



# AN UPDATED SURVEY OF PENDANT DOMINATION PARAMETERS IN GRAPHS

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**Abstract:** Let  $G$  be any graph. A dominating set  $S$  in  $G$  is called pendant dominating set if  $\langle S \rangle$  contains at least one pendant vertex. The least cardinality of a pendant dominating set in  $G$  is called pendant domination number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_{pe}(G)$ . In this survey, we present recent results on pendant dominating sets of graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $G$  be any graph. The concept of paired domination is an interesting concept introduced by Teresa W. Haynes in with the following application in mind. If we think of each vertex  $v$  as the possible location for a guard capable of protecting each vertex in its closed neighborhood, then *domination* requires every vertex to be protected. For total domination, each guard must, in turn, be protected by other guard. But for paired-domination, each guard is assigned another adjacent one, and they are designated as backups for each other. The authors in [9] introduce pendant domination for which at least one guard is assigned a backup.

## 2 Basic Definitions

Let  $G=(V,E)$  be any graph with  $|V(G)|=n$  and  $|E(G)|=m$  edges. Then  $n, m$  are respectively called the order and the size of the graph  $G$ . For each vertex  $v \in V$ , the open neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N(v)$  containing all the vertices  $u$  adjacent to  $v$  and the closed neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N[v]$  containing  $v$  and all the vertices  $u$  adjacent to  $v$ . Let  $S$  be any subset of  $V$ , then the open neighborhood of  $S$  is  $N(S)=\cup_{v \in S} N(v)$  and the closed neighborhood of  $S$  is  $N[S]=N(S) \cup S$ .

The minimum and maximum of the degree among the vertices of  $G$  is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively. A graph  $G$  is said to be regular if  $\delta(G)=\Delta(G)$ . A vertex  $v$  of a graph  $G$  is called a *cut vertex* if its removal increases the number of components. A *bridge* or *cut edge* of a graph is an edge whose removal increases the number of components. A vertex of degree zero is called an isolated vertex and a vertex of a degree one is called a pendant vertex. An edge incident to a pendant vertex is called a pendant edge. The graph containing no cycle is called a tree. A complete bi-partite graph  $K_{1,3}$  is a tree called as *claw*. Any graph containing no subgraph isomorphic to  $K_{1,3}$  is called a claw-free graph.

A set  $M \subseteq E(G)$  is called a matching of  $G$  if no two edges in  $M$  are incident in  $G$ . The two ends of an edge are said to be matched under  $M$ . If every vertex of  $G$  is matched under  $M$ , then  $M$  is called a perfect matching. The cardinality of the maximum matching is called the matching number of  $G$ , denoted by  $m(G)$ .

A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is a dominating set of  $G$  if each vertex  $u \in V - S$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $S$ . The least cardinality of a dominating set in  $G$  is called the domination number of  $G$  and is usually denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ .

A dominating set  $S$  of a graph  $G$  is said to be paired dominating set of  $G$  if the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  contains at least one perfect matching. Any paired dominating set with minimum cardinality is called a minimum paired dominating set. The cardinality of the minimum paired dominating is called the paired

domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{pd}(G)$ . A paired dominating set with cardinality  $\gamma_{pd}(G)$  is referred as  $\gamma_{pd}$ -set. A dominating set  $S$  is called a total dominating set if  $\langle S \rangle$  contains no isolated vertex. The cardinality of the minimum total dominating set is called the total domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_t(G)$ . A total dominating set with cardinality  $\gamma_t(G)$  is called as  $\gamma_t$ -set.

The set  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is called an independent set if no two vertices in  $S$  are adjacent. A dominating set  $S$  of a graph  $G$  is an independent dominating set if  $\langle S \rangle$  has no edges. The minimum cardinality of an independent dominating set is called the independent domination number, denoted by  $i(G)$  and the independence number  $\beta_0(G)$  is the maximum cardinality of an independent set of  $G$ .

The corona of two disjoint graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is defined to be the graph  $G = G_1 \circ G_2$  formed from one copy of  $G_1$  and  $|V(G_1)|$  copies of  $G_2$  where the  $i$ th vertex of  $G_1$  is adjacent to every vertex in the  $i$ th copy of  $G_2$ . If  $G$  and  $H$  are disjoint graphs, then the join of  $G$  and  $H$  denoted by  $G + H$  is the graph such that  $V(G+H) = V(G) \cup V(H)$  and  $E(G + H) = E(G) \cup E(H) \cup uv : u \in V(G), v \in V(H)$ . The line graph  $L(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph whose vertex set corresponds to the edges of  $G$  such that two vertices of  $L(G)$  are adjacent if and only if the corresponding edges of  $G$  are adjacent.

Any graph  $G$  with at least one bridge is called a bridged graph. The  $n$ -Barbell graph is the simple graph obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph  $K_n$  by a bridge. The  $n$  Pan graph is the graph obtained by joining a cycle graph  $C_n$  to a singleton graph  $K_1$  with a bridge. The ladder graph is a Cartesian product of  $P_2$  and  $P_n$  where  $P_n$  is a path graph.

**Theorem 2.1. [9]** Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n \geq 2$  vertices and  $C_n$  be a cycle with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then

$$\gamma_{pe}(P_n \text{ or } C_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{3} + 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}; \\ \frac{n}{3} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}; \\ \frac{n}{3} + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}; \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.2. [9]** A dominating set  $S$  is a minimal pendant dominating set if and only if for each vertex  $u \in S$  one of the following condition holds.

1.  $u$  is either an isolate or a pendant vertex of  $S$ .
2. each vertex of  $S - \{u\}$  lies in a cycle.
3. there exists a vertex  $v \in V - S$  for which  $N(v) \cap S = \{u\}$ .

**Theorem 2.3. [9]** Let  $T$  be any Tree. Then  $\gamma_{pe}(T) = \gamma(T)$  if and only if there is a  $\gamma$ -set which is not independent in  $T$ .

**Theorem 2.4. [9]** Let  $G$  be any graph. Then  $\gamma_{pe}(G) = \gamma(G)$  if and only if  $G$  contains a  $\gamma$  set which is either an independent set in  $G$  or each vertex of  $S$  belongs to some cycle in  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.1. [9]** Let  $G$  be any graph with  $n \geq 3$  vertices. Then  $n - m \leq \gamma_{pe}(G) \leq n - 1$ .

Let  $G$  be the collection of graphs of following types. A cycle, path, star, wheel and a complete graph each of order 4 and a path, cycle of order 5.

**Theorem 2.5. [9]** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_{pe}(G) = n - 2$  if and only if  $G \in G$ .

**Theorem 2.6. [9]** Let  $G$  be any graph. Then  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{1 + \Delta(G)} \right\rceil \leq \gamma_{pe}(G) \leq n - \Delta(G) + 1$ . Further if  $G$  is a tree,

then  $\gamma_{pe}(G) = n - \Delta(G) + 1$  if and only if  $G$  is a wounded spider obtained by subdividing even number of edges of a star.

**Proposition 2.2. [9]** Let  $G$  be an acyclic graph. Then  $\gamma_{pe}(G) \leq \gamma_t(G) \leq \gamma_{pr}(G)$ . Equality holds if  $G$  is either a cycle or a path of order  $4k$ .

**Theorem 2.7. [9]** For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{pe}(G) \leq i(G) + 1$ . Equality holds if  $G$  is a claw-free graph. Further, for any positive integer  $k$ , there exists a graph  $H$  such that  $i(H) - \gamma_{pe}(H) = k$ .

**Theorem 2.8. [9]** Let  $G$  be a graph connected with  $n$  vertices and  $H$  be any graph. Then

$$\gamma_{pe}(G \circ H) = \begin{cases} n + 1, & \text{if } G \text{ is a cycle and } \gamma(H) \geq 2; \\ n, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** For any connected graph  $G$  and any graph  $H$ , we have  $\gamma(G \circ H) = n$  and hence  $\gamma_{pe}(G \circ H) \leq n + 1$ . First, suppose  $G$  is not a cycle, then clearly  $V(G)$  itself a pendant dominating set in  $G$ . Assume  $G$  is a cycle. If  $\gamma(H) = 1$  then for any vertex  $v \in G$ , the set  $S = (V - \{v\}) \cup \{u\}$  is a pendant dominating set in  $G \circ H$ , where  $\{u\}$  is a  $\gamma$ -set of  $H$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{pe}(G \circ H) = n$ . Suppose  $\gamma(H) \geq 2$ , since  $V(G)$  contains no pendant vertex, we must

have that  $\gamma_{pe}(G \circ H) \geq n + 1$ . On the other hand, for any vertex  $v$  of  $H$ , the set  $V(G) \cup \{v\}$  is a pendant dominating set of size  $n + 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{pe}(G) = n + 1$ .

The Cartesian product of two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is the graph, denoted by  $G_1 \times G_2$ , with  $G_1 \times G_2 = V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$  (where  $\times$  denotes the Cartesian product of sets) and two vertices  $u = (u_1, u_2)$  and  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  in  $V(G_1 \times G_2)$  whenever  $[u_1 = v_1 \text{ and } (u_2, v_2) \in E(G_2)]$  or  $[u_2 = v_2 \text{ and } (u_1, v_1) \in E(G_1)]$ . If each  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is a path  $P_m$  and  $P_n$  (respectively), then we will call  $P_m \times P_n$ , a  $m \times n$  grid graph. For notational convenience, we denote  $P_m \times P_n$  by  $P_{m,n}$ .

**Theorem 2.9.** [7] For all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\gamma_{pe}(P_{2,n}) = \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil$ .

**Theorem 2.10** [7] For all  $n \geq 4$ ,  $\gamma_{pe}(P_{3,n}) = n$ .

**Theorem 2.11.** [7] For all  $n \geq 5$ ,  $\gamma_{pe}(P_{4,n}) = \left\lceil \frac{4n}{3} \right\rceil$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** [7] For all  $n \geq 6$ .

$$\gamma_{pe}(P_{5,n}) = \begin{cases} \frac{5n}{3}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{6}; \\ \left\lceil \frac{5n+1}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.13.** [8] Let  $G$  be a path with  $n$  vertices. Then

$$\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{Z}(G)) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } n = 5; \\ 2 \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.14.** [8] Let  $G \cong S_n$  be a crown graph with  $2n$  vertices. Then  $\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{Z}(G)) = \gamma(\mathfrak{Z}(G))$ .

**Theorem 2.15** [8] Let  $G \cong H_n$  be a helm graph. Then  $\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{Z}(G)) = 2n - 2$ .

**Definition 2.1.** [8] For  $m \geq 3$ , Jahangir graph  $J_{n,m}$  is a graph of order  $nm + 1$ , consisting of a cycle of order  $nm$  with one vertex adjacent to exactly  $m$  vertices of  $C_{nm}$  at a distance  $n$  to each other. Jahangir graph  $J_{2,8}$  is shown in Fig.2.

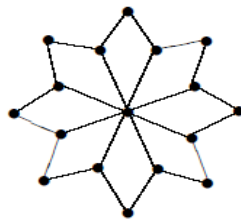


Fig.2. Jahangir graph  $J_{2,8}$

**Theorem 2.16.** [8] Let  $G \cong J_{n,m}$  be a Jahangir graph with  $m \geq 3$  and  $n \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{3}$ , then

$$\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{Z}(J_{n,m})) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lceil \frac{nm}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } m = 3; \\ 2 \left\lceil \frac{nm}{3} \right\rceil - 2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 2.17.** [8] Let  $G \cong J_{n,m}$  be a Jahangir graph with  $m \geq 3$  and  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then

$$\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{Z}(G)) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lceil \frac{nm}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } m \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{3}; \\ 2 \left\lceil \frac{nm}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } m \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** [8] The gear graph is a wheel graph with a vertex added between each pair adjacent graph vertices of the outer cycle. The gear graph  $G$  has  $2n + 1$  vertices and  $3n$  edges. In Fig.3. we display  $G_8$ .

**Theorem 2.18.** [8] Let  $G_n$  be a gear graph with  $n \geq 3$ . Then

$$\gamma(\mathfrak{S}(G_n)) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{4n}{3} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{3} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{4n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 2.3. [8]** Let  $G$  be any connected graph of order  $n$ . Then  $1 \leq \gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{pe}(G) \leq \gamma(\mathfrak{S}(G)) \leq \gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{S}(G)) \leq 2n$ . Further,  $\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{S}(G)) = 2$  if and only if  $G$  contains an edge of degree at least  $n - 2$ .

**Proposition 2.4. [8]** Let  $G$  be any graph. If  $\text{diam}(G) = 2$  then  $\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{S}(G)) \leq \delta(G) + 1$ . Equality holds if  $G$  is a path.

**Proposition 2.5. [8]** Let  $G$  be a connected graph of order  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $\gamma_{pe}(\mathfrak{S}(G)) \leq \gamma(\mathfrak{S}(G)) + \delta(\mathfrak{S}(G))$

### 3 Vertex Removal

We observe that the pendant domination parameter value of a graph  $G$  may be increases or decreases or remains same when a point is removal from  $G$ . For an example in a complete graph  $K_m$  ( $m > 2$ ) or complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  removal of any one point it does not affect the number of  $\gamma_{pe}$ . In a sunlet graph the removal of a vertex of degree one it decreases the value of  $\gamma_{pe}$  by one. In barbell graph  $v_1, v_2$  are the adjacent vertices connected two copies of complete graphs. If we removal of the vertex  $v_1$  in barbell graph increases the value of  $\gamma_{pe}$  by 2. Hence we can define the point set  $V(G)$  of  $G$  into three subsets

$$V_{pe}^0 = \{(u, v) \in V : \gamma_{pe}(G - v) = \gamma_{pe}(G)\}$$

$$V_{pe}^- = \{(u, v) \in V : \gamma_{pe}(G - v) < \gamma_{pe}(G)\}$$

$$V_{pe}^+ = \{(u, v) \in V : \gamma_{pe}(G - v) > \gamma_{pe}(G)\}$$

**Theorem 3.1. [6]** If  $G \cong P_n$  and  $n \geq 3$ , then we have

(i) If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  or  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  then

$$v_i \in \begin{cases} V_{pe}^0, & \text{if } i = 1 \text{ or } n; \\ V_{pe}^+, & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 2 \text{ or } 3 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

(ii) If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then

$$v_i \in \begin{cases} V_{pe}^-, & \text{if } i = 1 \text{ or } n; \\ V_{pe}^+, & i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}; \\ V_{pe}^0, & i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.2. [6]** If  $C_n$  is a cycle with  $n \geq 4$  vertices, then

$$V(C_n) \in \begin{cases} V_{pe}^-, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}; \\ V_{pe}^0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### 4 Edge Removal

In this section, we analyse the effect of edge removal in the pendant domination number  $\gamma_{pe}(G)$  of graph  $G$ . As in the case of vertex removal, we can observe that the pendant domination number  $\gamma_{pe}(G)$  of a graph  $G$  may increase or decrease remain same when an edge is removed from  $G$ . Hence we can partition the edge set  $E(G)$  of  $G$  into 3 subsets as  $E_{pe}^+, E_{pe}^-$  and  $E_{pe}^0$  below.

$$E_{pe}^- = \{(u, v) \in E : \gamma_{pe}(G - uv) \leq \gamma_{pe}(G)\}$$

$$E_{pe}^0 = \{(u, v) \in E : \gamma_{pe}(G - uv) = \gamma_{pe}(G)\}$$

$$E_{pe}^+ = \{(u, v) \in E : \gamma_{pe}(G - uv) \geq \gamma_{pe}(G)\}$$

**Theorem 4.1. [6]** Let  $P_n$  be a path with  $n \geq 3$  vertices, then we have

(i) If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then

$$(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in \begin{cases} E_{pe}^-, & i = 1 \text{ or } n-1; \\ E_{pe}^+, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}; \\ E_{pe}^0, & \text{if } i \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

(ii) If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then

$$(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in \begin{cases} E_{pe}^0, & \text{if } i \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \text{ or } i = 1 \text{ or } n-1; \\ E_{pe}^+, & i \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

(iii) if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then

$$(v_i, v_{i+1}) \in \begin{cases} E_{pe}^-, & \text{if } i = 1 \text{ or } n-1; \\ E_{pe}^0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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