



BOUNDS ON COMPLEMENTARY 3-DOMINATION NUMBER IN GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT

In Graph theory, a **dominating set** for a graph G is a subset S of its vertices such that every vertex in $V - S$ is adjacent to at least one vertex in S . The minimum cardinality of a dominating set is called the domination number and is denoted by $\gamma(G)$. A dominating set S of a graph G is said to be a **complementary 3-dominating set** of G if for every vertex in S has at least three neighbors in $V - S$. The minimum cardinality of a complementary 3-dominating set is the complementary 3-domination number γ'_3 of a graph G . In this paper we determine complementary 3-domination number for some standard graphs and obtain some results concerning this parameter.

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1. Introduction:

By a **graph** we mean a simple, connected, finite and undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ where V is the vertex set whose elements are vertices or nodes and E is the edge set. Unless otherwise stated the graph G with $|V| = n$ and $|E| = q$. Degree of a vertex v is denoted by $d(v)$. Let $\Delta(G)$ and $\delta(G)$ denotes the maximum and minimum degree of a graph respectively. We denote a **complete graph** on n vertices by K_n . A bipartite graph $G = (V, E)$ with partition $V = (V_1, V_2)$ is said to be a **complete bipartite graph** if every vertex in V_1 connected to every vertex of V_2 . A gear graph G , is a wheel graph with a graph vertex added between each pair of adjacent graph vertices of the outer cycle. A **Fan graph** F_m , is defined as the graph join $K_m + P_n$, where K_m is the empty graph on m nodes and P_n is the path graph on n nodes. The **n -Barbell** graph is the simple graph obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph K_n by a bridge. A graph G is connected if any two vertices of G are connected by a path. The complement \bar{G} of G is the graph with vertex set V in which two vertices are connected if and only if they are not adjacent in G . A **star graph** $K_{1,n}$ is a tree on n vertices with one vertex having vertex degree $n - 1$ and the other $n - 1$ having vertex degree one. The **friendship graph** F_n can be constructed by joining n copies of the cycle

graph C_3 with a common vertex which becomes a universal vertex for the graph. A **wheel graph** W_n is a graph formed by connecting a single universal vertex to all vertices of a cycle. A graph $C(1)$ is obtained by attaching a path P_2 to any vertex of degree C_m . $C_m + e$ is a graph obtained by adding an edge into a cycle C_m . $C(P_n)$ is a graph obtained by attaching a path P_n to any vertex of C_m . A **Nordhaus Gaddum** type result is a lower and upper bound on the sum or product of a parameter of a graph and its complement. A subset S of V is called a **dominating set** of G if every vertex in $V-S$ is adjacent to atleast one vertex in S . The domination number $\gamma(G)$ is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. In this paper we introduce the concept of complementary 3-domination number and we present some basic theorems related to this parameter.

Definition:1.1 A dominating set S in a graph G is said to be a **complementary 3-dominating set** of G if any vertex in S has atleast three neighbours in $V-S$. The complementary 3-domination number $\gamma'_3(G)$ of a graph G is the minimum cardinality of a complementary 3-dominating set.

Example: 1.2

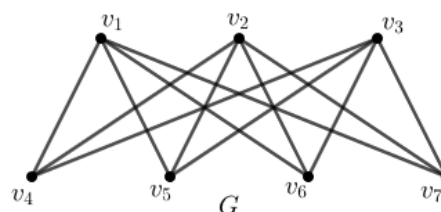


Fig : 1

For the above example the dominating set is $\{v_1, v_7\}$ and the complementary 3-dominating set is $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$ and hence $\gamma'_3(G) = 3$

2. γ'_3 number for some standard graphs

1. For any complete graph of order $n \geq 4$, $\gamma'_3(K_n) = 1$
2. For any complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ with $m \geq 2, n \geq 3$, $\gamma'_3(K_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } m = 2, n = 3 \text{ and } m \geq 4, n \geq 4 \\ 3 & \text{if } m = n = 3 \text{ and } m = 3, n = 4 \end{cases}$
3. For any wheel graph of order $n \geq 4$, $\gamma'_3(W_n) = 1$
4. For any Friendship graph F_n , $\gamma'_3(G) = 1$ where $n \geq 5$
5. For any prism graph CL_p of order $p \geq 6$, $\gamma'_3(CL_p) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \\ n - 2 & \text{when } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$ where $p = 2n, n \geq 3$
6. For any gear graph of order $p \geq 7$, $\gamma'_3(G_p) = n$ where $p = 2n + 1, n \geq 3$
7. For any star graph $K_{1,n}$ of order $n \geq 3$, $\gamma'_3(K_{1,n}) = 1$
8. For a Petersen graph G , $\gamma_3(G) = 3$

Observation:2.1 Illustrative example for which domination number equals the complementary 3-dominaion number.

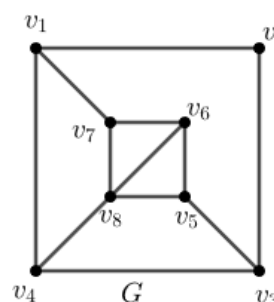


Fig : 2

Graph for which $\gamma'_3(G) = (G)$
 For the figure:2, $S = \{v_3, v_7\}$ forms γ'_3 - set and hence $\gamma'_3(G) = \gamma(G) = 3$

Observation: 2.2 The complement of a complementary 3-dominating set need not be a complementary 3-dominating set.

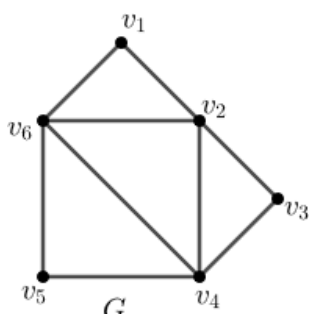


Fig : 3

Example for which complement of γ'_3 -set need not be a γ'_3 -set. In figure:3 the set $S = \{v_4, v_6\}$ forms a γ'_3 -set and hence $\gamma'_3(G) = 2$ but not a complementary 3-dominating set.

Observation: 2.3 Every complementary 3-dominating set is a dominating set but the converse need not be true.

Consider $C_4 + e$. Let $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ be the vertices of $C_4 + e$. Now the set $S = \{v_2\}$ is the complementary 3-dominating set and dominating set.

Consider C_5 . Let $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ be the vertices of C_5 . Now the set $S = \{v_3, v_5\}$ for the dominating set but not γ'_3 -set.

Observation: 2.4 Let G be a connected graph and h be a spanning subgraph of G. H has γ'_3 -set then $\gamma'_3(G) \leq \gamma'_3(H)$ and the bound is sharp.

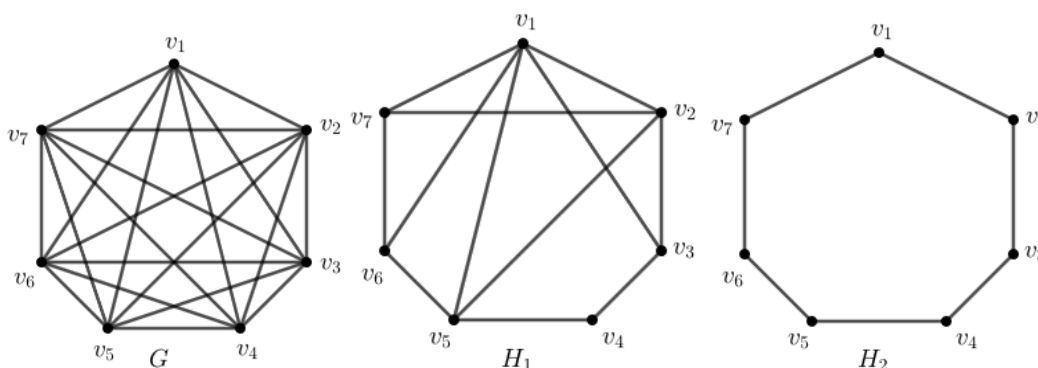


Fig:4 Ggraphs for which $\gamma'_3(G) \leq \gamma'_3(H)$

In the above figure, Let the set $S = \{v_1\}$ forms γ'_3 -set and hence $\gamma'_3(G) = 1$. Let H_1 and H_2 be the spanning subgraphs of C_6 . Now $S_1 = \{v_1, v_5\}$ forms γ'_3 -set and hence $\gamma'_3(H_1) = 2$. Let $S_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7\}$ forms γ'_3 -set and hence $\gamma'_3(H_2) = 7$. Therefore

Remark: 2.5 For $C_4 + e$ with vertices $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ with $e \in v_1v_3$, $\{v_1\}$ forms γ'_3 -set and hence $\gamma'_3(G) = 1$. Let $H \cong C_4$ be a spanning subgraph of $C_4 + e$, which implies $\gamma'_3(H) = 4$ and hence $\gamma'_3(G) < \gamma'_3(H)$. Let P_n be the spanning subgraph of C_n which implies

In the above figure, $\{v_1, v_5\}$ forms a dominating set, $\{v_1, v_3, v_4\}$ forms a connected dominating set and $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ forms a complementary 3-dominating set and hence $\gamma'_3(G) \leq \gamma'_3(H)$.

Theorem:2.7 If G is any connected graph then $1 \leq \gamma'_3(G) \leq n$

Proof: If G is any non-trivial connected graph containing degree $\Delta(G) = n - 1$ or graphs with $diam = rad = 1$, then $\gamma'_3(G) = 1$, the lower bounds holds. Let $\Delta(G) < n - 1$ and $rad(G) > 1$ graph not having two or more vertices of degree two continuously then $1 < \gamma'_3(G) < n$. Let S be the dominating set of G. For some vertex $u \in S$, $d(u) = 1$ or 2 then S is not a complementary

Observation: 2.6 For any connected graph G, $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_c(G) \leq \gamma'_3(G)$

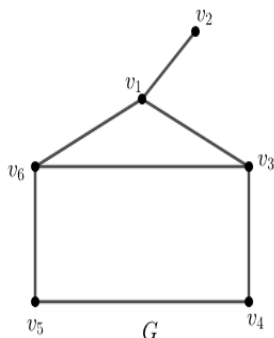


Fig:5 Graph for which $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_c(G) \leq \gamma'_3(G)$

Theorem: 2.8 For any connected graph G of order $n \geq 4$, every $\gamma'_3(G)$ -dominating set of G contains its support vertices.

Proof: Let G be a connected graph of order $n \geq 4$ and S be a γ'_3 -dominating set of G. Let u be a support vertex of G. Then there exists a pendant vertex v which is adjacent to u in G. Suppose u does not belongs to S. Then v is not dominated by any vertex in S implies $v \in S$. But

$\deg(v) = 1$ shows that S is not a γ'_3 -dominating set of G , which is a contradiction. Hence, $u \in S$.

Theorem: 2.9 If G is a graph without isolated vertices $de(G) \geq 3$ and S is a minimal

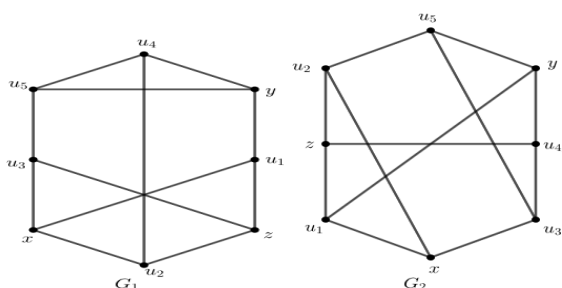
Proof: Let G be a graph without isolated vertices with $\Delta(G) \geq 3$ and S be a minimal

To prove: u is dominated by some vertex in $V(G) - S$

Suppose u is not dominated by any vertex in $V(G) - S$. Since G has no isolated vertices and S is a γ'_3 -dominating set of G , each vertex in $(G) - S$ has atleast three neighbours in $S - \{u\}$. This contradicts the fact that S is a minimal dominating set of G .

Note: 2.10 If G is connected graph with $de(G) \geq 3$ and S is a γ'_3 -dominating set of G then the complement $V - S$ need not be a γ'_3 -dominating set.

Theorem: 2.11 For any connected cubic graph of order 8 $\gamma'_3(G) = \chi(G) = 3$ if and only if $G \cong G_1$ or G_2 .



Proof: If $G \cong G_1$ or G_2 then obviously $\gamma'_3(G) = (G) = 3$. Conversely let us assume that $\gamma'_3(G) = (G) = 3$. Let us assume that $S = \{x, y, z\}$ be a minimum complementary 3-dominating set of G and $V - S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, u_5\}$. Clearly $\langle S \rangle$ is not equal to K_3 . Therefore we consider three cases.

Case: (1) $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$

With no loss of generality, let $(x) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$. Then atleast one of the vertices of $(x) = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ is adjacent to y .

Subcase:(i) One vertex of $N(x)$ adjacent to y , say u_1 .

For this case u_4 and u_5 are adjacent to y . Suppose now z is adjacent or non adjacent to u_1 .

Suppose if z is adjacent to u_1 then z is adjacent to u_2 and u_3 (or equivalently u_4 and u_5) or u_2 (or equivalently u_3) and u_4 (or equivalently u_5). If z is adjacent to u_2 and u_3 , then u_2 is non adjacent to u_3 . Therefore u_2 must be adjacent to u_4 (or equivalently u_5) and then u_5 is adjacent to u_3 and

u_4 which implies $G \cong G_1$. Suppose if z is adjacent to u_2 and u_4 then u_2 is non adjacent to u_4 and so u_2 is adjacent to u_3 or u_5 . If u_2 is adjacent to u_3 , then $\{y, u_2\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. Suppose if u_2 is adjacent to u_5 then $V(G) -$

cubic, u_3 is adjacent to u_4 and u_5 which implies $G \cong G_2$.

Suppose z is non adjacent to u_1 then with no loss of generality, let $(z) = \{u_2, u_3, u_4\}$. Then u_2 is adjacent to u_1 or u_3 or u_5 or u_4 . If u_2 is adjacent to u_3 then $\{u_2, y\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. Suppose if u_2 is adjacent to u_1 and since G is cubic, u_5 is adjacent to u_4 and u_3 and so $\{x, u_4\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If u_2 is adjacent to u_4 , then u_5 adjacent to u_1 and u_3 and so $\{z, u_1\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. Suppose if u_2 adjacent to u_5 , then u_4 is adjacent to u_5 then $\{x, u_4\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If u_4 adjacent to u_3 then u_5 adjacent to u_1 and hence $\{u_3, u_5\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If

u_1 adjacent to u_4 then u_3 adjacent to u_5 which implies $G \cong G_1$.

Subcase:(ii) Two vertices if $N(z)$ is adjacent to y , say u_1 and u_2

For this case, let us assume that y is adjacent to u_4 . Now z is adjacent to u_1 (or equivalently u_2) or non adjacent to u_1 (or equivalently u_2).

If z is adjacent to u_1 , then u_2 is adjacent to u_3 (or equivalently u_5) or z or u_4 . If u_2 is adjacent to u_3 then z is non adjacent to u_3 and u_4 . Also z is non adjacent to u_3 and u_5 . If z adjacent to u_4 and u_5 then u_5 adjacent to u_4 and u_3 and so $S = \{x, u_4\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If u_2 adjacent to z and since G is cubic, z is non adjacent to u_4 (or equivalently u_3). Therefore z must be adjacent to u_5 . Now u_5 adjacent to u_3 and u_4 and then u_3 adjacent to u_4 which implies $G \cong G_2$.

Suppose if u_2 adjacent to u_5 , then z adjacent to u_3 and u_4 or u_5 and u_3 (or equivalently u_5 and u_4).

If z adjacent to u_4 and u_3 then u_5 adjacent to u_4 and u_3 and so $\{x, u_4\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If z adjacent to u_3 and u_5 then u_4 adjacent to u_3 and u_5 which implies $G \cong G_2$.

Suppose if z is non adjacent to u_1 then let us assume that z be adjacent to u_4 or u_3 and u_5 . Now u_5 adjacent to u_3 and u_4 or u_1 and u_2 or u_1 and u_4 (or equivalently u_2 and u_3). If u_5 adjacent to u_3 and u_4 then u_1 adjacent to u_2 and so $\{u_2, x\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If u_5 adjacent to u_1 and u_4 then u_2 adjacent to u_3 , if u_5 adjacent to u_1 and u_2 then u_3 adjacent to u_4 which implies $G \cong G_1$.

Subcase:(iii) All the vertices of $N(x)$ are adjacent to y , say u_1, u_2, u_3

For this case, u_2 adjacent to u_1 (or equivalently u_3) or z (or equivalently u_4 or u_5). Since G is cubic, u_2 will not be adjacent to u_1 (or equivalently u_3). Therefore u_2 must be adjacent to z , then z adjacent to u_1 and u_2 or u_4 and u_5 . Since G is cubic, z will not be adjacent to u_1 and also z will not be adjacent to u_4 and u_5 . Therefore z must be adjacent to u_2 and u_3 . Suppose if z adjacent to u_4 and u_5 , then u_1 will not be adjacent to u_3 . Therefore u_1 must be adjacent to u_4 (or equivalently u_5) and so u_5 adjacent to u_3 and u_4 which implies $G \cong G_1$.

Case:(2) $\langle S \rangle = P_1 \cup P_2$

Let xy be an edge. With no loss of generality, let us assume that x be adjacent to u_1 and u_3 . Now z adjacent to u_1 and u_2 and adjacent to u_3 or u_4 or z adjacent to u_1 (or equivalently u_2) and adjacent to any two of $\{u_3, u_4, u_5\}$.

Suppose if z adjacent to u_1, u_2, u_3 , then u_4 adjacent to u_1 (or equivalently u_2) or not adjacent to u_1 (or equivalently to u_2). If u_4 not adjacent to u_1 (or equivalent to u_2) then u_4 adjacent to u_3, z and u_5 and so $S = \{x, z, u_4\}$ such that $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will fall under the case (1). If u_4 adjacent to u_1 then u_5 is adjacent or non adjacent to u_4 . If u_5 non adjacent to u_4 , then u_5 adjacent to u_2, u_3 and y and so $S = \{u_1, u_5\}$ which is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If u_5 adjacent to u_4 then $S = \{x, z, u_5\}$ and so $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will fall under the case (1).

If z is adjacent to u_1, u_2 and u_3 then u_5 is adjacent or non adjacent to u_4 . If u_5 adjacent to u_4 then for $S = \{x, z, u_5\}$ and so $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will come under the case (1). If u_5 adjacent to u_1 then u_5 adjacent to any three of $\{y, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$. Let u_5 adjacent to u_3, u_4 and y . Hence for $S = \{x, z, u_5\}$ and so $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will fall under the case (1).

Case:(3) $\langle S \rangle = P_3$

Let us assume that y adjacent to x and z . Then with no loss of generality, let y adjacent to u_1 . Now u_2 adjacent to x , and one of $\{u_3, u_4, u_5\}$ or z and two of $\{u_3, u_4, u_5\}$. Suppose if u_2 adjacent to x, z and u_3 , then u_4 adjacent or non adjacent to z (or equivalently x). If u_4 non adjacent to z , then u_4 adjacent to u_1, u_5 and u_3 and so $S = \{y, u_2, u_4\}$ such that $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will fall under the case (1). If u_4 adjacent to z , then u_5 adjacent or non adjacent to u_4 . If u_5 non adjacent to u_4 then u_5 adjacent to x, u_1 and u_3 and hence $S = \{z, u_5\}$ is not a complementary 3-dominating set. If

u_5 adjacent to u_4 then for $S = \{y, u_2, u_5\}$ and so $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will fall under the case (1).

Suppose if u_2 adjacent to z, u_3 and u_4 then u_5 is adjacent or non adjacent to z . If u_5 adjacent to z , then for $S = \{y, u_2, u_5\}$, $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will come under the case (1). If u_5 non adjacent to z , then u_5 adjacent to three of $\{x, u_1, u_3, u_4\}$. Let us assume that u_5 adjacent to x, u_1 and u_3 . Hence $S = \{y, u_2, u_5\}$ and so $\langle S \rangle = \bar{K}_3$ which will come under the case (1). Therefore $\gamma'_3(G) = (G) = 3$ if and only if $G \cong G_1$ or G_2 .

Conclusion: In this paper we successfully described the complementary 3-domination number of some graphs, bounds and γ'_3 number for cubic graphs.

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