

# Complementary Tree Domination in Subdivision graphs

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## Abstract

A set  $D$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a dominating set if every vertex in  $V - D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. A dominating set  $D$  is called a complementary tree dominating set if the induced sub graph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is a tree. The minimum cardinality of a complementary tree dominating ( $ctd$ ) set is called the complementary tree domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{ctd}(G)$ . A subdivision of an edge  $e = uv$  of a graph  $G$  is the replacement of the edge  $e$  by a path  $(u, v, w)$ . The graph obtained from  $G$  by subdividing every edge  $e$  of  $G$  exactly once, is called the subdivision graph of  $G$  and is denoted by  $S(G)$ . In this paper, exact values of some standard graphs and bounds of complementary tree domination number in  $S(G)$  are found.

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## 1 Introduction

Graphs discussed in this paper are undirected and simple graphs. For a graph  $G$ , let  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote its vertex set and edge set respectively. For  $v \in V(G)$ , the neighbourhood  $N(v)$  of  $v$  is the set of all vertices adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ .  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$  is called the closed neighbourhood of  $v$ . A vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is called a support if it is adjacent to a pendant vertex (ie) a vertex of degree one. The graph considered here are finite, undirected, without loops or multiple edges are connected with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges.

The concept of domination in graphs was introduced by Ore[4]. A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a dominating set of  $G$ , if every vertex in  $V(G) - D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ .  $D$  is said to be a minimal dominating set.

**Definition 1.1.** A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a complementary tree dominating set ( $ctd$ - set) if the induced sub graph  $\langle V(G) - D \rangle$  is a tree. The minimum cardinality of a  $ctd$ -set is called the complementary tree domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{ctd}(G)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A subdivision of an edge  $e = uv$  of a graph  $G$  is the replacement of the edge  $e$  by a path  $(u, v, w)$ . The graph obtained from  $G$  by subdividing every edge  $e$  of  $G$  exactly once, is called the subdivision graph of  $G$  and is denoted by  $S(G)$ .

## 2 . Characterisation of Complementary Tree Dominating Sets in

### Subdivision Graph $S(G)$

We start with some basic results

#### Observation 2.1.

1. For any connected graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{ctd}(G) \leq \gamma_{ctd}[S(G)]$
2. For any spanning sub graph  $S(H)$  of  $S(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{ctd}[S(G)] \leq \gamma_{ctd}[S(H)]$

**Proposition 2.2.** Atmost  $(p-1)$  vertices of  $V(G)$  is a member of every ctd set.

Proof. Let  $e = (u, v) \in E(G)$  and let  $v_1$  be a vertex subdivide  $e$ , then  $u, v, v_1 \in S(G)$ . Let  $D$  be a ctd set of  $S(G)$ . If  $v_1 \in D$  then  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is disconnected which is a contradiction. Therefore either  $u$  or  $v \in D$

**Theorem 2.3.** A complementary tree dominating set  $D \subseteq V(S(G))$  of a connected graph  $G = (V, E)$  is minimal if and only if for each  $v \in D$  and in a vertex of  $V(G)$ , one of the following condition holds.

- i.  $v$  is not a isolated vertex of  $D$ .
- ii. There exists a vertex  $u$  in  $V(S(G)) - D$  such that  $N_2(u) \cap D = \{v\}$ .
- iii.  $N(v) \cap (V(S(G)) - D) = \emptyset$ .
- iv.  $D - \{v\}$  contains isolate vertex.
- v. The sub graph  $\langle V(S(G)) - D \rangle \cup \{v\}$  of  $S(G)$  is disconnected.

## 3. Bounds and some exact values of $\gamma_{ctd}S(G)$

#### Observations 3.1.

- i.  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(C_n)) = 2p - 2, \quad p \geq 3$
- ii.  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(P_n)) = 2p - 3, \quad p \geq 2$
- iii.  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(W_p)) = 2p - 1, \quad p \geq 4$   
 $= q + 1$
- iv.  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(K_{1,p-1})) = p$   
 $= q + 1$
- v.  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(K_p)) = \frac{p^2 - p + 2}{2}$   
 $= q + 1$
- vi.  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(K_{m,n})) = m + mn, \quad m \leq n$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vii. } \gamma_{ctd}(S(c_p \circ K_1)) &= 4p - 3 \\ &= 2q + 3 - 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.2.** For any connected graph  $G$   $p \geq 2$ , then  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) \geq 2$ .

Proof. Every complementary tree dominating set of  $S(G)$  contains at least one vertex of  $V(G)$  and  $V(S(G)) - V(G)$ .

Therefore,

$$\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) \geq 2.$$

**Theorem 3.3.** If  $\gamma_{ctd}(G) = 2$  if and only if  $G \cong K_2$ .

Proof. Assume  $G \cong K_2$ . Let  $u, v \in E(G)$  and  $w$  be the vertex in  $S(G)$  such that  $w$  is adjacent to  $u$  and  $v$ . Then  $\{u, w\}$  is a ctd set of  $S(G)$  and hence  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) = 2$ .

Conversely, if  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) = 2$ , then there exist a ctd set of  $D$  of  $S(G)$  with  $|D| = 2$  and let  $D = \{u, v\}$  such that  $\langle V(S(G)) - D \rangle$  is a tree.

Case (i):

$$|V(S(G)) - D| = 1$$

Let  $w$  be the vertex of  $V(S(G)) - D$  then  $w$  is either adjacent to any one of the vertex of  $D$  or adjacent to both. Therefore  $S(G) \cong P_3$  (ie)  $G \cong K_2$ .

Case (ii):

$$|V(S(G)) - D| > 1$$

Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be the vertices of  $\langle V(S(G)) - D \rangle$ . Then  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are adjacent to any one of the vertices of  $D$ . Without loss of generality  $v_1$  is adjacent to  $u$  and  $v_2$  is adjacent to  $v$  then  $S(G) \cong P_4$  which a contradiction is. For all values of  $n \geq 2$ ,  $S(G) \cong P_{2n+1}$ . Therefore  $G \cong K_2$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** For any connected graph  $G$  of order  $p \geq 3$ ,  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) \leq 2p - 2$ ,

Also  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) = 2p - 2$  if and only if  $G \cong C_p$ .

Proof. Let  $\{uv, vw\} \in E(G)$  and let  $x, y$  are the vertices in  $S(G)$  such that  $x$  is subdivides  $uv$  and  $y$  is subdivides  $vw$ . Then  $V(S(G)) - \{v, x\}$  is a ctd set of  $S(G)$  and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) &= 2p - 1 - 2 \\ &= 2p - 3 \\ &< 2p - 2 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose  $G$  contains a cycle  $C_p$  with edge set  $E(G) = \{uv, vw, wx, \dots, yu\}$  and let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p\}$  be the vertices in  $S(G)$  such that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p$  subdivides  $uv, vw, wx, \dots, yu$  respectively. Then  $V(S(G)) - \{u, x\}$  is a ctd set of  $S(G)$  and hence  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) = 2p - 2$ .

Conversly, assume  $G \cong C_p, p \geq 3$ .

We know  $\gamma_{ctd}(C_p) = p - 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{ctd}(S(C_p)) &= \gamma_{ctd}(C_{2p}) \\ &= 2p - 2. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.5.** For the complete graph  $K_p$  then  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(K_p)) = \frac{p^2 - p + 2}{2}$ .

Proof. The result is true if  $p = 2$ .

Suppose  $p \geq 3$ , Let  $D$  be a minimum ctd set of  $S(K_p)$ . Let  $V(K_p) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  and  $W = V(S(K_p)) - V(K_p)$

$$= \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r\}, \text{ where } r = \binom{p}{2} \text{ without loss of generality, we may assume that}$$

$$D = \{v_1, w_1, v_2, w_2, \dots, v_{p-1}, w_{p-1}, \dots, w_{p+1}, w_{p+2}, \dots, w_{r-p+3}\}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |D| &= p - 1 + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} - (p-2) \\ &= \frac{p^2 - p + 2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

or

$$= q + 1.$$

**Theorem 3.6.** For the Complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}, m \leq n$  then  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(K_{m,n})) = m + mn$ .

Proof. Let  $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  and  $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be a bipartition of  $K_{m,n}$ . Let  $w_{ij} (1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n)$  be the vertex of  $S(K_{m,n})$  which is adjacent to  $u_i$  and  $v_j$ . Without loss of generality we may assume

$$D = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m u_i\right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m \bigcup_{j=1}^n w_{ij}\right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^n v_j\right) - \bigcup_{j=1}^{n-1} v_j \text{ is a minimum ctd set of } S(K_{m,n}).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore |D| &= m - 1 + mn + n - (n - 1) \\ &= m - 1 + mn + n - n + 1 \\ &= m + mn. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.7.** For the wheel  $W_p = C_{p-1} + K_1$ , then  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(W_p)) = 2p - 1$ .

Proof. Let  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{p-1}$  be the vertices of the wheel  $W_p$  with  $\deg(u_0) = p - 1$ ,  $v_i$  be the vertices of  $S(W_p)$  adjacent to  $u_0$  and  $u_i$ . Let  $D$  be a minimum ctd set of  $S(W_p)$  and  $w_i$  be the vertex subdividing the edge  $u_i u_{i+1}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p - 2$  and  $v_i$  be the vertex adjacent to  $u_0$  &  $u_i$ .

Without loss of generality we may assume  $D = \bigcup_{i=1}^{p-1} u_i \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{p-1} w_i \cup (\text{one of the neighbourhood of } u_0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &= p - 1 + p - 1 + 1 \\ &= 2p - 1 \\ \gamma_{ctd}(W_p) &= 2p - 1. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.8.** For the star graph  $K_{1,p-1}$  then

$$\gamma_{ctd}(S(K_{1,p-1})) = p.$$

Proof. Let  $\{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{p-1}\}$  be the vertices of  $K_{1,p-1}$ , then  $u_i$  be the vertex subdivides  $v_0 v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p - 1$ . We know that the pendant vertices are members of ctd set. Let  $D$  be the minimum ctd set of  $S(G)$ .

$$D = \bigcup_{i=1}^{p-1} v_i \cup \{\text{one of the vertex of } u_i\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |D| &= p - 1 + 1 \\ &= p \\ \therefore \gamma_{ctd}S(K_{1,p-1}) &= p \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.9.** If  $T$  is a tree  $T$  of order  $p$  which is not a star then

$m + s - 1 \leq \gamma_{ctd}(S(T)) \leq 2p - 3$  where  $S$  denotes the number of supports and  $m$  denote the number of pendant vertices of  $T$ .

Proof. Let  $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$  be the set of all pendant vertices of  $T$ .  $V_2$  be the set of all supports of  $T$  and  $V_3 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ , where  $v_i$  is the vertex subdividing the edge incident with  $u_i$ . Let  $D$  be the minimum ctd set of  $S(T)$  should contain  $|v_1 \cup v_3| - 1$

$$\therefore |D| = |v_1 \cup v_3| - 1$$

and hence  $\gamma_{ctd}S(T) \geq |D| \geq m + s - 1$ .

Now to prove the upper bound we know that  $\gamma_{ctd}(T) \leq p - 2$  Since

$$V(S(T)) = 2p - 1$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{ctd}(S(T)) &\leq 2p - 1 - 2 \\ &= 2p - 3\end{aligned}$$

The lower bound equality holds in  $P_3$  and upper bound equality holds in  $P_n$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) + \Delta(G) \leq 2p = p + q$ .

Proof. For any graph with  $p$  vertices,  $\Delta(G) \leq p - 1$

By observation,

$$\gamma_{ctd}(G) + \Delta(G) = 2p \quad \text{if } G \cong C_p$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{when } G \cong C_p \quad \gamma_{ctd}S(C_p) + \Delta(C_p) &= 2p - 2 + 2 \\ &= 2p \\ &= p + q\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{when } G \cong P_p \quad \gamma_{ctd}S(G) + \Delta(G) &= 2p - 3 + 2 \\ &= 2p - 1 \\ &= p + p - 1 \\ &= p + q\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{When } G \cong K_p, \quad \gamma_{ctd}S(G) + \Delta(G) &= q + 1 + p - 1 \\ &= p + q\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{When } G \cong W_p, \quad \gamma_{ctd}S(G) + \Delta(G) &= q + 1 + p - 1 \\ &= p + q\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.11.** For a connected graph  $G$   $p \geq 2$ , then  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) \geq \gamma_{ctd}(G) + \delta(G)$  and Also,  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) = \gamma_{ctd}(G) + \delta(G)$  iff  $G \cong K_{1,p-1}$ .

Proof. Assume  $G \cong K_{1,p-1}$  then subdivides the edge set  $vv_i$  in  $G$  by  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p - 1$ . Let  $D$  be the minimal ctd of  $G$  and  $D^1$  be the minimal ctd of  $S(G)$ .  $D$  contains all the vertices of  $G$  and contains atleast one members of  $S(G)$ .

Therefore

$$|D^1| \geq |D| + 1$$

$$= \gamma_{ctd}(G) + \delta(G)$$

therefore

$$\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) \geq \gamma_{ctd}(G) + \delta(G)$$

Conversly, assume  $\gamma_{ctd}(S(G)) \geq \gamma_{ctd}(G) + \delta(G)$ . Suppose  $\delta(G) = 1$ , we know that

$$\gamma_{ctd}(G) \leq p - 1$$

therefore

$$\gamma_{ctd}(G) \leq p - 1 + 1$$

$$= p$$

therefore

$$G \cong K_{1,p-1}$$

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