

# To Find the Bondage Number Extended to Directed Graphs Towards Outdegree Using Interval Graphs

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**Abstract-** Dominating sets play predominant role in the theory of graphs. In this paper we consider the bondage number  $b(G)$  for an interval family corresponding to an interval graph  $G$ , which is defined as the minimum number of edges whose removal results in a new graph with larger domination number. Among the various applications of the theory of domination the most often discussed is a communication network. This network consists of communication links between a fixed set of sites. By constructing a family of minimum dominating sets, we compute the bondage number  $b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$ . Suppose, communication network fails due to link failure. Then the problem is to find a fewest number of communication links such that the communication with all sites in possible. This leads to the introducing of the concept of bondage number of graph.

## I. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that the topological structure of an interconnection network can be modeled by a connected graph whose vertices represent sites of the network and whose edges represent physical communication links. A minimum dominating set in the graph corresponding to an interval family  $I$ , where each  $I_i$  is an interval on the real line  $I_i = [a_i, b_i]$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Here  $a_i$  is called the left end point and  $b_i$  is the right end point of  $I_i$ , without loss of generality we assume that all end points of the intervals  $I$  are distinct numbers between 1 and  $2n$ . Two intervals  $i$  and  $j$  are said to intersects each other if they have non-empty intersection. A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is said to be a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V \setminus D$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of dominating set [8]. Also a minimum dominating set in the graph corresponds to a smallest set of sites selected in the network for some particular uses, such as placing transmitters. Such a set may not work when some communication links happen fault.

In order to give a precise definition of the bondage number, we need some terminology and notation on graph theory. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a digraph with a vertex-set  $V$  and an

edge-set  $E$ . For a subset  $S \subseteq V$ , let  $E^+(S) = \{(u, v) \in E : u \in S, v \notin S\}$ ,  $E^-(S) = \{(u, v) \in E : u \notin S, v \in S\}$  and  $N^+(S) = \{v \in V : u \in S, (u, v) \in E^+(S)\}$ ,  $N^-(S) = \{u \in V : v \in S, (u, v) \in E^-(S)\}$ .

A directed graph or digraph is a graph each of whose edges has a direction [1]. For  $v \in V$  and  $(u, v), (v, w) \in E$ ,  $u$  and  $w$  are called an in-neighbor and an out-neighbor of  $v$  respectively. The in-degree and the out-degree of  $v$  are the number of its in-neighbors and out-neighbors, denoted by  $d^-(v)$  and  $d^+(v)$  respectively. The degree of  $v$  is  $d(v) = d^+(v) + d^-(v)$ .

The bondage number  $b(G)$  of a non-empty graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality among all sets of edges  $E_1$ , for which  $\gamma(G - E_1) > \gamma(G)$  [2]. Thus, the bondage number of  $G$  is the smallest number of edges whose removal will render every minimum dominating set in  $G$  a non-dominating set in the resultant spanning sub graph [5]. Since the domination number of every spanning sub graph of a non-empty graph  $G$  is at least as great as  $\gamma(G)$ , the bondage number of a non-empty graph is well defined [3,4,6,7].

### KEYWORDS:

Interval family, dominating set, domination number, bondage number, directed graph, in-degree, out-degree, in-neighbor and out-neighbor.

## II. MAIN THEOREMS

**1 Theorem:** Let  $I = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$  be an interval family and let  $G$  be an interval graph corresponding to the Interval Family  $I$ . Let  $i, j \in I$  and if  $j$  is contained in  $i$ ,  $i \neq j$  and there is no other interval that intersects  $j$ , other

than  $i$ . Then the bondage number  $b(G)=1$ , it gives

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be an interval graph corresponding to the given interval family  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\} \in I$ . Let  $i, j$  be any two intervals in  $I$  which satisfies the hypothesis of the theorem. Clearly,  $i \in D$ , where  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of  $G$  because, there is no other interval in  $I$  other than  $i$ , that dominates  $j$ .

Consider, the edge  $e = (i, j)$  in  $G$ .

If we remove this edge from  $G$  then,  $j$  becomes an isolated vertex in  $G - e$  as there is no other vertex in  $G$ , other than  $i$ , that is adjacent with  $j$ . Hence  $D_1 = D \cup \{j\}$  becomes a dominating set of  $G - e$  and since  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of  $G$ , hence  $D_1$  is also a minimum dominating set of  $G - e$ . Therefore  $|D_1| = \gamma(G - e) = |D| + 1 > |D|$ . Thus  $b(G) = 1$ , it gives,

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

First we will discuss the directed graph corresponding to an interval graph. A digraph with a Vertex-Set  $V$  and an Edge-Set  $E$ .

For a Subset  $S \subseteq V$ , let

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E^+(S) &= \{(u, v) \in E(G) : u \in S, v \notin S\} \\ E^-(S) &= \{(u, v) \in E(G) : u \notin S, v \in S\} \\ N^+(S) &= \{v \in V : u \in S, (u, v) \in E^+(S)\} \\ N^-(S) &= \{u \in V : v \in S, (u, v) \in E^-(S)\} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{-----}(I)$$

Now, We will prove the bondage number  $b(G)$

Consider the following Interval Family,

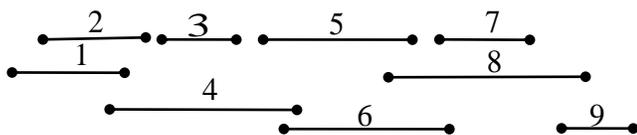


Fig.1: Interval Family  $I$

From the interval family  $I$ , the neighborhoods of each vertex are as follow,

- nbv [1] = {1,2,4}, nbv [2] = {1,2,4},
- nbv [3] = {3,4}, nbv [4] = {1,2,3,4,5,6},
- nbv [5] = {4,5,6,8}, nbv [6] = {4,5,6,7,8},
- nbv [7] = {6,7,8}, nbv [8] = {5,6,7,8,9},
- nbv [9] = {8,9}

We can clearly see that the dominating set of  $G = D = \{4, 8\}$  and  $\gamma(G) = 2$

Remove the edge  $e=(3,4)$  from  $G$ , then the dominating set of  $G - e = D_1 = \{3, 4, 8\}$

$$\gamma(G - e) = \gamma(G_1) = 3$$

$$\therefore \gamma(G - e) > \gamma(G)$$

and hence  $b(G) = 1$

Now, we will prove the following inequality,

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

Let us consider the vertices,  $u = 3, v = 4$  such that  $(u, v) = (3, 4) \in E(G)$

Here in this interval family clearly  $(3, 4) \in E(G)$

Now,  $d(v) = d(4)$

$$d(v) = \text{out degree of } v + \text{in degree of } v$$

$$\therefore d(v) = d^+(v) + d^-(v)$$

$$= d^+(4) + d^-(4)$$

$$= 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$\therefore d(v) = 5 \text{ -----} > \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d^+(u) = d^+(3) = 1 \text{ -----} > \quad (2)$$

Now to find  $N^-(u)$  and  $N^-(v)$ , we need to find  $E^-(S)$

where  $S \subseteq V$ , the vertex set of  $G$  and

$$E^-(S) = \{(u, v) \in E(G) : u \notin S, v \in S\}$$

Now let us take,  $S = \{3, 4\}$

$$\Rightarrow E^-(S) = E^-(\{3, 4\}) = \{(1, 4), (2, 4)\}$$

i.e.,  $E^-(u) = E^-(3) = \emptyset, E^-(v) = E^-(4) = \{(1, 4), (2, 4)\}$

Now,

$$N^+(S) = \{v \in V : u \in S, (u, v) \in E^+(S)\}$$

$$N^-(S) = \{u \in V : v \in S, (u, v) \in E^-(S)\} \text{-----} > \quad (3)$$

From equation (3),  $N^-(S) = N^-(\{3, 4\}) = \{1, 2\}$

i.e.,  $N^-(u) = N^-(3) = \{\emptyset\} \Rightarrow N^-(u) = \{\emptyset\}$

$$N^-(v) = N^-(4) = \{1, 2\} \Rightarrow N^-(v) = \{1, 2\}$$

$$\Rightarrow N^-(u) \cap N^-(v) = \{\emptyset\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 0 \text{ -----} > \quad (4)$$

Hence finally, from (1),(2) and (4), Let us consider  $I = \{1, \dots, 8\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \in S_1$  and

$$d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 5 + 1 - 0 = 6, b(G) = 1$$

$$\therefore b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

The Theorem is proved

**2 Theorem :** Let the dominating set  $D$  of  $G$  consists of two vertices only, say  $x$  and  $y$ . Suppose  $x$  dominates the vertex

set  $S_1 = \{1, \dots, i\}$  and  $y$  dominates the vertex set

$$S_2 = \{i + 1, \dots, n\}$$

1. Suppose there is no vertex in  $S_1$  other than  $x$  that dominates  $S_1$  and no vertex in  $S_2$  other than  $y$  that dominates  $S_2$ . Then

$b(G) = 1$ , it gives

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

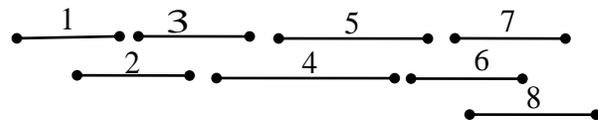
2. Suppose there is one more vertex  $k \in S_1$  or  $S_2$  respectively. Then  $b(G) = 1$ , it gives

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

**Proof: Case1:** Let  $D = \{x, y\}$ . Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  satisfies the hypothesis of the theorem. Since  $x$  alone dominates  $S_1$ , there is no vertex in  $S_2 = \{1, \dots, i\} \setminus \{x\}$  that can dominate  $S_1$ . Let  $j$  be any vertex in  $S_3$  and  $e = (x, j)$ . Consider the graph  $G - e$ . In this graph,  $x$  dominates every vertex in  $S_1$  except  $j$ . Now consider a vertex in  $S_1$  which is adjacent with  $j$ , say  $m$ . Then clearly the set  $\{x, m\}$  dominates the set  $S_1$  in  $G - e$ . If there is no vertex in  $S_1$  that is adjacent with  $j$ , then clearly the graph  $G$  becomes disconnected. So there is at least one vertex in  $S_1$  that is adjacent with  $j$ . Let us assume that there is a single vertex say  $z, z \neq x$  such that  $z$  dominates the set  $S_1$  in  $G - e$ . This implies that  $z$  also dominates the set  $S_1$  in  $G$ , a contradiction, because by hypothesis  $x$  is the only vertex that dominates the set  $S_1$  in  $G$ . Hence a single vertex cannot dominates  $S_1$  in  $G - e$ . Thus  $D_1 = D \cup \{m\}$  becomes a dominating set of  $G - e$ . Since  $D$  is minimum in  $G$ ,  $D_1$  is also minimum in  $G - e$ , so that  $\gamma(G - e) > \gamma(G)$ . Hence  $b(G) = 1$ , it leads to  $b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$ .

A similar argument with vertex  $y$  also gives  $b(G) = 1$ , it leads to  $b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$ .

The Interval family I is as follows,



**Fig.2 : Interval family I**

The neighborhoods of each vertex are as follows,

- nbnd [1] = {1,2}, nbnd [2] = {1,2,3,4},
- nbnd [3] = {2,3,4}, nbnd [4] = {2,3,4,5}
- nbnd [5] = {4,5,6}, nbnd [6] = {5,6,7,8},
- nbnd [7] = {6,7,8}, nbnd [8] = {6,7,8}

We have,

$$S_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, S_2 = \{5, 6, 7, 8\},$$

Dominating Set,  $D = \{2, 6\}$  &  $\gamma(G) = 2$

Remove the edge  $e = (2, 4)$  from  $G$ , then the dominating Set of  $G - e = D_1 = \{2, 4, 6\}$  and  $\gamma(G - e) = 3$

Therefore  $\gamma(G - e) > \gamma(G)$  and thus  $b(G) = 1$ .

Now, we will prove the following inequality,

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

Let us consider the vertices,  $u = 2, v = 4$  such that  $(u, v) = (2, 4) \in E(G)$ . Here in this interval family clearly  $(u, v) = (2, 4) \in E(G)$

$$\therefore d(v) = d^+(v) + d^-(v)$$

$$= d^+(4) + d^-(4)$$

$$= 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$\therefore d(v) = 3 \tag{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow d^+(u) = d^+(2) = 2 \tag{2}$$

Now, to find  $N^-(u)$  and  $N^-(v)$  we need to find  $E^-(S)$ , where  $S \subseteq V$ , the vertex set of  $G$

$$\text{and } E^-(S) = \{(u, v) \in E(G) : u \notin S, v \in S\}$$

Now let us take,  $S = \{2, 4\}$

$$\Rightarrow E^-(S) = E^-(\{2, 4\}) = \{(1, 2), (3, 4)\}$$

$$\text{i.e., } E^-(u) = E^-(2) = \{(1, 2)\}, E^-(v) = E^-(4) = \{(3, 4)\}$$

Now,

$$N^+(S) = \{v \in V : u \in S, (u, v) \in E^+(S)\}$$

$$N^-(S) = \{u \in V : v \in S, (u, v) \in E^-(S)\} \tag{3}$$

From Equation (3),  $N^-(S) = N^-(\{2, 4\}) = \{1, 3\}$

i.e.,  $N^-(u) = N^-(2) = \{1\} \Rightarrow N^-(u) = \{1\}$

$N^-(v) = N^-(4) = \{3\} \Rightarrow N^-(v) = \{3\}$

$\Rightarrow N^-(u) \cap N^-(v) = \{\emptyset\}$

$\Rightarrow |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 0$  ----- > (4)

Hence finally, from (1), (2) and (4)

$d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 3 + 2 - 0 = 5$  and

$b(G) = 1$

$\therefore b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$

**Case2:** Let  $D = \{x, y\}$  and  $x$  dominates  $S_1$  and  $y$  dominates  $S_2$ . Let  $k \in S_1$  such that  $k$  also dominates  $S_1$ . Let  $e = (x, k)$ . Consider the graph  $G - e$ . In this graph the vertices  $x$  &  $k$  are not adjacent. Hence  $x$  alone cannot dominate the set  $S_1$  in  $G - e$ . We require at least two vertices in  $S_1$ , which dominates  $S_1$  in  $G - e$ . Therefore the dominating set of  $G - e$  contains more than two vertices. Thus  $\gamma(G - e) > \gamma(G)$ . Hence  $b(G) = 1$ , it gives that,

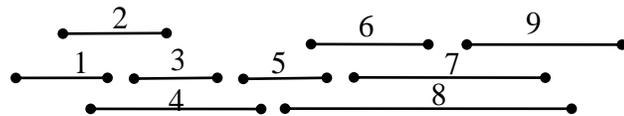
$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$

Similar is the case if  $k \in S_2$  gives  $b(G) = 1$ , it gives that

$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$

If we consider  $I = \{1, \dots, 9\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \in S_1$  and  $\{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \in S_2$

The Interval family I is as follows,



**Fig.3 : Interval family I**

The neighborhoods of each vertex are as follows,

- nbdc [1] = {1,2,4}, nbd [2] = {1,2,3,4},
- nbdc [3] = {2,3,4}, nbd [4] = {1,2,3,4,5}
- nbdc [5] = {4,5,6,8}, nbd [6] = {5,6,7,8},
- nbdc [7] = {6,7,8,9}, nbd [8] = {5,6,7,8,9},
- nbdc [9] = {7,8,9}

We have,

$S_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, S_2 = \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\},$

Dominating Set,  $D = \{4, 8\}$  &  $\gamma(G) = 2$

Remove the edge  $e = (2, 4)$  from  $G$ , then the dominating set of  $G - e = D_1 = \{2, 4, 8\}$  and  $\gamma(G - e) = 3$

Therefore  $\gamma(G - e) > \gamma(G)$  and thus  $b(G) = 1$ .

Now, we will prove the following inequality

$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$

Let us consider the vertices,  $u = 2, v = 4$  such that  $(u, v) = (2, 4) \in E(G)$

Here in this interval family clearly  $(u, v) = (2, 4) \in E(G)$

$\therefore d(v) = d^+(v) + d^-(v)$

$= d^+(4) + d^-(4)$

$= 1 + 3 = 3$  ----- > (1)

$\Rightarrow d^+(u) = d^+(2) = 2$  ----- > (2)

Now to find  $N^-(u)$  and  $N^-(v)$  we need to find

$E^-(S)$ , where  $S \subseteq V$ , the vertex set of  $G$

and  $E^-(S) = \{(u, v) \in E(G) : u \notin S, v \in S\}$

Now let us take,  $S = \{2, 4\}$

$\Rightarrow E^-(S) = E^-(\{2, 4\}) = \{(1, 2), (1, 4), (3, 4)\}$

i.e.,  $E^-(u) = E^-(2) = \{(1, 2)\},$

$E^-(v) = E^-(4) = \{(1, 4), (3, 4)\}$

Now

$N^+(S) = \{v \in V : u \in S, (u, v) \in E^+(S)\}$

$N^-(S) = \{u \in V : v \in S, (u, v) \in E^-(S)\}$  ----- > (3)

From Equation (3),  $N^-(S) = N^-(\{2, 4\}) = \{1, 1, 3\}$

i.e.,  $N^-(u) = N^-(2) = \{1\} \Rightarrow N^-(u) = \{1\}$

$N^-(v) = N^-(4) = \{1, 3\} \Rightarrow N^-(v) = \{1, 3\}$

$\Rightarrow N^-(u) \cap N^-(v) = \{1\}$

$\Rightarrow |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 1$  ----- > (4)

Hence finally from (1), (2) and (4), it follows that

$d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 4 + 2 - 1 = 5$  and

$b(G) = 1$

$\therefore b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$

**3 Theorem:** Let the dominating set  $D = \{x, y\}$ , if  $x$  dominates  $S_1 = \{1, \dots, i\}$  and  $y$  dominates  $S_2 = \{i + 1, \dots, n\}$ . Suppose there are two vertices say  $z_1, z_2 \in S_1$  or  $S_2$  such that  $z_1, z_2$  also dominates  $S_1$  or  $S_2$  respectively. Then the bondage number  $b(G) = 3$ , it gives that

$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$

**Proof :** Let the dominating set  $D = \{x, y\}$  and  $x, y$  satisfies the hypothesis of the theorem. Suppose  $z_1, z_2 \in S_1$  and  $z_1, z_2$  also dominates  $S_1$ . Let  $m$  be an arbitrary vertex in  $S_1, m \neq i, x, z_1, z_2$ .

Now delete the edges  $xm, z_1m, z_2m$  that are incident with  $m$  from  $G$ . If  $d(m) = 3$  then  $m$  becomes an isolated vertex in  $G_1 = G - \{xm, z_1m, z_2m\}$ . Thus the dominating set  $D_1 = D \cup \{m\}$  becomes a dominating set of  $G_1$  and since  $D$  is minimum it follows that  $D_1$  is minimum in  $G_1$ .

Hence  $\gamma(G_1) > \gamma(G)$  and  $b(G) = 3$ , it leads to

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

Also we consider  $I = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ ,  $S_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $S_2 = \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

The Interval Family I is as follows,

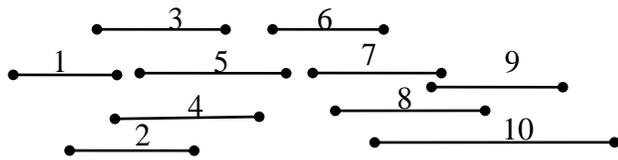


Fig.4 : Interval family I

The neighborhoods of each vertex are as follows from the above Interval Graph G

- nbd [1] = {1,2,3,4}, nbd [2] = {1,2,3,4,5},
- nbd [3] = {1,2,3,4,5}, nbd [4] = {1,2,3,4,5}
- nbd [5] = {2,3,4,5,6}, nbd [6] = {5,6,7,8,10},
- nbd [7] = {6,7,8,9,10}, nbd [8] = {6,7,8,9,10},
- nbd [9] = {7,8,9,10}, nbd [10] = {6,7,8,9,10}

We have,

$$S_1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, S_2 = \{6, 7, 8, 9, 10\},$$

dominating Set,  $D = \{4, 8\}$  &  $\gamma(G) = 2$

Remove the edges (1,2), (1,3), (1,4) from G, then the dominating set of  $G_1 = D_1 = \{1, 4, 8\}$  and  $\gamma(G_1) = 3$ , by removing the edges (1,2), (1,3), (1,4) from G.

Therefore  $\gamma(G_1) > \gamma(G)$  and hence  $b(G) = 3$

We will prove the bondage number as follows,

Let us consider the vertices,  $u = 1, v = 4$  Such that,  $(u, v) = (1, 4) \in E(G)$

Here in this interval family clearly  $(u, v) = (1, 4) \in E(G)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore d(v) &= d^+(v) + d^-(v) \\ &= d^+(4) + d^-(4) \\ &= 1 + 3 = 4 \end{aligned} \quad \text{-----} \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow d^+(u) = d^+(1) = 3 \quad \text{-----} \quad (2)$$

Now to find  $N^-(u)$  and  $N^-(v)$ , we need to find  $E^-(S)$  where  $S \subseteq V$ , the vertex set of  $G$

and  $E^-(S) = \{(u, v) \in E(G) : u \notin S, v \in S\}$

Now let us take  $S = \{1, 4\}$

$$\Rightarrow E^-(S) = E^-(\{1, 4\}) = \{(2, 4), (3, 4)\}$$

i.e.,  $E^-(u) = E^-(1) = \{\phi\}$ ,  $E^-(v) = E^-(4) = \{(2, 4), (3, 4)\}$

Now

$$N^+(S) = \{v \in V : u \in S, (u, v) \in E^+(S)\}$$

$$N^-(S) = \{u \in V : v \in S, (u, v) \in E^-(S)\} \text{-----} > (3)$$

From equation (3),  $N^-(S) = N^-(\{1, 4\}) = \{2, 3\}$

i.e.,  $N^-(u) = N^-(1) = \{\phi\} \Rightarrow N^-(u) = \{\phi\}$

$$N^-(v) = N^-(4) = \{2, 3\} \Rightarrow N^-(v) = \{2, 3\}$$

$$\Rightarrow N^-(u) \cap N^-(v) = \{\phi\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 0 \quad \text{-----} > (4)$$

Hence finally from (1), (2) and (4), it follows that,

$$d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)| = 4 + 3 - 0 = 7 \text{ and}$$

$$b(G) = 3$$

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

Hence the theorem proved.

**4 Theorem:** Let  $D = \{x, y, z\}$ . Suppose  $x$  dominates  $S_1 = \{1, \dots, i\}$ ,  $y$  dominates  $S_2 = \{i+1, \dots, j\}$ ,  $z$  dominates  $S_3 = \{j+1, \dots, n\}$

1. There are no other vertices in  $S_1$  or  $S_2$  or

$S_3$  that dominates the sets respectively. Then the bondage number  $b(G) = 1$ , it gives that

$$b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$$

2. Suppose there is one more vertex  $k \in S_1$  or  $S_2$  or  $S_3$  that dominates  $S_1$  or  $S_2$  or  $S_3$  respectively then the bondage number  $b(G) = 1$ , it gives that  $b(G) < d(v) + d^+(u) - |N^-(u) \cap N^-(v)|$

**Proof:** This is also proved, similar to that of case 1 and cas 2 in Theorem 2.

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