

# Connected Domination in Middle Graph

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## ABSTRACT

The middle graph of a graph  $G$ , denoted by  $M(G)$  is a graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  and two vertices are adjacent if they are adjacent edges of  $G$  or one is a vertex and other is an edge incident with it. A dominating set  $D$  of  $M(G)$  is called a connected dominating set of  $M(G)$  if the induced subgraph  $\langle D \rangle$  is connected. The minimum cardinality of  $D$  is called the connected domination number of  $M(G)$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_c [M(G)]$ .

In this paper, we establish the upper and lower bounds on  $\gamma_c [M(G)]$  and compare with other domination parameters of  $G$  and elements of  $G$  were obtained.

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## 1.INTRODUCTION

In this paper we follow the notation of [2]. All graphs considered here are simple and finite. As usual  $p = |V|$  and  $q = |E|$  denote the number of vertices and edges of a graph  $G$ .

The notation  $\alpha_0(G)$  ( $\alpha_1(G)$ ) is the minimum number of vertices(edges) in a vertex(edge) cover of  $G$ . The notation  $\beta_0(G)$  ( $\beta_1(G)$ ) is the minimum number of vertices(edges) in a maximal independent set of a vertex(edge) of  $G$ .

A set  $D \subseteq V$  of  $G$  if every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $D$ . The domination number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set.

A set  $F$  of edges in a graph  $G$  is called an edge domination set of  $G = (V, E)$  if every edge in  $E - F$  is adjacent to atleast one edge in  $F$ . The minimum cardinality of edges in edge domination set of  $G$  is called edge domination number and denoted by  $\gamma'(G)$ . The edge domination number was studied by S.L.Mitchell and Hedetnime in [5]. Further, if the induced subgraph  $\langle F \rangle$  is connected, then  $|F|$  is a connected edge domination number of  $G$ , denoted as  $\gamma'_c(G)$ .

A dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is a restrained dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex not in  $D$  is adjacent to a vertex set in  $G$  and to a vertex in  $V - D$ . The restrained domination number of  $G$  is denoted by  $\gamma_r(G)$  is the smallest cardinality of a restrained dominating set of  $G$ . The concept of restrained domination of graphs introduced by Domke et.al(1999).See[1].

A dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is a split dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  has more than one component. The split domination number  $\gamma_s(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a split dominating set. For details see[4].

The independent domination number  $i(G)$  of graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of an independent dominating set.

A dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G$  is a global dominating set if  $D$  is also a dominating set of  $\bar{G}$ . The global domination number  $\gamma_g(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a global dominating set of  $G$ .

A dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G$  is a strong split dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is totally disconnected with at least two vertices. The strong split domination number  $\gamma_{ss}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a strong dominating set of  $G$ . See[4].

The concept Roman domination function (RDF) in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a function  $f: V \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  satisfying the condition that every vertex  $u$  for which  $f(u)=0$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex  $v$  for which  $f(v)=2$  in  $G$ . The weight of a Roman dominating function is the value  $f(v)=\sum_{u \in V} f(u)$ . The minimum weight of a Roman domination function of a graph  $G$  is called a Roman domination number and is denoted

by  $\gamma_R(G)$ .

## 2.RESULTS

The following theorem gives the relationship between  $\beta_0(G)$  and  $\alpha_1(G)$  with  $\gamma_c [M(G)]$ .

**Theorem 1:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq \beta_0(G) + \alpha_1(G).$$

**Proof:** Suppose  $I = \{e_1, e_1, e_2, e_3 \dots \dots e_n\}$  be the set of all end edges in G, where  $K \subseteq E(G) - I$  such that  $I \cup K$  be the minimal set of edges which cover all the vertices of G. Hence  $|I \cup K| = \alpha_1(G)$ .

Further,  $A = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots \dots v_p\} \subseteq V(G)$  be the maximum set of vertices such that  $\deg(v_i, v_j) \geq 2$ , and  $N(v_i) \cap N(v_j) = x, \forall v_i, v_j \in A$  so that  $x \in V(G) - A$ . Clearly  $|A| = \beta_0(G)$ . Since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ , let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots \dots u_i\}$  be the of vertices sub dividing each edge in  $M(G)$ . We consider a minimal set of vertices  $S_1 = \{u_k / 1 \leq k \leq i\} \subseteq S$  such that  $N[S_1] = V[M(G)]$ . Now if  $\forall u_k \in S_1$  forms a connected path in a induced sub graph  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  then  $|S_1| = \gamma_c [M(G)]$ . Otherwise, if there exists more than one component in  $\langle S_1 \rangle$ , then consider a subset  $S_1 \subset S - S_1$  so that the induced subgraph  $\langle S_2 \cup S_1 \rangle$  from a connected sub graph in  $M(G)$ . Hence  $|S_2 \cup S_1| \leq |A| + |I \cup K|$  which gives,  $\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq \beta_0(G) + \alpha_1(G)$ .

The next theorem gives relationship between  $\gamma_c [M(G)]$  with  $\gamma(G)$  and  $\alpha_0(G)$ .

**Theorem 2:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma(G) + \alpha_0(G) - 1.$$

**Proof:** Let  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots \dots v_n\} \subseteq V(G)$  be the set of all non end vertices in G. Suppose there exists a minimal set  $J = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots \dots v_k\} \subseteq V_1$  such that  $N[J] = V(G)$ . Then J forms a minimal dominating set of G. Now further consider a minimal set of vertices  $A \subseteq V(G)$ , such that every  $e_i \in E(G)$  is incident to at least one vertex  $v_i \in A$  then  $|A| = \alpha_0(G)$ .

Further, since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ , let  $D = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots \dots s_q\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge in  $M(G)$ . Now, let  $S_1 = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots \dots s_i\} \subseteq S, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Suppose  $N[S_1] = V[M(G)]$ . Clearly,  $S_1$  forms the minimal dominating set of  $M(G)$ .

Suppose the induced subgraph  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  has only one component, then  $\{S_1\}$  itself is a connected dominating set of G. Otherwise, if the induced subgraph  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  has more than one component, then attach minimum number of vertices  $\{w_i\} \in V[M(G)] - S_1$ , where  $\deg(w_i) \geq 2$  which are between the vertices of  $\{S - S_1\}$  such that  $S_2 = S_1 \cup \{w_i\}$  forms exactly one component in the induced subgraph  $\langle S_2 \rangle$ . Clearly,  $S_2$  forms a minimal  $\gamma_c$ -set of  $M(G)$ . Since the set  $\{J\} \subset \{S_2\}$  and  $\{A\} \subset \{S_2\}$ , then  $|S_2| \geq |J| + |A| - 1$ . Which gives,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma(G) + \alpha_0(G) - 1$$

The following theorem relates  $\gamma_c [M(G)]$  in terms of  $\gamma'(G)$  and  $i(G)$ .

**Theorem 3:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma'(G) + i(G).$$

**Proof:** For any connected graph G, there exists  $E_1 = \{e_1, e_1, e_2, e_3 \dots \dots e_m\} \subseteq E(G)$  be the set of edges with maximum edge degree and  $E_2 = \{e_1, e_1, e_2, e_3 \dots \dots e_n\} \subseteq E(G)$  be the set of edges with minimum edge degree. Suppose  $E'_1 \subseteq E_1$  and  $E'_2 \subseteq E_2$ , if every edge in  $\{E'_1 \cup E'_2\}$  is adjacent to an edge in  $\{V(G) - (E'_1 \cup E'_2)\}$ , then  $\{E'_1 \cup E'_2\}$  form a  $\gamma'(G)$ -set of G. Let  $D = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots \dots v_m\} \subseteq V(G)$  be the independent set of G, such that  $\forall u, v \in V(G), N(u) \cap \{v\} = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $N[V] = V(G)$ . Then D is a minimal independent dominating set of G.

Suppose,  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots \dots u_n\} = V[M(G)]$ . Further, there exists  $C_1 \subseteq C$  such that  $u_i \in C_1$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex of  $V[M(G)] - C_1$ . So that  $N[C_1] = V[M(G)]$ . Hence  $C_1$  is a minimal dominating set of  $M(G)$ . Now if  $u_i \in C_1$  forms a connected path in the induced subgraph  $\langle C_1 \rangle$  then  $|C_1| = \gamma_c [M(G)]$ . Otherwise, let  $C_2 \subseteq V[M(G)] - C_1$  and  $C_2 \in N[C_1]$ .

Consider  $C_2 \subseteq C_2$ , such that  $C_2 \cup C_2$  forms a minimal connected path in  $M(G)$ , then  $\{C_2 \cup C_1\}$  is a minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$  with  $|C_2 \cup C_1| = \gamma_c [M(G)]$ .

It follows that,

$$|C_2 \cup C_1| \geq |E'_1 \cup E'_2| + |D| \text{ gives}$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma'(G) + i(G).$$

A dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is connected dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle D \rangle$  has one component. The connected domination number  $\gamma_c(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a connected dominating set of  $G$ .

The next theorem gives the relationship between  $\gamma_c [M(G)]$  and  $\gamma_c(G)$ .

**Theorem 4:** For any connected  $(p,q)$  graph  $G$ ,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_c(G)+1.$$

**Proof:** Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\} \subseteq V(G)$  be the minimal set of vertices which cover all the vertices in  $G$ . Clearly,  $S$  forms a minimal dominating set of  $G$ . If the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  has one component then it self is  $\gamma_c(G)$ -set.

Further,  $S_1 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i\}$  be the vertices subdividing each edge of  $G$  in  $M(G)$ . Since  $\deg(u_i) > \deg(u'_i)$ ,  $\forall u'_i \in S$  and  $u_i \in S_1$ , we consider a minimal set of vertices  $S_2 = \{u_i/1 \leq k \leq i\} \subseteq S_1$  such that  $N[S_2] = V[M(G)]$ . Now if  $\forall u_k \in S_2$  forms a connected path in the induced subgraph  $\langle S_2 \rangle$  then  $|S_2| = \gamma_c [M(G)]$ . Otherwise, let  $S_3 \subseteq S_1 - S_2$  and  $S_3 \in N(S_1)$ . consider a set  $S'_3 \subseteq S_3$  such that  $S_2 \cup S'_3$  forms a minimal connected path in  $M(G)$ . Thus  $\{S_2 \cup S'_3\}$  is the minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ .

Since the set  $\{S\} \subseteq \{S_2 \cup S'_3\}$  then

$$|S_2 \cup S'_3| \geq |S| + 1 \text{ which gives,}$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_c(G)+1.$$

**Theorem 5:** For any connected  $(p,q)$  graph  $G$ ,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] + 1 \geq \beta_1(G) + \gamma_s(G).$$

**Proof:** Suppose  $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3 \dots \dots e_n\} \subseteq E(G)$  be the maximal set of edges with  $N(e_i) \cap N(e_j) = e$ , for every  $e_i, e_j \in B, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$  and  $e \in E(G) - B$ . Clearly,  $B$  forms a maximal independent edge set of  $G$ . Now consider  $F = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots \dots v_n\}$  be a maximal dominating set of  $G$ , if the induced subgraph  $\langle V(G) - F \rangle$  is disconnected, then clearly  $F$  forms a split dominating set of  $G$ . Since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ , let  $D = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_q\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of  $G$  in  $M(G)$ . Further,  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots \dots v_i\} \subseteq D, 1 \leq i \leq n$  be the vertices subdividing each edges  $e_i \in B$ .  $F_1 \subseteq F$  be the set of vertices which are incident with edges  $e_1, e_2, e_3 \dots \dots e_j$  such that  $N[D_1 \cup F_1] = V[M(G)]$ . Clearly,  $\{D_1 \cup F_1\}$  is a connected dominating set of  $M(G)$ . It follows that,

$$|D_1 \cup F_1| + 1 \geq |B| + |F| \text{ and get}$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] + 1 \geq \beta_1(G) + \gamma_s(G).$$

A dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G$  is a cototal dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  has no isolated vertices. The cototal domination number  $\gamma_{cot}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a cototal dominating set of  $G$ .

The following theorem relates the cototal domination number of  $G$  and between  $\gamma_c [M(G)]$ .

**Theorem 6:** For any connected  $(p,q)$  graph  $G$ ,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_{cot}(G) + 1.$$

**Proof:** Suppose  $D = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots \dots v_i\} \subseteq V(G)$ , such that  $N[D] = V(G)$ . Then  $D$  is a dominating set of  $G$  and if the induced subgraph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  has no isolates. Then  $\{D\}$  itself is a  $\gamma_{cot}(G)$  -set.

Since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ , then  $J = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of  $G$  in  $M(G)$ . Now, let  $J_1 = \{u_k/1 \leq k \leq i\} \subseteq J$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge which are incident to each vertex  $v_i \in D$  in  $M(G)$ . Clearly,  $N[J_1] = V(G) \subseteq V[M(G)]$  and also  $N[J_1] = V(J - J_1)$ . Hence  $N[J_1] = V(G) \cup V(J - J_1) = V[M(G)]$ . Thus the induced subgraph  $\langle J_1 \rangle$  forms a minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Further,  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i$  forms a connected path, then  $\{J_1\}$  itself forms the minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Otherwise, we consider a set  $J_2 \subseteq J - J_1$  and  $J_2 \in N(J_1)$ . Now, if  $J'_2 \subseteq J_2$  such that the induced subgraph  $\langle J'_2 \cup J_1 \rangle$  is a minimal connected subgraph in  $M(G)$ . Hence,  $J'_2 \subseteq J_1$  forms the minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Thus,

$$|J'_2 \cup J_1| \geq |D| + 1$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_{cot}(G) + 1.$$

**Theorem 7:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_g(G).$$

**Proof:** Let  $D = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n\} \subseteq V(G)$  and  $D \subseteq V(\overline{G})$ . If  $N[D] = V(G)$  and  $N[D] = V(\overline{G})$ . Then D is a global dominating set of G. Further,  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ . Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of G in  $M(G)$ .  $S_1 = \{u_k/1 \leq k \leq i\} \subseteq S$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge  $e_k$  which are incident the vertices of vertex set of  $S_1$  in  $M(G)$ . Clearly,  $N[S_1] = V(G)$  and also in  $M(G)$ ,  $N[S_1] = V(S - S_1) = V[M(G)]$ . Thus  $\{S_1\}$  forms a minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Further, if  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i$  forms a connected path in the induced subgraph  $\langle S_1 \rangle$  in  $M(G)$ . Then  $S_1$  is a  $\gamma_c$ -set of  $M(G)$ . Otherwise, consider a set  $S_2 \subseteq S - S_1$  and  $\forall v_j \in S_2 \in N(S_1)$ . Consider a subset  $S'_2 \subseteq S_2$ . So that  $\{S'_2 \cup S_1\}$  form a single component in the induced subgraph  $\langle S'_2 \cup S_1 \rangle$ . Then  $\{S'_2 \cup S_1\}$  forms a minimal dominating set of  $M(G)$ . Thus,  $|S'_2 \cup S_1| \geq |D|$ , which gives.

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_g(G).$$

A dominating set of D is a weak dominating set of G if for every vertex  $u \in V(G) - D$  there is vertex  $v \in D$  with  $\deg(v) \leq \deg(u)$  and u is adjacent to v see[3].

**Theorem 8:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq \text{diam}(G) + \gamma_w(G) \text{ and } G \neq W_n; n \geq 6.$$

**Proof:** Suppose  $G = W_n$  with  $n \geq 6$ . Then  $\gamma_c [M(G)] \neq \text{diam}(G) + \gamma_w(G)$ . Suppose  $F = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_k\} \subseteq V(G)$  be the set of vertices  $u \in V(G) - F$  is adjacent with atleast one vertex  $u \in F$  and  $\deg(v) \leq \deg(u)$ . F is a dominating set of G. Further,  $S = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_j\}$  be the minimal set of edges which constitute the longest path between any two distinct vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$  such that  $\text{dist}(u, v) = \text{diam}(G)$ . Clearly,  $|S| = \text{diam}(G)$ . Since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ , let  $S \subseteq V(G)$ . Now, let  $D = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge in  $M(G)$ . Each  $D_1 = \{s_q/1 \leq q \leq i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge  $e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_q$  in  $M(G)$  and  $D_2 = \{s'_q/1 \leq q \leq i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing the edges  $E(G) - S$  in  $M(G)$ . Clearly,  $N(D_1) = F \cup V(D_2)$ . Further, consider a minimal set  $D'_2 \subseteq D_2$  such that  $N[D'_2 \cup D_1] = V[M(G)]$ . Then  $D_3 = D'_2 \cup D_1$  forms the minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ . If the induced subgraph  $\langle D_3 \rangle$  is minimal connected subgraph of  $M(G)$ , then  $\{D_3\}$  itself is the minimal connected dominating set  $M(G)$ . Otherwise, let  $D'_3 \subset V[M(G)] - D_3$  and  $D'_3 \in N(D_3)$ . Now if  $D''_3 \subset D'_3$  such that  $\{D''_3 \cup D_3\}$  is the minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ . If the induced subgraph  $\langle D''_3 \cup D_3 \rangle$  is the minimal connected subgraph of  $M(G)$ . Since  $S \subset M(G)$ ,

$$\text{we have, } |D''_3 \cup D_3| \leq |S| + |F|, \text{ so that}$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq \text{diam}(G) + \gamma_w(G).$$

A dominating set  $D \subseteq V$  is a restrained dominating set of G if every vertex not in D is adjacent to a vertex in D and to a vertex in  $V - D$ . The restrained domination number of G is denoted by  $\gamma_r(G)$  is the smallest cardinality of a restrained dominating set of graphs introduced by Domke et.al(1999) see[1].

**Theorem 9:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_r(G) + 1.$$

**Proof:** Consider a set  $F = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_p\} \subseteq V(G)$  be the set of end vertices in G and  $B' = V(G) - B$ . Then there exists a vertex set  $H \subseteq B'$  such that  $\forall v_i \in \{V(G) - \{H \cup B\}\}$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of  $\{H \cup B\}$  and in  $V(G) - \{H \cup B\}$  is a  $\gamma_r$ -set of G. Since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ , then  $I = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of G in  $M(G)$ . Now, let  $I_1 = \{u_k/1 \leq k \leq i\} \subseteq I$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge which are incident to each vertex  $v_i \in \{H \cup B\}$  in  $M(G)$ . Clearly,  $N[I_1] = V(I - I_1)$ . Hence  $N[I_1] = V(G) \cup V(I - I_1) = V[M(G)]$ . Thus the induced subgraph  $\langle I_1 \rangle$  forms a minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Further,  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i$  form a connected path, then  $\{I_1\}$  itself forms the minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Otherwise, we consider a set  $\{I_2\} \subseteq I - I_1$  and  $\forall v_i \in I_2$  are neighbours of  $I_1$ . Now, if  $I'_2 \subseteq I_2$  such that the induced subgraph  $\langle I'_2 \cup I_1 \rangle$  is minimal connected subgraph in  $M(G)$ . Hence  $\{I'_2 \cup I_1\}$  forms the minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ .

$$\text{Thus, } |I'_2 \cup I_1| \geq |H \cup B| + 1$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_r(G) + 1.$$

**Theorem 10:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \Delta(G) + \gamma(G) - 1.$$

**Proof:** For any connected graph G with non end vertices, there exist atleast one vertex  $v \in V(G)$  such that  $\text{deg}(v) = \Delta(G)$ . Let  $C = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} = V(G)$ . Suppose there exists  $C_1 \subseteq C$  such that  $\forall v_i \in C_1$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex of  $V(G) - C_1$ , so that  $N[C_1] = V(G)$ . Then  $C_1$  is a minimal dominating set of G. Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_q\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of G in  $M(G)$ .  $S_1 = \{u_q/1 \leq q \leq i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing the edges which are incident with the maximum degree vertex v in G. Also,  $S_2 = \{u_q/1 \leq q \leq j\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge  $e_i$  of G, which are incident with vertices  $v_i \in C_1$ . Now if  $S'_1 \subseteq S_1$  and  $S'_2 \subseteq S_2$  such that the induced subgraph  $\langle S'_1 \cup S'_2 \rangle$  is the minimal connected subgraph of  $M(G)$ , then  $\{S'_1 \cup S'_2\}$  itself is the minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ .

This follows that,

$$\{S'_1 \cup S'_2\} \geq \Delta(G) + |C_1| - 1 \text{ and gives}$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \Delta(G) + \gamma(G) - 1.$$

In the following theorem we establish relation between Roman domination number  $\gamma_R(G)$  and edge connected domination number  $\gamma'_c(G)$  with connected domination in middle graph.

**Theorem 11:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq \gamma_R(G) + \gamma'_c(G) \text{ and } G \neq K_{1,n}; n \geq 4.$$

**Proof:** If  $G = K_{1,n}$  with  $n \geq 4$  then  $\gamma_c [M(G)] \not\leq \gamma_R(G) + \gamma'_c(G)$ . Suppose  $A = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_i\}$  be the minimal edge dominating set of G and if induced subgraph does not contain more than one component. Then A itself is a connected edge dominating set of G. Otherwise, if the induced subgraph  $\langle A \rangle$  has more than one component, then attach the minimum number of edges  $\{e_k\} \in E(G) - A$  which are in every path of  $E(G) - A$  such that  $A_1 = A \cup \{e_k\}$  forms exactly one component. Clearly,  $A_1$  forms a  $\gamma'_c$ - set of G. Suppose the function  $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$  and partition the vertex set  $V(G)$  into  $(V_0, V_1, V_2)$  induced by f with  $|V_i| = n_i$  for  $i=0,1,2$ . Suppose the set  $V_2$  dominated the  $V_0$ . Then  $B = V_1 \cup V_2$  forms a minimal Roman dominating set of G.

Further, since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ , let  $D = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of G in  $M(G)$ . Now, consider the set  $D_1 = \{u_k/1 \leq k \leq i\} \subseteq D$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge  $e_k \in A$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq i$  in  $M(G)$ . Clearly,  $N[D_1] = V(G)$  and also in  $M(G)$ . Since,  $N[D_1] = V(D - D_1)$ . Then  $N[D_1] = V(G) \cup V(D - D_1) = V[M(G)]$ . Thus the induced subgraph  $\langle D_1 \rangle$  forms a minimal dominating set of  $M(G)$ . Further, if  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i$  forms a connected path, then the induced subgraph  $\langle D_1 \rangle$  itself is a minimal connected dominating set of  $M(G)$ . Otherwise, we consider a set  $D_2 \subseteq D - D_1$  and for every element of  $D_2$ , so that  $D_2 \in N[D_1]$ . Now if  $D'_2 \subseteq D_2$  such that the induce subgraph  $\langle D'_2 \cup D_1 \rangle$  is the minimal connected subgraph in  $M(G)$ , then  $\{D'_2 \cup D_1\}$  forms the minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Thus,

$$|D'_2 \cup D_1| \leq |A| + |B| \text{ which gives}$$

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq \gamma_R(G) + \gamma'_c(G).$$

**Theorem 12:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$$\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_{ss}(G) + 1.$$

**Proof:** For the strong split dominating set  $\gamma_{ss}(G)$ . We consider a set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subseteq V(G)$ , such that for every vertex of  $V(G) - S$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex of S and  $N[S] = V(G)$ . If the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is totally disconnected. Then S is a  $\gamma_{ss}$ -sset of G. Since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ ,  $S \subseteq V[M(G)]$ . Now, let  $K = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of G in  $M(G)$ . Let  $K_1 = \{u_q/1 \leq q \leq i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing the edges  $e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_q$  of G in  $M(G)$  and  $K_2 = \{u_q/1 \leq q \leq i\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing the edges which are incident with the vertices  $v_i \in K$  in  $M(G)$ . Further consider a minimal set  $K'_2 \subseteq K_2$  such that  $N[K'_2] = V[M(G)]$ . Then  $K'_2$  forms the minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ . If the induced subgraph  $\langle K'_2 \rangle$  is the minimal connected

subgraph of  $M(G)$ , then  $\{K'_2\}$  itself is the minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ . Otherwise, let  $K_3 \subseteq V[M(G)] - K'_2$  and for every elements of  $K_3$ , such that  $K_3 \in N[K'_2]$ . Now if  $K'_2 \subseteq K_3$  and the induced subgraph  $\langle K'_2 \cup K_3 \rangle$  is the minimal connected subgraph of  $M(G)$ , then  $\{K'_2 \cup K_3\}$  is the minimal dominating set in  $M(G)$ .

Thus we have,  $|K'_2 \cup K_3| \geq |S| + 1$   
 $\gamma_c [M(G)] \geq \gamma_{ss}(G) + 1.$

**Theorem 13:** For any connected (p,q) graph G,

$\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq p + m - 1$ , where 'm' is the number of end vertices in G.

**Proof:** Consider  $F = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \subset V(G)$  be the set of all end vertices in G. Since  $V[M(G)] = V(G) \cup E(G)$ . Now, let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_q\}$  be the set of vertices subdividing each edge of G in  $M(G)$ . Consider  $S_1 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_i\} \subseteq S$  subdividing end edges which are also incident with end vertices of G and also in  $M(G)$ . Suppose  $S_2 = S - S_1$  subdividing edges other than the end edges in G, also in  $M(G)$ . Suppose  $S_3 \subseteq S_2$  and  $\{S_1 \cup S_3\}$  gives a connected subgraph in  $M(G)$ . Then  $\{S_1 \cup S_3\}$  forms a minimal connected dominating set in  $M(G)$ .

It follows that,  $\{S_1 \cup S_3\} \leq p + |F| - 1$  so that  
 $\gamma_c [M(G)] \leq p + m - 1.$

The following theorem gives the exact value of  $\gamma_c [M(T)]$  for any tree in terms of the edges of T.

**Theorem 14:** For any connected (p,q) tree T,  $\gamma_c [M(T)] = q$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} = V(T)$  and  $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the set of edges of a tree T. Since  $V[M(T)] = A \cup B$ .

Now, we consider the following cases.

Case 1: Suppose a tree T is a star. Then the set  $\{B\} \cup v$  forms a complete subgraph, whose  $deg v = \Delta(T)$  and  $\{B\} \subset V[M(T)]$ . Since  $|B| = N[V(T)]$  and  $\langle B \rangle$  is connected, then B is a connected dominating set of  $M(T)$ . Hence  $|B| = E(T) = q$ .

Case 2: Suppose a tree T is a path. Let  $P_n = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} = V(T)$  and  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_m\} = E(T)$ .

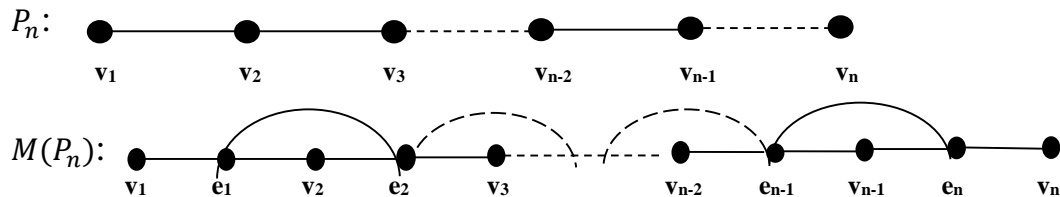


Fig.1.

In middle graph of a path  $P_n$ . Let  $B = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n\}$  be the set of vertices in  $M(P_n)$ , so that every vertex of  $M(P_n) - B$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of B. Thus B is a dominating set of  $M(P_n)$ . From the above figure 1, the induced subgraph  $\langle B \rangle$  is connected, then  $\{B\}$  is a minimal dominating set of  $M(P_n)$ .

Case 3: Suppose neither a tree T is a star nor a path. Let  $H \subset A$  be the set of all end vertices in a tree T. Since  $B \subset V[M(T)]$  and  $e_i \in B$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of  $V[M(T)] - H$ , then B is a dominating set of  $M(T)$ . If the induced subgraph  $\langle B \rangle$  is connected, then  $\{B\}$  is a minimal connected dominating set of  $M(T)$ . Hence  $|B| = q$ .

From the above all the three cases. We come to know that  $|B| = q$  and  $\{B\}$  is a connected dominating set  $M(T)$ . Clearly,  $\gamma_c [M(T)] = q$ .

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