

## Entire Equitable Dominating Graph

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**Abstract:** The entire equitable dominating graph  $EE_qD(G)$  of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V \cup S$ , where  $S$  is the collection of all minimal equitable dominating sets of  $G$  and two vertices  $u, v \in V \cup S$  are adjacent if  $u, v$  are not disjoint minimal equitable dominating sets in  $S$  or  $u, v \in D$ , where  $D$  is the minimal equitable dominating set in  $S$  or  $u \in V$  and  $v$  is a minimal equitable dominating set in  $S$  containing  $u$ . In this paper, we initiate a study of this new graph valued function and also established necessary and sufficient conditions for  $EE_qD(G)$  to be connected and complete. Other properties of  $EE_qD(G)$  are also obtained.

**Key Words:** Dominating set, equitable dominating set, entire equitable dominating graph, Smarandachely dominating set.

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### §1. Introduction

All graphs considered here are finite, undirected with no loops and multiple edges. We denote by  $p$  the order (i.e number of vertices) and by  $q$  the size (i.e number of edges) of such a graph  $G$ . Any undefined term and notation in this paper may be found in Harary [5].

A set of vertices which covers all the edges of a graph  $G$  is called *vertex cover* for  $G$ . The smallest number of vertices in any vertex cover for  $G$  is called its *vertex covering number* and is denoted by  $\alpha_0(G)$  or  $\alpha_0$ . A set of vertices in  $G$  is *independent* if no two of them are adjacent. The largest number of vertices in such a set is called the *vertex independence number* of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\beta_0(G)$  or  $\beta_0$ . The *connectivity*  $\kappa = \kappa(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum number of vertices whose removal results a disconnected or trivial graph. Analogously the *edge-connectivity*  $\lambda = \lambda(G)$  is the minimum number of edges whose removal results a disconnected or trivial graph. The *diameter* of a connected graph is the maximum distance between two vertices in  $G$  and is denoted by  $diam(G)$ . If  $G$  and  $H$  are graphs with the property that the identification of any vertex of  $G$  with an arbitrary vertex of  $H$  results in a unique graph (up to

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isomorphism), then we write as  $G \bullet H$  for this graph.

A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a *dominating set* of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V - D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ . The *domination number*  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all minimal dominating sets of  $G$ . (See Ore [12]).

A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called an *equitable dominating set* if for every  $v \in V - D$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and  $|deg(u) - deg(v)| \leq 1$ . The minimum cardinality of such a dominating set is called the *equitable domination number* of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma^e(G)$ . For more details about graph valued functions, domination number and their related parameters we refer [1-4, 6 - 10, 12]. The opposite of equitable dominating set is the *Smarandachely dominating set* with  $|deg(u) - deg(v)| \leq 1$  for  $\forall uv \in E(G)$ .

The purpose of this paper is to introduce a new graph valued function in the field of domination theory in graphs.

### §2. Entire Equitable Dominating Graph

**Definition 2.1** *The entire equitable dominating graph  $EE_qD(G)$  of a graph  $G$  with vertex set  $V \cup S$ , where  $S$  is the collection of all minimal equitable dominating sets of  $G$  and two vertices  $u, v \in V \cup S$  adjacent if  $u, v$  are not disjoint minimal equitable dominating sets in  $S$  or  $u, v \in D$ , where  $D$  is the minimal equitable dominating set in  $S$  or  $u \in V$  and  $v$  is a minimal equitable dominating set in  $S$  containing  $u$ .*

In Fig.1, a graph  $G$  and its entire equitable dominating graph  $EE_qD(G)$  are shown. Here  $D_1 = \{1, 3\}$ ,  $D_2 = \{1, 4\}$ ,  $D_3 = \{2, 3\}$  and  $D_4 = \{2, 4\}$  are minimal equitable dominating sets of  $G$ .

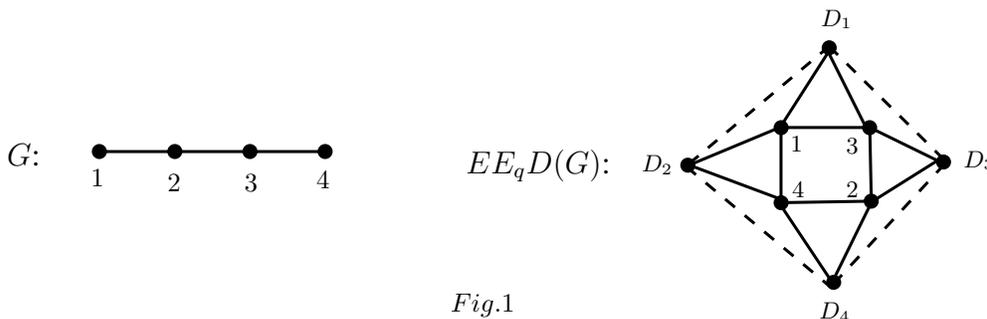


Fig.1

### §3. Preliminary Results

The following will be useful in the proof of our results.

**Theorem 3.1**([5]) *For any nontrivial graph  $G$ ,  $\alpha_0 + \beta_0 = p = \alpha_1 + \beta_1$ .*

**Theorem 3.2**([5]) *A connected graph  $G$  is Eulerian if and only if every vertex of  $G$  has even degree.*

## §4. Results

First we obtain a necessary and sufficient condition on a graph  $G$  such that the entire equitable dominating graph  $EE_qD(G)$  is connected.

**Theorem 4.1** *For any graph  $G$  with at least three vertices, the entire equitable dominating graph  $EE_qD(G)$  is connected if and only if  $\Delta(G) < p - 1$ .*

*Proof* Let  $\Delta(G) < p - 1$  and  $u, v$  be any two vertices in  $G$ . We consider the following cases:

**Case 1.** If  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent vertices in  $G$ , then there exist two not disjoint minimal equitable dominating sets  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  containing  $u$  and  $v$  respectively. Therefore by the definition 2.1,  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $EE_qD(G)$ .

**Case 2.** Suppose there exist two vertices  $u \in D_1$  and  $v \in D_2$  such that  $u$  and  $v$  are not adjacent in  $G$ . Then there exists a minimal equitable dominating set  $D_3$  containing both  $u$  and  $v$  and by definition 2.1,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are connected in  $EE_qD(G)$ .

Conversely, suppose  $EE_qD(G)$  is connected. Suppose  $\Delta(G) = p - 1$  and  $u$  is a vertex of degree  $p - 1$ . Then the degree of  $u$  in  $EE_qD(G)$  is minimum. If every vertex of  $G$  has degree  $p - 1$ , then every vertex of  $G$  forms a minimal equitable dominating set. Therefore  $EE_qD(G)$  has at least two components, a contradiction. Thus  $\Delta(G) < p - 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.1**  *$EE_qD(G) = pK_2$  if and only if  $G = K_p; p \geq 2$ .*

*Proof* Suppose  $G = K_p; p \geq 2$ . Then clearly each vertex of  $G$  will form a minimal equitable dominating set. Hence by definition 2.1,  $EE_qD(G) = pK_2$ .

Conversely, suppose  $EE_qD(G) = pK_2$  and  $G \neq K_p$ . Then there exists at least one minimal equitable dominating set  $D$  containing two vertices of  $G$ . Then  $D$  will form  $C_3$  in  $EE_qD(G)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $G = K_p; p \geq 2$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $EE_qD(G)$  is either connected or it has at least one component which is  $K_2$ .*

*Proof* If  $\Delta(G) < p - 1$ , then by Theorem 4.1,  $EE_qD(G)$  is connected. If  $G$  is complete graph  $K_p; p \leq 2$  and by Proposition 4.1, then each component of  $EE_qD(G)$  is  $K_2$ .

Next, we must prove that  $\delta(G) < \Delta(G) = p - 1$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the set of vertices in  $G$  such that  $deg(v_i) = p - 1$ , then it is clear that  $\{v_i\}$  forms a minimal equitable dominating set and which forms a component isomorphic to  $K_2$ . Hence  $EE_qD(G)$  has at least one component which is  $K_2$ .  $\square$

In the next theorem, we characterize the graphs  $G$  for which  $EE_qD(G)$  is complete.

**Theorem 4.3**  *$EE_qD(G) = K_{p+2}$  if and only if  $G$  is  $K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ .*

*Proof* Suppose  $G = K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ . Then there exists a minimal equitable dominating set  $D$

contains all the vertices of  $G$  i.e  $|D| = |\{u, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_p\}| = p+1$ . Hence  $EE_qD(G) = K_{p+2}$ .

Conversely,  $EE_qD(G) = K_{p+2}$ , then we prove that  $G$  is  $K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ . Let us suppose that,  $G \neq K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ . Then there exists a minimal equitable dominating set  $D$  of cardinality is maximum  $p$  i.e  $|D| = |\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_p\}| = p$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $G$  must be  $K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.4** *Let  $G$  be a nontrivial connected graph of order  $p$  and size  $q$ . The entire equitable dominating graph is a graph with order  $2p$  and size  $p$  if and only if  $G = K_p; p \geq 2$ .*

*Proof* Let  $G$  be a complete graph with  $p \geq 2$ , then by Proposition 4.1,  $G = K_p; p \geq 2$ .

Conversely, suppose  $EE_qD(G)$  be a  $(2p, p)$  graph. Then  $pK_2$  is the only graph with order  $2p$  and size  $q$ .  $\square$

In the next results, we obtain the bounds on the order and size of  $EE_qD(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.5** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $2p \leq p' \leq \frac{p(p-1)}{2} + 1$ , where  $p'$  denotes the number of vertices in  $EE_qD(G)$ . Further, the lower bound is attained if and only if  $G$  is either  $P_4$  or  $K_p; p \geq 2$  and upper bound is attained if and only if  $G$  is  $K_3 \cup K_2$ ,  $K_3 \bullet K_2$  or  $C_4 \cup K_1$ .*

*Proof* The lower bound follows from the fact that the twice the number of vertices in  $G$  and the upper bound follows that the maximum number of edges in  $G$ .

Suppose the lower bound is attained. Then every vertex of  $G$  forms a minimal equitable dominating set or every vertex of  $G$  is in exactly two minimal equitable dominating sets. This implies that the necessary condition.

Conversely, suppose  $G$  is  $P_4$  or  $K_p; p \geq 2$ . Then by definition of entire equitable dominating graph,  $V(EE_qD(G)) = 2p$ . If the upper bound is attained. Then  $G$  must be one of the following graphs are  $K_3 \cup K_2$ ,  $K_3 \bullet K_2$  or  $C_4 \cup K_1$ .

If  $G = K_3 \cup K_2$ , then every vertex of  $G$  is in exactly two minimal equitable dominating sets hence

$$V(EE_qD(G)) = \frac{p(p-1)}{2} + 1 = \frac{pq}{2} + 1.$$

Suppose  $G = K_3 \bullet K_2$ . Then the pendant vertex of  $G$  is in all the minimal equitable dominating sets and forms  $(p-1)$  minimal equitable dominating sets. Therefore the upper bound holds.

Now if  $G$  is  $C_4 \cup K_1$ . Then every equitable dominating sets contains an isolated vertex and they are not disjoint sets and by definition 2.1. Therefore upper bound holds.

Conversely, suppose  $G$  is one of the following graphs  $K_3 \cup K_2$ ,  $K_3 \bullet K_2$  or  $C_4 \cup K_1$ . Then it is obvious that  $V(EE_qD(G)) = \frac{p(p-1)}{2} + 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.6** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $p \leq q' \leq \frac{p(p+1)}{2} + 1$ , where  $q'$  denotes the number of edges in  $EE_qD(G)$ . Further, the lower bound is attained if and only if  $G = K_p; p \geq 2$  and the upper bound is attained if and only if  $G$  is  $K_3 \cup K_1$ .*

*Proof* The proof follows from Theorem 4.5.  $\square$

In the next result, we find the diameter of  $EE_qD(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.7** *Let  $G$  be any graph with  $\Delta(G) < p - 1$ , then  $\text{diam}(EE_qD(G)) \leq 2$ , where  $\text{diam}(G)$  is the diameter of  $G$ .*

*Proof* Let  $G$  be any graph with  $\Delta(G) < p - 1$ , then by Theorem 4.1,  $EE_qD(G)$  is connected. Let  $u, v$  be any arbitrary vertices in  $EE_qD(G)$ . We consider the following cases.

**Case 1.** Suppose  $u, v \in V$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  are nonadjacent in  $G$ . Then there exists a minimal equitable dominating set containing  $u$  and  $v$  and by definition 2.1,  $d_{EE_qD(G)}(u, v) = 1$ . If  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $G$  and there is no minimal equitable dominating set containing  $u$  and  $v$ , then there exists another vertex  $w \in V$  which is not adjacent to both  $u$  and  $v$ . Let  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  be two minimal equitable dominating sets containing  $(u, w)$  and  $(w, v)$  respectively. This implies that  $d_{EE_qD(G)}(u, v) = 2$ .

**Case 2.** Suppose  $u \in V$  and  $v \in S$ . Then  $v = D$  is a minimal equitable dominating set of  $G$ . If  $u \in S$ , then  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $EE_qD(G)$ . Otherwise, there exists another vertex  $w \in D$ . This implies that

$$d_{EE_qD(G)}(u, v) \leq d_{EE_qD(G)}(u, w) + d_{EE_qD(G)}(w, v) = 2.$$

**Case 3.** Suppose  $u, v \in S$ . Then  $u \in D_1$  and  $v \in D_2$  are two minimal equitable dominating sets of  $G$  and by Definition 2.1,  $d_{EE_qD(G)}(u, v) = 1$ .  $\square$

We now characterize graphs  $G$  for which  $SE_qD(G) = EE_qDG$ . A *semientire equitable dominating graph*  $SE_qD(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph with vertex set  $V \cup S$  and two vertices  $u, v \in V \cup S$  adjacent if  $u, v \in D$ , where  $D$  is a minimal equitable dominating set or  $u \in V$  and  $v = D$  is a minimal equitable dominating set containing  $u$  ([1]).

**Proposition 4.2**([3]) *The semientire equitable dominating graph  $SE_qD(G)$  is  $pK_2$  if and only if  $G = K_p$ ;  $p \geq 2$ .*

**Remark 4.1**([3]) For any graph  $G$ ,  $SE_qD(G)$  is a subgraph of  $EE_qD(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.8** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $SE_qD(G) \subseteq EE_qD(G)$ . Further, equality  $G$ ,  $SE_qD(G) = EE_qD(G)$  if and only if  $G$  has exactly one minimal equitable dominating set containing all vertices of  $G$ .*

*Proof* By Remark 4.1,  $SE_qD(G) \subseteq EE_qD(G)$ . Suppose  $SE_qD(G) = EE_qD(G)$ . Then by Theorem 4.3,  $D$  is the only minimal equitable dominating set contains all the vertices of  $G$ . Therefore  $G$  must be  $K_{1,n}$ ;  $n \geq 3$ .

The converse is obvious.  $\square$

In the next results, we discuss about  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta_0$  of  $EE_qD(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.9** *For any graph  $G$  with no isolated vertices,*

(1)  $\alpha_0(EE_qD(G)) = |S| + 1$ , where  $S$  is the collection of all minimal equitable dominating

sets of  $G$ ;

$$(2) \beta_0(EE_qD(G)) = \gamma(G).$$

*Proof* (i) Let  $G$  be graph of order  $p$ . Let  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_i\}$  be the set of all minimal equitable dominating sets. Then by definition 2.1 and Theorem ???. Therefore the minimum number of vertices in  $EE_qD(G)$  which covers all the edges. Hence  $\alpha_0(EE_qD(G)) = |S| + 1$ .

(ii) By definition of  $EE_qD(G)$ , for any vertex  $v_i$ ;  $1 \leq i \leq p$  of  $EE_qD(G)$  are not adjacent. Hence these vertices forms a maximum independent set of  $EE_qD(G)$ . Hence (ii) follows.  $\square$

In the next two results, we prove the vertex connectivity and edge- connectivity of  $EE_qD(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.10** For any graph  $G$ ,  $\kappa(EE_qD(G)) = \min\{\min(deg_{EE_qD(G)} v_i), \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j|\}$ , where  $S_j$ 's is the collection of all minimal equitable dominating sets of  $G$ .

*Proof* Let  $G$  be any graph with order  $p$  and size  $q$ . We consider the following cases.

**Case 1.** Let  $u \in v'_i(EE_qD(G))$  for some  $i$ , having the minimum degree among all  $v'_i$  in  $EE_qD(G)$ . If the degree of  $u$  is less than any other vertex in  $EE_qD(G)$ , then by deleting the vertices which are adjacent to  $u$ , results a disconnected graph.

**Case 2.** Let  $v \in S_j$  for some  $j$ , having the minimum degree among all  $S_j$ 's in  $EE_qD(G)$ . If degree of  $v$  is less than any other vertex in  $EE_qD(G)$ , then by deleting all the vertices which are adjacent to  $v$ . This results the graph is disconnected. Hence the result follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.11** For any graph  $G$ ,  $\lambda(EE_qD(G)) = \min\{\min(deg_{EE_qD(G)} v_i), \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j|\}$ , where  $S_j$ 's is the collection of all minimal equitable dominating sets of  $G$ .

*Proof* Let  $G$  be any  $(p, q)$  graph. We consider two cases.

**Case 1.** Let  $u \in v'_i(EE_qD(G))$ , having minimum degree among all  $v'_i$  in  $EE_qD(G)$ . If the degree of  $u$  is less than any other vertex in  $EE_qD(G)$ , then by deleting those edges of  $EE_qD(G)$  which are incident with  $u$ , results a disconnected graph.

**Case 2.** Let  $v \in S_j$ , having the minimum degree among all vertices of  $S_j$ . If degree of  $v$  is less than any other vertex in  $EE_qD(G)$ , then by deleting those edges which are adjacent to  $v$ , results in a disconnected. Hence the result follows.  $\square$

Next, we prove the necessary and sufficient condition for  $EE_qD(G)$  to be Eulerian.

**Theorem 4.12** For any graph  $G$ ,  $EE_qD(G)$  is Eulerian if and only if one of the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) There exists a vertex  $u \in V$  is in all minimal equitable dominating sets and cardinality of every minimal equitable dominating set  $D$  of  $G$  is even;
- (2) If  $v \in V$  is a vertex of odd degree, then it is in odd number of minimal equitable dominating sets, otherwise it is in even number of minimal equitable dominating sets of  $G$ .

*Proof* Suppose  $\Delta < p - 1$  and by Theorem 4.1,  $EE_qD(G)$  is connected. Suppose  $EE_qD(G)$

is Eulerian. on the contrary if condition (i) is not satisfied, then there exists a minimal equitable dominating set contains odd number of vertices and does not contains a vertex of odd degree, a contradiction. Therefore by Theorem 3.2,  $EE_qD(G)$  is Eulerian. Hence condition (1) holds.

Suppose (2) does not hold. Then there exists  $v \in V$  of even degree which is in odd number of minimal equitable dominating sets, a contradiction. Hence (ii) hold.

Conversely, suppose the conditions (1) and (2) are satisfied. Then every vertex of  $EE_qD(G)$  has even degree and hence  $EE_qD(G)$  is Eulerian.  $\square$

## §5. Domination in $EE_qD(G)$

We calculate the domination number of  $EE_qD(G)$  of some standard class of graphs.

**Theorem 5.1** *For any graph  $G$  with no isolated vertices.*

- (1) *If  $G = K_p; p \geq 2$ , then  $\gamma(EE_qD(K_p)) = p$ ;*
- (2) *If  $G = K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ , then  $\gamma(EE_qD(K_{1,p})) = 1$ ;*
- (3) *If  $G = C_p, p \geq 3$ , then  $\gamma(EE_qD(C_p)) = 2$ .*

**Theorem 5.2** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma(EE_qD(G)) = 1$ , if and only if  $G$  is  $K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ .*

*Proof* If  $G$  is  $K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ , then there exists a minimal equitable dominating set  $D$  contains all the vertices of  $G$  and by Theorem ??, it is clear that,  $EE_qD(G)$  is complete. Hence  $\gamma(EE_qD(G)) = 1$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\gamma(EE_qD(G)) = 1$  and  $G \neq K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ . Then there exists a minimal dominating set  $D$  in  $EE_qD(G)$  of cardinality greater than or equal to 2, a contradiction. Therefore  $G$  must be  $K_{1,p}; p \geq 3$ .  $\square$

We conclude this paper by exploring one open problem on  $EE_qD(G)$ .

**Problem 1.** *Give necessary and sufficient condition for a given graph  $G$  is entire equitable dominating graph of some graph.*

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