

# Some New Results For Independent Detour Domination Number Of A Graph

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**Abstract-** The Concept of Detour Dominating Set of a Graph was introduced in [10]. A subset  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is called a detour dominating set if  $S$  is both a detour set and a dominating set. The detour domination number  $\gamma_{dn}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a detour dominating set. Any detour domination of cardinality  $\gamma_{dn}(G)$  is called  $\gamma_{dn}$ -set of  $G$ . In this paper we introduce the new concept of Independent Detour Dominating Set of Graphs. A detour dominating set  $S$  of  $G$  is said to be an independent detour dominating set of  $G$  if the sub graph induced by  $S$  is independent. The minimum cardinality among all independent detour dominating sets of  $G$  is called the independent detour domination number of  $G$ . It is denoted by  $i_{dn}(G)$ . The independent detour dominating set of cardinality  $i_{dn}(G)$  is called an  $i_{dn}$ -set of  $G$ . In this paper, we study independent detour domination on graphs.

**Keywords-** Domination, detour, detour dominating set, detour domination number, independent detour dominating set, independent detour domination number.

## I. INTRODUCTION

We consider finite graphs without loops and multiple edges. For any graph  $G$  the set of vertices is denoted by  $V(G)$  and the edge set by  $E(G)$ . We define the order of  $G$  by  $n = n(G) = |V(G)|$  and the size by  $m = m(G) = |E(G)|$ . For a vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , the open neighborhood  $N(v)$  is the set of all vertices adjacent to  $v$ , and  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$  is the closed neighborhood of  $v$ . The degree  $d(v)$  of a vertex  $v$  is defined by  $d(v) = |N(v)|$ . The minimum and maximum degrees of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $\delta = \delta(G)$  and  $\Delta = \Delta(G)$ , respectively.

For  $X \subseteq V(G)$  let  $G[X]$  the sub graph of  $G$  induced by  $X$ ,  $N(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} N(x)$  and  $N[X] = \bigcup_{x \in X} N[x]$ . If  $G$  is a connected graph, then the distance  $d(x, y)$  is the length of a shortest  $x - y$  path in  $G$ . The diameter  $diam(G)$  of a connected graph is defined by  $diam(G) = \max_{x, y \in V(G)} d(x, y)$ . An  $x - y$  path of length  $d(x, y)$  is called an  $x - y$  geodesic. A vertex  $v$  is said to lie on an  $x - y$  geodesic  $P$  if  $v$  is an internal vertex of  $P$ . The closed interval  $I[x, y]$  consists of  $x, y$  and all vertices lying on

some  $x - y$  geodesic of  $G$ , while for  $S \subseteq V(G)$ ,  $I[S] = \bigcup_{x, y \in S} I[x, y]$ . If  $G$  is a connected graph, then a set  $S$  of vertices is a geodesic set if  $I[S] = V(G)$ . The minimum cardinality of a geodesic set is the geodesic number of  $G$ , and is denoted by  $g(G)$ . The geodesic number of a disconnected graph is the sum of the geodesic numbers of its components. A geodesic set of cardinality  $g(G)$  is called a  $g(G)$ -set. [1, 2, 3, 4, 6].

For vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in a connected graph  $G$ , the detour distance  $D(x, y)$  is the length of a longest  $x - y$  path in  $G$ . For any vertex  $u$  of  $G$ , the detour eccentricity of  $u$  is  $e_D(u) = \max\{D(u, v) : v \in V\}$ . A vertex  $v$  of  $G$  such that  $D(u, v) = e_D(u)$  is called a detour eccentric vertex of  $u$ . The detour radius  $R$  and detour diameter  $D$  of  $G$  are defined by  $R = rad_D G = \min\{e_D(v) : v \in V\}$  and  $D = diam_D G = \max\{e_D(v) : v \in V\}$  respectively. An  $x - y$  path of length  $D(x, y)$  is called an  $x - y$  detour. The closed interval  $I_D[x, y]$  consists of all vertices lying on some  $x - y$  detour of  $G$ , while for  $S \subseteq V$ ,  $I_D[S] = \bigcup_{x, y \in S} I_D[x, y]$ . A set  $S$  of vertices is a detour set if  $I_D[S] = V$ , and the minimum cardinality of a detour set is the detour number  $dn(G)$ . A detour set of cardinality  $dn(G)$  is called a minimum detour set. The detour number of a graph was introduced in [3].

A vertex in a graph dominates itself and its neighbors. A set of vertices  $S$  in a graph  $G$  is a dominating set if  $N[S] = V(G)$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ . The domination number was introduced in [6].

## II. INDEPENDENT DETOUR DOMINATION NUMBER

**Definition 2.1:** A detour dominating set  $S$  of  $G$  is said to be an independent detour dominating set of  $G$  if the sub graph induced by  $S$  is independent.

**Example 2.2:** Consider the graph  $G$  in figure 2.3

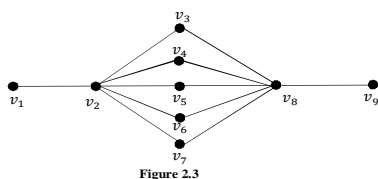


Figure 2.3

$\{v_1, v_2, v_9\}$  is a minimum detour dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 3$ . Further,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_9\}$  is a minimum independent detour dominating set of  $G$  and hence  $i_{dn}(G) = 7$ .

**Observation 2.4:** The following results are observed.

1. All graphs do not possess independent detour dominating set.
2. For a complete graph on  $p$  vertices, the vertex set  $V(G)$  is the detour dominating set. But it is not independent and so a complete graph has no independent detour dominating set.
3. If  $G$  contains at least two adjacent extreme vertices, then  $G$  has no independent detour dominating set.

**Problem 2.5:** Characterize graphs with independent detour dominating set.

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  denote the collection of all graphs having at least one independent detour dominating set.

**Definition 2.6:** Let  $G \in \mathcal{I}$ , then, the minimum cardinality among all independent detour dominating sets of  $G$  is called the independent detour domination number of  $G$ . It is denoted by  $i_{dn}(G)$ . An independent detour dominating sets of cardinality  $i_{dn}(G)$  is called an  $i_{dn}$ -set of  $G$ .

**Observation 2.7:** Let  $G \in \mathcal{I}$ . The following are observed.

1. Every independent detour dominating set is an independent dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore,  $2 \leq \gamma_{dn}(G) \leq i_{dn}(G) \leq p$ .
2. Every extreme vertex of  $G$  belongs to every independent detour dominating set  $G$ .
3. Let  $S$  be the set of all extreme vertices of  $G$ . If it is an independent detour dominating set of  $G$ , then  $S$  is the unique minimum independent detour dominating set of  $G$  by observation above.
4. If  $G$  contains a clique, then any independent detour dominating set of  $G$  contains at most one vertex of the clique. Therefore, If  $G$  contains a clique, and then at most one vertex

of the clique is an extreme vertex of  $G$ . For, considering the graph in figure 2.8

Let  $K$  denote the sub graph induced by  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ . Then,  $v_1$  is the unique vertex of the clique  $K$ , belonging to any detour dominating set of  $G$ .

5. The vertex of the clique belonging to any independent detour dominating set of  $G$  need not be an extreme vertex of  $G$ . For example, considering the graph in figure 2.9, let  $K$  denote the sub graph induced by  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$ . Then,  $v_1$  is the unique vertex of the clique  $K$  such that  $v_1$  belongs to the minimum detour dominating set  $\{v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_{10}, v_1\}$  of  $G$ . But, it is not an extreme vertex of  $G$ .

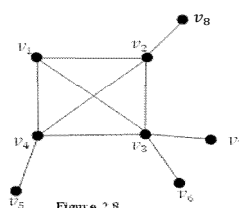


Figure 2.8

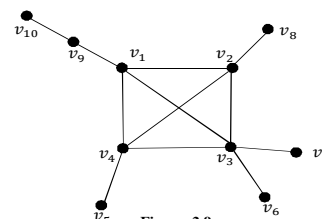


Figure 2.9

**Remark 2.10:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph and  $G \in \mathcal{I}$ . Clearly, every independent detour dominating set of  $G$  is an independent dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore, the following are true:

1.  $i_{dn}(G) \geq i(G)$ .
2. If  $S$  is a minimum independent detour dominating set of  $G$ , then  $|V - S|$  is a dominating set of  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.11:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph with  $p$  vertices. Let  $G \in \mathcal{I}$ . Then,  $i_{dn}(G) \leq p - \gamma(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a minimum independent detour dominating set of  $G$ . By Remark 2.10,  $\gamma(G) \leq |V - S|$ . Therefore,  $\gamma(G) \leq |V| - |S| = p - i_{dn}(G)$ . Equivalently,  $i_{dn}(G) \leq p - \gamma(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.12:** Let  $G \in \mathcal{I}$  and let  $S$  be an independent detour dominating set of  $G$ . If  $\delta(G) \geq k$ , then  $V - S$  is a  $k$ -dominating set of  $G$ . Further,  $i_{dn}(G) \leq p - \gamma_k(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v \in V - S$ .  $S$  is independent and  $\delta(G) \geq k$  imply that  $v$  is adjacent to at least  $k$  vertices of  $V - S$ . Therefore,  $V - S$  is a  $k$ -dominating set of  $G$  and so  $\gamma_k(G) \leq |V - S| = |V| - |S| \leq p - i_{dn}(G)$ . Equivalently,  $i_{dn}(G) \leq p - \gamma_k(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.13:** Let  $G \in \zeta$  be a connected graphs with  $p \geq 3$  vertices. Then,  $i_{dn}(G) = 2$  if and only if  $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $i_{dn}(G) = 2$ . Then, by Observation 2.7,  $2 \leq \gamma_{dn}(G) \leq i_{dn}(G) = 2$ . So,  $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$ . Conversely, Suppose  $\gamma_{dn}(G) = 2$ . Let  $S = \{u, v\}$  be a minimum detour dominating set of  $G$ . Since  $p \geq 3$ ,  $|V - S| \neq \emptyset$ . Further, every  $u-v$  detour contains at least one more vertex and  $d(u, v) \geq 2$ . Then,  $\{u, v\}$  is an independent detour dominating set of  $G$  and  $i_{dn}(G) \leq 2$ . By Observation 2.7,  $i_{dn}(G) = 2$ .

**Theorem 2.15:** 
$$i_{dn}(P_n) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 & \text{if } n \geq 5 \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 3 \text{ or } 4 \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $P_n = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ . If  $n = 3$  or  $4$ , then  $\{v_1, v_n\}$  is a minimum independent detour dominating set of  $P_n$ , therefore,  $i_{dn}(P_3) = i_{dn}(P_4) = 2$ . Let  $n \geq 5$ . We observe that every independent detour dominating set of  $P_n$  is a independent dominating set containing the end vertices of  $P_n$ . Let  $D_1$  be a minimum independent dominating set containing  $v_1, v_n$ . Therefore,  $|D_1| \leq |S|$ . As  $D_1$  is also a independent detour dominating set of  $G$ ,  $|S| \leq |D_1|$ . So, we have,  $i_{dn}(P_n) = |S| = |D_1|$ . Let  $D$  be a minimum independent dominating set of  $P_n$ . Then,

$$|D_1| = \begin{cases} |D| = \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ |D| + 1 = \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \left\lceil \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2. \quad (\text{By Remark 2.16})$$

Therefore,  $i_{dn}(P_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2$ .

**Remark 2.16:**

$$\left\lceil \frac{n-4}{3} \right\rceil + 2 = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.17:** For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $i_{dn}(P_n) = \gamma_{dn}(P_n)$

**Proof:** Let  $n \geq 3$  and let  $P_n = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  [or  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  or  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ], then  $S = \{v_1, v_4, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_n\}$  or  $S = \{v_1, v_4, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_n\}$  or  $S = \{v_1, v_4, \dots, v_{n-4}, v_{n-2}, v_n\}$  is a minimum detour dominating set of  $G$ . Also,  $S$  is independent. Therefore,

$i_{dn}(P_n) \leq \gamma_{dn}(P_n)$ . Hence, by Observation 2.7,  $i_{dn}(P_n) = \gamma_{dn}(P_n)$ .

**Theorem 2.18:** Let  $m, n \geq 2$ . Then,  $i_{dn}(K_{m,n}) = \min\{m, n\}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $U, W$  be the partition of  $V(K_{m,n})$  with  $|U| = m$  and  $|W| = n$ . Let  $S$  be an independent detour dominating set of  $K_{m,n}$ . Then, either  $S = U$  or  $S = W$ . For, if  $S$  is a proper subset of  $U$  (or  $W$ ), then the vertices of  $U - S$  (or  $W - S$ ) are not adjacent to any vertex of  $S$ . Therefore,  $i_{dn}(K_{m,n}) = \min\{|U|, |W|\} = \min\{m, n\}$ .

**Theorem 2.19:** Let  $G$  be a connected graph on  $p$  vertices. Then,  $G^+ \in \zeta$  and  $i_{dn}(G^+) = p$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  and  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p$  be the end vertices attached to  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$  respectively in  $G^+$ . Then,  $S = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_p\}$  is the only minimum independent detour dominating set of  $G^+$  and so  $i_{dn}(G^+) = p$ .

**Proposition 2.20:** For a star graph  $G$ , then  $i_{dn}(G) = p - 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = K_{1,n}$  with  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(K_{1,n}) = \{vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let  $S$  be a minimum independent detour dominating set of  $K_{1,n}$ . By Observation 2.7,  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq S$ . Since  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  itself is a independent detour dominating set of  $K_{1,n}$ ,  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ . Therefore,  $i_{dn}(K_{1,n}) = n = p - 1$ .

**Proposition 2.21:** If  $G$  is a bi-star graph  $G$ , then  $i_{dn}(G) = p - 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = B(r, s)$  where  $r, s \geq 1$ . Suppose  $V(B(r, s)) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq s\}$  and  $E(B(r, s)) = \{uv, uu_i, vv_i : 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq s\}$ . Let  $S$  be a minimum independent detour dominating set of  $B(r, s)$ . By Observation 2.7,  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\} \subseteq S$ . Since  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\}$  is itself a independent detour dominating set of  $G$ ,  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s\}$ . Therefore,  $i_{dn}(B(r, s)) = p - 2$ .

**Theorem 2.23:** Let  $G$  be any graph with  $k$  support vertices and  $l$  end vertices. Then,  $l \leq i_{dn}(G) \leq p - k$ .

**Proof:** Let  $L$  and  $K$  denote the set of all end and support vertices of  $G$  respectively and  $|L| = l$ ;  $|K| = k$ . Clearly,  $l \geq k$ . By Observation 2.7,  $L$  is a subset of every independent detour dominating set of  $G$ . So,  $i_{dn}(G) \geq l$ . Further every vertex of  $K$  lies in a double geodesic joining two vertices of  $L$  as well as independent dominated by the vertices of  $L$ . Therefore, it is clear that  $V - K$  is an independent detour dominating set of  $G$  and so  $i_{dn}(G) \leq |V - K| = |V| - |K| = p - k$ . Hence the proof.

**Corollary 2.24:** Let  $T$  be any tree with  $k$  support vertices and  $l$  end vertices such that  $l + k = p$ . Then,  $i_{dn}(G) = p - k$ . The following example shows even if  $l + k < p$ ,  $i_{dn}(G) = p - k$ .

**Example 2.25:** consider the graph  $G$  in figure 2.23(a)

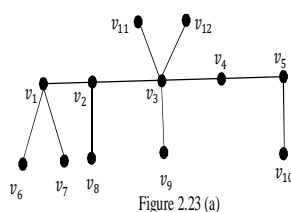
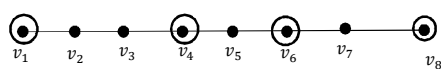


Figure 2.23 (a)

Clearly,  $S = \{v_4, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}\}$  is a independent detour dominating set of  $G$ .  
 $i_{dn}(G) = 8 = |V - K|$ .

**Remark 2.26:** In the above theorem, both the upper and lower bounds for  $i_{dn}(G')$  are sharp.

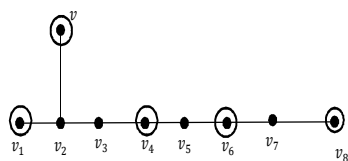
For example, consider  $G = P_8$ ,  $G$ ,  $G'$  and  $G''$  are as in figures 2.24(a), 2.24(b) and 2.24(c) respectively.



G Figure 2.24 (a)

$\{v_1, v_4, v_6, v_8\}$  is a independent detour dominating set of  $P_8$ .

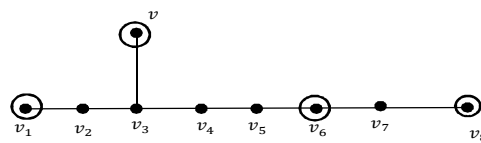
Therefore,  $i_{dn}(P_8) = \left\lceil \frac{8-4}{2} \right\rceil + 2 = 2 + 2 = 4$



G' Figure 2.24 (b)

$\{v, v_1, v_4, v_6, v_8\}$  is a independent detour dominating set of  $G'$ .

Therefore,  $i_{dn}(G') = 5 = i_{dn}(P_8) + 1$ .



G'' Figure 2.24 (c)

$\{v, v_1, v_4, v_6, v_8\}$  is a independent detour dominating set of  $G''$ .

Therefore,  $i_{dn}(G'') = 4 = i_{dn}(P_8)$ .

**Theorem 2.27:** If a vertex is joined by an edge to any vertex of  $P_n$ , where  $n = 3k + 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ , then for the resulting graph  $G' = P_n \cup K_2$ ,  $i_{dn}(G') = i_{dn}(P_n) + 1$ .

**Proof:**

**Case 1:** suppose  $G'$  is the graph obtained from  $P_n$  by adding an edge to one of the end vertices of  $P_n$ .

In this case,  $G' \cong P_{n+1}$ . Therefore,

$$i_{dn}(G') = i_{dn}(P_{n+1}) = \left\lceil \frac{(n+1)-4}{2} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3k+2-4}{2} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3k-2}{2} \right\rceil + 2 = k + 2$$

and

$$i_{dn}(G) = i_{dn}(P_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n-4}{2} \right\rceil + 2 = \left\lceil \frac{3k-3}{2} \right\rceil + 2 = k - 1 + 2 = k + 1.$$

Hence,  $i_{dn}(G') = i_{dn}(G) + 1$ .

**Case 2:** Suppose  $G'$  is obtained by adding an edge to one of the internal of  $P_n$ .

In this case, the number of end vertices of  $G'$  is 3. Therefore, every minimum independent detour dominating set of  $G'$  contains these three end vertices. Clearly, any minimum independent dominating set of a path of  $n-4$  or  $n-5$  vertices along with these three end vertices forms a minimum independent detour dominating set of  $G'$  and so  $i_{dn}(G') = 3 + \left\lceil \frac{n-4}{2} \right\rceil = 3 + \left\lceil \frac{3k+1-4}{2} \right\rceil = 3 + k - 1 = k + 2 = i_{dn}(G) + 1$ , as  $\left\lceil \frac{n-4}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{n-5}{2} \right\rceil$  when  $n = 3k + 1$ .

### III. CONCLUSION

Domination not only in Graph Theory but also in real life Problems plays a vital role. It helps to solve many real lifesituations.



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