



# The Split Majority Domatic Number of a Graph

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be any simple finite graph. A subset  $D$  of  $V(G)$  is said to be Split Majority Dominating set of  $G$  if  $|N[D]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and the induced subgraph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is disconnected. A split majority dominating set  $D$  is said to be minimal if there exists a vertex  $v$  of  $V$  such that  $D - \{v\}$  is not a split majority dominating set of  $G$ . The Split Majority Domatic Number denoted by  $d_{sm}(G)$  is the maximum number of disjoint minimal split majority dominating sets obtained for a graph  $G$ . In this article, we have initiated the study of this concept.

## Introduction

Let  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  be any simple finite graph with  $|V(G)| = p$  and  $|E(G)| = q$ . With usual notations, the degree of a vertex  $v$ , the maximum and the minimum degree of a graph  $G$  are denoted by  $d(v)$ ,  $\Delta(G)$  and  $\delta(G)$  respectively.

A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a dominating set [2] of  $G$  if for every vertex  $v$  in  $V - D$  there exists at least one vertex  $u$  in  $D$  such that  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent in  $G$ . A Dominating set  $D$  is said to be minimal if for some vertex  $v$  of  $G$ ,  $D - \{v\}$  is not a dominating set. The minimum cardinality of a minimal dominating set is called the domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ .

A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a majority dominating set [3] of  $G$  if at least half of the vertices of  $G$  are either in  $D$  or adjacent to the vertices of  $D$ . i.e)  $|N[D]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ . A majority Dominating set  $D$  is said to be minimal if for some vertex  $v$  of  $G$ ,  $D - \{v\}$  is not a majority dominating set. The minimum cardinality of a minimal majority dominating set is called the majority domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $M(G)$ . This parameter was defined by Swaminathan and Joseline Manora.

A Dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a split dominating set [8] if the induced subgraph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is disconnected. With usual inferences, the minimum cardinality of minimal split dominating set is denoted by  $s(G)$ . This parameter was introduced by Kulli and Janakiram.

A subset  $D$  of  $V(G)$  is said to be Split Majority Dominating set [5] of  $G$  if  $|N[D]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and the induced subgraph  $\langle V - D \rangle$  is disconnected. As usual, the minimum cardinality of minimal split majority dominating set is called split majority domination number of a graph denoted by  $\gamma_{sm}(G)$ . This parameter was defined and studied by Joseline Manora and Veeramanikandan.

A partition  $\Delta$  of its vertex set  $V(G)$  is called a domatic partition of  $G$  if each class of  $\Delta$  is a dominating set in  $G$ . The maximum number of classes of a domatic partition of  $G$  is called the domatic number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $d(G)$ . The domatic number was introduced by Cockayne and Hedetniemi. In a similar fashion, a majority domatic partition of a graph  $G$  was introduced and each class of it is a majority dominating set in  $G$ . The maximum number of classes of a majority domatic partition of  $G$  is called the majority domatic number [4] and is denoted by  $d_M(G)$ . This parameter was introduced by Swaminathan and Joseline Manora.

## 2 Split Majority Domatic Number of a Graph

In this section, we define Split Majority Domatic Number of a graph  $G$  and this number  $d_{sm}(G)$  is determined for some families of graphs.

### Definition 2.1

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the family of all disjoint minimal split majority dominating sets of  $G$ . The split majority domatic number of a graph  $G$  is defined to be the maximum number of disjoint minimal split majority dominating sets of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $d_{sm}(G)$ .

### Remark 2.2

In this article, we consider only the family of disjoint minimal split majority dominating sets of  $G$  rather than the partition of vertices of  $G$ . The reason is that there are some vertices that are not the elements of any minimal split majority dominating set  $D$  of  $G$  since the definition of split majority dominating set is violated when these vertices are included in any set  $D$ .

### 2.1 $d_{sm}(G)$ for some families of graphs

1. For  $G = \overline{K_p}$ , a totally disconnected graph.

$$d_{sm}(\overline{K_p}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \text{ is odd} \\ 2 & \text{if } p \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

3. If  $G$  is a star  $K_{1,p-1}$ ,  $p \geq 3$ . Then  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

4. Suppose  $G$  being double star  $D_{r,s}$ ,  $p = r + s + 2$ . Then  $d_{sm}(G) = 2$ .

5. For  $G = C_p$ ,  $p \geq 3$ . Then  $d_{sm}(G) = 3$ .

6. If  $G$  is a complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ ,  $m \leq n$ ,  $d_{sm}(G) = 2$ .

7. Let  $G$  be a Petersen graph. Then  $d_{sm}(G) = 2$ .

8. Suppose  $G$  is a fan  $F_p$ ,  $p \geq 4$ . Then  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

### 3 Main Results on $d_{sm}(G)$ .

#### Theorem 3.1

If  $G$  has a full degree vertex,  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

#### Proof

Suppose  $G$  has a full degree vertex  $v$ . If  $v$  is a cut vertex then  $D = \{v\}$  is a split majority dominating set of  $G$ . Assume that there exists another split majority dominating set  $S$  of  $G$ . Then  $S$  must contain  $v$ . If not,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is connected, a contradiction. Therefore  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ . If  $v$  is not a cut vertex,  $\gamma_{sm}(G) \geq 2$  and  $v$  is in every split majority dominating set of  $G$ . Applying the same argument as above, we get a contradiction. Therefore  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

#### Theorem 3.2

If every vertex of a graph is such that  $d(v) > \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$  then  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

#### Proof

Suppose  $\delta(G) > \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Then every vertex is a majority dominating vertex. Let  $D$  be a minimum split majority dominating set of  $G$ . Then  $\gamma_{sm}(G) \geq \delta(G)$ . That is  $|D| > \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ . This implies that  $D$  contains at least one vertex more than  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$  vertices. Then  $|V - D| < \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$  implying that  $V - D$  is not a majority dominating set. Therefore there exists only one split majority dominating set for  $G$  and hence  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

#### Theorem 3.3

For any graph  $G$ ,  $1 \leq d_{sm}(G) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$

#### Proof

If  $G$  has a full degree vertex then the lower bound is attained. When  $\delta(G) > \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$  then  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ . Consider a minimally connected graph  $G$ , namely a tree  $T$ . If  $T$  has exactly two end vertices then it is a path  $P_p$ . When  $p \leq 6$ , then every intermediate vertex is a split majority dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $d_{sm}(G) = 4 \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$ . Suppose  $p > 7$ . Then  $\gamma_{sm}(G) \geq 2$  but

$d_{sm}(G) < \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$  then only intermediate vertices constitute split majority dominating sets of  $G$  and  $d_{sm}(G) < \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Thus

$$1 \leq d_{sm}(G) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + 1.$$

#### Proposition 3.4

If  $G$  is any graph with  $diam(G) = 2$  then  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

#### Proof

Suppose  $G$  is a graph with  $diam(G) = 2$ . Let  $v$  be the center of the graph  $G$ . If  $D$  is the minimal split majority dominating set of a graph  $G$  and containing the vertex  $v$  then no other minimal split majority dominating set is obtained without  $v$ . Therefore there exists only one split majority dominating set of  $G$ . Thus  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$ .

#### Proposition 3.5

For a tree  $T$  with  $diam(T) = 3$ ,  $d_{sm}(G) = 2$ .

#### Proof

Suppose  $T$  is a tree with  $diam(T) = 3$ . Since every tree has at least two end vertices. If  $diam(T) = 3$  then  $T$  is a double star  $D_{r,s}$  or  $P_4$  or pendants adjacent to intermediate vertices. If  $T$  is  $D_{r,s}$  or  $P_4$ ,  $d_{sm}(G) = 2$ . If pendants are adjacent to intermediate vertices,  $d_{sm}(G) = 2$ .

#### Theorem 3.6

Let  $G = P_p$  be a path on  $p$  vertices,  $p > 4$ ,  $d_{sm}(P_p) = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)}$  if and only if  $p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, \dots$

#### Proof

Let  $P_p = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  be a path on  $p$  vertices and  $\gamma_{sm}(P_p) = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor$ .

Suppose  $p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25$ . Then  $\gamma_{sm}(G) = 2, 2, 3, 4, 5$ . It is clear that  $\gamma_{sm}(G)$  divides  $p$ . When  $p = 8, d_{sm}(P_8) = 4$ . When  $p = 6k + 2$ . Then  $\frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = 4$  if  $k = 1$ . Hence  $d_M(P_8) = 4 = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)}$ . Therefore split majority domatic partition of  $P_8$  is  $\{\{u_1, u_5\}, \{u_2, u_6\}, \{u_3, u_7\}, \{u_4, u_8\}\}$ .

Let  $p = 10, 15, 20, 25$ . Then  $d_{sm}(P_p) = 5$ .

When  $p = 10$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 4$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 1$ .

When  $p = 15$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 3$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 2$ .

When  $p = 20$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 2$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 3$ .

When  $p = 25$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 1$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 4$ .

Therefore the split majority domatic partitions of  $V(P_p)$  are

$$D_1 = \left\{ u_1, u_6, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 1} \right\}, D_2 = \left\{ u_2, u_7, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 2} \right\},$$

$$D_3 = \left\{ u_3, u_8, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 3} \right\}, D_4 = \left\{ u_4, u_9, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 4} \right\},$$

$$D_5 = \left\{ u_5, u_{10}, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 5} \right\}, \quad \text{In all cases, } \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = 5 = d_{sm}(P_p) \text{ if } p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25.$$

Conversely let  $d_{sm}(P_p) = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)}$ . Suppose  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ . Then  $d_{sm}(P_p) =$

5. But  $d_{sm}(P_p) = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)}$  implies that  $d_{sm}(P_p) = 6$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $p \not\equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

Suppose  $p \equiv 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \pmod{6}$ . Let  $p = 6k + 1, 1 \leq l \leq 5$ . Then  $\gamma_{sm}(G) = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor = k + 1$  and

$\frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = \frac{6k+1}{k+1} = m(\text{say}), m \neq 0$ . It implies that  $k = \frac{m-1}{6-m}$ . If  $m-1 > 0$  and  $6-m > 0$  then  $l < m < 6$ .

Take  $l = 1$ . Then  $m = 2, 3, 4, 5$ .  $k = \frac{m-1}{6-m}$ . Then

$$k = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } m = 2 \\ \frac{2}{3} & \text{if } m = 3 \\ \frac{3}{2} & \text{if } m = 4 \\ \frac{4}{1} & \text{if } m = 5. \end{cases}$$

Hence  $k = 4$  is an integer if  $l = 1$ . Therefore for  $k = 4$  and  $l = 1$  implies  $p = 6k + 1 = 25$ . In a similar way, take

$l = 2$ . Then  $m = 3, 4, 5$ .  $k = \frac{m-1}{6-m} = 1$  is an integer if  $m = 4$  and  $k = 3$  if  $m = 5$ . Therefore for  $k = 1$  and  $l = 2$

implies  $p = 6k + 1 = 8$  and for  $k = 3$  and  $l = 2$  implies  $p = 6k + 1 = 20$ .

Take  $l = 3$ . Then  $m = 4, 5$ .  $k = \frac{m-1}{6-m} = 2$  is an integer if  $m = 5$ . For  $k = 2$  and  $l = 3$  implies  $p = 6k + 1 = 15$ .

Take  $l = 4$ . Then  $m = 5$ .  $k = \frac{m-1}{6-m} = 1$  is an integer if  $m = 5$ . For  $k = 1$  and  $l = 4$  implies  $p = 6k + 1 = 10$ .

Take  $l = 5$ . Then  $m = 5$ . Then there is no integer value for  $k$ . Hence,  $p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25$  if  $d_{sm}(P_p) = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)}$ .

### Theorem 3.7

Let  $G = C_p$  be a cycle on  $p$  vertices,  $p > 4$ . Then  $d_{sm}(C_p) = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)}$  if and only if  $p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25$ . or  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

### Proof

Let  $C_p = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  be a cycle on  $p$  vertices. Then  $\gamma_{sm}(C_p) = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor$ . Suppose  $p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25$ , then  $\gamma_{sm}(G) = 2, 2, 3, 4, 5$  and suppose  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  then  $\gamma_{sm}(C_p) = \frac{6k}{6} = k$ . It is clear that  $\gamma_{sm}(G)$  divides  $p$ . When

$p = 8, d_{sm}(P_8) = 4$ . When  $p = 6k + 2$ , then  $\frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = 4$ .

If  $k = 1$ . Hence  $d_{sm}(C_8) = 4 = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)}$ . Therefore a split majority domatic partition of  $C_8$  is

$\{\{u_1, u_5\}, \{u_2, u_6\}, \{u_3, u_7\}, \{u_4, u_8\}\}$ .

Let  $p = 10, 15, 20, 25$ . Then  $d_{sm}(C_p) = 5$ .

When  $p = 10$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 4$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 1$ .

When  $p = 15$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 3$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 2$ .

When  $p = 20$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 2$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 3$ .

When  $p = 25$ , (i. e.)  $p = 6k + 1$ , then  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor = 5$  if  $k = 4$ . Therefore the split majority domatic partitions of  $V(C_p)$  are

$$D_1 = \left\{ u_1, u_6, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 1} \right\}, D_2 = \left\{ u_2, u_7, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 2} \right\},$$

$$D_3 = \left\{ u_3, u_8, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 3} \right\}, D_4 = \left\{ u_4, u_9, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 4} \right\},$$

$$D_5 = \left\{ u_5, u_{10}, \dots, u_{(\gamma_{sm}(G)-1)\left\lfloor \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} \right\rfloor + 5} \right\}.$$

In all cases,  $\frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = 5 = d_{sm}(C_p)$  if  $p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25$ . Let  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ . Then  $d_{sm}(C_p) = 6$ . Let  $p = 6k$ .

Then  $\frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = 6$  since  $\gamma_{sm}(G) = \frac{p}{6} = k$ . Therefore  $\{D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4, D_5, D_6\}$  are the split majority domatic partitions of  $V(G)$  Hence  $\frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = 6 = d_{sm}(C_p)$  if  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ .

Conversely, let  $d_{sm}(C_p) = \frac{p}{\gamma_{sm}(G)} = \left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor$ . Therefore  $p = d_{sm}(C_p) \left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor$ . (i.e.)  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor$  divides  $p$ . If  $p \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$ , then

$p = 6k$  and  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor = k$ . Thus  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{6} \right\rfloor$  divides  $p$ .

Suppose  $p = 6k + 1$ ,  $i \leq l \leq 5$ . Applying the same argument in the converse part of the theorem, we obtain the values as  $p = 8, 10, 15, 20, 25$ .

Next, We discuss the split majority domatic number for complement of a graph  $G$  and Nordhaus-Gaundum type results.

### Proposition 3.8

If  $G$  has a full degree vertex and all other vertices are of degree less than  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$  then  $d_{sm}(\bar{G}) = p - 1$ .

### Proof

Suppose  $G$  has a full degree vertex and all other vertices are of degree less than  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Then  $G$  has an isolate and all other vertices are of degree greater than or equal to  $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

Then every vertex except the isolate constitutes a majority dominating set of  $\bar{G}$ . Since  $\bar{G}$  has an isolate  $v$ , every majority dominating set of  $\bar{G}$  is split majority dominating set of  $\bar{G}$ . Thus  $d_{sm} = p - 1$ .

### Theorem 3.9

For any graph  $G$ ,  $d_{sm}(G) + d_{sm}(\bar{G}) \leq p + 2$  and  $d_{sm}(G) \cdot d_{sm}(\bar{G}) \leq 2p$ .

### Proof

If  $G$  has a full degree vertex  $v$ , then  $d_{sm}(G) = 1$  and  $\bar{G}$  has an isolate  $v$ . Suppose  $\delta(G) \geq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ . Then there exists atleast one vertex  $v$  in  $\bar{G}$  such that  $d(v) < \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ . In this case, there exists a minimal split majority dominating set of  $\bar{G}$  with cardinality greater than or equal to two. Therefore  $d_{sm}(\bar{G}) \leq p - 1$  and  $d_{sm}(G) + d_{sm}(\bar{G}) \leq p$ . suppose  $G$  is a complete bipartite graph with  $m = n$ . Then  $\bar{G}$  has two components and each vertex  $v$  of  $\bar{G}$  constitutes a split majority dominating set of  $\bar{G}$ . Therefore  $d_{sm}(\bar{G}) = p$  and  $d - sm(G) = 2$ . In this case,  $d - sm(G) + d_{sm}(\bar{G}) \leq p + 2$ . We prove the another result in the similar fashion.

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