

# RESTRAINED LICT DOMINATION IN GRAPHS

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## Abstract

A set  $D_r \subseteq V[n(G)]$  is a restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ , where every vertex in  $V[n(G)] - D_r$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D_r$  as well as another vertex in  $V[n(G)] - D_r$ .

The restrained domination number of lict graph  $n(G)$ , denoted by  $\gamma_m(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ . In this paper, we study its exact values for some standard graphs we obtained. Also its relation with other parameters is investigated.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, all the graphs considered here are simple, finite, non-trivial, undirected and connected. As usual  $p$  and  $q$  denote, the number of vertices and edges of a graph  $G$ . In this paper, for any undefined terms or notations can be found in Harary [4].

As usual, the maximum degree of a vertex in  $G$  is denoted by  $\Delta(G)$ .

The degree of an edge  $e = uv$  of  $G$  is defined as  $\deg e = \deg u + \deg v - 2$  and  $\delta'(G)$  ( $\Delta'(G)$ ) is the minimum (maximum) degree among the edges of  $G$ .

For any real number  $x$ ,  $\lceil x \rceil$  denotes the smallest integer not less than  $x$  and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the greatest integer not greater than  $x$ . The complement  $\overline{G}$  of a graph  $G$  has  $V$  as its vertex set, but two vertices are adjacent in  $\overline{G}$  if they are not adjacent in  $G$ .

A vertex (edge) cover in a graph  $G$  is a set of vertices that covers all the edges (vertices) of  $G$ . The vertex (edge) covering number  $\alpha_0(G)$  ( $\alpha_1(G)$ ) is a minimum cardinality of a vertex (edge) cover in  $G$ . The vertex (edge)

independence number  $\beta_0(G)$  ( $\beta_1(G)$ ) is the maximum cardinality of independent set of vertices (edges) in  $G$ .

The greatest distance between any two vertices of a connected graph  $G$  is called the diameter of  $G$  and is denoted by  $diam(G)$ .

We begin by recalling some standard definition from domination theory.

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 minimal dominating set in  $G$ . The study of domination in graphs was begun by Ore [7] and Berge [1].

A set  $D \subseteq V[L(G)]$  is said to be dominating set of  $L(G)$  if every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The domination number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma[L(G)]$  is the minimum cardinality of dominating set in  $G$ .

A set  $F$  of edges in a graph  $G$  is called an edge dominating set of  $G$  if every edge in  $E - F$  where  $E$  is

the set of edges in  $G$  is adjacent to atleast one edge in  $F$ . The edge domination number  $\gamma'(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of an edge dominating set of  $G$ . The concept of edge domination number in graphs were studied by Gupta [3] and S.Mitchell and S.T.Hedetineim [6].

Analogously, we define restrained domination number in lict graph as follows.

A dominating set  $D_r$  of lict graph is a restrained dominating set, if every vertex not in  $D_r$  is adjacent in  $D_r$  and to a vertex in  $V - D_r$ . The restrained domination number of lict graph  $n(G)$ , denoted by  $\gamma_m(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ . The concept of restrained domination in graphs was introduced by Domke et al [2].

In this paper, many bounds on  $\gamma_m(G)$  were obtained and expressed in terms of vertices, edges of  $G$  but not the elements of  $n(G)$ . Also we establish restrained domination number of a lict graph  $n(G)$  and express the results with other different domination parameters of  $G$ .

**2. RESULTS**

We need the following Theorems to establish our further results.

**Theorem A [5]:** For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma'(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{q}{\Delta'(G)+1} \right\rceil$ .

**Theorem B [5]:** If  $G$  is a graph with no isolated vertex, then  $\gamma'(G) \leq q - \Delta'(G)$ .

Initially we begin with restrained domination number of lict graph of some standard graphs, which are straight forward in the following Theorem.

**2.1 Theorem 1:**

(i) For any cycle  $C_p$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(C_p) = p - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \right\rfloor$$

(ii) For any path  $P_p$  with  $p > 2$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(P_{2n-1}) = k$$

$$\gamma_m(P_{2n}) = k, \text{ When } n = 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$$

Then  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$

(iii) For any star  $K_{1,p}$  with  $p \geq 2$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(K_{1,p}) = 1.$$

(iv) For any wheel  $W_p$  with  $p \geq 4$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(W_p) = 1 + \left\lceil \frac{p-3}{3} \right\rceil$$

(v) For any complete bipartite graph  $K_{p_1, p_2}$  with  $p_1, p_2 > 2$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(K_{p_1, p_2}) = \min\{p_1, p_2\}$$

(vi) For any complete graph  $K_p$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(K_p) = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$$

In the following Theorem, we establish the upper bound for  $\gamma_m(T)$  in term of vertices of the  $G$ .

**2.2 Theorem 2**

For any tree  $T$  with  $p > 2$  vertices and  $m$  end vertices  $\gamma_m(T) \leq p - m$ . Equality holds if  $T = K_{1,p}$  with  $p \geq 2$  vertices.

**Proof:** If  $diam(G) \leq 3$ , then the result is obvious. Let  $diam(T) > 3$  and  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of all end vertices in  $T$  with  $|V_1| = m$ . Further  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_q\}$  and  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_i\}$  be the set of edges and cutvertices in  $G$ . In  $n(G)$ ,  $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$  and in  $G \forall e_i$  incident with  $c_j, 1 \leq j \leq i$  forms a complete induced subgraph as a block in  $n(G)$ , such that the number of blocks in  $n(G) = |C|$ . Let  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_j\} \in E(G)$  which are non end edges of  $G$  forms cutvertices

$C'(G) = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_j\}$  in  $n(G)$ . Let  $C'_1 \leq C'$  be a restrained dominating set in  $n(G)$ , such that  $|C'_1| = \gamma_m(G)$ . For any non trivial tree  $p > q$  and  $|C'_1| \leq p - m$  which gives  $\gamma_m(T) \leq p - m$ .

Further equality holds if  $T = K_{1,p}$  then  $n(K_{1,p}) = K_{p+1}$  and  $\gamma_m(K_{1,p}) = p - m$ .

The following corollaries are immediate from the above Theorem.

**Corollary 1:** For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m(G) + \gamma(G) \leq \alpha_0(G) + \beta_0(G)$ . Equality holds if  $G$  is isomorphic to  $C_4$  or  $C_5$ .

**Corollary 2:** For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m(G) + \gamma(G) \leq \alpha_1(G) + \beta_1(G)$ . Equality holds if  $G$  is isomorphic to  $C_4$  or  $C_5$ .

**2.3 Theorem 3**

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  with  $p > 2$  vertices,  $\gamma_m(G) \leq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ . Equality holds if  $G$  is  $C_4$  or  $C_5$  or  $C_8$  or  $K_p$  if  $p$  is even.

**Proof:** Let  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the edge set of  $G$  such that  $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$ , by definition of licit graph where  $C(G)$  is the set of cutvertices in  $G$ . Let  $D_r = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V[n(G)]$  be the restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ . Suppose if  $|V[n(G)] - D_r| \geq 2$ , then  $\{V[n(G)] - D_r\}$  contains atleast two vertices which gives  $\gamma_m(G) < \frac{p}{2} \leq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ .

For the equality,

i) If  $G$  is isomorphic to  $C_4$  or  $C_5$  or  $C_8$ . For any cycle  $C_p$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices  $n(C_p) \cong C_p$ , which gives  $|D_r| = \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ . Therefore  $\gamma_m(C_p) = \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ .

ii) If  $G$  is isomorphic to  $K_p$ , where  $p$  is even, then by Theorem 1,

$$\gamma_m(K_p) = \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil.$$

In the following Theorem, we obtain the relation between  $\gamma_m(G)$  and diameter of  $G$ .

**2.4 Theorem 4**

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{\text{diam}(G) + 1}{3} \right\rceil$ .

**Proof:** Let  $D_r$  be a restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$  such that  $|D_r| = \gamma_m(G)$ . Consider an arbitrary path of length which is a  $\text{diam}(G)$ . This diametral path induces atmost three edges from the induced subgraph  $\langle N(v) \rangle$  for each  $v \in D_r$ . Furthermore since  $D_r$  is  $\gamma_m$ -set, the diametral path includes atmost  $\gamma_m(G) - 1$  edges joining the neighborhood of the vertices of  $D_r$ .

Hence  $\text{diam}(G) \leq 2\gamma_m(G) + \gamma_m(G) + 1$ .  
 $\text{diam}(G) \leq 3\gamma_m(G) - 1$ .

Hence the result follows.

The following theorem relates domination number of  $G$  and restrained domination number of  $n(G)$ .

**2.5 Theorem 5**

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(G) \leq P$$

$-\gamma(G)$ . Equality holds if  $G \cong C_4$  or  $C_5$ .

**Proof:** Let  $D = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  be a minimal dominating set of  $n(G)$  such that  $|D| = \gamma(G)$ . Further let  $F_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the set of all edges which are incident to the vertices of  $D$  and  $F_2 = E(G) - F_1$ .

Let  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n\}$  be the cutvertex set of  $G$ . By definition of list graph,  $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$  and  $F_1 \subseteq V[n(G)]$ . Let  $I_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_k\}; 1 \leq k \leq i$ , where  $I_1 \subseteq F_1$  and  $I_2 \subseteq F_2$ . Since each induced subgraph which is complete in  $n(G)$  may contain atleast one vertex of either  $F_1$  or  $F_2$ . Then  $(I_1 \cup I_2)$  forms a minimal restrained dominating set in  $n(G)$  such that  $|I_1 \cup I_2| = |D_r| = \gamma_m(G)$ . Clearly  $|D| \cup |I_1 \cup I_2| \leq p$ . Thus it follows that  $\gamma(G) + \gamma_m(G) \leq p$ .

For equality,

If  $G \cong C_p$  for  $p = 4$  or  $5$ , then by definition of Lict graph  $n(C_p) \cong C_p$ . Then in this case  $|D| = |D_r| = \frac{p}{2}$ .

Clearly it follows that  $\gamma_m(G) + \gamma(G) = p$ .

In [5], they related  $\gamma'(G)$  with line domination of  $G$ . In the following theorem we establish our result with edge domination of  $G$ .

### 2.6 Theorem 6

For any non-trivial connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m(G) \geq \gamma'(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the edge set of  $G$  and  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n\}$  be the set of cutvertices in  $G$ ,  $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$ . Let

$$F = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\};$$

$\forall e_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  be the minimal edge dominating set of  $G$ , such that  $|F| = \gamma'(G)$ .

Since  $E(G) \subseteq V[n(G)]$  every edge  $e_i \in F; \forall e_i; 1 \leq i \leq n$  forms a dominating set in  $n(G)$ . Suppose  $F_1 = E(G) - F \subseteq V[n(G)]$ , we consider  $I_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\};$

$1 \leq k \leq i$ , where  $I_1 \subseteq F$  and  $I_2 \subseteq F_1$ . Since each induced subgraph which is complete in  $n(G)$  may contain

atleast one vertex of either  $F$  or  $F_1$ . Then  $|I_1 \cup I_2|$  forms a minimal restrained dominating set in  $n(G)$ . Clearly it follows that  $|F| \subseteq |I_1 \cup I_2|$  in  $n(G)$ . Hence  $\gamma'(G) \leq \gamma_m(G)$ .

In the next Theorem, we obtain the relation between domination number of  $G$  and restrained domination number of  $n(G)$  in terms of vertices and diameter of  $G$ .

### 2.7 Theorem 7

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  with  $p > 2$  vertices,

$$\gamma_m(G) \leq p +$$

$$\gamma(G) - \text{diam}(G).$$

**Proof:** Let  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of vertices in  $G$ . Suppose there exists two vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$  such that  $\text{dist}(u, v) = \text{diam}(G)$ . Let

$D = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_p\}; 1 \leq p \leq n$  be a minimal dominating set in  $n(G)$ . Now we consider

$F = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}; F \subseteq E(G)$  and

$\forall e_i \in V[n(G)], 1 \leq i \leq n$  in  $n(G)$ . The  $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$ , where  $C(G)$  is the set of cutvertices in

$G$ . Suppose  $F_1, C_1$  are the subsets of  $F$  and  $C$ . Then  $\exists$  a set  $\{J\} \in V[n(G)] - \{F_1 \cup C_1\}$  such that  $\langle J \rangle$  has no isolates. Clearly  $|F_1 \cup C_1| = \gamma_m(G)$ . Let  $u, v \in V(G)$ ,  $d(u, v) = \text{diam}(G)$ , then

$\{F_1 \cup C_1\} \cup \text{diam}(G) < p \cup |D|$ . Hence

$\gamma_m(G) + \text{diam}(G) \leq p + \gamma(G)$  which implies

$$\gamma_m(G) \leq p + \gamma(G) - \text{diam}(G).$$

The following Theorem, relates restrained domination number of  $n(G)$  in terms of vertices and  $\Delta(G)$ .

### 2.8 Theorem 8

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m(G) \leq p - \Delta(G)$ . Equality holds if  $G$  is  $P_3$  or  $C_p$

$(3 \leq p \leq 5)$  or  $K_{1,p}$  ( $p \geq 2$ ) or  $K_{p_1,p_2}$  with  $p_1, p_2 > 2$ .

**Proof:** We consider the following cases.

**Case 1:** Suppose  $G$  is tree. Then  $E'(G) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the set of all end edges and  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_i\}; \forall e_i \in E(G)$  be the set of all non-end edges. Let  $D_r = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\}$  be the vertex set of  $n(G)$  which corresponds to the set  $F$  and is a minimal edge dominating set of  $n(G)$  where  $F \subseteq V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G), C(G)$  a set of cutvertices. Further let  $I_1 \subseteq V[n(G)] = F$  and  $I_2 \subseteq F_1$ , where  $F_1 = E(G) - F \subset V[n(G)]$ . Then  $(I_1 \cup I_2)$  forms a minimal restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ , where  $I_1, I_2 \in E(G) \subseteq V[n(G)]$ . Since it is clear that  $\gamma_m(G) < p$  and  $p = q + 1$ . Let there exists a vertex  $v_i \in \Delta(G)$  and also by Theorem 3,  $\gamma_m < \frac{p}{2}$ , which gives the result of minimal restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$  such that  $|D_r| \leq p - \Delta(G)$  and is  $\gamma_m(G) \leq P - \Delta(G)$ .

**Case 2:** Suppose  $G$  is not a tree, again we consider the following subcases of case 2.

**Subcase 2.1:** Assume  $G$  is a cycle  $C_p$  ( $p \geq 3$ ), since for any cycle  $C_p$  with  $p \geq 3$  vertices  $\Delta(G) = 2$  and by Theorem 1,  $\gamma_m(C_p) = p - 2 \left\lfloor \frac{p}{3} \right\rfloor = p - \Delta(G)$ .

**Subcase 2.2:** Assume  $G$  is a cyclic graph. Then there exists a cycle or block in  $G$  which contains cycles. Let  $F = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the edge dominating set in  $G$ , such that at least one of  $e_i \in \langle G' \rangle; 1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $G'$  is a block or a cycle in  $G$ . In  $n(G)$  the set  $F$  gives a minimal dominating set and let  $I_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of vertices in  $n(G)$  and  $I_1 \in E(G) \subseteq V[n(G)] - F$  and let  $I_2 \subseteq F_1$  where  $F_1 = E(G) - F$ . Then  $(I_1 \cup I_2)$  is a

minimal restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ , which gives  $|I_1 \cup I_2| = |D_r| = \gamma_m(G)$ . Suppose  $v \in \Delta(G)$  and at least two edges which are incident to  $v$  are the element of  $F$  which gives  $p - \Delta(G)$ . So one can easily verify that  $p - \Delta(G) \geq \gamma_m(G)$ .

For equality,

i) If  $G \cong P_3$ , then  $n(P_3) \cong C_3$  and  $|D_r| = 1$ , which gives  $\gamma_m(G) = p - \Delta(G)$ .

ii) If  $G \cong C_p$  for  $3 \leq p \leq 5$ , since for any cycle  $n(C_p) \cong C_p$  and  $\Delta = 2$ . Then  $|D_r| = p - \Delta(G)$ , which gives  $\gamma_m(C_p) = p - \Delta(G)$ .

iii) If  $G \cong K_{1,p}$  for  $p \geq 2$  vertices, then  $n(K_{1,p}) \cong K_p$ .

For any star  $\Delta = p - 1$  and

$p = q + 1$  and also  $|D_r| = 1$ , which gives  $\gamma_m(K_{1,p}) = p - \Delta(G)$ .

iv) If  $G \cong K_{p_1,p_2}$  with  $p_1, p_2 > 2$  vertices, then in this case  $\Delta = \max\{p_1, p_2\}$  and also  $p_1 \cup p_2 = V(G)$ . Since by Theorem 1,  $|D_r| = \min\{p_1, p_2\} = V(G) - \max\{p_1, p_2\}$ , which gives  $\gamma_m(K_{p_1,p_2}) = \min\{p_1, p_2\} = p - \Delta(G)$ .

The following Theorem gives the relation between the restrained domination number of  $n(G)$  and vertex covering number of  $G$ .

**2.9 Theorem 9**

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  with  $p > 2$  vertices,  $\gamma_m(G) \leq \alpha_0(G)$

**Proof:** Let  $B = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_m\} \subset V(G)$  be the minimum number of vertices which covers all the edges, such that  $|B| = \alpha_0(G)$  and  $E_1 = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_k\} \subset E(G)$ , such that  $\forall v_i \in B; 1 \leq i \leq n$  is incident with  $e_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . We consider the following cases.

**Case 1:** Suppose for any two vertices  $v_1, v_2 \in B$  and  $v_1 \in N(v_2)$ . Then an edge  $e$  incident with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  covers all edges incident with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Hence  $e$  belongs

to  $\gamma_m$  - set of  $G$ . Further for any vertex  $v_i \in B$  covering the edge  $e_i \in E_1$  incident with a cutvertex  $v_c$  of  $G$ ,  $e_i$  belongs to the  $\gamma_m$  - set of  $G$ . Thus  $\gamma_m(G) \leq |B| = \alpha_0(G)$ .

**Case 2:** Suppose for any two vertices  $v_1, v_2 \in B$  and  $v \notin N(v_2)$ . Then  $e_1, e_2 \in E_1$  covers all the edges incident with  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Since  $B$  consist of the vertices which covers the edges that are incident all the cutvertices of  $G$ , the corresponding edges in  $E_1$  covers the cutvertices of  $G$ . Thus  $\gamma_m(G) \leq |B| = \alpha_0(G)$ .

Next we obtain a bound of restrained list domination number in terms of number of edges and maximum edge degree of  $G$ .

**2.10 Theorem 10**

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$  with  $p \geq 3$ ,  $\gamma_m(G) \leq q - \Delta'(G)$ . **Proof:** We consider the following cases.

**Case 1 :** Suppose  $G$  is non-seperable. Using Theorem 6 and Theorem B, the result follows.

**Case 2 :** Suppose  $G$  is seperable. Let  $e$  be an edge with degree  $\Delta'$  and let  $M$  be a set of edges adjacent to  $e$  in  $G$ . Then  $E(G) - M$  covers all the edges and all the cutvertices of  $G$ . But some of the  $e'_i \in E(G) - M$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  forms a minimal restrained dominating set in  $n(G)$ .

Then  $\gamma_m(G) \leq |E(G) - M|$ , which gives  $\gamma_m(G) \leq q - \Delta'(G)$ .

The following Theorem relates the domination number of  $L(G)$  and and restrained domination number of  $n(G)$ .

**2.11 Theorem 11**

For any connected graph  $G$  with  $p > 2$  vertices,  $\gamma_m(G) \leq q - \gamma[L(G)]$

**Proof:** Let  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the edge set of  $G$  and  $C = \{c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n\}$  be the cutvertex set of  $G$ , then  $V[n(G)] = E(G) \cup C(G)$  and  $V[L(G)] = E(G)$ , by definition. Suppose  $H = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\} \subseteq V[L(G)]$  be the set of vertices of degree  $\deg(u_i) \geq 2, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then  $D' \subseteq H$  forms a minimal dominating set of  $L(G)$  such that  $|D'| = \gamma[L(G)]$ . Further let  $H' = \{u'_1, u'_2, u'_3, \dots, u'_i\}; 1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $H' \subseteq H$ . Then  $H' \cup D'$  forms a minimal restrained dominating set in  $n(G)$ . Since  $V[L(G)] = E(G) = q$  and also  $V[L(G)] \subseteq V[n(G)]$ . Clearly it follows that  $|D' \cup H' \cup D'| \leq q$ . Thus  $\gamma_m(G) + \gamma[L(G)] \leq q$ .

To prove our further result, we give the following two observations.

**Observation 1:** For connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_m(G) \leq q - 2$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $D_r$  is a restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ . Then by definition of restrained domination  $|V[n(G)]| \geq 2$ . Further by definition of  $n(G)$ ,  $q - \gamma_m(G) \geq 2$ . Clearly it follows that  $\gamma_m(G) \leq q - 2$ .

**Observation 2:** Suppose  $D_r$  be any restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$ , such that  $|D_r| = \gamma_m(G)$ . Then  $|V[n(G) + D_r]| \leq \sum_{v_i \in D_r} \deg v_i$ .

**Proof:** Since every vertex in  $V[n(G)] + D_r$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex in  $V[n(G)] + D_r$  contributes atleast one to the sum of the degrees of the vertices of  $D_r$ . Hence the proof.

**2.12 Theorem 12**

For any connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\frac{q}{\Delta'(G) + 1} \leq \gamma_m(G) \leq q - \delta'(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $e \in E(G)$ , now without loss of generality, by definition of restricted graph,  $e = uv \in V[n(G)]$  and let  $D_r$  be the restrained dominating set of  $n(G)$  such that  $|D_r| = \gamma_m(G)$ . If  $\delta(G) \leq 2$ , then by observation 1,  $\gamma_m(G) \leq q - 2 \leq q - \delta'(G)$ . If  $\delta'(G) > 2$ , then for any edge  $f \in N(e)$  and by definition of  $n(G)$ ,  $f = w \in N(u)$ ,  $D_r \subseteq \{V[n(G)] - N(u)\} \cup \{w\}$ . Then  $\gamma_m(G) \leq [q - (\delta'(G) + 1) + 1] = q - \delta'(G)$ .

Now for the lower bound we have by observation 2 and the fact that any edge  $e \in E(G)$  and  $\deg e \leq \Delta'(G)$ , we have

$$q - \gamma_m(G) \leq |V[n(G)] + n(G)| \leq \sum_{v \in D_r} \deg v \leq \gamma_m(G) \cdot \Delta'(G)$$

Therefore 
$$\frac{q}{\Delta'(G) + 1} \leq \gamma_m(G).$$

### 2.13 Theorem 13

For any non-trivial connected  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,

$$\gamma_m(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{q}{\Delta'(G) + 1} \right\rceil.$$

**Proof:** Using Theorem 6 and Theorem A, the result follows.

Finally we obtain the Nordhaus – Gaddum type result.

### 2.14 Theorem 14

Let  $G$  be a connected  $(p, q)$  graph such that both  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$  are connected, then

$$\text{i) } \gamma_m(G) + \gamma_m(\overline{G}) \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil.$$

$$\text{ii) } \gamma_m(G) \cdot \gamma_m(\overline{G}) \geq \left\lceil \frac{3p}{2} \right\rceil.$$

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