

EDGE GEODETIC PARAMETERS ON SWITCHING OF A VERTEX

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study the concept of edge geodetic parameters on switching of pendant vertex, central vertex of path, switching of arbitrary vertex of a cycle, switching of arbitrary vertex of a wheel, switching of apex vertex of helm graph.

Keywords: Connected edge geodetic set, Edge geodetic set, Restrained edge geodetic set, Split edge geodetic set.

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1. Introduction

All graphs considered here are non-trivial, simple and undirected. The order and size of a graph G are denoted by n and m . A set S of vertices of a graph G is an edge geodetic set if every edge of G lies on an $x-y$ geodesic for some elements x and y in S . The minimum cardinality of an edge geodetic set of G is the edge geodetic number of G denoted by $g_1(G)$. The edge geodetic number (g_1) was introduced and studied in [4]. The concept of connected edge geodetic number (g_{1c}) and restrained edge geodetic number (eg_r) was introduced in [5, 6]. The concept of split edge geodetic number (g_{1s}) and total edge geodetic number (g_{1t}) was introduced in [8, 9]. In our present work, we have obtained the results on different edge geodetic parameters for the graph obtained by switching of pendant vertex and central vertex of P_n , switching of any vertex of C_n , switching of rim vertex of W_n and switching of apex vertex of H_n . For any undefined terms or notations in this paper can be found in Harary [3]. The switching of a vertex v of G means removing all the edges incident to v and adding edges joining v to every vertex which is not adjacent to v in G . The resultant graph is denoted by G . An edge geodetic set $S \subseteq V$ is said to be a total edge geodetic set if the subgraph induced by S has no isolated vertex. The minimum cardinality of a total edge geodetic set of G is the total edge geodetic number and is denoted by $g_{1t}(G)$. A total edge geodetic set of cardinality $g_{1t}(G)$ is called $g_{1t}(G)$ -set. An edge geodetic set $S \subseteq V$ is said to be a split edge geodetic set if the subgraph $G[V-S]$ induced by $V-S$ is disconnected. The minimum cardinality of a split edge geodetic set

of G is the split edge geodetic number and is denoted by $g_{1s}(G)$. An edge geodetic set $S \subseteq V$ is said to be a restrained edge geodetic set if the subgraph $G[V-S]$ induced by $V-S$ has no isolated vertices. The minimum cardinality of a restrained edge geodetic set of G is restrained edge geodetic number of G and is denoted by $eg_r(G)$. An edge geodetic set $S \subseteq V$ is said to be a connected edge geodetic set if the subgraph $G[S]$ induced by S is connected. The minimum cardinality of a connected edge geodetic set of G is connected edge geodetic number of G and is denoted by $g_{1c}(G)$. The vertex covering number α_0 is the minimum number of vertices covers all the edges in a connected graph. The vertex independence number of a graph β_0 is the maximum independent vertex set in a graph.

2. Switching of a pendant vertex of P_n

Consider a path $P_n : v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$. Now, we obtain the results on switching of pendant vertex. Example: In Figure 1, the graph obtained by switching of a pendant vertex v_1 is shown in which the set of solid vertices is its g_1 -set.

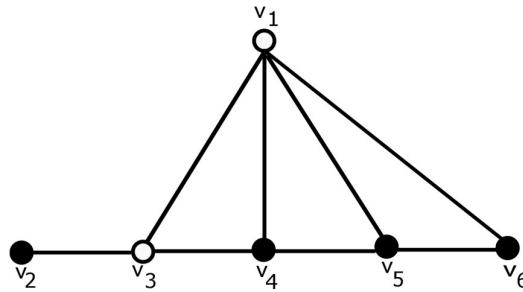


Figure 1: Switching of a pendant vertex v_1

Theorem 2.1. Let $P_n, n \geq 3$ be a path then

$$g_1(\tilde{P}_n) = \begin{cases} n-1, & \text{for } n = 3, 4, 5 \\ \alpha_0(P_n) + \lfloor \frac{n-4}{2} \rfloor, & \text{for } n \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let \tilde{P}_n be the graph obtained by switching of pendant vertex of P_n . Without loss of generality, let the switched vertex be v_1 . Let $V(\tilde{P}_n) = \cup_{i=1}^n v_i$ where $\Delta(\tilde{P}_n) = n - 2 =$

$$\deg_{\tilde{P}_n}(v_1), \deg_{\tilde{P}_n}(v_2) = 1, \quad \deg_{\tilde{P}_n}(v_n) = 2, \cup_{i=3}^{n-1} \deg_{\tilde{P}_n}(v_i) = 3.$$

Let α_0 be the vertex covering number of path P_n and $\alpha_0(P_n) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$. To prove the result we consider the following cases:

- Case i) For $n=3, \tilde{P}_3 \cong P_3$. Therefore $g_1(\tilde{P}_3) = 2$.
- Case ii) For $n=4$, let $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_4\}$ be the vertex set with distance between any two vertices is either one or two. Clearly, S is g_1 -set of P_4 . Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{P}_4) = 3$.

$$g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{for } n = 3, 4, 5 \\ \alpha_0 + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor, & \text{for } n \geq 6. \end{cases}$$

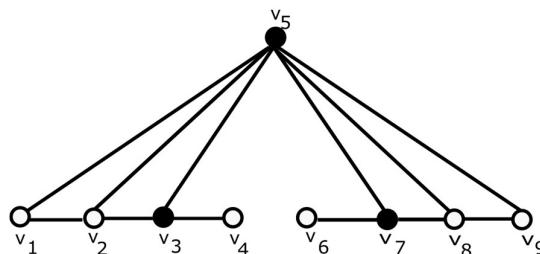
Proof. Let \tilde{P}_n be the graph obtained by switching of pendant vertex v_1 of P_n and $V(\tilde{P}_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. Then $|V(\tilde{P}_n)| = n$ and $|E(\tilde{P}_n)| = 2n - 4$. We discuss the following cases:

Case i): For $n = 3, n = 4$ and $n = 5$ the result is obvious. Hence $g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_3) = 3, g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_4) = 4, g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_5) = 5$.

Case ii): For $n \geq 5$, by Theorem 2.1, $S_1 = \{v_2, v_n\} \cup \{\cup_{i=3}^{n-1} v_i\}$ and $g_1(\tilde{P}_n) = \alpha_0(P_n) + \lfloor \frac{n-4}{2} \rfloor$. But S_1 has isolated vertices. Let $S_2 = S_1 \cup \{v_3\}$. Clearly, S_2 is the g_{1t} -set of \tilde{P}_n .

Therefore, $g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n) = |S_2| = \alpha_0 + \lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \rfloor$.

Corollary 2.4. For any path $P_n, n \geq 5, g_{1c}(\tilde{P}_n) =$



Case iii) For $n=5$, let $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_5\}$. Clearly, S is g_1 -set. Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{P}_5) = 4$.

Case iv) For $n \geq 6$, let us construct a set of vertices S_1 as follows: $S_1 = \{v_2, v_n\} \cup \{\cup_{i=4}^{n-1} v_i\}$ where v_i are the internal non-adjacent vertices of v_2 . Clearly, all the edges of \tilde{P}_n lies in geodesic joining any two vertices of S_1 and hence S_1 is g_1 -set. Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{P}_n) = \alpha_0(P_n) + \lfloor \frac{n-4}{2} \rfloor$.

Theorem 2.2. Let $P_n, n \geq 6$ be a path. Then $eg_r(\tilde{P}_n) = g_1(\tilde{P}_n)$.

Proof. Let $V(\tilde{P}_n) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$. Let $S = V(\tilde{P}_n) - \{v_1, v_3\}$ be g_1 -set of \tilde{P}_n and $\langle V(\tilde{P}_n) - S \rangle$ has no isolated vertex. Then the set S itself forms eg_r -set. By Theorem 2.1 $eg_r(\tilde{P}_n) = g_1(\tilde{P}_n)$.

Theorem 2.3. Let $P_n, n \geq 3$ be a path then

$$g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n).$$

3. Switching of internal vertex in a path

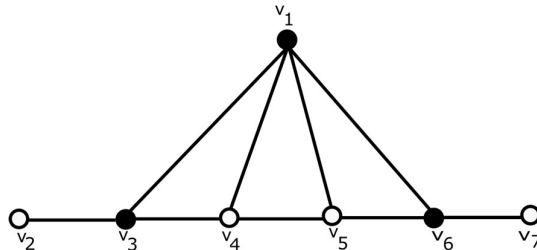
The graph obtained by switching the supporting vertices of the pendant vertices becomes disconnected, hence we consider the internal vertices other than the supporting vertices.

Example: We depicted the graph obtained by switching of an internal vertex v_5 as shown in the Figure 2.

Figure 2: Switching of internal vertex v_5
The set $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_6, v_8, v_9\}$ is g_1 -set of \tilde{P}_9 .

Theorem 3.1. For any path $P_n, n \geq 5, g_1(\tilde{P}_n) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{for } n = 5 \\ n-3, & \text{for } n \geq 6. \end{cases}$

Proof. Let \tilde{P}_n be the graph obtained by switching of pendant vertex of $v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ or $v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$ of path P_n . Let $V(\tilde{P}_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, $\deg \tilde{P}_n \left(\frac{n}{2} \right) = n - 3 = \Delta(\tilde{P}_n)$, $\deg \tilde{P}_n(v_1) = \deg \tilde{P}_n(v_n) = 2$, and $\deg \tilde{P}_n(v_2) =$



$2, \deg \tilde{P}_n(v_3) = \dots = \deg \tilde{P}_n \left(v_{\frac{n}{2}-2} \right) = \deg \tilde{P}_n \left(v_{\frac{n}{2}+2} \right) = \dots = \deg \tilde{P}_n(v_{n-1}) = 3$.
 Let $S = \begin{cases} \{v_2, v_4, v_6\}, & \text{for } n = 6 \\ \{v_1, v_3, v_5, v_7\}, & \text{for } n = 7 \end{cases}$
 $V(\tilde{P}_n) - \{v_{\frac{n}{2}-2}, v_{\frac{n}{2}+2}\}$, for n is even
 $V(\tilde{P}_n) - \{v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1}, v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2}\}$, for n is odd.

Thus, S is g_1 -set of \tilde{P}_n . Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{P}_n) = |S| = n - 3$.

Theorem 3.2. For any path $P_n, n \geq 6$, $g_{1s}(\tilde{P}_n) = g_1(\tilde{P}_n) + 1$.

Proof. Let $V(\tilde{P}_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. Without loss of generality, let the switching vertex be $v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ or $v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$ of path P_n . By Theorem 3.1, S be g_1 -set of \tilde{P}_n and $\langle V(\tilde{P}_n) - S \rangle$ is connected. Now, consider $S' = S \cup \{v_k\}$, where $\{v_k\}$ is a vertex with maximum degree of P_n . Clearly, $\langle V(\tilde{P}_n) - S' \rangle$ is disconnected. Therefore, $g_{1s}(\tilde{P}_n) = |S'| = g_1(\tilde{P}_n) + 1$.

Theorem 3.3. Let $P_n, n \geq 5$, be a path, then $g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n) = n - 1$.

Proof. Let $V(\tilde{P}_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ or $v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}$ of path P_n be the switching vertex. By Theorem 3.1, S be g_1 -set of \tilde{P}_n . Clearly, $\langle S \rangle$ has no isolated vertex.

Let $S_1 = \begin{cases} S \cup \{v_{\frac{n}{2}-1}, v_{\frac{n}{2}+1}\}, & \text{for } n \text{ is even,} \\ S \cup \{v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1}, v_{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}\}, & \text{for } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Clearly, S_1 has no isolated vertex and is g_{1t} -set of \tilde{P}_n . Therefore, $g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n) = |S_1| = n - 1$.

Theorem 3.4. For any path $P_n, n \geq 5$, $g_{1c}(\tilde{P}_n) = g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n) + 1$.

Proof. By Theorem 3.3 S_1 is g_{1t} -set and $g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n) = n - 1$. But $\langle S_1 \rangle$ is disconnected. Let $S_2 =$

$S_1 \cup \{v_k\}$, where $\{v_k\}$ is a vertex with maximum degree. Therefore, $g_{1c}(\tilde{P}_n) = g_{1t}(\tilde{P}_n) + 1$.

4. Switching of an arbitrary vertex of C_n
 In this section, we consider the cycle $C_n: v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, v_1$.

Observation 4.1. Switching of an arbitrary vertex v of C_n means complementing all the edges incident to v while leaving all other edges

unchanged. Without loss of generality, let the switched vertex be v_1 . Then the vertex set of \tilde{C}_n is : $deg_{\tilde{C}_n}(v_1) = \Delta(\tilde{C}_n) = n - 3, deg_{\tilde{C}_n}(v_2) = deg_{\tilde{C}_n}(v_n) = 1$ and $deg_{\tilde{C}_n}(v_i) = 3$ for all $i \in \{3, 4, 5, \dots, n - 1\}$.

Example: We depicted the graph obtained by switching of arbitrary vertex v_1 as shown in the Figure 3.

Figure 3: Switching of arbitrary vertex v_1 . The set $S = \{v_2, v_4, v_5, v_7\}$ is g_1 -set of \tilde{C}_7 .

Theorem 4.2. If \tilde{C}_n is the graph obtained by switching of an arbitrary vertex of cycle $C_n, n \geq 7$ then $g_1(\tilde{C}_n) = eg_r(\tilde{C}_n) = \alpha_0(\tilde{C}_n) + \beta_0(\tilde{C}_n) - 3$.

Proof. Let $V(\tilde{P}_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$. Here, without loss of generality, we have switched the vertex v_1 . Let $\alpha_0(C_n) = \beta_0(C_n) = \frac{n}{2}$ for n is even and $\alpha_0(C_n) = \frac{n+1}{2}, \beta_0(C_n) = \frac{n-1}{2}$ for n is odd. We consider the following cases:

Case i) For $n=4$ $g_1(\tilde{C}_n) = 3$ as $\tilde{C}_n \cong K_{1,3}$.
 For $n = 5$. We construct $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$ where v_2 and v_5 are the pendant vertices of \tilde{C}_n . Then $|S| = 3$. Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{C}_n) = 3$. For $n = 6$. Let $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_6\}$ with $|S| = 4$. Clearly, S is g_1 -set of \tilde{C}_n as every vertex of S lies in geodesic joining every pair of vertices of \tilde{C}_n . Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{C}_n) = 4$.

Case ii) For $n \geq 7$.

Let $S = \left\{ \left\{ v_2, v_n, v_{2i+2}, v_{2j+3} \mid 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-5}{2} \right\rfloor, 1 \leq j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-5}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}, \text{ for } n \text{ is even,} \right. \\ \left. \left\{ v_2, v_n, v_{2i+2}, v_{2j+3} \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{2} \right\rfloor, 1 \leq j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}, \text{ for } n \text{ is odd.} \right.$

Clearly, all the edges of \tilde{C}_n lies in geodesic joining any two vertices of S and hence S is g_1 -set of \tilde{C}_n . Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{C}_n) = eg_r(\tilde{C}_n) = \alpha_0(\tilde{C}_n) + \beta_0(\tilde{C}_n) - 3$.

Corollary 4.4 For any cycle $C_n, n \geq 7, g_{1c}(\tilde{C}_n) = \alpha_0(\tilde{C}_n) + \beta_0(\tilde{C}_n) - 1$.

Theorem 4.5. For any cycle $C_n, n \geq$

$$7, g_{1s}(\tilde{C}_n) = g_1(\tilde{C}_n) + 1.$$

Proof. By the Theorem 4.2, let

$$S = \left\{ \left\{ v_2, v_n, v_{2i+2}, v_{2j+3} / 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-5}{2} \right\rfloor, 1 \leq j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-5}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}, \text{ for } n \text{ is even,} \right. \\ \left. \left\{ v_2, v_n, v_{2i+2}, v_{2j+3} / 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{2} \right\rfloor, 1 \leq j \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-6}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}, \text{ for } n \text{ is odd.} \right.$$

But $\langle V(\tilde{C}_n) - S \rangle$ is connected. Let $S' = S \cup \{v_k\}$ where $\{v_k\}$ is a vertex with maximum degree. Clearly, $\langle S' \rangle$ is disconnected and hence S' is $g_{1s}(\tilde{C}_n) - g_1(\tilde{C}_n) + 1$.

5. Switching of a rim vertex of W_n

Consider a wheel $W_n = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}, x$ where $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ are called rim vertices of wheel W_n .

Observation 5.1. Let \tilde{W}_n is the graph obtained by switching of a rim vertex of wheel W_n . Without loss of generality, we switch the rim vertex v_1 . The graph possess the following types of vertices: $\deg \tilde{W}_n = n - 2 = \Delta(\tilde{W}_n), \deg \tilde{W}_n(v_1) = n - 4, \deg \tilde{W}_n(v_2) = \deg \tilde{W}_n(v_{n-1}) = 2, \deg \tilde{W}_n(v_3) = \deg \tilde{W}_n(v_4) = \dots = \deg \tilde{W}_n(v_{n-2}) = 4, \deg \tilde{W}_n(x) = n - 2$.

Example: In Figure 4, the graph obtained by switching of a rim vertex (say v_1) is shown in which the set of solid vertices is its g_{1t} -set.

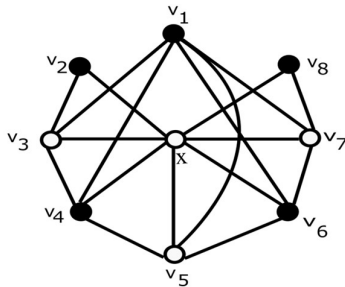


Figure 4: switching of a rim vertex v_1

The g_1 -set $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_6, v_8, v_9\}$ and the edge geodetic number is 6.

Theorem 5.2. For any wheel $W_n, n \geq 7,$ $g_1(\tilde{W}_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} + 2, \text{ for } n \text{ is even,} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1, \text{ for } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Proof. Let $W_n = C_{n-1} + K_1$ and let \tilde{W}_n be the graph obtained by switching of rim vertex of W_n . Let $V(\tilde{W}_n) = \{x, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$. We observe that $|V(\tilde{W}_n)| = n + 1$ and $|E(\tilde{W}_n)| = 3n - 5$.

Let us discuss the following cases:

Case i) When $n=5$. We construct a set of vertices $S_1 = \{x, v_1, v_3, v_4\}$ with $|S_1| = 4$. Clearly, S_1 is g_1 -set of W_n . Hence $g_1(\tilde{W}_n) = 4$.

When $n=6$. We construct a set of vertices $S_2 = \{x, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_5\}$ with $|S_2| = 5$ and S_2 is g_1 -set of W_n . Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{W}_n) = 5$.

Case ii) Let $n \geq 7$. We construct the set $S_3 = \{x, v_1, v_{n-1}\} \cup v_{2i} / 1 \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2} \right\rfloor$. Every edge of \tilde{W}_n lies in any geodesic joining two vertices of S_3 . Therefore, S_3 is g_1 -set of \tilde{W}_n . Hence, $g_1(\tilde{W}_n) = |S_3| = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$.

Corollary 5.3. For any $\tilde{W}_n, n \geq 5,$ then $g_{1c}(\tilde{W}_n) = g_{1s}(\tilde{W}_n) = g_{1t}(\tilde{W}_n) = g_1(\tilde{W}_n)$.

6. Switching of apex vertex of H_n

Definition 6.1. The Helm graph H_n is the graph obtained from a wheel W_n by attaching a pendant edge to each of its rim vertices.

Observation 6.2. Let \tilde{H}_n be the graph obtained by switching of an apex vertex of Helm graph H_n , the vertex set of $\tilde{H}_n = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ where $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ are rim vertices, $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ are pendant vertices and x is an apex vertex of \tilde{H}_n .

Example: In Figure 5, the graph obtained by switching of an apex vertex (say x) is shown in which the set of solid vertices is its g_1 -set.

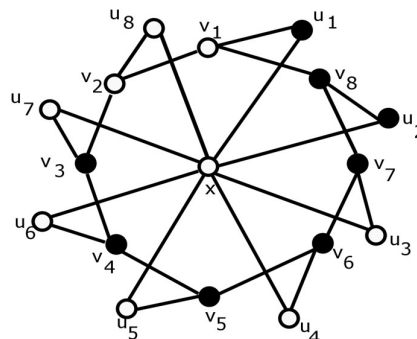


Figure 5: Switching of an apex vertex x

The g_1 -set of \tilde{H}_8 is $S = \{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_7, u_1, u_2, \}$ so that $g_1(\tilde{H}_8) = 8$.

Theorem 6.3. Let $H_n, n \geq 6,$ be the

helm graph then $g_1(\tilde{H}_n) = n$.

Proof. Let \tilde{H}_n be the graph obtained by switching of an apex vertex of Helm graph H_n and consider v an apex vertex of H_n .

Let $V(\tilde{H}_n) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ so that $|V(\tilde{H}_n)| = 2n + 1, |E(\tilde{H}_n)| = 3n$ and $\deg_{\tilde{H}_n}(v) = n, \deg_{\tilde{H}_n}(v_i) = 3, \deg_{\tilde{H}_n}(u_j) = 2,$

Let us discuss the following cases. Case i) For $n=5$. Consider the set $S = \{u_1, u_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ which forms g_1 - set of G . Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{H}_n) = 5$.

Case ii) For $n \geq 6$. Consider the sets $X = \{v_i/3 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $Y = \{u_j\}$ where $\{u_j\}$ are the vertices adjacent to v_1 and v_n . Let $S_1 = X \cup Y$. Clearly, S_1 is g_1 -set of \tilde{H}_n . Therefore, $g_1(\tilde{H}_n) = |S_1| = n$.

Corollary 6.4. For the helm graph $H_n, n \geq 6$ then $eg_r(\tilde{H}_n) = g_{1s}(\tilde{H}_n) = n$.

Theorem 6.5. Let $\tilde{H}_n, n \geq 7$ be the graph obtained by switching of an apex vertex in helm graph then $g_{1t}(\tilde{H}_n) = g_1(\tilde{H}_n) + 1$.

Proof. Let $V(\tilde{H}_n) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$. For $n \geq 7$, by the Theorem 6.3, $S_2 = X \cup Y$ and S_1 is g_1 -set of \tilde{H}_n . But $\langle S_1 \rangle$ has isolated vertices. Let $S_2 = S_1 \cup \{v\}$ where $\{v\}$ is an apex vertex of \tilde{H}_n . Clearly, $\langle S_2 \rangle$ has no isolated vertices and hence S_2 is g_{1t} - set of \tilde{H}_n . Therefore, $g_{1t}(\tilde{H}_n) = |S_2| = g_1(\tilde{H}_n) + 1$.

Theorem 6.6. Let $\tilde{H}_n, n \geq 8$ be the graph obtained by switching of an apex vertex in helm graph then $g_{1c}(\tilde{H}_n) = g_1(\tilde{H}_n) + 2$.

Proof. By the Theorem 6.3, $S_1 = X \cup Y$ and S_1 is g_1 -set of \tilde{H}_n . Clearly, S_1 has two components. Let $S_2 = S_1 \cup \{v, v_i\}$ where $\{v\}$ is an apex vertex and $\{v_i\}$ is a vertex adjacent to vertices of X . But $\langle S_2 \rangle$ is connected. Hence, S_2 is g_{1c} - set of \tilde{H}_n . Therefore $g_{1c}(\tilde{H}_n) = |S_2| = g_1(\tilde{H}_n) + 2$.

7 CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we established the results on edge geodetic number, connected edge geodetic number, restrained edge geodetic number,

split edge geodetic number on switching of path P_n , cycle C_n , wheel W_n and helm graph H_n .

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