

A Note on K_r Excellent Domination Parameter

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Abstract: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph of order p and size q . A subset S of V is said to be a K_r -dominating set of G if for every vertex $v \in (V - S)$ is K_r -adjacent to atleast one vertex in S . Since v is always a K_r -dominating set, for every r , the existence of K_r -dominating set in G is guaranteed. A K_r -dominating set of minimum cardinality is called a minimum K_r -dominating set and its cardinality is denoted by γ_{kr} . Clearly $\gamma = \gamma_{k2}$ and $\gamma \leq \gamma_{kr}$ for every $r > 2$

I. Introduction

A vertex v is said to be k_r -adjacent to a vertex u if u and v are contained in a r -clique of G . Let $u \in V(G)$, define k_r -neighbourhood, denoted by $N_{kr}(v) = \{v \in V / \text{vis } k_r\text{-adjacent to } u\}$. If $N_{kr}(u) = \emptyset$ then u is called a k_r -isolated vertex. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. A subset $S \subseteq V$ is said to be a K_r -dominating set of G if for every vertex $v \in (V - S)$ is K_r -adjacent to atleast one vertex in S . A tree T is said to be γ_{kr} -excellent if for every vertex of T is some γ_{kr} -set.

Results:

For any n , if G does not contain any r -clique, then $\gamma_{kr} = p$. In particular, if $r > p$ then $\gamma_{kr} = p$. Therefore we assume that $r \leq p$.

- (i) $\gamma_{kr}(K_p) = 1$
- (ii) $\gamma_{kr}(S_1, p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } r = 2 \\ = (p + 1) & \text{if } r > 2 \end{cases}$
- (iii) $\gamma_{kr}(W_n) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{p}{3} \rfloor & \text{if } r = 3 \\ = (p + 1) & \text{if } r > 3 \end{cases}$
- (iv) $\gamma_{kr}(P_p) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{p}{r} \rfloor & \text{if } r \leq p \\ = (p) & \text{if } r > 2 \end{cases}$
- (v) $\gamma_{kr}(C_p) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{p}{r} \rfloor & \text{if } r \leq p \\ = (p) & \text{if } r > 2 \end{cases}$
- (vi) $\gamma_{kr}(G) = \begin{cases} (p) & \text{if } r = 2 \\ = (p + 1) & \text{if } r > 2 \end{cases}$

Where G is the graph obtained from $K_{1,p}$ by dividing each edge exactly once

$$(vii) \gamma_{kr}(K_{p_1, p_2}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } r = 2 \\ = (p_1 + p_2) & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(viii) If $r \geq 2$ then any γ_{kr} -set contains all pendent vertices. Therefore $\gamma_{kr}(GoK_1) = (p + \gamma_{kr})(G)$ if $r > 2$.

Ore's Theorem

II Statement:

A K_r -dominating set S of a graph G is minimal if and only if for every $u \in S$ either or both of the following conditions hold.

- (i) $N_{kr}(u) \cap S = \emptyset$
- (ii) \exists a vertex $v \in (V - S)$ such that $N_{kr}(u) \cap S = u$.

Proof :

Let S be a K_r -dominating set. Then obviously any $u \in S$, Conditions (i) (or) (ii) (or) both.

Conversely, assume that for every $u \in S$, conditions (i) (or) (ii) (or) both holds.

Claim : S is a minimal K_r -dominating set.

Suppose not. Then there exists $u \in S$ such that $(S - u)$ is a K_r -dominating set. That is, there exists $v \in S$ such that u is K_r -adjacent to v . (i.e) $N_{K_r}(u) \cap S \neq \emptyset$. (i.e) (i) is not satisfied. Therefore u satisfies condition(ii). (i.e) there exists $v \in (V - S)$ such that $N_{K_r}(v) \cap S = u$. (i.e) $N_{K_r}(v) \cap (S - u) = \emptyset$. Therefore $(S - u)$ is not a K_r -dominating, Which is a contradiction. Hence the thm.

Remark:

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph with a vertices. Let $r \geq 2$. Then $1 \leq \gamma_{K_r} \leq n$ and these bounds are Sharp.

Remark:

Any K_r dominating set with $r \geq 3$ contains all pendent vertices. Also, for a tree T , $V(T)$ is the minimum K_r dominating set for all $r \geq 3$.

iii Result

A graph G has V , as its unique K_r dominating set if and if G contains no r -clique.

Proof

\Rightarrow

Assume that G contains no r -clique. To prove that G has V as its unique K_r -dominating set. The proof is Obvious.

\Leftarrow

Assume that graph G has V as its unique K_r dominating set. To prove that

G contains no r -clique. Suppose G contains a r -clique say $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r\}$. Then $(V - \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_r\})$ is a K_r -dominating set. Which is a contradiction to our hypothesis.

Corollary

If there exists $v \in V$ such that $N[V]$ contains a r -clique. Then $\gamma_{K_r}(G) \leq n - r + 1$.

Observation

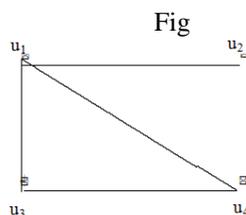
A graph G has $\gamma_{K_r}(G) = 1$ if and only if there exists a point $u \in V(G)$ such that every point is in a r -clique containing u . (i.e) if and only if G is K_r with $r \geq n$ or G is obtained from union of cliques, each of size $\geq n - 1$ and joining every point of each clique to a new point.

Result

Let S be a γ -set. Let the number of points in $(V - S)$ which are not K_r -adjacent to any of the vertices of S be t . Then $\gamma_{K_r}(G) = \gamma(G) + t$.

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Examples:



$$\gamma = 1 = \gamma_{K_2} \gamma_{K_3} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

Theorem

Statement

Every graph of order p is an induced subgraph of a γ_{K_r} -excellent graph.

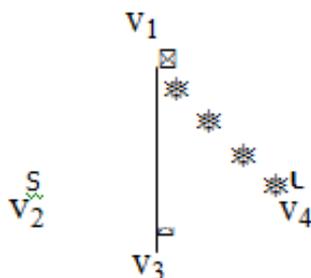
Proof

Let G be a graph of order p . Attach at each point v , a complete graph K_{r-1} with v as one of the vertices. The resulting graph is denoted by GoK_r . The graph G is an induced subgraph of GoK_r which is γ_{K_r} -excellent. Hence the theorem.

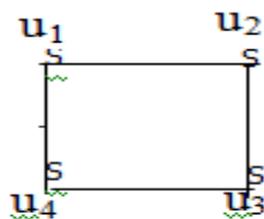
Corollary:

There does not exist a forbidden sub graph characterization of the class of γ_{kr} -excellent graphs.

Examples :

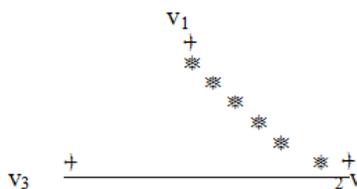


Subdivided graph (or) Star is not K_2 -excellent.



C_4 is K_2 -excellent but not K_3 -excellent.

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K_3 is K_3 -excellent.



K_n -is not K_r -excellent.

Note:

Atree T is γ_{kr} -excellent, for all $n \geq 3$, γ_{k2} -excellent, tree has already been characterized by sumner.

Definition:

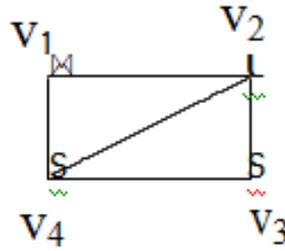
A connected graph G is called a K_r -tree if every vertex is in a K_r -clique and G does not contain C_m where $m \geq r + 1$.

Remark:

A K_2 -tree is simply a tree.

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Example:



$v_4 v_3$ K_3 -tree.

Definition:

A pendent vertex v of a K_r -tree of a graph G is a vertex which contains exactly one K_r -clique.

Note:

For any r , if G does not contain any r -clique, then $\gamma_{kr} = p$. In particular if $r > p$ then $\gamma_{kr} = p$. Therefore we assume that $r \leq p$.

(i) $\gamma_{kr}(K_p) = 1$

(ii) $\gamma_{kr}(P_p) = d(p/3)e$ if $r = 2$

$\gamma_{kr}(P_p) = p$ if $r > 2$. Where P is Peterson's graph.

Definition:

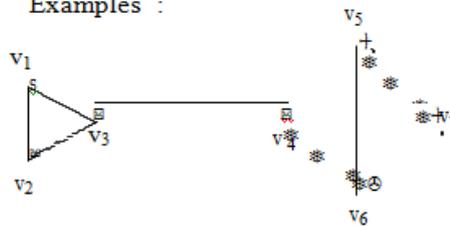
A K_r -path is a K_r -tree containing exactly K_r -pendent vertices and every other point is contained in exactly two K_r -cliques.

Note:

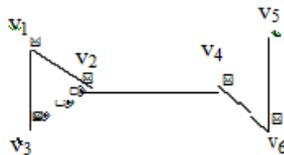
A K_3 -path is a K_3 -Tree in which there are exactly three K_3 -pendant vertices.

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Examples :



Example:



Remark:

(i) $d_{kr}(v) = K_r$ -degree of $v =$ number of r -cliques containing v .

(ii) Length of a K_r -path P denoted by $l(P)$ is the number of K_r 's (r -cliques) present in the path.

Theorem:

A k_r -path P is γ_{k_r} -excellent $\iff l(P) = 1$ (or) $l(P) = 0 \pmod{3}$.

Uses:

K_r -domination has application in communication network system for rapid transfer of shared information among the members of the core group.

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