

## A STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVE EDGES IN THE CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF FUZZY GRAPHS

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### Abstract

In this paper we discuss the number of effective edges in the Cartesian product of fuzzy graphs. Some basic theorems and results are obtained on effective edges. Based on the results we find the effective edge domination number for Cartesian product of complete fuzzy graphs.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of system modeling and analysis by means of linguistic variables was introduced by Zadeh [1]. He suitably chose the input and output variable as numerical by fuzzy sets. So, fuzzy sets or their membership functions provide an interface between the input and output numerical values. Fuzzy set approaches have several advantages over other intelligent modeling techniques such as neural networks, radical function networks, etc. The concept of fuzzy graph was first introduced by Kaufmann [2] from the fuzzy relation introduced by Zadeh [1]. Rosenfeld [10] introduced another elaborate definitions including the fuzzy vertex, the fuzzy edge, and the notion of fuzzy graphs and several fuzzy analogs of graph theoretic concepts such as paths, cycles and connectedness. The work on fuzzy graphs was also done by Mordeson and Peng Chang-Shyh [13], Debnath [15], and Yeh and Bang [16]. The concept of domination in graphs was introduced by in 1962 Ore [7]. The domination number and independent domination number are introduced by Haynes, Hedetniemi and Slater [9]. The concept of domination in the product of fuzzy graphs was introduced by Somasundaram [14]. We recall some basic definitions in fuzzy graphs and introduce some new definition and notations. For graph theoretic terminology we refer to Harary [11].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

### Definition 2.1

Fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is pair of functions  $V \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $\mu: V \times V \rightarrow [0,1]$  where for all  $u, v$  in  $V$ , we have  $\mu(u, v) \leq \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$ .

### Definition 2.2

The fuzzy graph  $H(\tau, \rho)$  is called a fuzzy subgraph of  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  if  $\tau(u) \leq \sigma(u)$  for all  $u$  in  $V$  and  $\rho(u, v) \leq \mu(u, v)$  for all  $u, v$  in  $V$ .

### Definition 2.3

A fuzzy sub graph  $H(\tau, \rho)$  is said to be a spanning sub graph of  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  if  $\tau(u) = \sigma(u)$  for all  $u$  in  $V$ . In this case the two graphs have the same fuzzy node set, they differ only in the arc weights.

### Definition 2.4

Let  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy graph and  $\tau$  be fuzzy subset of  $\sigma$ , that is,  $\tau(u) \leq \sigma(u)$  for all  $u$  in  $V$ . Then the fuzzy subgraph of  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  induced by  $\tau$  is the maximal fuzzy subgraph of  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  that has the fuzzy node set  $\tau$ . Evidently, this is just the fuzzy graph  $H(\tau, \rho)$  where  $\rho(u, v) = \tau(u) \wedge \tau(v) \wedge \mu(u, v)$  for all  $u, v$  in  $V$ .

### Definition 2.5

The underlying crisp graph of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is denoted by  $G^* = (\sigma^*, \mu^*)$ , where  $\sigma^* = \{u \in V \mid \sigma(u) > 0\}$  and  $\mu^* = \{(u, v) \in V \times V \mid \mu(u, v) > 0\}$ .

### Definition 2.6

A fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is a strong fuzzy graph if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  for all  $(u, v) \in \mu^*$  and is a complete fuzzy graph if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  for all  $u, v$  in  $\sigma^*$ . Two nodes  $u$  and  $v$  are said to be neighbours if  $\mu(u, v) > 0$ .

### Definition 2.7

A fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be Bipartite if the node set  $V$  can be partitioned into two non empty sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that  $\mu(v_1, v_2) = 0$  if  $v_1, v_2 \in V_1$  or  $v_1, v_2 \in V_2$ . Further if  $\mu(v_1, v_2) > 0$  for all  $v_1 \in V_1$  and  $v_2 \in V_2$  then  $G$  is called complete bipartite graph and it is denoted by  $K_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}$  where  $\sigma_1$  &  $\sigma_2$  are respectively the restriction of  $\sigma$  to  $V_1$  &  $V_2$ .

### Definition 2.8

The complement of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is a subgraph  $\bar{G} = (\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\mu})$  where  $\bar{\sigma} = \sigma$  and  $\bar{\mu}(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v) - \mu(u, v)$  for all  $u, v$  in  $V$ . A fuzzy graph is self complementary if  $G = \bar{G}$ .

### Definition 2.9

The order  $p$  and size  $q$  of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is defined as  $p = \sum_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$  and  $q = \sum_{(u,v) \in E} \mu(u, v)$ .

### Definition 2.10

The degree of the vertex  $u$  is defined as the sum of weight of arc incident at  $u$ , and is denoted by  $d(u)$ .

### Definition 2.11

An arc  $(u, v)$  of the fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is called an effective edge if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  and effective edge neighborhood of  $u \in V$  is  $N_e(u) = \{v \in V : \text{edge}(u, v) \text{ is effective}\}$ .

$N_e[u] = N_e(u) \cup \{u\}$  is the closed neighbourhood of  $u$ . The minimum cardinality of effective neighbourhood  $\delta_e(G) = \min\{|N_e(u)| \mid u \in V(G)\}$ . The Maximum cardinality of effective neighbourhood  $\Delta_e(G) = \max\{|N_e(u)| \mid u \in V(G)\}$ .

### Definition 2.12

A path  $\rho$  in a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is a sequence of distinct nodes  $v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  such that  $\mu(v_{i-1}, v_i) > 0$  where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $n$  is called the length of  $P$ . The path  $\rho$  is called  $v_0$ - $v_n$  path. Two vertices  $x, y$  in a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  are said to be connected if there exists a  $x$ - $y$  path in  $G(\sigma, \mu)$ . The strength of the path  $\rho$  is defined to be  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \mu(v_{i-1}, v_i)$

**Definition 2.13**

If  $u$  and  $v$  are connected by means of length  $k$ , then  $\mu^k(u, v) = \sup \{ \mu(u, v_1) \wedge \mu(v_1, v_2) \dots \wedge \mu(v_{k-1}, v_k) \mid u, v_1, v_2, \dots, v \text{ in such path } \rho \}$ .

**3. EFFECTIVE EDGES IN THE CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF FUZZY GRAPHS**

**Definition 3.1**

Let  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy graph. Let  $u, v$  be two nodes of  $G(\sigma, \mu)$ . We say that  $u$  dominates  $v$  if edge  $(u, v)$  is an effective edge. A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set of  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  if for every  $v \in V - D$ , there exists  $u \in D$  such that  $u$  dominates  $v$ . A dominating set  $D$  is called a minimal dominating set if no proper subset of  $D$  is a dominating set. The minimum fuzzy cardinality taken over all dominating sets of a graph  $G$  is called the effective edge domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma_E(G)$  and the corresponding dominating set is called the minimum effective edge dominating set. The number of elements in the minimum effective edge dominating set is denoted by  $n[\gamma_E(G)]$ .

**Definition 3.2**

Let  $\sigma_i$  be a fuzzy subset of  $V_i$  and let  $\mu_i$  be a fuzzy subset of  $X_i$   $i = 1, 2$ . Define the fuzzy subsets  $\sigma_1 \times \sigma_2$  of  $V$  and  $\mu_1 \times \mu_2$  of  $X$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (\sigma_1 \times \sigma_2)(u_1, u_2) &= \min\{\sigma_1(u_1), \sigma_2(u_2)\} \quad \forall (u_1, u_2) \in V \\ (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)((u, u_2), (u, v_2)) &= \min\{\mu_1(u), \mu_2(u_2, v_2)\} \quad \forall u \in V_1 \text{ and } \forall (u_2, v_2) \in X_2 \text{ and} \\ (\mu_1 \times \mu_2)((u_1, w), (v_1, w)) &= \min\{\mu_2(w), \mu_1(u_1, v_1)\} \quad \forall w \in V_2 \text{ and } \forall (u_1, v_1) \in X_1, \text{ where } V = V_1 \times V_2. \end{aligned}$$

Then the fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma_1 \times \sigma_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$  is said to be the Cartesian product of  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ . We simply denote  $G(\sigma_1 \times \sigma_2, \mu_1 \times \mu_2)$  by  $G_1 \times G_2$  for our convenience.

**Note 3.3**

1. Throughout this paper we label the vertices of a fuzzy graph  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  by  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m$  and the vertices of a fuzzy graph  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  by  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ . Then any vertex of  $G_1 \times G_2$  be  $(u_i, v_j)$   $i = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, \dots, n$ .
2. The number of edges in  $G_1 \times G_2$  is  $p_1 q_2 + p_2 q_1$  where  $p_1, p_2$  are the number vertices in  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  respectively and  $q_1, q_2$  are the the number of edges in  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  respectively.
3. If  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  or  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are disconnected then so is  $G_1 \times G_2$ .

**Definition 3.4**

Let  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  be a fuzzy graph with vertex set  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  be a fuzzy graph with vertex set  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ . The vertex  $u^*$  is called  $m$ -vertex if  $\sigma(u^*) \leq \sigma(u_i) \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\sigma(u^*) \leq \sigma(v_j) \quad \forall j = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Note 3.5**

The  $m$ -vertex  $u^*$  belongs either to  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  or to  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  or to both  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ .

**Theorem 3.4**

Let  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  be two fuzzy graphs. Let  $u^* \in G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ . If there exists an edge  $(u_i, u_{i+1})$  in  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  such that  $\mu_1(u_i, u_{i+1}) \geq \sigma(u^*)$  then the edge connecting the points  $(u_i, u^*)$  and  $(u_{i+1}, u^*)$  of  $G_1 \times G_2$  is an effective edge.

**Proof:** By definition,  $\mu[(u_i, u^*), (u_{i+1}, u^*)] = \wedge[\sigma(u^*), \mu_1(u_i, u_{i+1})] = \sigma(u^*)$  {by hypothesis}. Also by definition of  $u^*$ ,  $\sigma(u_i, u^*) = \sigma(u^*)$ . Therefore  $\mu[(u_i, u^*), (u_{i+1}, u^*)] = \sigma(u^*) = \sigma(u_i, u^*)$ . Hence the edge is effective.

**Theorem 3.5**

If a fuzzy graph  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  has ' $n$ ' effective edges then  $G_1 \times G_2$  has at least  $np_1$  effective edges, where  $p_1$  is the number vertices in  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be the  $n$  effective edges in  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ . Let  $u_k \in G_1$ . Let the end vertices of  $x_i$  be  $(v_i, v_{i+1})$ . Consider the edge connecting the points  $(u_k, v_i)$  and  $(u_k, v_{i+1})$  of  $G_1 \times G_2$ .  $\mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})] = \wedge[\sigma(u_k), \mu_2(v_i, v_{i+1})]$ . Since  $(v_i, v_{i+1})$  is an effective edge in  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ .  $\mu_2(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \wedge[\sigma(v_i), \sigma(v_{i+1})]$ .

Therefore

$$\mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})] = \wedge [\sigma(u_k), \sigma(v_i), \sigma(v_{i+1})]. \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

**Case (i)** If  $\mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})] = \sigma(u_k)$ . Then  $\sigma(u_k) \leq \sigma(v_i)$  and  $\sigma(u_k) \leq \sigma(v_{i+1})$  by (1). Therefore,  $\sigma(u_k, v_i) = \sigma(u_k) = \mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})]$ . Therefore,  $\mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})] = \sigma(u_k, v_i)$ . Hence the edge is effective.

**Case (ii)** Suppose  $\mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})] = \sigma(v_i)$ . Then by (1),  $\sigma(v_i) \leq \sigma(u_k)$  and  $\sigma(v_i) \leq \sigma(v_{i+1})$ . Therefore,  $\sigma(u_k, v_i) = \sigma(v_i)$ , which implies  $\mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})] = \sigma(v_i) = \sigma(u_k, v_i)$ . Hence, the edge is effective.

**Case (iii)** If  $\mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})] = \sigma(v_{i+1})$ . Then by (1)  $\sigma(v_{i+1}) \leq \sigma(v_i)$  and  $\sigma(v_{i+1}) \leq \sigma(u_k)$ . Therefore,  $\sigma(u_k, v_{i+1}) = \sigma(v_{i+1}) = \mu[(u_k, v_i), (u_k, v_{i+1})]$ . Hence the edge is effective. Therefore in all cases the edge connecting the points  $(u_k, v_i)$  and  $(u_k, v_{i+1})$  of  $G_1 \times G_2$  is effective. For each  $u_k$  in  $G_1$  and edge  $x_i$  in  $G_2$  there is an effective edge in  $G_1 \times G_2$ . Therefore the number of effective edges in  $G_1 \times G_2$  is greater than or equal to  $np_1$ . □

### Corollary 3.6

If  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  has  $n$  effective edges then  $G_1 \times G_2$  has atleast  $np_2$  effective edges, where  $p_2$  is the number vertices in  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ .

### Notation 3.7

We denote the number of effective edges in  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  by  $n[E_{G_1}]$  and number of effective edges in  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  by  $n[E_{G_2}]$ .

### Corollary 3.8

$$n[E_{G_1 \times G_2}] \geq p_1 n[E_{G_2}] + p_2 n[E_{G_1}].$$

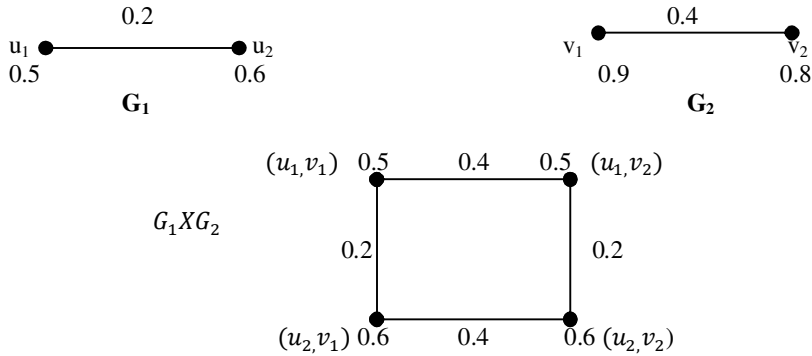
### Corollary 3.9

If  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  or  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  has an effective edge then  $G_1 \times G_2$  has an effective edge.

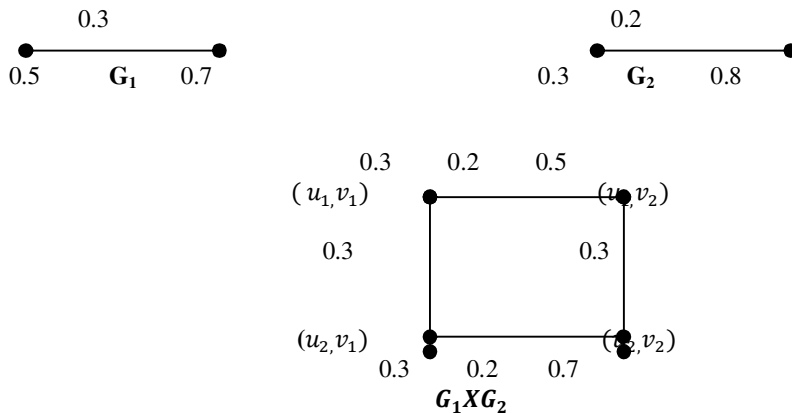
### Remarks 3.10

1. There exists fuzzy graph  $G_1 \times G_2$  which has no effective edge.

**Examples:**



2. Consider the graph



Here  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  has no effective edge but  $G_1XG_2$  has an effective edge.

**Theorem 3.11**

If  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are complete fuzzy graphs then  $G_1XG_2$  is a strong fuzzy graph.

**Proof:** Let  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  have  $p_1$  vertices and  $q_1$  edges and let  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  have  $p_2$  vertices and  $q_2$  edges. Therefore  $G_1XG_2$  has  $p_1 q_2 + p_2 q_1$  edges. Since  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are complete fuzzy graphs, we have  $n[E_{G_1}] = q_1$  and  $n[E_{G_2}] = q_2$ . By corollary 3.8  $n[E_{G_1XG_2}] \geq p_1 q_2 + p_2 q_1$ . But  $G_1XG_2$  has  $p_1 q_2 + p_2 q_1$  edges. Hence  $n[E_{G_1XG_2}] = p_1 q_2 + p_2 q_1$ . Therefore, all the edges of  $G_1XG_2$  are effective.

**Definition 3.12**

Let  $u_i, v_j$  be a vertex in  $G_1XG_2$ , define  $N_{u_i, v_j}^c = \{u_k, v'_k / u_k, v'_k \text{ is not adjacent to } u_i, v_j\}$

□

**Note 3.13**

1. If a fuzzy graph  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  has  $m$  vertices and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  has  $n$  vertices then

$$|N_{u_i, v_j}^c| \geq (m-1)(n-1).$$

2. If  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are complete fuzzy graphs then  $|N_{u_i, v_j}^c| = (m-1)(n-1)$ .

**Remark 3.14**

1. Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  be the vertices in  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices in  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ . the vertices  $u_1 v_1, u_1 v_2, \dots, u_1 v_n$  are called first row vertices of  $G_1XG_2$ . The vertices  $u_2 v_1, u_2 v_2, \dots, u_2 v_n$  are called second row vertices of  $G_1XG_2$  and so on.

2. We can view the vertices of  $G_1XG_2$  as follows

$$\begin{matrix} u_1 v_1, u_1 v_2, \dots, u_1 v_n \\ u_2 v_1, u_2 v_2, \dots, u_2 v_n \\ \dots \\ u_m v_1, u_m v_2, \dots, u_m v_n. \end{matrix}$$

3. By the definition of  $G_1XG_2$ , there always exist vertices which are not adjacent in  $G_1XG_2$ . So  $G_1XG_2$  can never be fuzzy complete.

4. If the two vertices  $x_i, x_k$  of  $G_1XG_2$  are in the same row then we denote it by  $x_i \mathbb{R} x_k$  and if they are in the same column then we denote it by  $x_i \mathbb{C} x_k$ .

**Proposition 3.15**

If  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are complete fuzzy graphs and if  $|V_1(G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1))| = m$ ,  $|V_2(G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2))| = n$  then  $n[\gamma_E(G_1XG_2)] \leq \wedge(m, n)$ .

**Proof:** Assume  $m < n$ . Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  be the vertices in  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices in  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$ . Let  $D = \{u_1 v_1, u_2 v_2, \dots, u_m v_m\}$ . The vertex  $u_1 v_1$  dominates the first row vertices of  $G_1XG_2$ . The vertex  $u_2 v_2$  dominates the second row vertices of  $G_1XG_2$ . Likewise the vertex  $u_m v_m$  dominates the 'm'th row vertices of  $G_1XG_2$ . Therefore all the vertices of  $G_1XG_2$  are dominated by  $D$ . Suppose  $n < m$ , then by the above argument, evidently  $D_1 = \{u_1 v_1, u_2 v_2, \dots, u_n v_n\}$  is a dominating set. Hence  $n[\gamma_E(G_1XG_2)] \leq \wedge(m, n)$ .

**Corollary 3.16**

If  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are complete fuzzy graphs with  $|V(G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1))| = m$ ,  $|V(G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2))| = n$  and if  $m < n$  then any 'm' distinct vertices of  $G_1XG_2$  is a dominating set.

**Theorem 3.17**

Let  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are complete fuzzy graphs and let  $|V(G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1))| = m$ ,  $|V(G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2))| = n$  then  $n[\gamma_E(G_1XG_2)] = \wedge\{m, n\}$ .

**Proof:** Without loss of generality assume  $m < n$ . By proposition 3.15,  $n[\gamma_E(G)] \leq \wedge(m, n)$ .

Suppose  $D = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1}\}$  is a dominating set. Since  $G_1XG_2$  has 'm' rows of vertices, there exists a vertex  $x \in V(G_1XG_2) - D$  such that  $x \mathbb{R} x_i$  and  $x \mathbb{C} x_i$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ . This implies that  $x \in N^c(x_1) \cap N^c(x_2) \cap \dots \cap N^c(x_{m-1})$ . That is, there is no edge between  $x_i$  and  $x$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ . Hence  $D$  is not a dominating set. Therefore  $n[\gamma_E(G_1XG_2)] = \wedge\{m, n\}$ .

**Result 3.18**

Let  $G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  and  $G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2)$  are complete fuzzy graphs with  $|V(G_1(\sigma_1, \mu_1))| = m$ ,  $|V(G_2(\sigma_2, \mu_2))| = n$ . If  $m < n$  then  $\gamma_E(G_1 \times G_2) = \min \{ \sum_{i=1}^m \sigma(x_i) \mid x_i \text{ is a vertex of } G_1 \times G_2 \}$ .

**Proof:** Result follows from corollary 3.16

**CONCLUSION**

The concept of domination in graphs is very rich both in theoretical developments and applications. More than thirty domination parameters have been investigated by different authors. In this paper we have found the effective edge domination number for Cartesian product of complete fuzzy graphs. Also we have found the lower bound for the number of effective edges in the Cartesian product of fuzzy graphs.

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