

UPPER BOUNDS FOR THE DOMINATION SUBDIVISION AND  
BONDAGE NUMBERS OF GRAPHS ON TOPOLOGICAL SURFACES

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*Abstract.* For a graph property  $\mathcal{P}$  and a graph  $G$ , we define the domination subdivision number with respect to the property  $\mathcal{P}$  to be the minimum number of edges that must be subdivided (where each edge in  $G$  can be subdivided at most once) in order to change the domination number with respect to the property  $\mathcal{P}$ . In this paper we obtain upper bounds in terms of maximum degree and orientable/non-orientable genus for the domination subdivision number with respect to an induced-hereditary property, total domination subdivision number, bondage number with respect to an induced-hereditary property, and Roman bondage number of a graph on topological surfaces.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

All graphs considered in this article are finite, undirected, without loops or multiple edges. We denote the vertex set and the edge set of a graph  $G$  by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$ , respectively. For a vertex  $x$  of  $G$ ,  $N(x)$  denotes the set of all neighbors of  $x$  in  $G$ ,  $N[x] = N(x) \cup \{x\}$  and the degree of  $x$  is  $\deg(x) = |N(x)|$ . The maximum and minimum degrees of vertices in the graph  $G$  are denoted by  $\Delta(G)$  and  $\delta(G)$  respectively. The subgraph induced by  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is denoted by  $\langle S, G \rangle$ . For a graph  $G$ , let  $x \in X \subseteq V(G)$ . A vertex  $y \in V(G)$  is a *private neighbor of  $x$  with respect to  $X$*  if  $N[y] \cap X = \{x\}$ . The *private neighbor set of  $x$  with respect to  $X$*  is  $\text{pn}[x, X] = \{y: N[y] \cap X = \{x\}\}$ . A *perfect matching*  $M$  in  $G$  is a set of independent edges in  $G$  such that every vertex of  $G$  is incident to an edge of  $M$ . For every edge  $e = xy \in E(G)$  we define  $\xi(e) = |N(x) \cup N(y)| = \deg(x) + \deg(y) - |N(x) \cap N(y)|$  and let  $\xi(G) = \min\{\xi(e): e \in E(G)\}$ .

A surface is a connected compact Hausdorff space which is locally homeomorphic to an open disc in the plane. If a surface  $\Sigma$  is obtained from the sphere by adding some number  $g \geq 0$  of handles or some number  $\bar{g} > 0$  of crosscaps,  $\Sigma$  is said to be, respectively, orientable of genus  $g = g(\Sigma)$  or non-orientable of genus  $\bar{g} = \bar{g}(\Sigma)$ . We shall follow the usual convention of denoting the surface of orientable genus  $g$  or non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$ , respectively, by  $S_g$  or by  $N_{\bar{g}}$ . Any topological surface is homeomorphically equivalent either to  $S_h$  ( $h \geq 0$ ), or to  $N_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ). For example,  $S_1$ ,  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  are the *torus*, the *projective plane*, and the *Klein bottle*, respectively. A graph  $G$  is embeddable on a topological surface  $S$  if it admits a drawing on the surface with no crossing edges. Such a drawing of  $G$  on the surface  $S$  is called an embedding of  $G$  on  $S$ . An embedding of a graph  $G$  on an orientable surface or non-orientable surface  $\Sigma$  is minimal if  $G$  cannot be embedded on any orientable or non-orientable surface  $\Sigma'$  with  $g(\Sigma') < g(\Sigma)$  or  $\bar{g}(\Sigma') < \bar{g}(\Sigma)$ , respectively. Graph  $G$  is said to have orientable genus  $g$  (non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$ ) if  $G$  minimally embeds on a surface of orientable genus  $g$  (non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$ ). An embedding of a graph  $G$  on a surface  $\Sigma$  is said to be *2-cell* if every face of the embedding is homeomorphic to a disc. The set of faces of a particular embedding of  $G$  on  $S$  is denoted by  $F(G)$ . If every face of a graph embedding is three-sided, then the embedding is *triangular*. In a *quadrilateral embedding*, every face is four-sided.

A *Roman dominating function* (RDF) on a graph  $G$  is defined in [19], [22] as a function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  satisfying the condition that every vertex  $u$  for which  $f(u) = 0$  is adjacent to at least one vertex  $v$  for which  $f(v) = 2$ . The *weight* of a RDF is the value  $f(V(G)) = \sum_{u \in V(G)} f(u)$ . The *Roman domination number*,  $\gamma_R(G)$ , of  $G$  is the minimum weight of a RDF on  $G$ . Following Jafari Rad and Volkmann [11], the *Roman bondage number*  $b_R(G)$  of a graph  $G$  with maximum degree at least two is the cardinality of a smallest set of edges  $E_1 \subseteq E(G)$  for which  $\gamma_R(G - E_1) > \gamma_R(G)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  denote the set of all mutually nonisomorphic graphs. A *graph property* is any non-empty subset of  $\mathcal{I}$ . We say that a graph  $G$  has the property  $\mathcal{P}$  whenever there exists a graph  $H \in \mathcal{P}$  which is isomorphic to  $G$ . For example, we list some graph properties:

- ▷  $\mathcal{O} = \{H \in \mathcal{I}: H \text{ is totally disconnected}\};$
- ▷  $\mathcal{C} = \{H \in \mathcal{I}: H \text{ is connected}\};$
- ▷  $\mathcal{M} = \{H \in \mathcal{I}: H \text{ has a perfect matching}\};$
- ▷  $\mathcal{T} = \{H \in \mathcal{I}: \delta(H) \geq 1\}.$

A graph property  $\mathcal{P}$  is called: (a) *induced-hereditary*, if from the fact that a graph  $G$  has property  $\mathcal{P}$ , it follows that all induced subgraphs of  $G$  also belong to  $\mathcal{P}$ , and (b) *nondegenerate* if  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ . Any set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  such that the induced subgraph  $\langle S, G \rangle$  possesses the property  $\mathcal{P}$  is called a  $\mathcal{P}$ -set. A set of vertices  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is

a *dominating set* of  $G$  if every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The *domination number with respect to the property  $\mathcal{P}$* , denoted by  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ , is the smallest cardinality of a dominating  $\mathcal{P}$ -set of  $G$ . A dominating  $\mathcal{P}$ -set of  $G$  with cardinality  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$  is called a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ -*set*. If a property  $\mathcal{P}$  is nondegenerate, then every maximal independent set is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -set and thus  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$  exists. Note that  $\gamma_{\mathcal{I}}(G)$  and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}(G)$  are well known as the domination number  $\gamma(G)$  and the total domination number  $\gamma_t(G)$ , respectively. The concept of domination with respect to any property  $\mathcal{P}$  was introduced by Goddard et al. [7] and has been studied, for example, in [15], [20], [21] and elsewhere.

For every graph  $G$  with at least one edge and every nondegenerate property  $\mathcal{P}$ , the *plus bondage number with respect to the property  $\mathcal{P}$* , denoted  $b_{\mathcal{P}}^+(G)$ , is the cardinality of a smallest set of edges  $U \subseteq E(G)$  such that  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G - U) > \gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ . This concept was introduced by the present author in [21]. Since  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G - E(G)) = |V(G)| > \gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$  for every graph  $G$  with at least one edge and every nondegenerate property  $\mathcal{P}$ , it follows that  $b_{\mathcal{P}}^+(G)$  always exists.

For every graph  $G$  with  $\Delta(G) \geq 2$  and for each property  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ , we define the *domination (minus domination, plus domination, respectively) subdivision number with respect to the property  $\mathcal{P}$* , denoted  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\neq}(G)$  ( $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^-(G)$ ,  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^+(G)$ ) to be the minimum number of edges that must be subdivided (where each edge in  $G$  can be subdivided at most once) in order to change (decrease, increase, respectively)  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ . The following special cases for  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^+(G)$  have been investigated up to now: (a)  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{I}}}^+(G)$ —the domination subdivision number defined by Velammal [25] (note that  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{I}}}^{\neq}(G) = \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{I}}}^+(G)$ ), (b)  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)$ —the total domination subdivision number introduced by Haynes et al. in [8], (c)  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{M}}}^+(G)$ —the paired domination subdivision number introduced by Favaron et al. in [5], and (d)  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{C}}}^+(G)$ —the connected domination subdivision number introduced by Favaron et al. in [4].

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we begin the investigation of  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\neq}(G)$  in case when  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  is induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. We show that  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\neq}(G)$  is well defined whenever  $\Delta(G) \geq 2$  and we present upper bounds for  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\neq}(G)$  in terms of degrees. In Section 3 for graphs with nonnegative Euler characteristic we obtain tight upper bounds for  $\xi(G)$  in terms of maximum degree. In Section 4 we find upper bounds in terms of orientable/non-orientable genus and maximum degree for  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\neq}(G)$ ,  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)$ ,  $b_R(G)$  and  $b_{\mathcal{P}}^+(G)$ .

## 2. DOMINATION SUBDIVISION NUMBERS

Note that each induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  property  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  is, clearly, nondegenerate and hence  $\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$  exists. For a graph  $G$  and a set  $U \subseteq E(G)$ , by  $S(G, U)$  we denote the graph obtained from  $G$  by subdividing all edges belonging to  $U$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. Let  $G$  be a graph which contains an edge  $uv$  such that  $\deg(u) \geq 2$ ,  $\deg(v) \geq 2$  and let  $F \subseteq E(G)$  be the union of the set of all edges incident to  $v$  and the set of all edges joining  $u$  to a vertex in  $N(u) - N[v]$ . Then there is a set  $U \subsetneq F$  with  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(S(G, U)) < \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(S(G, F))$ . In particular (Favaron et al. [3] when  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{I}$ ),  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G) \leq \xi(uv) - 1$ .*

**Proof.** We denote shortly  $G_1 = S(G, F)$ . Let  $N(v, G) = \{u = z_0, z_1, \dots, z_p\}$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and let  $v_i \in V(G_1)$  be the subdivision vertex for  $vz_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, p$ . Let  $N(u, G) - N(v, G) = \{v = w_0, w_1, \dots, w_q\}$ ,  $q \geq 0$ ,  $u_0 = v_0$  and if  $q \geq 1$ , then let  $u_i \in V(G_1)$  be the subdivision vertex for  $uw_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, q$ . Among all  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -sets let  $D_1$  be the one which contains a minimum number of subdivision vertices. Denote by  $S$  the set of all subdivision vertices which belong to  $D_1$ . First assume  $S$  is empty. Then  $v \in D_1$ . If  $u \in D_1$ , then  $D_1 - \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of a graph  $G'$  obtained from  $G$  by subdividing all edges joining  $u$  to a vertex in  $N(u) - N[v]$  (it is possible that  $G' = G$ ). If  $u \notin D_1$ , then there is  $z_i \in D_1$  with  $z_i u \in E(G)$ . But then  $D_1 - \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G$  ( $\mathcal{H}$  is induced-hereditary). So, assume  $S$  is not empty.

*Case 1:*  $S = \{v_0\}$ . If  $u, v \notin D_1$ , then all neighbors of  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ , except for  $u$  and  $v$ , are in  $D_1$ ; this implies  $D_1 - \{v_0\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G$ . If exactly one of  $u$  and  $v$  is in  $D_1$ , then  $D_1 - \{v_0\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $S(G, F - \{uv\})$ . There are no other possibilities because  $\mathcal{H}$  is induced-hereditary.

*Case 2:*  $S = \{v_1\}$ . If  $z_1 \notin \text{pn}[v_1, D_1]$ , then the set  $D_2 = (D_1 - \{v_1\}) \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G_1$  ( $\mathcal{H}$  is induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$ ) of cardinality at most  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$  and  $D_2$  contains no subdivision vertices, a contradiction. If  $v \in D_1$ , then the set  $D_3 = (D_1 - \{v_1\}) \cup \{z_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set without subdivision vertices, a contradiction. Since  $v, v_0 \notin D_1$  it follows that  $u \in D_1$  and if  $p \geq 2$ , then  $z_2, \dots, z_p \in D_1$ . But then the set  $(D_1 - \{v_1, u\}) \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of a graph  $G_2$  defined as follows: (a)  $G_2 = G$  when  $p = 1$ , and (b)  $G_2 = S(G, \{vz_2, \dots, vz_p\})$  when  $p \geq 2$ .

*Case 3:* At least two subdivision vertices which are adjacent to  $v$  are in  $D_1$ . Say, without loss of generality,  $S_v = S \cap N(v, G_1) = \{v_r, v_{r+1}, \dots, v_{r+s}\}$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $s \geq 1$ . Let  $r \leq i \leq r + s$ . Then  $z_i \notin D_1$ . Moreover,  $z_i \notin \text{pn}[v_i, D_1]$ —otherwise the set  $(D_1 - \{v_i\}) \cup \{z_i\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set with fewer subdivision vertices than  $D_1$ ,

a contradiction. But then the set  $(D_1 - S_v) \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of a graph  $G_3$  obtained from  $G_1$  by deleting  $S_v$  and adding  $vz_r, \dots, vz_{r+s}$ .

*Case 4:*  $S = \{v_1, u_1\}$ . Assume  $v \in D_1$ . This implies  $z_1 \in \text{pn}[v_1, D_1]$  and then the set  $(D_1 - \{v_1\}) \cup \{z_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set with fewer subdivision vertices than  $D_1$ , a contradiction. Hence  $v \notin D_1$ . Now, assume  $u \in D_1$ . But then  $w_1 \in \text{pn}[u_1, D_1]$ , which leads to  $(D_1 - \{u_1\}) \cup \{w_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set with fewer subdivision vertices than  $D_1$ , a contradiction. Therefore there is no vertex in  $D_1$  which dominates  $v_0$ , a contradiction.

*Case 5:*  $S = \{u_1\}$ . If  $u \in D_1$ , then  $w_1 \in \text{pn}[u_1, D_1]$ , which leads to  $D - \{u_1\}$  being a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $S(G, F - \{uw_1\})$ . So, let  $u \notin D_1$ . Hence  $v \in D_1$ . If  $w_1 \notin \text{pn}[u_1, D_1]$ , then  $D_1 - \{u_1\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $S(G, F - \{uw_1, uv\})$ . Assume  $w_1 \in \text{pn}[u_1, D_1]$ . If  $u \notin \text{pn}[u_1, D_1]$ , then  $(D_1 - \{u_1\}) \cup \{w_1\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set with fewer subdivision vertices than  $D_1$ , a contradiction. If  $u \in \text{pn}[u_1, D_1]$ , then  $(D_1 - \{u_1, v\}) \cup \{u\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of a graph  $G_4$  defined as follows: (a)  $G_4 = G$  for  $q = 1$ , and (b)  $G_4 = S(G, \{uw_2, \dots, uw_q\})$  for  $q \geq 2$ .

*Case 6:* At least two subdivision vertices which are adjacent to  $u$  are in  $D_1$ . Say, without loss of generality,  $S_u = S \cap N(u, G_1) = \{u_r, u_{r+1}, \dots, u_{r+s}\}$  where  $0 \leq r$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Let  $r \leq i \leq r+s$ . Then  $w_i \notin D_1$ . If  $w_i \in \text{pn}[u_i, D_1]$ , then the set  $(D_1 - \{u_i\}) \cup \{w_i\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set with fewer subdivision vertices than  $D_1$ , a contradiction. Thus  $w_i \notin \text{pn}[u_i, D_1]$ ,  $i = r, \dots, r+s$ . If there is no  $z_j \in D_1$ ,  $j \geq 1$ , with  $z_j u \in E(G)$ , then the set  $(D_1 - S_u) \cup \{u\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of a graph  $G_1$ , a contradiction. If there is  $z_j \in D_1$ ,  $j \geq 1$  with  $z_j u \in E(G)$ , then  $D_1 - S_u$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of a graph  $G_5$  obtained from  $G_1$  by deleting  $S_u$  and adding  $uw_r, \dots, uw_{r+s}$ .  $\square$

**Observation 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a nondegenerate graph property. If  $G$  is a graph with  $\Delta(G) \geq 2$  and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) = 1$ , then  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G) = \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^+(G) = 1$ .*

By Theorem 2.1 and Observation 2.2 it immediately follows that  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G)$  is well-defined for every graph  $G$  with  $\Delta(G) \geq 2$  provided  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  is an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property.

**Observation 2.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a nondegenerate graph property. Then*

- (i)  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(C_n) = \lceil \frac{1}{3}n \rceil$ , where  $n \geq 3$ ;
- (ii)  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(C_{3k}) = \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^+(C_{3k}) = 1$ ,  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(C_{3k+1}) = \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^+(C_{3k+1}) = 3$ , and  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(C_{3k+2}) = \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^+(C_{3k+2}) = 2$ , where  $k \geq 1$ .

By Observation 2.3(ii) it immediately follows that the bound stated in Theorem 2.1 is attainable when  $G = C_{3k+1}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ .

Define  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G) = \{v \in V(G) : \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G - v) < \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G)\}$ . The next results in this section show that the set  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$  plays an important role in studying the subdivision numbers with respect to a graph property.

**Observation 2.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a nondegenerate and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. Let  $G$  be a graph.*

- (i) [20]  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G) = \{v \in V(G) : \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G - v) = \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) - 1\}$ .
- (ii) If  $v \in \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$ , then  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G') \leq \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G)$ , where  $G'$  is a graph which results from subdividing at least one edge incident to  $v$ .

**Proof.** (ii) Let  $M$  be a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G - v)$ -set. Since  $v \in \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$ ,  $M$  is not a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G$ . Since  $\mathcal{H}$  is closed under union with  $K_1$ ,  $M \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of both  $G'$  and  $G$ . Hence  $M \cup \{v\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G)$ -set and the result follows.  $\square$

In special cases where a graph has some structural property we can obtain better upper bounds for  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G)$  than that stated in Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. Let  $G$  be a graph,  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\deg(v) \geq 2$  and let  $F \subseteq E(G)$  consist of all edges incident to  $v$ . Then at least one of the following assertions holds:*

- (i) *there is  $U \subseteq F$  with  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) \neq \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(S(G, U))$  (in particular  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G) \leq \deg(v)$ );*
- (ii)  $v \in \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$ ;
- (iii) *there exist  $u \in N(v, G) \cap \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$  and a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G)$ -set  $D_u$  such that  $N(v, G) \subseteq D_u$ ,  $v \notin D$  and  $\text{pn}[u, D_u] = \{u\}$ .*

**Proof.** Denote shortly  $G_1 = S(G, F)$ . Assume (i) does not hold. Hence  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1) = \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G)$ . Among all  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -sets let  $D$  be the one which contains a minimum number of subdivision vertices. Let all neighbors of  $v$  in  $G$  be  $w_1, \dots, w_r$  and let  $v_i \in V(G_1)$  be the subdivision vertex for  $vw_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all subdivision vertices which belong to  $D$  and if  $S$  is not empty let  $S = \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ . If  $S$  is empty, then  $v \in D$  and  $D - \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G - v$  ( $\mathcal{H}$  is induced-hereditary). Hence  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) = \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1) = |D| \geq 1 + \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G - v)$  and by the definition of  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$  it follows that (ii) holds. Now assume  $k \geq 1$ . We distinguish two cases according to  $k$ .

*Case 1:  $k = 1$ .* If  $v \in D$ , then since  $\mathcal{H}$  is induced-hereditary,  $w_1 \in \text{pn}[v_1, D]$ . But then  $D - \{v_1\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of the graph  $G_2$  obtained from  $G_1$  by deleting  $v_1$  and adding  $vw_1$ , a contradiction. So  $v \notin D$  which immediately implies  $w_2, \dots, w_r \in D$ . If  $w_1 \in D$ , then  $D - \{v_1\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G_2$ , a contradiction. If  $w_1 \notin D$  and  $w_1 \notin \text{pn}[v_1, D]$ , then  $(D - \{v_1\}) \cup \{v\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set without subdivision vertices—a contradiction. So, let  $w_1 \in \text{pn}[v_1, D]$ . But then  $D_{w_1} = (D - \{v_1\}) \cup \{w_1\}$

is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G)$ -set with  $\text{pn}[w_1, D_{w_1}] = \{w_1\}$ . This implies  $w_1 \in \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$  and then (iii) holds (with  $u \equiv w_1$ ).

*Case 2:*  $k \geq 2$ . By the choice of  $D$  it follows that  $w_i \notin D$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$  (otherwise  $D - \{v_i\}$  would be a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G_1$ , a contradiction). If  $w_i \in \text{pn}[v_i, D]$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ , then  $(D - \{v_i\}) \cup \{w_i\}$  is a  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G_1)$ -set with fewer subdivision vertices than  $D$ , a contradiction. Hence  $w_i \notin \text{pn}[v_i, D]$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . But then  $(D - S) \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating  $\mathcal{H}$ -set of  $G_1$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

The next two corollaries follow immediately from Theorem 2.5.

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. Let  $G$  be a graph,  $v \in V(G)$  and  $\deg(v) \geq 2$ . Then there is a subset  $U$  of the set of all edges incident to  $v$  with  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) \neq \gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(S(G, U))$  (in particular  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G) \leq \deg(v)$ ) provided one of the following holds:*

- (i)  $v$  and none of the isolated vertices of the graph  $\langle N(v), G \rangle$  belong to  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$ ;
- (ii)  $v \notin \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$  and  $\langle N(v), G \rangle \notin \mathcal{H}$ .

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. If a graph  $G$  has  $\Delta(G) \geq 2$  and  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G) = \emptyset$ , then  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G) \leq \min\{\deg(x) : x \in V(G) \text{ and } \deg(x) \geq 2\}$ .*

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. If a graph  $G$  has  $\Delta(G) \geq 2$  and  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) < (|V(G)| + \Delta(G))/(\Delta(G) + 1)$ , then  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G) \leq \min\{\deg(x) : x \in V(G) \text{ and } \deg(x) \geq 2\}$ .*

**Proof.** Assume  $x \in \mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$ . Then  $|V(G)| \leq (\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) - 1)(\Delta(G) + 1) + 1$ , which implies  $\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}(G) \geq (|V(G)| + \Delta(G))/(\Delta(G) + 1)$ , a contradiction. The result now follows by Corollary 2.7.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. Let  $G$  be a graph and let  $2 \leq \delta(G) \leq \Delta(G) < \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G)$ . Then  $\mathbf{V}_{\mathcal{H}}^-(G)$  is a dominating set of  $G$ .*

### 3. UPPER BOUNDS FOR $\xi(G)$

For 2-cell embeddings, we have the important result known as *generalized Euler's formula*.

**Theorem 3.1** (Thomassen [24]). *If  $G$  is 2-cell embedded on surface  $\Sigma$  having genus  $g$  or non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$  and if the embedded  $G$  has  $|V(G)| = p$  vertices,  $|E(G)| = q$  edges and  $|F(G)| = f$  faces, then  $p - q + f = 2 - 2g$  or  $p - q + f = 2 - \bar{g}$ , respectively.*

The following two results are of paramount importance when working with minimal embeddings. The former is due to J.W.T. Youngs [26] and the latter to Parsons, Pica, Pisanski and Ventre [18].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Every minimal orientable embedding of a graph  $G$  is 2-cell.*

**Theorem 3.3.** *Every graph  $G$  has a minimal non-orientable embedding which is 2-cell.*

The *Euler characteristic* of a surface is equal to  $|V(G)| + |F(G)| - |E(G)|$  for any graph  $G$  that is 2-cell embedded on that surface. The Euclidean plane, the projective plane, the torus, and the Klein bottle are all the surfaces of nonnegative Euler characteristic.

Let  $G$  be a graph 2-cell embedded on a surface  $S$ . For each edge  $e = xy \in E(G)$  we define

$$D_e = D_{xy} = \frac{1}{d(x)} + \frac{1}{d(y)} + \frac{1}{r_e^1} + \frac{1}{r_e^2} - 1,$$

where  $r_e^1$  is the number of edges on the boundary of a face on one side of  $e$ , and  $r_e^2$  is the number of edges on the boundary of the face on the other side of  $e$ . In case when an edge  $e$  is on the boundary of exactly one face, say  $f$ , let  $r_e^1 = r_e^2 = 2r_e$ , where  $r_e$  is the number of edges on the boundary of  $f$ . We observe that  $\sum_{e \in E(G)} (1/d(x) + 1/d(y)) = |V(G)|$  and  $\sum_{e \in E(G)} (1/r_e^1 + 1/r_e^2) = |F(G)|$ , and therefore

$$(3.1) \quad \sum_{e \in E(G)} D_e = |V(G)| + |F(G)| - |E(G)|.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph and let at least one of  $g(G) = 0$  and  $\bar{g}(G) = 1$  hold. Then  $\xi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 3$ . Moreover,  $\xi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2$  provided one of the following assertions holds:*

- (P<sub>1</sub>)  $\Delta(G) \notin \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ ;
- (P<sub>2</sub>)  $\Delta(G) \in \{6, 7\}$  and every edge  $e = xy \in E(G)$  with  $d(x) = 5$  and  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$  is contained in at most one triangle.

**Proof.** Suppose  $G$  is 2-cell embedded on at least one of  $S_0$  and  $N_1$ . Let  $e = xy \in E(G)$ ,  $d(x) \leq d(y)$  and  $r_e^1 \leq r_e^2$ .

*Case 1:* One of  $(P_1)$  and  $(P_2)$  holds. Assume to the contrary that  $\xi(G) \geq \Delta(G) + 3$ . Hence  $\Delta(G) \geq 6$ . If  $d(x) \leq 3$ , then  $d(x) = 3$ ,  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$  and  $r_e^1 \geq 4$ ; hence  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 \leq 0$ . If  $d(x) = 4$ , then  $d(y) \geq \Delta(G) - 1 + |N(x) \cap N(y)|$ , which implies either  $r_e^1 \geq 4$  and  $d(y) \in \{\Delta(G) - 1, \Delta(G)\}$  or  $r_e^1 = 3$ ,  $r_e^2 \geq 4$  and  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$ ; hence either  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)-1} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$  or  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 \leq 0$ .

Let  $d(x) = 5$ . Then  $d(y) \geq \Delta(G) - 2 + |N(x) \cap N(y)|$ , which leads to  $5 \leq d(y) \in \{\Delta(G) - 2, \Delta(G) - 1, \Delta(G)\}$ . If  $d(y) = \Delta(G) - 2$ , then  $r_e^1 \geq 4$ ; hence  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)-2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$ . If  $d(y) = \Delta(G) - 1$ , then  $r_e^2 \geq 4$ ; hence  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)-1} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$ . If  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$ , then (a)  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - 1 < 0$  when  $\Delta(G) \geq 8$ , and (b)  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$  when  $\Delta(G) \in \{6, 7\}$ .

Finally, if  $d(x) \geq 6$ , then  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - 1 = 0$ .

Therefore  $1 \leq |V(G)| + |F(G)| - |E(G)| = \sum_{e \in E(G)} D_e \leq 0$ , a contradiction.

*Case 2:*  $\Delta(G) \in \{6, 7\}$  and there is an edge  $e = xy \in E(G)$  with  $d(x) = 5$  and  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$  which belongs to at least 2 triangles. Clearly  $\xi(e) \leq \Delta(G) + 3$ .

*Case 3:*  $\Delta(G) = 5$ . Assume to the contrary that  $\xi(G) \geq \Delta(G) + 4$ . Then one of the following conditions holds: (a)  $d(x) = 4$ ,  $d(y) = 5$  and  $r_e^1 \geq 4$ , (b)  $d(x) = d(y) = 5$  and  $r_e^2 \geq 4$ . Hence  $D_e < 0$  and we obtain a contradiction as in Case 1.

*Case 4:*  $\Delta(G) = 4$ . Assume  $G$  is regular. Then  $G$  contains a triangle-otherwise  $D_e \leq 0$  for each edge  $e \in E(G)$ , a contradiction.

*Case 5:*  $\Delta(G) \leq 3$ . Obviously  $\xi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 3$ .  $\square$

The equality  $\xi(G) = \Delta(G) + 3$  holds at least for triangle-free cubic planar (projective) graphs. For example, such graphs are: (a) a prism graph  $CL_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , which is a graph corresponding to the skeleton of an  $n$ -prism, and (b) the Petersen graph which is nonplanar and can be embedded without crossings in the projective plane.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph and let at least one of the identities  $g(G) = 1$  and  $\overline{g}(G) = 2$  hold. Then  $\xi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 4$  with equality if and only if one of the following conditions is valid:*

$(P_3)$   $G$  is 4-regular without triangles;

$(P_4)$   $G$  is 6-regular and no edge of  $G$  belongs to at least 3 triangles.

**Proof.** Suppose  $G$  is 2-cell embedded on at least one of  $S_1$  and  $N_2$ . Let  $e = xy \in E(G)$ ,  $d(x) \leq d(y)$  and  $r_e^1 \leq r_e^2$ .

Assume that  $\xi(G) \geq \Delta(G) + 4$ . Hence  $\delta(G) \geq 4$ . First let  $d(x) = 4$ . Then  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$  and  $r_e^1 \geq 4$ , which leads to  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 \leq 0$  with equality when  $d(x) = d(y) = \Delta(G) = 4$  and  $r_e^1 = r_e^2 = 4$ . If  $d(x) = 5$ , then either  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$  and  $r_e^2 \geq 4$ , or  $d(y) = \Delta(G) - 1$  and  $r_e^1 \geq 4$ ; hence either  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$  or  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)-1} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$ . Now, let  $d(x) = 6$ . Then either  $d(y) = \Delta(G)$

and  $r_e^1 \geq 3$ ,  $r_e^2 \geq 3$  or  $d(y) = \Delta(G) - 1$ ,  $r_e^1 \geq 3$  and  $r_e^2 \geq 4$  or  $d(y) = \Delta(G) - 2$  and  $r_e^1 \geq 4$ . Hence either  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - 1 \leq 0$  with equality when  $d(x) = d(y) = \Delta(G) = 6$  and  $r_e^1 = r_e^2 = 3$ , or  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)-1} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$  or  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{\Delta(G)-2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 < 0$ , respectively. Finally, if  $d(x) \geq 7$ , then  $D_e \leq \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - 1 < 0$ .

Therefore  $0 = |V(G)| + |F(G)| - |E(G)| = \sum_{e \in E(G)} D_e \leq 0$  with equality if and only

if one of the following conditions is valid:

- (a)  $G$  is 4-regular and  $r_e^1 = r_e^2 = 4$  for each  $e \in E(G)$ ;
- (b)  $G$  is 6-regular and  $r_e^1 = r_e^2 = 3$  for each  $e \in E(G)$ .

Thus  $\xi(G) = \Delta(G) + 4$  and one of  $(P_3)$  and  $(P_4)$  holds.

It remains to note that (i) if  $(P_3)$  holds, then clearly  $\xi(G) = \Delta(G) + 4$ , and (ii) if  $G$  is 6-regular, then Theorem 3.1 implies  $r_e^1 = r_e^2 = 3$  for each edge  $e \in E(G)$ ; therefore  $\xi(G) = \Delta(G) + 4$  when  $(P_4)$  is satisfied.  $\square$

It follows from Theorem 3.1 that a 4-regular graph without triangles has a quadrilateral embedding. A classification of 4-regular graphs with quadrilateral embedding on the torus and the Klein bottle was given by Altshuler [1] and Nakamoto and Negami [16], respectively. Theorem 3.1 also implies that a graph with minimum degree 6 embedded in the torus or the Klein bottle is a 6-regular triangulation. Altshuler [1] found a characterization of 6-regular toroidal maps and Negami [17] characterized 6-regular graphs which embed in the Klein bottle.

#### 4. UPPER BOUNDS FOR THE DOMINATION SUBDIVISION AND BONDAGE NUMBERS

We will need the following results.

**Theorem 4.1** (Haynes et al. [9]). *For any connected graph  $G$  with adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , each of them of degree at least two, we have  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_T}^+(G) \leq \xi(uv) - 1$ .*

**Theorem 4.2** (Samodivkin [21]). *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a nondegenerate and induced-hereditary graph property. For any connected graph  $G$  with adjacent vertices  $u$  and  $v$ ,  $b_{\mathcal{H}}^+(G) \leq \xi(uv) - 1$ .*

**Theorem 4.3** (Jafari Rad and Volkmann [11]). *Let  $G$  be a graph and  $xy, yz \in E(G)$ . Then  $b_R(G) \leq \xi(xy) + d(z) - 3$ . If  $xz \in E(G)$ , then  $b_R(G) \leq \xi(xy) + d(z) - 4$ .*

If  $\xi(xy) = \xi(G)$ , then by Theorem 4.3 we obtain the next result immediately.

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order at least 3. Then  $b_R(G) \leq \xi(G) + \Delta(G) - 3$ . If every edge of  $G$  lies in a triangle, then  $b_R(G) \leq \xi(G) + \Delta(G) - 4$ .*

First we concentrate on graphs with nonnegative Euler characteristic. Combining Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.5 with Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 4.1 yields:

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property and let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . Let at least one of the equalities  $g(G) = i$  and  $\overline{g}(G) = 1 + i$  be valid for some  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then  $\max\{\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G), \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)\} \leq \Delta(G) + 2 + i$ . Moreover: (a)  $\max\{\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G), \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)\} \leq \Delta(G) + 1$  provided  $i = 0$  and one of  $(P_1)$  and  $(P_2)$  holds, and (b)  $\max\{\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G), \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)\} \leq \Delta(G) + 2$  provided  $i = 1$  and neither  $(P_3)$  nor  $(P_4)$  holds.*

Combining Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.5 with Theorem 4.2 we obtain

**Theorem 4.6.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a nondegenerate and induced-hereditary graph property. Let  $G$  be a nontrivial connected graph and let at least one of the equalities  $g(G) = i$  and  $\overline{g}(G) = 1 + i$  be valid for some  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then  $b_{\mathcal{H}}^+(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2 + i$ . Moreover: (a)  $b_{\mathcal{H}}^+(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$  provided  $i = 0$  and one of  $(P_1)$  and  $(P_2)$  holds, and (b)  $b_{\mathcal{H}}^+(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2$  provided  $i = 1$  and neither  $(P_3)$  nor  $(P_4)$  holds.*

The inequality  $b_{\mathcal{H}}^+(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 2 + i$  stated in Theorem 4.6 was proven by (a) Kang and Yuan [14] for  $g(G) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{I}$ , (b) Samodivkin [21] when  $g(G) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  is additive and induced-hereditary, (c) Carlson and Develin [2] for  $g(G) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{I}$ , and (d) Gagarin and Zverovich [6] for  $g(G) \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\overline{g}(G) \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{I}$ .

As we already know a 6-regular graph embedded in the torus or the Klein bottle is a triangulation. Combining Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.5 with Corollary 4.4 we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order at least 3 and let at least one of the equalities  $g(G) = i$  and  $\overline{g}(G) = 1 + i$  be valid for some  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then (Jafari Rad and Volkmann [12] when  $g(G) = 0$ )  $b_R(G) \leq 2\Delta(G) + i$ . Moreover:*

- (a)  $b_R(G) \leq 2\Delta(G) - 1$  provided  $i = 0$  and one of  $(P_1)$  and  $(P_2)$  holds, and
- (b)  $b_R(G) \leq 2\Delta(G)$  provided  $i = 1$  and  $(P_3)$  does not hold.

Next we find upper bounds in terms of orientable/non-orientable genus for  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{P}}}^{\neq}(G)$ ,  $\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)$ ,  $b_R(G)$  and  $b_{\mathcal{P}}^+(G)$ . We need the following notation and results.

Let

$$h_3(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 13 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 3, \\ 4x + 7 & \text{for } x \geq 3, \end{cases} \quad h_4(x) = \begin{cases} 8 & \text{for } x = 0, \\ 4x + 5 & \text{for } x \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$k_3(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 11 & \text{for } 1 \leq x \leq 2, \\ 2x + 9 & \text{for } 3 \leq x \leq 5, \\ 2x + 7 & \text{for } x \geq 6, \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad k_4(x) = \begin{cases} 8 & \text{for } x = 1, \\ 2x + 5 & \text{for } x \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 4.8** (Ivančo [10]). *If  $G$  is a connected graph of orientable genus  $g$  and minimum degree at least 3, then  $G$  contains an edge  $e = xy$  such that  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \leq h_3(g)$ . Furthermore, if  $G$  does not contain 3-cycles, then  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \leq h_4(g)$ . Moreover, all bounds are the best possible.*

**Theorem 4.9** (Jendrol' and Tuhásky [13]). *If  $G$  is a connected graph of minimum degree at least 3 on a nonorientable surface of genus  $\bar{g} \geq 1$ , then  $G$  contains an edge  $e = xy$  such that  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \leq k_3(\bar{g})$ . Furthermore, if  $G$  does not contain 3-cycles, then  $\deg(x) + \deg(y) \leq k_4(\bar{g})$ . Moreover, all bounds are the best possible.*

The next theorem follows by combining Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 4.1 with Theorem 4.8 and Theorem 4.9.

**Theorem 4.10.** *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be an induced-hereditary and closed under union with  $K_1$  graph property. For a connected graph  $G$  of orientable genus  $g$ , non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$  and minimum degree at least 3, we have  $\max\{\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G), \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)\} \leq \min\{h_3(g), k_3(\bar{g})\} - 1$ . Furthermore, if  $G$  does not contain 3-cycles, then*

$$\max\{\text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{H}}}^{\neq}(G), \text{sd}_{\gamma_{\mathcal{T}}}^+(G)\} \leq \min\{h_4(g), k_4(\bar{g})\} - 1.$$

Corollary 4.4, Theorem 4.8 and Theorem 4.9 together lead to

**Theorem 4.11.** *Let  $G$  be a connected graph of minimum degree at least 3, orientable genus  $g$  and non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$ . Then  $b_R(G) \leq \min\{h_3(g), k_3(\bar{g})\} + \Delta(G) - 3$ . If every edge of  $G$  lies in a triangle, then  $b_R(G) \leq \min\{h_3(g), k_3(\bar{g})\} + \Delta(G) - 4$ . If  $G$  does not contain triangles, then  $b_R(G) \leq \min\{h_4(g), k_4(\bar{g})\} + \Delta(G) - 3$ .*

Gagarin and Zverovich [6] have recently proposed the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 4.12.** For a connected graph  $G$  of orientable genus  $g$  and non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$  we have,  $b(G) \leq \min\{c_g, c'_{\bar{g}}\}$ , where  $c_g$  and  $c_{\bar{g}}$  are constants depending, respectively, on the orientable and non-orientable genera of  $G$ .

In this connection, combining Theorem 4.2 with Theorem 4.8 and Theorem 4.9 we have the following result.

**Theorem 4.13.** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a nondegenerate and induced-hereditary graph property. For a nontrivial connected graph  $G$  of orientable genus  $g$ , non-orientable genus  $\bar{g}$  and minimum degree at least 3 we have  $b_{\mathcal{H}}^+(G) \leq \min\{h_3(g), k_3(\bar{g})\} - 1$ . Furthermore, if  $G$  does not contain 3-cycles, then  $b_{\mathcal{H}}^+(G) \leq \min\{h_4(g), k_4(\bar{g})\} - 1$ .

The next conjecture in the case provided  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{I}$  is the main outstanding conjecture on ordinary bondage number.

**Conjecture 4.14** (Teschner [23] when  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{I}$ ). Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a nondegenerate and induced-hereditary graph property. Then for any graph  $G$ ,  $b_{\mathcal{P}}^+(G) \leq 1.5\Delta(G)$ .

Theorem 4.13 gives particular support for this conjecture. Namely, Conjecture 4.14 is true when  $\min\{h_3(g), k_3(\bar{g})\} - 1 \leq 1.5\Delta(G)$  and  $\delta(G) \geq 3$ .

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