

DETOUR DOMINATION NUMBER OF A GRAPH

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Abstract—In [3], the author introduced the *detour number of a graph*. In this paper, we introduce the new concepts of *detour dominating set of graphs*. A subset S of vertices in a graph G is called a *detour dominating set* if S is both a *detour set* and a *dominating set*. The *detour domination number* $\gamma_{dn}(G)$ is the minimum cardinality of a *detour dominating set*. Any *detour domination of cardinality* $\gamma_{dn}(G)$ is called *$\gamma_{dn}(G)$ -set* of G . In this paper, we study *detour domination on graphs*.

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I INTRODUCTION

We consider finite graphs without loops and multiple edges. For any graph G the set of vertices is denoted by $V(G)$ and the edge set by $E(G)$. We define the order of G by $n = n(G) = |V(G)|$ and the size by $m = m(G) = |E(G)|$. For a vertex $v \in V(G)$, the *open neighborhood* $N(v)$ is the set of all vertices adjacent to v , and $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ is the *closed neighborhood* of v . The *degree* $d(v)$ of a vertex v is defined by $d(v) = |N(v)|$. The *minimum* and *maximum degrees of a graph* G are denoted by $\delta = \delta(G)$ and $\Delta = \Delta(G)$, respectively.

For $X \subseteq V(G)$ let $G[X]$ the sub graph of G induced by X , $N(X) = \cup_{x \in X} N(x)$ and $N[X] = \cup_{x \in X} N[x]$.

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If G is a connected graph, then the distance $d(x, y)$ is the length of a shortest $x - y$ path in G . The diameter $diam(G)$ of a connected graph is defined by $diam(G) = \max_{x, y \in V(G)} d(x, y)$. An $x - y$ path of length $d(x, y)$ is called an $x - y$ *geodesic*. A vertex v is said to lie on an $x - y$ geodesic P if v is an internal vertex of P . The closed interval $I[x, y]$ consists of x, y and all vertices lying on some $x - y$ geodesic of G , while for $S \subseteq V(G)$, $I[S] = \cup_{x, y \in S} I[x, y]$. If G is a connected graph, then a set S of vertices is a *geodetic set* if $I[S] = V(G)$. The minimum cardinality of a geodetic set is the *geodetic number* of G , and is denoted by $g(G)$. The geodetic number of a disconnected graph is the sum of the geodetic numbers of its components. A geodetic set of cardinality $g(G)$ is called a *$g(G)$ -set*. [1, 2, 3, 4, 6].

For vertices x and y in a connected graph G , the *detour distance* $D(x, y)$ is the length of a longest $x - y$ path in G . For any vertex u of G , the *detour eccentricity* of u is $e_D(u) = \max\{D(u, v) : v \in V\}$. A vertex v of G such that $D(u, v) = e_D(u)$ is called a *detour eccentric vertex* of u . The *detour radius* R and *detour diameter* D of G are defined by $R = rad_D G = \min\{e_D(v) : v \in V\}$ and $D = diam_D G = \max\{e_D(v) : v \in V\}$ respectively. An $x - y$ path of length $D(x, y)$ is called an $x - y$ *detour*. The *closed interval* $I_D[x, y]$ consists of all vertices lying on some $x - y$ detour of G , while for $S \subseteq V$, $I_D[S] = \cup_{x, y \in S} I_D[x, y]$. A set S of vertices is a *detour set* if $I_D[S] = V$, and the minimum cardinality of a detour set is the *detour number* $dn(G)$. A detour set of cardinality $dn(G)$ is called a *minimum detour set*. The detour number of a graph was introduced in [3].

A vertex in a graph dominates itself and its neighbors. A set of vertices S in a graph G is a *dominating set* if $N[S] = V(G)$. The *domination number* $\gamma(G)$ of G is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of G . The domination number was introduced in [6].

It is easily seen that a dominating set is not in general a detour set in a graph G . Also the converse is not valid in general. This has motivated us to study the new domination conception of detour domination.

We investigate those subsets of vertices of a graph that are both a detour set and a dominating set. We call these sets detour dominating sets. We call the minimum cardinality of a detour dominating set of G, the detour domination number of G. It is easily seen that every extreme vertex belongs to every detour dominating set.

1.1 Remark:[5]

- 1) A dominating set D of G is a minimal dominating set of G if and only if for every $v \in D$, there exists at least one vertex $w \in V - (D - \{v\})$ which is not dominated by $D - \{v\}$.
- 2) A dominating set D of G is a minimal dominating set of G if and only if for every $v \in D$, there exists at least one vertex $w \in V - (D - \{v\})$ such that $N[w] \cap D = \{v\}$.

1.2 Theorem:[3] Every end-vertex of a nontrivial connected graph G belongs to every detour set of G

1.4 Theorem [3] If T is a tree with k end-vertices, then $dn(T) = k$

1.5 Theorem [3] For every connected graph G, $rad_D(G) \leq diam_D(G) \leq 2 rad_D(G)$

1.6 Definition: Two vertices u and v of a graph G are said to be antipodal vertices of G if $d(u, v) = diam G$.

II. Detour domination Number of Graph

Definition 2.1: Let $G = (V, E)$ be any connected graph with at least two vertices. A detour dominating set of G is a subset S of $V(G)$ which is both dominating and detour set of G.

A detour dominating set S is said to be a minimal detour dominating set of G if no proper subset of S is a detour dominating set of G. A detour dominating set S is said to be a minimum detour dominating set of G if there exists no detour dominating set S' such that $|S'| < |S|$. The cardinality of a minimum detour dominating set of G is called the detour domination number of G. It is denoted by $\gamma_{dn}(G)$. Any detour dominating set S of G of cardinality γ_{dn} is called a γ_{dn} -set of G.

Remark 2.2: Let G be a connected graph with $p \geq 2$ vertices. Then, $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{dn}(G)$. Strict inequality is also true in the above relation. For example, consider P_{15} . Let $V(P_{15}) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8,$

$v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}, v_{14}, v_{15}\}$. $\gamma(P_{15}) = 5$, Since $\{v_2, v_5, v_8, v_{11}, v_{14}\}$ is a γ -set. $\gamma_{dn}(P_{15}) = 6$, since $\{v_1, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, v_{13}, v_{15}\}$ is a γ_{dn} -set of P_{15} .

Example 2.3: Considering the graph G in figure 2.3(a),

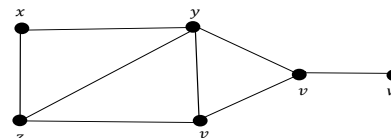


Figure 2.3(a)

$\{y, w\}$ is the dn -set of G. So $dn(G) = 2$. $\{y, w\}$ is also the γ_{dn} -set of G. Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$. Also $\gamma(G) = 2$, though G has more than one γ -set. In this example, $dn(G) = \gamma_{dn}(G) = \gamma(G)$.

Remark 2.4:

In general, $\gamma_{dn}(G), dn(G)$ and $\gamma(G)$, all need not be equal.

For example consider P_8 . $\gamma_{dn}(P_8) = \{v_1, v_4, v_6, v_8\} = 4$, $dn(P_8) = \{v_1, v_8\} = 2$ and $\gamma(P_8) = \{v_2, v_5, v_8\} = 3$. Further, $\gamma_{dn}(P_7) = 3 = \gamma(P_7)$, But $dn(P_7) = 2$. Also, $\gamma_{dn}(P_3) = dn(P_3) = 2$, whereas, $\gamma(P_3) = 1$.

Remark 2.5: Let $G = (V, E)$ be any connected graph with at least two vertices. Then,

1. $\gamma_{dn}(G) \geq dn(G)$ and $\gamma_{dn}(G) \geq \gamma(G)$.
2. Every detour dominating set of G contains all pendant vertices of G.
3. If G is a graph with at least one pendent vertex, then for every detour dominating set D of G, $V-D$ is not a detour dominating set of G.
4. Every super set of a detour dominating set of G is a detour dominating set of G.

Proposition 2.6: For a star graph G, then $\gamma_{dn}(G) = p - 1$.

Proof: Let $G = K_{1,n}$ with $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E(K_{1,n}) = \{vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. Let S be a minimum detour dominating set of $K_{1,n}$. By Remark 2.5 $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq S$. Since $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ itself is a detour dominating set of $K_{1,n}$, $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$. Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = n = p - 1$.

Proposition 2.7: If G is a bi-star graph G, then $\gamma_{dn}(G) = p - 2$.

Proof: Let $G = B(r, s)$ where $r, s \geq 1$. Suppose $V(B(r, s)) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq s\}$ and $E(B(r, s)) = \{uv, uu_i, vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq s\}$. Let S be a minimum detour dominating set of $B(r, s)$. By Remark 2.5, $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\} \subseteq S$. Since $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\}$ is itself a detour dominating set of G , $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\}$. Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(B(r, s)) = p - 2$.

Theorem 2.8:

$$\gamma_{dn}(P_n) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2 & \text{if } n \geq 5 \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 2, 3 \text{ or } 4 \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $P_n = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$. If $n = 2, 3$, or 4 , then $\{v_1, v_n\}$ is a minimum detour dominating set of P_n . therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(P_2) = \gamma_{dn}(P_3) = \gamma_{dn}(P_4) = 2$. Let $n \geq 5$. We observe that every detour dominating set of P_n is a dominating set containing the end vertices of P_n . Let D_1 be a minimum dominating set containing v_1, v_n . Therefore, $|D_1| \leq |S|$. As D_1 is also a detour dominating set of G , $|S| \leq |D_1|$. So, we have, $\gamma_{dn}(P_n) = |S| = |D_1|$. Let D be a minimum dominating set of P_n . then,

$$|D_1| = \begin{cases} |D| = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ |D| + 1 = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2. \text{ (By Remark 2.9)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \gamma_{dn}(P_n) = \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2.$$

Remark 2.9:

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2 = a \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.10:

$$\gamma_{dn}(C_n) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2 & \text{if } n \geq 5 \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 3 \text{ or } 4 \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $C_n = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$. If $n = 3$, or 4 , then $\{v_1, v_n\}$ is a minimum detour dominating set of P_n . therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(C_3) = \gamma_{dn}(C_4) = 2$. Let $n \geq 5$. By theorem 2.8, $C_n \equiv P_n$

$$\text{Hence, } \gamma_{dn}(C_n) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2 & \text{if } n \geq 5 \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 3 \text{ or } 4 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.11: Let $W_n = C_{n-1} + K_1$, $n \geq 5$ denoted the wheel graph on n vertices. Then, $\gamma_{dn}(W_n) = 2$.

Proof. Let $V(W_n) = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ with v as its central vertex. Let $S = \{v, v_{n-1}\}$ be a minimum detour dominating set of W_n . Compulsory central vertex v and otherwise any one vertex v_{n-1} . Distance of (v, v_{n-1}) is longest path of $v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$. v is adjacent to all other vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1} . This is satisfying detour dominating set condition.

$$\text{Hence, } \gamma_{dn}(W_n) = 2$$

Theorem 2.12: $\gamma_{dn}(K_{m,n}) = 2$ if $m = n = 1$ and $m, n \geq 2$.

Proof. Let $G = K_{m,n}$ with the bipartition $V_1 = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_m\}$ and $V_2 = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n\}$. If $n = 1$ then $G = K_2$. Clearly, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$. If $n \geq 2$. Let $S = \{a_1, b_1\}$ be a minimum detour dominating set $K_{m,n}$. Distance of (a_1, b_1) is longest path of $(a_1, b_2, a_2, b_1), (a_1, b_3, a_3, b_1), (a_1, b_4, a_4, b_1), \dots$

$\dots (a_1, b_n, a_n, b_1)$. This is a detour set, and (a_1, b_1) is dominating set of $K_{m,n}$. This is satisfying detour dominating set condition.

$$\text{Hence, } \gamma_{dn}(K_{m,n}) = 2.$$

Theorem 2.13: For a complete Graph G . Then $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$

Proof. Let $G = K_n$. $V(G) = \{v_i ; 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. Any two vertices longest path of (v_1, v_n) is $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$. And v_1 is adjacent to $v_i ; 2 \leq i \leq n$. This is satisfying detour dominating set condition.

$$\text{Hence, } \gamma_{dn}(K_n) = 2.$$

Theorem 2.14: $2 \leq \gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - 1$

Proof: By Remark 2.5 and by theorem 1.3, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \geq 2$. Further, any detour dominating set is a subset of $V(G)$ implies $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - 1$.

In the above proposition, upper bound is sharp, as $\gamma_{dn}(K_{1,p-1}) = p - 1$ and the lower bound is sharp (see example 2.16(a))

Theorem 2.15: Let G be any graph with k support vertices and l end vertices. Then,

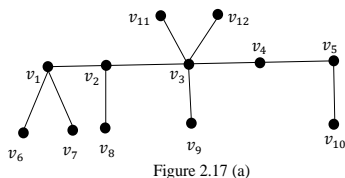
$$l \leq \gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - k.$$

Proof: Let L and K denote the set of all end and support vertices of G respectively and $|L| = l$; $|K| = k$. Clearly, $l \geq k$. By Remark 2.5, L is a subset of every detour dominating set of G . So, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \geq l$. Further every vertex of K lies in a geodesic joining two vertices of L as well as dominated by the vertices of L . Therefore, it is clear that $V - K$ is a detour dominating set of G and so $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq |V - K| = |V| - |K| = p - k$. Hence the proof.

Corollary 2.16: Let T be any tree with k support vertices and l end vertices such that $l + k = p$. Then, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = p - k$.

The following example shows even if $l + k < p$, $\gamma_{DG}(G) = p - k$.

Example 2.17: consider the graph G in figure 2.17(a)



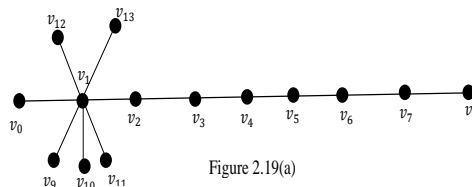
Clearly, $S = \{v_4, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}\}$ is a detour dominating set of G and $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 8 = |V - K|$.

Proposition 2.18: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected graph of order p and diameter d . Then, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - d + \lfloor \frac{d}{3} \rfloor$.

Proof. Let $P: (u = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_d = v)$ be a path of length d in G . If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{d-1}\}$, then $V - S$ is a detour set of G . Also, it is a dominating set of G . Let $P' = (v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{d-2})$. $|V(P')| = d - 3$. Let D' be a minimum dominating set of P' . By Theorem 1.1 $|D'| = \lfloor \frac{d-3}{3} \rfloor$. Let $D = (V - S) \cup D'$. Clearly, D is

a detour dominating set of G . Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq |D| = |(V - S) \cup D'| \leq p - d + 1 + \lfloor \frac{d-3}{3} \rfloor = p - d + 1 + \lfloor \frac{d}{3} \rfloor - 1 = p - d + \lfloor \frac{d}{3} \rfloor$.

Remark 2.19: Equality holds in the above theorem. For example, considering the graph G as in Figure 2.19(a)



$$p = 14, d = 8 \text{ and so } p - d + \lfloor \frac{d}{3} \rfloor = 9.$$

$S = \{v_0, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}, v_3, v_5, v_8\}$ is a minimum detour dominating set of G and $\gamma_{dn}(G) = |S| = 9 = p - d + \lfloor \frac{d}{3} \rfloor$.

Theorem 2.20: Let G be a connected graph of order $p (\geq 2)$ and diameter d . Suppose $\delta \geq 3$. Then, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - d + 1$.

Proof: Let $u, v \in V(G)$. As $\text{diam}(G) = d$, There exists a shortest path $P: (u = v_0, v_1, \dots, v_d = v)$ of length d in G . If $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{d-1}\}$, then $V - S$ is a detour set of G . since $\delta \geq 3$, each vertex of $V - S$ is adjacent to atleast one vertex of S . $V - S$ is a detour dominating set of G and so $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq |V - S| = p - (d - 1) = p - d + 1$.

Observation 2.21: Let G be connected graph with $p (\geq 2)$ vertices. Then

1. A minimal detour set of G which is also a dominating set of G is a minimal detour dominating set of G .
2. A minimum detour set (or dn-set) of G which is also a dominating set of G is a minimum detour dominating set of G . (or γ_{dn} - set) of G .
3. Any minimal dominating set of G which is also a detour set of G is a minimal detour dominating set of G .

4. Any minimum dominating set (or γ -set) of G which is also a detour set of G is a minimum detour dominating set of G . (or γ_{dn} - set) of G .

III. FURTHER RESULTS ON DETOUR DOMINATION NUMBER OF GRAPHS

Theorem 3.1: Let $G = (V, E)$ be any graph. Suppose S is a proper subset of $V(G)$ such that the sub graph of G induced by S is complete, then S is not a detour dominating set of G .

Proof: Let $v \in V - S$. Since the sub graph of G induced by S is complete, $d(x, y) = 1$ for every $x, y \in S$. Therefore, v does not lie on any detour joining any pair of vertices of S . Hence, S is not a detour dominating set of G .

Theorem 3.2: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. Then, every detour dominating set of G contains all the extreme vertices of G .

Proof: Let S be the set of all extreme vertices of G . By 1.3, every detour set of G contains S . As every detour dominating set of G is a detour set of G , every detour dominating set of G contains S .

Theorem 3.3: Let $G = (V, E)$ be any graph. If S , the set of all extreme vertices of G , is a detour dominating set of G , then S is the unique minimum detour dominating set of G .

Proof: Suppose S is a detour dominating set of G . Then, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq |S|$. By Theorem 3.2, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \geq |S|$. Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = |S|$ and so S is a minimum detour dominating set of G . Again by Theorem 3.2, every minimum detour dominating set of G contains S and so S is the unique minimum detour dominating set of G .

Remark 3.4: If S , the set of all end vertices of G , is a detour dominating set of G , then S is the unique minimum detour dominating set of G .

Theorem 3.5: For every positive integer $k \geq 2$, there exists a graph G with $\gamma_{dn}(G) = k$.

Proof: Let $k \geq 2$. Consider the complete bipartite graph $K_{1,k}$. Let $S = V(K_{1,k}) - \{v\}$ where v

is the central vertex. Obviously, S is a detour dominating set of G . Therefore, by Remark 3.4, S is the unique minimum detour dominating set of $K_{1,k}$ and so $\gamma_{dn}(K_{1,k}) = k$.

Theorem 3.6: For every pair k, p of integer such that $2 \leq k \leq p$, there exists a connected graph G of order p such that $\gamma_{dn}(G) = k$.

Proof: As $\gamma_{dn}(K_2) = 2$, the result is true when $G \cong P_3$ is a graph as in figure 3.6(a). Here, $\{u, v\}$ is a minimum detour dominating set of G and so $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$.

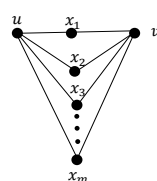


Figure 3.6(a)

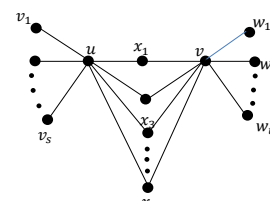


Figure 3.6(b)

Let $2 < k < p$. Consider the graph as in figure 3.6(b).

Where $m = p - (k + 1)$. Here, u and v are vertices of G such that there are exactly m paths of length 2 connecting u and v . Let $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m$ be the internal vertices of these paths. Let s and t be positive integers such that $1 \leq s, t \leq k - 2$ and $s + t = k - 1$. Attach s end vertices $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_s$ to u and t end vertices $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_t$ to v . Then,

number of vertices of $G = s + t + 2 + m = k - 1 + 2 + p - k - 1 = p$. Further,

$\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_s, w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_t, u\}$ is a minimum detour dominating set of G and so $\gamma_{dn}(G) = k$.

IV. GRAPHS WITH PRESCRIBED DETOUR DOMINATION NUMBER.

Theorem 4.1: Let G be a (p, q) graph and $k \geq 3$. If $dn(G) = p - k$, then $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - 2$.

Proof: Let S be a detour dominating set of G . Then, $|V - S| = k$. As S is detour, every vertex of $V - S$ lies in a detour connected two vertices of S of length at most $k + 1$. So, at least two vertices of $V - S$ are

dominated by the vertices of S . Now, the remaining $k - 2$ vertices of $V - S$ together with S constitute a detour dominating set of G . Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - k + k - 2 = p - 2$. Hence, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - 2$.

Theorem 4.2: If $dn(G) = p - 3$, then $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - 3$.

Proof.The result follows from Remark 2.5 and Theorem 4.1.

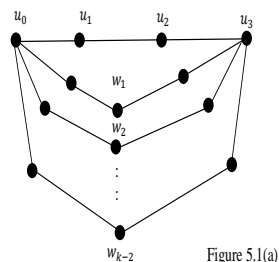
Theorem 4.3: Let G be a connected graph on $p(\geq 2)$ vertices. Then, $\gamma_{dn}(G) + \chi(G) = p + 2$ if and only if G is complete.

Proof: If $\gamma_{dn}(G) + \chi(G) = p + 2$, then $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$ and $\chi(G) = p$. Hence, G is complete. Converse is obvious.

V. RESULTS CONNECTING DOMINATION, DIAMETER, DETOUR AND DETOUR DOMINATION NUMBER OF A GRAPHS

Lemma 5.1: Given a positive integer $k \geq 2$, there exists a graph G with $\gamma(G) = dn(G) = \gamma_{dn}(G) = k$.

Proof. Consider the graph G in figure 5.1(a),

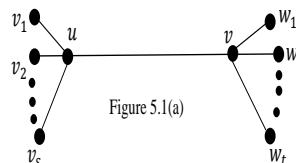


Clearly, $\{u_0, u_3, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{k-2}\}$ is a γ -set, dn -set and γ_{dn} -set of G and so $\gamma(G) = dn(G) = \gamma_{dn}(G) = k$.

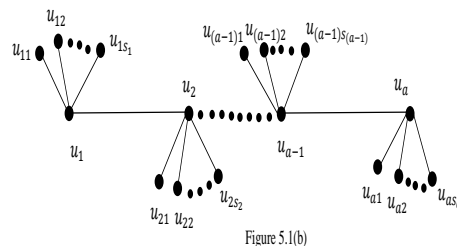
Lemma 5.2: Given two positive integer a and b with $b > a$, there exists a graph G such that $\gamma(G) = a$ and $\gamma_{dn}(G) = dn(G) = b$.

Proof: Let $a=1$ and $b>a$. The star graph $K_{1,b}$ satisfies the required condition.

Let $a = 2$ and $b > a$. Let s and t be two positive integers such that $s + t = b$. Considering G in figure 5.1(a)



$\{u, v\}$ is a minimum dominating set of G and so $\gamma(G) = 2$. Further, $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t\}$ is a minimum detour and minimum detour dominating set of G and hence $\gamma_{dn}(G) = dn(G) = s + t = b$.



Let $a > 2$ and $b > a$. Let $P_a: (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_a)$. Choose positive integer s_1, s_2, \dots, s_a such that $s_1 + s_2 + \dots + s_a = b$. Join s_1, s_2, \dots, s_a pendant vertices u_1, u_2, \dots, u_a of P_a . The resulting graph appears as in figure 5.1(b). Clearly, $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_a\}$ is a minimum dominating set of G and so $\gamma(G) = a$ and $\{u_{11}, u_{12}, \dots, u_{1s_1}, u_{21}, u_{22}, \dots, u_{2s_2}, \dots, u_{a1}, u_{a2}, \dots, u_{as_a}\}$ is a dn -set and γ_{dn} -set of G and $\gamma_{dn}(G) = dn(G) = b$.

Remark 5.3: From remark 2.5, we observe the following result. Given 2 positive integer a, b with $a > 2$ and $b < a$, there exists no graph with $\gamma(G) = a$ and $\gamma_{dn}(G) = dn(G) = b$.

Theorem 5.4: Given 2 positive integers a, b with $2 \leq b < a$, there exists a graph G with $\gamma(G) = \gamma_{dn}(G) = a$ and $dn(G) = b$.

Proof. For $b=2, P_{3a-2}$ satisfies the required condition since

1. The set of end vertices of P_{3a-2} is the unique minimum detour set of P_{3a-2} and so $dn(P_{3a-2}) = 2 = b$.

2. By Theorem 1.1 $\gamma(P_{3a-2}) = \left\lceil \frac{3a-2}{3} \right\rceil = a$.

3. Further, $3a - 2 \geq 5$ as $a > 2$. Therefore, by theorem 2.8, $\gamma_{dn}(P_{3a-2}) = \left\lceil \frac{(3a-2)-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3a-6}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = a - 2 + 2 = a$.

Let

$b > 2$, Let $P_{3a-2b+1} = (v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{3a-2b+1})$. As $b > 2$, $3a - 2b + 1 > b$. Let G be a graph as in the figure 5.4(a) which is obtained by attaching $b - 1$ pendent vertices $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_{b-1}$ respectively to $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{b-1}$ of the path $P_{3a-2b+1}$.

$\{w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_{b-1}, v_{3a-2b+1}\}$ is a minimum detour set of G and so $dn(G) = b$. The set $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{b-1}\}$ together with any minimum dominating set of the path $P' = (v_{b+1}, v_{b+2}, v_{b+3}, \dots, v_{3a-2b+1})$ forms a minimum dominating set of G .

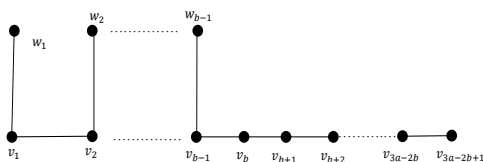


Figure 5.4(a)

Number of vertices in $P' = 3a - 2b + 1 - b = 3(a - b) + 1$ and so by theorem 1.1, $\gamma(G) = b - 1 + \gamma(P') = b - 1 + \left\lceil \frac{3(a-b)+1}{3} \right\rceil = b - 1 + a - b + 1 = a$.

Further, $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_{b-1}, v_{3a-2b+1}\}$ along with any minimum dominating set of the path $P'' = (v_b, v_{b+1}, v_{b+2}, \dots, v_{3a-2b-1})$ forms a minimum detour dominating set of G .

Number of vertices in $P'' = 3a - 2b - 1 - (b - 1) = 3(a - b)$

Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = b + \gamma(P'') = b + \left\lceil \frac{3(a-b)}{3} \right\rceil = b + (a - b) = a$.

Remark 5.5: As in Remark 5.3, for any 2 positive integer a, b with $a < b$, therefore exists no graph G with $dn(G) = b$ and $\gamma(G) = \gamma_{dn}(G) = a$

Theorem 5.6: Let G be a non-complete connected graph with $p (\geq 4)$ vertices. If $diam_D \geq 3$, then $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - 2$.

Proof: Let u, v be a pair of antipodal vertices of G and let P be a path of length d between u and v , where $d = diam_D$. If u' and v' are the vertices adjacent to u and v respectively in P , then $V - \{u', v'\}$ is a detour dominating set of G . Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq p - 2$.

Theorem 5.7: Let G be a non-complete connected Graph with $p \geq 3$ vertices. Then, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$ if and only if G satisfies the following two conditions.

(i) $diam_D < 4$

(ii) G contains 2 antipodal vertices u and v such that every vertex of $V - \{u, v\}$ lies in some $u - v$ detour

Proof. Every vertex of $V - \{u, v\}$ lies in some $u - v$ detour implies $S = \{u, v\}$ is a detour set of G . Also, $diam_D < 4$ implies S dominates all the vertices of $V - S$. Hence, S is a detour dominating set of G so that $\gamma_{dn}(G) \leq 2$. But, always, $\gamma_{dn}(G) \geq dn(G) \geq 2$. Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$.

Conversely, Suppose $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$. Let $S = \{u, v\}$ be a minimum detour set of G . Now, S is detour implies every vertex of $V - S$ must lie in some $u - v$ detour and further S is a dominating set implies every vertex of $V - S$ is dominated by S . Hence, u and v are antipodal vertices of G and so $d(u, v) = diameter_p$ of G .

If $diam_D \geq 4$, every detour P joining u and v must be of length greater than or equal to 4 and so there exists at least one vertex in $V - S$ which is not dominated by S . This is a contradiction to the fact that S is a γ_{dn} - set of G . Hence the result.

VI. ON DETOUR DOMINATION NUMBER OF EDGE ADDED GRAPHS

Here, it is studied that how the detour domination number of a non-complete connected graph is affected by addition of a single vertex with one edge

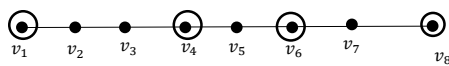
incident with this vertex. Throughout this section, $G \circ K_2$ represents the graph obtained from G by adjoining an edge with some vertex of G .

Theorem 6.1: Let G be any non-complete connected graphs. Let $G' = G \circ K_2$ be a graph obtained from G by adjoining an edge with some vertex of G . Then, $\gamma_{dn}(G') \leq \gamma_{dn}(G) + 1$.

Proof: Let $G' = G \circ K_2$. Let $V(G') = V(G) \cup \{u\}$ and $E(G') = E(G) \cup \{uv\}$ for some $v \in V(G)$. If S is any minimum detour dominating set of G , then $S \cup \{u\}$ is a detour dominating set of G' . Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G') \leq |S \cup \{u\}| = |S| + 1 = \gamma_{dn}(G) + 1$.

Remark 6.2: In the above theorem, both the upper and lower bounds for $\gamma_{dn}(G')$ are sharp.

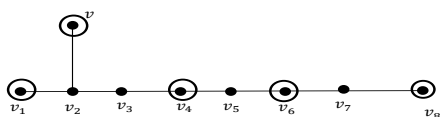
For example, consider $G = P_8, G, G'$ and G'' are as in figures 6.2(a), 6.2(b) and 6.2(c) respectively.



G Figure 6.2 (a)

$\{v_1, v_4, v_6, v_8\}$ is a detour dominating set of P_8 .

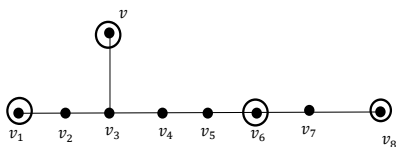
Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(P_8) = \left\lceil \frac{8-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = 2 + 2 = 4$



G' Figure 6.2 (b)

$\{v, v_1, v_4, v_6, v_8\}$ is a detour dominating set of G' .

Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G') = 5 = \gamma_{dn}(P_8) + 1$.



G'' Figure 6.2 (c)

$\{v, v_1, v_5, v_8\}$ is a detour dominating set of G'' .

Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G'') = 4 = \gamma_{dn}(P_8)$.

Theorem 6.3: If a vertex is joined by an edge to any vertex of P_n , where $n = 3k + 1$ and $k \geq 1$, then for the resulting graph $G' = P_n \circ K_2, \gamma_{dn}(G') = \gamma_{dn}(P_n) + 1$.

Proof:

Case 1: suppose G' is the graph obtained from P_n by adding an edge to one of the end vertices of P_n .

In this case, $G' \cong P_{n+1}$. Therefore,

$$\gamma_{dn}(G') = \gamma_{dn}(P_{n+1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n+1)-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3k+2-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3k-2}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = k + 2$$

$$\gamma_{dn}(G) = \gamma_{dn}(P_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3k-3}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = k - 1 + 2 = k + 1$$

Hence, $\gamma_{dn}(G') = \gamma_{dn}(G) + 1$.

Case 2: Suppose G' is obtained by adding an edge to one of the internal of P_n .

In this case, the number of end vertices of G' is 3. Therefore, every minimum detour dominating set of G' contains these three end vertices. Clearly, any minimum dominating set of a path of $n - 4$ or $n - 5$ vertices along with these three end vertices forms a minimum detour dominating set of G' and so $\gamma_{dn}(G') = 3 + \left\lceil \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rceil = 3 + \left\lceil \frac{3k+1-4}{3} \right\rceil = 3 + k - 1 = k + 2 = \gamma_{dn}(G) + 1$, as $\left\lceil \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{n-5}{3} \right\rceil$ when $n = 3k + 1$.

Theorem 6.4: Let $G = P_n, n > 3$, and let $n = 3k$. If G' is obtained by adding an edge to one of the end vertices of G , then $\gamma_{dn}(G') = \gamma_{dn}(G)$ and if an edge is added to one of its internal vertices, then $\gamma_{dn}(G') = \gamma_{dn}(G) + 1$.

Proof:

Case 1: Suppose G' is obtained by adding an edge to one of the end vertices of $G = P_n$.

In this case, $G' \cong P_{n+1}$. Therefore,

$$\gamma_{dn}(G') = \gamma_{dn}(P_{n+1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n+1)-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3k+1-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = k - 1 + 2 = k + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{dn}(G) = \gamma_{dn}(P_n) &= \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2 = \left\lfloor \frac{3k-4}{3} \right\rfloor + 2 \\ &= \left\lfloor \frac{3(k-1)-1}{3} \right\rfloor + 2 \\ &= k-1+2 = k+1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\gamma_{dn}(G') = \gamma_{dn}(G)$.

Case 2: Suppose G' is obtained by adding an edge to any one of the internal vertices of $G = P_n$.

As in theorem 6.4. Clearly, any minimum dominating set of a path of $n-4$ or $n-5$ vertices along with these three end vertices forms a minimum detour dominating set of G' . Therefore, $\gamma_{dn}(G') = 3 + \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor = 3 + \left\lfloor \frac{3k-4}{3} \right\rfloor = 3 + \left\lfloor \frac{3(k-1)-4}{3} \right\rfloor = 3 + k - 1 = k + 2 = \gamma_{dn}(G) + 1$, as $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{n-5}{3} \right\rfloor$ when $n = 3k$.

Theorem 6.5: For a complete graph K_p , $\gamma_{dn}(K_p - e) = 2$ for every edge e in K_p .

Proof. Let $e = uv \in E(K_p)$. Suppose $S = \{u, v\}$, then for every vertex $w \in V(K_p - e) - S$, there exists a $u-v$ detour of length 2 containing w . As $\deg(u) = \deg(v) = p-2$ in $K_p - e$, S is a detour dominating set of $K_p - e$ and so $\gamma_{dn}(K_p - \{e\}) \leq 2$. Hence, by Remark 2.5, $\gamma_{dn}(K_p - \{e\}) = 2$

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