

On Locating Domination Number of Boolean Graph $BG_2(G)$

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Abstract

Let $G(V, E)$ be a simple, finite and undirected connected graph. A non-empty set $S \subseteq V$ of a graph G is a dominating set, if every vertex in $V - S$ is adjacent to at least one vertex in S . A dominating set $S \subseteq V$ is called a locating dominating set, if for any two vertices $v, w \in V - S$, $N_G(v) \cap S$ and $N_G(w) \cap S$ are not empty and distinct. In this paper, we give some general bounds for $\gamma_L(BG_2(G))$ and characterize graphs for which $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$.

Keywords: Dominating set, Locating dominating set, Boolean graph $BG_2(G)$

1 Introduction

Let G be a (p, q) simple, undirected graph with vertex set $V(G)$ and edge set $E(G)$. For $v \in V(G)$, the set of all vertices adjacent to v in G is called the neighbourhood $N_G(v)$ of v . The concept of domination in graphs was introduced by Ore[4]. A non empty set $S \subseteq V(G)$ of a graph G is a dominating set, if every vertex in $V(G) - S$ is adjacent to some vertex in S . A special case of dominating set S is called a locating dominating set. It was defined by D.F Rall and P.J Slater [5]. A dominating set S in a graph G is called a locating dominating set in G , if for any two vertices $v, w \in V(G) - S$, $N_G(v) \cap S$ and $N_G(w) \cap S$ are not empty and

distinct. The location domination number of G is defined as the minimum number of vertices in a locating dominating set in G and denoted by $\gamma_L(G)$.

In 2004, Janakiraman and Bhanumathi defined Boolean Graphs. The Boolean graph $BG_2(G)$ has vertex set $V(G) \cup E(G)$ and two vertices in $BG_2(G)$ are adjacent if and only if they correspond to two adjacent vertices of G or to a vertex and an edge incident to it in G or two non-adjacent edges of G . The vertices of $BG_2(G)$, which are in $V(G)$ are called point vertices and those in $E(G)$ are called line vertices of $BG_2(G)$. $V(BG_2(G)) = V(G) \cup E(G)$ and $E(BG_2(G)) = [E(T(G)) - E(L(G))] \cup E(\overline{L(G)})$, where $T(G)$ is the total graph of G and $L(G)$ is the line graph of G .

Notation: In this paper $N_{BG_2(G)}(x)$ is denoted by $N(x)$, degree of vertex v in $BG_2(G)$ is denoted by $d(v)$ and degree of v in G is denoted by $d_G(v)$.

Theorem: 1.1 [1] If $G = K_{m,n}$ then $\gamma_L(BG_2(K_{m,n})) = m + n - 2$.

Theorem: 1.2 [3] If $G = K_n$, $n > 1$ then $\gamma_L(K_n) = n - 1$.

Theorem: 1.3 [3] If $G = K_{1,n-1}$, $n > 2$ then $\gamma_L(K_{1,n-1}) = n - 1$.

Theorem: 1.4 [3] If $G = K_{r,n-r}$, $1 < r \leq n - r$ then $\gamma_L(K_{r,n-r}) = n - 2$.

Theorem: 1.5 [1] If $G = \overline{K_m} + K_1 + K_1 + \overline{K_n}$, $n > 1$ then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = m + n - 1$.

Theorem: 1.6 [1] Let $G \neq C_3$ be any connected graph with atleast three vertices then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq p - 1$.

2 Locating domination of $BG_2(G)$

First, we shall find the bounds for $\gamma_L(BG_2(G))$.

Theorem: 2.1 $\gamma_L(G) \leq \gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq \gamma_L(G) + q$.

Proof: Let S be a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$.

If $S \subseteq V(G)$, S is also a locating dominating set of G . This implies that $\gamma_L(G) \leq \gamma_L(BG_2(G))$. If S contains line vertices, let $W \subseteq S$ be set of line vertices of $BG_2(G)$ in S . Let $e \in W$ and $e = xy \in E(G)$. Deleting e from S and adding one incident vertex of e , that is, x or y to S for all $e \in W$, we will get a locating dominating set of G . Hence $\gamma_L(G) \leq \gamma_L(BG_2(G))$. On the other hand, let S be a γ_L -set of G . S need not be a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. But $S \cup E(G)$ is a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. Hence, $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq \gamma_L(G) + q$.

Lemma: 2.1 Let G be a connected graph with $r(G) = 1$, $d(G) = 2$. Let v be a central vertex of G . If $V(G) - \{v\}$ is a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$, then $p \geq 3$ and $\delta(G) \geq 3$.

Proof: Let $S = V(G) - \{v\}$ is a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$. Suppose $x \in V(G)$ is a vertex of G . Then let $e_1 = vx \in E(G)$, $N(e_1) \cap S = \{x\}$ and $N(v) \cap S = S$. Since S is a locating dominating set, this implies that $S \neq \{x\}$. Hence S contains more than one vertex and hence $|V(G)| \geq 3$. If G has a vertex x of degree two and $e_1 = xv$, $e_2 = xy$,

$e_3 = vy \in E(G)$ then let $N_G(x) = \{v, y\}$ and $N(x) = \{v, y, e_1, e_2\}$ and $N(e_3) = \{v, y\}$. Also, $N(x) \cap S = N(e_3) \cap S = \{y\}$, which is a contradiction. Hence, G has no vertex of degree two. If G has a vertex y' of degree one, then in G , y' is adjacent to v only and in $BG_2(G)$, y' is adjacent to v and the line vertex $e' = vy'$. Therefore, S is a dominating set and $S \subseteq V(G)$ implies that S must contain v . Hence, G cannot have a vertex of degree one or two. This implies that, $\delta(G) \geq 3$.

Lemma: 2.2 If G has a pendant vertex v , incident with an edge e , then v must be in any locating dominating set S of $BG_2(G)$, where $S \subseteq V(G)$.

Proof: Let $S \subseteq V(G)$ be a locating dominating set not containing v . Let $e = uv \in E(G)$. Since S is a dominating set, it must contain u to dominate v . Now, if $S \subseteq V(G)$, then $N(v) \cap S = N(e) \cap S = \{u\}$, which is a contradiction to S as a locating dominating set. So, v must be in S .

Lemma: 2.3 Let G be a connected graph with $r(G) = 1$, $d(G) = 2$. Let $e(v) = 2$ in G . If $V(G) - \{v\}$ is a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$, then $d_G(v) \geq 3$.

Proof: Let $S = V(G) - \{v\}$ is a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$, Suppose degree of v in G is one, Then v is adjacent to u , where u is the only central vertex of G and $e_G(u) = 1$. Let $e = uv \in E(G)$. In $BG_2(G)$, $N(e) \cap S = N(v) \cap S = \{u\}$, which is a contradiction.

Suppose $d_G(v) = 2$.

Case: i $N_G(v) = \{u, x\}$, where $e_G(u) = e_G(x) = 1$.

In this case, $N_G(v) = \{u, x\}$ and let $e_1 = ux \in E(G)$. In $BG_2(G)$, $N(e_1) \cap S = \{u, x\}$ and $N(v) \cap S = \{u, x\}$, which is a contradiction.

Case: ii $N_G(v) = \{u, y\}$, where $e_G(u) = 1$ and $e_G(y) = 2$.

Let $e_2 = uy$. Again in $BG_2(G)$, $N(e_2) \cap S = \{u, y\}$ and $N(v) \cap S = \{u, y\}$, which is a contradiction. Hence $d_G(v) \geq 3$.

Lemma: 2.4 If G has a pendant edge e , incident with a vertex v , then e must be in any locating dominating set S of $BG_2(G)$, where $S \subseteq E(G)$.

Proof: Let $S \subseteq E(G)$ be a locating dominating set not containing e . Let $e = uv \in E(G)$, then S is not a dominating set and also $N(v) \cap S = \phi = N(u) \cap S$, which is a contradiction to S as a locating dominating set. So, e must be in S .

Theorem: 2.2 If G is a connected graph with $r(G) = 1$, $d(G) = 2$, Then $S = V(G) - \{v\}$ cannot be a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$ if $d_G(v) \leq 2$.

Proof: Proof follows from Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3.

Proposition: 2.1 Let G be a connected graph with $r(G) = 1$ and $d(G) = 2$. Let $S \subseteq E(G)$. If $G[S]$ has K_2 as a component then S is not a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$.

Proof: Let $e = uv \in S$ form a K_2 in $G[S]$. Then in $BG_2(G)$, $N(u) \cap S = N(v) \cap S = \{e\}$, which is a contradiction to S is a locating dominating set. This proves the result.

Proposition: 2.2 Let $S \subseteq V(G)$ and let $v \in S$ such that $e_1 = vx$ and $e_2 = vy \in E(G)$ and $x, y \notin S$, then S cannot be a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$.

Proof: In $BG_2(G)$, $N(e_1) \cap S = N(e_2) \cap S = \{v\}$, which is a contradiction to S as a locating dominating set, This proves the result.

Remark: 2.1 If $S \subseteq V(G)$ is a locating dominating set and if $v \in S$ such that $d(v) = m > 1$, then at least $(m - 1)$ neighbours of v is also in S .

Proposition: 2.3 Let G be a connected graph with $r(G) = 1$, $d(G) = 2$. Let v be a central vertex of G . Let $S \subseteq V(G)$ be a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$ containing a central vertex of G . Then $|S| = p - 1$.

Proof: Proof follows from the previous remark.

Theorem: 2.3 Let G be a graph with radius one. If there exists a γ_L -set S of $BG_2(G)$ such that $S \subseteq V(G)$, then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Proof: We know that $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq p - 1$. So, it is enough to prove that $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \not\leq p - 1$. Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ and let $v = v_1$ such that $e(v) = 1$. Suppose $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) < p - 1$. Then there exists at least two vertices $x, y \in V(G)$ such that $x, y \notin S$. Let $S = V(G) - \{x, y\}$.

Case: i Let $v \neq x, y, v \in S$. Let $e_1 = vx, e_2 = vy \in E(G)$, Then $N(e_1) \cap S = \{v\} = N(e_2) \cap S$ in $BG_2(G)$ which is a contradiction to S is a γ_L -Set. Hence $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \not\leq p - 1$. Similarly, if $S = V(G) - \{x, y, z\}$, $x, y, z \in V(G)$, then also, $N(e_x) \cap S = N(e_y) \cap S = N(e_z) \cap S = \{v\}$, which is a contradiction where $e_x = vx, e_y = vy, e_z = vz$. Hence $|S|$ must be $p - 1$.

Case: ii suppose S contains no central vertices. S has at least two vertices. Suppose $|S| < p - 1$, $V - S$ has at least two vertices. Also, $V - S$ contains atleast one central vertex. Suppose $V - S$ contains two central vertices v_1, v_2 . Then the line vertex $e = v_1v_2$ is not dominated by S in $BG_2(G)$. So, assume that $V - S$ contains exactly one central vertex v , Thus $v \notin S$ and G is a unicentral graph with radius one. Let $v, x \notin S$ such that $e_G(v) = 1$ and $e_G(x) = 2$. Then the edge $vx = e_1 \in E(G)$ is not dominated by S in $BG_2(G)$, which is again a contradiction. Hence, $|S| \not\leq p - 1 \Rightarrow |S| = p - 1$ and hence $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Remark: 2.2

(1) If G is a connected graph with radius one and has a unique central vertex v , then $V(G) - \{v\}$ is a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$.

- (2) If G is a connected graph with radius one and has more than one central vertex then any locating dominating set $S \subseteq V(G)$ of $BG_2(G)$ must contain a central vertex of G .
- (3) If G is a Graph with radius one and $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) < p - 1$, then every γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$ must contain line vertices.
- (4) There may exists graphs with radius one such that $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) < p - 1$.

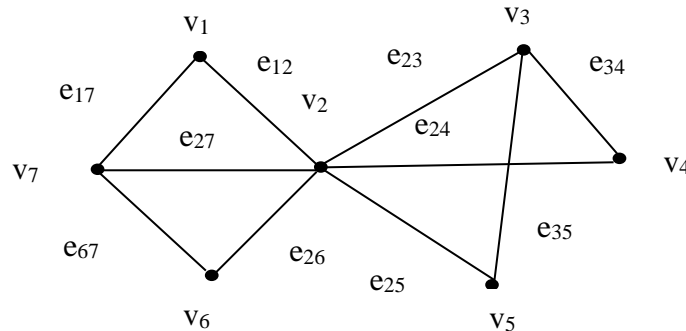


Figure: 2.1

Let G be a graph in Figure 2.1. $S \subseteq E(G)$ and $S = \{e_{17}, e_{25}, e_{35}, e_{34}, e_{67}\}$ form a minimum locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. Hence, $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 2$.

Theorem: 2.4 Let G be a disconnected graph without isolated vertices with components $G_1, G_2, G_3, \dots, G_n$ ($n \geq 2$) then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq \gamma_L(BG_2(G_1)) + \gamma_L(BG_2(G_2)) + \dots + \gamma_L(BG_2(G_n)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_L(BG_2(G_i))$.

Proof: Let S_i be γ_L -set of $BG_2(G_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then $S = \cup_{i=1}^n S_i$ is a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. Hence $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq |S| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_L(BG_2(G_i))$

Theorem: 2.5 If G is any one of $K_n, K_{1,n}$ and $K_{m,n}$ then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = \gamma_L(G)$.

Proof: Assume G is a connected graph with p vertices and S is the minimum locating dominating set of G . Let $A = S - N(u) = \phi$, where $u \notin S$.

(i) Let $G = K_n$. Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$. Then by Theorem 2.3, $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ is a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$. Also $\gamma_L(G) = p - 1$ by Theorem 1.2. Hence the proof follows.

(ii) If G is a star graph $K_{1,n}$ with $p = n + 1$ and by Theorem 2.3, $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$, then S is independent and S is a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$, $|S| = p - 1 = \gamma_L(BG_2(G))$, Also, $\gamma_L(K_{1,n}) = p - 1$ by Theorem 1.3. Therefore $\gamma_L(G) = \gamma_L(BG_2(G))$.

(iii) If $G = K_{m,n}$. Let $V(G) = V_1 \cup V_2$, $V_1 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$, $V_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$ and $u_i v_j = e_{ij}$; $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$; $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Then $S = \{e_{12}, e_{13}, \dots, e_{1n}, e_{22}, e_{31}, \dots, e_{m-1,1}, e_{mn}\}$ is the minimum locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$ containing $m + n - 2$ elements by Theorem 1.1. Also $\gamma_L(G) = m + n - 2$ by Theorem 1.4. Therefore, we get $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = \gamma_L(G)$.

Lemma: 2.5 Let G be any connected graph. Then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$ if and only if $G \in A'$, where A' is the set of all graphs $K_4, K_4 - e, W_3, K_{2,2}, P_4, P_5, C_n (n = 3, 4, 5), C_4 - e, C_5 - e, K_{1,3}, K_{1,3} + e, K_1 + K_1 + 2K_1 + K_1$.

Proof: If $G \in A'$ then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$. Conversely, assume that G is connected and S be the minimum locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$, with $|S| = 3$. Let $S = \{u, v, w\}$. The non - empty subsets of S are $\{u\}, \{v\}, \{w\}, \{u, v\}, \{u, w\}, \{v, w\}$ and $\{u, v, w\}$. Since, $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$, for any two vertices $x, y \in V(BG_2(G)) - S$, $N(x) \cap S \neq N(y) \cap S \neq \phi$. Since $N(x) \cap S$ and $N(y) \cap S$ are any one of the seven distinct sets, $BG_2(G)$ is a graph which contain at most ten vertices. Hence $|V(G)| = p \leq 5$, since if $|V(G)| \geq 6$, number of vertices of $BG_2(G)$ is greater than ten. Among the connected graphs with $p \leq 5$ the following are the graphs with $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$. $K_4, K_4 - e, W_3, K_{2,2}, P_4, P_5, C_n (n = 3, 4, 5), C_4 - e, C_5 - e, K_{1,3}, K_{1,3} + e, K_1 + K_1 + 2K_1 + K_1$.

Lemma: 2.6 Let G be any disconnected graph. Then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$ if and only if G is any one of the following graphs $K_{1,2} \cup K_2$ and $2K_2$.

Proof: If $G = K_{1,2} \cup K_2$ or $2K_2$ then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$. Conversely, Assume G is a disconnected graph and S be the minimum locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$ with $|S| = 3$. Let $S = \{u, v, w\}$. The non-empty subsets of S are $\{u\}, \{v\}, \{w\}, \{u, v\}, \{u, w\}, \{v, w\}$ and $\{u, v, w\}$. Since, $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$, for any two vertices $x, y \in V(BG_2(G)) - S$, $N(x) \cap S \neq N(y) \cap S \neq \phi$. Since $N(x) \cap S$ and $N(y) \cap S$ are any one of the seven distinct sets, $BG_2(G)$ is a graph which contain at most ten vertices. If $p > 6, p + q > 10$. Hence $p \leq 6$. Among the disconnected graphs with $p \leq 6$, having no isolated vertices $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$ for $K_{1,2} \cup K_2$ or $2K_2$.

Theorem: 2.6 Let G be any graph. Then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$ if and only if G is any one of the following graphs $K_4, K_4 - e, W_3, K_{2,2}, P_4, P_5, C_n (n = 3, 4, 5), C_4 - e, C_5 - e, K_{1,3}, K_{1,3} + e, K_1 + K_1 + 2K_1 + K_1, K_{1,2} \cup K_2$ or $2K_2$.

Proof: Proof follows from the Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.6.

Corollary: 2.6.1 Let G be any connected graph then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$ and any γ_L -set contains only point vertices if and only if $G \in A'$, where A' is the set of all graphs $K_4, K_4 - e, W_3, K_{1,3}, K_{1,3} + e, C_3$.

Proof: Proof follows from Theorem 2.6.

Corollary: 2 Let G be any connected graph then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = 3$ and any γ_L -set contains only line vertices or point vertices and line vertices if and only if $G \in A'$, where A' is any one of the following graphs $P_4, P_5, C_4 - e, C_5 - e, C_n (n = 3, 4, 5), K_{1,2} \cup K_2, 2K_2$.

Proof: Proof follows from Theorem 2.6.

Theorem: 2.7 Let G be a connected graph with non-adjacent vertices $v_1, v_p \in V(G)$ such that $d_G(v_1) = p - 2$ and $d_G(v_p) = 1$. If $BG_2(G)$ has a γ_L -set S such that $S \subseteq V(G)$, then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Proof: $d_G(v_1) = p - 2$. Let $N_G(v_1) = \{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{p-1}\}$, Since G is connected v_p is adjacent to some $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq p - 1$. Let $N_G(v_p) = \{v_2\}$, assuming $d_G(v_2) < p - 1$ and G is a graph with radius two and diameter three. Let S be a γ_L -set of $BG_2(G)$ such that $S \subseteq V(G)$, We know that $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq p - 1$. Hence $|S| \leq p - 1$. Since v_p is a pendant vertex in G , v_p must be in S by Lemma 2.2.

Case: i $v_2 \notin S$. We claim that all other point vertices are in S . If $v_1 \notin S$, for $e_{12} = v_1v_2 \in E(G)$ in $BG_2(G)$, $N(e_{12}) \cap S = \phi$ which is a contradiction to S is a dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. Hence v_1 must be in S . Thus $v_1, v_p \in S$ and $v_2 \notin S$, Again if there exists any other $v_i \in V(G)$ such that $v_i \notin S$ let $e_i = v_1v_i \in E(G)$ and $e_2 = v_1v_2 \in E(G)$. Then in $BG_2(G)$, $N(e_2) \cap S = N(e_i) \cap S = \{v_1\}$, which is a contradiction to S is a locating dominating set. Hence $S = V(G) - \{v_2\}$, This implies that $|S| = p - 1$. That is, $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Case: ii $v_2 \in S$. Vertices v_2 and $v_p \in S$. Let $e_2 = v_1v_2, e = v_2v_p \in E(G)$. If $v_1 \notin S$, then in $BG_2(G)$, $N(e_2) \cap S = N(e) \cap S = \{v_2\}$, which is a contradiction to S is a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. Hence $v_1 \in S$. So, v_1, v_2 and $v_p \in S$. But we know that $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) \leq p - 1$. Hence there exists a vertex $v_i, 3 \leq i \leq p - 1$ such that $v_i \notin S$. If there exists any other $v_j \notin S, 3 \leq j \leq p - 1, i \neq j$ then in $BG_2(G)$, $N(e_i) \cap S = N(e_j) \cap S = \{v_1\}$ where $e_i = v_1v_i, e_j = v_1v_j \in E(G)$, which is again a contradiction. Hence $|S| = p - 1, \gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Remark: 2.3

If G is a connected graph with adjacent vertices v_1 and v_p such that $d_G(v_1) = p - 2$ and $d_G(v_p) = 1$, then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G))$ need not be $p - 1$, where $S \subseteq V(G) \cup E(G)$.

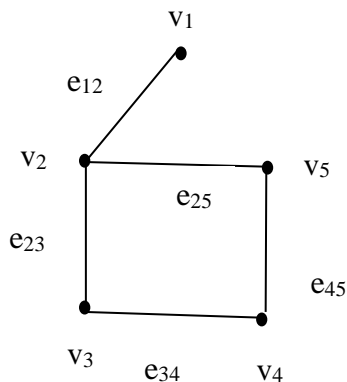


Figure: 2.2

In Figure 2.2, Let G be a connected graph with adjacent vertices v_1 and v_2 such that $d_G(v_1) = 1, d_G(v_2) = 3$ then $S = \{v_4, v_5, e_{12}\}$ forms a minimum locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. Hence $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 2$.

Corollary to Theorem: 1.12 If G is a connected graph with atleast $(p - 2)$ pendant vertices then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Proof: G has either $p - 1$ or $p - 2$ pendant vertices. Hence G is either a star or a double star. By Theorems 1.3 and 1.5 in both the cases $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Theorem: 2.8 If there exists an edge $e \in E(G)$ such that e is adjacent to all other edges of G then $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$.

Proof: By the given condition either $G = K_{1,n}$, double star $\overline{K_m} + K_1 + K_1 + \overline{K_n}$ or G is of the following type:

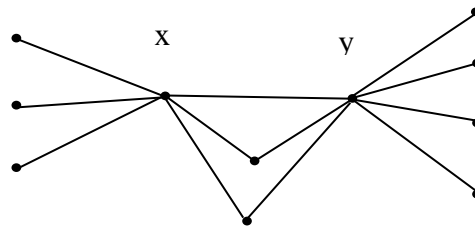


Figure: 2.3

If G is a star or double star $\gamma_L(BG_2(G)) = p - 1$ by Theorems 1.3 and 1.5. So it is enough to prove the result for the graph in Figure 2.3 only. Let $e = xy$ be the edge in G , which is adjacent to all other edges of G . Let $S \subseteq V(G) \cup E(G)$ be the locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$.

Case: i $S \subseteq V(G)$. Since $S \subseteq V(G)$, all the pendant vertices of G are in S by Lemma 2.2. Suppose $z \in V(G)$ such that z is adjacent to both x and y in G . let $e_1 = xz$, $e_2 = yz \in E(G)$. Suppose $z \notin S$. Then x and y must be in S to dominate e_1 and e_2 in $BG_2(G)$. In this case, $N(e_1) \cap S = N(z) \cap S = \{x\}$ and $N(e_2) \cap S = N(z) \cap S = \{y\}$ which is again a contradiction to S is a locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$. So z must be in S and to dominate $e = xy$ in $BG_2(G)$, x or y must be in S . Hence $S = V(G) - \{x\}$ or $S = V(G) - \{y\}$, So $|S| = p - 1$.

Case: ii $S \subseteq E(G)$. S must contain all the line vertices which are pendant edges in G . Consider $e = xy \in E(G)$. The line vertex e is not adjacent to any other line vertices in $BG_2(G)$. Hence e must be in S by Theorem 2.1. Now, consider $e_1 = xz$, $e_2 = yz \in E(G)$. To dominate z in $BG_2(G)$, any one of e_1 or e_2 must be in S . Thus, we see that S is a set of edges which form a spanning tree of G and S contains $p - 1$ line vertices of $BG_2(G)$ by Theorem 1.6. This implies that $|S| = p - 1$.

Case: iii S contains both point and line vertices. S must contain pendant vertices of G or the pendant edges of G . Let $N(x)$ contains m pendant vertices and $N(y)$ contains n pendant vertices and let k vertices are adjacent to both x and y .

Therefore $p = m + n + 2 + k$ then $|S| = m + n + k + 1 = p - 1$ -----I.

In G , e is adjacent to all other edges. Hence in $BG_2(G)$, e is adjacent to x and y only. Hence any one of x, y, e is in S . ----- II.

Case: i Let $x \in S$ (or $y \in S$). Now, consider $z \in V(G)$ which is adjacent to both x and y in G . Suppose z and line vertices incident with z are not in S . Consider z and $e = xy$. In $BG_2(G)$, $N(z) \cap S = x = N(e) \cap S$. so z or e must be in S . -----III.

Case: ii $e \in S$, If $e \in S$ and $x, y \notin S$, z is not dominated by S .

Sub case: i z be the only vertex adjacent to both x and y . So at least one of $z, e_1 = xz, e_2 = yz, N(e_1) \cap S = N(e_2) \cap S = \phi$. x and y must be in S . -----IV.

Sub case: ii If there exists more than one vertex adjacent to both x and y . Let $z_1, z_2 \in V(G)$ such that $e_1 = xz_1, e_1' = yz_1, e_2 = xz_2, e_2' = yz_2 \in E(G)$. If z_1, z_2 and the incident edges are not in S then $N(e_1) \cap S = N(e_2) \cap S$ or $N(e_1') \cap S = N(e_2') \cap S$. So, among z_1, e_1, e_1' any one must be in S .----- V.

From I, II, III, IV and V, it is clear that $|S| = p - 1$, This proves the result.

Theorem: 2.9 If G has a pendant vertex v , which is adjacent to the central vertex u and incident with an edge $e = uv$, then v or e must be in any locating dominating set of $BG_2(G)$.

Proof: Proof follows from Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.4.

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