

Characterization of Double Domination of Star Graph Families

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Abstract

A subset S of $V(G)$ is a “double dominating set” for G if S dominates every vertex of G at least twice. The minimum cardinality of a double dominating set is called double domination number and is denoted by γ_{dd} . In this paper, the double domination number of central, middle and total graphs of star graph is found.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple undirected graph. The degree of any vertex u in G is the number of edges incident with u and is denoted by $d(u)$. The minimum and maximum degree of G is denoted by $\delta(G)$ and $\Delta(G)$ respectively. A path on n vertices is denoted by P_n . The graph with $V(B_{n,n}) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E(B_{n,n}) = \{u_i v_i, u_i v_j, u_j v_i: 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ is called the n -bistar and is denoted by $B_{n,n}$.

The central graph of G , denoted by $C(G)$ is obtained by subdividing each edge of G exactly once and joining all the non-adjacent vertices of G in $C(G)$.

The middle graph $M(G)$ of a graph G is defined as follows: The vertex set of $M(G)$ is $V(G) \cup E(G)$. Two vertices x, y in the vertex set of $M(G)$ are adjacent in $M(G)$ if either (i) x, y are in $E(G)$ and x, y are adjacent in G or (ii) x is in $V(G)$, y is in $E(G)$ and x, y are incident in G . In other words, $M(G)$ is obtained by subdividing each edge of G exactly once and joining all these newly added middle vertices of adjacent edges of G .

The total graph $T(G)$ of a graph G is defined as a graph with vertex set $V(G) \cup E(G)$ and two vertices x, y of $T(G)$ are adjacent in $T(G)$ if either (i) x, y are in $V(G)$ and x is adjacent to y in G or (ii) x, y are in $E(G)$ and x, y are adjacent in G or (iii) x is in $V(G)$, y is in $E(G)$ and x, y are incident in G .

A subset S of $V(G)$ is a “double dominating set” for G if S dominates every vertex of G at least twice. The minimum cardinality of a double dominating set is called double domination number and is denoted by γ_{dd} .

Here it is assumed that the vertex set $V(k_{1,n})$ of the star graph $k_{1,n}$ is $\{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, where $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ are the pendent vertices of $k_{1,n}$ and the center vertex v is adjacent to v_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Theorem 1.1

For star graph $k_{1,n}$, $n \geq 2$, $\gamma_{dd}[C(k_{1,n})] = n + 1$.

Proof

By the definition of central graph, $C(k_{1,n})$ is obtained by subdividing each edge $v_i v_j$ of $k_{1,n}$ exactly once by the vertex c_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$ in $C(k_{1,n})$ and joining all the non-adjacent vertices $v_i v_j$ of $k_{1,n}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n$. Let $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $V' = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$. Then $V(C(k_{1,n})) = V_1 \cup V' \cup \{v\}$, the set V' is linearly independent and v_i is adjacent to v and v_j , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Also observe that induced subgraph $\langle V_1 \rangle$ is complete in $C(k_{1,n})$.

To find double domination number of $C(k_{1,n})$.

As $C(k_{1,n})$ contains a clique $\langle v_1 \rangle$ of order n and since the double domination number of a complete graph is two. Without loss of generality, let v_i and v_j be arbitrary elements of double dominating set in $\langle V_1 \rangle$.

Since v is adjacent to all d_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, and $\deg$ of v is greater than or equal to all vertices of the vertex v along with vertices v_i and v_j adjacent to d_i and d_j and remaining vertices of V' , $d_t \neq d_i$ and d_j , for $1 \leq t \leq n$, $t \neq i$ and $t \neq j$ forms double dominating set.

Therefore, $\gamma_{dd}(C(k_{1,n})) = n + 1$.

Theorem 1. 2

For star graph $k_{1,n}$, $n \geq 2$, $\gamma_{dd}(M(k_{1,n})) = n + 2$.

Proof

By definition of middle graph $M(k_{1,n})$ is obtained by subdividing each edge v_i of $k_{1,n}$ exactly once by the vertex d_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$ in $M(k_{1,n})$ and joining all these middle vertices c_i and c_j of adj. Edges of $k_{1,n}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n$.

Let $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $V' = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$. $V(M(k_{1,n})) = V_1 \cup V' \cup \{v\}$ and c_i is adjacent to v_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. It is evident that induced subgraph $\langle V' \rangle$ is complete in $M(k_{1,n})$. And double domination number of complete graph is 2. Let d_i and d_j be two vertices of V' for $i \neq j$. Now, all the pendent vertices $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ are in double dominating set. d_i and d_j dominates all the vertices of V' and the root vertex v . All the pendant vertices $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\} - V$ dominates itself. Therefore, $\{d_i, d_j, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ forms double dominating set of $M(k_{1,n})$ which implies $\gamma_{dd}(M(k_{1,n})) = n + 2$.

Theorem 1. 3

For star graph $k_{1,n}$, $n \geq 2$, $\gamma_{dd}(T(k_{1,n})) = n + 2$.

Proof

By definition of total graph $T(k_{1,n})$ is obtained by subdividing each edge v_i of $k_{1,n}$ exactly once by the vertex d_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$ in $T(k_{1,n})$ and joining all these middle vertices c_i and c_j of adjacent edges of $k_{1,n}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and also joining the adjacent vertices v and v_i of $k_{1,n}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$ in $T(k_{1,n})$. Let $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $V' = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$. $V(T(k_{1,n})) = V_1 \cup V' \cup \{v\}$ and c_i is adjacent to v_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. It is evident that induced subgraph $\langle V' \rangle$ is complete in $T(k_{1,n})$. The result is obtained by the method followed in previous theorem.

Conclusion

In this paper, the characterization of Central, middle and total star graph double domination number is derived after identifying the double domination set of the above mentioned graphs. There is scope for extending to various families of graphs which has vast applications in network security.

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