

THE UPPER RESTRAINED DETOUR MONOPHONIC DOMINATION NUMBER OF A GRAPH

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ABSTRACT- In this paper the concept of minimal restrained detour monophonic domination number M of a graph G is introduced. For a connected graph $G = (V, E)$ of order at least two, a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set M of a graph G is a detour monophonic dominating set such that either $M = V$ or the sub graph induced by $V - M$ has no isolated vertices. The minimum cardinality a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G is the minimal restrained detour monophonic domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G)$. We determine bounds for it and characterize graphs which realize these bounds. It is shown that For any three positive integers a, b, c and d , with $2 \leq a \leq b \leq c \leq d$, there is a connected graph G with $dm(G) = a$, $\gamma_{dm}(G) = b$, $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) = c$ and $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) = d$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

By a graph $G = (V, E)$ we mean a finite undirected connected graph without loops or multiple edges. The order and size of G are denoted by p and q , respectively. The neighborhood of a vertex v of G is the set (v) consisting of all vertices u which are adjacent with v . A vertex v of G is an extreme vertex if the sub graph induced by its neighborhood is complete. A vertex with degree one is called an end vertex. A vertex v of a connected graph G is called a support vertex of G if it is adjacent to an end vertex of G . A vertex v in a connected graph G is a cut vertex of G , if $G - v$ is disconnected. A chord of a path $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_k$ in G is an edge $u_i u_j$ with $j \geq i + 2$. A path P is called a monophonic path if it is a chordless path. A set M of vertices of G is a monophonic set of G if each vertex of G lies on a $u-v$ monophonic path for some u and v in M . A minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G is a detour monophonic dominating set M such that either $M = V$ or the sub graph induced by $V - M$ has no isolated vertices. The minimum cardinality of a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G is the minimal restrained detour monophonic domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G)$.

Theorem 1.1. [6] Each extreme vertex of a connected graph G belongs to every detour monophonic set of G . Moreover, if the set M of all extreme vertices of G is a detour monophonic set, then M is the unique minimum detour monophonic set of G .

Theorem 1.2. [6] Let G be a connected graph with cut – vertex v and let M be a detour monophonic set of G . Then every component of $G - v$ contains an element of M .

Theorem 1.3. [3] No cut vertex of a connected graph G belongs to any minimum monophonic set of G . **Theorem 1.4.** [5] Each extreme vertex of a connected graph G belongs to every monophonic dominating set of G .

II. THE UPPER RESTRAINED DETOUR MONOPHONIC DOMINATION NUMBER OF A GRAPH

Definition 2.1 A restrained detour monophonic dominating set M in a connected graph G is called a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set if no proper subset of M is a restrained detour monophonic dominating set. The maximum counting number in the midst of all minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set is labeled upper restrained detour monophonic domination number of G , and is denoted by $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G)$.

Example 2.2 For the graph G given in Figure 5.11, the restrained detour monophonic dominating sets are $M_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_6, v_7\}$, $M_2 = \{v_3, v_4, v_5, v_7\}$, $M_3 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_5, v_6\}$. In this graph, the upper restrained detour monophonic domination number is 5 and the restrained detour monophonic domination number is 4.

Theorem 2.3 Each extreme vertex of a connected graph G belongs to every minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G .

Proof. Since every minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G is a restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G , the theorem follows from Theorem 1.2.

Corollary 2.4 For the complete graph K_p , $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(K_p) = p$.

Theorem 2.5 Let G be a connected graph with cut vertices and let M be a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G . If v is a cutvertex of G , then every component of $G - v$ contains an element of M .

Proof. Suppose that there is a component B of $G - v$ such that B contains no vertex of M . Let w be a vertex in B . Since M is a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G , there exist vertices $x, y \in M$ such that w lies on some $x - y$ detour monophonic path $P : x = u_0, u_1, \dots, w, \dots, u_l = y$ in G . Let P_1 be the $x - w$ subpath of P and P_2 be the $w - y$ subpath of P . Since v is a cutvertex of G , both P_1 and P_2 contains v so that P is not a path, which is a contradiction. Thus every component of $G - v$ contains an element of M .

Corollary 2.6 Let G be a connected graph with cut vertices and let M be a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G . Then every branch of G contains an element of M .

Theorem 2.7 No cut vertex of a connected graph G belongs to any minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G .

Proof. Let M be any minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G and let $v \in M$ be any vertex. We claim that, v is not a cutvertex of G . Suppose that v is a cutvertex of G . Let G_1, G_2, \dots, G_r ($r \geq 2$) be the components of $G - v$. Then v is adjacent to at least one vertex of G_j ($1 \leq j \leq r$). Let $M' = M - \{v\}$. Let u be a vertex of G which lies on a detour monophonic path P joining a pair of vertices, say x and v of M . Assume without loss of generality that $x \in G_1$. Since

v is adjacent to at least one vertex of each $G_j (1 \leq j \leq r)$, assume that v is adjacent to a vertex y in $G_k (k = 1)$. Since M is a minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set, y lies on a detour monophonic path Q joining v and a vertex z of M such that z (possibly y itself) must necessarily belong to G_1 . Thus $z = v$.

Theorem 2.8 For any connected graph G , $2 \leq \gamma_{dm_r}(G) \leq \gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) \leq p$.

Proof. It is clear from the definition of minimum restrained detour monophonic dominating set that $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) \geq 2$. Since every minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set is a restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G , $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) \leq \gamma_{dm_r}^+(G)$. Also, since $V(G)$ is a restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G , it is clear that $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) \leq p$. Thus $2 \leq \gamma_{dm_r}(G) \leq \gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) \leq p$.

Theorem 2.9 For a connected graph G , $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) = p$ if and only if $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) = p$.

Proof. Let $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) = p$. Then $M = V(G)$ is the unique minimal restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G . Since no proper subset of M is a restrained detour monophonic dominating set, it is clear that M is the unique minimum restrained detour monophonic dominating set of G and so $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) = p$. The converse follows from Theorem 2.8.

Theorem 2.10. If G is a connected graph of order p with $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) = p - 1$, then $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) = p - 1$. Proof. Since $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) = p - 1$, it follows from Theorem 5.3.4 that $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) = p$ or $p - 1$. If $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) = p$, then by Theorem 2.9, $\gamma_{dm_r}(G) = p$, which is a contradiction. Hence $\gamma_{dm_r}^+(G) = p - 1$.

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