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## A study of line graph theory towards line set domination

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### Abstract

We introduce the concept of domatic number in  $LG$ . The minimum cardinality of vertices in such a set is called a split line domination number in  $L(G)$  and is denoted by  $\gamma sl(G)$ . In this paper, we introduce the new concept in domination theory. Also, we study the graph theoretic properties of  $\gamma sl(G)$  and many bounds were obtained in terms of elements of  $G$  and its relationships with other domination parameters were found. For any graph  $G$ , the line graph  $LG$  is the intersection graph. Thus the vertices of  $LG$  are the edges of  $G$ , with two vertices of  $LG$  adjacent whenever the corresponding edges of  $G$  are. A dominating set  $D$  is called independent dominating set of  $LG$ , if  $D$  is also independent. The independent domination number of  $LG$  denoted by  $i LG$ , equals  $\min \{ |DD| \}$  is an independent dominating set of  $LG$ . Adomatic partition of  $LG$  is a partition of  $VLG$ , all of whose classes are dominating sets in  $LG$ . The maximum number of classes of a domatic partition of  $LG$  is called the domatic number of  $LG$  and denoted by  $d LG$ . In this paper many bounds on  $i LG$  were obtained in terms of elements of  $G$ , but not in terms of elements of  $LG$ . Further we develop its relationship with other different domination parameters.

**Keywords:** Graph, line graph, dominating set, split line dominating set, split line domination number

### Introduction

A line graph  $L(G)$  is the graph whose vertices correspond to the edges of  $G$  and two vertices in  $L(G)$  are adjacent if and only if the corresponding edges in  $G$  are adjacent. We begin by recalling some standard definitions from domination theory.

A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a dominating set of  $G$ , if every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . The minimum cardinality of vertices in such a set is called the domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ . A dominating set  $S$  is called the total dominating set, if for every vertex  $v \in V$ ; there exists a vertex  $u \in S, u \neq v$  such that  $u$  is adjacent to  $v$ . The total domination number of  $G$  denoted by  $\gamma_t(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of total dominating set of  $G$ . A dominating set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is a connected dominating set, if the induced sub graph  $S$  has no isolated vertices. The connected domination number,  $\gamma_c(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a connected dominating set of  $G$ . A set  $D \subseteq V(L(G))$  is said to be line dominating set of  $G$ , if every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The line domination number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_l(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a line dominating set. The concept of domination in graphs with its many variations is now well studied in graph theory (see [2] and [3]).

The notation  $\alpha_0(G)$  ( $\alpha_1(G)$ ) is the minimum number of vertices (edges) in a vertex (edge) cover of  $G$ . The notation  $\beta_0(G)$  ( $\beta_1(G)$ ) is the maximum cardinality of a vertex (edge) independent set in  $G$ . Let  $\deg(v)$  is the degree of vertex  $v$  and as usual  $\delta(G)$  ( $\Delta(G)$ ) is the minimum (maximum) degree. A vertex of degree one is called an end vertex and its neighbor is called a support vertex. The degree of an edge  $e=uv$  of  $G$  is defined by  $\deg(e) = \deg(u) + \deg(v) - 2$  and  $\delta'(G)$  ( $\Delta'(G)$ ) is the minimum (maximum) degree among the edges of  $G$ . Analogously, a line dominating set  $D \subseteq V(L(G))$  is a split line dominating set, if the sub graph  $\langle V(L(G)) - D \rangle$  is disconnected. The minimum cardinality

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of vertices in such a set is called a split line domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma sl(G)$ . In this paper, we introduce the new concept in domination theory. Also we study the graph theoretic properties of  $\gamma sl(G)$  and many bounds were obtained in terms of elements of  $G$  and its relationships with other domination parameters were found. Throughout this paper, we consider the graphs with  $p \geq 4$  vertices.

In this paper, we follow the notations of [1]. All the graphs considered here are simple and finite. As usual  $p = |V|$  and  $q = |E|$  denote the number of vertices and edges of a graph  $G$  respectively.

In general, we use  $\langle X \rangle$  to denote the sub graph induced by the set of vertices  $X$  and  $N(v)$  ( $N[v]$ ) denote the open (closed) neighborhoods of a vertex  $v$ .

**Review of Literature:** In this paper, many bounds on  $iL G$  were obtained. Also their relationships with other domination parameters were obtained. Further, we introduce the concept of domatic number of  $L G$ , exact values of domatic number were obtained for some standard graphs. Also bound for domatic number is also obtained.

A domatic partition in  $L G$  is a partition of  $V L G$ , all of whose classes are dominating in  $L G$ . The maximum number of classes of a domatic partition of  $L G$  is called the domatic number of  $L G$  and is denoted by  $d L G$ . The concept of domatic number in  $G$  was introduced by Cockayne *et al.* [4].

**Line Set Domination Number:** Initially we list out independent domination number of  $L G$  for some standard graphs. All graphs considered here are finite, nontrivial, undirected, connected, without loops or multiple edges or isolated vertices. For undefined terms or notations in this paper, may be found in Harary [1]. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. A set  $S \subseteq E$  is an edge dominating set of  $G$ , if every edge in  $E-S$  is adjacent to at least one edge in  $S$ . The edge domination number  $\gamma'(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of an edge dominating set.

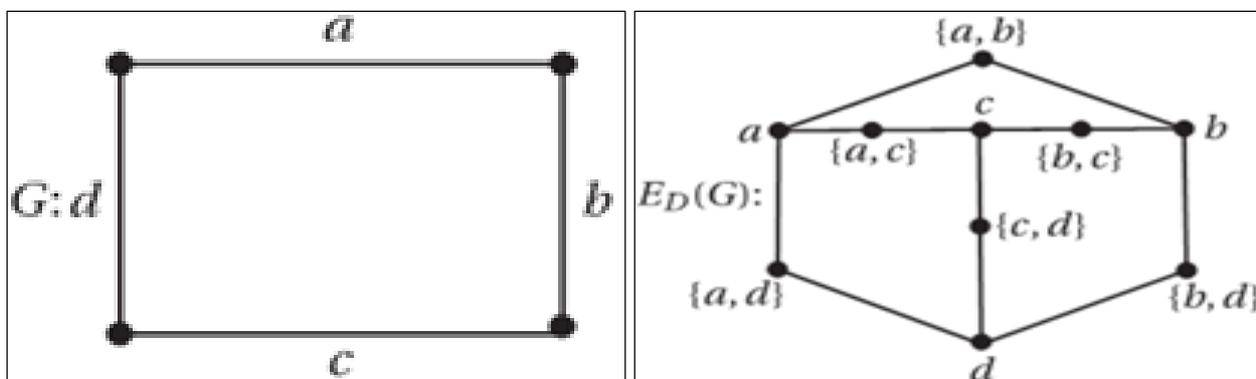


Fig 1

The minimal dominating graph of  $G$  is an intersection graph on the minimal dominating sets of vertices of  $G$ . This concept was introduced by Kulli and Janakiram [4]. In [5], the concept of common minimal dominating graph of  $G$  was defined as the graph having same vertex set as  $G$  with two vertices adjacent if there is a minimal dominating set containing them. The concept of vertex minimal dominating graph  $MVD(G)$  of  $G$  was introduced in [6], as the graph having  $V(MVD(G)) = V(G) \cup S(G)$ , where  $S(G)$  is the set of all minimal dominating sets of  $G$  with two vertices  $u, v$  adjacent if they are adjacent in  $G$  or  $v = D$  is a minimal dominating set containing  $u$ .

**Theorem 1**

- a.  $i(L(C_p)) = \lceil p/3 \rceil$ .
- b.  $i(L(K_{1,n})) = 1$ .
- c.  $i(L(K_{m,n})) = n$  for  $m \geq n$
- d.  $i(L(K_p)) = \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$ .
- e.  $i(L(W_p)) = \lfloor \frac{(p+2)}{3} \rfloor$ .

The following Theorem relates domination and independent domination in  $L G$ .

**Theorem 2:** For any connected  $p, q$  - graph,  $\gamma(L(G)) + i(L(G)) \leq q$ . Equality holds if  $G \cong C_4$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $D = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V(L(G))$  is the set of vertices which covers all the vertices in  $L G$ . Then  $D$  is a minimal - set of  $L G$ . Further, if the sub graph  $\langle D \rangle$  contains the set of vertices,  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , such that  $\deg v_i = 0$ . Then  $D$

itself is an independent dominating set of  $L G$ . Otherwise,  $S = D \cup I$ , where  $D \subseteq D$  and  $I \subseteq V(L(G)) - D$  forms a minimal independent dominating set of  $L G$ . Since  $V L G = E G$ , it follows that  $|D \cup S| \leq q$ . Therefore,  $\gamma(L(G)) + i(L(G)) \leq q$ .

In the following Theorems we give the upper bounds for independent domination number of  $L G$ .

**Theorem 3:** If every support vertex of tree is adjacent to at least one end edge, then  $i(L(T)) \leq \left\lceil \frac{q-m}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ , where  $m$  is the number of end edges in  $T$ . Equality holds for star  $K_{1,p-1}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $F = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the set of all end edges in  $T$  such that  $|F| = m$ . Now without loss of generality, since  $V L T = E T$ , let  $S = F \cup H$ , such that  $H \subseteq N[F]$  be the minimal set of vertices which covers all the vertices in  $L T$ . Clearly set of the vertices of a sub graph  $\langle S \rangle$  is independent, then by the above argument  $S$  is a minimal independent dominating set of  $L T$ . Clearly it follows that,  $|S| \leq \left\lceil \frac{q-m}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ . Therefore,  $i(L(T)) \leq \left\lceil \frac{q-m}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ .

Suppose  $T \cong K_{1,p-1}$ . Then in this case,  $q = m$ . Since  $L T = K_p$  and  $|S| = 1$ , it follows that  $i(L(T)) = \left\lceil \frac{q-m}{2} \right\rceil + 1$ .

**Theorem 4:** For any connected graph  $G$ ,  $i(L(G)) \leq \beta_1(G)$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $J = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the maximum set of edges in  $G$  such that  $N(e_i) \cap N(e_j) = \emptyset$  for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Then  $J$  forms maximal independent set of edges with  $|J| = \beta_1(G)$ . Since  $V L G = E G$ , there exists an independent set  $D = J \cup H$ , where  $J \subseteq J$  and  $H \subseteq V(L(G)) - J$  such that  $H \subseteq N[J]$ , which covers all the vertices in  $L G$ . Clearly,  $D$  forms a minimal independent dominating set of  $L G$  and it follows that  $|D| \leq |J|$ . Therefore,  $i(L(G)) \leq \beta_1(G)$ .

**Conclusion**

A dominating set  $D$  is called independent dominating set of  $LG$ , if  $D$  is also independent. The independent domination number of  $LG$  denoted by  $i LG$ , equals  $\min \{ |D| : D \text{ is an independent dominating set of } LG \}$ . Further we develop its relationship with other different domination parameters. Also we introduce the concept of domatic number in  $LG$ . The minimum cardinality of vertices in such a set is called a split line domination number in  $L(G)$  and is denoted by  $\gamma sl(G)$ . In this paper, we introduce the new concept in domination theory. Also, we study the graph theoretic properties of  $\gamma sl(G)$  and many bounds were obtained in terms of elements of  $G$  and its relationships with other domination parameters were found.

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