$ and $\bar{G}$ be the lollipop graph and its complement respectively. The lollipop graph has $m+n=p$ vertices. By theorem 3.4, $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G)=\left\lfloor\frac{m}{2}\right\rfloor+2 \leq \frac{m}{2}+2$. Let $D$ be a dominating set of $\bar{G}$. In $\bar{G}$, we have exactly one vertex of degree $\Delta(G)=p-2$. Therefore $|D|=2$ and $V-D$ has no dominating set of cardinality $|D|$. Also $D$ has atleast two neighbours in $V-D$. Therefore $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G})=2$. Hence $\gamma_{a c e r}(G)+\gamma_{a c e r}(\bar{G}) \leq \frac{m+8}{2}$ and $\gamma_{\text {acer }}(G) \gamma_{\text {acer }}(\bar{G}) \leq m+4$.

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