



Relatively prime inverse domination of a graph

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Abstract

Let G be non-trivial graph. A subset D of the vertex set $V(G)$ of a graph G is called a dominating set of G if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to a vertex in D . The minimum cardinality of a dominating set is called the domination number and is denoted by $\gamma(G)$. If $V - D$ contains a dominating set S of G , then S is called an inverse dominating set with respect to D . In an inverse dominating set S , every pair of vertices u and v in S such that $(\deg u, \deg v) = 1$, then S is called relatively prime inverse dominating set. The minimum cardinality of a relatively prime inverse dominating set is called relatively prime inverse dominating number and is denoted by $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)$. In this paper we find relatively prime inverse dominating number of some graphs.

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1. Introduction

By a graph, we mean a finite undirected graph with neither loops nor multiple edges. For graph theoretic terminology, we refer to the book by Chartrand and Lesniak [1]. All graphs in this paper are assumed to be non-trivial. In a graph $G = (V, E)$, the degree of a vertex v is defined to be the number of edges incident with v and is denoted by $\deg v$. The subgraph induced by a set S of vertices of a graph G is denoted by $\langle S \rangle$ with $V(\langle S \rangle) = S$ and $E(\langle S \rangle) = \{uv \in (G)/u, v \in S\}$. The study of domination and related subset problems is one of the fastest growing areas in graph theory. For a detailed survey of domination one can see [3, 4]. A set D of vertices of graph G is said to be a dominating set if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to a vertex in D . A dominating set D is said to be a minimal dominating set if no proper subset of D is a dominating set. The minimum cardinality of a dominating set of a graph G is called the domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma(G)$.

Kulli V. R. et al introduced the concept of inverse domination in graphs [6]. Let D be a minimum dominating set of G . If $V - D$ contains a dominating set S , then S is called the inverse dominating set of G with respect to D . The inverse dominating number $\gamma^{-1}(G)$ is the minimum cardinality taken over all the minimal inverse dominating set of G . Bistar $B_{m,n}$ is the graph obtained by joining the center(apex) vertex of $K_{1,m}$ and $K_{1,n}$ by an edge [2]. The n -barbell graph $BB_{n,n}$ is the simple graph obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph K_n by a path P_2 [7]. C. Jayasekaran et.a introduced the concept of relatively prime domination. A set $S \subseteq V$ is said to be relatively prime dominating set if it is a dominating set with at least two elements and for every pair of vertices u and v in S such that $(\deg u, \deg v) = 1$. The minimum cardinality of a relatively prime dominating set of a graph G is called the relatively prime domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{rpd}(G)$ [5]. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the concept of relatively prime inverse domination of graphs.

2. Relatively prime inverse domination of some graphs

Definition 2.1. Let D be a minimum dominating set of a graph G . If $V - D$ contains a dominating set S of G , then S is called an inverse dominating set with respect to D . In an inverse dominating set S , every pair of vertices u and v in S

such that $(\text{degu}, \text{degv}) = 1$, then S is called relatively prime inverse dominating set. The minimum cardinality of relatively prime inverse dominating set is called relatively prime inverse dominating number and is denoted by $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)$.

Example 2.2. Consider the graph G given figure 2. 1. Clearly $D = \{3\}$ is a minimum dominating set and $S = \{2, 4, 5, 6\}$ is minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of G and hence $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)=4$.

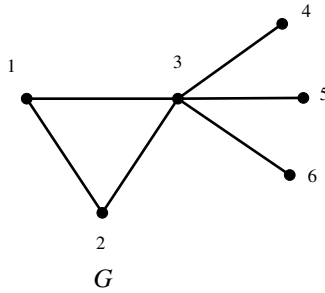


Figure 2.1

Theorem 2.3. For a path P_n , $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(P_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } 3 \leq n \leq 5 \\ 3 & \text{if } n = 6, 7 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

Proof. Let P_n be the path $v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_n$. Let D be a minimum domination set of P_n . If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, then $D = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ and if $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, then $D = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_n\}$ and hence $\gamma = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$. Now, we consider the following three cases.

Case 1. $n = 3$
Clearly, $D = \{v_2\}$. Now $S = \{v_1, v_3\}$ is the inverse dominating set which is minimal and $(\text{deg } v_1, \text{deg } v_3) = (1, 1) = 1$. Therefore, S is the minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of P_3 and hence $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(P_3) = 2$.

Case 2. $n = 4$ or 5
Clearly, $D = \{v_2, v_n\}$. Now $S = \{v_1, v_{n-1}\}$ is an inverse dominating set which is minimal and $(\text{deg } v_1, \text{deg } v_{n-1}) = (1, 2) = 1$. Therefore S is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of P_n and hence $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(P_n) = 2$.

Case 3. $n = 6$
In this case $D = \{v_2, v_5\}$ is a minimum dominating set. Clearly, $S = \{v_1, v_3, v_6\}$ is a minimum inverse dominating set. Since $(\text{deg } v_1, \text{deg } v_3) = (1, 2) = 1$, $(\text{deg } v_1, \text{deg } v_6) = (1, 1) = 1$ and $(d(v_3), d(v_6)) = (2, 1) = 1$, S is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of P_6 . Therefore, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(P_6) = 3$.

Case 4. $n = 7$
In this case $D = \{v_2, v_5, v_6\}$ is a minimum dominating set. Clearly, $S = \{v_1, v_3, v_7\}$ is a minimum inverse dominating set. Since $(\text{deg } v_1, \text{deg } v_3) = (1, 2) = 1$, $(\text{deg } v_1, \text{deg } v_7) = (1, 1) = 1$ and $(d(v_3), d(v_7)) = (2, 1) = 1$, S is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of P_7 . Therefore $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(P_7) = 3$.

Case 5. $n \geq 8$
Let S be an inverse dominating set of P_n with respect to the dominating set D . Then S contains at least two vertices

of degree 2. This implies that S is not a relatively prime dominating set of P_n . Hence, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(P_n) = 0$. The theorem follows from cases 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. □

Theorem 2.4. For a path P_n ,

$$\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(\bar{P}_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n > 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let \bar{P}_n be the complement of path P_n . If $n = 2$, then $\bar{P}_2 = \bar{K}_2$ which is a regular graph of degree 0. This implies that $\gamma(P_n) = 2$ and hence $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(\bar{P}_2) = 0$. If $n = 3$, then $\bar{P}_3 = K_2 \cup K_1$. Clearly D contains the isolated vertex K_1 and a vertex of K_2 . This implies that \bar{P}_3 has no inverse dominating set and hence $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(\bar{P}_3) = 0$. Let $n > 3$. Now v_1 is adjacent to each vertex except v_2 in \bar{P}_n . Hence $D = \{v_1, v_2\}$ is a minimum dominating set of \bar{P}_n . Now v_3 is adjacent to all vertices except v_2 and v_4 and v_n is adjacent to all vertices except v_{n-1} in \bar{P}_n . Hence $\{v_3, v_n\}$ is a minimum dominating set in $V - D$. Now $(\text{deg } v_3, \text{deg } v_4) = (n - 3, n - 2) = 1$. Hence $\{v_3, v_4\}$ is a minimum relatively prime dominating set in $V - D$. This implies that $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(\bar{P}_n) = 2$. Thus the theorem is proved. □

Theorem 2.5. For a complete bipartite graph $K_{n,m}$, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(K_{n,m})$

$$= \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } (n, m) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } (n, m) \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $K_{n,m}$ be the complete bipartite graph and U, V be the bipartition of the vertex set of $K_{n,m}$ with $|U| = n, |V| = m$. Clearly $D = \{u, v/u \in U, v \in V\}$ is a minimum dominating set of $K_{n,m}$. Now $S = \{u', v'\}$ where $u' (\neq u) \in U, v' (\neq v) \in W$, is a minimum inverse dominating of $K_{n,m}$. Also $(d(u'), d(v')) = (m, n)$. If $(m, n) = 1$, then S is a relatively prime dominating set, otherwise S is not a relatively prime dominating set. Therefore

$$\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(K_{n,m}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } (n, m) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Theorem 2.6. For a fan graph F_n , $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(F_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 3, 4, 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Proof. Let F_n be a fan graph which is obtained by joining all the vertices of P_n to the vertex in K_1 i.e., $F_n = P_n + K_1$. Let, $V(F_n) = \{v_i/0 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $E(F_n) = \{v_0 v_i, v_i v_{i+1}, v_0 v_n/0 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$. In F_n , $D = v_0$ is the minimum dominating set. Now we consider the following cases.

Case 1. $n = 2$
Then, $F_2 = C_3$. In C_3 , all vertices have degree 2 and hence there is no relatively prime dominating set and hence $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(F_2) = 0$.

Case 2. $n = 3$
Clearly either $\{v_1, v_2\}$ or $\{v_2, v_3\}$ is a minimum inverse dominating set with respect to D . Now, $(d(v_1), d(v_2)) = (2, 3) = 1$ and $(d(v_2), d(v_3)) = (3, 2) = 1$. Hence either $\{v_1, v_2\}$ or $\{v_2, v_3\}$ is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set. Therefore, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(F_3) = 2$.



Case 3. $n = 4$

In this case a minimum inverse dominating set $S = \{v_2, v_4\}$ in F_4 with respect to D . Also, $(d(v_2), d(v_4)) = (3, 2) = 1$. Hence S is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set and $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(F_4) = 2$

Case 4. $n = 5$

Here $S = \{v_2, v_5\}$ is a minimum inverse dominating set in F_5 with respect to D . Also, $(d(v_2), d(v_5)) = (3, 2) = 1$. Therefore, S is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set. Hence $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(F_5) = 2$

Case 5. $n \geq 6$

Let S be an inverse dominating set of F_n with respect to the dominating set D . Then S contains at least two vertices of degree three. This implies that S is not a relatively prime dominating set of F_n . Hence, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(F_2) = 0$

The theorem follows from cases 1 to 5. □

Theorem 2.7. For a For a bistar tree $B_{m,n}$, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(B_{m,n}) = m + n$.

Proof. Let $B_{m,n}$ be a bistar tree of order $m + n + 2$ with vertex set $V(B_{m,n}) = u_i, v_j / 0 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq n$ and edge set $E(B_{m,n}) = \{u_0v_0, u_0u_i, v_0v_j / 1 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq n\}$. The minimum dominating set of $B_{m,n}$ is $D = \{u_0, v_0\}$. Since $V - D$ contains all end vertices, $V - D$ itself is a minimum inverse dominating set of $B_{m,n}$. Clearly $(d(u_i), d(u_j)) = (d(u_i), d(v_j)) = (d(v_i), d(u_j)) = 1$. Hence $V - D$ is the minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set and so $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(B_{m,n}) = m + n$. □

Theorem 2.8. If $G_1 \cong G_2$, then $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G_1) = \gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G_2)$.

Proof. Let $G_1 \cong G_2$. Let f be an isomorphism between graphs G_1 and G_2 . Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ be a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of G_1 . Since f is an isomorphism $\{f(v_1), f(v_2), \dots, f(v_m)\}$ is a minimum inverse dominating set of G_2 . Since isomorphism, preserves degree of the vertices $(d(v_i), d(v_j)) = (d(f(v_i)), d(f(v_j))) = 1$ for $i \neq j, 1 \leq i \leq j \leq m$, Therefore, $\{f(v_1), f(v_2), \dots, f(v_n)\}$ is theorem. □

Theorem 2.9. For $K_m \cup K_n$,

$$\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(K_m \cup K_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } (m-1, n-1) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $V(K_m) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$ and $V(K_n) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$. Clearly $D = \{v_i, u_j\}$ is a minimum dominating set of $K_m \cup K_n$ where $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$. Now $S = \{v_x, u_y\}$ where $1 \leq x \leq m, x \neq i$ and $1 \leq y \leq n, y \neq j$ is a minimum inverse dominating set of $K_m \cup K_n$ with respect to D and $(d(v_x), d(u_y)) = (m-1, n-1)$. If $(m-1, n-1) = 1$, then S is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set. Otherwise S is not a relatively prime inverse dominating set. Therefore, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(K_m \cup K_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } (m-1, n-1) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ □

Theorem 2.10. For For a barbell graph $BB_{n,n}$,

$$\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(BB_{n,n}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ be the vertex sets of two copies of K_n . Join v_1u_1 . The resultant graph is a barbell graph. If $n = 1$, then $BB_{1,1} = K_2 = P_2$. By Theorem 2.3, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(B_1) = 0$. Let $n \geq 2$. A minimum dominating set $D = \{v_1, u_i\}, 2 \leq i \leq n$. A minimum inverse dominating with respect to D is $S = \{v_i, u_1\}, 2 \leq i \leq n$. Clearly $(d(v_i), d(u_1)) = (n-1, n) = 1$. Hence S is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set. Therefore, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(BB_{n,n}) = 2$. □

Example 2.11. Consider the graph $G = BB_{4,4}$, given in figure 2.2. Clearly $D = \{v_1, u_2\}$ is a minimum dominating set and $S = \{v_2, u_0\}$ is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of G . Therefore, $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(BB_{4,4}) = 2$.

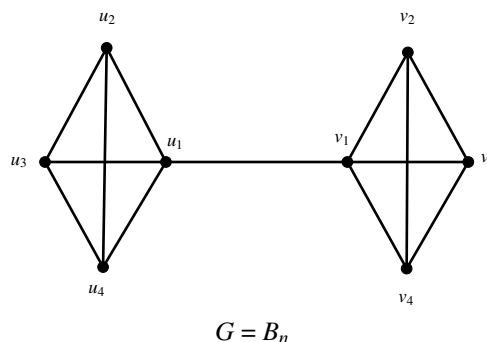


Figure 2.2

Theorem 2.12. Let G be a connected graph of order n . If $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)$ exists, then $\gamma^{-1}(G) \leq \gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)$.

Proof. Let G be a connected graph of order n such that $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)$ exists. Since every relatively prime inverse dominating set is an inverse dominating set, it follows that $\gamma^{-1}(G) \leq \gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)$. □

Theorem 2.13. For the path graph $P_n (n \geq 3), \gamma^{-1}(P_n) = \gamma_{rp}^{-1}(P_n)$. Hence the inequality in Theorem 2.11. becomes sharp. Now consider the graph G given in figure.2.3. Here $S = \{v_3\}$ is a minimum inverse dominating set of G and so $\gamma^{-1}(G) = 1$. The set $S_1 = \{v_2, v_3\}$ is a minimum relatively prime inverse dominating set of G and so $\gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G) = 2$. Thus $\gamma^{-1}(G) < \gamma_{rp}^{-1}(G)$ and hence the inequality in Theorem 2.11, becomes strict.



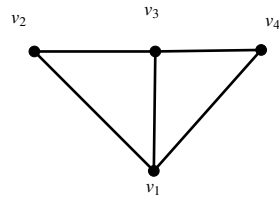


Figure 2.3

3. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduced the concept of relatively prime inverse domination of a graphs and found relatively prime inverse domination of a graph of some standed graphs like path graph, complement of path graph, complete bipatite graph, fan graph, bistar graph and barbell graph.

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