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## BOUNDS IN STRONG ROMAN DOMINATION

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### Abstract

This article presents sharp lower and upper bounds for  $\gamma_R(G)$  in term of  $\text{diam}(G)$ . Recall that the eccentricity of vertex  $v$  in  $\text{ecc}(v) = \max\{d(u, w) : w \in V\}$  and the diameter of  $G$  is  $\text{diam}(G) = \max\{\text{ecc}(v) : v \in V\}$ . It has been assumed throughout this article that  $G$  is a nontrivial graph of order  $n \geq 2$ . 'Bounds on Roman domination number of a graph  $G$  containing cycles, in terms of its girth' has been presented. Recall that the girth of  $G$  (denoted by  $g(G)$ ) is the length of the smallest cycle in  $G$ . Assume throughout this article that  $G$  is a non-trivial graph of order  $n \geq 3$  and contains a cycle.

*Key Words:* Roman domination, Strong Roman domination, Bounds.

### Theorem 1

If a graph  $G$  has diameter three, then  $\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq 3\delta$  Furthermore, this bound is sharp for infinite family of graphs.

#### Proof.

Since  $G$  has diameter three,

$N(u)$  dominates  $V(G)$  for all vertex  $u \in V(G)$ .

Now, let  $u \in V(G)$  and  $\text{deg}(u) = \delta$ .

Define  $f:V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,3\}$  by  $f(x) = 3$  for  $x \in N(u)$  and  $f(x) = 0$  otherwise.

Obviously  $f$  is a strong roman domination function of  $G$ .

Thus  $\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq 3\delta$ .

To prove sharpness, let  $G$  be obtained from Cartesian product

$P_2 \square K_m \geq 4$  by adding a new vertex  $x$  and jointing it to exactly one vertex at each copy of  $K_m$ . Obviously,  $\text{diam}(G) = 3$  and  $\gamma_{SR}(G) = 6 = 3\delta$ .

This completes the proof.

### Theorem 2

For a connected graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{SR}(G) \geq \lceil \frac{\text{diam}(G)+3}{2} \rceil$ .

Furthermore, this bound is sharp for  $P_3$  and  $P_4$ .

#### Proof.

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The statement is obviously true for  $K_3$ .

Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n \geq 4$  and  $f = (V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3)$  be a  $\gamma_{SR}(G)$  – function.

Suppose that  $P = v_1 v_2 \dots v_{diam(G)+1}$  is a diametral path in  $G$ .

This diametral path includes at most three edges from the induced subgraph  $G[N[v]]$  for each  $v \in V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3$ .

Let  $E' = \{v_i v_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq diam(G)\} \cap \cup_{v \in V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3} E(G[N[v]])$ .

Then the diametral path contains at most  $|V_3| - 1$  edges not in  $E'$ , joining the neighborhoods of the vertices of  $V_3$ .

Since  $G$  is a connected graph of order at least 4,  $V_3 \neq \emptyset$ .

Hence,  $diam(G) \leq 2|V_2| + 2|V_1| + 2|V_3| + (|V_2| - 1)$   
 $\leq 2\gamma_{SR}(G) - 3$

$$\gamma_{SR}(G) \geq \lceil \frac{diam(G)+3}{2} \rceil$$

This completes the proof.

### Theorem 3

For any connected graph  $G$  on  $n$  vertices  $\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq n$ .

Furthermore, this bound is sharp.

#### Proof.

Let  $P = v_1 v_2 \dots v_{diam(G)+1}$  be a diametral path in  $G$ .

Moreover, let  $f = (V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3)$  be a  $\gamma_{SR}(P)$ - function.

By theorem K, the weight of  $f$  is  $diam(G) + 1$ .

Define  $g: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,3\}$  by  $g(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in V(P)$  and  $g(x) = 1$  for  $x \in V(G)(P)$ .

Obviously  $g$  is a strong roman domination function for  $G$ .

Hence,  $\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq w(f) + (n - diam(G) - 1)$

$$\frac{diam(G) + 1 + n - diam(G) - 1}{n}$$

$$\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq n.$$

To prove sharpness,

Let  $G$  be obtained from a path  $P = v_1 v_2 \dots v_{3k}$  ( $k \geq 2$ )

By adding a pendant edge  $v_{3u}$ .

Obviously,  $G$  achieves the bound

This completes the proof.

### Theorem 4

For any connected graph  $G$  of order  $n$  with  $\delta \geq 3$

$$\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq n - (\delta - 2)$$

#### Proof.

Let  $P = v_1 v_2 \dots v_{diam(G)+1}$  be a diametral path in  $G$  and

$f = (V_0, V_1, V_2, V_3)$  be a  $\gamma_{SR}(P)$  – function for which  $|V_1|$  is minimized and  $V_2$  is a 2 – packing.

Obviously,  $|V_2| \leq \text{diam}(G) + 1$

Let  $V_2 = \{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$  where  $k = \text{diam}(G) + 1$

Since  $P$  is a diametral path, each vertex of  $V_2$  has at least  $\delta - 2$  neighbors in  $V(G)(P)$  and  $N(u_i) \cap N(u_j) = \emptyset$  if  $u_i \neq u_j$ .

Define  $g: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2,3\}$  by  $g(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in V(P)$ ,

$g(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \cup_{i=1}^k N(u_i) \cap (V(G)(P))$  and  $g(x) = 1$

When  $x \in V(G) \cup N(u_i)$ .

Obviously  $g$  is a strong roman domination function for  $G$  and

$$\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq w(g)$$

$$w(f) + n - \text{diam}(G) - 1 - (\delta - 2)$$

$$\text{diam}(G) + 1 + n - \text{diam}(G) - 1 - (\delta - 2)$$

$$\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq n - (\delta - 2)$$

This completes the proof.

### Theorem 5

If  $G = P_4$ , then  $\gamma_{SR}(G) = 5$ .

#### Proof.

$G$  can be drawn as follows



Figure 5.1  $P_4$

Define  $f(v_1) = 0, f(v_2) = 3, f(v_3) = 0, f(v_4) = 2$ .

Then  $f$  is a strong roman domination function with  $f(v) = 5$ .

We have to prove that  $f$  is minimal strong roman domination function.

Suppose there is a minimal strong roman domination function  $g$  such that  $g < f$ .

#### Case (1).

Let  $g(v_1) = 0$ , then  $g(v_2) = 3$ .

If  $g(v_3) = 0$ , then  $g(v_4)$  must be 2 or 3, which implies  $g \geq f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_3) = 1$ , then  $g(v_4) = 2$  here  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_3) = 2$ , then  $g(v_4) \neq 0$ , now  $g$  is not minimal, a contradiction.

If  $g(v_3) = 3$ , then  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

#### Case (2).

Let  $g(v_1) = 1$ , then  $g(v_2) = 2$ .

If  $g(v_3) = 0$ , then  $g(v_4) = 3$ , which implies  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_3) = 1$  or 2, then  $g(v_4) \neq 0$ , here  $g \geq f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_3) = 3$ , then obviously  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

**Case (3).**

Let  $g(v_1) = 2$ .

If  $g(v_2) = 0$ , then  $g(v_3) = 3$ , which implies  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 1$ , then for any value of  $g$  and  $g(v_4)$ ,  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 2$ , then for any value of  $g(v_3)$  and  $g(v_4)$ ,  $g \geq f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 3$ , then clearly  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

**Case (4).**

Let  $g(v_1) = 3$ .

If  $g(v_2) = 0$ , and  $g(v_3) = 0$ , then  $g(v_4) = 3$ , here  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 0$  and  $g(v_3) = 1$ , then  $g(v_4) = 2$ , which implies  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 0$  and  $g(v_3) = 2$ , then  $g(v_4) \neq 0$ , which implies  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 0$  and  $g(v_3) = 3$ , then any value of  $g(v_4)$ ,  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 1$ , then  $g(v_3) = 2$ , here  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_2) = 2$ , then all the value of  $g(v_3)$  and  $g(v_4)$ ,  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

If  $g(v_3) = 3$ , clearly  $g > f$ , a contradiction.

Thus all the above cases, we get a contradiction.

Hence  $f$  is minimal strong roman domination function.

This completes the proof.

**Theorem 6**

For a graph  $G$  of order  $n$  with  $g(G) \geq 3$  we have  $\gamma_{SR}(G) \leq g(G)$ .

**Proof.**

First note that if  $G$  is an  $n$ -cycle then  $\gamma_{SR}(G) = n$ .

Now, let  $C$  be a cycle of length  $g(G)$  in  $G$ .

If  $g(G) = 3 \vee 4$ , then we need at least 1 or 2 vertices, respectively, to dominate the vertices of  $C$  the statement follows by theorem 7.2.

Let  $g(G) \geq 5$ . Then a vertex not in  $V(C)$ , can be adjacent to at most one vertex of  $C$  for otherwise we obtain a cycle of length less than  $g(G)$  which is a contradiction. Now the result follows by theorem 7.2.

$$\gamma_{SR}(G) \geq g(G).$$

This completes the proof.

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