

## STRONG SPLIT BLOCK CUT VERTEX DOMINATION OF A GRAPH

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we initiate the study of a variation of standard domination, namely strong split block cut vertex domination in  $G$ . Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph and  $H=BC(G)$  is the block cut vertex graph of  $G$ . A strong split block cut vertex (SSBC) dominating set of  $G$  is a set  $D \subseteq V[H]$ , where  $\langle V(H) - D \rangle$  is totally disconnected with at least two vertices. The strong split block cut vertex (SSBC) domination number of a graph  $G$  denoted by  $\gamma_{ssbc}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of SSBC-set of  $G$ . We determine the best possible upper bounds and lower bounds for  $\gamma_{ssbc}(G)$  in terms of the elements of  $G$ , characterizing those graphs achieving these bounds. Also we characterize the class of trees for which  $\gamma_{ssbc}(G)$  relates to restrained domination number and total restrained domination number of  $G$ .

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