

On the co-intersection graph of subsemimodules of a semimodule

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Abstract

Let S be a semiring with identity and U be a unitary left S -semimodule. The co-intersection graph of an S -semimodule U , denoted by $\Gamma(U)$, is defined to be the undirected simple graph whose vertices are in one-to-one correspondence with all non-trivial subsemimodules of U , and there is an edge between two distinct vertices N and L if and only if $N + L \neq U$. We study these graphs to relate the combinatorial properties of $\Gamma(U)$ to the algebraic properties of the S -semimodule U . We study the connectedness of $\Gamma(U)$. We investigate some properties of $\Gamma(U)$ for instance, we find the domination number and clique number of $\Gamma(U)$. Also, we study cycles in $\Gamma(U)$.

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1 Introduction

In 1964, Bosak [9] defined the graph of subsemigroups of a semigroup. In 2012, the intersection graph of submodules of a module was considered by Akbari et. al. in [1]. Recently many structures of graphs related to the module and semiring structure are found in [5]-[7]. The co-intersection graph of the proper submodules of a module is studied in [12]. Encouraged by preceding studies on the intersection graph of algebraic constructions, we describe the co-intersection graph of subsemimodules of a semimodule in [13]. Here we revise more aspects of the co-intersection graph of subsemimodules of a semimodule and obtain more results.

A semiring S is algebraic system $(S, +, \cdot)$ where $(S, +)$ and (S, \cdot) are commutative semigroups, connected by $z(x + y) = zx + zy$ for all $x, y, z \in S$ and there exist $0 \neq 1 \in S$ such that $s + 0 = s, s0 = 0s = 0$ and $s1 = 1s = s$ for all $s \in S$ [2].

Let $(U, +)$ be an additive abelian monoid with additive identity 0_U . Then U is called an S -semimodule (a semimodule over a semiring S) if there exists a scalar multiplication $S \times U \rightarrow U$ denoted by $(s, u) \mapsto su$, such that $(ss')u = s(s'u)$; $s(u + u') = su + su'$; $(s + s')u = su + s'u$; $1u = u$ and $s0_U = 0_U = 0u$ for all $s, s' \in S$ and all $u, u' \in U$. A nonempty subset N of a left S -semimodule U is a subsemimodule of S if and only if N is closed under addition and scalar multiplication [4]. All semiring in this paper are commutative with non-zero identity and U be a left S -semimodule.

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We mean from a non-trivial subsemimodule of U is a nonzero proper subsemimodule of U . A semimodule U is simple if it has no non-trivial subsemimodule. A semimodule U is called indecomposable, if it is not a direct sum of two non-zero subsemimodules. A subsemimodule of U is minimal if and only if it does not have any subsemimodule of U other than 0 and itself. We mean by $\min(U)$ the set of minimal subsemimodules of U . The length of U is the length of the composition series of U , represented by $l_S(U)$. A subsemimodule N of U is called small in U (we write $N \ll U$), if for every subsemimodule $X \subseteq U$, with $N + X = U$ implies that $X = U$, i.e., N is called small in U , if $N + X \neq U$ for every proper subsemimodule X of U . The radical of an S -semimodule U , denoted by $\text{Rad}(U)$, is the sum of all small subsemimodules of U [11]. A semimodule U is called hollow, if every proper subsemimodule of U is small in U [6].

A subsemimodule M of U is called maximal in U if and only if it is not properly contained in any other subsemimodule of U . If U has a unique maximal subsemimodule then U is named local. $\max(U)$ is the set of all maximal subsemimodules of U . A subsemimodule N of U is called subtractive if $x, x + y \in N$, implies $y \in N$ for all $x, y \in U$. If each subsemimodule of U is subtractive, we say that U is subtractive see for example [3]. If each proper subtractive subsemimodule of U is contained in a maximal subtractive subsemimodule, we say that U is coatomic [8].

For the definitions of semirings and semimodules we refer [10]. For graph theory, the reference is [14].

Let $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$ be a graph with the set of vertices $V(\Gamma)$ and the edge set $E(\Gamma)$ where an edge is an unordered pair of distinct vertices of Γ . Graph Γ is finite, if $\text{card}(V(\Gamma)) < \infty$, otherwise Γ is infinite. For two distinct vertices Q and P represented by $Q - P$ means that Q and P are adjacent. The graph whose vertices can be separated into two sets W and V such that every edge joins a vertex in W to one in V , and W and V are each independent is called bipartite. The vertices u and v of a graph Γ are named joined in Γ if a path exists between them. If a path exists between any two distinct vertices of Γ , we say that a graph Γ is joined (or connected). Or else, Γ is called disconnected. Let Γ be a joined graph. An E, D -path is a path with starting vertex E and ending vertex D . The distance between two distinct vertices E and D , indicated by $d(E, D)$, is the length of the shortest E, D - path joining them if a path exists.

A null graph is a graph with no edges. If there is a path between every pair of vertices of Γ we say that a graph Γ is named connected.

A complete graph is a graph in which every pair of distinct vertices are adjacent. The complete graph with n distinct vertices, denoted by K_n .

A complete subgraph in Γ is called a clique in Γ . The number of vertices in the biggest clique of Γ , denoted by $\omega(\Gamma)$, is called the clique number of Γ . The smallest number of colours which can be assigned to the vertices of Γ such that every two adjacent vertices have dissimilar colours is called the chromatic number of Γ , denoted by $\chi(\Gamma)$. A graph Γ in which $\omega(\Gamma) = \chi(\Gamma)$ is called weakly perfect. A graph Γ is planar if it can be drawn in the plane consequently that its edges intersect only on their ends.

2 Connectivity of $\Gamma(U)$

Let U be an S -semimodule. In this section, we characterize all semimodules for which the co-intersection graph of subsemimodules is not connected. Finally, we study some semimodules whose intersection graphs are complete.

Theorem 2.1. [13, Theorem 2.3] Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule. Then the graph $\Gamma(U)$ is not connected if and only if $U = T_1 \oplus T_2$, where T_1, T_2 are two simple S -semimodules.

Now, we give some corollaries which are direct consequences of Theorem 2.1.

Corollary 2.2. Assume a subtractive S -semimodule U is not simple. Then $\Gamma(U)$ is connected if and only if either U is not semisimple or $U = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n U_i$, wherever $n \geq 3$ and U_i is a simple semimodule for all $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Corollary 2.3. Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule and $|\Gamma(U)| > 2$. If $\Gamma(U)$ has at least one edge, then $\Gamma(U)$ is a connected graph.

Corollary 2.4. Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule and $|\Gamma(U)| > 2$. Then $\Gamma(U)$ is a null graph if and only if $l_S(U) = 2$.

Remark 2.5. [13, Remark 2.8] If U is a coatomic subtractive S -semimodule, then every non-maximal subsemimodule is adjacent to at least one maximal subsemimodule in $\Gamma(U)$.

Proof . Let $T \in V(\Gamma(U)) \setminus \max(U)$. So $T \subset M$, for some $M \in \max(U)$. Then clearly, $T + M = M$. So T is adjacent to M . \square

For any semimodule U , We mean of $|\max(U)|$ and $|\min(U)|$ are the number of maximal and minimal subsemimodules of U , respectively.

Theorem 2.6. Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule with $\Gamma(U)$ and let N be a minimal subsemimodule of U , such that $\deg(N) < \infty$. If $\Gamma(U)$ is connected, then $|\min(U)| < \infty$.

Proof . Let $\Omega = \{K \leq U \mid K \text{ be a minimal subsemimodule of } U\}$. Clearly, $\Omega \neq \emptyset$. Since $\Gamma(U)$ is connected, according to [13, Corollary 2.7(2)], for all $K \in \Omega, K + N \neq U$, for N and every $K \in \Omega$ are minimal subsemimodules of U and adjacent vertices of $\Gamma(U)$ with $\deg(N) < \infty$. Thus, $|\Omega| < \infty$, this ends the proof. \square

Theorem 2.7. Let U be a Noetherian subtractive S -semimodule. Then $\Gamma(U)$ is complete if and only if U contains a unique maximal subsemimodule.

Proof . Assume that U is a subtractive Noetherian S -semimodule, then $\max(U) \neq \emptyset$. In addition, each nonzero subsemimodule T of U there is $P \in \max(U)$ such that $T \subseteq P$. Hence, if U possesses a unique maximal subsemimodule, say M , then M contains every nonzero subsemimodule of U . Suppose that N and L are two different vertices of $\Gamma(U)$. So $N \subseteq M$ and $L \subseteq M$, hence $N + L \subseteq M \neq U$. Thus, $\Gamma(U)$ is complete.

Conversely, assume that $\Gamma(U)$ is complete. Let $X, Y \in \max(U)$. Then $X + Y \neq U$, since $X \subseteq X + Y$ and $Y \subseteq X + Y$, by maximality of X and Y , we have $X + Y = X = Y$, a contradiction. So, U contains a unique maximal subsemimodule. \square

Corollary 2.8. Let U be an S -semimodule. Then $\Gamma(U)$ is complete, if one of the following holds:

- (i) if U is an indecomposable S -semimodule, such that $N \cap L = (0)$ for any nontrivial subsemimodules N, L of U .
- (ii) if U is a local S -semimodule.

Proof . (i) Clear.
 (ii) Since local S -semimodules are hollow, by [13, Theorem 2.12], $\Gamma(U)$ is complete. \square

Example 2.9. For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with $n \geq 2$ and each prime number p , the \mathbb{Z} -semimodule \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} is local. By Corollary 2.8, $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})$ is complete. Also, $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})$ has $n - 1$ vertices (See Figure 1 for $p = 2$ and $n = 5$).

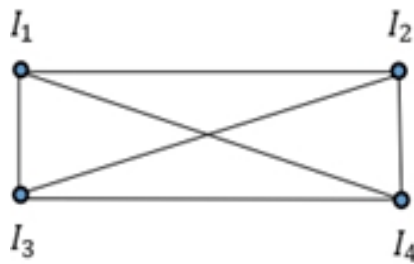


Figure 1. $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{32})$

Example 2.10. Assume $\mathbb{Z}_0 = \mathbb{Z}^+U\{0\}$ is the semiring of non-negative integers, then the \mathbb{Z}_0 - semimodule \mathbb{Z}_0 is local with maximal subsemimodule $N = \mathbb{Z}_0 \setminus \{1\}$. By Corollary 2.8, $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_0)$ is a complete graph.

Example 2.11. Set $S = B(p^h, 0) = \{0, 1, \dots, p^h - 1\}$, where p is a prime integer and $h \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and define an operation \oplus on S as follows: If $a, b \in S$ then $a \oplus b = a + b$ if $a + b \leq p^h - 1$ and, otherwise, $a \oplus b$ is the unique element c of S satisfying $c \equiv a + b \pmod{p^h}$. Define the an operation \odot on S similarly. Then, (S, \oplus, \odot) is a local semiring [10, Example 6.1, p. 65]. So, by Corollary 2.8, the graph of the S -semimodule S is complete.

3 Cycles in Co-intersection Graphs of semimodules

In this section, the existence of cycles in $\Gamma(U)$ are studied.

Definition 3.1. In any graph, a cycle is a path of length at least 3 through distinct vertices which begins and ends at the same vertex.

Remark 3.2. A cycle of n vertices is denoted by C_n and is called an n -cycle. By (x, y, z) we mean a 3-cycle.

Proposition 3.3. Assume that U be a subtractive semimodule and $\Gamma(U)$ be a connected graph. If U has at least three minimal subsemimodules, then $\Gamma(U)$ contains a cycle.

Proof . Suppose that M_1, M_2 and M_3 are three minimal subsemimodules of U and $\Gamma(U)$ is a connected graph. Then by [13, Corollary 2.7(2)], (M_1, M_2, M_3) is a 3-cycle of $\Gamma(U)$. \square

Proposition 3.4. Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule and $\Gamma(U)$ be a connected graph. If U has at least three minimal subsemimodules, then $\Gamma(U)$ is not bipartite graph.

Proof . Suppose M_1, M_2 and M_3 are three minimal subsemimodules of U and $\Gamma(U)$ is a connected graph. Then by [13, Corollary 2.7(2)], (M_1, M_2, M_3) is a 3-cycle of $\Gamma(U)$. It is clear that a simple graph is bipartite if and only if it has no odd cycle. Hence, $\Gamma(U)$ is not bipartite graph. \square

Proposition 3.5. Suppose H_1 and H_2 are two adjacent non-maximal subsemimodules of a semimodule U such that $H_1 \not\subseteq H_2 \wedge H_2 \not\subseteq H_1$, then the set $\{H_1, H_2, H_1 + H_2\}$ forms a triangle in $\Gamma(U)$

Proof . It is clear. \square

Example 3.6. (1) A graph $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ has a cycle if and only if $n = km$, where k is a positive integer and m is one of the forms: p^4, p^2q or pqr , where p, q and r are different primes.

(2) A graph $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ contains no a cycle if and only if $n = pq, p^2$ or p^3 such that p and q are two different primes. It contains a 3 -cycle, in all other cases.

4 Clique Number and Domination Number of $\Gamma(U)$

Let U be an S -semimodule. In this section, we get some results on the clique number of $\Gamma(U)$. Lastly, it is showed that $\chi(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$, provided $\omega(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$. We determine the domination number in the co-intersection graphs of $\Gamma(U)$. Also, we note here that $\Gamma(U)$ has a minimal dominating set for any S -semimodule U .

Lemma 4.1. Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule such that $1 < \omega(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$. Then $|\min(U)| < \infty$.

Proof . As $\omega(\Gamma) > 1$, by [13, Proposition 3.1(2)] , U is not a direct sum of two simple S semimodules. Then, $\Gamma(U)$ is not joined according to Theorem 2.1. Thus, by [12, Corollary 2.7(2)], $N + L \neq U$ for any $N, L \in \min(U)$. Assume that $\Gamma^*(U)$ is a subgraph of $\Gamma(U)$ has the vertex set $V^* = \{L \leq U \mid L \text{ is minimal subsemimodule of } U\}$. Now $\Gamma^*(U)$ is a clique in U , and $|V^*| = \omega(\Gamma^*(U)) \leq \omega(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$. So, $|\min(U)| < \infty$. \square

Theorem 4.2. If $|\Gamma(U)| = \infty$ and $\omega(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$. Then the following hold.

- (1) $|\max(U)| = \infty$;
- (2) $\chi(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$

Proof . (1) By the contrary way, assume $|\max(U)| < \infty$. Since $|\Gamma(U)| = \infty$, so $\Gamma(U)$ has an infinite clique, a contradiction because $\omega(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$.

(2) If $\omega(\Gamma(U)) = 1$, there is nothing to show. Assume $\omega(\Gamma(U)) > 1$. As, $M + N = U$ for any $M, N \in \max(U)$, so M, N are not two adjacent vertices of $\Gamma(U)$. Now, by Part (1), $|\max(U)| = \infty$. Henceforth, we can color all $N \in \max(U)$ by a color, and other vertices, which are finite number, by a new color, to get a proper vertex coloring of $\Gamma(U)$. So, $\chi(\Gamma(U)) < \infty$. \square

Now, we prove that if $\omega(\Gamma(U))$ is infinite, then there is an infinite clique in $\Gamma(U)$.

Proposition 4.3. If $|\Gamma(U)| = \infty$. Then there is an infinite clique of $\Gamma(U)$, if one of the following holds.

- (1) The subsemimodules of U form a chain.
- (2) The semimodule U is hollow or local.

Proof .

- (1) Use Remark 2.11 in [13].
- (2) Use [13, Theorem 2.12] and part 2 of Corollary 2.8.

□

Example 4.4. For every prime number p , we consider the graph $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})$. Since the \mathbb{Z} -semimodule \mathbb{Z}_{p^∞} is hollow, by Proposition 4.3 (2), $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})$ contains an infinite clique.

Example 4.5. Any induced subgraph on the set of any finitely generated subsemimodules of the \mathbb{Z} -semimodule \mathbb{Q} is clique in $\Gamma(\mathbb{Q})$. Toward realize this, suppose that $N \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ and N is finitely generated. Let $N = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle$, where $x_i \in \mathbb{Q}$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Hence $N = x_1\mathbb{Z} + x_2\mathbb{Z} + \dots + x_n\mathbb{Z}$. Note, for $L \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$, if $N + L = \mathbb{Q}$, then as N has a spanning set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, thus $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \cup L$ is a generated set of \mathbb{Q} and it can be possible if L is a generated set of \mathbb{Q} . Hence $L = \mathbb{Q}$. So, all finitely generated subsemimodule of \mathbb{Q} as a \mathbb{Z} semimodule, is a small subsemimodule. Thus it obtains from [13, Theorem 2.12].

Definition 4.6. A graph Γ is called weakly perfect graph if $\omega(\Gamma) = \chi(\Gamma)$.

At present we provide particular examples of co-intersection graphs of non-semisimple semimodules.

Example 4.7. Let p and q be two different prime numbers. Clearly, \mathbb{Z}_{pq^3} as a \mathbb{Z} -semimodule is not semisimple and $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{pq^3})$ is a weakly perfect (See Figure 2).

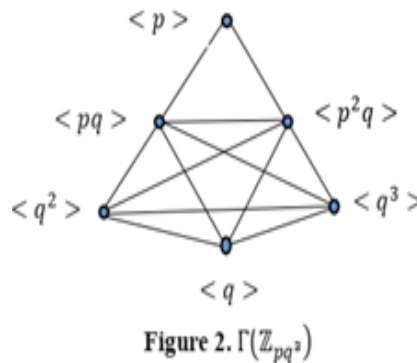


Figure 2. $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{pq^3})$

Example 4.8. We consider \mathbb{Z}_8 as \mathbb{Z} -semimodule. The non-trivial subsemimodules of \mathbb{Z}_8 are $L = \{\bar{0}, \bar{4}\}$ and $N = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}\}$. Since $L + N = N \neq \mathbb{Z}_8$, L and N are adjacent vertices in $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_8)$. Hence, $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_8) \cong K_2$, then $\omega(\Gamma(U)) = \chi(\Gamma(U)) = 2$.

Definition 4.9. Let Γ be a graph. By a *DS* (dominating set) for Γ we mean a subset D of $V(\Gamma(U))$ such that each vertex not in D is joined to at least one vertex in D by some edge. A dominating set DS is named a minimal dominating set if D' is not a dominating set for every subset D' of D with $D' \neq D$. The smallest of the cardinalities of the minimal dominating sets for Γ , indicated by $\gamma(\Gamma)$ is named the domination number of Γ . An infinite graph may not have a minimal dominating set, in which case, the domination number is not defined. For references on Domination Theory, see [14].

Remark 4.10. In our case, a set D of non-trivial S -subsemimodules of U is a dominating set for $\Gamma(U)$ if and only if for any non-trivial S -subsemimodule X of U there is a Y in D such that $X + Y \neq U$.

Definition 4.11. If a vertex u is adjacent to any vertex in $\Gamma(U)$ then u is called universal.

Lemma 4.12. Let U be an S -semimodule and N a non-trivial subsemimodule of U . Then N is a universal vertex in $\Gamma(U)$ if and only if $N \ll U$.

Proof . Clear. \square

We begin by the next obvious lemma.

Lemma 4.13. For a semimodule U with $|\Gamma(U)| \geq 2$, then the next hold:

- (1) If a subset D of $V(\Gamma(U))$ which contains a universal vertex, then D is a DS in $\Gamma(U)$.
- (2) If $\Gamma(U)$ contains a universal vertex, then for each universal vertex M of $\Gamma(U)$, $\{M\}$ is a minimal dominating set and $\gamma(\Gamma(U)) = 1$.

Proof . This is clear. \square

Example 4.14. Consider \mathbb{Q} as \mathbb{Z} -semimodule and \mathbb{Z}_{pq^2} as \mathbb{Z}_{pq^2} -semimodule such that p and q are two distinct prime numbers. Since $\mathbb{Z} \ll \mathbb{Q}$ and $\langle pq \rangle \ll \mathbb{Z}_{pq^2}$, it is not difficult to see that \mathbb{Z} is a universal vertex of $\Gamma(\mathbb{Q})$ and $\langle pq \rangle$ is a universal vertex of $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{pq^2})$. Then by Lemma 4.12, we conclude that:

- (1) $\{\langle pq \rangle\}$ is a minimal dominating set and $\gamma(\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{pq^2})) = 1$.
- (2) $\{\mathbb{Z}\}$ is a minimal dominating set and $\gamma(\Gamma(\mathbb{Q})) = 1$.

Corollary 4.15. Let U be a subtractive semimodule over a semiring S and $\text{Rad}(U) \neq (0)$. Then the next situations hold:

- (1) $\{\text{Rad}(U)\}$ is a minimal dominating set if U is finitely generated.
- (2) The graph $\Gamma(U)$ has a minimal dominating set if every non-trivial subsemimodule of U is contained in a maximal subsemimodule.

Proof .

- (1) Let U be a finitely generated subtractive semimodule. So, $\text{Rad}(U) \ll U$. Since $\text{Rad}(U) \neq (0)$, $\text{Rad}(U)$ is a vertex of $\Gamma(U)$. Thus $\text{Rad}(U)$ is adjacent to every other vertex of $\Gamma(U)$. So, $\{\text{Rad}(U)\}$ is a dominating set.
- (2) From the assumption, we have $\text{Rad}(U) \ll U$. From part (1), $\{\text{Rad}(U)\}$ is a dominating set.

\square

Theorem 4.16. Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule with $\text{Rad}(U) \neq (0)$ and $|\Gamma(U)| \geq 2$. If U is hollow, then the next hold:

- (1) Every subset of $V(\Gamma(U))$ is a dominating set in $\Gamma(U)$.
- (2) $\gamma(\Gamma(U)) = 1$
- (3) If $\Gamma(U)$ is a finite graph, then the number of the dominating set is equal to $2^{|\Gamma(U)|} - 2$.
- (4) If $\Gamma(U)$ is an infinite graph, then the number of the dominating set is infinite.

Proof . (1) Assume the semimodule U is hollow. By [13, Theorem 2.12], $\Gamma(U)$ is complete. Thus, every subset of $V(\Gamma(U))$ is a DS in $\Gamma(U)$.

(2) Since the semimodule U is hollow, $L \ll U$ for every non-trivial subsemimodule L of U . Henceforth, by Lemmas 4.12 and 4.13, $\gamma(\Gamma(U)) = 1$.

(3) Let $|\Gamma(U)| = n$, where $2 \leq n < \infty$. As $\Gamma(U)$ is a complete graph with n vertices, then the number of non-empty proper subsets of the vertex set $V(\Gamma(U))$, which are DS, is equal to $\sum_{t=1}^{k-1} C(k, t) = 2^k - 2$, where $C(k, t)$ is an t -combination of $V(\Gamma(U))$ with k elements, and for a positive integer $t \leq k$.

(4) It follows from (3). \square

Example 4.17. For each prime number p and $n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 2$, we get:

- (1) $\gamma(\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})) = \gamma(\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})) = 1$
- (2) The number of the dominating set of $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^n})$ is $2^{n-1} - 2$.
- (3) The number of the dominating set of $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}_{p^\infty})$ is infinite.

Corollary 4.18. Let U be a subtractive S -semimodule. Then each $D \subseteq V(\Gamma(U))$ is a dominating set of $\Gamma(U)$ and $\gamma(\Gamma(U)) = 1$, if one of the next statements holds:

- (a) The semimodule U contains a unique maximal subsemimodule and it is Noetherian.
- (b) The semimodule U is an indecomposable semimodule such that $N \cap L = (0)$ for any non-trivial subsemimodules N and L of U .
- (c) U is local semimodule.

Proof . (a) It follows from Theorem 2.7 and Lemmas 4.12 and 4.13.

(b) By Corollary 2.8.

(c) It follows from Corollary 2.8 and Theorem 4.16, since every local semimodule is hollow as in [15]. \square

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