

New Bounds on Domination number and Bondage number of Central and Line Graphs.

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Abstract:

The central graph of a graph G is denoted as $C(G)$ and is obtained from G by subdividing each edge of G exactly once and joining all other non adjacent vertices of G . In this paper, we prove that for any connected graph G , $Y(C(G)) \leq p-1$ and for any tree T , $Y(C(T)) \leq p-\ell$ where ℓ is the number of pendant vertices of G and we characterise Connected Unicyclic graphs for which $Y(C(G))=p-1$.

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Bondage number, Central graph, Domination number, Trees, Connected Unicyclic graphs, Bistar, Lobster, Line graph

1.Introduction

By a graph $G=(V(G),E(G))$ we mean a finite undirected graph without loops or multiple edges. A subset S of V is called a dominating set of G if every vertex in $V-S$ is adjacent to

some vertex in S . The domination number $Y(G)$ of G is the minimum cardinality among all dominating sets of G . The central graph $C(G)$ of G is obtained from G by subdividing each edge of G exactly once and joining all other nonadjacent vertices of G

For real number x , $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x and $\lceil x \rceil$ denotes the smallest integer greater than or equal to x . We refer to [1] for the graph-theoretic terms not described here. A complete graph is a simple graph in which any two vertices are adjacent. A spanning subgraph of a graph G the subgraph obtained by edge deletions only. A connected undirected graph is called a tree when it has no cycles. The distance $d(u,v)$ between two vertices u and v in a connected graph G is the length of a shortest $u-v$ path in G . A tree which yields a path when its pendant vertices are removed is called a caterpillar. A spider is a tree which has at most one vertex of degree ≥ 3 . A bistar is the graph obtained by joining the apex vertices of two copies of star $k_{1,n}$ by an edge. A Lobster graph is a tree in which all the vertices are within distance 2 of a central path. The bondage number $b(G)$ of a nonempty graph G is the minimum cardinality among all sets of edges E for which $Y(G-E) > Y(G)$ and defined in [2]. Fink et.al.[2] found the bondage number of cycles, paths and complete and complete multipartite graphs. Theorem 1[2]: The

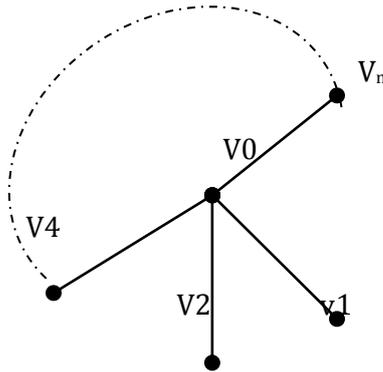
bondage number of the n -cycle is

$$b(C_n) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2. Main Results

Theorem 2.1 $Y(C(K_{1,n})) = 2$

Proof:



Let $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ in which $\deg(v_0) = n$. Then, $\{v_0, v_i\}$ where $1 \leq i \leq n$ forms a minimum dominating set of $C(K_{1,n})$. So that, $Y(C(K_{1,n})) = 2$.

Theorem 2.2 $Y(C(K_p)) = p-1$

Proof:

Let $V(K_p) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ and Let x_{ij} be the vertex subdividing the edge $v_i v_j$

Then clearly, $\{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_p, x_{12}\}$ forms a minimum dominating set for $C(K_p)$

So that, $Y(C(K_p)) = p-1$

Theorem 2.3

$$\text{For } p \geq 5, Y(C(P_k)) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{2}, & k \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right\rfloor, & k \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Proof:

Let $V(P_k) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$

Construct, $S = \{v_1, v_3, \dots, v_k / k \text{ is even}\}$. If

$k \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, Then S forms a dominating set

with cardinality $\frac{k}{2}$. If $k \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, Then S

forms a dominating set with cardinality $\left\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \right\rfloor$

Theorem 2.4

For $p \geq 5, Y(C(C_p)) = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$

Proof:

Let $V(C_p) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$. Construct, $S = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_p / p \text{ is odd}\}$

forms a dominating set with

$\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ vertices. Hence $Y(C(C_p)) = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$

Theorem 2.5

For $p \geq 4, Y(C(W_p)) = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$

Proof: Let $V(W_p) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ and v_1 be the centre of the wheel graph. Consider

$V - \{v_1\} = \{v_i / 2 \leq i \leq p\}$. Let $S_1 \in V - \{v_1\}$ be the independent set of vertices with $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor - k$

vertices. Let $S_2 = \{x_{ij} / 2 \leq i \leq p, j = i+1, i, j \text{ not in } S_1\}$ be the set of subdivided vertices of

these k vertices. Then, $S = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \{v_1\}$ forms a dominating set with cardinality

$|S_1| + |S_2| + 1$ vertices. $Y(C(W_p))$

$$= \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor - k + k + 1 = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1.$$

Theorem 2.6

$Y(C(K_{m,n})) = \min\{m, n\} + 1$

Proof: $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m\}$ and

$V_2 = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$ be a complete bipartition of $K_{m,n}$.

Let $m \leq n$, As $\langle V_2 \rangle$ is a complete graph in $C(K_{m,n})$, $V_1 \cup \{w_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ forms a minimum dominating set for $C(K_{m,n})$, Hence

$Y(C(K_{m,n})) = m + 1$

If $m \geq n, Y(C(K_{m,n})) = n + 1$

Therefore, $Y(C(K_{m,n})) = \min\{m, n\} + 1$

Theorem 2.7

For any tree T with atleast two vertices of degree ≥ 2 , then $Y(C(T)) \leq p - \ell$ where ℓ is the number of pendant vertices of T . Equality holds if and only if either T is isomorphic to bistar or Lobster or Every non pendant vertices of T are adjacent to atleast one pendant vertices of T .

Proof: Let L be the set of all pendant vertices in T with $|L| = \ell$ and S be the set of all nonpendant vertices of T . As, In $C(T)$ Each pendant vertex of T is adjacent to all the non pendant vertices of T , Moreover, All the non pendant vertices of T dominates the subdivided vertices of $C(T)$ and themselves. Then $S = V - L$ forms a dominating set in $C(T)$. Hence, $Y \leq p - \ell$.

Assume $Y = p$, If $\text{diam } T = 3$, T is isomorphic to bistar with $Y = p - \ell$

If $\text{diam } T = 4$, T is isomorphic to Lobster
Suppose, $\text{diam } T > 4$

Claim : Every non pendant vertex of T is adjacent to atleast one pendant vertex of T .
Suppose not, Let v be the such vertex which is not adjacent to pendant vertex in T .

As, the subdivided vertices of $C(T)$ which are adjacent to v are dominated by the vertices of $S - \{v\}$ and v is dominated by one of the vertices in $S - \{v\}$ in $C(T)$.

Hence, $S - \{v\}$ forms a dominating set with $p - \ell - 1$ vertices which is a contradiction to $Y = p - \ell$. Hence, Every non pendant vertex of T is adjacent to atleast one pendant vertex of T . Converse is obvious.

Theorem:2.8

For any connected graph of order p ,
 $Y(C(G)) \leq p - 1$

Proof: Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$. As $C(G)$ is connected, $V(G) - \{v_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq p$ forms a dominating set with $p - 1$ vertices, So that,
 $Y(C(G)) \leq p - 1$

Result 2.9

If G is a connected graph in which $Y(C(G)) = p - 1$ then G contains at least one cycle.

Proof: Suppose, G does not contain a cycle. Then G is isomorphic to a tree

For any tree with at least two vertices of degree ≥ 2 , $Y(C(T)) \leq p - \ell$ and $\ell \geq 2$
 $Y(C(T)) \leq p - 2$ which is a contradiction to $Y(C(G)) = p - 1$

Hence G contains at least one cycle.

Theorem:2.10

Let G be connected Unicyclic graph. $Y(C(G)) = p - 1$ if and only if G is isomorphic to $C_3, C_4, C_{3,1}$

Proof: Let G be connected Unicyclic graph with $Y(C(G)) = p - 1$ and C be the unique cycle of G . If for each vertex of G has degree 2. Then G is isomorphic to C_3, C_4 since For $p \geq 5$, $Y(C(C_p)) = \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor$. Suppose G has a vertex of degree ≥ 3 on C , say u . We claim that $C = C_3$. Suppose $C = C_n$, $n \geq 4$. Let V_1 be the set of $\lfloor \frac{2n-3}{4} \rfloor$ vertices dominating all the $2n - 3$ vertices of $C_{2n} - \{u\}$. Let V_2 be the set of $\frac{2p-2n}{2} = p - n$ vertices dominating the remaining vertices of $C(G)$. Clearly, $\{u\} \cup V_1 \cup V_2$ is a dominating set of $C(G)$ and hence $Y(C(G)) \leq 1 + \lfloor \frac{2n-3}{4} \rfloor + p - n$. Now, since $n \geq 4$,

We have $n >$
 $2 + \lfloor \frac{2n-3}{4} \rfloor, Y(C(G)) < 1 + \lfloor \frac{2n-3}{4} \rfloor + p - 2 -$

$\left\lceil \frac{2n-3}{4} \right\rceil < p-1$ which is a contradiction. Thus
 $C=C_3$

Now suppose C_3 has two vertices u, v with $\deg u \geq 3$ and $\deg v \geq 3$ and u, v be the vertices of $C(G)$ lying on C . Now, Let the vertex of C_6 not adjacent to u be u_1
 $\{u, v, u_1\}$ dominates at least $p+5$ vertices of $C(G)$.

Let V_1 be the collection of $p-5$ vertices dominating the remaining vertices of $C(G)$. Then $\{u, v, u_1\} \cup V_1$ forms a dominating set of $C(G)$ of cardinality $3+p-5=p-2$ which is a contradiction. Hence C_3 has exactly one vertex u with $\deg u \geq 3$

Suppose there exists a pendant vertex v not on C_3 such that $d(u, v) = r \geq 2$

Let x_{ij} be the subdividing vertex of v_i and v_j , $v_i \neq u, v_j \neq u$ on C

Then u and x_{ij} dominate all the vertices of C_6 and at least one subdivided vertex which are adjacent to u . Let V_1 be the collection of $p-4$ vertices dominating remaining vertices of $C(G)$ except the subdivided vertices, not on C which are adjacent to u . Clearly $\{u, x_{ij}\} \cup V_1$ forms a dominating set of $C(G)$ of cardinality $2+p-4=p-2$ which is a contradiction. Hence there exists a pendant vertex v not on C_3 such that $d(u, v) = 1$.

Suppose there exist two pendant vertices v_1, v_2 not on C_3 such that $d(u, v_1) = 1$ & $d(u, v_2) = 1$. Then clearly, $\{x_{12}, u, v_1\}$ forms a dominating set of $C(G)$ of cardinality 3 which is a contradiction. Since $p \geq 5, p-1 \geq 4$, Hence there exists only one pendant vertex v not on C_3 such that $d(u, v) = 1$. Hence G is isomorphic to $C_3, C_4, C_{3,1}$.

The converse is obvious.

Theorem: 2.11

Let G be connected (p, q) graph.

Then $Y(C(G)) \leq p-1$, Equality holds if and only if G is isomorphic to P_3, W_5, C_4, K_p or G contains at most one pendant vertex with four vertices.

Proof: Let G be connected graph with $Y(C(G)) = p-1$

Claim(i) G is isomorphic to P_3, W_5, C_4, K_p or G contains at most one pendant vertex with four vertices. By Result 2.9, G can not be tree

case(i) Suppose all the vertices having degree $p-1$, Then G is complete graph

Since $Y(C(K_p)) = p-1$, case(ii) Suppose all the vertices having some degree except $p-1$ and $\deg u = r$ (say),

Claim : $r \leq 2$, Suppose $3 \leq r < p-1$

Then G is a regular graph of order p of degree r and q edges. $C(G)$ has $p+q$ vertices since $q = \frac{rp}{2}$, Hence $C(G)$ has

$$p+q = p + \frac{rp}{2} = \frac{2p+rp}{2} = \frac{(2+r)p}{2} \text{ vertices}$$

Since $3 \leq r < p-1$, One vertex u of $C(G)$ dominates $p-1$ vertices in $C(G)$

Then remaining $\frac{(2+r)p}{2} - (p-1) - 1 = \frac{rp}{2}$ vertices are dominated by $p-r$ vertices

Hence, $C(G)$ has dominating set with cardinality $1+p-r$, Since $3 \leq r < p-1$

$Y(C(G)) < p-1$ which is a contradiction to $Y = p-1$, Hence $r \leq 2$

If $r=1$, G is isomorphic to K_2 , If $r=2$, G is isomorphic to C_p

Since $Y = p-1$, G is isomorphic to C_3, C_4

case(iii) Suppose for some vertex of G having degree $< p-1$, Claim $p \leq 5$,
 Suppose not, Let T be the spanning tree of G
 Let u be the vertex of T having maximum degree Δ (say)
 Then u dominates $\Delta + (p-\Delta) - 1 = p-1$ vertices in $C(T)$
 Since $C(T)$ has $2p-1$ vertices, Remaining $2p-1 - (p-1) - 1 = 2p-1 - p + 1 - 1 = p-1$ vertices are dominated by at most $\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor$ vertices in $C(T)$, $Y(C(T)) \leq \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor + 1$, But $Y(C(G)) \leq Y(C(T)) \leq \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor + 1$, Since $p \geq 6$, $Y < p-1$ which is a contradiction to $Y = p-1$
 Hence $p \leq 5$, If $p=4$ and $Y = p-1$, G contains at most one pendant vertex
 If $p=5$, G is isomorphic to W_5 . Conversely, Assume G is isomorphic to P_3, W_5, C_4, K_p or G contains at most one pendant vertex with four vertices.

Then $Y = p-1$, this is obvious

Some New Results on Bondage number of Line graphs

First we determine $Y(L(G))$ for some special classes of graphs.

Lemma 1.

The domination number of the path of order k is $Y(L(P_k)) = \lfloor \frac{k}{3} \rfloor$ for $k \geq 3$

Proposition 1.

The bondage number of the k -cycle of $b(L(C_k)) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } k \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ 2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Proof.

By theorem 1[2], it is obvious

Proposition 2.

For $k \geq 3$, $b(L(P_k)) = \begin{cases} 2 & k \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Proof

Trivially $b(L(P_k)) \geq 1$

If $k \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, the dismissal of one edge from $L(P_k)$ yields a graph A which is to be composed of two paths P_1 and P_2 .

If P_1 has order k_1 and P_2 has order k_2 , then either $k_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ or $k_1 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, k_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

In the first mentioned of the two

cases, $Y(A) = Y(P_1) + Y(P_2) = \lfloor \frac{k_1}{3} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{k_2}{3} \rfloor = \frac{k_1}{3} + \frac{k_2+2}{3} = \lfloor \frac{k}{3} \rfloor$

In the latter case,

$Y(A) = Y(P_1) + Y(P_2) = \lfloor \frac{k_1}{3} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{k_2}{3} \rfloor = \frac{k_1+1}{3} + \frac{k_2+1}{3} = \lfloor \frac{k}{3} \rfloor$. By Lemma 1, In these two cases, we

conclude that, $b(L(P_k)) \geq 2$

To obtain the upper bounds that, by trichotomy, will produces the desired equalities of our theorem's statement, we consider three cases,

Case(i) Suppose that $k \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, The subgraph A gained by removing two edges from $L(P_k)$. $Y(A) = 2 + Y(P_{k-3}) = 2 + \lfloor \frac{k-3}{3} \rfloor > \lfloor \frac{k}{3} \rfloor$

The subgraph A gained by removing one edge form $L(P_k)$

Subcase(i) Suppose that $k \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$Y(A) = 1 + Y(P_{k-2}) = 1 + \lfloor \frac{k-2}{3} \rfloor > \lfloor \frac{k}{3} \rfloor$

Subcase(ii) $k \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$,

$Y(A) = 1 + \lfloor \frac{k-2}{3} \rfloor > \lfloor \frac{k}{3} \rfloor$

By Lemma 1., with the earlier inequality we conclude that $b(L(P_k)) = \begin{cases} 2 & k \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Proposition 3.

For $K_{1,n}$, $b(L(K_{1,n})) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Proof.

Since the Line Graph of star graph is complete graph

Hence by Proposition 1[2] the result holds.

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