

## TOTAL LICT DOMINATION IN GRAPHS

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**Abstract:** For any graph  $G$ , the lict graph  $n G = J$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph whose vertex set is the union of the set of edges and set of cut vertices of  $G$  in which two vertices are adjacent if and only if corresponding members are adjacent or incident. A set  $D$  is a total dominating set, if  $N D = V$  or equivalently, if for every vertex  $v \in V$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in S, u \neq v$  such that  $u$  is adjacent to  $v$ . The total domination number  $\gamma_t G$  equals the minimum cardinality of total dominating set of  $G$ . A dominating set  $D'$  of  $J$  is a total dominating set if  $N J = V[n G]$  and the minimum cardinality of  $D'$  is total domination number of  $n G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_m G$ . In this paper, many bounds on  $\gamma_m G$  were obtained in terms of vertices, edges and other different parameters of  $G$  but not in terms of elements of  $J$ . Further we develop its relation with other different domination parameters.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, all the graphs considered here are simple, finite, non-trivial, undirected and connected. As usual  $p$  and  $q$  denote, the number of vertices and edges of a graph  $G$ . In this paper, for any undefined terms or notations can be found in Harary [3].

As usual, the maximum/minimum degree of a vertex in  $G$  is denoted by  $\Delta G / \delta G$ . The degree of an edge  $e = uv$  of  $G$  is defined as  $\deg e = \deg u + \deg v - 2$  and  $\delta' G$  ( $\Delta' G$ ) is the minimum (maximum) degree among the edges of  $G$ .

For any real number  $x$ ,  $\lceil x \rceil$  denotes the smallest integer not less than  $x$  and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the greatest integer not greater than  $x$ .

A vertex (edge) cover in a graph  $G$  is a set of vertices that covers all the edges (vertices) of  $G$ . The vertex (edge) covering number  $\alpha_0 G$  ( $\alpha_1 G$ ) is a minimum cardinality of a vertex (edge) cover in  $G$ . The vertex (edge) independence number  $\beta_0 G$  ( $\beta_1 G$ ) is the maximum cardinality of independent set of vertices (edges) in  $G$ .

A vertex of degree one is called an end vertex and its neighbor is called support vertex. A vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is called a cutvertex if removing it from  $G$  increases the number of components of  $G$ .

A subdivision of edge  $e = uv$  of a graph  $G$  is the replacement of the edge  $e$  by a path  $uvw$ . The graph obtained from  $G$  by subdividing each edge of  $G$  exactly once is called the subdivision graph of  $G$  and is denoted by  $S G$ .

A line graph  $L G$  is the graph whose vertices corresponds to the edges of  $G$  and two vertices  $L G$  are adjacent if and only if the corresponding edges in  $G$  are adjacent (that is , are incident with a common vertex).

We begin by recalling some standard definition from domination theory.

A set  $D$  of a graph  $G = V, E$  is a dominating set if every vertex in  $V - D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ . The domination number  $\gamma G$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a minimal dominating set in  $G$ . The study of domination in graphs was begun by Ore [7] and Berge [1].

A set  $F$  of edges in a graph  $G = V, E$  is called an edge dominating set of  $G$  if every edge in  $E - F$  is adjacent to at least one edge in  $F$ . The edge domination number  $\gamma' G$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of an edge dominating set in  $G$ . Edge domination number was studied by S.L. Mitchell and Hedetniemi [6].

A set  $D \subseteq V[L G]$  is said to be dominating set of  $L G$ , if every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The domination number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma[L G]$  is the minimum cardinality of dominating set .

A set  $D$  is a total dominating set, if  $N D = V$  or equivalently, if for every vertex  $v \in V$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in S, u \neq v$  such that  $u$  is adjacent to  $v$ . The total domination number  $\gamma_t G$  equals the minimum cardinality of total dominating set of  $G$ . This concept was introduced by Cockayne, Dawes and Hedetniemi [2]. The concept of domination in graphs with its many variations is now well studied in graph theory. (see [4], [5]).

Analogously, we define total domination number in lict graph as follows.

A dominating set  $D'$  of  $n G = J$  is said to be total dominating set if  $N D' = V[n G]$  or equivalently, if for every vertex  $v \in V[n G]$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in D', u \neq v$  such that  $u$  is adjacent to  $v$  in  $n G$ . The total domination number of  $n G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_m G$  and is the minimum cardinality of a total dominating set in  $n G$ .

In this paper, many bounds on  $\gamma_m G$  were obtained in terms of vertices, edges of  $G$ . Also we establish total domination number of a lict graph  $n G$  and express the results with other different domination parameters of  $G$ .

## 2. RESULTS

Initially we begin with Total domination number of lict graph of some standard graphs, which are straight forward in the following theorem.

### Theorem 1:

(i) For any cycle  $C_p$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_m C_p &= \frac{p}{2} && \text{if } p \equiv 0 \pmod{4} . \\ &= \frac{p}{2} + 1 && \text{if } p = 6 + 4n, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, i \\ &= \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil && \text{if } p \text{ is odd .} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) For any bipartite graph  $K_{p_1, p_2}$  with  $p_1 \leq p_2$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m [K_{p_1, p_2}] = p_1$$

(iii) For any star  $K_{1, p}$  with  $p > 2$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m K_{1,p} = 2.$$

**Theorem 2.** A total list dominating set  $D' \subseteq V[n G]$  is minimal if for each vertex  $v \in D'$ , one of the following condition holds

- a) There exists a vertex  $u \in V[n G] - D'$  such that  $N u \cap D' = v$ .
- b)  $v$  is not an isolated vertex in  $\langle D' \rangle$ .
- c)  $\langle V[n G] - D' \cup v \rangle$  is connected.

**Proof:** Suppose  $D'$  is a minimal total list dominating set of  $G$  and there exists a vertex  $v \in D'$  such that  $v$  does not hold only of the above conditions. Then for some vertex  $w$ , the set  $D_1 = D' \cup w$  forms a total list dominating set in  $G$  by condition  $a$  and  $b$ . Also by  $c$ ,  $\langle V[n G] - D' \rangle$  is disconnected. This implies that  $D_1$  is total list dominating set of  $G$ , a contradiction.

Conversely suppose  $\forall v \in D'$ , one of the above statements hold. Further if  $D$  is not minimal, then there exists a vertex  $v \in D'$  such that  $D' - v$  such that  $u$  dominates  $v$ . That is  $u \in N v$ . Hence  $v$  does not satisfy  $a$  and  $b$ , hence it must satisfy  $c$ . Then there exists a vertex  $u \in V[n G] - D'$  such that  $N u \cap D' = v$ .

Since  $D' - v$  is total list dominating set in  $G$ , then there exists a vertex  $x \in N u \cap D'$  where  $x \neq v$ , a contradiction to the fact  $N u \cap D' = v$ .

Clearly  $D'$  is a minimal total list dominating set in  $G$ .

**Theorem 3 :** For any connected  $p, q$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m G \leq \gamma_t G + \delta G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $D = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the dominating set of  $G$  and  $V' = V - D$

be the set such that  $H \subseteq V'$  with the minimum set of vertices. Suppose  $\langle D \rangle$  has no isolates, then

$D$  itself is a dominating set of  $G$ . consider some  $v_i \in H$  such that  $\forall v_j \in D, v_i, v_j \in E - G$  and

$\langle D \cup v_i \rangle$  has no isolates, then  $D \cup v_i$  is a total dominating set. Hence

$|D \cup v_i| = \gamma_t G$ . Further consider  $E = e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n$ ;  $C = c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n$  be the

set of edges and cut vertices in  $G$ . In line graph  $nG$ ,  $V[nG] = [E - G \cup C - G]$ . By

representing each element of  $E$  as  $H = u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  and  $J = u'_1, u'_2, u'_3, \dots, u'_n$  of

$C$ . Clearly  $V[nG] = H \cup J$ . Let  $H' \subset H$  and  $J' \subset J$  be the set of vertices of  $nG$  such

that  $\forall u_i$  and  $u'_i \in H' \cup J'$  are adjacent to atleast one vertex of  $V[nG] - H' \cup J'$  and

$\langle H' \cup J' \rangle$  has no isolates, then  $H' \cup J'$  is a total dominating set of  $nG$ . Suppose a vertex

$x \in H'$  or  $x \in J'$  such that  $\langle H' \cup J' - x \rangle$  has an isolates. Then  $H' \cup J'$  is a minimal total

dominating set of  $nG$ . Hence  $|H' \cup J'| = \gamma_m nG$ . Since  $D \cup v_i$  is a  $\gamma_t G$  set, Suppose there

exists a vertex  $v$  with minimum degree  $\delta G$ . In  $nG$  the set is incident to  $v$  gives

$\delta e \in V[nG]$  such that  $|H' \cup J'| \leq |D \cup v_i| + \delta v$ . Thus  $\gamma_m nG \leq \gamma_t G + \delta G$ .

**Corollary 1:** For any graph  $G$  if,

$$(i) G \cong W_p, \text{ then } \gamma_m W_p \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

$$(ii) G \cong K_{1,p}, p \geq 2 \text{ then } \gamma_m K_{1,p} = 2.$$

**Proof:** For the condition (i) : If  $G \cong W_p$ , and  $u_1 \in \Delta W_p$ . Then  $\deg u_1 = p - 1$ . Let

$D' \in V[n G]$  and is a total dominating set  $n G$  such that

$$D' = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k \text{ if } p \text{ is even}$$

$$= v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{k-1} \text{ if } p \text{ is odd}$$

Be the total dominating set of  $n W_p$ . Since the incident edges of  $u_1$  forms a complete

induced subgraph in  $n G$  and any two vertices of  $D'$  dominates atleast four vertices in

$n W_p$ , hence it follows that  $|D'| \geq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Thus  $\gamma_m W_p \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

For the condition (ii) : If  $G \cong K_{1,p}$ ,  $p \geq 2$ . Then in this case  $n K_{1,p} \cong K_{1+p}$ . Clearly

$$\gamma_m K_{1,p} = 2 = \gamma_t K_{p+1}.$$

The next Theorem gives the lower bound for  $\gamma_m G$ .

**Theorem 4 :** For any connected  $p, q$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m G \leq \left\lfloor \frac{2p}{\Delta G} \right\rfloor$

**Proof:** Let  $E = e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n$  and  $C = c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n$  be the edge set and cutvertex set of  $G$  respectively. In  $n G$ ,  $V[n G] = E G \cup C G$ . We consider the following cases.

Case i : Suppose  $G$  is a tree with  $p \geq 3$  vertices, then in  $n G$  each block is complete and every cutvertex of  $n G$  lies on exactly two blocks. Let

$C = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the set cutvertices in  $n G$ . Now we consider

$C_1 = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_i ; 1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $C_2 = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_j ; 1 \leq j \leq n$  such that

$C_1, C_2 \subseteq C$ . Further  $\forall v_k \in N C_2$  where  $\forall v_k \in C_i$ , let  $H = V[n G] - C_1 \cup C_2$  and  $\langle H \rangle$  has

no isolates. Thus  $|C_1 \cup C_2| \leq \left\lfloor \frac{2p}{\Delta} \right\rfloor$ , which gives  $\gamma_m G \leq \left\lfloor \frac{2p}{\Delta} \right\rfloor$ .

Case ii : Suppose  $G$  is not a tree, then exists atleast one cycle in  $G$ . Let  $e$  cycle edge in  $G$  with maximum edge degree. Now a set  $D' = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  such that

$V[n G] - D' = D_1, \forall v_1 \in D_1$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex of  $D'$ . Thus  $D'$  is a minimal

dominating set. Suppose  $\langle D' \rangle$  has no isolates then  $|D'| = \gamma_m G \leq \left\lfloor \frac{2p}{\Delta} \right\rfloor$ .

From the above two cases we have  $\gamma_m G \leq \left\lfloor \frac{2p}{\Delta} \right\rfloor$ .

The next Theorem relates  $\gamma_m G$  in terms of vertices and maximum degree of  $G$ .

**Theorem 5:** For any connected  $p, q$  graph  $G$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m G \leq P - \Delta G + 1.$$

**Proof:** Let  $v$  be a vertex of maximum degree in  $G$ . Let  $V = v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the vertex set of  $G$  and some  $v_i \in C G; 1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $C G$  is the cutvertex set.

Further let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $n G$ . Suppose  $V_1 = V[n G] - D$  and  $D_1 \in N D$  where

$V_1 \in N D$  and  $D_1 \subseteq V_1$ . Then  $D \cup D_1$  forms a total dominating set in  $n G$  which

implies  $|D \cup D_1| \leq V G - \Delta G + 1$ .

Clearly  $\gamma_m G \leq P - \Delta G + 1$ .

The next Theorem relates  $\gamma_m G$  and  $\gamma_t[L G]$ .



**Theorem 6 :** For any non-trivial connected  $p, q$  graph  $G, \gamma_m G \geq \gamma_t [L G]$

**Proof:** Let  $D''$  be the dominating set of  $L G$  and  $V_1 = V[L G] - D''$  such that  $V_1 \in N D''$ . Suppose  $D_1 \subseteq V_1$  and  $D_1 \in N D''$ ; then  $D'' \cup D_1$  forms a minimal total dominating set set of  $L G$ . Further let  $D$  be the dominating set of  $n G$  and let  $D_2 \subseteq V_1$  and  $D_2 \in N D$

then  $D \cup D_2$  forms a minimal total dominating set of  $n G$ . Since  $L G \subseteq n G$ , then

$$\forall e_i \in E G = V[L G]; 1 \leq i \leq n, \forall e_i \cup c_i \in$$

$$[E G \cup C G] = V[n G], \quad \text{which gives } e_i \subseteq e_i \cup c_i, \forall e_i, c_i \in G. \quad \text{Clearly}$$

$$D'' \cup D_1 \subseteq D \cup D_2. \text{ Thus } |D'' \cup D_1| \leq |D \cup D_2|. \text{ Hence } \gamma_t [L G] \leq \gamma_m G.$$

In the next Theorem, we obtain the an upper bound for total domination number  $n[S G]$ .

**Theorem 7:** For any connected  $p, q$  graph  $G, \gamma_m [S G] \leq 2 p - \beta_1$ , where  $\beta_1$  is the edge independence number  $G$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $B = e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n$  be the maximum independent set of edges in  $G$  such that  $|B| = \beta_1$ . Then  $B$  is an edge dominating set of  $G$ . Let  $w_i$  be the vertex set of  $S G$  which are incident to the edges of  $B$ . Further let  $V'$  be the set of vertices of  $G$  which are incident with any edge of  $B$ . If  $V' = \phi$ , then the corresponding to the edges of  $B$ , the vertex set

$$D' = u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n \text{ forms a total dominating set of } n[S G], \text{ such that } |D'| \leq 2B. \text{ Hence}$$

$$\gamma_m [S G] \leq 2 p - \beta_1. \text{ Otherwise since } B \text{ is an edge dominating set of } G, \langle B \rangle \text{ is independent.}$$

Then  $D' = u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_k$  ;

$1 \leq k \leq n$  forms a minimal total dominating set of  $n[S G]$  such that

$$|D'| \leq 2\beta_1 + 2k = 2\beta_1 + 2p - 2\beta_1.$$

Clearly  $\gamma_m[S G] \leq 2p - \beta_1$ .

Next we obtain the following characterization.

**Theorem 8:** For any connected  $p, q$  graph  $G$ , if

$$(i) G \cong K_p \text{ then } \gamma_m[S K_p] = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

$$(ii) G \cong K_{p_1, p_2}, p_1 \leq p_2 \text{ then } \gamma_m[S K_{p_1, p_2}] = 2p_2.$$

**Proof:** For (i) suppose  $G \cong K_p$ , then in this case  $|D'| = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ , where  $D'$  is total dominating set of

$n G$  by corollary [1], it follows that  $\gamma_m[S K_p] \leq 2p - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

For (ii) Let  $X_1, X_2$  be the partition of  $K_{p_1, p_2}$  with  $|X_1| = p_1$  and  $|X_2| = p_2$ . By theorem 7, we

have  $\gamma_m[S G] \leq 2p - \beta_1 = 2p_1 + p_2 - 2p_1 = 2p_2$ . Further any total dominating set

$n[S K_{p_1, p_2}]$  must contain atleast  $2p_1$  vertices of  $X_2$  and  $2p_2 - p_1$  vertices for dominating

the vertices incident with remaining  $p_2 - p_1$ :  $|D'| \geq 2p_1 + 2p_2 - p_1 = 2p_2$  and hence

$$\gamma_m[S K_{p_1, p_2}] = 2p_2.$$

The following theorem relates  $\gamma_m G$  and  $\gamma' G$ .

**Theorem 9:** For any connected  $p, q$  graph  $G$  with  $p > 2$  vertices,  $\gamma_m G \geq \gamma' G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $E = e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n$  be the edge set of  $G$  and  $C = c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n$  be

the set of cutvertex in  $G$  such that  $V[n G] = E G \cup C G$ . Let  $F = e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_i$ ;  $\forall e_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be the minimal edge dominating set of  $G$  such that  $|F| = \gamma' G$ . Since  $E G \subseteq V[n G]$ , then every edge  $e_i \in F$ ; forms a dominating set  $D'$  in  $n G$ . Suppose  $D'' = E G - F \subseteq V[n G]$  and  $V_1 = V[n G] - D'$  where  $V_1 \in N D'$  and  $D'' \in N D'$  such that  $D' \cup D''$  forms a minimal total dominating set in  $n G$ . Clearly  $|F| \subseteq |D' \cup D''|$ . Thus  $\gamma' G \leq \gamma_m G$ .

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