

## Characterization of complementary connected domination number of a graph

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### Abstract

A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a complementary connected dominating set if  $S$  is a dominating set of  $G$  and the induced subgraph  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is connected. The complementary connected domination number  $\gamma_{cc}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all complementary connected dominating sets in  $G$ . The chromatic number is the minimum number of colours required to colour all the vertices such that adjacent vertices do not receive the same colour and is denoted by  $\chi$ . In this paper we characterize all cubic graphs on 8, 10, 12 vertices for which  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$ .

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### 1 Introduction

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple undirected graph. The degree of any vertex  $u$  in  $G$  is the number of edges incident with  $u$  and is denoted by  $d(u)$ . The minimum and maximum degree of a vertex is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively.  $P_n$  denotes the path on  $n$  vertices. The vertex connectivity  $\kappa(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum number of vertices whose removal results in a disconnected graph. A colouring of a graph is an assignment of colours to its vertices so that no two adjacent vertices have the same colour. An  $n$ -colouring of a graph  $G$  uses  $n$  colours. The chromatic number  $\chi$  is defined to be the minimum  $n$  for which  $G$  has an  $n$ -colouring. If  $\chi(G) = k$  but  $\chi(H) < k$  for every proper subgraph  $H$  of  $G$ , then  $G$  is  $k$ -critical. A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex in  $S$ . The minimum cardinality taken over all dominating sets in  $G$  is called the domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma$ .

A Set  $S \subseteq V$  is a complementary connected dominating set if  $S$  is a dominating set of  $G$  and the induced subgraph  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is connected. The complementary connected domination number  $\gamma_{cc}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all complementary connected dominating sets in  $G$ . The chromatic number is the minimum number of colours required to colour all the vertices such that adjacent vertices do not receive the same colour and is denoted by  $\chi$ .

In [16], Volkman studied graphs for which  $\gamma = \beta_1$ . He also investigated graphs for which  $\gamma = \alpha_0$  [15]. In [12], J. Paulraj Joseph and S. Arumugam investigated graphs for which  $\gamma = \gamma_c$ . In [13],

J. Paulraj Joseph analyzed graphs for which the chromatic numbers are equal to domination parameters. In [5], G. Mahadevan A. Selvam Avadyappan and A. Mydeen bibi characterized all cubic graphs on 8, 10, 12 vertices for which  $\gamma_2 = \chi=3$ . In [6, 7], G. Mahadevan and J. Paulraj Joseph characterized all cubic graphs on 8, 10, 12 vertices for which  $\gamma = \chi = 3$ . In this paper we characterize all cubic graphs on 8, 10, 12 vertices for which  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$ .

**Theorem 1.1.[10]** For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{cc}(G) \leq n - \delta$

**Theorem 1.2.[10]** For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{cc}(G) = n-1$  if and only if  $G$  is a star. If  $G$  is not a star, then  $\gamma_{cc}(G) \leq n-2, (n \geq 3)$

**Theorem 1.3.[1]** For any Graph  $G$ ,  $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$

**Theorem 1.4.[2]** If  $G$  is a graph of order  $p$ , with maximum degree  $\Delta$ , then  $\gamma \geq \lceil p / (\Delta + 1) \rceil$ .

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected cubic graph of order  $p$  with  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi$ . By Theorem 1.3,  $\chi \leq 3$ . Clearly,  $\chi \geq 1$ . We consider cubic graphs for which  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$ . By Theorem 1.4,  $\gamma_{cc} \geq \lceil p/4 \rceil$ . Since  $\gamma_{cc} = 3, 6 < p \leq 15$  and  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . Since  $G$  is cubic we have  $p$  is even and hence the possible values of  $p$  are 8, 10 and 12.

**2 Cubic graphs of order 8**

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a connected cubic graph on 8 vertices. Then  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$  if and only if  $G$  is isomorphic to any one of the graphs given in Figure 2.1.

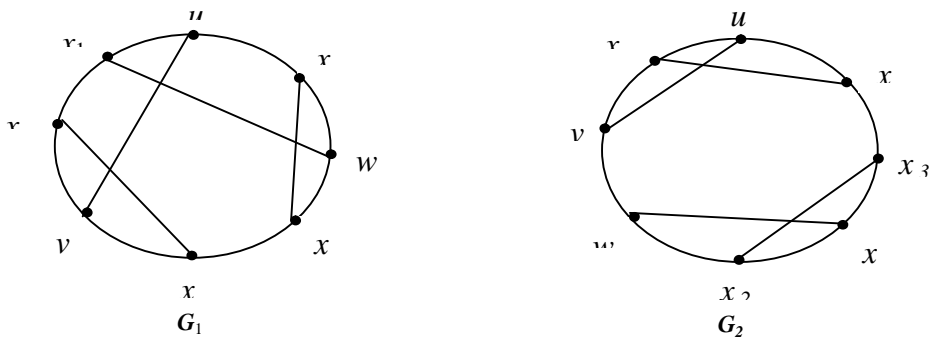


Figure 2.1

**Proof.** Let  $S = \{u, v, w\}$  be a minimum complementary connected dominating set of  $G$  and  $V-S = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ . Clearly  $\langle S \rangle \cong K_3$ . Hence we consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $u$  be adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ . Then  $v$  is adjacent to atleast one of the vertices of  $N(u) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ .

Subcase (a). Let  $v$  be adjacent to only one vertex of  $N(u)$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $v$  be adjacent to  $x_1$ . Then  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Now  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  or not adjacent to  $x_1$ . If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ (or equivalently  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ), or  $x_2$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ , then  $x_2$  is not adjacent to  $x_3$ . Hence  $x_2$  must be adjacent to  $x_4$ (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no such graph exists. If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_2$  is not adjacent to  $x_4$ . Hence  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_5$ . Then in both the cases no graph exists. If  $w$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$ . Without loss of generality, let  $w$  be adjacent to  $x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$ . Then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_1$  or  $x_4$ , then no graph exists. If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  or  $x_3$  or  $x_1$ . Then also no graph exists.

Subcase (b). Let  $v$  be adjacent to two vertices of  $N(u)$  say  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $v$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . Now  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) or not adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ). If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  (or equivalently  $x_4$ ) or  $w$  or  $x_5$ . Then in all the cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction. If  $w$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$ , then without loss of generality, let  $w$  be adjacent to  $x_3, x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Now  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  (or)  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  (or)  $x_1$  and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_2$  and  $x_3$ ). In all the cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction.

Subcase (c). Let  $v$  be adjacent to all the vertices of  $N(u)$ .

Now  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ), or  $w$  (or equivalently  $x_4$  or  $x_5$ ). Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_2$  cannot be adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ). Hence  $x_2$  must be adjacent to  $w$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $w$  then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  (or)  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  (or)  $x_1$  and  $x_5$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $w$  cannot be adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$ . Also  $w$  cannot be adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_5$ . Hence  $w$  must be adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Then  $x_1$  must be adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_4$ . Consequently,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction.

**Case 2.**  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .

Let  $uv$  be an edge. Without loss of generality, let  $u$  be adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ . Now  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and any one of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$  (or)  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) and any two of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ . If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) or not adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ). If  $x_4$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ), then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_3, v$  and  $x_5$ . Also  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  or not adjacent to  $x_4$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $v$  and  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_4, x_2$  and  $x_3$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_5$  is not adjacent to  $x_4$ . Also  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_2, x_3$  and  $v$ , and  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $v$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  or not adjacent to  $x_1$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $v$ . Also  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $v$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_5$  is not adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to any three of  $\{x_3, x_4, v, x_2\}$ . Let  $x_5$  be adjacent to  $x_3, x_4$  and  $v$ . Also  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $\{x_3, v\}$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ .

**Case 3.**  $\langle S \rangle = P_3$ .

Let  $v$  be adjacent to  $u$  and  $w$ . Without loss of generality, let  $v$  be adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $u$  be adjacent to  $\{x_1, x_2\}$ . Now  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $u, w$  and any one of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$  or  $w$  and any two of  $\{x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $u, w$  and  $x_3$  then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $w$  (or equivalently  $u$ ) or not adjacent to  $w$  (or equivalently  $u$ ). If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $w$  (or equivalently  $u$ ), then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  or not adjacent to  $x_4$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_3$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_2$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_5$  is not adjacent to  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$ , so that  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction. If  $x_4$  is not adjacent to  $w$  (or equivalently  $u$ ), then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_5, x_3$  and  $x_1$ . Also  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $\{x_2, w\}$  and  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $\{x_1, w\}$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $w, x_3$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $w$  (or) not adjacent to  $w$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $\{w, x_1, x_4\}$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $\{x_4, u\}$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_5$  is not adjacent to  $w$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to any three of  $\{x_1, u, x_3, x_4\}$ . Let  $x_5$  be adjacent to  $x_1, u, x_3$ . Also  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_5$ . Hence  $G \cong G_3$ . ■

### 3 Cubic graphs of order 10

Throughout this section,  $G$  is a connected cubic graph on 10 vertices with  $V(G) = \{u, v, w, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7\}$ . Let  $S = \{u, v, w\}$  be a minimum complementary connected dominating set. Let  $S_1 = N(u) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . Clearly  $\langle S \rangle = K_3$  or  $P_3$ . Hence  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  or  $\bar{K}_3$ . If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  then  $vw$  be the edge in  $\langle S \rangle$ . Let  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  be the two remaining vertices adjacent to  $v$  and also  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  are the remaining two vertices adjacent to  $w$ . Let  $S_2 = \{x_6, x_7\}$  and  $S_3 = \{x_4, x_5\}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a connected cubic graph on 10 vertices with  $V(G)=\{u, v, w, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7\}$ . Let  $S = \{u, v, w\}$  be a minimum complementary connected dominating set. Let  $S_1 = N(u) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_1$  given in Figure 3.1.

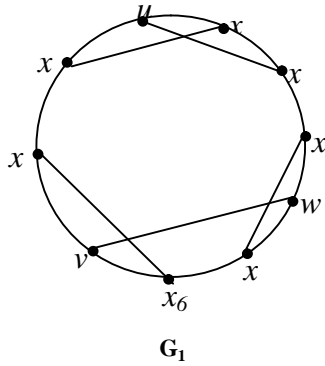


Figure 3.1

**Proof.** Without loss of generality, Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . We consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_7$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ .

**Case 2.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

Let  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  or  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_1$ (or equivalently  $x_6$ ). In all the above situation  $S$  fails to be a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

**Case 3.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

Since  $G$  is cubic, without loss of generality let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_6$ . Also  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_7$  and also  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . ■

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to any one of the graphs given in Figure 3.2.

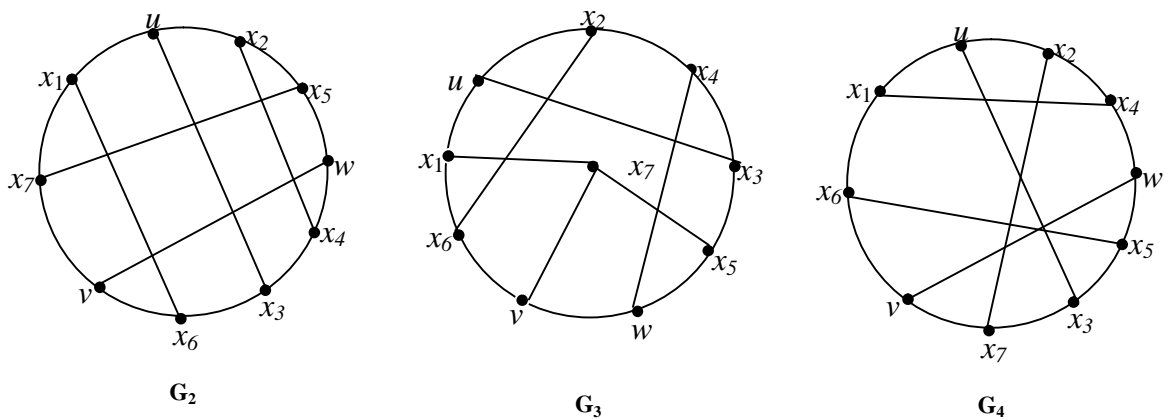


Figure 3.2

**Proof.** We consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$ .

Since  $G$  is cubic, the three vertices in  $S_1$  are to be incident with 6 edges. But the four vertices in  $S_2$  and  $S_3$  can be incident with four edges. This is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists in this case.

**Case 2.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  or  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  then  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ , or  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ,  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$ . If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_4$  then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_5$  or  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$ .

**Case 3.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

$x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  or  $x_6$ (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $G \cong G_2$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_3$  and also  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ . Hence  $G \cong G_3$ . If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_6$  or  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ (or)  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  (or equivalently  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ ) or  $x_4$  and  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ ). If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_7$  and then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_4$ , or  $x_7$  and  $x_5$  or  $x_6$  and  $x_5$ (or equivalently  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ). If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  which is a contradiction and no graph exists. If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  which is a contradiction and no graph exists. If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and hence  $G \cong G_3$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  and then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_7$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_5$  or  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ . If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_7$ . Hence  $G \cong G_4$ . If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ . Hence  $G \cong G_4$ . ■

**Lemma 3.3.** If  $\langle S \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to either  $G_5$  given in Figure 3.1 or  $G_5$  given in Figure 3.3.

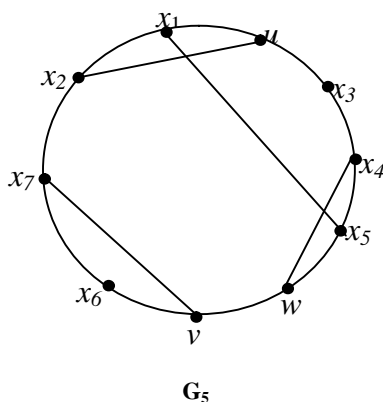


Figure 3.3

**Proof.** Let  $x_1x_2$  be the edge in  $\langle S_1 \rangle$ . We consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$ .

Now  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ ) or  $x_4$  and  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ ). If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). This implies that  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ , then  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). And then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_7$ . Hence  $G \cong G_5$ .

**Case 2.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$

Since  $G$  is cubic  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_1$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  or equivalently  $x_7$ ) and  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_2$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) and then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_7$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  or  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) and  $x_7$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , then  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  which is contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_7$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ .

**Case 3.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

Now  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  (or equivalently  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ ) or  $x_4$  and  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_5$  and  $x_7$ ). If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$  or  $x_1$  and  $x_6$  or  $x_1$  and  $x_7$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_7$ , then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_2$ ) and then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_6$  then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_4$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_7$  then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  or  $x_7$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_7$ , then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. ■

**Lemma 3.4.** There is no connected cubic graph on 10 vertices with  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$ .

**Proof.** If  $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , then  $v$  can be adjacent to two of the three vertices not in  $N(u)$ . It is adjacent to two vertices say  $x_4$  and  $x_5$ . Let  $S_2 = \{x_4, x_5\}$ , then  $w$  be adjacent to two other vertices say  $x_6, x_7$ . Let  $S_3 = \{x_6, x_7\}$ . Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3 = x_1x_2x_3$ . We consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$

Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to anyone of  $\{x_4, x_5, v\}$  (or equivalently any one of  $\{x_6, x_7, w\}$ ). Since  $G$  is cubic, without loss of generality let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $v$ , and  $x_3$  be adjacent to  $w$ . Then the remaining five vertices must be incident with one vertex, which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

**Case 2.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

Let  $x_4x_5$  be the edge in  $S_2$ . If  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  (or)  $x_4$  and  $x_5$  (or)  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ).

Subcase (a). If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

Subcase (b). If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_4$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  or  $w$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $w$  then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

Subcase (c). If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_4$  then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ). Then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

**Case 3.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_2$ .

Now  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ) which is impossible. Hence no graph exists. ■

**Lemma 3.5.** If  $\langle S \rangle = \overline{K_3}$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ , then  $G \cong G_5$  given in Figure 3.3 or  $G \cong G_1$  given in Figure 3.1

**Proof.** Let  $x_1x_2$  be the edge in  $\langle S_1 \rangle$ . We consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$ .

$x_1$  is adjacent to any one of the vertices  $\{x_4, x_5, v\}$  (or equivalently any one of  $\{x_6, x_7, w\}$ ) without loss of generality, let  $x_2$  be adjacent to  $w$ . Then it can be verified that no cubic graph exists satisfying the hypothesis.

**Case 2.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \overline{K_2}$ .

Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{v, x_4, x_5\}$  (or)  $w$  (or)  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $v$ , then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) or  $x_2$ . If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  and also  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ . Hence by Lemma 3.3,  $G \cong G_5$ . If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ , then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  and then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and also  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ . Hence  $G \cong G_5$ , which falls under Lemma 3.3. If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_5$  which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_4$  which is contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $w$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_3$  and also  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $v$ . Hence  $G \cong G_5$ , which falls under Lemma 3.3. If  $x_1$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , then  $x_6$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{v, x_4, x_5\}$  or  $x_3$  or  $x_2$ . If  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $v$ , then  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_2$  or  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ). If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) or  $x_7$ . If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ , then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_5$ . Hence  $G \cong G_5$ , which falls under Lemma 3.3. If  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_7$ , then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or equivalently  $x_5$ ) and then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ , as in Figure 3.1. which falls under Lemma 3.1. If  $w$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  or  $x_4$  we get a contradiction and hence no graph exists. If  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  and then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $w$  and  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $v$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$  given in Figure 3.1. If  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_2$  then also we get a contradiction and hence no graph exists.

**Case 3.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \overline{K_2}$

If  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $v$  ( or equivalently  $w$  ) or  $x_4$  ( or equivalently  $x_5$  ) { or equivalently  $x_6$  ( or equivalently  $x_7$  ) }. In all the cases no new graph exists. ■

**Lemma 3.6.** There is no connected cubic graph on 10 vertices with  $\langle S \rangle = \overline{K_3}$  and  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \overline{K_3}$ .

**Proof.** We consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2$ .

Let  $x_4x_5$  be the edge in  $\langle S_2 \rangle$  and  $x_6x_7$  be the edge in  $\langle S_3 \rangle$ . Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to any two of  $\{v, x_4, x_5\}$  (or equivalently any two of  $\{w, x_6, x_7\}$ ) or any of  $\{v, x_4, x_5\}$  and any one of  $\{w, x_6, x_7\}$ . In all the above cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction.

**Case 2.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = K_2$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \overline{K_2}$ .

Let  $w$  be adjacent to any one of  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . Let  $w$  be adjacent to  $x_1$ . In this case also  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction.

**Case 3.**  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \overline{K_2}$ .

In this case,  $v$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  (or equivalently  $x_3$ ) or  $x_6$  (or equivalently  $x_7$ ). In the cases,  $\{u, v, w\}$  is not a complementary connected dominating set, which is a contradiction. ■

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $G$  is connected cubic graph on 10 vertices. Then  $\gamma_{cc} = 3$  if and only if  $G$  is isomorphic to any one of graphs given in Figures 3.3, 3.2 and 3.3.

**Proof.** If  $G$  is any one of the graphs given in Figure 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, then clearly  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$ . Conversely if  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$ , then the proof follows from the Lemmas 3.1 to 3.6. ■

**4 Cubic graphs on 12 vertices**

Let  $G$  be a connected cubic graph on 12 vertices with  $V(G)=\{u, v, w, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ . Let  $S = \{u, v, w\}$  be a complementary connected dominating set.

Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = N(u) = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . Let  $\langle S_2 \rangle = N(v) = \{x_4, x_5, x_6\}$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = N(w) = \{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ . Then we consider the following cases:

- Case 1:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = P_3$ .
- Case 2:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .
- Case 3:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = P_3$ , and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$
- Case 4:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .
- Case 5:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .
- Case 6:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .
- Case 7:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ ,  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .
- Case 8:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ .
- Case 9:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .
- Case 10:  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ ,  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = P_3$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_1$  given in Figure 4.1.

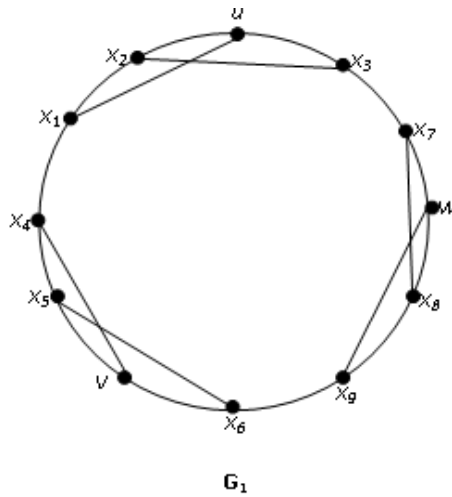


Figure 4.1

**Proof.** Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3 = x_1 x_2 x_3$ ,  $\langle S_2 \rangle = P_3 = x_4 x_5 x_6$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = P_3 = x_7 x_8 x_9$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_3$  must be adjacent to  $x_7$  or  $x_9$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x_3$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . Then  $x_6$  must be adjacent to  $x_9$ . Hence  $G \cong G_1$ . ■

**Lemma 4.2.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$  then  $G$  is isomorphic to the graph  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3 = x_1 x_2 x_3$ ,  $\langle S_2 \rangle = P_3 = x_4 x_5 x_6$ . Let  $x_7 x_8$  be the edge in  $\langle S_3 \rangle$ . Now  $x_7$  is adjacent to anyone of  $\{x_1, x_3, x_4, x_6\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x_7$  be adjacent to  $x_1$ . Then  $x_8$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or anyone of  $\{x_4, x_6\}$ . If  $x_8$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  then  $x_9$  must be adjacent to  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_8$  is adjacent to  $x_4$ , then  $x_9$  must be adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_6$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$ . ■



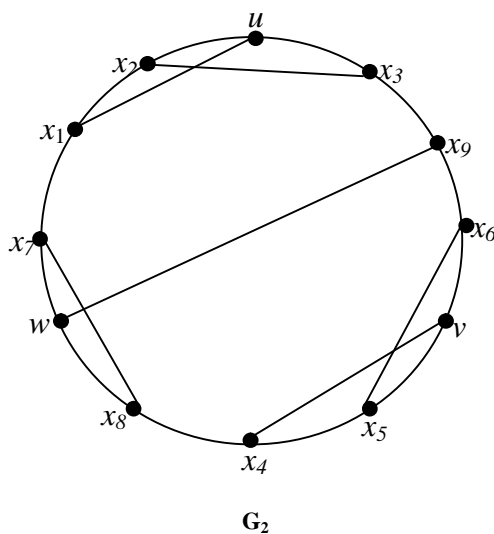


Figure 4.2

**Lemma 4.3.** There exists no connected cubic graph on 12 vertices with  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3 = x_1, x_2, x_3$ ,  $\langle S_2 \rangle = P_3 = x_4, x_5, x_6$ . Now  $x_7$  is adjacent to one of  $\{x_1, x_3\}$  and one of  $\{x_4, x_6\}$  (or)  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_1$  and  $x_3$  (or equivalently  $x_4$  and  $x_6$ ). In both the cases cubic graph does not exist. ■

**Lemma 4.4.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ , then  $G$  isomorphic to the graph  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = x_1, x_2, x_3$ . Let  $x_4x_5$  be the edge in  $\langle S_2 \rangle$  and  $x_7x_8$  be the edge in  $\langle S_3 \rangle$ . We consider the following two cases.

**Case 1.** Let  $x_1$  be adjacent to any one of  $\{x_4, x_5, x_7, x_8\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . Since  $G$  is cubic  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_9$  or  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_8$ ). If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  or  $x_6$ . If  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_5$ , then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_8$  which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , then  $x_6$  is adjacent to (or equivalently  $x_8$ ) and  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. If  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  ( or equivalently  $x_8$  ) then since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_8$  must be adjacent to  $x_6$  and  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Case 2.** Let  $x_1$  be adjacent to any one of  $\{x_6, x_9\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_6$ . Now  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_8$ ) or  $x_9$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_4$  is not adjacent to  $x_3$ . If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_7$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$  or  $x_9$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ , then  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_6$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_9$ , then  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_6$ . If  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_6$ . If  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. If  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. If  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_9$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$  and then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and also  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_9$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. ■

**Lemma 4.5.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$  and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = x_1x_2x_3$ . Let  $x_7x_8$  be the edge in  $\langle S_3 \rangle$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_1$  must be adjacent to any one of  $\{x_4, x_5, x_6\}$ . Without loss of generality let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . We consider the following three cases.

**Case 1.**  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ . In this case,  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_8$ ) and  $x_9$  and then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_8$  and  $x_9$  which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists.

**Case 2.**  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  (or equivalently  $x_8$ ). In this case,  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  and  $x_5$  (or equivalently  $x_6$ ) (or)  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_9$  cannot be adjacent to both  $x_3$  and  $x_5$ . If  $x_9$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  and  $x_6$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or  $x_5$ . If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ , then  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_6$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Case 3.**  $x_4$  is adjacent to  $x_9$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_3$  must be adjacent to any one of  $\{x_5, x_6\}$ . Let  $x_3$  be adjacent to  $x_5$ . Now  $x_6$  is adjacent to both  $x_7$  and  $x_8$  (or)  $x_6$  is adjacent to one of  $\{x_7, x_8\}$  and  $x_9$ . If  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_8$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_9$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_7$  and  $x_9$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ . Hence,  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. ■

**Lemma 4.6.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = P_3$  and  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** Let  $\langle S_1 \rangle = x_1x_2x_3$ . Now  $x_1$  is adjacent to anyone of  $\{x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ , without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_4$  is adjacent to anyone of  $\{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ . Now without loss of generality, let  $x_4$  be adjacent to  $x_7$ . Then  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_3$  or anyone of  $\{x_5, x_6\}$ . If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_3$ , then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$  and  $x_9$ . Then  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_8$  and  $x_9$ , which is a contradiction. Hence no graph exists. If  $x_7$  is adjacent to  $x_5$  (or equivalently  $x_6$ ), then  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$  (or equivalently  $x_9$ ). If  $x_5$  is adjacent to  $x_8$ ,  $x_3$  is adjacent to  $x_9$  and  $x_6$  is adjacent to  $x_8$  and  $x_9$ . Hence  $G \cong G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. ■

**Lemma 4.7.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ , and  $\langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** Let  $x_1x_2$  be the edge in  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  and  $x_4x_5$  be the edge in  $\langle S_2 \rangle$ . Then  $x_1$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{x_4, x_5\}$  (or)  $x_6$  (or) any one of  $\{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ . In all the cases, it can be verified that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. ■

**Lemma 4.8.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** Let  $x_1x_2$  be the edge in  $\langle S_1 \rangle$ ,  $x_4x_5$  be the edge in  $\langle S_2 \rangle$  and  $x_7x_8$  be the edge in  $\langle S_3 \rangle$ . Then  $x_1$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{x_4, x_5, x_7, x_8\}$  (or) any one of  $\{x_6, x_9\}$ . In all the cases, it can be verified that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. ■

**Lemma 4.9.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = \langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** In this case, we consider the following two cases,  $x_1$  is adjacent to any two of  $\{x_4, x_5, x_6\}$  (or equivalently any two of  $\{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ ), (or)  $x_1$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{x_4, x_5, x_6\}$  and any one of  $\{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ . In both cases, it can be verified that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. ■

**Lemma 4.10.** If  $\langle S_1 \rangle = K_2 \cup K_1$ ,  $\langle S_2 \rangle = \langle S_3 \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to the graph  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2.

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is cubic,  $x_1$  is adjacent to any one of  $\{x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x_1$  be adjacent to  $x_4$ . Then  $x_2$  is adjacent to  $x_4$  (or)  $x_2$  is adjacent to one of  $\{x_5, x_6\}$  (or)  $x_2$  is adjacent to anyone of  $\{x_7, x_8, x_9\}$ .

In all the cases, it can be verified that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $G_2$  given in Figure 4.2. ■

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected cubic graph on 12 vertices. Then  $G$  is isomorphic to any one of the graphs given in Figures 4.1 and 4.2 for which  $\gamma_{cc} = 3$ .

**Proof.** If  $G$  is any one of the graphs given in Figure 4.1 and 4.2, then clearly  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$ . Conversely, if  $\gamma_{cc} = \chi = 3$ , then the proof follows from the Lemmas 4.1 to 4.10. ■

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