

## CUBIC GRAPHS WITH EQUAL TWO DOMINATION NUMBER AND CHROMATIC NUMBER

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A Subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $S$ . A Dominating set is said to be Two dominating set if every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to atleast two vertices in  $S$ . The minimum cardinality taken over all, the minimal two dominating set is called two domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma_2(G)$ . The minimum number of colours required to colour all the vertices such that adjacent vertices do not receive the same colour is the chromatic number  $\chi(G)$ . In this paper, we investigate cubic graphs for which  $\chi_2 = \chi = 3$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple undirected graph. The degree of any vertex  $u$  in  $G$  is the number of edges incident with  $u$  and is denoted by  $d(u)$ . The minimum and maximum degree of a vertex is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively,  $P_n$  denotes the path on  $n$  vertices. The vertex connectivity  $\kappa(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the Minimum number of vertices whose removal results in a disconnected graph. A colouring of a graph is an assignment of colours to its vertices so that two adjacent vertices have the same colour. An  $n$ -colouring of a graph  $G$  uses  $n$  colours. The Chromatic Number  $\chi$  is defined to be the minimum  $n$  for which  $G$  has an  $n$ -colouring. If  $\chi(G) = k$  but  $\chi(G) < k$ , for every proper subgraph  $H$  of  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $k$ -critical.

A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex in  $S$ . The minimum cardinality taken over all dominating sets in  $G$  is called the domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma$ . A dominating set is said to be Two Dominating set if every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to atleast two vertices in  $S$ . The minimum cardinality taken over all, the minimal double dominating set is called Two Domination Number and is denoted by  $\gamma_2(G)$ .

Several authors have studied the problem of obtaining an upper bound for the sum of a domination parameter and a graph theoretic parameter and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. In [11], Paulraj Joseph J

and Arumugam S proved that  $\gamma + k \leq p$ . In [12] Paulraj Joseph J and Arumugam S proved that  $\gamma_c + \chi = p + 1$ . They also characterized the class of graphs for which the upper bound is attained. They also proved similar results for  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma_1$ . In [10], Paulraj Joseph J and Mahadevan G, proved that  $\gamma_{cc} + \chi \leq 2n - 1$  and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. In [13], Paulraj Joseph J and Mahadevan G proved that  $\gamma_{pr} + \chi \leq 2n - 1$  and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. In [7], Paulraj Joseph J and Mahadevan G proved that  $\gamma_{ipr} + \chi \leq 2n - 2$  and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. In [9], Paulraj Joseph J and Mahadevan G introduced the concept of complementary perfect domination number  $\gamma_{cp}$  and proved that  $\gamma_{cp} + \chi \leq 2n - 2$ , and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. They also obtained the similar results for the induced complementary perfect domination number and chromatic number of a graph. In view of all the above, the authors have already obtained sharp upper bound for the sum of the two domination number and chromatic number and characterized the corresponding extremal graphs. Terms not defined here, are used in the sense of Harary[1]. There are several papers in which graphs with equal parameters and investigated. In [17] Volkman studied graphs for which  $\gamma = \beta_1$ . Paulraj Joseph J and Arumugam S investigated graphs for which  $\gamma = \gamma_1$ . Paulraj Joseph J analysed graphs for which the chromatic number equals domination parameters. In [6], Paulraj Joseph and Mahadevan G investigated cubic graphs whose domination number equals chromatic number. Also J. Paulraj Joseph and G.Mahadevan, characterized the cubic graphs whose domination number equals the chromatic number equals to three. Motivated by the above, we now took the problem of characterizing the graphs for which two domination number equals to chromatic number equals to three.

In this paper, we investigate cubic graphs whose two domination number equals chromatic number equals three. We use the following results.

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Theorem 1.1 If  $G$  is a graph of order  $p$ , with maximum degree  $\Delta$ , then  $\gamma \leq \lceil p/(\Delta + 1) \rceil$ .

Theorem 1.2 [Brook] If  $G$  is neither a complete graph nor an odd cycle, then  $\chi \leq \Delta$ .

Theorem 1.3 For any connected graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_2(G) \leq n$ .

Theorem 1.4 For any connected graph  $G$ ,  $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected cubic graph of order  $p$  with  $\gamma_2 = \gamma$ . By theorem 1.2,  $\gamma \leq 3$ . Clearly  $\gamma \neq 1$ . We consider cubic graphs for which  $\gamma_2 = \gamma = 3$ . By theorem 1.1,  $\gamma_2 \leq \lceil p/4 \rceil$ . Since  $\gamma_2 = 3$ ,  $6 \leq p \leq 15$  and  $p \neq 14$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $p$  is even. Hence  $p = 8, 10, 12$ .

## 2. CUBIC GRAPHS OF ORDER 8

Theorem 2.1 Let  $G$  be a connected cubic graph on 8 vertices. Then no graph exists for which  $\gamma_2 = \chi = 3$ .

Proof: Let  $S = \{u, v, w\}$  be a minimum two dominating set of  $G$  and  $V - S = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ . Clearly  $\langle S \rangle \not\sim K_3$ . Hence we consider the three cases.

Case1:  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$

Without loss of generality, let  $u$  be adjacent to at least one of the vertices of  $N(u) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ .

Subcase (a) Let  $v$  be adjacent to one vertex of  $N(u)$  say  $x_1$ . Then  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Now  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  or not adjacent to  $x_1$ . If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  (or equivalently  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ), or  $x_2$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ).

If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , then  $x_2$  is not adjacent to  $x_3$ . Hence  $x_2$  must be adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). Then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_2$  is not adjacent to  $x_4$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

If  $w$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$  then without loss of generality, let  $w$  be adjacent to  $x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$ . Then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Subcase (b) Let  $v$  be adjacent to two vertices of  $N(u)$  say  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Then without loss of generality, let  $v$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . Now  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) or not adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ )

If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  (or equivalently  $x_4$ ) or  $w$  or  $x_5$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , then  $w$  is not adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ . Also  $w$  is not adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_5$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

If  $w$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$  then without loss of generality, let  $w$  be adjacent to  $x_3, x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Now  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and

$x_4$  (or  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  (or  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ )). In all the cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Subcase(c) Let  $v$  be adjacent to all the vertices of  $N(u)$ , say  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ . Now  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ), or  $w$  (or equivalently  $x_4$  or  $x_5$ ). Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_2$  cannot be adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ). Hence  $x_2$  must be adjacent to  $w$ .

If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $w$  then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  (or  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  (or  $x_1$  and  $x_5$ ). Since  $G$  is cubic,  $w$  cannot be adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ . Also  $w$  cannot be adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_5$ . Hence  $w$  must be adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Then  $x_1$  must be adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ . Then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case2:  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$

Let  $uv$  be an edge. Without loss of generality, let  $u$  be adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Now  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and anyone of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$  (or  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) and any two of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ ). If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) or not adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ). If  $x_4$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ), then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  or not adjacent to  $x_4$ . If  $x_5$  is not adjacent to  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_2, x_3$  and  $v$ . Thus in all the above cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set which is a contradiction.

If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_3$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  or not adjacent to  $x_1$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction. If  $x_5$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to any three of  $\{x_3, x_4, v, x_2\}$ . Let  $x_5$  be adjacent to  $x_3, x_4$  and  $v$ . Then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case 3:  $\langle S \rangle = P_3$

Let  $v$  be adjacent to  $u$  and  $w$ . Then without loss of generality, let  $v$  be adjacent to  $x_1$ . Now  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $u, w$  and anyone of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$  or  $w$  and any two of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $u, w$  and  $x_3$  then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $w$  (or equivalently  $u$ ) or not adjacent to  $w$  (or equivalently  $u$ ). If  $x_4$  is not adjacent to  $w$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_5, x_3$  and  $x_1$ . So that  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction. If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $w$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  or not adjacent to  $x_4$ .

If  $x_5$  is not adjacent to  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1, u$  and  $x_3$ , so that  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction. If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction. If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $w, x_3$  and  $x_4$  then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

In all the above cases, Since  $G$  is cubic, no graph exists.

## 3. CUBIC GRAPHS OF ORDER 10

Theorem 3.1: Let  $G$  be connected cubic graph on 10 vertices. Then no graph exists for which  $\gamma_2 = \chi = 3$ .

Proof : Let  $S = \{u, v, w\}$  be a minimum two dominating set. Let  $S_1 = N(u) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . Clearly  $\langle S \rangle \neq K_3$  or  $P_3$ . Hence  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  or  $\bar{K}_3$ . If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  then  $vw$  be the edge in  $\langle S \rangle$ . Let  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  be the two remaining vertices adjacent to  $v$  and also  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  be the remaining two vertices adjacent to  $w$ . Let  $S_2 = \{x_6, x_7\}$  and  $S_3 = \{x_4, x_5\}$ .

Lemma 3.1: If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$ , then no graph exists.

Proof: Without loss of generality, Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . We consider the following three cases.

Case 1:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_6$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_1$  is not adjacent to atleast two vertices in  $S$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case :  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Let  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  or  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_4$ (or equivalently  $x_3$ ). In all the above cases, since  $G$  is cubic, it does not satisfy the two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case :  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Without loss of generality, Let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_6$ . Since  $G$  is cubic. Hence  $x_1$  is not adjacent to atleast two vertices in  $S$  Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

In all the above cases, Since  $G$  is cubic, no graph exists.

Lemma 3.2: If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , then no graph exists.

Proof: Without loss of generality, Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \bar{K}_3 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . We consider the following three cases.

Case 1:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$

Without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_6$ . Since  $G$  is cubic and  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  is not adjacent to atleast two vertices in  $S$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists in this case.

Case 2:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Since  $G$  is cubic, every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to atleast two vertices in  $S$ . This is impossible in this case. Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case 3:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Since  $G$  is cubic as in the above case,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

In all the above cases, Since  $G$  is cubic, no graph exists.

Lemma 3.3: If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ . Then no graph exists.

Proof: Let  $x_1x_2$  be edge in  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  we consider the following cases.

Case 1:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$

Now  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ) or  $x_4$  and  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ ). If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and then  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case 2:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). In all the case,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case 3:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Now  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  (or equivalently  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ ) or  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ (or equivalently  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ ). In all the cases  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

In all the above cases, Since  $G$  is cubic, no graph exists.

Lemma 3.4: If  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ ,  $v$  can be adjacent to two of the three vertices not in  $N(u)$ . It is adjacent to two vertices say  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Let  $S_2 = \{x_4, x_5\}$ , then  $w$  be adjacent to two other vertices say  $x_6, x_7$ . Also let  $S_3 = \{x_6, x_7\}$ .

If  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$ , then no graphs exists.

Proof: Without loss of generality, let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . We consider the following three cases.

Case1:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$ .

Let  $X = S_2 \cup \{v\}$  and  $Y = S_3 \cup \{w\}$ , then  $\langle X \rangle = \langle Y \rangle = C_3$ .  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  which falls under lemma 3.1.

Case2:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

Let  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  be the edge in  $S_2$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $v$  cannot be adjacent to  $x_1$  or  $x_3$ . If  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  (or)  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  (or)  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and  $x_1$ (or equivalently  $x_3$ ).

Subcase (a) If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Subcase (b) If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  or  $w$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not two dominating set.

If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $w$  then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Subcase (c) If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_4$  then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ).

In an above all the cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set which is a contradiction.

Case 3:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Now  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). In both the cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

In all the above cases, Since  $G$  is cubic, no graph exists.

Lemma 3.5: If  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ , then no graph exists.

Proof: Let  $x_1x_2$  be the edge in  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  we consider the following cases.

Case 1:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$

Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to any one of the vertices  $\{x_4, x_5, v\}$  (or equivalently any one of  $\{x_6, x_7, w\}$ ) without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $v$ . Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case 2:  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$

Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{v, x_4, x_5\}$  (or)  $w$  (or)  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). In all the above cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, since  $G$  is cubic, which is a contradiction.

Case 3 :  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $v$  (or equivalently  $w$ ) or  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). In all the above cases no graph exists. Hence  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction. In all the above cases, Since  $G$  is cubic, no graph exists.

Lemma 3.6: If  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ , then no graph exists.

Proof: Let  $x_4x_5$  be the edge in  $\langle S_2 \rangle$  and  $x_6x_7$  be the edge in  $\langle S_3 \rangle$ . We consider all the three cases.

Case 1 :  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$

Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to any two of  $\{v, x_4, x_5\}$  (or equivalently any two of  $\{w, x_6, x_7\}$ ) or any of  $\{v, x_4, x_5\}$  and any one of  $\{w, x_6, x_7\}$ . In all the above cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case 2 :  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Let  $w$  be adjacent to any one of  $\{x_1, x_2, x_4\}$ . Let  $w$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . In this case also  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Case 3 :  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Now  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). In both the cases  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a two dominating set which is a contradiction.

In all the above cases, since  $G$  is cubic, no graph exists.

#### 4. CUBIC GRAPHS ON 12 VERTICES

Theorem 4.1: Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected cubic graph on 12 vertices. Then no graph exists for which  $\gamma_2 = \chi = 3$ .

Proof: We observe that if  $\gamma_2=3$ , then every  $\gamma_2$  set  $S$  is an independent efficient two dominating set. Let  $S = \{u, v, w\}$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = N(u) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . Let  $\langle S_2 \rangle = N(v) = \{x_4, x_5, x_6\}$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = N(w) = \{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ . Then we consider the following cases,

Case 1:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = P_3$ .

Case 2:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Case 3:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = P_3$ , and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$

Case 4:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Case 5:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Case 6:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .

Case 7:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ ,  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .

Case 8:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Case 9:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .

Case 10:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ ,  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .

In all the above cases, since  $G$  is cubic, after a tedious calculations it can be verified that, no graph exists.

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