

## Even Sum Domination Number of Join Two Paths

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### Abstract

Throughout this paper, some properties of the sum even domination are introduced. Moreover, the operation join of two paths is defined. Finally, for all possibly cases of join of two paths, the even sum domination number is determined.

**Keywords:** Even sum dominating set, even sum domination number, and the join of two paths.

## Introduction

A graph theory  $G(V, E)$  depends on two sets, the first set (vertex set) contains the vertices of this graph and denoted by  $V(G)$  or  $V$  and the second set (edge set) contains the edges of this graph and denoted by  $E(G)$  or  $E$ . Nowadays, graph theory has become a new language that most other sciences deal with to find alternative or new solutions to their problems, such as medicine, engineering, statistics, physics, chemistry and others. The most important notions in graph theory that deal with many application in most sciences is the concept of dominating set. The first used this concept is Berge in 1962 [7]. After this this concept appear in various sciences especially, in mathematics where it is deal with most subjects as topological graph [2] and [15], labeled graph [3], number theory graph [1], topological indices [5-6], and others. Moreover, many new definition presented to solve variant life problems [4], [11-14], and [16-22]. Omran and Ihsan [19], introduced a new parameter of domination number which is called even sum domination. They determined many bound of this number and get important results, also, they calculated this number for most the certain graphs such as path, cycle, complete, and others. In this paper, the resulting graph of the join

operation is discussed. All possible cases resulting from this binary operation have been discussed and thus the even sum domination number for each case has been calculated.

**Definition 2.1.** [19] Let  $G$  be a graph and  $D \subseteq G$  be a dominating set and for all  $\forall u \in V - D$ , there is adjacent vertex in the set  $D$  say  $v$  such that  $\deg(v) + \deg(u)$  is even, so the set  $D$  is called even sum dominating set (ESDS).

**Definition 2.2.** [19] Let  $D$  be a minimal ESDS, so the minimum value of all these set is called even sum domination number and written by  $\gamma_{es}(G)$ .

The set  $D$  has property that mentioned above is called  $\gamma_{es}$ -set.

**Observation 1.4.** [19] Consider  $G$  be a graph and  $D \subseteq G$  is  $\gamma_{es}$ -set, so

- 1) Every ESDS contains each an isolated vertex.
- 2) For all a vertex in  $V - D$ , there is a vertex in the set  $D$  such that the two vertices are odd or even together.
- 3) If the degree of a vertex is odd and all the neighborhood of this vertex are even (or vice versa), then this vertex belongs to every ESDS.
- 4)  $\gamma_{es}(G) \leq \gamma(G)$ .

**Corollary 1.6.** [19]

$$1) \gamma_{es}(K_n) = \gamma(K_n) = 1$$

$$2) \gamma_{es}(C_n) = \gamma(C_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$$

$$3) \gamma_{es}(N_n) = \gamma(N_n) = n$$

## 2 Main results.

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a graph isomorphic to the graph  $P_n + P_m$ ;  $n = 1, 2$ , then

$$\gamma_{sc}(G) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ and } m = 1 \\ 3, & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ and } m \text{ is odd; } m > 1 \text{ or } n = 2 \text{ and } m \text{ is odd; } m > 1 \\ 1 + \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n = 1 \text{ and } m \text{ is even; } m \geq 2 \text{ or } n = 2 \text{ and } m \text{ is even; } m \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $\{u_1\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  be the vertex set of the two paths  $P_1$  and  $P_m$  respectively, so two cases depend on  $n$  are classification:

Case 1. If  $n = 1$ , then there are two cases are classification:

I) If  $m = 1$ , then  $P_n + P_m \equiv P_2$  this yields  $\gamma_{es}(G) = 1$ .

II) If  $m \geq 2$ , then two subcases are classification:

Subcase 1. If  $m$  is odd;  $m > 1$ , then  $\deg(u_1)$  is odd,  $\deg(v_1)$  and  $\deg(v_n)$  are even, and  $\deg(v_i); i = 2, \dots, n-1$  are odd (as an example, see Figure 2.1).

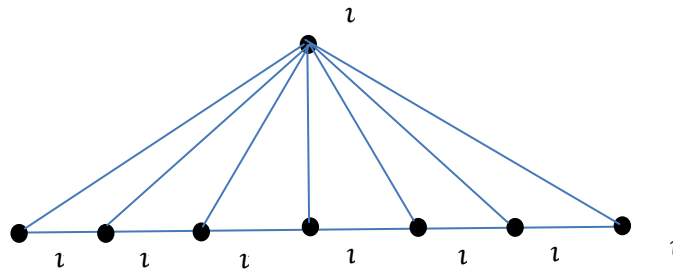


Fig. 2.1. The graph  $P_1 \times P_7$

The vertex  $u_1$  even sum dominates to all vertices  $\{v_i, i = 2, \dots, n-1\}$ , since  $u_1$  is adjacent to all vertices  $\{v_i, i = 2, \dots, n-1\}$  and  $\deg(u_1) + \deg(v_i)$  is even  $\forall i; i = 2, \dots, n-1$ . The two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  belong to every even sum dominating set according to the Observation 1.3(3). Thus, the set  $D_1 = \{u_1, v_1, v_n\}$  is the minimum ESD, and  $\gamma_{es}(G) = 3$ .

Subcase 2. If  $m$  is even;  $m > 2$ , then  $\deg(u_1)$  is even,  $\deg(v_1)$  and  $\deg(v_n)$  are even, and  $\deg(v_i); i = 2, \dots, n-1$  are odd (as an example, see Figure 2.2).

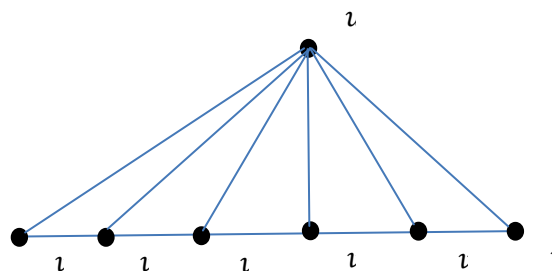


Fig. 2.2. The graph  $P_1 \times P_6$

So, the vertex  $u_1$  even sum dominates to the two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . The remain vertices not dominate by the vertex is the set of vertices  $S = \{v_i, i = 2, \dots, n-1\}$  and the induced subgraph of the set  $S$  is isomorphic to the  $P_{m-2}$ , but the special case here is all vertices of the induced subgraph have odd degree. Thus,  $\gamma_{sc}(P_{m-2}) = \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{3} \right\rceil$ , so  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{3} \right\rceil$ .

**Case 2.** If  $n = 2$ , then three subcases are discussed as the following.

Let  $\{u_1, u_2\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  be the vertex sets of the paths  $P_2$  and  $P_m$  respectively. then three subcases are discussed as the following.

Subcase 1. If  $n = m = 2$ , then  $P_2 + P_2 \equiv K_4$ , then  $\gamma_{es}(G) = 1$ , according to the Corollary 1.6.

Subcase 2. If  $n = 2$  and  $m$  is odd;  $m > 2$ , then  $\deg(u_1), \deg(u_2)$ , and  $\deg(v_i); i = 2, \dots, n - 1$  are even and  $\deg(v_1)$ , and  $\deg(v_n)$  are odd, and (as an example, see Figure 2.3).

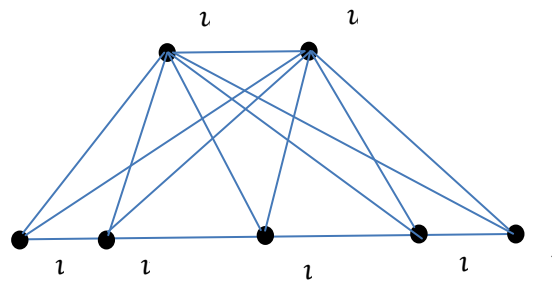


Fig. 2.3. The graph  $P_2 \times P_5$

Now, according to Observation 1.2 (3), the two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  belong to every ESDS. The vertex  $u_1$  dominates all vertices  $u_2$  and all vertices of the set  $S = \{v_i, i = 2, \dots, n - 1\}$  and the summation of degree of the vertex  $u_1$  with any vertex of the set  $S$  is even, so the set  $D = \{u_1, v_1, v_n\}$  is the minimum ESDS. Thus,  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 3$ .

Subcase 3. If  $n = 2$  and  $m$  is even;  $m > 2$ , then  $\deg(u_1), \deg(u_2), \deg(v_1)$ , and  $\deg(v_n)$  are odd, and  $\deg(v_i); i = 2, \dots, n - 1$  are even (as an example, see Figure 2.4).

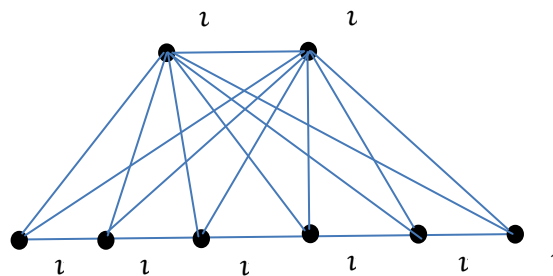


Fig. 2.4. The graph  $P_2 \times P_6$

So, the vertex  $u_1$  even sum dominates to the three vertices  $u_2, v_1$  and  $v_n$ . The remain vertices not dominate by the vertex is the set of vertices  $S = \{v_i, i = 2, \dots, n-1\}$  and the induced subgraph of the set  $S$  is isomorphic to the  $P_{m-2}$ , but the special case here is all vertices of the induced subgraph have even degree. Thus,  $\gamma_{sc}(P_{m-2}) = \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{3} \right\rceil$ , so  $\gamma_{es}(G) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{3} \right\rceil$ .

Depending of all cases above, the required is obtained.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.2.** Consider  $G$  be a graph isomorphic to the graph

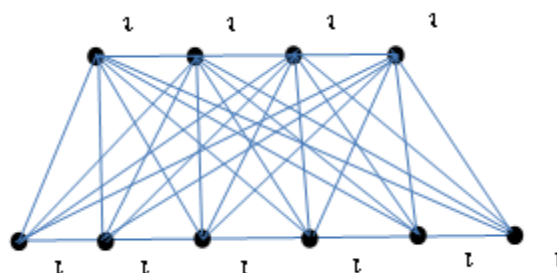
$P_n + P_m; n, m \geq 3$ , then

$$\gamma_{sc}(G) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } m \text{ is odd and } m \leq 5 \text{ and } n = 4 \\ 3, & \text{if } n \text{ and } m \text{ are odd and } n \leq 5 \\ & \text{or if } n \text{ is even and } m \text{ is odd and } m \leq 5 \text{ and } n > 4 \\ & \text{or if } n \text{ is even and } m \text{ is odd and } m > 5 \text{ and } n = 4 \\ & \text{or if } n \text{ is even and } m \text{ is even and } n \text{ or } m \text{ equal to } 4 \\ 4, & \text{if } n \text{ is even and } m \text{ is odd and } n > 5 \text{ and } m > 4 \\ & \text{or if } n \text{ is even and } m \text{ is even and } n, m > 4 \\ & \text{or if } n \text{ and } m \text{ are odd and } n > 5 \end{cases}$$

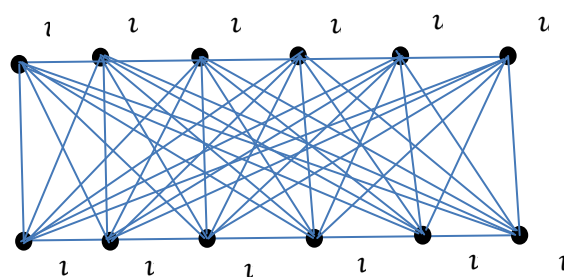
**Proof.** Let  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  be the vertex sets of the two paths  $P_n$  and  $P_m$  respectively. Three cases are discussed as the following.

Case 1. If  $n$  is even and  $m$  is even, then  $\deg(u_1), \deg(u_n), \deg(v_1),$  and  $\deg(v_m)$  are odd, and  $\deg(u_i); i = 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $\deg(v_i); i = 2, \dots, m-1$  are even, so there are discussed as the following.

Subcase 1. If  $n$  or  $m$  equal to 4, then without loss of generality, suppose that  $n = 4$ . The vertex  $u_1$  dominates the two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$ . The remain vertex has odd degree not dominated by the vertex  $u_1$  is  $u_n$  so the two vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_n$  are dominate the four vertices  $u_1, u_2, v_1,$  and  $v_n$ . The remain vertices have even degree which are the two vertices  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  and the set  $S = \{v_i, i = 2, \dots, n-1\}$ . The vertex  $u_2$  dominates the vertex  $u_3$  and all vertices in the set  $S$ , moreover, the summation of the degree of the vertex  $u_2$  and the degree of each vertex in the  $S$  is even. Thus, the set  $D = \{u_1, u_2, u_n\}$  is a minimum ESDS (as an example, see Figure 2.5) and  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 3$ .

Fig. 2.5. The graph  $P_4 + P_6$ 

Subcase 2. If  $n, m > 4$ , then in the same manner in previous subcase, the two vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_n$  dominate the four vertices  $u_1, u_2, v_1$ , and  $v_n$ . Also, The remain vertices have even degree which are the two sets  $S_1 = \{u_i, i = 2, \dots, n-1\}$  and  $S_2 = \{v_i, i = 2, \dots, m-1\}$ . There is no vertex in the above sets dominates all other vertices in these sets, since if the vertex taken from any sets say  $S_1$ , then this vertex not dominates the other vertices in the set  $S_1$  because  $n > 5$ . Let  $D = \{u_1, u_2, v_2, u_n\}$ , so as mentioned above two vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_n$  are dominate the four vertices  $u_1, u_2, v_1$ , and  $v_n$ . Also, the vertex  $u_2$  dominates all vertices in the set  $S_2$ , and the vertex  $v_2$  dominates all vertices in the set  $S_1$ . Furthermore, the degree of each vertex  $u_1$  or  $u_n$  with each vertex  $v_1$  or  $v_n$  is even, also the degree of the degree of the vertex  $u_2$  with any vertex in the set  $S_2$  is even and the degree of the degree of the vertex  $v_2$  with any vertex in the set  $S_1$  is even. Thus, the set  $D$  is a minimum ESDS, and (as an example, see Figure 2.6) and  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 4$ .

Fig. 2.6. The graph  $P_6 + P_6$ 

Case 2. If  $n$  and  $m$  is odd, then  $\deg(u_1), \deg(u_n), \deg(v_1)$ , and  $\deg(v_n)$  are even, and  $\deg(u_i); i = 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $\deg(v_i); i = 2, \dots, m-1$  are odd, so two cases are discussed as the following.

Subcase 1. If  $n$  or  $m \leq 5$ , then without loss of generality, suppose that  $n \leq 5$ . In the same manner in previous subcase the two vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_n$  are dominate the four vertices  $u_1, u_2, v_1$ , and  $v_n$ .

Also, the remain vertices have odd degree which is one vertex if  $n = 3$  or two vertices if  $n = 5$  and the set  $S = \{v_i, i = 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ . If  $n = 3$ , then the vertex  $u_2$  even sum dominates all vertices in the set  $S$  while the vertex  $u_3$  even sum dominates the two vertices  $u_2$  and

$u_4$  and all vertices in the set  $S$ . Thus, the set  $D = \{u_1, u_2, u_n\}$  is a minimum ESDS where  $n = 3$  or  $D = \{u_1, u_3, u_n\}$  is a minimum ESDS where  $n = 5$  (as an example, see Figure 2.7) and for each cases,  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 3$ .

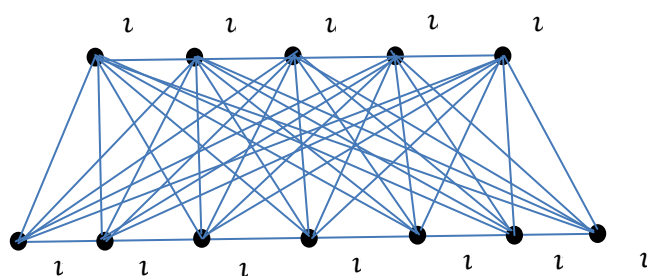


Fig. 2.7. The graph  $P_5 + P_7$

Subcase 2. If  $n, m > 5$ , then as the same technique in the case 1 ( Subcase 2) above, one can be concluded that  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 4$ , (as an example, see Figure 2.8).

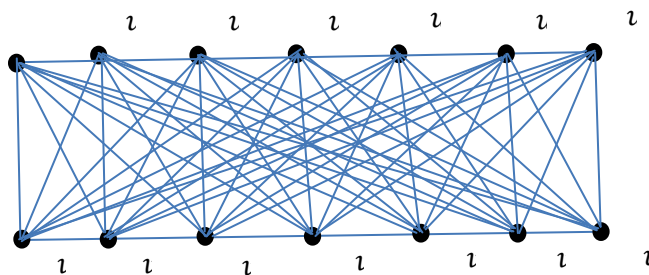


Fig. 2.8. The graph  $P_7 + P_7$

Case 3. If  $n$  is even and  $m$  is odd or vice versa, without loss of generality suppose that  $n$  is even and  $m$  is odd, then  $\deg(u_1), \deg(u_n)$  and  $\deg(v_i); i = 2, \dots, m - 1$  are even degree. Also,  $\deg(v_1), \deg(v_n)$  and  $\deg(u_i); i = 2, \dots, n - 1$  are odd degree, so four cases are discussed as the following.

Subcase 1. If  $n = 4$  and  $m \leq 5$ , then The vertex  $u_2$  dominates the three vertices  $u_3, v_1$ , and  $v_n$  and the summation of the degree of the vertex  $u_2$  with each one of the vertices  $u_3, v_1$ , and  $v_n$  is even.

Moreover, the vertex  $v_2$  dominates the vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_n$  if  $m = 3$  while the vertex  $v_3$  dominates the vertices  $u_1, u_n, v_2$  and  $v_4$  if  $m = 5$ , (as an example, see Figure 2.9). Thus, for each cases above, the set  $D = \{u_2, v_2\}$  where  $m = 3$  or  $D = \{u_2, v_3\}$  where  $m = 5$  is a minimum ESDS, and

$$\gamma_{sc}(G) = 2.$$

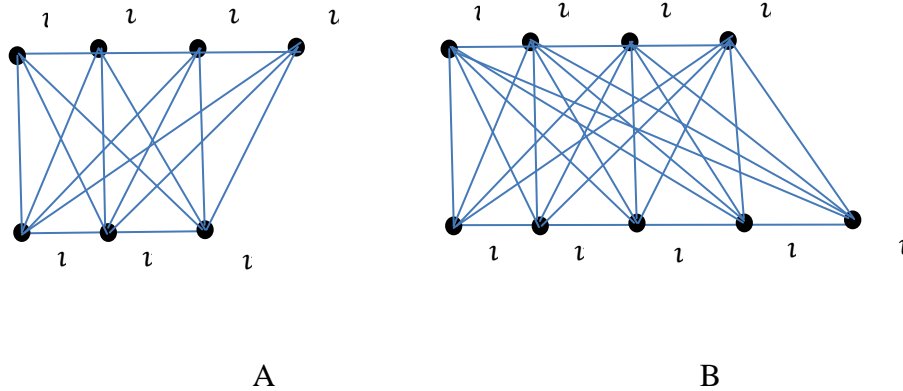


Fig. 2.9. The graphs (A)  $P_4 + P_3$  and (B)  $P_4 + P_5$ .

Subcase 2. If  $n > 4$  and  $m \leq 5$ , again the vertex  $v_2$  dominates the vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_n$  if  $m = 3$  while the vertex  $v_3$  dominates the vertices  $u_1, u_n, v_2$  and  $v_4$  if  $m = 5$ . There is no a vertex dominates all vertices which have odd degree, since  $n > 4$ , then the two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  dominate the all vertices have odd degree. Thus, the set  $D = \{v_1, v_2, v_n\}$  is a minimum ESDS (as an example, see Figure 2.10), and  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 2$ .

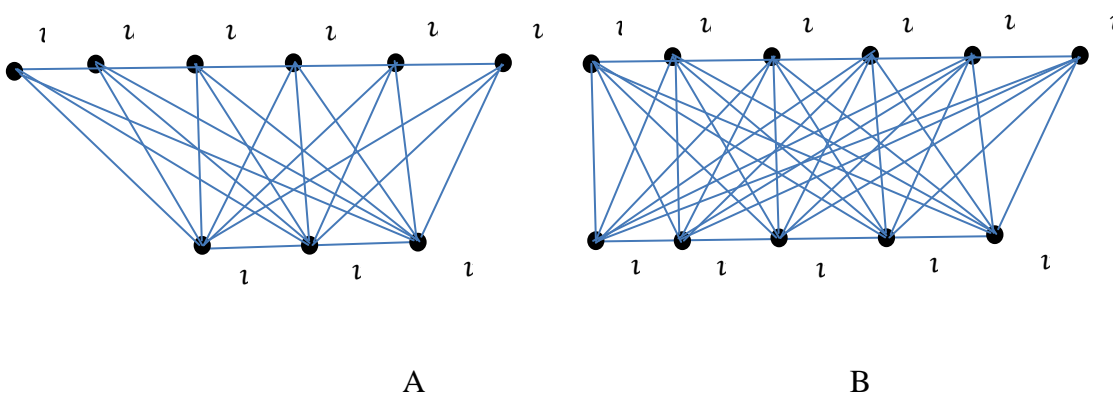


Fig. 2.10. The graphs (A)  $P_6 + P_3$  and (B)  $P_6 + P_5$ .

Subcase 3. If  $n = 4$  and  $m > 5$ , then The vertex  $u_2$  dominates the three vertices  $u_3, v_1$ , and  $v_n$  and the summation of the degree of the vertex  $u_2$  with each one of the vertices  $u_3, v_1$ , and  $v_n$  is even. The other vertices in the graph  $G$  have even degree and there is no vertex dominates all these



vertices, since  $m > 5$  (as an example, see Figure 2.11). Let  $D = \{u_2, v_1, v_n\}$  it is clear that  $D$  is ESDS and has minimum cardinality, so  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 3$ .

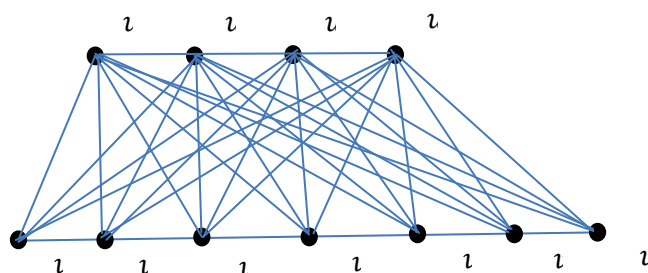


Fig. 2.11. The graph  $P_4 + P_7$

Subcase 4. If  $n > 4$  and  $m > 5$ , there is no one vertex dominates the vertices which haven odd degree, since  $n > 4$ . Also, there is no one vertex dominates the vertices which haven even degree, since  $m > 5$  (as an example, see Figure 2.12). Let  $D = \{u_1, u_n, v_1, v_n\}$  it is clear that  $D$  is ESDS and has minimum cardinality, so  $\gamma_{sc}(G) = 4$ .

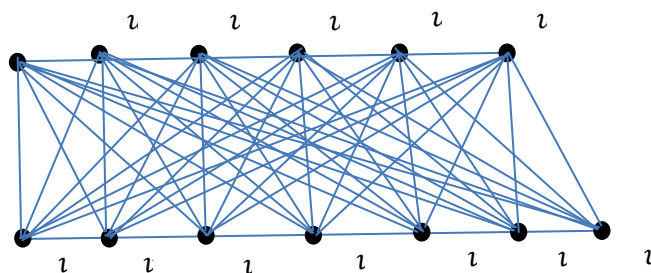


Fig. 2.12. The graph  $P_6 + P_7$

Depending of all cases above, the required is obtained  $\square$

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