

## The Split Equitable Domination Number of a Fuzzy Graph

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### Abstract

An equitable dominating set  $D$  of a fuzzy graph  $G=(\sigma, \mu)$  is a split equitable dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle V-S \rangle$  is disconnected. The split equitable domination number  $\gamma_{fse}(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a fuzzy split equitable dominating set. In this paper we, initiate the study of this new parameter and present some bounds and some exact values for  $\gamma_{fse}(G)$ .

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### INTRODUCTION

Let  $G=(\sigma, \mu)$  be a simple undirected fuzzy graph. The degree of any vertex  $u$  in  $G$  is the number of edges incident with  $u$  and is denoted by  $d(u)$ . The minimum and maximum degree of a vertex is denoted by  $\delta(G)$  and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively.

A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex in  $V-S$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in S$  such that  $u$  dominates  $v$ . The domination number of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality taken overall dominating sets in  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$  or simply  $\gamma_f$ .

A fuzzy dominating set  $S$  of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is called a minimal fuzzy dominating set of  $G$ , for every node  $v \in S$ ,  $S-\{v\}$  is not a fuzzy dominating set.

A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called an fuzzy equitable dominating set if for every  $v \in V - S$  there exists a vertex  $u \in S$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and  $|\deg(u) - \deg(v)| \leq 1$ . The minimum cardinality of such a dominating set is denoted by  $\gamma_{fe}$  and is called the equitable domination number of  $G$ .

A fuzzy graph  $G$  is connected if there is atleast one path between every pair of vertices in  $G$  there exists a strongest path between any two nodes of  $G$ .

An equitable dominating set  $S$  is said connected equitable dominating set if the subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is induced by  $S$  is connected. The Minimum of the cardinalities of the connected equitable dominating sets of  $G$  is called the connected equitable domination by number and denoted by  $\gamma_{fce}(G)$ .

A dominating set  $S$  of a fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is a split dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is disconnected. The split dominating number  $\gamma_{fs}(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a split dominating set of  $G$ . Kulli and JanaKiram (1) introduced the concept of split domination in graphs. Analogously in this paper we now define the following concept. An equitable dominating set  $S$  of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is a split equitable dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is disconnected. The split equitable dominating number  $\gamma_{fse}(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a split equitable dominating set.

We note that  $\langle V - S \rangle$  if the fuzzy graph is not complete and either contains a non complete component or contains atleast two non-trivial components  $\gamma_{se}(G)$  not exists, if the fuzzy graph totally equitable disconnected (all the vertices of  $G$  are equitable isolated) we also note that  $\gamma_{fse}$ -set not exists if the fuzzy graph  $G$  is total disconnected.

A vertex  $u \in V$  is said to be degree equitable adjacent with a vertex  $v \in V$  if  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent and  $|\deg(u) - \deg(v)| \leq 1$ . The split equitable dominating set  $S$  is said to be a minimal equitable dominating set if no proper subset of  $S$  is split equitable dominating set. Similarly as the standard dominating set every minimum equi dominating set is minimal but the converse not true some good examples.

If a vertex  $u \in V$  be such that  $|\deg(u) - \deg(v)| \geq 2$  for all  $v \in N(u)$ , then  $u$  is in every equitable dominating set such vertices are called equitable isolates.

Let  $u \in V$  the equitable neighbourhood of  $u$  denoted by  $N_{fe}(u)$  is defined as  $N_{fe}(u) = \{v \in V : v \in N(u), |\deg(u) - \deg(v)| \leq 1\}$  the cardinality of  $N_{fe}(u)$  is denoted by  $\deg_{fe} G(u)$

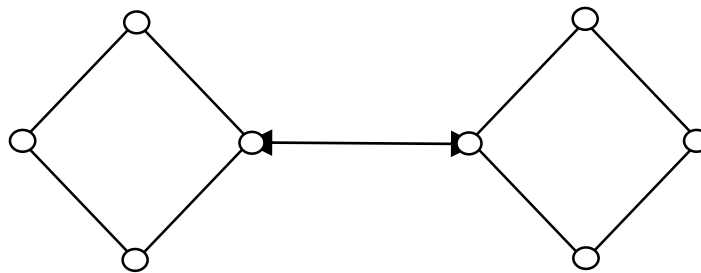
The maximum and minimum equitable degree of a vertex in  $G$  are denoted by  $\Delta_{fe}(G)$  and  $\delta_{fe}(G)$ .

A vertex  $u$  of a equitable fuzzy graph is said to be an equitable isolated vertex if a vertex  $u \in V$  be such that  $|\deg(u) - \deg(v)| \geq 2$  and if  $\mu(uv) \leq \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  for all  $v \in V - \{u\}$  (i.e)  $N_{fe}(u) = \phi$

Let  $u \in V$  the fuzzy equitable neighborhood of  $u$  denoted by  $N_{fe}(u)$  is defined as  $N_{fe}(u) = \{v \in V / v \in N(u), |\deg(u) - \deg(v)| < 1 \text{ and } \mu(uv) \leq \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)\}$  and  $u \in I_e \Leftrightarrow N_{fe}(u) = \phi$  The cardinality of  $N_{fe}(u)$  is called fuzzy equitable degree of  $u$  and is denoted by  $d_{fe(G)}(u)$ .

The Maximum and minimum fuzzy equitable degree of a vertex in  $G$  are denoted by  $\Delta_{fe}(G)$  and  $\delta_{fe}(G)$  that is  $\Delta_{fe}(G) = \max_{u \in V(G)} |N_{fe}(u)|$  and  $\delta_{fe}(G) = \min_{u \in V(G)} |N_{fe}(u)|$

**Example**



$S = \{a, c, d, f\}$  is an equitable dominating set.  $\langle S \rangle = \langle a, c, d, f \rangle$  is disconnected

$S$  is an split equitable dominating set.

**Proposition: 1** For any fuzzy graph  $G$  (i)  $\gamma_{fe}(G) \leq \gamma_{fse}(G)$  (ii)  $\gamma_{fs}(G) \leq \gamma_{fse}(G)$

**Proof:**

Let  $S$  be the minimum split equitable dominating set of  $G$ . Now, since  $S$  is a split equitable dominating set then  $S$  is equitable dominating set. Hence  $\gamma_{fe}(G) \leq |S| = \gamma_{fse}(G)$

**Theorem: 2**

A split equitable dominating set  $S$  of  $G$  is minimal for each vertex  $v \in S$  one of the following three conditions holds

- (i) there exists a vertex  $u \in V - S$  such that  $N_e(u) \cap S = \{v\}$
- (ii)  $v$  is an equitable isolated vertex in  $\langle S \rangle$
- (iii)  $\langle (V - S) \cup \{v\} \rangle$  is disconnected.

**Proof:**

Suppose  $S$  is minimal and there exists a vertex  $v \in S$  such that  $v$  does not hold any of the above conditions. Then by conditions (i) and (ii)  $S_1 = S - \{v\}$  is an equitable dominating set of  $G$ . Also by (iii)  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is disconnected. This implies that  $S_1$  is a split equitable dominating set of  $G$ , a contradiction.

**Theorem: 3**

If  $G$  is regular fuzzy graph or  $(k, k+1)$  bi-regular fuzzy graph for some  $k$  then  $\gamma_{fe}(G) = \gamma_f(G)$

**Theorem: 4**

If  $G$  is regular or bi-regular fuzzy graph with atleast one equitable end vertex, then  $\gamma_f(G) = \gamma_{fs}(G) = \gamma_{fse}(G) = \gamma_{fe}(G)$

**Proof:**

It is clear that if  $G$  is regular or bi-regular fuzzy graph and let  $S$  be a split equitable dominating set of  $G$  such that  $|S| = \gamma_{fse}(G)$ . Then  $S$  is a dominating set which intersects every maximum split dominating set of  $G$  and by theorem (3),  $S$  is an equitable dominating set which intersects every maximum independent set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{fse}(G) \leq \gamma_{fs}(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{fs}(G) \leq \gamma_{fse}(G)$

Hence if  $G$  is a regular fuzzy graph then  $\gamma_{fs}(G) \leq \gamma_{fse}(G)$ . Similarly we can prove that if  $G$  is  $(k, k+1)$  bi-regular fuzzy graph for some  $k \geq 0$  then  $\gamma_{fs}(G) \leq \gamma_{fse}(G)$

**Theorem: 5**

Let  $G$  be a fuzzy graph of order  $P$  then (i)  $\gamma_{fe}(G) \leq \gamma_{fse}(G) \leq P - \Delta_{fe}(G)$

**Proof:**

Every fuzzy split equitable dominating set is an equitable dominating set of  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{fe}(G) \leq \gamma_{fse}(G)$ . Let  $u, v \in V$ . If  $d_{fe}(u) = \Delta_{fe}(G)$  and  $d_{fe}(v) = \delta_{fe}(G)$ . Clearly  $V - N_{fe}(u)$  is a split fuzzy equitable dominating set.  $\therefore \gamma_{fse}(G) \leq |V - N_{fe}(u)|_{fe}$ . (i.e)  $\gamma_{fse}(G) \leq P - \Delta_{fe}(G)$ .

**Theorem: 6**

If S is a split equitable dominating set of a graph G then S is a both minimal fuzzy split equitable dominating set and a maximal fuzzy split equitable dominating set. Conversely any maximal fuzzy split equitable dominating set S in G is a fuzzy split equitable dominating set of G.

**Proof:**

If S is a fuzzy split equitable dominating set of G,  $S_d = S - \{d\}$  is not a fuzzy split equitable dominating set for every  $d \in S$  and  $S \cup \{x\}$  is not a fuzzy split equitable dominating set for every  $x \notin S$  so that S is a minimal fuzzy equitable dominating set and a maximal fuzzy split equitable dominating set.

Conversely, let S be a maximal fuzzy split equitable dominating set in G. Then for every  $x \in V - S$ ,  $S - \{x\}$  is not fuzzy split equitable dominating set and x is dominated by some element of S. Thus S is a fuzzy split equitable dominating set of G.

**Theorem: 7**

Let G be a fuzzy graph then  $\gamma_{fse}(G) \leq P - \Delta_{fse}(G)$

**Proof:**

Let v be a vertex such that  $d_{fse(G)}v = \Delta_{fse}$ . Then  $V - N_{sfe}(v)$  is a fuzzy split equitable dominating set of G so that  $\gamma_{fse}(G) \leq |V - N_{sfe}(v)| = P - \Delta_{fse}(G)$ .

**Theorem: 8**

For any fuzzy graph  $\overline{P_n}$  with  $n \geq 5$  vertices  $\gamma_{fse}(\overline{P_n}) \leq P - 3$

**Proof:**

From the definition of the complete graph, it is clear that  $\overline{P_n}$  is bi-regular fuzzy graph with degree n-2 or n-3, then the fuzzy split equitable dominating exists for  $\overline{P_n}$  only if  $n \geq 4$ . If  $n = 4$   $\overline{P_n} \cong P_n$ , hence  $\gamma_{fse}(P_n) = 2$ . When  $n \geq 5$ , Let  $S = \{V_4, V_5, \dots, V_n\}$

Then  $S \neq \phi$  and  $V - S = \{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$ .  $V(\overline{P_n}) - S = \{V_1, V_2, V_3\}$ , it is clear that all the vertices in  $V(\overline{P_n}) - S$  are equitable dominating set of G and  $V_2$  is isolated vertex in  $\langle V(\overline{P_n}) - S \rangle$  that means  $\langle V(\overline{P_n}) - S \rangle$  is disconnected. Hence S is fuzzy split equitable dominating set of  $\overline{P_n}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{fse}(\overline{P_n}) \leq P - 3$ . When  $P \geq 5$ .

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