

# Paired Equitable Domination in Inflated Graphs

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**Abstract:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph. A equitable dominating set  $U$  of a connected graph  $G$  is called the paired equitable dominating set if  $U$  dominates  $G$  and the induced sub graph of  $U$  has a perfect matching. The minimum cardinality of paired equitable dominating set is called paired equitable domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G)$ . The inflation graph  $G_1$  is obtained from a graph  $G$  by modifying every vertex  $x$  of degree  $d(x)$  by a clique  $K_{d(x)}$ . In this paper we study the paired equitable domination number for some inflated graphs and arrive with few general results.

**Keywords:** Paired equitable domination, inflated graph, dominating set and domination number.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be a simple undirected graph. Set of vertices is denoted by  $V(G)$  and set of edges by  $E(G)$ . Order of  $G$  is denoted by  $|G|$ . The degree of a vertex is denoted by  $d(v)$  and the closed neighborhood of a vertex  $v$  is  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For further graph theoretic terminology refer [1].

A set  $S$  is a subset of  $V$  is said to be dominating if for every vertex  $v$  of  $V-S$  is dominated by at least one vertex of  $S$ . The domination number of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ , which is the minimum cardinality of the set  $S$ . A set  $S$  is a subset of  $V$  is said to be total dominating, if every vertex of  $V$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of  $S$ . The total domination number of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_t(G)$ , which is the minimum cardinality of the set  $S$ . A set  $S$  is a subset of  $V$  is said to be paired dominating if the induced sub graph of  $S$  has a perfect matching. The induced sub graph of  $S$  is denoted by  $\langle S \rangle$ . The paired domination number of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{pr}(G)$ , which is the minimum cardinality of the set  $S$ . This concept was introduced by Haynes et al. [5].

More practical applications are developed from domination concepts.

Among this one of the concept named equitable domination emerges from the practical application. Same status of pupils combines each other easily in their profession. To execute such type of applications, Prof. Sampath kumar initiated the study of equitable domination parameter and further deliberated by V. Swaminathan et al [4].

## II. INFLATED GRAPH

We generally follow the inflated graphs terminology from [2]. Let  $G$  be a connected graph with no isolated vertices. The inflation or inflated graph  $G_1$  of a graph  $G$  is obtained as follows; every vertex  $a_i$  of degree  $d(a_i)$  of  $G$  is modified by a clique  $A_i \cong K_{d(a_i)}$  and every edge  $y_i y_j$  of  $G$  is modified by an edge  $ab$  in such a way that  $a \in A_i, b \in Y_j$ , and two different edges of  $G$  are modified by non adjacent edges of  $G_1$ .

### 2.1. Equitable domination number [4]

Let  $G$  be a graph. A subset  $U$  of  $V$  is called an equitable dominating set of a graph  $G$  if for every vertex  $a$  of  $V-U$ , there exists a vertex  $b$  of  $U$  such that  $ab \in E(G)$  and  $|\deg(a) - \deg(b)| \leq 1$ , where  $\deg(a)$  is the degree of  $a$  and  $\deg(b)$  is the degree of  $b$  in  $G$ . The equitable domination number of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma^e(G)$ , which is the minimum cardinality of the set  $U$ . The corresponding set is denoted by  $\gamma^e(G)$ -set of  $G$ .

### 2.2. Paired equitable domination number [ 3]

Let  $G$  be a connected graph. A equitable dominating set  $U$  of a connected graph  $G$  is called the paired equitable dominating set if the induced sub graph of  $U$  has a perfect matching. The paired equitable domination number of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G)$ , which is the minimum cardinality of the set  $U$ . The corresponding set is denoted by  $\gamma_{pr}^e$ -set of  $G$ .

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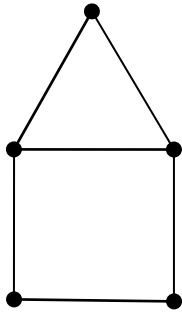


Fig. 1

For the graph G given in fig.1,  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G) = \gamma^e(G) = \gamma(G) = 2$ .

2.3. Paired equitable domination number of inflated graph

Aim of this paper is to provide an upper bound of paired equitable domination number of an inflated graph of any connected graph of order n with  $\delta \geq 2$  and we study the paired equitable domination number of inflated graph of path, cycle graph, complete graph, complete bipartite graph and bi-regular graph.

Theorem 2.4[4]

- (i)  $\gamma^e(P_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$ , for the path  $P_n$
- (ii)  $\gamma^e(C_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$ , for the cycle  $C_n$
- (iii)  $\gamma^e(K_n) = 1$ , for the complete graph  $K_n$
- (iv)  $\gamma^e(K_{m,n}) = 2$  if  $|m - n| \leq 1$

$\gamma^e(K_{m,n}) = m + n$  if  $|m - n| \geq 2, m, n \geq 2$ , for the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$

Theorem 2:5[3]

- (i) For the path graph  $P_n, \gamma_{pr}^e(P_n) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil$  if  $n \geq 2$
- (ii) For the cycle graph  $C_n, \gamma_{pr}^e(C_n) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil$
- (iii) For the complete graph  $K_n, \gamma_{pr}^e(K_n) = 2$

(iv) For the complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n},$

$$\gamma_{pr}^e(K_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } |m - n| \leq 1 \\ \text{not defined, otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2:6

(i) For the path  $G = P_n$  on n vertices,

$$\gamma_{pr}^e(G_l) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{4} \right\rceil$$

(ii) For the cycle  $G = C_n$  on n vertices,  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_l) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$

(iii) For the complete graph  $G = K_n$  on n vertices,  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_l) \leq n + 1$

(iv) For the complete bipartite graph  $G = K_{m,n},$   $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_l) \leq m + n + 1$  if  $|m - n| \leq 1$

Proof (i):

Let  $G = P_n,$  there are n vertices in G, but in  $G_l,$  there are  $\sum_{i=1}^n \text{deg}(v_i)$  number of vertices, that is  $2n-2$  vertices in  $G_l.$

By theorem 2.5(i) we have,  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_l) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{4} \right\rceil.$

(ii) Let  $G = C_n,$  there are n vertices in G, but in  $G_l,$  there are  $\sum_{i=1}^n \text{deg}(v_i)$  number of vertices, that is  $2n$  vertices in  $G_l.$  By

theorem 2.5(i) we have,  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_l) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil.$

(iii) Let  $G = K_n$  and  $V(G) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}.$  Since G is complete,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \text{deg}(v_i) = n(n-1)$  and hence

$|V(G_l)| = n(n-1).$  Arbitrarily choose a vertex say  $u_i$  in  $V(G)$  which creates a clique  $K_{n-1}$  in  $G_l$  whose vertices are  $u_i u_{i-1}, u_i u_{i-2}, \dots, u_i u_{i+1}, u_i u_{i+2}, \dots, u_i u_{n-2}, u_i u_{n-1},$  similar ly each vertex in  $V(G)$  creates a clique  $K_{n-1}$  in  $G_l.$  Choose a pair of vertex  $(u_i u_j, u_j u_i), u_i u_j u_i \in E(G_l)$  dominates exactly two cliques say  $X_r$  and  $Y_r$  such that  $u_i u_j \in V(X_r), u_j u_i \in V(Y_r).$

Set  $S = \{(u_1 u_n, u_n u_1), (u_2 u_{n-1}, u_{n-1} u_2), (u_3 u_{n-2}, u_{n-2} u_3), \dots, (u_{(n/2)-1} u_{(n/2)+2}, u_{(n/2)+2} u_{(n/2)-1}), (u_{n/2} u_{(n/2)+1}, u_{(n/2)+1} u_{n/2})\}$  if n is even} and

set  $S = \{(u_1 u_n, u_n u_1), (u_2 u_{n-1}, u_{n-1} u_2), (u_3 u_{n-2}, u_{n-2} u_3), \dots, (u_{(n-3)/2} u_{(n+1)/2+2}, u_{(n+1)/2+2} u_{(n-3)/2}), (u_{(n-1)/2} u_{(n+1)/2+1}, u_{(n+1)/2+1} u_{(n-1)/2}), (u_{(n+1)/2} u_{(n+1)/2+1}, u_{(n+1)/2+1} u_{(n+1)/2})\}$  if n is odd}. Clearly the set S is a dominating set of  $G_l$  for both cases n is even and odd and also

$|\text{deg}(u_i u_j) - \text{deg}(u_i u_r)| \leq 1$  for every  $u_i u_j \in S$  and  $u_i u_r \in V - S$  and  $u_i u_j, u_i u_r \in E(G_l), 1 \leq i, j \leq n.$  Furthermore the induced sub graph of S has a perfect matching in  $G_l,$

$$|S| \leq 2 \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq n \quad \text{if}$$

is even .....(i)



and  $|S| \leq 2 \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \leq n+1$  if n is odd .....(ii)

From (i) and (ii) we get  $|S| \leq n+1$

Hence  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq n+1$

Fig.2 is  $G=K_4$  complete graph and its inflated graph is given in fig.3, in fig.4 the encircle vertices forms the paired equitable dominating set of  $G_1$

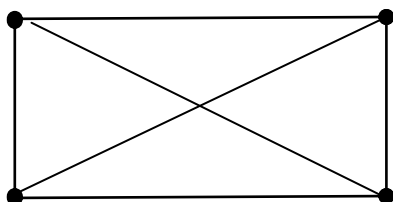


Fig . 2 Graph  $G=K_4$

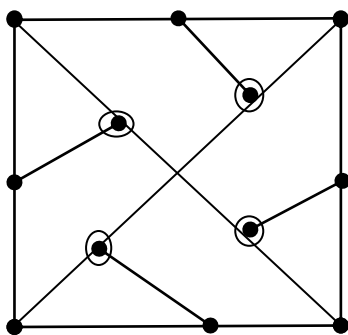


Fig . 3 Inflated Graph  $G_1$

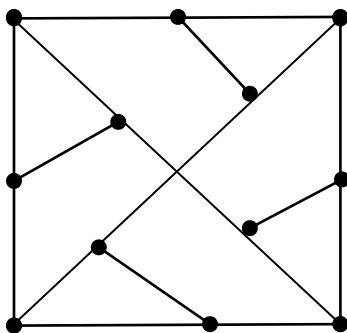


Fig . 4

(iv) Let  $G = K_{m,n}$  be a complete bipartite graph. Let  $V(G) = X \cup Y$  where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n\}$ . Construct the graph  $G_1$ . Let  $S$  be a minimal paired equitable dominating set of  $G_1$ . Since each vertex  $x_i \in X(G)$  is of degree  $n$  and each  $y_j \in Y(G)$  is of degree  $m$ , the inflated graph  $G_1$  consists of  $m$  cliques of order  $n$  and  $n$  cliques of order  $m$ . The group of  $m$  cliques of order  $n$  is represented as  $CG_{X_m}$  it consists of  $G_{X_1}, G_{X_2}, \dots, G_{X_1}, \dots, G_{X_m}$  cliques and the group of  $n$  cliques of order  $m$  is represented as  $CH_{Y_n}$

it consists of  $H_{Y_1}, H_{Y_2}, \dots, H_{Y_1}, \dots, H_{Y_n}$  cliques. Let  $H_{Y_i}$  be one of the cliques of order  $m$  whose vertices are  $y_i, x_1, y_1, x_2, \dots, y_1, x_m$ . Select a pair of vertices  $(x_i, y_j, x_i)$  such that  $x_i, y_j, y_j, x_i \in E(G_1)$ ,  $x_i, y_j \in V(G_{X_i})$  and  $y_j, x_i \in V(H_{Y_j})$ , these two vertices dominate exactly two cliques  $G_{X_i}$  and  $H_{Y_j}$ . Likewise choose a pair of vertex one vertex from the group  $CG_{X_m}$  and one from the group  $CH_{Y_n}$  from this form the set  $S'$ . Since  $n=m+1$ , one of the clique in  $CH_{Y_n}$  is not dominated by any vertex of  $S'$ . Now form  $S = S' \cup \{y_n, x_i, y_n, x_s\}$ , where  $y_n, x_i, y_n, x_s \in E(H_{Y_n})$  is a minimal dominating set of  $G_1$ . Furthermore  $|\deg(x_i, y_j) - \deg(x_i, y_r)| \leq 1$  for every  $x_i, y_j \in S$  and  $x_i, y_r \in V - S$  and  $x_i, y_j, x_i, y_r \in E(G_1)$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Furthermore the induced sub graph of  $S$  has a perfect matching in  $G_1$ . Hence  $|S| = m + (n - 1) + 2 = m + n + 1$ .

Theorem 2.7: If  $G$  is a  $(k_1, k_2)$  bi regular graph then  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq m + n + 1$  where  $m$  is the number of vertices of degree  $k_1$  and  $n$  is the number of vertices of degree  $k_2$ .

Proof: Let  $G$  be a  $(k_1, k_2)$  bi regular graph with  $m$  number of vertices of degree  $k_1$  and  $n$  number of vertices of degree  $k_2$  and let  $G_1$  be an inflated graph of  $G$ .

Case(i): Suppose  $G = (k_1, k_1+1)$  bi regular graph, then by theorem 2.6(iv), we have  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq m + n + 1$ .

Case(ii): Suppose  $G = (k_1, k_2)$  bi regular graph with  $k_1=2$  and  $k_2 \geq 3$  then the inflated graph  $G_1$  consists of two partitions of the vertex set say  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$  each vertex in  $X(G_1)$  is of degree 2 and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  each vertex in  $Y(G_1)$  is of degree  $\geq 3$ .

By theorem 2.6(ii) and (iii)

$$\gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq 2 \left\lceil \frac{2m-2}{4} \right\rceil + n + 1$$

$$\gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq m + n + 1.$$

Case(iii): Suppose  $G = (k_1, k_2)$  bi regular graph with  $k_1 \neq k_2$  (where  $k_1$  and  $k_2 > 3$ ). In this case

by theorem 2.6(iii)  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq m + n + 1$ .

Theorem 2:8: For any connected graph  $G$  of order  $n$  with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$  then  $\gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq n + 1$



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Proof: Let  $G$  be any connected graph with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ . Construct the graph  $G_1$ . Let  $S$  be a minimal paired equitable  $\in V(G_1) / x_i y_j \in X_r, y_j x_i \in Y_s, x_i y_j y_j x_i \in E(G_1)$  such that  $|r-s|=0$

$\in V(G_1) / x_i y_j \in X_r, y_j x_i \in Y_s, x_i y_j y_j x_i \in E(G_1)$  such that  $|r-s|=1$

$\in V(G_1) / x_i y_j \in X_r, y_j x_i \in Y_s, x_i y_j y_j x_i \in E(G_1)$  such that  $|r-s| \geq 2$

Choose an arbitrary pair of vertex say  $(u_i u_j, u_j u_i)$ ,  $u_i u_j u_j u_i \in E(G_1)$  in  $V(G_1)$  dominates exactly two cliques say  $X_r$  and  $Y_r$  such that  $u_i u_j \in V(X_r)$ ,  $u_j u_i \in V(Y_r)$ .

Case(i): Suppose  $S$  contains only the elements of  $A$  then we have

$$\text{If } n \text{ is even then } |S| \leq 2 \left( \frac{n}{2} \right) \leq n \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{If } n \text{ is odd then } |S| \leq 2 \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \leq n+1 \dots\dots\dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii) we get  $|S| \leq n+1$

$$\text{Hence } \gamma_{pr}^e(G_1) \leq n+1$$

Case(ii): Suppose  $S$  contains only the elements of  $B$ . Let  $m_1$  be the number of cliques of degree  $r$  and  $m_2$  be the number of cliques of degree  $r+1$  in  $G_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |S| &\leq m_1 + m_2 + 1 \\ &\leq 2 \frac{m_1}{2} + 2 \left( \frac{n-m_1}{2} \right) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$|S| \leq n+1$$

Case(iii): Suppose  $S$  contains only the elements of  $C$ . Let  $m_i$  denote the number of cliques of degree  $i$ ,  $i=2$  to  $n-1$ .

$$|S| \leq 2 \frac{m_2}{2} + 2 \frac{m_3}{2} + \dots + 2 \frac{m_{n-1}}{2}$$

Since the sum of the vertices of a graph  $G$  is the number of cliques in  $G_1$

$$\begin{aligned} |S| &\leq 2 \frac{m_2}{2} + 2 \frac{m_3}{2} + \dots + 2 \frac{m_{n-1}}{2} \\ &\leq n+1 \end{aligned}$$

Case(iv): Suppose  $S$  contains the elements of  $A, B$  and  $C$ ,  $|S| \leq |A| + |B| + |C|$ . Since the order of a graph  $G$  is  $n$ , there are  $n$  cliques in  $G_1$ . Select a vertex say  $x_i y_j$  from a clique  $X_r$  in  $G_1$ . A paired vertex of  $x_i y_j$  is  $y_j x_i$  which is chosen from the clique  $Y_r$  in  $G_1$  such that  $x_i y_j, y_j x_i \in E(G_1)$  and the vertices  $x_i y_j$

dominating set of  $G_1$ . Let  $X_r$  be a clique in  $G_1$  which corresponds to a vertex  $x_i$  of degree  $r$ . The partitions of  $S$  are

$$\text{Let } A = \{x_i y_j, y_j x_i\}$$

$$\text{Let } B = \{x_i y_j, y_j x_i\}$$

$$\text{Let } C = \{x_i y_j, y_j x_i\}$$

and  $y_j x_i$  dominated exactly two cliques of same degree  $X_r$  and  $Y_r$  in  $G_1$ . Likewise select the pair of vertices  $(x_i y_j, y_j x_i)$  among the same degree of cliques which dominate exactly two different cliques then  $|S| \leq |A| + |B| + |C| \leq n+1$ .

### III. CONCLUSION

For any graph  $G$  of order  $n$ , the paired equitable domination number of inflated graph of  $G$  is at most  $n+1$  where as the paired domination of inflated graph of  $G$  is  $n$  if and only if  $G$  has a perfect matching.

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