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Abstract. Subdividing an edge in the graph may increase the domination number or remains the same. In this paper, we introduce a new kind of graph called non - domination subdivision stable graph (NDSS). We obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for a graph to be NDSS. We provide a constructive characterization of NDSS trees and a MATLAB program for identifying NDSS graphs.

1. Introduction

Dominating sets has been used in graph theory for characterizing graphs based on various properties. In [1], B. Sharada et.al have provided the problem of domination subdivision number of grid graphs $P_{m,n}$ and determine the domination subdivision numbers of grid graphs $P_{m,n}$ for m = 2, 3 and $n \ge 2$. In [2], Magda Dettlaff, Joanna Raczek and Jerzy Topp have proved that the decision problem of the domination subdivision number is NP - complete even for bipartite graphs In [3], Yamuna and Karthika provided a constructive procedure to generate a spanning tree for any graph from its dominating set, γ – set and introduced a new kind of minimum dominating set and hence generate a minimum weighted spanning tree from a γ – set for G.

In [4], Prosenjit Bose et al provided the characterization yields a linear - time algorithm for recognizing and realizing degree sequences of 2 - trees. In [5], Gunasekaran and Nagarajan have provided the model by using Unified Relationship Matrix, which improves the movement of groups. In [6], Pushpalakshmi, Vincent Antony Kumar have presented a routing protocol based on distributed dominating set based clustering algorithm. In [7], Hsu and Shan have proposed algorithms for finding the minimum connected domination set of interval and circular - arc graphs. In [8], Balaji et al provided a new approach for constructing the CDS, based on the idea of total dominating set and bipartite theory of graphs.

In [9], Yamuna and Karthika have obtained the domatic number of the subdivision graph of a just excellent graph and proved the following result.

R1. If u is an up vertex for a graph in G, then u must be included in every possible γ – set.

2. Materials and methods

We consider only simple connected undirected graphs G = (V, E) with n vertices and m edges. The open neighborhood of $v \in V(G)$ is defined by $N(v) = \{ u \in V(G) | uv \in E(G) \}$, while its closed neighborhood is N [v] = N (v) \cup {v}. H is a subgraph of G, if V (H) \subseteq V (G) and uv \in E (H) implies $uv \in E(G)$. If H satisfies the added property that for every $uv \in E(H)$ if and only if $uv \in E(G)$. G), then H is said to be an induced subgraph of G and is denoted by $\langle H_i \rangle$. Two graphs are homeomorphic if one can be obtained from the other by the creation of edges in series or by the

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merging the edges in series. In graph theory, K_5 and $K_{3,3}$ are called Kuratowski's graph. A path is a trail in which all vertices (except perhaps the first and last ones) are distinct, P_n denotes the path with n vertices. A cycle is a circuit in which no vertex except the first (which is also the last) appears more than once. C_n is a cycle with n vertices. K_n is a complete graph with n vertices. A star S_n is the complete bipartite graph $K_{1,n}$: a tree with one internal node and n leaves (but, no internal nodes and n + 1 leaves when $n \le 1$). The complement of a graph G is a graph \overline{G} on the same vertices $\overline{9}$ two distinct vertices of \overline{G} are adjacent if and only if they are not adjacent in G. For the properties related to graph theory we refer to F. Harary[10].

A set of vertices D in G is said to be a dominating set if for every vertex of V - D is \perp to some vertex of D. The smallest possible cardinality of any dominating set D of G is called a minimum dominating set – abbreviated MDS. The cardinality of any MDS for G is called the domination number of G and it is denoted by γ (G). The private neighborhood of $v \in D$ is defined by pn [v, D] = N (v) – N (D – {v}). A vertex v is said to be selfish in the MDS D, if v is required only to dominate itself. A vertex of degree one is called pendant vertex and its neighbor is called a support vertex. If there is a γ – set of G containing v, the v is said to be good. If v does not belongs to any of the γ – set of G, then v is said to be a level vertex if γ (G - u) = γ (G). A vertex v is said to be a up vertex if γ (G - u) > γ (G). For the properties related to domination we refer to Haynes, Hedetniemi, and Slater [11].

A subdivision of a graph G is a graph obtained from the subdivision of edges in G. The subdivision of some edge e with end vertices { u , v } generate a graph with one new vertex w, and with an edge set replacing e by two new edges, { u, w } and { w, v } and it is denoted by $G_{sd}uv$. Let w be the vertex introduced by subdividing uv. We shall denote this by $G_{sd}uv = w$. If G is any graph and D is a γ – set for G, then $D \cup \{ w \}$ is a γ – set for $G_{sd}uv$ implies γ ($G_{sd}uv$) $\geq \gamma$ (G), \forall u, v \in V (G), u \perp v. A graph G is defined as DSS, if γ ($G_{sd}uv$) = γ (G), \forall u, v \in V (G), u \perp v [12]. In [12], the following result is proved.

R2. A graph G is domination subdivision stable if and only if $\forall u, v \in V(G)$, either $\exists a \gamma - set$ containing u and v or $\exists \gamma - set D$ such that

1. pn (u, D) = $\{v\}$ or

2. v is 2 - dominated.

In this paper we consider graphs for which $\gamma(G_{sd}uv) = \gamma(G) + 1$.

3. Results and Discussion

In this section we introduce a new kind of graph called NDSS graph. We provide a necessary and sufficient condition for a graph to be NDSS and prove some results satisfied by NDSS graphs.

3.1. Non - domination subdivision stable graph

A graph G is said to be non - domination subdivision stable (NDSS) if γ (G_{sd}uv) = γ (G) + 1 for all u, v \in V (G), u adjacent to v.

Example of NDDS graphs

- 1. P_{3n} is NDSS.
- 2. C_{3n} is NDSS.
- 3. Complete graph K_n.
- 4. Star graph S_n.
- 5. The graph G in Fig. 1 is NDSS.



Figure 1.

In Fig. 1 $\gamma(G) = 2$, $\gamma(G_{sd}23) = 3$. This is true $\forall u, v \in V(G), u \perp v$. Theorem 1

A graph G is NDSS if and only if for every possible γ – set D for G, N (u, D), N (v, X) \in V – D for all $u \in D$, $v \in D$ where X = B (D).

Proof

Let G be NDSS graph. Let D { $u_1, u_2, ..., u_k$ } be a γ - set for G, X = { $x_1, x_2, ..., x_p$ } = B (D), Y = { $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_q \} = B (X).$

- 1. If there exist some $x_i \in N(u_i)$, i = 1 to p, j = 1 to k such that x_i adjacent to $u_i, x_i, u_i \in D$. γ ($G_{sd}x_iy_i$) = γ (G) since, x_i , u_i dominates w.
- 2. If there exist some u_i , x_i , y_1 such that u_i adjacent to x_i , x_i adjacent to y_1 , u_i , $y_1 \in D$. γ ($G_{sd}u_ix_i$) = γ (G) since u_i dominates w and y₁ dominates x_i. Also γ (G_{sd}x_iy₁) = γ (G) since y₁ dominates w and u_idominates x_i.

In both cases, we get a contradiction to assumption G is an NDSS graph.

Conversely, assume that for every γ – set D of G, N (u, D), N (v, x) \in V – D where X = B (D). We have to prove G is NDSS. If possible assume that G is NDSS. This means that G is not NDSS. This implies that $\gamma(G_{sd}uv) = \gamma(G)$.

By DSS, γ (G_{sd}uv) = γ (G) if and only if

- $u, v \in D$.
- if $u \in D$, v is 2 dominated.
- pn (u, D) = {v }. •

If $u, v \in D$, u adjacent to v is not possible since N (u, D) \in V – D by our assumption.

If $u \in D$, v is 2 – dominated is not possible since N (v, x) $\in D$ by our assumption.

If pn (u, D) = { v }, let D' = D - { u } \cup { v }. Let Z = N (v) = { $z_1, z_2, ..., z_s$ }. In D there exist one $b \in D$ such that b is adjacent to some $z_i \in Z$ (since pn (u, D) = v, z_i is dominated by b) v, $b \in D$, a contradiction to our assumption that for any $u \in D$, N (v, x) $\in V - D$ where X = B (D). In all these cases, we get a contradiction to our assumption, implies G is NDSS.

Remark

- 1. Since for any $u \in D$, N (u, D) $\in V D$, we conclude that if G is NDSS then every γ set of G is independent.
- 2. Since N (u, D), N (v, X) \in V D, where x \in B (D), we conclude that if G is NDSS then no vertex in V - D is 2 - dominated.

NG - type result

Theorem 2

If G is a NDSS graph, then

 $\gamma(G) + \gamma(\overline{G}) \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2$

 $\gamma(G) \cdot \gamma(\overline{G}) \leq 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Proof

Let G be a NDSS graph. Let $D = \{ u_1, u_2, ..., u_k \}$ be a γ – set for G. pn $(u, D) \ge 2 \forall u \in D$, implies n = D + pn (u, D) + k, k a non – negative integer. n = 3D + k, implies $D \le \frac{(n-k)}{3}$. If pn $(u_i, D) = 2$ for all $u_i \in D$ then k = 0, implies $|D| \le \frac{n}{3}$. In G, u_i dominates $V(G) - pn (u_i, D)$. In \overline{G} any u_j , $j \ne i$ dominates pn (u_i, D) , implies $\gamma(\overline{G}) = \{ u_i, u_j \} = 2$. $\gamma(G) + \gamma(\overline{G}) \le \lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor + 2$ $\gamma(G) \cdot \gamma(\overline{G}) \le 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{3} \rfloor$. **Remark** By Theorem 2, for any $u_i, u_j \in D$, $\gamma(\overline{G}) = \{ u_i, u_j \}$. Also every γ – set of D is independent, implies u_i is adjacent to u_i in G, implies G is not NDSS. So if G is a NDSS graph, G is never NDSS.

Theorem 3

If a graph G has a unique independent γ – set, \mathfrak{z} every $v \in V - D \in pn(u, D) \forall u \in D$, then $\gamma(G_{sd}uv) = \gamma(G) + 1 \forall u, v \in V(G), u \perp v$.

Proof

Let G be a graph having a unique independent γ – set D, \ni every $v \in V$ – D \in pn (u, D) for some $u \in D$. If possible let D' = γ (G_{sd}uv) = γ (G) for some u, $v \in V$ (G), $u \perp v$. Let γ (G_{sd}uv) = w. We consider the following cases.

 $\textbf{Case 1:} u \in D', w, v \notin D'$

Since $v \notin D'$ there exist one $x \in V$ (G) that dominates v, implies D' is a γ - set for G \ni v is two dominated, a contradiction.

Case 2: $v \in D'$, $u, w \notin D'$

We get a contradiction similar to case 1.

 $\textbf{Case 3:} w \in D', u, \ v \notin D'$

In this case $D'' = D' - \{w\} \cup \{u\}, D' - \{w\} \cup \{u\}$ are two possible γ - sets for G, a contradiction to our assumption that G has a unique γ - set.

Case 4: u, $w \in D', v \notin D'$

w dominates only v. $D'' = D' - \{w\}$ is a γ -set for G (since in D'', u dominates v), a contradiction as |D''| < |D|.

Case 5: w, $v \in D'$, $u \notin D'$

We get a contradiction as in case 4.

Case 6: $u, v \in D'$, $w \notin D'$

D' is a γ - set for G a contradiction as D' is not independent.

By the above cases we conclude that γ ($G_{sd}uv$) = γ (G) + 1 \forall u, v \in V (G), u \perp v. **Remark**

1. If G has no unique independent γ - set, then $\gamma(~G_{sd}uv$) may be equal to γ (G).



Figure 2.

For the graph G in Fig. 2 { 6, 8 }, { 7, 4 } are 2 γ - sets for G. Also γ (G_{sd}89) = 2.

2. If every $v \in V - D \notin pn(u, D)$, for some $u \in D$, then $\gamma(G_{sd}uv)$ may be equal to $\gamma(G)$.



Figure 3.

For the graph G in Fig. 3 γ (G) = { 2, 6 }, { 8; 4 } \notin pn (4, D) or pn (8, 4). γ (G_{sd}64) = 2. **Theorem 4**

Every graph is an induced subgraph of a NDSS graph.

Proof

Let G be any graph with n vertices. If G is NDSS then there is nothing to prove. Assume that G is not NDSS. Consider a cycle C_n . Label the vertices of C_n as $u_1, u_2, ..., u_n$. In C_n we add edges $u_i u_j$ if and only if $v_i v_j$ is an edge in G (retaining the graph simple). Consider n copies of P₃. Label the vertices in P₃ as v_i , w_i , z_i , i = 1 to n. Obtain a new graph H by merging u_i , $v_i \forall i = 1$ to n. Label the merged vertices $u_i v_i$ as x_i , i = 1 to n. $D = \{w_i, i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ is a unique γ -set for H, implies $\gamma(H) = n$. In graph H, D is a γ -set such that

- 1. D is unique.
- 2. D is independent.

3. every $v \in V$ - D is private neighbor of some $u \in D$, implies $\gamma(H_{sd}uv) = \gamma(H) = \gamma(G) + 1 \quad \forall u, v \in H, u \perp v$, (by Theorem 3) implies H is NDSS.



Fig. 4



Figure 5.

The graph G in Fig. 4 is not NDSS. We see that this is an induced subgraph in Fig. 5. Also the graph in Fig. 5 is NDSS.

3.2. Tree Characterization

In this section we prove that any NDSS tree has a unique γ - set. We also provide a constructive characterization of NDSS trees.

Theorem 5

If T is a NDSS tree, then G has a unique γ - set.

Proof

Since pn (u, D) ≥ 2 , $\forall u \in D$, for a NDSS graph there exist no γ - set for G including a pendant vertex, implies every support vertex is included in every γ - set. If possible assume that the γ - set of T is not unique. Since every support vertex is in every γ - set there exists an internal vertex u such that there exist a γ - set D including u and a γ - set D' not including u.

Claim 1

u is an up vertex with respect to D.

Proof

Since u cannot be a down vertex (If G is a NDSS graph, then G has no down vertices) u is either a level or an up vertex. If possible let us assume that u is a level vertex.

 $T - \{ u \} \text{ is a disconnected graph with at least two components. Without loss of generality assume that <math>T - \{ u \}$ is a disconnected graph with two components T_1 , T_2 . $\gamma(T_1) + \gamma(T_2) = \gamma(T)$. Also pn($u, D \rangle \geq 2$. Assume that pn($u, D \rangle = 2 = \{ u_1, u_2 \}$ (say). Let us assume that $u_1 \in V(T_1)$, $u_2 \in V(T_2)$. Let $D_1 \subseteq D$ be the set of all vertices in $D \in V(T_1)$. Let $D_2 \subseteq D$ be the set of all vertices in $D \in V(T_2)$. Let $D_1' = |D|$, either $D_1' = |D_1| + 1$ or $D_2' = |D_2| + 1$. Assume that $D_1 = |D1| + 1$. D_1 dominates $T_1 - \{ u_1 \}$. $D_1 \cup \{ u_1 \}$ dominates T_1 . $D_3 = D_1 \cup \{ u_1 \} \cup D_2'$ is a γ - set for T such that pn ($u_1, D_3 \rangle = u$, a contradiction as T is NDSS implies u is not a level vertex. Hence u is an up vertex. By claim 1 we know that any internal vertex in D is an up vertex in D is an up vertex and hence D is unique.

Theorem 6

Let G be a NDSS graph, $u \in V$ (G). Let H be the graph obtained by attaching P₁ to u. If H is NDSS then $\gamma(H) = \gamma(G)$.

Proof

Suppose $\gamma(H) \neq \gamma(G)$, then $|\gamma(G)| < |\gamma(H)|$. Let D' be a γ - set for G such that $|D'| < |\gamma(H)|$. $u \notin D'$ (since if $u \in D'$, $|D'| = |\gamma(H)|$. as D' dominates H also). Since $u \notin D'$, there exist atleast one $x \in D'$ such that $x \in N(u)$ to dominate u. Then $D'' = D' \cup \{u\}$ is a γ - set for H such that $u, x \in D'$

D" such that u is adjacent to x, a contradiction as H is NDSS implies, γ (H) = γ (G). Hence D is a γ -set for H, G \ni u \in D.



Figure 6.

Let $D = \{1, u\}$ be a γ - set for G_1 . $\gamma(G_1) = \gamma(G_2)$. $\gamma(G_3) = \gamma(G_1) + 1$. Also $u \in D$, while $w \notin D$. We generalize this observation in Theorem 7.

Theorem 7

Let G be a NDSS graph, $u \in V$ (G). Let D be a γ - set for G. Let H be the graph obtained by attaching P_1 to u. H is NDSS if and only if $u \in D$.

Proof

Let us label the new pendant vertex in H as v. Assume that H is NDSS. Since pn(u, D) ≥ 2 for a NDSS graph, there exist no γ - set for H including v, implies u is included in every γ - set for H. Conversely assume that u is a γ - set for G such that $u \in D$. Since $\gamma(G) = \gamma(H)$, D dominates H also. Every γ - set of H is independent Suppose that D is not independent. Since deg (v) = 1, both u, $v \notin D$, implies there exist one $v_1, v_2 \in V(G)$ such that $v_1, v_2 \in D$, v_1 is adjacent to v_2 . D is a γ - set for G also, a contradiction as G is NDSS. H has no 2 - dominated vertex. If possible assume that H has a 2 - dominated vertex. Since v is pendant, v is never 2 - dominated, implies there exist one $v_1 \in V(G)$ such that v_1 is a γ - set for G also, G NDSS. From the discussions, we conclude that H is NDSS [by remark of Theorem 1].



Figure 7.

Let $D = \{3, v\}$ be a γ - set for G_1 . $\gamma(G_2) = \gamma(G_3) = \gamma(G_1) + 1$. We observe that if P_3 is attached to a good vertex then, H is not NDSS, while if P_3 is attached to a bad vertex, then H is NDSS. Also $u \in D$, while $w \notin D$. We generalize this result in Theorem 8.

Theorem 8

Let G be a NDSS graph and let $u \in V$ (G). Let H be the graph obtained by attaching P₃to u. H is NDSS if and only if u is a bad vertex with respect to G.

Proof

Let us assume that G is NDSS, $u \in V (G)$. Let H be the graph generated by attaching a path P₃ to u. Let v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4 be the attached path. Let v_1 be joined to u. $\gamma (H) = \gamma (G) \cup \{v_3\} = \gamma (G) + 1$. If

there exist a γ - set D for G containing u, then D' = D \cup { v₃} is a γ - set for H \ni v₂ is 2 - dominated, a contradiction as H is NDSS, implies u is a bad vertex in G.

Conversely, assume that G is a NDSS graph, $u \in V(G)$, u a bad vertex with respect to G.

Every γ - set of H is independent

If possible assume that $\exists a \gamma$ - set D for H that is not independent. If $v_2, v_3 \in D$ then D - { v_2 } \cup f{ v} is a γ - set for G. If $v_3, v_4 \in D$ then D - { v_4 } \cup { v} is a γ - set for G. In both cases u is a good vertex, a contradiction to our assumption that u is bad. If there exist some $u_i, u_j \in V$ (G), u_i adjacent to u_j , $u_i, u_j \in D$, then since u is a bad vertex D - { v_3 } is a γ - set for G such that u_i adjacent to u_j , a contradiction as G is NDSS, implies every γ - set of H is independent.

H has no 2 - dominated vertex

If possible assume that H has 2 - dominated vertex. If v_2 is 2 - dominated then u, $v_3 \in D$, a contradiction as u is a bad vertex. If v_3 is 2 - dominated then v_2 , $v_4 \in D$. $D' = D - \{v_4\} \cup \{v\}$ is a γ -set for H containing u, a contradiction as u is a bad vertex. If there exist some $u_i, u_j \in D, u_i, u_j \in V (G)$, x adjacent to u_i, u_j , then D - $\{v_3\}$ is a γ -set for G \ni x is 2 - dominated, a contradiction as G is NDSS. From the above discussion, we conclude that H is NDSS.

By attaching a path P to a vertex v in T, we mean that adding the path P and attaching v to a pendant of P.

Operation O_1 Attach a path P_1 to good vertex v of T.

Operation O_2 Attach a tree path P_3 to a bad vertex v of T.

Let τ be the family defined by $\tau = \{ T / T \text{ is generated from } P_2 \text{ by a finite sequence of operations } O_1 \text{ or } O_2 \}.$

From Theorem 7 and Theorem 8 we know that if $T \in \tau$, then T is a NDSS tree.

Theorem 9

If T is a NDSS tree, then $T \in \tau$.

Proof

We proceed by induction on the order $n \ge 3$ of a NDSS tree. If T is a star, then T can be generated from P_2 by frequent application of operation O_1 . Hence we assume that diam $(T) \ge 3$. Assume that the lemma is true for all tree T' of order n'< n. Let T be rooted at a leaf r of a longest path P. let D be a γ set for T. Let P be a r - u path. Let v be the neighbor of u. Let w represent the parent of v, x and y are the parent of w and x respectively. By T_x we denote the subtree induced by vertex x and its descendants in the rooted tree T. Since T is NDSS $d_T(v) \ge 2$. Let $T' = T - T_u$. If $d_T(v) = 2$, then pn(v, D) = { u, w } and v \in D, since v is support vertex. v is a pendant with respect to T'. Let D' be a γ set for T' that contains all the support vertices, implies $w \in D'$. Also $v \in D'$. Since $\gamma(T) = \gamma(T')$ [by Theorem 6], D, D' are two distinct γ - sets of T', a contradiction as T' NDSS [Theorem 5]. Hence d_T (v) ≥ 3 , implies $v \perp$ to atleast two leaves. Let D' be a γ - set that contains all the support vertices for T', implies $v \in D'$. Hence T can be generated from T' by operation O_1 .

Suppose $d_T(w) \ge 3$. $T_w - \{w\}$ is either K_1 or K_2 , since P is the longest path. Assume that $T_w - \{w\}$ contains K_1 . If D is the γ - set for T containing all the support vertices, then $w, v \in D$, a contradiction as G is NDSS. Assume that $T_w - \{w\}$ contains only K_2 . Since $d_T(w) \ge 3$, $T_w - \{w\}$ contains atleast two components, each component K_2 . One component is uv. Label the other component as v_1 , u_1 . v_1 adjacent to w. Let D be a γ - set that contains all the support vertices for T. $v, v_1 \in D$, implies w is 2 - dominated, a contradiction. Hence $d_T(w) = 2$. Let $T' = T - T_w$. Let D' be a γ - set for T' such that $x \in D'$. Then $D' \cup \{v\}$ is a γ - set for T $\ni w$ is two dominated, a contradiction G_2 .

As a consequences of Theorem 7 and Theorem 8, we have the following characterization for NDSS trees.

Theorem 10

A tree T is NDSS if and only if $T \in \tau$.

3.3. Matrix representations

Let G be a graph with n – vertices. Let A and N denote the adjacency matrix and $n \ \times n$ matrix of G, where

 $N = [n_{ij}]_{n \times n} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j \\ a_{ij}, & \text{the } (i, j)^{\text{th}} \text{ entry in the adjacency matrix.} \end{cases}$

Let $x = \langle x (v_1), x (v_2), ..., x (v_n) \rangle^T$ be a { 0, 1 } vector. If x represents any dominating set, then Nx ≥ 1 .



Figure 8.

The corresponding vector $\mathbf{x} = \langle 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0 \rangle$. We see that $N\mathbf{x} \ge 1$.

$$N = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Nx = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Nx is a column matrix. In any row of matrix N, the number of non zero entries represents N [v_i] and x represents a dominating set. Every entry in Nx represents the number of vertices dominating any vertex v_i . If row entry v_i in Nx is 1, then $v_i \in V - D$ is a private neighbor. Similarly if row entry v_i in Nx ≥ 2 , then vertex $v_i \in V - D$ is k – dominated by x.

Finding a dominating set using matrix method can be used to characterize graphs satisfying a given domination parameter. Graph characterization based on dominating set focus on γ – set and all possible γ – sets satisfying the defined property. For this purpose, since we are more focused in all possible γ – sets than all possible dominating set, we use the following notation. **Notation**

- 1. Let G be any graph with n vertices $v_1, v_2, ..., v_n$. Let $\gamma(G) = k$. Label the all possible subsets with k vertices as $S_1, S_2, ..., S_p$, where $p = nC_k$. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_p\}$ be a set of $\{0, 1\}$ vectors given by $x_i = \langle x (v_1), x (v_2), ..., x (v_n) \rangle^T$, where $x (v_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \in S_i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ Using the above notation if $\gamma(G) = 2, n = 5, S_1 = \text{then } S_1 = \{v_1, v_2\}, S_2 = \{v_1, v_3\}, S_3 = \{v_1, v_4\}, S_4 = \{v_1, v_5\}, S_5 = \{v_2, v_3\}, S_6 = \{v_2, v_4\}, S_7 = \{v_2, v_4\}, S_8 = \{v_3, v_4\}, S_9 = \{v_3, v_5\}, S_{10} = \{v_4, v_5\}$. So, $x_1 = \langle 1, 1, 0, 0, 0 \rangle^T$, $x_2 = \langle 1, 0, 1, 0, 0 \rangle^T$, $x_3 = \langle 1, 0, 0, 1, 0 \rangle^T$, $x_4 = \langle 1, 0, 0, 0, 1 \rangle^T$, $x_5 = \langle 0, 1, 1, 0, 0 \rangle^T$, $x_6 = \langle 0, 1, 0, 1, 0 \rangle^T$, $x_7 = \langle 0, 1, 0, 0, 1 \rangle^T$, $x_8 = \langle 0, 0, 1, 1, 0 \rangle^T$, $x_{10} = \langle 0, 0, 0, 1, 1 \rangle^T$,.
- 2. Nx_i is a column matrix. Let us denote this as vector, $nx_{i=}\langle nx_{i} (v_{1}), nx_{i} (v_{2}), ..., nx_{i} (v_{n}) \rangle^{T}$.
- 3. Define a matrix of vectors V as $V = [v_{ij}]_{n \times p} = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_p]$, each x_i , i = 1, 2, ..., p represents a vector defined in notation 1. Determine NV, where each column represents vector x_i , that is the columns represents vector $nx_1, nx_2, ..., nx_p$.

If x is any vector representing a γ - set then, each entry in matrix Nx represents the number of vertices dominating any vertex in G i.e., if an entry value in Nx is 4, then it is dominated by 4 vertices. Let G

be a NDSS graph. By remark 1 of Theorem 1 we know that G is NDSS if every γ - set of G is independent, G has no two dominated vertices. If D is a dominating set and x_i is any vector representing D then $Nx_i = [1, 1, ..., 1]^T$. Consider NV. If NV contains no zero entry, then every x_i , i = 1, 2, ..., p are γ - set for G, implies there is at least one non independent γ - set for G, implies G is not NDSS. If NV has atleast one zero entry, then consider the non zero column of NV. Let $S \subseteq x$ be the set of all vectors $\exists Nx_i \ge 1$, that is $NS \ge 1$. Let |S| = q, q < p. Consider the i^{th} column of NS, that is vector nx_i . We know that $nx_i = \langle nx_i (v_1), nx_i (v_2), ..., nx_i (v_n) \rangle^T$. If there exist atleast one v_j , j = 1 to n such that $nx_i (v_j) \ge 2$, then vertex v_j is two dominated. So for every x_i , i = 1 to q. If $nx_i = \langle 1, 1, ..., 1 \rangle^T$, then every vertex in G is single dominated, implies D is independent and every $v \in V - D$ is a private neighbor of some $u \in D$. That is if in matrix NS all entries are 1, then G is NDSS.



Consider all possible subsets with two vertices and label them as { $S_1, S_2, S_3, ..., S_{15}$ } = { { v_1, v_2 }, { v_1, v_3 }, { v_1, v_4 }, { v_1, v_5 }, { v_1, v_6 }, { v_2, v_3 }, { v_2, v_4 }, { v_2, v_5 }, { v_2, v_6 }, { v_3, v_4 }, { v_3, v_5 }, { v_3, v_5 }, { v_3, v_6 }, { v_4, v_5 }, { v_4, v_6 }, { v_5, v_6 } }.

From the matrix NV the only non – zero column corresponds to the vector $x_i = \langle 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 \rangle$. The corresponding γ - set is { v_3 , v_6 }. In matrix NV this column corresponding to Nx_i is 1's. $\langle 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle^T$. Hence G is NDSS.

3.4. MAT Lab program for NDSS graphs

Based on the above discussion snapshot - 1 provides a MATLA code for identifying NDSS graphs. Snapshot - 2 provides the output for the graph in Fig. 9. We see that the output matches the discussion for the graph in Fig. 9.



Snapshot 1.

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Snapshot 2.

4. Conclusion

This paper contributes the necessary and sufficient condition, tree characterization of an NDSS graph and also provides a method of identifying NDSS graphs using MATLAB program.

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