

Note on uniform domination number and Non-domination Parameter in Graphs

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Abstract

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph. A non-dominating set $A \subseteq V$ is said to be a maximal non-dominating set (mn-d-set) if every superset of A is a dominating set of G . The non-domination number λ of G is the minimum cardinality taken over all mn-d-sets of G . The upper non-domination number Λ of G is the maximum cardinality of a non-dominating set of G . The uniform domination number $\gamma_u(G)$, is the least positive integer k such that any k -element subset of V is a dominating set of G . In this paper, we obtain a relation between non- domination number and uniform domination number

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1. Introduction.

All graphs considered in this paper are finite, undirected graphs and we follow standard definitions of graph theory as found in [2].

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a graph of order n . The open neighborhood $N(v)$ of a vertex $v \in V(G)$ consists of the set of all vertices adjacent to v . The closed neighborhood of v is $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$. For a set $S \subseteq V$, the open neighborhood $N(S)$ is defined to be $\bigcup_{v \in S} N(v)$, and the closed neighborhood of S is $N[S] = N(S) \cup S$. The uniform domination

number $\gamma_u(G)$, is the least positive integer k such that any k -element subset of V is a dominating set of G . The concept of uniform domination in graphs was introduced by S.Arumugam and Paul raj Joseph[1]. We need the following theorem from [1].

Theorem A[1]. For any graph G , $\gamma_u(G) = p - \delta(G)$.

2.Non-Domination.

A subset A of V is called a non-dominating set (or, in short, n-d set) if there exists a vertex u in $V - A$ which is not adjacent to any vertex in A . A maximal n-d set (mn-d set) is defined in an obvious way. Clearly n-d set A is a mn-d set if and only if $A \cup \{x\}$ is a dominating set, for every $x \in V - A$. The n-d number λ of G is minimum cardinality taken over all mn-d-sets of G . The upper n-d number Λ of G is the maximum cardinality of n-d set of G .

The next theorem gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a subset of $V(G)$ to be a mn-d set.

Theorem1. A set $A \subseteq V$ is a m - n -d set of G if and only if there exists a vertex $x \in V - A$ such that $A = V - N[x]$, where $N[x]$ is a minimal element of the family of closed neighborhoods.

Proof. Let $A \subseteq V$ be a m - n -d set of G and f be the family of closed neighborhood sets of G . Since A is a n -d set, there exists $x \in V - A$ such that $N[x] \cap A = \emptyset$. Then $A \subseteq V - N[x]$.

As A is a m - n -d set, $A = V - N[x]$. Suppose there exists $y \in V$ such that $N[y]$ is a proper subset of $N[x]$. Then $A = V - N[x]$, which is a proper subset of $V - N[y]$, which is not true. Hence $N[x]$ is minimal among the family of closed neighborhoods, f .

Conversely, let $A = V - N[x]$, where $N[x]$ is minimal element in f . Then clearly A is a n -d set. Let $y \in N[x]$, $y \neq x$. Suppose that $A \cup \{y\}$ is also a n -d set. Then there exists a vertex z in V such that $N[z] \subseteq N[x] - \{y\}$ which contradicts the minimality of $N[x]$. Thus A is a m - n -d set. ■

Proposition2. A graph G is totally disconnected if and only if $\lambda(G) = p - 1$.

Corollary 3. For any graph G , $\lambda = p - \delta - 1$ and $\Lambda \geq p - \Delta - 1$.

Theorem 4. For any graph G , $\lambda = \gamma_u - 1$.

Proof. By definition of λ , there exists a n -d set of cardinality λ . Therefore $\gamma_u \geq \lambda + 1$.

Also every set of cardinality $\lambda + 1$ is a dominating set. Therefore $\gamma_u \leq \lambda + 1$.

Hence $\gamma_u = \lambda + 1$. ■

Remark 5. Corollary (2) and theorem (3) provide another proof for the fact $\gamma_u = p - \delta$. [1].

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