

Triple Connected Domination Number of Graph

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ABSTRACT: The concept of triple connected graphs with real life application was prefaced by considering the existence of a path containing any three vertices of a graph G . In this paper, we introduce a new domination parameter, called triple connected domination number of a graph. A subset S of V of a nontrivial graph G is said to be triple connected dominating set, if S is a dominating set and the induced sub graph is triple connected. The minimum cardinality undertake all triple connected dominating sets. Then which is called the triple connected domination number and is denoted by γ_{tc} .

Key Words: Dominating set, triple connected graph, triple connected domination number.

I. INTRODUCTION

Once of the fastest growing areas in graph theory is the study of domination. It takes back to 1850's with the study of the problem of determining the minimum number of queen which are necessary to cover an $n*n$ chessboard. More than 50 types of domination parameters have been studied by different authors. Ore, Berg introduced the concept of domination sets. Extensive research activity is going on in Domination set of graphs. Acharya B.D, SampathKumar.E,V.RKulli, Waliker H.B are some of the Indian Mathematicians who have made substantial contribution to the study of domination in graphs.

Domination is applied in many fields. Some of them are

1. Communication network
2. Facility location problem
3. Land surveying
4. Routings etc.,

This project deals with domination in graphs. Among many results, some of them are discussed here.

Chapter I deals with the basic concepts of graph theory that are used in the subsequent chapters.

In chapter II the concepts of triple connected domination number of a graph is discussed.

Chapter III explains the paired triple connected domination number of a graph.

The chapter IV and chapter V respectively consider the strong triple and weak triple connected domination number of a graph.

In Chapter VI the Dom strong triple connected domination number of graph is discussed in detail.

BASIC DEFINITIONS

1.1 Graph

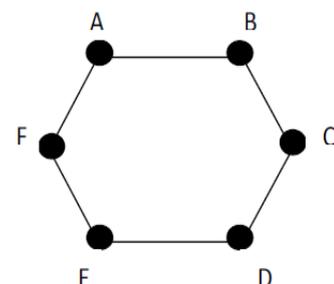
A graph consists of a set $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ called vertices and another set $E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ whose elements are called edges such that each edge e_k is identified with an unordered pair (v_i, v_j) of vertices, the vertices (v_i, v_j) associated with the edge e_k are called the end vertices of the edge e_k .

1.2 Order and Size of a graph

The number of vertices in $V(G)$ is called the order of G and the number of edges in $E(G)$ is called the size of G .

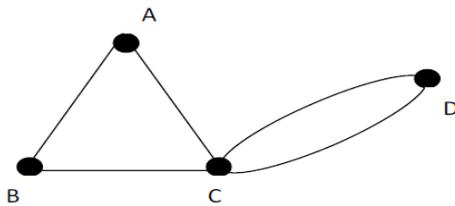
1.3 Simple Graph

A graph has no loops and multiple edges which is called a simple graph



1.4 Multigraph

A graph has multiple edges but no loops which is called a multigraph.



1.5 Generalgraph

A graph contains multiple edges or loops (or both) which is called a generalgraph.

II. TRIPLE CONNECTED DOMINATION NUMBER OF AGRAPH

2.1 Definition

If the induced sub graph $\langle S \rangle$ is tripleconnected, a dominating set S of a connected graph G is said to be a tripleconnected dominating set of G . The minimum cardinality taken over all triple connected dominatingsets is the tripleconnected domination number and is denoted by $\gamma_{tc}(G)$.

2.2 Theorem

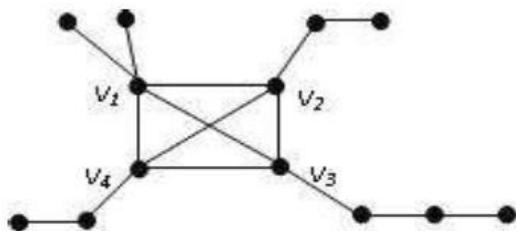
A connected graph G is not tripleconnected \Leftrightarrow there exists a H -cut with $\omega(G-H) \geq 3$ such that $|V(H) \cap N(C_i)| = 1$ for at least three components C_1, C_2 and C_3 of $G-H$.

Let G be any connected graph with m vertices $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$. The graph taken from G by attaching n_1 times a pendant vertex of P_1 on the vertex v_1, n_2 times a pendant vertex of P_2 on the vertex v_2 and so on, is denoted by $G(n_1P_1, n_2P_2, n_3P_3, \dots, n_mP_m)$ where $n_i, l_i \geq 0$ and $1 \leq i \leq m$.

Example:

$$\text{Let } V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$$

be the vertices of K_4 . The graph $K_4(2P_2, P_3, P_4, P_3)$ is obtained from K_4 by attaching 2 times a pendant vertex of P_2 on $v_1, 1$ time a pendant vertex of P_3 on $v_2, 1$ time a pendant vertex of P_4 on v_3 and 1 time a pendant vertex of P_3 on v_4 .



$K_4(2P_2, P_3, P_4, P_3)$

III. PAIRED TRIPLE CONNECTED DOMINATION NUMBER OF AGRAPH

3.1 Definition

A subset S of V of a nontrivial graph G is said to be a paired triple connected dominating set, if S is a triple connected dominating set and the induced subgraph $\langle S \rangle$ has a perfect matching. The minimum cardinality undertaken all paired triple connected dominating sets is called the paired triple connected domination number and is denoted by γ_{ptc} . Any paired triple connected dominating set with γ_{ptc} vertices is said as γ_{ptc} -set of G .

Example:

For the graph $C_5 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_1\}$, $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ forms a paired triple connected dominating set. Hence $\gamma_{ptc}(C_5) = 4$.

3.2 Theorem

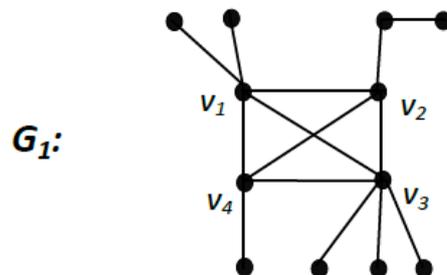
Gissemi-complete graph with $p \geq 4$ vertices such that there is a vertex with consequent neighbourhood number $p - 3$. Then $\gamma(G) \leq 2$.

Let G be a connected graph with m vertices v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m . The graph $(n_1P_1, n_2P_2, n_3P_3, \dots, n_mP_m)$ where $n_i, l_i \geq 0$ and $0 \leq i \leq m$, is obtained from G by pasting n_1 times a pendant vertex of P_1 on the vertex v_1, n_2 times a pendant vertex of P_2 on the vertex v_1 and so on.

Example:

$$\text{Let } \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$$

be the vertices of K_4 , the graph $K_4(2P_2, P_3, 3P_2, P_2)$ is obtained from K_4 by pasting 2 times a pendant vertex of P_2 on $v_1, 1$ time a pendant vertex of P_3 on $v_2, 3$ times a pendant vertex of P_2 on v_3 and 1 time a pendant vertex of P_2 on v_4 and the graph in G_1 .



IV. STRONG TRIPLE CONNECTED DOMINATION NUMBER OF AGRAPH

4.1 Definition

A subset S of V of a nontrivial graph G is said to be a strong triple connected dominating set, if S is a strong triple connected dominating set and the induced

subgraph $\langle S \rangle$ is triple connected. The minimum cardinality take over all strong triple connected dominating sets is called the strong triple connected domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{stc}(G)$.

Any strong triple connected dominating set with γ_{stc} vertices is called a γ_{stc} -set of G .

4.1 Theorem

Let G be a graph and D be a dominating set of G .

Then

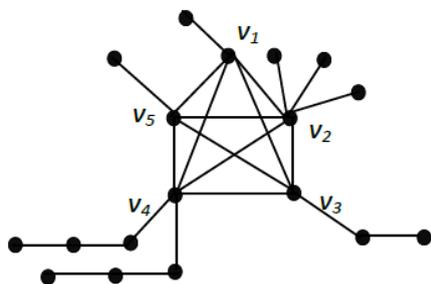
$$|V - D| \leq \sum_{u \in V(D)} \deg(u)$$

and equality hold in this relation if and only if D has the following properties.

- i. D is independent
- ii. For every $u \in V - D$, and also there exists a unique vertex $v \in D$ such that $N(u) \cap D = \{v\}$.

Example:

Let v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 , be the vertices of K_5 . The graph $K_5(P_2, 3P_2, P_3, 2P_4, P_2)$ is obtained from K_5 by attaching 1 time a pendant vertex of P_2 on v_1 , 3 times a pendant vertex of P_2 on v_2 , 1 time a pendant vertex of P_3 on v_3 and 2 times a pendant vertex of P_4 on v_4 , 1 time a pendant vertex of P_2 .



$K_5(P_2, 3P_2, P_3, 2P_4, P_2)$

CONCLUSION

The concept of triple connected digraphs and domination in triple connected digraphs can be applied to physical problems such as flow networks with valves in the pipes and electrical networks, neural networks etc. They are utilized in abstract representations of computer programs and are an invaluable tools in the study of sequential machines. In future this paper can be extended to studies of strong and weak domination in triple connected digraphs.

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