



## A STUDY ON 3-RAINBOW DOMINATION NUMBER OF SOME SPECIAL CLASSES OF GRAPHS

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**ABSTRACT:** For a given simple, finite, connected and undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  and a set of  $k$ -colours numbered  $1, 2, 3, \dots, k$ , the 3-rainbow domination is defined as a mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$  such that for all  $v \in V(G)$  with  $f(v) = \varnothing$  and  $\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Such function is called a 3-rainbow domination function (3RDF) and the minimum weight of such function is called the 3-rainbow domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{r3}(G)$ . In this paper, we obtained the 3-rainbow domination number of some special graphs. Here  $[x]$  denote the integral part of  $x$ ,  $\lceil x \rceil$  denote the upper integral part of  $x$  and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denote the lower integral part of  $x$ .

**Keywords:** Domination, Domination number,  $k$ -rainbow domination number, 3-rainbow domination number, wheel graph, Triangular snake graph, Double triangular snake graph,  $n$ -Barbell graph,  $n$ -Sunlet graph,  $n$ -Centipede graph, Crown graph, Clebsch graph, Interconnection network, Silicate network.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In graph theory, varieties of domination problems are solved by using  $k$ -rainbow domination. The  $k$ -rainbow domination was introduced by Bresar, Henning & Rall [2] at first. A subset  $D$  of the vertex set  $V(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is said to be dominating set if every vertex in  $(V-D)$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The Minimum Cardinality of a dominating set  $D$  is said to be the domination numbers and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ . The open neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) | uv \in E(G)\}$  and the closed neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N[v] = \{v\} \cup N(v)$ .

Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  be a function that assigns to each vertex of  $G$  a set of colours chosen from the power set  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . If  $v \in V(G)$  and  $f(v) = \varnothing$  then  $\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Therefore the function  $f$  is called  $k$ -rainbow dominating function ( $k$ -RDF) of  $G$ . The Weight of the function is defined by  $W(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} |f(v)|$ . The minimum weight of a  $k$ -RDF is called the  $k$ -rainbow domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{rk}(G)$ . When  $k=3$  we define a mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\{1, 2, 3\}$  such that for each vertex  $v \in V(G)$  with  $f(v) = \varnothing$  we have

$\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Such function  $f$  is said to be a 3-rainbow dominating function (3RDF) and minimum weight of such function is said to be 3-rainbow domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{r3}(G)$ .

In this paper, we determined the domination number and 3-rainbow domination number of Wheel graph, Triangular snake graph, Double Triangular snake graph,  $n$ -Barbell graph,  $n$ -Sunlet graph,  $n$ -Centipede graph, Crown graph, Clebsch graph and Silicate network.

### 2. PRELIMINARIES:

**Definition 2.1** A subset  $D$  of vertex set  $V(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is said to be dominating set if every vertex in  $(V-D)$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The minimum cardinality of dominating set is said to be domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ .

**Definition 2.2** Let  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$  be a function that assigns to each vertex of  $G$  a set of colours chosen from the power set of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k\}$ , if  $v \in V(G)$  with  $f(v) = \varnothing$  and  $\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Then the function  $f$  is called  $k$ -rainbow dominating function of  $G$  and is denoted by  $k$ -RDF.

**Definition 2.3** The weight of the function is defined as  $w(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} |f(v)|$ . The minimum weight of a  $k$ -RDF is called the  $k$ -rainbow domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{rk}(G)$ .

**Definition 2.4** When  $k=3$ , we define a mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\{1, 2, 3\}$  such that for each vertex  $v \in V(G)$  with  $f(v) = \varnothing$  we have  $\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = \{1, 2, 3\}$  such function  $f$  is said to be a 3-rainbow dominating function (3-RDF) and the

minimum weight of such function is called a 3-rainbow domination number of G and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{r3}(G)$ .

**Definition 2.5**The Triangular cactus is a connected graph all of whose blocks are triangles. It is obtained from a path  $P=v_1,v_2,v_3,\dots,v_{n+1}$  by joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to a new vertex  $u_i \forall i = 1,2,3, \dots, n$ . A triangular snake has  $2n+1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges, where  $n$  is the number of blocks in the triangular snake. It is denoted by  $T_n$ .

**Definition 2.6**The Double triangular snake  $D[T_n]$  consists of two triangular snake that have a common path. It is obtained from a path  $v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n$  by joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to the new vertices  $w_i$  and  $u_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Definition 2.7**The  $n$ -Sunlet graph  $S_n$  is a graph with cycle  $C_n$  and each vertex of the cycle attached to one pendent vertex. Each  $n$ -Sunlet graph consists  $2n$  vertices and  $2n$  edges.

**Definition 2.8**The  $n$ -centipede graph is a tree on  $2n$  vertices obtained by joining the bottoms of  $n$ -copies of the path graph  $P_2$  laid in a row with an edge  $C_n$ .

**Definition 2.9**The  $n$ -barbell graph is the simple graph obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph  $K_n$  by a bridge and it is denoted by  $B(k_n,k_n)$ .

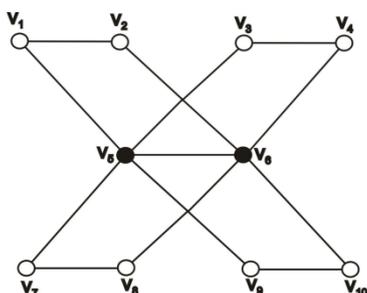
**Definition 2.10**The Crown graph  $S_n^0$  for an integer  $n > 2$  is the graph with the vertex set  $\{u_1,u_2,\dots,u_n,v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n\}$  and edge set  $\{(u_i,v_j):1 \leq i,j \leq n,i \neq j\}$

**Definition 2.11**The Clebsch graph is a strongly regular quintic graph on 16 vertices and 40 edges .It is also known as the Greenwood Gleason graph.

**3. ON 3-RAINBOW DOMINATION NUMBER OF CERTAIN GRAPHS**

In this paper, we determined the 3-rainbow domination number of Wheel graph, Triangular snake graph, Double triangular snake graph,  $n$ -Sunlet graph,  $n$ -Barbell graph,  $n$ -Centipede graph, Crown graph, Clebsch graph.

**Example.3.1**



In the above figure,the 3-rainbow domination number is 6.

**Theorem :3.1**

Let  $W_n$  be the wheel graph then  $\gamma_{r3}(W_n) = 3, \forall n \geq 3$ .

**Proof:**The wheel graph is obtained by joining cycle graph  $C_n$  and complete graph  $K_1$ . We prove this theorem by using induction method.

When  $n=3$ , the graph  $W_3$  contains 4 vertices and 6 edges. Here all the vertices in the cycle are connected to the hub to form  $W_3$ . Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $W_3$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(W_3)=1$  and define a function  $f: V(W_3) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertex in the hub and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices in the wheel graph. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $W_3$  is 3. The 3-rainbow domination number of  $W_3$  is 3. (i.e)  $\gamma_{r3}(W_3) = 3$ .

When  $n=4$  the graph  $W_4$  contains 5 vertices and 8 edges. Here all the vertices in the cycle  $C_4$  is connected to the hub to form  $W_4$ . Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $W_4$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(W_4)=1$  and define a function  $f: V(W_4) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertex in the hub and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices in the wheel graph. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $W_4$  is 3.

The 3-rainbow domination number of  $W_4$  is 3. (i.e.)  $\gamma_{r3}(W_4) = 3$ .

By proceeding in this manner we get the general term for  $n$ . The graph  $W_n$  contains  $n+1$  vertices and  $2n$  edges here all the vertices in the cycle  $C_n$  is connected to the hub to form  $W_n$ . Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $W_n$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(W_n)=1$  and define a function  $f: V(W_n) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertex in the hub and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices in the wheel graph. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $W_n$  is 3.

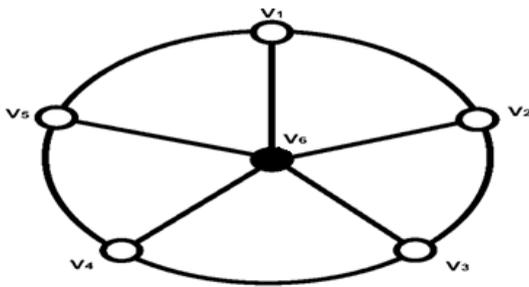
The 3-rainbow domination number of  $W_n$  is 3. (i.e.)  $\gamma_{r3}(W_n) = 3, \forall n \geq 3$ .

**Example: 3.2**

Consider the wheel graph  $W_5$  with  $|V|=6$  &  $|E|= 10$ .

Here the only dominating set is  $D = \{v_6\}$ , So  $\gamma(W_5)=1$  we assigned the colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the dominating set  $\{v_6\}$ , for each vertex  $v$  in  $(V-D)$  we have  $f\{v\} = \emptyset$  and  $\cup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = \{1,2,3\}$

Therefore  $\gamma_{r3}(W_5)=3$



**Figure:1** ( $W_5$ )

Hence the 3-rainbow domination number of wheel graph of  $W_5$  is 3. i.e.  $\gamma_{r3}(W_5) \leq 3$ .

**Theorem:3.2** Let  $T_n$  be the Triangular snake graph then

$$\gamma_{r3}(T_n) = \begin{cases} 3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3 \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $T_n$  be the Triangular snake graph contains  $n + 1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges. It is obtained from a path  $P = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n+1}$  by joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to a new vertex  $u_i, \forall i = 1$  to  $n$ .

**Case: 1** when  $n$  is odd

**Subcase:1.1** when  $n=1$  we have Triangular snake graph  $T_1$  which contains 3 vertices and 3 edges. Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $T_1$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(T_1) = 1$  and define a function  $f: V(T_1) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$ . such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertex  $v_1$  in  $D$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices  $v_2$  &  $v_3$ . The minimum sum of number of assigned colours overall vertices is 1. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow dominating function and  $\gamma_{r3}(T_1) = 3$ .

**Subcase: 1.2** when  $n = 3$  The Triangular snake graph  $T_3$  contains 7 vertices and 9 edges. Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $T_3$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(T_3) = 2$  and define a function  $f: V(T_3) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $T_3$  is 2. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow dominating function and  $\gamma_{r3}(T_3) = 6$ .

Repeating in this manner for order  $n$ , we get  $\gamma_{r3}(T_n) = 3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  when  $n$  is odd.

**Case: 2** when  $n$  is even

**Subcase: 2.1** when  $n=2$

The Triangular snake graph  $T_2$  contains 5 vertices and 6 edges. Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $T_2$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(T_2) = 1$  and define a function  $f: V(T_2) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$ . Such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $S$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of number of assigned colours overall

vertices is 1. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow domination function and  $\gamma_{r3}(T_2) = 3$ .

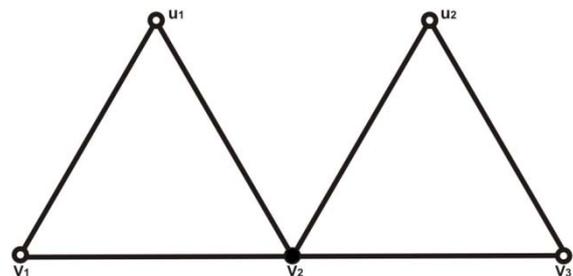
**Subcase: 2.2** when  $n = 4$  The Triangular snake graph  $T_4$  contains 9 vertices and 12 edges. Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $T_4$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(T_4) = 2$  and define a function  $f: V(T_4) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $T_4$  is 2. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow domination function and  $\gamma_{r3}(T_4) = 6$ .

Repeating in this manner for order  $n$ , we get  $\gamma_{r3}(T_n) = 3 \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)$  when  $n$  is even.

This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $T_n$  and we have

$$\gamma_{r3}(T_n) = \begin{cases} 3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3 \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Example: 3.3**



**Figure:2- $T_2$**

The 3-rainbow domination of triangular snake graph of  $T_2$  is 3. (i.e.)  $\gamma_{r3}(T_2) = 3$ . We assigned colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertex  $\{v_2\}$  and remaining vertices are assigned empty colour.

**Theorem: 3.3** Let  $D(T_n)$  be the Double triangular snake

$$\text{graph then } \gamma_{r3}(D(T_n)) = \begin{cases} 3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3 \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $D(T_n)$  be the Double Triangular snake graph with  $3n+1$  vertices and  $5n$  edges. Let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n+1}, u_1, \dots, u_n, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  be the vertex set of the Double Triangular snake graph  $D(T_n)$ .

Case:1 when  $n$  is odd

Subcase:1.1 when  $n=1$

The Double Triangular snake graph  $D(T_1)$  it contains 4 vertices and 5 edges. Let  $S$  be the dominating set of  $D(T_1)$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1} D(T_1) = 1$  and define a function  $f: V(D(T_1)) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$ . such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertex  $v_1$  in the set  $S$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices  $v_2, v_3, v_4$ . The minimum sum

of number of assigned colours overall vertices is 3. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow domination function and  $\gamma_{r3}(D(T_1))=3$ .

Subcase:1.2 when  $n=3$

The Double Triangular snake graph  $D(T_3)$  contains 7 vertices and 9 edges. Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $T_3$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(D(T_3))=2$  and define a function  $f:V(D(T_3)) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $D(T_3)$  is 6. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow domination function and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(D(T_3))=6$ .

Repeating this process for  $n$  times we get  $\gamma_{r3}(D(T_n))=3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  if  $n$  is odd.

Case:2 when  $n$  is even

Subcase:2.1 when  $n=2$

The Double triangular snake graph  $T_2$  contains 7 vertices and 10 edges. Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $D(T_2)$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(D(T_2))=1$  and define a function  $f:V(D(T_2)) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of number of assigned colours overall vertices is 3. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow domination function and  $\gamma_{r3}(D(T_2))=3$ .

Subcase:2.2 when  $n=4$

The double triangular snake graph  $D(T_4)$  contains 14 vertices and 20 edges. Let  $S$  be the dominating set of  $T_4$  with  $|S| = \gamma_{r1}(D(T_4))=2$  and define a function  $f:V(D(T_4)) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $S$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $T_4$  is 6. Clearly  $f$  is a 3-rainbow domination function and  $\gamma_{r3}(T_4)=6$ .

Repeating in this manner we get  $\gamma_{r3}(T_n)=3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  if  $n$  is even.

This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $D(T_n)$  and we have

$$\gamma_{r3}(D(T_n)) = \begin{cases} 3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ 3 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Example: 3.4**

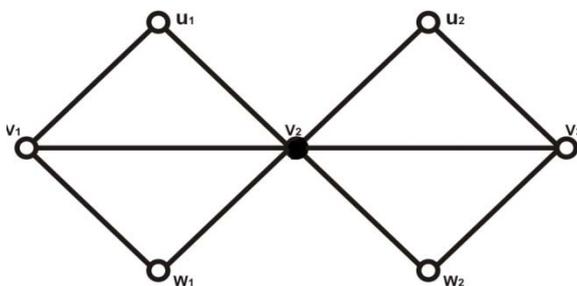


Figure:3-D(T2)

The 3-rainbow domination number of double triangular snake graph  $T_2$  is 3. (i.e.)  $\gamma_{r3}(D(T_2))=3$ . we assigned colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertex  $\{v_2\}$  and remaining vertices are assigned empty colour.

**Theorem: 3.4** Let  $S_n$  be the  $n$ -sunlet graph then  $\gamma_{r3}(S_n) \leq 3n, \forall n \geq 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S_n$  be the  $n$ -sunlet graph on  $2n$  vertices which is obtained by attaching  $n$ -pendant edges to the cycle  $C_n$ . let  $V=\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of pendant vertices and dense  $W=\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$  be the set of vertices in the cycle  $C_n$ . The Sunlet graph  $S_3$  has 6 vertices.

When  $n=3$ , let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $S_3$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(S_3)=3$  and define  $f:V(S_3) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $S_3$  is 9. This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $S_3$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(S_3) \leq 9$ .

In general, let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $S_n$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(S_n)=n$  and define  $f:V(S_n) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $S_n$  is  $3n$ . The 3-rainbow dominating function of  $S_n$  is  $\gamma_{r3}(S_n) \leq 3n, \forall n \geq 3$ .

**Example: 3.5**

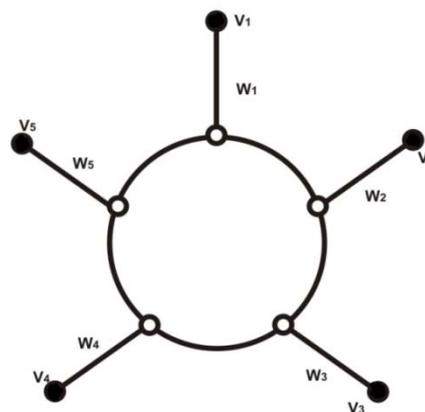


Figure: 4- $S_5$

The 3-rainbow domination number of  $n$ -sunlet graph is 5 (i.e.)  $\gamma_{r3}(S_5)=5$ . we assigned colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the pendant vertices and remaining vertices are assigned with empty colour

**Theorem :3.5**

Let  $G$  be the  $n$ -centipede graph then  $\gamma_{r3}(G) \leq 3n, \forall n \geq 3$

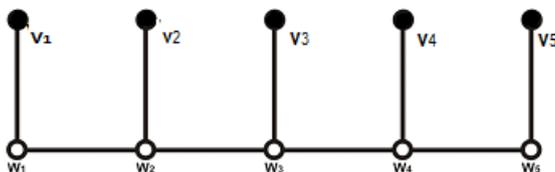
**Proof:** The  $n$ -centipede graph is a tree on  $2n$  vertices which can be obtained by joining the bottoms of  $n$ -copies of the

path graph  $p_2$  laid in a row with edge. Let the end vertices be the defined by  $V=\{v_1,v_2,v_3,\dots,v_n\}$  and the supporting vertices be  $W=\{w_1,w_2,\dots,w_n\}$ .

When  $n=3$ , The  $n$ -centipede graph contains 6 vertices and 3 edges .Let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $G$  with  $|D| = \gamma(G)=3$ and define  $f:V(G)\rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $G$  is 9 . This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $G$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(G) \leq 9$ .

When  $G$  is  $n$ -centipede graph having  $2n$  vertices &  $n$  edges, then  $D$  is a dominating set of  $G$  with  $|D| = \gamma(G)=n$ and define  $f:V(G)\rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $G$  is  $3n$ . The 3-rainbow dominating function of  $G$  is  $\gamma_{r3}(G) \leq 3n, \forall n \geq 3$ .

**Example: 3.6**



**Figure:5-G**

The 3-rainbow domination of  $n$ -centipede graph is 5 i.e.  $\gamma_{r3}(G)=5$ .we assigned colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the pendant vertices and assigned empty colour to the remaining vertices.

**Theorem 3.6**

Let  $B(k_n,k_n)$  be the  $n$ -barbell graph then  $\gamma_{r3}(B(k_n,k_n))=6, \forall n \geq 3$ .

**Proof:**Let the  $B(k_n,k_n)$  be the  $n$ -barbell graph which is obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph  $K_n$  by a bridge. Let  $V=\{v_1,v_2,v_3,\dots,v_n\}$  be the vertex set of copy A and  $W=\{w_1,w_2,\dots,w_n\}$  be the vertex set copy B.

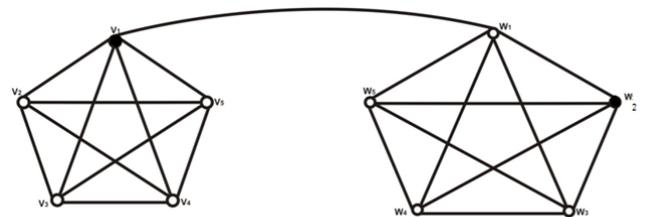
When  $n=3$ , The  $n$ -barbell graph  $B(k_3,k_3)$  is obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph  $K_3$  by a bridge let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $B(k_3,k_3)$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(B(k_3,k_3))=2$ and define a function  $f:V(B(k_3,k_3))\rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$ Such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $B(k_3,k_3)$  is 6.This

function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $B(k_3,k_3)$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(B(k_3,k_3))=6$ .

When  $n=4$  let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $B(k_4,k_4)$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(B(k_4,k_4))=2$ and define a function  $f:V(B(k_4,k_4))\rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  Such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $B(k_4,k_4)$  is 6.This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $B(k_4,k_4)$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(B(k_4,k_4))=6$ .

By proceeding in this manner for order  $n$ , Let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $B(k_n,k_n)$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(B(k_n,k_n))=2$ and define a function  $f:V(B(k_n,k_n))\rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$ Such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assign the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $B(k_n,k_n)$  is 6.This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $B(k_n,k_n)$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(B(k_n,k_n))=6, \forall n \geq 3$

**Example: 3.7**



**Figure:6-B(k5,k5)**

The 3-rainbow domination of barbell graph is i.e.  $\gamma_{r3}(B(k_5,k_5))=6$ ,we assign colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to vertex set  $\{v_1, w_2\}$  and assign empty colour to the remaining vertices.

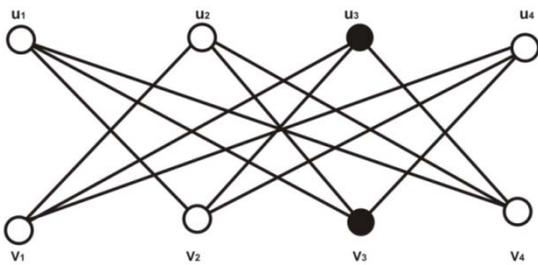
**Theorem: 3.7**Let  $S_n^0$  be the crown graph then  $\gamma_{r3}(S_n^0)=6, \forall n \geq 3$ .

**Proof:**Consider the crown graph  $S_n^0$  with the vertex set  $\{u_1,u_2,\dots,u_n,v_1,v_2,\dots,v_n\}$  and edge set  $\{(u_i,v_i):1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j\}$ ,to prove this theorem we use induction method.When  $n=3$  the crown graph contains 6 vertices and 9 edges. Let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $S_3^0$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(S_3^0)=2$ and define  $f:V(S_3^0)\rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assigned colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assigned the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $S_3^0$  is 6 . This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $S_3^0$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(S_3^0)=6$ .When  $n=4$  the graph contains 8 vertices and 12 edges. Let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $S_4^0$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(S_4^0)=2$ and define  $f:V(S_4^0)\rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assign colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assigned the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall

vertices of  $S_4^0$  is 6. This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $S_4^0$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(S_4^0) = 6$ .

By proceeding this way for order n, the crown graph contains  $2n$  vertices and  $3n$  edges. Let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $S_n^0$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(S_n^0) = 2$  and define  $f: V(S_n^0) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assigned colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assigned the empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $S_n^0$  is 6. This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $S_n^0$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(S_n^0) = 6$ . Hence proved.

**Example: 3.8**



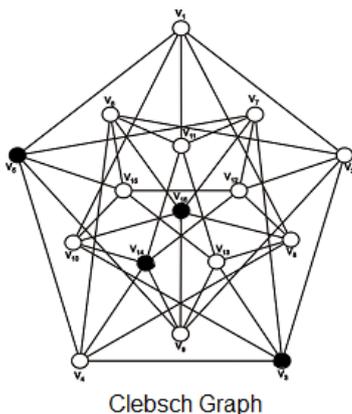
**Figure:7-**  $S_4^0$

The 3-rainbow domination number of crown graph is 6 (i.e)  $\gamma_{r3}(S_4^0) = 6$ . And we assigned colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices  $\{u_3, v_3\}$  and remaining vertices are assigned empty colour.

**Theorem: 3.8** Let  $G$  be the Clebsch graph then  $\gamma_{r3}(G) = 12$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the Clebsch graph which is the strongly regular Quintic graph on 16 vertices and 40 edges. Let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $G$  with  $|D| = \gamma_{r1}(G) = 4$  and define a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \square\{1,2,3\}$  such that we assigned colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices in the set  $D$  and assigned empty colour to the remaining vertices. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $G$  is 12. This function is a 3-rainbow dominating function of  $G$  and we have  $\gamma_{r3}(G) = 12$ .

**Example: 3.9**



Clebsch Graph

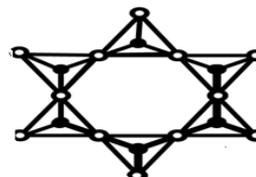
**Figure:8**

The 3-rainbow domination number of clebsch graph is 12. (i.e)  $\gamma_{r3}(G) = 12$ . And we assign colour set  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices  $v_3, v_5, v_{14}, v_{16}$  and remaining vertices are assign empty colour.

**4. THE 3-RAINBOW DOMINATION NUMBER OF SILICATE NETWORK:**

**4.1 SILICATE NETWORK:** In this we determined the 3-rainbow domination number of a silicate network. Interconnection network is used for changing data between two processors in a multistage network. It is placed between various devices in the multiprocessor network. It is central role in determining the overall performance in the system. Interconnection network like customary network system consisting of vertices and edges. Interconnection plays major role in multimedia, mass communication etc. There are many types of interconnection networks among these we have chosen the silicate network to determine the 3-rainbow domination number. Origin of silicate is from rock forming and synthetic minerals. The basic unit is  $SiO_4$ . It is Tetrahedron shape, we consider the silicate sheet as a fixed interconnection parallel architecture and is said to be the silicate network. In chemistry  $SiO_4$  –tetrahedron represents oxygen ions in outer points and the center points represents the silicon ion. In graph theory outer vertices are represented as oxygen vertices and center vertices are represented as silicon vertices. This structures is used in various places mainly by determining X-ray diffraction. The ability to conduct electricity, produce a high frequency vibration and provide thermal insulation are some of the unique properties. Hence silicon is the perfect material to make microchips which runs every computers and cell phones and gaming devices. Silicate network  $SL(n)$  of dimension  $n$  has  $15n^2 + 3n$  vertices and  $36n^2$  edges. The diameter of  $SL(n)$  is  $4n$ . The 3- degree oxygen vertices of silicate network is said to be boundary vertices [4].

**Example: 4.1**



**Figure:9**  $SL(1)$

**Preliminary result:**

**Proposition: 4.1** For  $n > 0$ , the domination number of silicate network of dimension  $n$  is  $3n^2$ . (i.e)  $\gamma(SL(n)) = 3n^2$

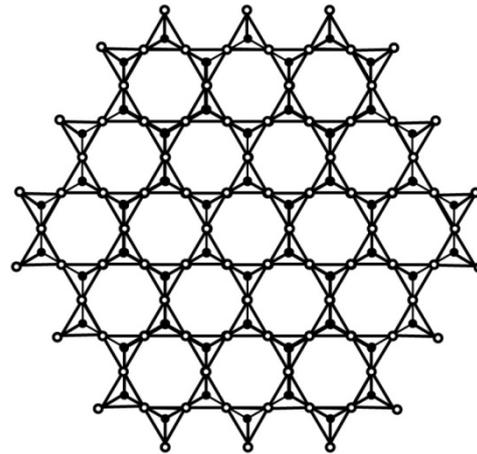
**Proof:** Let  $SL(n)$  be the silicate network with vertices  $15n^2+3n$  and edges  $36n^2$ . Here  $D$  is the minimum dominating set of  $SL(n)$ . where  $D$  contains  $3n^2$  vertices which is adjacent to the remaining vertices in silicate network. Let us assume the contrary that  $D$  is not a minimum dominating set of  $SL(n)$ . let  $D'$  be the minimum dominating set where  $D'=V-D$ . Let  $u$  be any vertex in  $D$  (i.e)  $u \in D$ . By the minimality condition of dominating set, we know that for all  $u \in S$ ,  $N(u) \cap S = \{v\}$ . But  $N(u) \cap S' = \emptyset$  for all  $u \in S$ . Therefore  $S'$  is not minimum dominating set. And we conclude that  $D$  is the only minimum dominating set of  $SL(n)$  then the domination number is  $3n^2$ . (i.e)  $\gamma(SL(n)) = 3n^2$

**Proposition: 4.2**[3]. If  $G$  be a graph, then for any  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\min\{|V(G)|, \gamma(G)+k-2\} \leq \gamma_{rk}(G) \leq k\gamma(G)$ . The following theorem gives an upper bound for the 3-rainbow domination number of  $SL(n)$ .

**Theorem:4.3** Let  $SL(n)$  be the silicate network of dimension  $n$ . The 3-rainbow domination number of silicate network is  $9n^2$  (i.e)  $\gamma_{r3}(SL(n)) \leq 9n^2 \forall n \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $SL(n)$  be a silicate network. Let us consider the silicate network for dimension one, the domination number for  $SL(1)$  is 3 with the vertices 18 and edges 36, we define a mapping  $f: v(SL(1)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\{1,2,3\}$  such that we shall assigned colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices  $\{v_4, v_7, v_9, v_{12}, v_{15}, v_{18}\}$  and the remaining vertices are assigned with empty colour. The minimum sum of numbers of assigned colours overall vertices of  $SL(1)$  is 6. Thus the 3-rainbow domination number of  $SL(1)$  is 9. For the silicate network of dimension two, the domination number for  $SL(2)$  is 12 with the vertices 66 and edges 144, we define a mapping  $f: v(SL(2)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\{1,2,3\}$  such that we shall assigned colour class  $\{1,2,3\}$  to the vertices  $v_3, v_4, v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}, v_{17}, v_{18}, v_{19}, v_{28}, v_{29}, v_{30}, v_{31}, v_{36}, v_{37}, v_{38}, v_{39}, v_{48}, v_{49}, v_{50}, v_{54}, v_{55}, v_{56}, v_{63}, v_{64}$  and the remaining vertices are assigned with empty colour. Thus the 3-rainbow domination number of  $SL(2)$  is 24. Similarly the silicate network of dimension three, the domination number for  $SL(3)$  is 27 with vertices 144 and edges 324 thus the 3-rainbow domination number of  $SL(3)$  is 54. Repeating this process for dimension  $n$ , the silicate network of dimension  $n$  we define a mapping  $f: v(SL(n)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\{1,2,3\}$  such that for each vertex  $v \in SL(n)$  with  $f(v) = \emptyset$ . We have,  $\cup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = \{1,2,3\}$ . The domination number for  $SL(n)$  is  $3n^2$  with vertices  $15n^2+3n$  and edges  $36n^2$  and therefore the 3-rainbow domination number of  $SL(n)$  is  $\gamma_{r3}(SL(n)) \leq 9n^2 \forall n \geq 1$ .

**Example:4.2**



**Figure:10-**  $\gamma_{r3}(SL(3))=54$

**5. CONCLUSION**

In this paper we established bounds for 3-rainbow domination number of Wheel graph, Triangular snake graph, Double triangular snake graph,  $n$ -Barbell graph,  $n$ -Sunlet graph,  $n$ -Centipede graph, Crown graph, Clebsch graph and Silicate network. This work could be further extended to other classes of graphs also.

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