



ON (1,2)- TWO OUTDEGREE EQUITABLE DOMINATION NUMBER OF SOME MIDDLE GRAPH FAMILIES

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ABSTRACT

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A (1,2)- two outdegree equitable dominating set in a graph G=(V,E) is a set S having the property that for every vertex v in S at distance 1 from v and a second vertex in S at distance at most 2 from v and if for any two vertices u, v in D such that |od_D(u)-od_D(v)| <= 2. The order of the smallest (1,2)-two outdegree equitable dominating set of G is called (1,2)- two outdegree equitable domination number of G and denoted by gamma_{(1,2)2oe}(G). This paper is aimed to attain the (1,2)- two outdegree equitable domination number in the middle graphs of G_n, W_n, F_{1,n} and K_{1,n,n}.

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1. Introduction

By a graph G=(V,E) we mean a finite connected, undirected graph with neither loops nor multiple edges. The order and size of G are denoted by n and m respectively. For any graph theoretic terminology, we refer Chartrand and Lesniak [4]. Let G=(V,E) be a graph and let v in V. The open neighborhood of v in V denoted by N(v) = {u in V: uv in E}. If S subseteq V then N(S) = union_{v in S} N(v) and N[S] = N(S) union S.

Domination in graphs has become an important area of research in graph theory as evidenced by the results contained in the two books by Haynes, Hedetniemi and Slater (1998) [6]. Dominating queens is the origin of the study of dominating set in graphs. Berge [2] and Ore [9] were the pioneers to define dominating sets. A non-empty subset S of V is called a dominating set if N[S]=V. The minimum (maximum) cardinality of a minimal dominating set of G is called the domination number (upper domination number) of G and is denoted by gamma(G) (gamma(G)).

A new type of dominating set namely (1,2) dominating set is introduced by Steve Hedetniemi and Sandee Hedetniemi [10]. N.Murugesan, Deepa and S.Deepa and Nair introduced (1,2)-domination in the line graphs of C_n, P_n and K_{1,n}, (1,2)-domination in the middle and central graphs of K_{1,n}, C_n and P_n and also (1,2)-domination in some Harmonious graphs.

Vernold Vivin.J (2010) studied the harmonious coloring of line graph, middle graph and central graph of certain special graphs [12]. Venkatkrishanan and Swaminathan (2010)[11]

have studied color class domination number of middle graph and central graph of K_{1,n}, C_n and F_n. Ali Sahal and V.Mathad (Sahal 2013) introduced the concept of two outdegree equitable domination number in graphs.

2.Preliminaries

2.1 Wheel graph [12]

The Wheel graph W_n on n + 1 vertices is defined as W_n = C_n + K_1 where C_n is n- cycle. Let V(W_n) = {v_i: 1 <= i <= n - 1} union {v} and E(W_n) = {u_i = v_i v_{i+1}: 1 <= i <= n - 1, subscripts modulo n} union {e_i = v v_i: 1 <= i <= n - 1}.

2.2 Gear graph[8]

The Gear graph G_n is a wheel graph W_{1,n} with a vertex added between each pair of adjacent vertices of the outer cycle.

2.3 Fan graph[8]

A Fan graph W_{m,n} is defined as the join of two graphs, Km + Pn where Km is the empty graph on m vertices and P_n is the path graph on n vertices.

2.4 Double star graph

A Double star graph is a graph formed by starting with 2 vertices and joining them together V(K_{1,n,n}) = {v} union {v_i: 1 <= i <= n} union {u_i: 1 <= i <= n}.

2.5 Middle graph[12]

Let G be a graph with vertex set V(G) and edge set E(G). The middle graph of G, denoted by M(G) is defined as follows. The vertex set of M(G) is V(G) union E(G). Two vertices x, y of M(G) are adjacent in M(G) in case one of the following holds

- (i) x, y are in $E(G)$ and x, y are adjacent in G .
- (ii) x is in $V(G)$, y is in $E(G)$ and x, y are incident in G .

3. Main Results

In this section, we attained the (1,2)-two outdegree equitable domination numbers of the middle graphs of Gear, Wheel, Fan and Double star graphs.

Definition 3.1

A (1,2) – two outdegree equitable dominating set having property that for every vertex v in $V - S$ there is atleast one vertex in S at distance 1 from v and a second vertex in S at distance almost 2 from v and if for any two vertices $u, v \in D$ such that $|od_D u - od_D(v)| \leq 2$, where $od_D u = |N v \cap V - D|$. The order of the smallest (1,2)- two outdegree equitable dominating set of G is called (1,2)- two outdegree equitable domination number of G and denoted by $\gamma_{1,2,2oe} G$.

Example 3.2

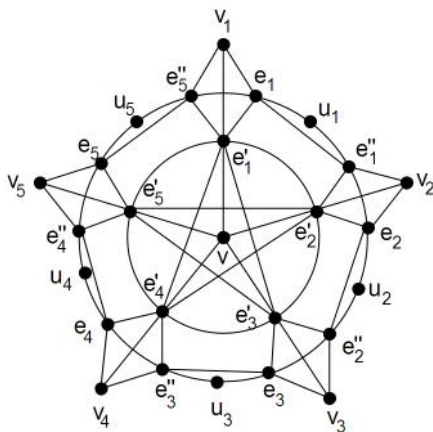


Fig 1 ($M(G_5)$)

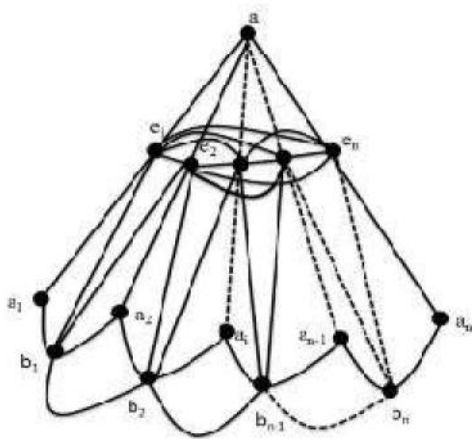


Fig 2 ($M(F_{1,n})$)

Theorem 3.3

For the Middle graph of Gear graph G_n , the (1,2)- two out degree equitable domination number is : $\gamma_{(1,2)2oe} M G_n = 2n$.

Proof

By the definition of middle graph of middle graph $V M G_n = V G_n \cup E G_n$, $|V(M(G_n))| = 5n + 1$ in which the set $e'_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cup \{v\}$ induces a clique K_{n+1} of order $n + 1$ and for each i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) the set of vertices $\{e_i'', e_{i+1}', e_{i+1}, v_{i+1}: \text{subscript modulo } n\}$ induces a clique.

In $M G_n$, the vertex e'_i is adjacent to $v \cup v_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) and each u_i is adjacent to $e_i \cup e_i'': 1 \leq i \leq n$. So $\{e'_i \cup u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ will form a dominating set.

Let $D = \{e'_i \cup u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be an dominating set of $M(G_n)$ and $V - D = \{v \cup \{e_i \cup e_i'' \cup v_i\} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. For every vertex v in $V - D$ there is atleast one vertex in D at distance 1 from v and a second vertex in D at distance almost 2 from v . So, $\{e'_i \cup u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ will form a (1,2) dominating set.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } e'_i \in D \text{ then } od_D e'_i &= |N e'_i \cap V - D| \text{ for } i = 1 \\ &= |(\{e'_{i+1}, e'_{i+2}, \dots, e'_n\} \cup (v \cup e_i, v_i, e_n'')) \cap \{v \cup (e_i \cup e_i'' \cup v_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\})| \\ &= |(v \cup (e_i, v_i, e_n''))| = 4 \\ \text{for } i = 2, e'_2 \in D \text{ then } od_D e'_2 &= |N e'_2 \cap V - D| \\ &= |(\{e'_{i-1}, e'_{i+1}, \dots, e'_n\} \cup (v \cup e_i, v_i, e_{i-1}'')) \cap \{v \cup (e_i \cup e_i'' \cup v_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\})| \\ &= |(v \cup (e_i, v_i, e_{i-1}''))| = 4 \\ \text{for } i = n, e'_n \in D \text{ then } od_D e'_n &= |N e'_n \cap V - D| \\ &= |(\{e'_1, e'_2, \dots, e'_{i-1}\} \cup (v \cup e_i, v_i, e_{i-1}'')) \cap \{v \cup (e_i \cup e_i'' \cup v_i) : 1 \leq i \leq n\})| \\ &= |(v \cup (e_i, v_i, e_{i-1}''))| = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if $u_i \in D$ then

$$\begin{aligned} od_D u_i &= |N(u_i) \cap V - D| \\ &= |(e_i, e_i'') \cap (v \cup (e_i \cup e_i'' \cup v_i))| \\ &= |(e_i, e_i'')| = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Then $|od_D e_i - od_D u_i| \leq 2$, for any $e_i, u_i \in D$. Therefore D is the minimum (1,2)- two outdegree equitable dominating set. Hence, $\gamma_{(1,2)2oe} M G_n = 2n$.

Observation 3.4

- (i) For any i $M G_n = n$
- (ii) For any Γ $M G_n = 2n + 1$

Theorem 3.5

For the Middle graph of Wheel graph W'_n , the (1,2)- two out degree equitable domination number is : $\gamma_{(1,2)2oe} M W'_n = n$.

Proof

Let $V W'_n = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ and $V(M W'_n) = v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1} \cup e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1} \cup u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}$, where u_i is the vertex of $M W'_n$ corresponding to the edge $v_i v_{i+1}$ of W'_n $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

By the definition of middle graph, the vertices v and $e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ induce a clique of order n in $M W'_n$. In $M W'_n$ the vertex e_i is adjacent to $v \cup \{u_i \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

Let $D = \{e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be an dominating set of $M W'_n$ and $V - D = v \cup u_i \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$.

For every vertex v in $V - D$ there is atleast one vertex in D at distance 1 from v and a second vertex in D at distance atmost 2 from v . So, $\{e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ will form a (1,2) dominating set.

Now, $e_i \in D$ then $od_D(e_i) = |N(e_i) \cap V - D|$ for $i = 1$

$$= |\{v \cup e_{i+1}, e_{i+2}, \dots, e_n \cup u_n, v_i, u_i\} \cap \{v \cup u_i \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}|$$

$$= |\{u_n, v_i, u_i, v\}|$$

$$= 4$$

$od_D(e_i) = |N(e_i) \cap V - D|$ for $i = 2$

$$= |\{v \cup e_{i-1}, e_{i+1}, \dots, e_n \cup u_{i-1}, v_i, u_i\} \cap \{v \cup u_i \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}|$$

$$= |\{u_{i-1}, v_i, u_i, v\}|$$

$$= 4$$

$od_D(e_n) = |N(e_n) \cap V - D|$ for $i = n$

$$= |\{v \cup e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n \cup u_{i-1}, v_i, u_i\} \cap \{v \cup u_i \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}|$$

$$= |\{u_{i-1}, v_i, u_i, v\}|$$

$$= 4$$

Then $|od_D e_i - od_D e_i| \leq 2$, for any $e_i \in D$. Therefore, D is the minimum (1,2)- two outdegree equitable dominating set. Hence, $\gamma_{(1,2)2oe} M W_n^* = n$

Observation 3.6

- (i) For any Middle graph of W_n^* , $i M W_n^* = n + 1$
- (ii) For any Middle graph of $W_{n,\Gamma}^*$ $M W_n^* = n + 1$

Theorem 3.7

For the Middle graph of Fan graph $F_{1,n}$, the (1,2)- two out degree equitable domination number is : $\gamma_{1,2 2oe} M F_{1,n} = n$ if $n = 3, n = 4, n = 5, n = 6$ does not exist if $n > 6$

Proof

Consider the Fan graph $F_{1,n}$ denote the vertices $V F_{1,n} = a \cup a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n \cup b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_{n-1}, b_n$ and $E F_{1,n} = e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$, where e_i is the edge aa_i $1 \leq i \leq n$. By the definition of middle graph $V(M F_{1,n}) = V(F_{1,n}) \cup E(F_{1,n}) = a_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cup b_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cup e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$

In $M F_{1,n}$, each vertex a is adjacent in $\{e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and each b_{i-1} is adjacent to $a_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Let $D = \{a \cup b_{i-1}: 2 \leq i \leq n\}$ be the dominating set of $M F_{1,n}$ and $V - D = \{a_i \cup e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. For every vertex v in $V - D$ there is atleast one vertex in D at distance 1 from v and a second vertex in D at distance atmost 2 from v . So $\{a \cup b_{i-1}\}$ will form a (1,2) dominating set.

Now, $a \in D$ then

$$od_D a = |N a \cap V - D|$$

$$= |e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cap \{a_i \cup e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}|$$

$$= |e_i|$$

$$= n$$

If $b_{i-1} \in D$ then

$$od_D(b_{i-1}) = |N(b_{i-1}) \cap V - D|$$

for $i = 1, b_1 \in D$ then

$$od_D(b_1) = |N(b_1) \cap V - D| = |(a_{i-1}, a_i, e_{i-1}, e_i, b_i) \cap (a_i \cup e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n)|$$

$$= |(a_{i-1}, a_i, e_{i-1}, e_i)|$$

$$= 4$$

$$\text{for } i = 2, b_2 \in D \text{ then } od_D(b_2) = |N(b_2) \cap V - D| = |(a_{i-1}, a_i, e_{i-1}, e_i, b_{i-2}, b_i) \cap (a_i \cup e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n)| = |(a_{i-1}, a_i, e_{i-1}, e_i)|$$

$$= 4$$

$$\text{for } i = n, b_{n-1} \in D \text{ then } od_D(b_{n-1}) = |N(b_{n-1}) \cap V - D| = |(a_{i-1}, a_i, e_{i-1}, b_{i-2}) \cap (a_i \cup e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n)| = |(a_{i-1}, a_i, e_{i-1}, e_i)|$$

$$= 4$$

Then $|od_D(a) - od_D b_{i-1}| \leq 2$, for any $b_i \in D$. Therefore, D is the minimum (1,2)- two outdegree equitable dominating set. Hence, $\gamma_{(1,2)2oe} M F_{1,n} = n$ if $n = 3, 4, 5, 6$

Suppose if $n > 6$, if for any two vertices $u, v \in D$ such that the $|od_D(u) - od_D(v)| \neq 2$ where

$od_D u = |N v \cap V - D|$. This shows that $M F_{1,n}$ is a graph that does not satisfy the (1,2)- two outdegree equitable domination condition.

Observation 3.8

- (i) For any Middle graph of $F_{1,n}$, $i M F_{1,n} = n + 1$
- (ii) For any Middle graph $F_{1,n,\Gamma}$ $M(F_{1,n} = n$

Theorem 3.9

For the Middle graph of Double star graph $K_{1,n,n}$, the (1,2)- two out degree equitable domination number is :

$$\gamma_{1,2 2oe} M(K_{1,n,n}) = 2n$$

Proof

Let $V(K_{1,n,n}) = v \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cup u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$. By the definition of middle graph, each edge vv_i and vu_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) in $K_{1,n,n}$ are subdivided by the vertices u_i and s_i in $M(F_{1,n})$. (i.e) $V M K_{1,n,n} = v \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cup u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cup e_i: 1 \leq i \leq n \cup s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$ the vertices v, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n induce a clique of order $n + 1$ (say K_{n+1}) in $M K_{1,n,n}$.

In $M(K_{1,n,n})$ the vertices e_i is adjacent to $v \cup v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$ and u_i is adjacent to $s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Let $D = \{e_i \cup u_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ be the dominating set of $M K_{1,n,n}$ and $V - D = v \cup v_i \cup s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Now, $e_i \in D$ then $od_D(e_i) = |N(e_i) \cap V - D|$ for $i = 1 = |\{v \cup e_{i+1}, e_{i+2}, \dots, e_n \cup v_i, s_i\} \cap \{v \cup v_i \cup s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}|$

$$= |\{v \cup v_i \cup s_i\}|$$

$$= 3$$

$$\text{for } i = 2, e_2 \in D \text{ then } od_D(e_2) = |N(e_2) \cap V - D| = |\{v \cup e_{i-1}, e_{i+1}, \dots, e_n \cup v_i, s_i\} \cap \{v \cup v_i \cup s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}| = |\{v \cup v_i \cup s_i\}| = 3$$

$$\text{for } i = n, e_n \in D \text{ then } od_D(e_n) = |N(e_n) \cap V - D| = |v \cup e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{i-1} \cup v_i, s_i \cup v \cup v_i \cup s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n|$$

$$= |\{v \cup v_i \cup s_i\}|$$

$$= 3$$

Similarly, if $u_i \in D$ then $od_D(u_i) = |N(u_i) \cap V - D|$

$$= |\{s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cap \{v \cup v_i \cup s_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}| = |s_i|$$

$$= 4$$

Then $|od_D(e_i) - od_D u_i| \leq 2$, for any $e_i, u_i \in D$. Therefore, D is the minimum (1,2)- two outdegree equitable dominating set. Hence, $\gamma_{1,2 2oe} M(K_{1,n,n}) = 2n$

Observation 3.10

- (i) For any Middle graph of $K_{1,n,n}$, $i M(K_{1,n,n}) = n + 1$
- (ii) For any Middle graph $K_{1,n,n}$, $M(K_{1,n,n}) = n + 1$

Conclusion

In this paper, we attained the exact values of the (1,2)- two outdegree equitable domination number for the middle graphs of $G_n, W_n, F_{1,n}$ and $K_{1,n,n}$. We further extended this study on middle graphs of some more special classes of graphs.

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