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# Some Bounds On Co-Isolated Locating Domination Number

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- Abstract: Let G(V, E) be a simple, finite and undirected connected graph. A non-empty set  $S \subseteq V$  of a graph G is a dominating set, if every vertex in V S is adjacent to atleast one vertex in S. A dominating set  $S \subseteq V$  is called a locating dominating set, if for any two vertices  $v, w \in V S$ ,  $N(v) \cap S \neq N(w) \cap S$ . A locating dominating set  $S \subseteq V$  is called a co-isolated locating dominating set (cild set), if there exists atleast one isolated vertex in  $\langle V S \rangle$ . The co-isolated locating domination number  $\gamma_{cild}$  is the minimum cardinality of a co-isolated locating dominating set. In this paper, some bounds on co-isolated locating domination number are obtained. Also minimal cild sets are characterized. Further the graphs for which  $\gamma_{cild}$  to be p 2 are obtained.
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# 1. Introduction

Let G = (V, E) be a simple graph of order p and size q. For  $v \in V(G)$ , the neighborhood  $N_G(v)$  (or simply N(v)) of v is the set of all vertices adjacent to v in G. If a graph and its complement are connected, then the graph is said to be a doubly connected graph. Let v be a vertex of a connected graph G. The eccentricity  $e_G(v)$  of v is the distance to a vertex farthest from v. Thus  $e_G(v) = \max\{d_G(u, v) : u \in V(G)\}$ . The minimum and maximum eccentricities are the radius and diameter of G, denoted r(G) and diam(G) respectively. The length of a shortest cycle of G is called girth of G and is denoted by g(G). A set S of vertices in a graph G is called an independent set if no two vertices in S are adjacent. The independence number  $\beta_0(G)$  is the maximum cardinality of an independent set. The concept of domination in graphs was introduced by Ore [10]. A nonempty set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  of a graph G is a dominating set, if every vertex in V(G) - S is adjacent to some vertex in S. A special case of dominating set S is called a locating dominating set. It was defined by D. F. Rall and P. J. Slater in [11]. A dominating set S in a graph G is called a locating dominating set in G, if for any two vertices  $v, w \in V(G) - S$ ,  $N_G(v) \cap S, N_G(w) \cap S$  are distinct. The locating domination number of G is defined as the minimum number of vertices in a locating dominating set in G. A locating dominating set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is called a co-isolated locating dominating set, if  $\langle V-S \rangle$  contains at least one isolated vertex. The minimum cardinality of a co - isolated locating dominating set is called the co-isolated locating domination number  $\gamma_{cild}(G)$ . A co-isolated locating dominating set of minimum cardinality is called  $\gamma_{cild}$  - set and a  $\gamma_{ld}$  - set is defined likewise. In this paper, some bounds on co - isolated locating domination number are obtained. Also minimal cild - sets are characterized. Further the graphs for which  $\gamma_{cild}$  to be p-2 are found.

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### 2. Prior Results

The following results are obtained in [2, 6-9]

**Theorem 2.1** ([6]). For any nontrivial simple connected graph G,  $1 \le \gamma_{cild}(G) \le p-1$ .

**Theorem 2.2** ([6]). For any connected graph G,  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = 1$  if and only if  $G \cong K_2$ .

**Theorem 2.3** ([7]). For any connected graph G,  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = 2$  if and only if G is one of the following graphs

- (a).  $P_p(p = 3, 4, 5)$ , where  $P_p$  is a path on p vertices.
- (b).  $C_p(p=3,5)$ , where  $C_p$  is a cycle on p vertices.
- (c).  $C_5$  with a chord.
- (d). G is the graph obtained by attaching a pendant edge at a vertex of  $C_3$  (or) at a vertex of degree 2 in  $K_4 e$ .
- (e). G is the graph obtained by attaching a path of length 2 at a vertex of  $C_3$ .
- (f). G is the Bull Graph.

**Theorem 2.4** ([6]). For any connected graph G,  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 1$   $(p \ge 4)$  if and only if V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that one of the sets X and Y say, Y is independent and each vertex in X is adjacent to each in Y and the subgraph  $\langle X \rangle$  of G induced by X is one of the following,

- (a).  $\langle X \rangle$  is a complete graph
- (b).  $\langle X \rangle$  is totally disconnected
- (c). Any two nonadjacent vertices in  $V(\langle X \rangle)$  have common neighbors in  $\langle X \rangle$ .

**Theorem 2.5** ([8]). Let G be a doubly connected graph of order  $p \ge 5$  such that  $diam(G) = diam(\overline{G}) = 2$ . Then G contains a co - isolated locating dominating set of cardinality p - 3.

#### Observation 2.6 ([8]).

- (i). If S is a co-isolated locating dominating set of a connected graph G, then S will not be co-isolated locating dominating set of  $\bar{G}$ .
- (ii). Let S be  $\gamma_{cild}$  set of G such that  $\langle V S \rangle$  has exactly one isolated vertex, say v. Let there exist a vertex  $u \in S$  such that  $N(u) \cap S \subset S$  and  $N(u) \cap V S = (V S) \{v\}$ .
  - (a). If there exists no vertex  $w \in V S$  such that  $S \subseteq N_G(w)$ , then  $(S \{u\}) \cup \{v\}$  is a co-isolated locating dominating set of  $\overline{G}$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{cild}(\overline{G}) \leq \gamma_{cild}(G)$ .
  - (b). If there exists a vertex  $w \in V S$  such that  $S \subseteq N_G(w)$ , then  $S \cup \{w\}$  is a co-isolated locating dominating set of  $\bar{G}$  and hence  $\gamma_{cild}(\bar{G}) \leq \gamma_{cild}(G) + 1$ .

**Lemma 2.7** ([8]). If G is a connected graph, then  $\delta(G) \leq \gamma_{cild}(G)$ , where  $\delta(G)$  is the minimum degree of G.

**Theorem 2.8** ([8]). For any doubly connected graph G of order  $p \ge 4$ ,

(a).  $4 \leq \gamma_{cild}(G) + \gamma_{cild}\overline{G} \leq 2p - 4$  and

(b).  $4 \le \gamma_{cild}(G)$ .  $\gamma_{cild}(\bar{G}) \le (p-2)^2$ .

**Theorem 2.9** ([8]). Let G be a doubly connected graph with  $p \ge 4$ . Then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \gamma_{cild}(\overline{G}) = 4$  if and only if G is one of the following graphs:  $P_4$ ,  $P_5$ ,  $C_5$ ,  $C_5$  with a chord and the Bull graph, where Bull graph is a graph obtained by attaching exactly one pendant edge at any two vertices of  $C_3$ .

**Theorem 2.10** ([8]). Let G = (V, E) be a connected cubic graph with p vertices  $(p \ge 4)$ . Then  $\lfloor \frac{p+1}{3} \rfloor \le \gamma_{cild}(G) \le \frac{p}{2}$ .

**Theorem 2.11** ([9]). There exists a connected cubic graph G with  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = a$ , where a is a positive integer and  $a \ge 8$ .

**Theorem 2.12** ([2]). If G is a graph with girth  $g(G) \ge 5$ , then every maximum independent set S is a minimal locating dominating set. Furthermore, if  $\delta(G) \ge 2$ , then V - S is a locating dominating set.

#### Proposition 2.13 ([2]).

- (a). If G is a bipartite graph, then the independence number  $\beta_0 \geq \frac{p+l(G)-s(G)}{2}$ , where l(G) and s(G) are number of leaves and that of supports of G respectively.
- (b). If G is a bipartite graph with  $g(G) \ge 6$  and  $\delta(G) \ge 2$ , then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \le \frac{p+l(G)-s(G)}{2}$ .

## 3. Main Results

**Observation 3.1.** Since every co-isolated locating dominating set is a dominating set as well as a locating dominating set,  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{ld}(G) \leq \gamma_{cild}(G)$ . Equality holds if  $G \cong P_5$ , a path on five vertices.

**Example 3.2.** In the graph G given in Figure 3.1,  $\{v_5\}$  is a  $\gamma$  – set;  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a  $\gamma_{ld}$ -set and  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_5\}$  is a  $\gamma_{cild}$ -set. Therefore (G) = 1,  $\gamma_{ld}(G) = 2$  and  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = 4$  and hence  $\gamma(G) < \gamma_{ld} < \gamma(G) < \gamma_{cild}(G)$ .



#### Figure 1.

In the following, the connected graphs for which  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 2$  are characterized.

**Theorem 3.3.** Let G be a connected graph with p vertices. Then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 2$  if and only if G is one of the following graphs.

- (a). G is a graph obtained from a complete bipartite graph with bipartition [A, B] by introducing two new nonadjacent vertices u and v such that N(u) = A, N(v) = B and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .
- (b). G is a double star  $S_{m,n}$   $(m, n \ge 1)$ .
- (c). G is a graph obtained from a complete graph  $K_{p-1}$  by joining a new vertex to atmost p-2 vertices of  $K_{p-1}$ .
- (d). G is a graph obtained from  $K_n$   $(n \ge 3)$  and  $K_2$  by joining a vertex of  $K_2$  to a vertex of  $K_n$  and the other vertex of  $K_2$  to n-2 vertices of remaining n-1 vertices of  $K_n$ , where n = p-2.

- (e). G is a graph obtained from two complete graphs  $K_n$  and  $K_m$   $(m, n \ge 2)$  by joining a vertex of  $K_n$  to m-1 vertices of  $K_m$  and a vertex of  $K_m$  to n-2 vertices of  $K_n$ .
- (f). G is a graph obtained from a complete bipartite graph with bipartition [A, B] by introducing two new nonadjacent vertices u and v such that  $N(u) \supset A$ ,  $N(v) \supset B$  and  $N(u) \neq A$  and  $N(v) \neq B$ .
- (g). G is a graph obtained from the star  $K_{1,p-2}$  by joining a new vertex to s pendant vertices of  $K_{1,p-2}$ , where s < p-2.
- (h). G is a graph obtained from a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$   $(m,n \ge 2 \text{ and } m+n=p-1)$  by joining a new vertex to m+n-1(=p-2) vertices of  $K_{m,n}$ .
- (i). G is a graph such that V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that  $\langle X \rangle$  is complete,  $\langle Y \rangle$  is a star and each vertex in Y is adjacent to the same |V(G)| 1 vertices of  $\langle X \rangle$ .
- (j). G is a graph such that V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that  $\langle X \rangle$  is a star and  $\langle Y \rangle$  is complete and each vertex in Y is adjacent to all the vertices of the star except the central vertex.

*Proof.* Assume  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 2$ . Then there exists a  $\gamma_{cild}$  set S of G having p - 2 vertices and V - S has 2 vertices. Let  $V - S = \{u, v\}$ , where  $u, v \in V(G)$ . Since  $\langle V - S \rangle$  contains at least one isolated vertex,  $uv \notin E(G)$ . Also S is a locating dominating set and hence  $N(u) \cap S \neq N(v) \cap S$ . Let  $N(u) \cap S = A$  and  $N(v) \cap S = B$ . Therefore  $A \neq B$ .

### Case 1: $A \cap B = \emptyset$

Assume both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  have atleast one edge. Since G is connected, there exists an edge in G joining a vertex of A and a vertex of B. If  $\langle A \rangle$  is not complete, then there exists a pair of nonadjacent vertices say  $a_1, a_2$  in  $\langle A \rangle$  such that atleast one of  $a_1, a_2$  has degree greater than or equal to 2. Then the set  $V(G) - \{u, v, a_1\}$  (or)  $V(G) - \{u, v, a_2\}$  is a cild set of G and hence  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \leq p - 3$ . Therefore  $\langle A \rangle$  is complete. Similarly, it can be proved that  $\langle B \rangle$  is also complete. That is, if both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  have atleast one edge, then  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  are complete. Therefore, one of the following cases arises.

- (a). Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  are complete.
- (b). Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  are totally disconnected.
- (c). One of  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  is complete and the other is totally disconnected.
- Let e = (a, b)  $(a \in A, b \in B)$  be an edge in G.

**Subcase 1.a:** Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  are complete

Assume each vertex in  $V(G) - \{u, v\}$  is adjacent to either u (or) v. If |A| = |B| = 1, then  $G \cong P_4$  and  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = 2$ . Assume one of A and B has atleast two vertices. Let |A| = 1 and  $|B| \ge 2$  and  $N(u) = \{a_1\}, N(v) = \{b_1, b_2\}$ . Then  $V(G) - \{u, b_1, b_2\}$ is a cild set of G. Assume  $|A| \ge 2$  and  $|B| \ge 2$ . Consider the set  $S_1 = V(G) - \{u, v, a\}$ . Then  $V - S_1 = \{u, v, a\}$ . In  $\langle V - S_1 \rangle$ , v is an isolated vertex and  $N(u) \cap S = A$ ;  $N(v) \cap S = B$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Therefore,  $S_1$  is a cild set of G and hence  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \le p - 3$ . Similarly, if there exists a vertex in  $V(G) - \{u, v\}$  adjacent to neither u nor v, then also there is a cild set of G having p - 3 vertices.

**Subcase 1.b:** Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  are totally disconnected

Let each vertex in  $V(G) - \{u, v\}$  be adjacent to either u or v. Assume one of A and B has atleast two vertices. Let A have atleast two vertices. If there exist vertices  $a_1 \in A$ ,  $a_2 \in B$  such that  $a_1b_1 \notin E(G)$ , then the set  $S_2 = V(G) - \{a, a_1, b_1\}$  is a cild set of G, since  $V(G) - S_2 = \{a, a_1, b_1\}$  is independent,  $N(a) \cap S_2 = \{u, b\}$ ,  $N(a_1) \cap S_2 = \{u\}$  and  $N(b_1) \cap S_2 = \{v\}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \leq p-3$ . Hence each vertex in A is adjacent to each in B. That is,  $\langle A \cup B \rangle$  is a complete bipartite graph. Therefore G is a graph obtained from a complete bipartite graph with bipartition [A, B] by introducing two new vertices u and v such that N(u) = A, N(v) = B and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Let there exist a vertex in  $V(G) - \{u, v\}$  adjacent to neither u nor v. Assume  $|A| \ge 1$  and  $|B| \ge 2$ . Let  $w \in V(G) - \{u, v\}$  be adjacent to neither u nor v. Then w is adjacent to atleast one of the vertices in  $N(u) \cup N(v)$ . Let  $deg_G(w) = 1$  and let w be adjacent to the vertex say  $a_1$  in N(u). Let  $b_1, b_2 \in N(v)$ . Then the set  $S_3 = \{w, a_1, b_1\}$  is a cild set of G and u is isolated in  $V(G) - S_3$ .

Similarly is the case when  $deg_G(w) \ge 2$ . Consider |A| = 1 and |B| = 1. Let  $a_1, b_1$  be adjacent to a vertex of N(u) and N(v) respectively and if  $a_1$  is adjacent to  $b_1$ , then there exists a cildset of cardinality p-3. Therefore there exist pendant vertices in G adjavent to vertices in N(u) and N(v). If G is a star, then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p-1$ . Therefore, G is a double star.

**Subcase 1.c:**  $\langle A \rangle$  is complete and  $\langle B \rangle$  is totally disconnected.

Here also the set  $V(G) - \{u, v, a\}$  is a cild-set of G and hence  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \leq p - 3$ .

Case 2: 
$$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$$

Without loss of generality, the sets A and B  $(A \cap B)$  are considered. As in Case(1), one of the following cases arise.

- (a). Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B (A \cap B) \rangle$  are complete.
- (b). Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B (A \cap B) \rangle$  are totally disconnected.
- (c).  $\langle A \rangle$  is complete and  $\langle B (A \cap B) \rangle$  is independent.
- (d).  $\langle A \rangle$  is independent and  $\langle B (A \cap B) \rangle$  is complete.

**Subcase 2.a:** Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B - (A \cap B) \rangle$  are complete.

Assume  $B - (A \cap B) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $b_1 \in B - (A \cap B)$  be not adjacent to a vertex, say  $a_1 \in A \cap B$ . Then  $V(G) - \{a_1, b_1, u\}$  is a cild-set of G and hence  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \leq p - 3$ . Therefore each vertex in  $B - (A \cap B)$  is adjacent to each in  $A \cap B$ . Similarly v is adjacent to all the vertices of  $A - (A \cap B)$ . That is, v is adjacent to all the vertices of A. In this case G is a graph obtained from a complete graph  $K_{p-1}$  by joining a new vertex to atmost p - 2 vertices of  $K_{p-1}$ . Assume  $B - (A \cap B) = \emptyset$ . Then  $B = A \cap B$ . That is, u is adjacent to all the vertices of N(u)(=B). Since  $A \neq B$ ,  $A \cap B \neq A$ . That is v is not adjacent to atleast one vertex of N(u)(=A). Therefore,  $|A| \geq 2$ ,  $|B| \geq 1$ . Assume  $|A| \geq 2$  and |B| = 1. Let  $|B| = b_1$ . Then u is adjacent to  $b_1$  if one of the following conditions holds

- (i). v is adjacent to |A| 1 vertices of A(=N(u))
- (ii). v is adjacent to t vertices of A(=N(u)) where  $1 \le t \le |A| 2$  and each vertex in A is adjacent to  $b_1$ .

If (i) holds, then G is a graph obtained from  $K_n (n \ge 2)$  and  $K_2$  by joining a vertex of  $K_2$  to a vertex of  $K_n$  and the other vertex of  $K_2$  to n-2 vertices of remaining n-1 vertices of  $K_n (n = p - 2)$ .

If (ii) holds, then G is a graph obtained from  $K_{p-1}$  by joining a new vertex of atmost p-2 vertices of  $K_{p-1}$ . Let  $|A| \ge 2$ ,  $|B| \ge 2$ . As above one of the following holds

(iii). v is adjacent to |A| - 1 vertices of A.

(iv). v is adjacent to t vertices of A where  $1 \le t \le |A| - 2$  and each vertex in A is adjacent to each in B.

If (iii) holds, then G is a graph obtained from complete graphs  $K_n$  and  $K_m$   $(m, n \ge 2)$  by joining a vertex of  $K_n$  to m-1 vertices of  $K_m$  and a vertex of  $K_m$  to n-2 vertices of  $K_n$ .

If (iv) holds, then G is a graph obtained from  $K_{p-1}$  by joining a new vertex to atmost p-2 vertices of  $K_{p-1}$ . Subcase 2.b: Both  $\langle A \rangle$  and  $\langle B(A \cap B) \rangle$  are totally disconnected. Assume  $B - (A \cap B) \neq \emptyset$ . Here also each vertex in  $B - (A \cap B)$  is adjacent to each in A and v is adjacent to each vertex in A. Therefore G is a graph obtained from a complete bipartite graph with bipartition [A, B] by introducing two new nonadjacent vertices u and v such that  $N(u) \supset A$ ,  $N(v) \supset B$  and  $N(u) \neq A$ ,  $N(v) \neq B$ . Assume  $B - (A \cap B) = \emptyset$ . Then  $B = A \cap B$ . That is, u is adjacent to all the vertices of N(v). Then either G is a graph obtained from the star  $K_{1,p-2}$  by joining a new vertex to s pendant vertices of  $K_{1,p-2}$  where  $s and this graph is denoted by <math>K_{1,p-2}^s$  ( $s ) (or) G is a graph obtained from a complete bipartite graph <math>K_{m,n}$  ( $m, n \ge 2$  and m+n=p-1) by joining a new vertex to m+n-1(=p-2) pendant vertices of  $K_{m,n}$ .

**Subcase 2.c:** Either  $\langle A \rangle$  is complete and  $\langle B - (A \cap B) \rangle$  is totally disconnected (or)  $\langle A \rangle$  is totally disconnected and  $\langle B - (A \cap B) \rangle$  is complete.

Assume  $B - (A \cap B) \neq \emptyset$ . In both the cases, each vertex in  $B - (A \cap B)$  is adjacent to each in A and v is adjacent to each vertex in A. Then either G is a graph in which V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that  $\langle X \rangle$  is complete,  $\langle Y \rangle$  is a star and each vertex in Y is adjacent to the same |V(X)| - 1 vertices of  $\langle X \rangle$  (or) G is a graph in which V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that  $\langle X \rangle$  is a star and  $\langle Y \rangle$  is complete and each vertex in Y is adjacent to all the vertices of the star except the central vertex. From all the cases, it is concluded that G is one of the graphs given in the theorem. Conversely if G is one of the graphs given in the theorem, then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 2$ .

In the following, the minimal cild-sets are characterized.

**Theorem 3.4.** A cild-set S of a connected graph G is minimal if and only if each vertex  $v \in S$  satisfies one of the following conditions,

- (i). v is an isolated vertex of S.
- (ii). There exists a vertex  $u \in V S$  such that  $N(u) \cap S = \{v\}$
- (iii). v is adjacent to all the isolated vertices in V S.
- (iv). there exists a vertex  $u \in V S$  such that both u and v have common neighbor in S.

*Proof.* Let S be a minimal cild-set of G. Then for every  $v \in S, S - \{v\}$  is not a cild-set of G. Then one of the following conditions holds

- (a).  $S \{v\}$  is not a dominating set
- (b).  $V (S \{v\})$  does not contain any isolated vertices.
- (c). Any two vertices in  $V (S \{v\})$  have common neighbors in  $S \{v\}$ .
  - (a). implies the conditions (i) and (ii).
  - (b). implies that, v is adjacent to all the isolated vertices in V S.
  - (c). implies that there exists a vertex  $u \in V S$  such that u and v have common neighbors in S.

Conversely, let S be a cild-set of G. Assume for each  $v \in S$ , one of the conditions (i)-(iv) holds. By (i) and (ii),  $S - \{v\}$  is not a dominating set of G, since v is not adjacent to any vertex in  $S - \{v\}$ . By (iii),  $V - (S - \{v\})$  has no isolated vertices. By (iv),  $S - \{v\}$  is not a locating set of G. Therefore,  $S - \{v\}$  is not a cild-set of G, for all  $v \in S$ . Hence, S is a minimal cild-set of G.

In the following, an upper bound of  $\gamma_{cild}(G)$  in terms of maximum degree  $\Delta(G)$  is obtained.

**Theorem 3.5.** For any connected graph G on p vertices,  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \Delta(G) \leq 2p - 2$ .

*Proof.* For any connected graph G,  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \leq p-1$  and  $\Delta(G) \leq p-1$  and hence  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \Delta(G) \leq 2p-2$ .

In the following, the connected graphs G for which  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \Delta(G) = 2p - 2$  are characterized.

**Theorem 3.6.** For any connected graph G on p ( $p \ge 4$ ) vertices,  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \Delta(G) = 2p - 2$  if and only if  $G \cong K_{1,p-1}$ ,  $p \ge 4$  (or) V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that Y is independent and each vertex in Y is adjacent to each in X and either |Y| = 1 (or) there exists atleast one vertex in  $\langle X \rangle$  of degree (m - 1) where |V(X)| = m.

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \Delta(G) = 2p - 2$ . Then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 1$  and  $\Delta(G) = p - 1$ . But  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 1$  if and only if V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that one of the sets X and Y, say Y is independent and each vertex in X is adjacent to each vertex in Y and  $\langle X \rangle$  is one of the following.

- (a).  $\langle X \rangle$  is a complete subgraph of G.
- (b).  $\langle X \rangle$  is totally disconnected.
- (c). Any two non adjacent vertices in V ( $\langle X \rangle$ ) have common neighbors in  $\langle X \rangle$ .
- **Case 1:**  $\langle X \rangle$  is a complete subgraph of G

Since each vertex in X is adjacent to each in Y, the vertices of X have degree (p-1) in G. For this graph,  $\Delta(G) = p - 1$ . Case 2:  $\langle X \rangle$  is totally disconnected

Since  $\Delta(G) = p - 1$ , X contains exactly one vertex. Therefore,  $G \cong K_{1,p-1}, p \ge 4$ .

**Case 3:** Any two non-adjacent vertices in V ( $\langle X \rangle$ ) have common neighbors in  $\langle X \rangle$ 

In this case  $\langle X \rangle$  is not complete. Let  $|V(\langle X \rangle)| = m$ , m < p. Therefore, |Y| = p - m. Let v be vertex in  $\langle X \rangle$  of degree t, where t < m - 1. Let  $u, v \in V$ . If  $u, v \in X$ , then  $d_G(u, v) \leq 2$ . Therefore, diameter of G is 2. If diam(G) = rad(G) = 2, then there exists no vertex of degree p - 1 in G. Therefore  $\Delta(G) \leq p - 2$ . Assume  $\gamma(G) = 1$ . If Y has exactly one vertex, then that vertex has degree p - 1 in G. Otherwise there must exist a vertex in  $\langle X \rangle$  of degree m - 1 in  $\langle X \rangle$ . Hence G is a graph with  $\gamma(G) = 1$  and V(G) can be partitioned into two sets X and Y such that Y is independent and each vertex in X is adjacent to each vertex in Y and either |Y| = 1 (or)  $\langle X \rangle$  has a vertex of degree (m - 1), where |V(X)| = m.

In the following, an upper bound of  $\gamma_{cild}(G)$  in terms of order and diameter is proved.

**Theorem 3.7.** Let G be a connected graph of order p and diameter  $d \ge 4$ . Then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \lceil \frac{3d-3}{5} \rceil \le p$  and the bound is sharp.

*Proof.* Let  $u, v \in V(G)$  be two diametral vertices and let P be a diametral path joining u and v. Let  $V(P) = \{u = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, v = d\}$ , where d = 5h + k with  $0 \le k \le 4$ . Then for k = 0, the set  $A_1 = \{2, 4, \ldots, 5h - 3, d - 1\}$ ; for  $1 \le k \le 2$ , the set  $A_2 = \{2, 4, \ldots, 5h - 3, 5h - 1, d\}$  and for  $3 \le k \le 4$ , the set  $A_3 = \{2, 4, \ldots, 5h - 3, 5h - 1, d - 2, d\}$  are the  $\gamma_{cild}$ -sets of P and these sets have  $\lfloor \frac{2d+4}{5} \rfloor$  elements. The set  $S = V(G) - V(P) - A_i$  has  $p - \lceil \frac{3d-3}{5} \rceil$  elements and it is a co-isolated locating dominating set of G. Hence  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \le p - \lceil \frac{3d-3}{5} \rceil$ . That is,  $\gamma_{cild}(G) + \lceil \frac{3d-3}{5} \rceil \le p$ . This bound is attained when  $G \cong P_{5n+1}, n \ge 1$ .

**Lemma 3.8.** Let G be a graph of order p and  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \ge p-2$ . Then  $diam(G) \le 3$ .

Proof. Assume  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \ge p-2$ . Suppose that  $diam(G) \ge 4$ . Let  $u, v \in V(G)$  such that d(u, v) = 4 and let P be a shortest path joining u and v. Let  $P = \{u, x, w, y, v\}$  where  $x, w, y \in V(G)$ . Let  $S = V(G) - \{u, w, v\}$  and  $N(u) \cap S$ ,  $N(v) \cap S$ ,  $N(w) \cap S$ , are nonempty and distinct. Also the vertices u, w, and v are isolated in  $\langle V - S \rangle$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \le p - 3$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $diam(G) \le 3$ .

In the following, an upper bound of  $\gamma_{cild}(G)$  in terms of order and independence number is proved.

**Theorem 3.9.** If G is a connected graph with  $g(G) \ge 5$  and  $\delta(G) \ge 2$  then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \le p - \beta_0(G)$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 2.12, if girth  $g(G) \ge 5$  and  $\delta(G) \ge 2$  and if S is a maximum independent set, then V - S is also a co-isolated locating dominating set. Hence  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \le |V - S| = p - \beta_0(G)$ . Equality holds, if  $G \cong C_{2n}$ ,  $n \ge 3$ .

In the following, an upper bound of  $\gamma_{cild}(G)$  in terms of order, leaves and supports of G is obtained.

**Theorem 3.10.** If G is a bipartite graph with  $g(G) \ge 5$  and  $\delta(G) \ge 2$  then  $\gamma_{cild}(G) \le \frac{p-l(G)+s(G)}{2}$ .

*Proof.* Assume  $\delta(G) \geq 2$  and  $g(G) \geq 6$ . By Proposition 2.13,  $\beta_0(G) \geq \frac{p+l(G)-s(G)}{2}$ . Therefore,  $p - \beta_0(G) \leq p - \frac{p+l(G)-s(G)}{2} = \frac{p-l(G)+s(G)}{2}$ .

### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, an upper bounds of  $\gamma_{cild}(G)$  in terms of the order, maximum degree, diameter, independence number are obtained. Also the graphs for which  $\gamma_{cild}(G) = p - 2$  are characterized. This paper can also be developed by finding the lower bound of  $\gamma_{cild}(G)$  in terms of the some other parameters like minimum degree, girth of G. Finding the co-isolated locating domatic number is the future work.

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