# Changing and Unchanging Strong Restrained Domination number of a Graphs

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Abstract: Let G = (V, E) be a simple graph. A Subset S of V is said to be strong restrained dominating set or restrained strong dominating set of G if for every  $u \in V - S$ , there exists elements  $v \in S$  and  $w \in V - S$  such that v and w strongly dominates u. The minimum cardinality of a strong restrained dominating set of G is called the strong restrained domination number of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_{srd}(G)$ . In this paper, changing and unchanging strong restrained domination number of a graphs are determined.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper, finite, undirected, simple graph is considered. Let G = (V, E) be a simple graph. The degree of any vertex u in G is the number of edges incident with u and is denoted by deg u. The minimum and maximum degree of a vertex is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively. A vertex of degree one is called a pendant (end) vertex and a vertex which is adjacent to an end vertex is called a support vertex. A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a dominating set of G if every vertex not in S is adjacent to a vertex in S. The domination number of G, denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set [1]. The concept of strong domination in graphs was introduced by Sampathkumar and Puspalatha[5] and the restrained domination was introduced by Domke [2] et al. A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a strong dominating set of G if every vertex u in S. A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is a restrained dominating set of G, if every vertex not in S is adjacent to a vertex in S and to a vertex in V - S. The restrained domination number of a graph G, denoted by  $\gamma_r(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a restrained dominating set in G. The strong restrained domination was introduced by Selvaloganayaki and Namasivayam [6]. For all graph theoretic terminologies and notations, Harary [3] is referred to. In this paper, changing and unchanging strong restrained domination number of a graphs are characterized.

**Definition 1.1:** Let G = (V, E) be a simple graph. A subset S of V is said to be a strong restrained dominating set of G if for every  $u \in V - S$ , there exists  $v \in S$  and  $w \in V - S$  such that v and w strongly dominate u. The minimum cardinality of a strong restrained dominating set of G is called the strong restrained domination number of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

The existence of a strong restrained dominating set of G is guaranteed, since V(G) is a strong restrained dominating set of G.

Example 1.2: Consider the following graph G,



 $S = \{v_3, v_4\}$  is a strong restrained dominating set of G. Since every vertex in V - S has one strong neighbour in S and one strong neighbour in V - S.

 $\textbf{Result 1.3:} \ For \ the \ path \ P_m, \ \gamma_{srd}(P_m) = \begin{cases} n+2 \ if \ m=3n \\ n+3 \ if \ m=3n+1 \ where \ n\geq 1. \\ n+4 \ if \ m=3n+2 \end{cases}$ 

**Result 1.4:**  $\gamma_{\text{srd}}(C_n) = \gamma_r(C_n) = n - 2 \left| \frac{n}{3} \right|, n \ge 3.$ 

**Result 1.5:**  $\gamma_{srd}(K_n) = 1, n \ge 3.$ 

**Result 1.6:**  $\gamma_{srd}(W_n) = 1, n \ge 4$ .

**Result 1.7:** For  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(K_{1,n}) = n + 1$ .

**Result 1.8:** For r,  $s \ge 1$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(D_{r,s}) = r + s + 2$ .

**Result 1.9:** Let  $G = K_{m,n}$ , where  $m,n \in N$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = \begin{cases} 2 & if \quad m = n \\ m + n & otherwise \end{cases}$ 

**Result 1.10:** Let G be a connected graph.

(i). If G has a unique full degree vertex u then any strong restrained dominating set of G contains u.

(ii). If G has two full degree vertices v and w, then any strong restrained dominating set of G contains v and w.

**Result 1.11:** If G is a graph with at least 3 full degree vertices, then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = 1$ .

**2. Main Result:** In this chapter, the changing and unchanging values of  $\gamma_{srd}$  when a vertex is removed and an edge is removed from a graph is studied.

**Definition 2.1 [4]:** Following the notation used in the case of domination, we partition the vertex set V(G) into subsets  $V_0$ ,  $V_+$ ,  $V_-$  as follows:

 $V_{se}^{0}(G) = \{ v \in V(G): \gamma_{se}(G) = \gamma_{se}(G-v) \}$  $V_{se}^{+}(G) = \{ v \in V(G): \gamma_{se}(G) < \gamma_{se}(G-v) \}$ 

 $V_{se}^{-}(G) = \{v \in V(G): \gamma_{se}(G) > \gamma_{se}(G-v)\}.$ 

**Theorem 2.2:** Let  $G = P_{3n}$ ,  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $v_i$  be a vertex of  $P_{3n}$ . Then  $V_{srd}^+(G) = V(G)$ .

**Proof:** Case i: Let  $v_i$  be an end vertex of  $P_{3n}$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - v_i = P_{3n-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-1}) = n + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n}) = n + 2$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $v_i \in V_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case ii:** Suppose  $v_i = v_2$  or  $v_i = v_{3n-1}$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - v_i = P_1 \cup P_{3n-2}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-2}) = n + 2$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $v_i \in V_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case iii:** Suppose  $v_i = v_3$  or  $v_i = v_{3n-2}$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - v_i = P_2 \cup P_{3n-3}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3}) = n + 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $v_i \in V_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case iv:** Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k}$ ,  $2 \le k \le n - 1$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - v_i = P_{3k-1} \cup P_{3n-3k}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k-1}) = k + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k}) = n - k + 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) = n + 5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $v_i \in V_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case v:** Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-2$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - v_i = P_{3k} \cup P_{3n-3k-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k}) = k+2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k-1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) = n-k+3$ .

**Case vi:** Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n - 2$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - v_i = P_{3k+1} \cup P_{3n-3k-2}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+1}) = k + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k-2}) = n - k + 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) = n + 5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $v_i \in V_{srd}^+(G)$ . In all the cases,  $V_{srd}^+(G) = V(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.3:**  $V_{srd}^{0}(P_m) = \emptyset$ , where m = 3n + 1, 3n + 2,  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proof:** Case i: Let  $G = P_{3n+1}$ . Suppose  $v_i \in V_{srd}^0(G)$ , where  $1 \le i \le 3n+1$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Subcase ia:** Let  $v_i$  be an end vertex of G. Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3n}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n}) = n + 2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n+1}) = n + 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i$  cannot be an end vertex of G.

Subcase ib: Suppose  $v_i = v_2$  or  $v_i = v_{3n}$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_1 \cup P_{3n-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-1}) = n + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \neq v_2$  and  $v_i \neq v_{3n}$ .

Subcase ic: Suppose  $v_i = v_3$  or  $v_i = v_{3n-1}$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_2 \cup P_{3n-2}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-2}) = n + 2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \neq v_3$  and  $v_i \neq v_{3n-1}$ .

Subcase id: Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k}$ ,  $2 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3k-1} \cup P_{3n-3k+1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k-1}) = k+3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k+1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n+6$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \ne v_{3k}$ ,  $2 \le k \le n-1$ .

Subcase ie: Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3k} \cup P_{3n-3k}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k}) = k+2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k}) = n-k+2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n+4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \ne v_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ .

Subcase if: Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-2$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3k+1} \cup P_{3n-3k-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+1}) = k+3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k-1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n+6$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \ne v_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-2$ . Thus there is no  $v_i$  belong to  $V_{srd}^0(G)$ . Therefore  $V_{srd}^0(P_{3n+1}) = \emptyset$ .

**Case ii:** Let  $G = P_{3n+2}$ . Suppose  $v_i \in V_{srd}^0(G)$ , where  $1 \le i \le 3n+2$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Subcase iia:** Let  $v_i$  be an end vertex of G. Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3n+1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n+1}) = n + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n+2}) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i$  cannot be an end vertex of G.

Subcase iib: Suppose  $v_i = v_2$  or  $v_i = v_{3n+1}$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_1 \cup P_{3n}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n}) = n + 2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n + 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \neq v_2$  and  $v_i \neq v_{3n+1}$ .

Subcase iic: Suppose  $v_i = v_3$  or  $v_i = v_{3n}$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_2 \cup P_{3n-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-1}) = n + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n + 5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \neq v_3$  and  $v_i \neq v_{3n}$ .

**Subcase iid:** Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k}$ ,  $2 \le k \le n - 1$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3k-1} \cup P_{3n-3k+2}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k-1}) = k + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k+2}) = n - k + 4$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n + 7$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \ne v_{3k}$ ,  $2 \le k \le n - 1$ .

Subcase iie: Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3k} \cup P_{3n-3k+1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k}) = k+2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k+1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n+5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \ne v_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ .

**Subcase iif:** Suppose  $v_i = v_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - v_i = P_{3k+1} \cup P_{3n-3k}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+1}) = k+3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k}) = n-k+2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = n+5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $v_i \ne v_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus there is no  $v_i$  belong to  $V_{srd}^0(G)$ . Therefore  $V_{srd}^0(P_{3n+2}) = \emptyset$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $G = C_m$ ,  $m \ge 4$ . Then  $V_{srd}^+(G) = V(G)$ .

**Proof:** Case i: Let  $G = C_{3n}$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . Let  $v \in V(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = n$ , G - v is a path  $P_{3n-1}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-1}) = n + 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Case ii:** Let  $G = C_{3n+1}$ ,  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $v \in V(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = n + 1$ , G - v is a path  $P_{3n}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n}) = n + 2$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Case iii:** Let  $G = C_{3n+2}$ ,  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $v \in V(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = n + 2$ , G - v is a path  $P_{3n+1}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n+1}) = n + 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Therefore  $V_{srd}^+(G) = V(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Remark 2.5:** Let  $G = C_3$ . Let  $v \in C_3$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = 1$ , G - v is a path  $P_2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_2) = 2$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Therefore  $V_{srd}^+(G) = V(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.6:** Let  $G = K_{1,n}$ ,  $V_{srd}^{-}(G) = V(G)$ ,  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{vv_i / 1 \le i \le n\}, \gamma_{srd}(K_{1,n}) = n + 1.$ 

**Case i:** G – v is nK<sub>1</sub>.  $\gamma_{srd}(nK_1) = n$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $v \in V_{srd}^-(G)$ .

**Case ii:**  $G - v_i$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$  is a star  $K_{1,n-1}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(K_{1,n-1}) = n$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $v_i \in V_{srd}^-(G)$ . Therefore  $V_{srd}^-(G) = V(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.7:**  $V_{srd}^-(W_n) = \emptyset$ ,  $n \ge 4$ 

**Proof:** Let  $G = W_n$ ,  $n \ge 4$ . Let  $V(G) = \{v, v_i \mid 1 \le i \le n\}$ ,  $E(G) = \{vv_i, v_iv_{i+1} \mid 1 \le i \le n-1\} \cup \{v_nv_1\}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(W_n) = 1$ . Suppose  $v, v_i \in V_{srd}(W_n)$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Case i**: G – v is a cycle  $C_n$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(C_n) = n - 2 \left| \frac{n}{3} \right|$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $v \in V_{srd}^+(G)$ , a contradiction.

**Case ii**:  $G - v_i = P_n + K_1$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_n + K_1) = 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $v \in V_{srd}^0(G)$ , a contradiction. From cases (i) and (ii), there is no v,  $v_i$  belong to  $V_{srd}^-(G)$ . Therefore

 $V_{srd}^{-}(W_n) = \emptyset$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.8:** Let G = K<sub>m, n</sub>, m, n ≥ 2. Then V(G) =  $\begin{cases} V_{srd}^+(G) & \text{if } m = n \\ V_{srd}^-(G) & \text{if } m < n \end{cases}$ 

**Proof:** Let  $G = K_{m,n}$ ,  $m, n \ge 2$ . Let  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_j \mid 1 \le i \le m, 1 \le j \le n\}$ .

**Case i:** Suppose m = n. Let  $v \in V(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = 2$ ,  $G - v = K_{m,n-1}$  (or)  $K_{n,m-1}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v) = m + n - 1 > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Therefore  $v \in V_{srd}^+(G)$ . Hence  $V_{srd}^+(G) = V(G)$ .

**Case ii:** Suppose m < n.

**Subcase iia:** Suppose n - m = 1,  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = m + n$ .

**Subsubcase iiai:** G – u<sub>i</sub> is a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m-1,n}$ , then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - u_i) = m + n - 1 < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Subsubcase iiaii:** G – v<sub>i</sub> is also a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n-1}$ , m = n - 1, then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = 2 < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Subcase iib:** Suppose  $n - m \neq 1$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = m + n$ .

**Subsubcase iibi:** G – u<sub>i</sub> is a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m-1,n}$ , then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - u_i) = m + n - 1 < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

**Subsubcase iibii:** G – v<sub>i</sub> is also a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m, n-1}$ , m = n - 1, then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - v_i) = m + n - 1 < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence u<sub>i</sub>, v<sub>i</sub>  $\in V_{srd}^-(G)$ . Therefore  $V_{srd}^-(G) = V(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.9:** Let  $G = D_{r, s}$ ,  $r, s \ge 1$ . Then  $V_{srd}^{-}(G) = V(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = r + s + 2$ . Thus  $G - v = K_{1,r} \cup sK_1$  (or)  $rK_1 \cup K_{1,s}$  (or)  $D_{r,s-1}$  (or)  $D_{r-1,s}$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G-v) = r + s + 1 < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $v \in V_{srd}^-(G)$ . Therefore  $V_{srd}^-(G) = V(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Definition 2.10 [4]:** Following the notation used in the case of domination, we partition the edge set E(G) into subsets  $E_0$ ,  $E_+$ ,  $E_-$  as follows:

 $E_{se}^{o}(G) = \{e \in G; \gamma_{se}(G) = \gamma_{se}(G-e)\}$   $E_{se}^{+}(G) = \{e \in G; \gamma_{se}(G) < \gamma_{se}(G-e)\}$  $E_{se}^{-}(G) = \{e \in G; \gamma_{se}(G) > \gamma_{se}(G-e)\}.$ 

**Theorem 2.11:** Let  $G = P_{3n}$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . Let  $e_i$  be a edge of  $P_{3n}$ . Then  $E_{srd}^+(G) = E(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = P_{3n}$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . Let  $V(G) = \{v_i / 1 \le i \le 3n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{v_i v_{i+1} / 1 \le i \le 3n - 1\}$ . **Case i:** Suppose  $e_i = e_1$  or  $e_i = e_{3n-1}$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - e_i = P_1 \cup P_{3n-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-1}) = n + 3$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $e_i \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case ii:** Suppose  $e_i = e_2$  or  $e_i = e_{3n-2}$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - e_i = P_2 \cup P_{3n-2}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-2}) = n + 2$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $e_i \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case iii:** Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n - 1$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - e_i = P_{3k} \cup P_{3n-3k}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k}) = k + 2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k}) = n - k + 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $e_i \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case iv:** Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-2$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - e_i = P_{3k+1} \cup P_{3n-3k-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+1}) = k+3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k-1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) = n+6$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n} - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(P_{3n})$ . Hence  $e_i \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case v:** Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-2$ . Thus  $P_{3n} - e_i = P_{3k+2} \cup P_{3n-3k-2}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+2}) = k+4$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k-2}) = n-k+2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k-$ 

**Theorem 2.12:**  $E_{srd}^{-}(P_m) = \emptyset$ , where m = 3n + 1,  $n \ge 2$ , 3n + 2,  $n \ge 1$ .

**Proof:** Case i: Let  $G = P_{3n+1}$ ,  $n \ge 2$ . Suppose  $e_i \in E_{srd}^-(G)$ , where  $1 \le i \le 3n+1$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

Subcase ia: Suppose  $e_i = e_1$  or  $e_i = e_{3n}$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_1 \cup P_{3n}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n}) = n + 2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n + 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \neq e_1$  and  $e_i \neq e_{3n}$ .

Subcase ib: Suppose  $e_i = e_2$  or  $e_i = e_{3n-1}$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_2 \cup P_{3n-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-1}) = n + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n + 5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \neq e_2$  and  $e_i \neq e_{3n-1}$ .

Subcase ic: Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_{3k} \cup P_{3n-3k+1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k}) = k+2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k+1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n+5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \ne e_{3k}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ .

**Subcase id:** Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_{3k+1} \cup P_{3n-3k}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+1}) = k+3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k}) = n-k+2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n+5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \ne e_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ .

**Subcase ie:** Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-2$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_{3k+2} \cup P_{3n-3k-1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+2}) = k+4$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k-1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n+7$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \ne e_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-2$ . Thus there is no  $e_i$  belong to  $E_{srd}^-(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^-(P_{3n+1}) = \emptyset$ .

**Case ii:** Let  $G = P_{3n+2}$ ,  $n \ge 1$ . Suppose  $e_i \in E_{srd}^-(G)$ , where  $1 \le i \le 3n+2$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G-e_i) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ .

Subcase iia: Suppose  $e_i = e_1$  or  $e_i = e_{3n+1}$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_1 \cup P_{3n+1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n+1}) = n + 3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \neq e_1$  and  $e_i \neq e_{3n+1}$ .

Subcase iib: Suppose  $e_i = e_2$  or  $e_i = e_{3n}$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_2 \cup P_{3n}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n}) = n + 2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \neq e_2$  and  $e_i \neq e_{3n}$ .

Subcase iic: Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_{3k} \cup P_{3n-3k+2}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k}) = k+2$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k+2}) = n-k+4$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n+6$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \ne e_{3k}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ .

**Subcase iid:** Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_{3k+1} \cup P_{3n-3k+1}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+1}) = k+3$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k+1}) = n-k+3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n+6$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \ne e_{3k+1}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ .

Subcase iie: Suppose  $e_i = e_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus  $G - e_i = P_{3k+2} \cup P_{3n-3k}$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3k+2}) = k+4$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n-3k}) = n-k+2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = n+6$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $e_i \ne e_{3k+2}$ ,  $1 \le k \le n-1$ . Thus there is no  $e_i$  belong to  $E_{srd}(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}(P_{3n+2}) = \emptyset$ . Hence the theorem.

**Result 2.13:** Let  $G = P_3$ .  $G - e = P_1 \cup P_2$  (or)  $P_2 \cup P_1$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = 3 = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^0(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ .

**Result 2.14:** Let  $G = P_4$ .  $G - e = P_1 \cup P_3$  (or)  $P_2 \cup P_2$  (or)  $P_3 \cup P_1$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = 4 = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^0(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ .

#### **Theorem 2.15:** Let $G = C_m$ , $m \ge 3$ . Then $E_{srd}^+(G) = E(G)$ .

**Proof:** Case i: Let m = 3n,  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $e \in E(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = n$ , G - e is a path  $P_{3n}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n}) = n + 2$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case ii:** Let m = 3n + 1,  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $e \in E(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = n + 1$ , G - e is a path  $P_{3n+1}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n+1}) = n + 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ .

**Case iii:** Let m = 3n + 2,  $n \ge 1$ . Let  $e \in E(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = n + 2$ , G - e is a path  $P_{3n+2}$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_{3n+2}) = n + 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^+(G) = E(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

### **Theorem 2.16:** Let $G = K_{1,n}$ , $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ , $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $e \in E(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(K_{1,n}) = n + 1$ . Thus G - e is  $K_{1, n-1} \cup K_1$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(K_{1, n-1} \cup K_1) = n + 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^0(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.17:** Let  $G = D_{r, s}$ ,  $r, s \ge 1$ . Then  $E_{srd}^{0}(G) = E(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $e \in E(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = r + s + 2$ . Thus  $G - e = D_{r-1, s} \cup K_1$  (or)  $K_1 \cup D_{r, s-1}$  (or)  $K_{1, r} \cup K_{1, s}$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = r + s + 2 = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^0(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Theorem 2.18:** Let  $G = K_n$ ,  $n \ge 5$ . Then Then  $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $e \in E(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = 1$ . G - e has at least 3 full degree vertices, by result 1.11,  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E^0_{srd}(G)$ . Therefore  $E^0_{srd}(G) = E(G)$ . Hence the theorem.

**Result 2.19:** Let  $G = K_4$ . Let  $e \in E(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = 1$ . G - e has two full degree vertices, by theorem 1.10, any strong restrained dominating set of G contains two full degree vertices and there is no vertex to strongly dominate the remaining two vertices, they also belong to strong restrained dominating set of G. Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^+(G) = E(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.20:** Let  $G = W_n$ ,  $n \ge 5$ . Then  $E_{srd}^-(G) = \emptyset$ .

**Proof:** Let V(G) = {v, v<sub>i</sub> / 1 ≤ i ≤ n}, E(G) = {e<sub>i</sub> = v<sub>i</sub>v<sub>i+1</sub> / 1 ≤ i ≤ n - 2}  $\cup$  {e<sub>n-1</sub> = v<sub>n-1</sub>v<sub>1</sub>}  $\cup$  {e<sub>i+n-1</sub> = vv<sub>i</sub> / 1 ≤ i ≤ n - 1} and  $\gamma_{srd}(W_n) = 1$ . Suppose e<sub>i</sub>, e<sub>i+n-1</sub>, e<sub>n-1</sub>  $\in$   $E_{srd}^-(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_{i+n-1}) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$  and  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_{n-1}) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . **Case i**: G - e<sub>i</sub> (or) G - e<sub>n-1</sub> = P<sub>n</sub> + K<sub>1</sub> and  $\gamma_{srd}(P_n + K_1) = 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_i) = \gamma_{srd}(G) = \gamma_{srd}(G - e_{n-1})$ . Hence e<sub>i</sub>, e<sub>n-1</sub>  $\in$   $E_{srd}^0(G)$ , a contradiction.

**Case ii**: Let S be the strong restrained dominating set of  $G - e_{i+n-1}$ .  $G - e_{i+n-1}$  contain only one maximum degree vertex v, v belongs to S and since there is no vertex to strongly dominate  $v_i$  in V – S,  $v_i$  belongs to S. Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_{i+n-1}) = 2$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e_{i+n-1}) > 1$ 

 $\gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e_{i+n-1} \in E^+_{srd}(G)$ , a contradiction. From cases (i) and (ii), there is no edges belong to  $E^-_{srd}(G)$ . Therefore  $E^-_{srd}(G) = \emptyset$ . Hence the theorem.

**Result 2.21:** Let  $G = W_4$ . Let  $e \in E(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = 1$ . G - e has two full degree vertices, by theorem 1.10, any strong restrained dominating set of G contains two full degree vertices and there is no vertex to strongly dominate the remaining two vertices, they also belong to strong restrained dominating set of G. Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) > \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^+(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^+(G) = E(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.22:** Let  $G = K_{m,n}$ ,  $m, n \ge 1$ . Let  $V(G) = (V_1, V_2)$ ,  $|V_1| = m$  and  $|V_2| = n$ . Then  $E(G) = \begin{cases} E_{srd}^0(G) \text{ if } m = n, m, n \ne 2 \text{ and } |m-n| \ge 2 \end{cases}$ 

 $E_{srd}^{-}(G) if |m-n| = 1$ 

**Proof:** Case i: Suppose  $m = n, m, n \neq 2$ . Let  $e = u_i v_j, 1 \le i, j \le n$ .  $\{u_k, v_t\}, 1 \le k, t \le n, k \ne i, t \ne j$  is a strong restrained dominating set of G – e. Clearly  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = 2 = \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . This is true for any  $e \in E(G)$ . Hence  $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ .

**Case ii:** Suppose  $| m - n | \ge 2$ .  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = m + n$ . Let  $e = u_i v_j$ ,  $1 \le i \le m$ ,  $1 \le j \le n$ . Then V(G) is the unique strong restrained dominating set of G - e. Hence  $E_{srd}^0(G) = E(G)$ .

**Case iii:** Suppose |m-n| = 1.  $\gamma_{srd}(G) = m + n$ . Let  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_m\}$  and  $V_2 = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_n\}$ . Let  $e = v_i u_j$ ,  $1 \le i \le m$ ,  $1 \le j \le n$ . Since the maximum degree vertices are not adjacent with one another, they belong to any strong restrained dominating set of G. Then  $S = \{v_k / 1 \le k \le m, k \ne i\} \cup \{u_i, u_j / 1 \le t \le n, t \ne j\}$  is a strong restrained dominating set of G – e. Therefore |S| = m + 1. Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) \le m + 1$ . Also, no set with less than m vertices forms a strong restrained dominating set of G – e. Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) \ge m + 1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) = m + 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{srd}(G - e) < \gamma_{srd}(G)$ . Hence  $e \in E_{srd}^{-}(G)$ . Therefore  $E_{srd}^{-}(G) = E(G)$ .

**Remark 2.23:** Suppose m = n = 2,  $\gamma_{srd}(K_{2,2}) = 2$ . Since  $K_{2,2} - e = P_4$ ,  $\gamma_{srd}(K_{2,2} - e) = 4$ . Hence  $\gamma_{srd}(K_{2,2} - e) > \gamma_{srd}(K_{2,2})$ . Therefore  $e \in E_{srd}^+(K_{2,2})$ . Hence  $E_{srd}^+(K_{2,2}) = E(K_{2,2})$ .

#### **3. CONCLUSION**

In this paper, the authors studied changing and unchanging strong restrained domination number of a graphs. Similar studies can be made on this type.

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