

Lict Double Domination in Graphs

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Abstract

For any graph $G = (V, E)$, lict graph $n(G)$ of a graph G is the graph whose vertex set is the union of the set of edges and the set of cut vertices of G in which two vertices are adjacent if and only if the corresponding edges are adjacent or the corresponding members of G are incident. A subset D^d of $V[n(G)]$ is double dominating set of $n(G)$ if for every vertex $v \in V[n(G)]$, $|N(v) \cap D^d| \geq 2$, that is v is in D^d and has at least one neighbour in D^d or v is in $V[n(G)] - D^d$ and has at least two neighbours in D^d . The lict double dominating number $\gamma_{ddn}(G)$ is a minimum cardinality of lict double dominating set. In this paper many bounds on $\gamma_{ddn}(G)$ are obtained and its exact values for some standard graph are found in terms of parameter of G . Also its relationship with other domination parameters is investigated.

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INTRODUCTION

The graphs considered here are simple and finite. Let G be a graph with $V = V(G)$ is the vertex set of G and $E = E(G)$ is the edge set of G . The neighbourhood of a vertex $v \in V$ is defined by $N(v) = \{u \in V/uv \in E\}$. The close neighbourhood of a vertex v is $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$. The order $|V(G)|$ of G is denoted by p . The degree of v is

$d(v) = |N(v)|$. The maximum degree of a graph G is denoted by $\Delta(G)$ and the minimum degree is denoted by $\delta(G)$. The minimum number of color in any colouring of a graph G such that no two adjacent vertices have same color is called the chromatic number of G and is denoted by $\chi(G)$. A vertex cover in a graph G is a set of vertices that covers all the edges of G . The vertex covering number $\alpha_0(G)$ is a minimum cardinality of a vertex cover in G . An edge cover of a graph G without isolated vertices is a set of edges of G that covers all vertices is a set of edges of G that covers all the vertices of G . The edge covering number $\alpha_1(G)$ of a graph G is the minimum cardinality of an edge cover of G . A set of vertices/edges in a graph G is called an independent set if no two vertices /edges in the the set are adjacent. The vertex independent number $\beta_0(G)$ is the maximum cardinality of an independent set of vertices. The edge independent number $\beta_1(G)$ of a graph G is the maximum cardinality of an independent set of edges. A total dominating set of G is a subset S of V such that each vertex in V is adjacent to a vertex of S . The total domination number, denoted by $\gamma_t(G)$ is the minimum cardinality of a total dominating set. A list graph $n(G)$ of a graph G is the graph whose vertex set is the union of the set of edges and the set of cutvertices of G in which two vertices are adjacent if and only if the corresponding edges are adjacent or the corresponding members of G are incident. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. A set D of vertices in a graph G is called a dominating set of G if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to some vertex in D . The domination number of G , denoted by $\gamma(G)$ is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. A set D subset of $V[n(G)]$ is said to be a dominating set of $n(G)$, if every vertex not in D is adjacent to a vertex in D of $n(G)$. The domination number of $n(G)$ is denoted by $\gamma[n(G)]$ is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. A subset D^d of $V[n(G)]$ is double dominating set of $n(G)$ if for every vertex $v \in V[n(G)]$, $|N(v) \cap D^d| \geq 2$, that is v is in D^d and has at least one neighbour in D^d or v is in $V[n(G)] - D^d$ and has at least two neighbours in D^d and it is denoted by $\gamma_{dan}(G)$. In this paper many bounds on $\gamma_{dan}(G)$ are obtained and its exact values for some standard graph are found in terms of parameter of G . Also its relationship with other domination parameters is investigated. Further domination related graph valued functions were studied in [4, 5, 6]. We need the following theorems.

Theorem A [1] Let G be a connected graph of order n , Then $\gamma'(G) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$.

Theorem B [2] For any graph G , $\kappa(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \delta(G)$.

Theorem C [3] For any path P_n , the edge covering number is $\alpha_1(P_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Theorem D [3] For any path P_n , the vertex covering number is $\alpha_0(P_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Theorem E [3] For any graph G of order p ,

$$(i) \chi(G) \geq \omega(G).$$

$$(ii) \chi(G) \geq \frac{q}{\beta_0}(G).$$

Theorem F[7] Let G be a connected graph, $\chi(G) \leq 1 + \Delta(G)$.

Upper Bounds for $\gamma_{ddn}(G)$

Theorem 1. For any connected (p, q) graph G with $p \geq 3$, $\gamma_{ddn}(G) \leq p - 1$.

Proof. Let T be a spanning tree of G . If $p = 2$, then $n(G)$ has an isolated vertex. Hence $p \geq 3$. Let $I = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$ be the set of all end edges of T and $I' = E(T) - I$. Then there exist a maximal independent set of edges $J = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_k\} \subseteq I'$, in I' such that J forms an edge dominating set of T . Further if $J = \emptyset$, then $J = \{e\} \subseteq I$ forms an edge dominating set of T . Now without loss of generality, the corresponding edges of J forms a vertex set $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$ in $n(T)$ which is also a dominating set of $n(T)$. Let $V_1 = V[n(T)] - D_1$ and $V_1 \in N(D_1)$. Clearly $D^d = D_1 \cup D_2$ form a double dominating set in $n(T)$, where $D_2 \subseteq V_1$. It follows that $|D_1 \cup D_2| \leq p - 1$ and hence $\gamma_{ddn}(G) \leq p - 1$.

Theorem 2. For any connected (p, q) graph G , $\gamma_{ddn} \leq \gamma_t(G) + \Delta(G) - 1$.

Proof. Let $D = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$ be a dominating set of G and $V_1 = V(G) - D$, $V_1 \in N(D)$. Let $H \subseteq V_1$ be the minimum set of vertices which are adjacent to D then $D \cup H$ is a total dominating set of G . Let $v \in D \cup H$, $S \subseteq V(G) - DUH$ be the set of all vertices adjacent to v . Then $D \cup H \cup S$ becomes a maximal domination set of G . Now, let $S_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_j\}$ be the minimal set of edges which are incident to the vertices of D . Now without loss of generality, let $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_i\}$ be a dominating set of $n(G)$. Further if $V_2 = V[n(G)] - D_1$ and $D_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_j\} \subseteq$

V_2 then $D^d = D_1 \cup D_2$ form a double dominating set $n(G)$. Clearly, it follows that $|D^d| \leq |D \cup H \cup S| \leq |D \cup H| \cup |S| - 1$ and hence $\gamma_{ddn} \leq \gamma_t(G) + \Delta(G) - 1$.

Theorem 3. For any tree T with $p \geq 3$, then $\gamma_{ddn} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$.

Proof. Let $S = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_k\}$ be an edge dominating set of T . By definition of $n(T)$, $V[n(T)] = E(T) \cup C(T)$, corresponding to the edges of S , we obtain a vertex set $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$ which is a dominating set of $n(T)$, since $D_1 \in V[n(G)]$, suppose $V_1 \subseteq V[n(T)] - D_1$ be the set of vertices which are neighbours of the elements of D_1 . Further $D_2 \subseteq V_1$ and $D_2 \in N(D_1)$. Then $D^d = D_1 \cup D_2$ becomes double dominating set of $n(T)$ such that any vertex $v \in V[n(T)] - D^d$ has at least two neighbours in $D_1 \cup D_2$. Also by Theorem A, $\gamma'(G) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ clearly it follows that $|D^d| \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$ and hence $\gamma_{ddn} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$.

Theorem 4. For any connected (p, q) graph, $\gamma_{ddn}(G) + \chi(G) \leq p + \Delta(G)$. Equality holds if G is isomorphic to C_4, C_5 .

Proof. By Theorem 1, $\gamma_{ddn}(G) \leq p - 1$ and by Theorem F, $\chi(G) \leq 1 + \Delta(G)$. Clearly it follows that, $\gamma_{ddn}(G) + \chi \leq p + \Delta(G)$. If $G \cong C_4, C_5, C_6$ then $\gamma_{ddn}(G) = p - 1$ and $\chi(G) = 3$. Hence $\gamma_{ddn}(G) + \chi(G) = p + \Delta(G)$.

Theorem 5. For any connected (p, q) graph G , $\gamma_{ddn} + \kappa \leq p + \delta - 1$, where κ denotes the connectivity of G . Equality hold if G is isomorphic to C_4, C_5, C_6 or p_3, p_4 .

Proof. By Theorem 1, $\gamma_{ddn}(G) \leq p - 1$ and by Theorem B, $\kappa \leq \lambda \leq \delta$. Clearly it follows that $\gamma_{ddn}(G) + \kappa \leq p + \delta - 1$. If $G \cong C_4, C_5, C_6$ or p_3, p_4 , then $\gamma_{ddn}(G) = p - 1$ and $k = 2$. Hence $\gamma_{ddn} + \kappa = p + \delta - 1$.

Now we proceed to construct an upper bound to γ_{ddn} by connecting edge connectivity of a graph G .

Corollary 1. For any connected (p, q) graph G , $\gamma_{ddn}(G) + \lambda \leq p + \delta - 1$, where λ denotes the edge connectivity of G . Equality holds, if G is isomorphic to $C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, P_3, P_4, P_5$.

Proof. The result follows from Theorem 1 and Theorem B.

Theorem 6. For any (p, q) tree T with $p \geq 3$, $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \leq q$.

Proof. Let T be a tree with $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_q\}$ and $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_i\} i < q$ be the set of edges and cutvertices in G . In $n(G)$, $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$. Further if

there exists a vertex set $V_1 \subseteq V[n(G)] - C, \{V_1 \subseteq E(G) \text{ in } n(G)\}$. Then $D^d = V_1 \cup C_1, C_1 < C$ where C_1 is a set of cutvertices in $n(G)$. Also every vertex of $n(G)$ are adjacent to at least two vertices of $n(G)$ are adjacent to at least two vertices of D^d . Clearly D^d forms a double dominating set of $n(G)$. Therefore it follow that $|D^d| \leq E(G)$. Hence $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \leq q$.

Theorem 7. For any path P_n of order $n, \gamma_{ddn} \leq \begin{cases} 2\alpha_0(P_n) - 1 & n \text{ is even} \\ 2\alpha_0(P_n) & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Proof. Let P_n be the path with $n \geq 3$ vertices. Consider $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ be the vertices and $E = \{(v_i, v_{i+1}) \mid i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ be the edge set of path P_n . By the Theorem D, we have the following cases.

Case(i): Suppose n is even. Then $\alpha_0(P_n) = \frac{n}{2} \Rightarrow n = 2\alpha_0(P_n)$. Since $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \leq n - 1$, we have $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \leq 2\alpha_0(P_n) - 1$.

Case(ii): Suppose n is an odd. Then $\alpha_0(P_n) = \frac{n-1}{2} \Rightarrow n - 1 = 2\alpha_0(P_n) - 1$. Since $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \leq n - 1$, we have $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \leq 2\alpha_0(P_n)$.

Theorem 8. For any path P_n of order $n, \gamma_{ddn} \leq \begin{cases} 2\alpha_1(P_n) - 1 & n \text{ is even} \\ 2\alpha_1(P_n) - 2 & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$

Proof: Let P_n be the path with $n \geq 3$ vertices. Consider $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ be the vertices and $E = \{(v_i, v_{i+1}) \mid i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ be the edge set of path P_n . We have the following cases.

Case(i): Suppose n is even, by the Theorem C, we have, $\alpha_1(P_n) = \frac{n}{2} \Rightarrow n = 2\alpha_1(P_n)$. Since $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \leq n - 1$, we have $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \leq 2\alpha_1(P_n) - 1$.

Case(ii): Suppose n is an odd, by Theorem C, we have, $\alpha_1(P_n) = \frac{n+1}{2} \Rightarrow n + 1 = \frac{n+1}{2} \Rightarrow n = 2\alpha_1(P_n) - 1$. Since $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \leq p - 1$, we have $\gamma_{ddn} \leq 2\alpha_1(P_n) - 2$.

Theorem 9. For any tree T with k number of cutvertices $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \leq k + 1$, further equality holds if $T = K_{1,p} \ p \geq 3$.

Proof. Let $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\} \subset V(T)$ be the set of all cutvertices of a tree T with $|C| = k$, since the number of vertices and the number of pendant vertices. If for every cutvertex $u \in C, u \neq v$ such that u is adjacent to v . Otherwise, let $e_1 \in E(G)$ such that e_1 is incident with C , so that $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \leq \{C \cup e_1\} = |C| + 1 = k + 1$. For equality, let $T = K_{1,p}$ with a cutvertex $k = 1$, then $D^d = \{K \cup e\}$ is a double dominating set of $n(T)$ with cardinality $k + 1$. Hence $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \leq k + 1$.

Lower Bounds for $\gamma_{ddn}(G)$

Theorem 10. For any tree T of order $p \geq 3$, $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \chi(T)$, and equality holds for all star graphs $K_{1,p}$.

Proof. For any tree T , we have $\chi(T) = 2$ and $2 \leq \gamma_{ddn}(T) \leq p - 1$. Hence $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \chi(T)$. For $T = K_{1,p}$, clearly $\chi(T) = 2$ and $\gamma_{ddn}(T) = 2$. Hence the proof.

Theorem 11. For any tree T of order $p \geq 3$, $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \omega(T)$.

Proof. The result follows from Theorem 10 and Theorem E.

Theorem 12. For any tree T of order $p \geq 3$, $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \frac{q}{\beta_0}(T)$.

Proof. For any tree T , we have $\chi(T) \geq \frac{q}{\beta_0}(T)$ and $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \chi(T)$. Hence $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \frac{q}{\beta_0}(T)$. Hence the proof.

Theorem 13. For any graph G of order p , $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq p - m$, where m is the number of end vertices.

Proof. Let $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_m\}$ be the set of all end vertices in T with $|V_1| = m$. Further $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_q\}$ and $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_i\}$ be the set of edges and cut vertices in G . In $n(G)$, $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$. Let $D^d = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V[n(G)]$ be the double dominating set such that $|V[n(G)] - D^d| \geq 1$, then $\{V[n(G)] - D^d\}$ contains at least one vertex which gives $|n - m| \leq |D^d|$. Hence $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq p - m$.

Theorem 14. For any nontrivial tree (p, q) tree T with k number of cut vertices, then $p - k \leq \gamma_{ddn}(G)$.

Proof. Let $S = X \cup C$ be the set of vertices of $n(T)$ where $X = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_i\}$ and $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_j\}$, $j < i$ are the vertices of $n(T)$ corresponding the edges and cutvertices of T respectively. Now consider the set $D^d = X' = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_i\} \subseteq X \subseteq V[n(T)]$ be the minimal set of vertices which covers all the vertices in $n(T)$. Suppose any vertex $v \in V[n(T)] - X'$ has at least two neighbours in X' then D^d itself is a double dominating set of $n(T)$. Clearly it follows that $|V[n(T)] - C| \leq |D^d|$. Hence $p - k \leq \gamma_{ddn}(T)$.

Corollary 2. For any path P_n , $n \geq 3$, $\gamma_{ddn}(P_n) \geq p - k$ where k be the cutvertices.

Proof. From Theorem 14 the result follows.

Theorem 15. For any connected (p, q) graph G , $\gamma_{ddl}(G) \leq \gamma_{ddn}(G)$, equality holds if G a block graph.

Proof. Since $V[L(G)] \subseteq V[n(G)]$ by definition, then the result follows. If G is a block, then $V[L(G)] = V[n(G)]$ and $L(G) \cong n(G)$. Hence the equality holds.

Theorem 16. If T is a tree which is not a star, then $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \beta_0$.

Proof. Suppose $T = K_{1,p}, p \geq 3$. Then $\beta_0 = p > \gamma_{ddn}(T)$. Let $K = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V(G)$ be the maximum set of vertices such that $d(v_i, v_j) \geq 2$ and $N(v_i) \cap N(v_j) = x, \forall v_i, v_j \in K$ so that $x \in V(G) - K$. Clearly $|K| = \beta_0(G)$. Let $E_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}, E_2 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_m\}, C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_k\}$ be the set of end edges, nonend edges and cut vertices of G . By the definition of $n(G)$, $V[n(G)] = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup C$ and each block of $n(G)$ is complete. Suppose $E'_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_i\} \subseteq E_1, E'_2 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_j\} \subseteq E_2$ be the set of vertices and cutvertices corresponding to the edges of G . Then $E'_1 \cup E'_2$ covers all the vertices of $n(G)$ such that $\forall v_i \in E'_1 \cup E'_2$ covers at least two vertices of $V[n(G)] - \{E'_1 \cup E'_2\}$. Then $\{E'_1 \cup E'_2\}$ forms $\gamma_{ddn}(T)$ set. Otherwise $E'_2 \cup C_1$ where $C_1 \subset C$ gives $\gamma_{ddn}(T)$ - set. Hence in all the cases with $|E'_1 \cup E'_2| \geq |K|$ or $|E'_2 \cup C_1| \geq |K|$ gives $\gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \beta_0(T)$.

Theorem 17. For any connected graph G , $n(G) \neq k_n, n > 4$ vertices $\gamma_{ddn}(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$.

Proof. We consider the following cases,

Case(i): Suppose G is a tree with $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ be the set of all vertices in T . Then $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_i\}$ be the set of all end vertices in T and let $E_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_i\}$ be the set of all non end edges in T and also $E_2 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_j\}$ be the set of all end edges of T . Let C be the set of all cut vertices in T . $V[n(T)] = E(T) \cup C(T) = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup C$. Suppose D^d be a $\gamma_{ddn}(T)$ -set of T such that $D^d = E'_2 \cup E'_1$ where $E'_2 \subset E_2, E'_1 \subset E_1$ which gives $|E'_2 \cup E'_1| = \gamma_{ddn}(T) \geq \frac{V \cup V_1}{2}$ implies that $\gamma_{ddn}(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$.

Case(ii): Suppose G is not a tree. Then there exists at least one edge joining two distinct vertices of a tree T , which from a cycle. From case(i) $|V[n(G)]| \geq |E'_2 \cup E'_1 \cup C_1| + 1$, where $C_1 \subset C$, it follows that $|E'_2 \cup E'_1| + 1 \geq \left\lceil \frac{V \cup V_1}{2} \right\rceil + 1$, which implies $\gamma_{ddn}(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$.

Theorem 18. For any connected (p, q) graph, $\gamma_{\text{adn}} \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{\Delta(G)} \right\rceil$. Equality holds if $G \cong K_{1,p}$, $p \geq 2$.

Proof. Let D be a dominating set of $n(G)$ and $V_1 = V[n(G)] - D$ such that $V_1 \in N(D)$. Let $D_2 \subseteq V_1$ and $D_2 \in N(D)$, then $D^d = D_1 \cup D_2$ is a double dominating set of $n(G)$. Further, let $C = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$ be the set of all non end vertices in G , then there exists at least one vertex v of maximum degree $\Delta(G)$ in C , such that $|D_1 \cup D_2| \cdot \Delta(G) \geq p$. It follows that $\gamma_{\text{adn}} \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{\Delta(G)} \right\rceil$. Suppose G is isomorphic to $K_{1,p}$, $p \geq 1$. Then $n(G) \cong K_{p+1}$, clearly $\gamma_{\text{adn}}(G) = 2$. Since for any given graph $G \cong K_{1,p}$, $p = \Delta(G) + 1$ and $\left\lceil \frac{p}{\Delta(G)} \right\rceil = 2$. Hence it follows that, $\gamma_{\text{adn}} = \left\lceil \frac{p}{\Delta(G)} \right\rceil$.

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