

The Upper Total Edge Monophonic Number Of A Graph

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ABSTRACT

A set M of vertices of a connected graph G is a monophonic set if every vertex of G lies on an x - y monophonic path for some elements x and y in M . The minimum cardinality of a monophonic set of G is the monophonic number of G , and is denoted by $m(G)$. A monophonic set of cardinality $m(G)$ is called a m -set of G . Any monophonic set of order $m(G)$ is a minimum monophonic set of G . An edge monophonic set M in a connected graph G is called a minimal edge monophonic set if no proper subset of M is a edge monophonic set of G . The total edge monophonic set M of a graph G is a edge monophonic set M such that the subgraph induced by M has no isolated vertices, and is denoted by $em_t(G)$. The upper total edge monophonic set of a graph G is a minimal total edge monophonic set M such that the subgraph induced by M has no isolated vertices. The upper total edge monophonic number is the maximum cardinality of a minimal total edge monophonic set of G , and is denoted by $em_t^+(G)$. The upper total edge monophonic number of some connected graphs are realized. It is proved that for any integers, a , b and c such that $2 \leq a \leq b < c$, there exist a connected graph G with $em(G)=a$, $em^+(G)=b$ and $em_t^+(G)=c$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

By a graph $G = (V, E)$ we mean a simple graph of order at least two. The order and size of G are denoted by p and q , respectively. For basic graph theoretic terminology, we refer to Harary [2]. The neighborhood of a vertex v is the set $N(v)$ consisting of all vertices u which are adjacent with v . The closed neighborhood of a vertex v is the set $M[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$. A vertex v is an extreme vertex if the sub graph induced by its neighbors is complete. A vertex v is a semi-extreme vertex of G if the sub graph induced by its neighbors has a full degree vertex in $N(v)$. In particular, every extreme vertex is a semi - extreme vertex and a semi - extreme vertex need not be an extreme vertex.

For any two vertices x and y in a connected graph G , the distance $d(x, y)$ is the length of a shortest x - y path in G . An x - y path of length $d(x, y)$ is called an x - y geodesic. A vertex v is said to lie on an x - y geodesic P if v is a vertex of P including the vertices x and y . The geodesic number of a graph was introduced in [4]. The eccentricity $e(v)$ of a vertex v in G is the maximum distance from v and a vertex of G . The minimum eccentricity among the vertices of G is the radius, $rad(G)$ or $r(G)$ and the maximum eccentricity is its diameter, $diamG$ of G .

A chord of a path u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k in G is an edge $u_i u_j$ with $j \geq i + 2$. A u - v path P is called a monophonic path if it is a chordless path. A set M of vertices is a monophonic set if every vertex of G lies on a monophonic path joining some pair of vertices in M , and the minimum cardinality of a monophonic set of G is the monophonic number of G , and is denoted by $m(G)$. The monophonic number of a graph G was studied in [9]. A monophonic set M in a connected graph G is called a minimal monophonic set if no proper subset of M is a monophonic set

of G . The upper monophonic number $m^+(G)$ of G is the maximum cardinality of a minimal monophonic set of G . The upper monophonic number of a graph G was studied in [8]. A set M of vertices of a graph G is an edge monophonic set if every edge of G lies on an $x - y$ monophonic path for some elements x and y in M . The minimum cardinality of an edge monophonic set of G is the edge monophonic number of G , denoted by $em(G)$. The edge monophonic number of a graph was introduced and studied in [6]. A total edge monophonic set of a graph G is an edge monophonic set M such that the subgraph induced by M has no isolated vertices. The minimum cardinality of a total edge monophonic set of G is the total edge monophonic number, denoted by $em_t(G)$. The total edge monophonic number of a graph G was studied in [1]. An edge monophonic set M in a connected graph G is called a minimal edge monophonic set if no proper subset of M is an edge monophonic set of G . The upper edge monophonic number $em^+(G)$ of G is the maximum cardinality of a minimal edge monophonic set of G . The upper edge monophonic number of a graph G was studied in [7]. The upper total edge monophonic set of a graph G is a minimal total edge monophonic set M such that the subgraph induced by M has no isolated vertices. The upper total edge monophonic number is the maximum cardinality of a minimal total edge monophonic set of G , and is denoted by $em_t^+(G)$.

The following Theorems will be used in the sequel.

Theorem 1.1[6]: Each simplicial vertex of G belongs to every edge monophonic set of G .

Theorem 1.2[7]: No cut vertex of G belongs to any minimal edge monophonic set of G .

Theorem 1.3[9]: Each extreme vertex of a connected graph G belongs to every edge monophonic set of G .

Theorem 1.4[9]: Let G be a connected graph with diameter d . Then $m(G) \leq p - d + 1$.

Theorem 1.5[8]: Let G be a connected graph with cut vertices and M be a minimal monophonic set of G . If v is a cut vertex of G , then every component of $G - v$ contains an element of M .

Theorem 1.6 [1]: Let G be a connected graph with cut vertices and M be total edge monophonic set of G . If v is a cut vertex of G , then every component of $G - v$ contains an element of M .

Throughout this paper G denotes a connected graph with at least two vertices.

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Definition 2.1:

The total edge monophonic set M in a connected graph G is called a minimal total edge monophonic set if no proper subset of M is a total edge monophonic set of G . The upper total edge monophonic number $em_t^+(G)$ is the maximum cardinality of a minimal total edge monophonic set of G .

Example 2.2: For the graph G given in figure 2.1, $M_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}$ is the only minimum edge monophonic set of G , so that $m(G) = 2$. $M_2 = \{v_1, v_3, v_4\}$ is the minimum total edge monophonic set of G , so that $em_t(G) = 3$. The set $M_3 = \{v_2, v_4, v_5\}$ is the only minimal edge monophonic set of G , so that $em^+(G) = 3$. $M_4 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ is the total edge monophonic set of G and it is clear that no proper subset of M_4 is a total edge monophonic set of G , and so M_4 is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G so that $em_t^+(G) \geq 4$. It is easily verified that no five elements set of G is the total edge monophonic set of G . Hence it follows that $em_t^+(G) = 4$.

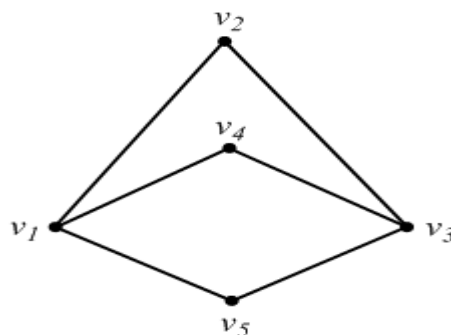


Figure: 2.1

Remark 2.3: Every minimum total edge monophonic set of G is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G and the converse is not true. For the graph G given in Figure 2.1, $M_4 = \{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5\}$ is a minimal total edge monophonic set but not a minimum total edge monophonic set of G .

Theorem 2.4: For any connected graph G , $2 \leq em_t(G) \leq em_t^+(G) \leq p$

Proof: Any total edge monophonic set needs at least 2 vertices and so $em_t(G) \geq 2$. Since every minimal total edge monophonic set is the total edge monophonic set, $em_t(G) \leq em_t^+(G)$. Also since $V(G)$ is the total edge monophonic set of G , it is clear that $em_t^+(G) \leq p$. Thus $2 \leq em_t(G) \leq em_t^+(G) \leq p$.

Theorem 2.5: For any connected graph G , $em_t(G) = p$ if and only if $em_t^+(G) = p$

Proof: If $em_t(G) = p$, then $M = V(G)$ is the unique minimal total edge monophonic set of G . Since no proper subset of M is the total edge monophonic set, it is clear that M is the unique minimal total edge monophonic set of G and so $em_t^+(G) = p$. The converse part follows from Theorem 2.4.

Theorem 2.6 : For the complete graph $K_p(p \geq 2)$, $em_t^+(K_p) = em^+(K_p) = p$.

Proof : Since every vertex of the complete graph K_p ($p \geq 2$) is an extreme vertex, the vertex set of K_p is the unique monophonic set and the minimal total edge monophonic set contains all the vertices. Thus $em^+(K_p) = em_t^+(K_p) = p$.

Theorem 2.7: Let G be a connected graph of order p with $em_t(G) = p-1$. Then $em_t^+(G) = p-1$.

Proof: Since $em_t(G) = p-1$, it follows from Theorem 2.4, $em_t^+(G) = p$ or $p-1$. If $em_t^+(G) = p$, then by Theorem 2.5, $em_t(G) = p$, which is a contradiction. Hence $em_t^+(G) = p-1$.

Theorem 2.8 : For a connected graph G of order p , the following are equivalent:

- i. $em_t^+(G) = p$
- ii. $em(G) = p$
- iii. $G = K_p$

Proof : (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $em_t^+(G) = p$. Then $M = V(G)$ is the unique minimal total edge monophonic set of G . Since no proper subset of M is a edge monophonic set, it is clear that M is the unique minimum total edge monophonic set of G and so $em(G) = p$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Let $em(G) = p$. If $G \neq K_p$, then by theorem 1.2, $m(G) \leq p-1$, which is a contradiction. Therefore $G = K_p$.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Let $G = K_p$. Then by Theorem 2.5, $em_t^+(G) = p$.

Theorem 2.9 : Let G be a connected graph with cut vertices and M be a minimal monophonic set of G . If v is a cut vertex of G , Then every component of $G-v$ contains some vertices of M .

Proof: Since every minimal total edge monophonic set is also a total edge monophonic set, the result follows from Theorem 1.5 and Theorem 1.6.

Theorem 2.10: For any connected graph G , no cut vertex of G belongs to any minimal total edge monophonic set of G .

Proof : Let M be a minimal total edge monophonic set of G and $v \in M$ be any vertex. We claim that v is not a cut vertex of G . Suppose that v is a cut vertex of G . Let G_1, G_2, \dots, G_r ($r \geq 2$) be the components of $G-v$. By theorem 2.9, each component G_i , ($1 \leq i \leq r$) contains an element of M . Let $M_1 = M - \{v\}$. Let uv be an edge of G which lies on a monophonic path P joining a pair of vertices u and v of M . Assume without loss of generality that $u \in G_1$. Since v is adjacent to atleast one vertex of each G_i ($1 \leq i \leq r$), assume that v is adjacent to z in G_k , $k \neq 1$. Since M is an edge monophonic set, vz lies on a monophonic path Q joining v and a vertex w of M such that w must necessarily belongs to G_k . Thus $w \neq v$. Now, since v is a cut vertex of G , $P \cup Q$ is a path joining u and w in M and thus the edge uv lies on this monophonic path joining two vertices of M_1 . Hence it follows that every edge of G lies on a monophonic path joining two vertices of M_1 , which shows that M_1 is a edge monophonic set of G . Since $M_1 \subsetneq M$, this contradicts the fact that M is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G . Hence $v \notin M$, so that no cut vertex of G belongs to any minimal total edge monophonic set of G .

Theorem 2.11: For any Tree T with k vertices, $em_t^+(T) = k$.

Proof: By Theorem 1.3, any monophonic set contains all the end vertices of T . Hence it follows that, the set of all end vertices of T is the unique minimal edge monophonic set of T , so that $em_t^+(T) = k$.

Theorem 2.12: For a cycle $G = C_p$ ($p \geq 4$), $m^+(G) = 3$.

Proof : First suppose that $G = C_3$. It is a complete graph, by Theorem 2.5, we have $em_t^+(G) = 3$. For any cycle, suppose that $em_t^+(G) > 3$, then there exist a minimal total edge monophonic set M_1 such that $|M_1| \geq 3$. Now it is clear that edge monophonic set $M \subsetneq M_1$, which is a contradiction to M_1 is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G . Therefore $em_t^+(G) = 3$.

Theorem 2.13: For the complete bipartite graph $G = K_{m,n}$.

- (i) $em_t^+(G) = 2$ if $m = n = 1$
- (ii) $em_t^+(G) = n+1$ if $m = 1, n \geq 2$
- (iii) $em_t^+(G) = \max\{m,n\} + 1$, if $m, n \geq 2$.

Proof: (i) and (ii) follows from Theorem 2.10. (iii) Let $m, n \geq 2$. Assume without loss of generality that $m \leq n$. First assume that $m < n$. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$ and $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ be a bipartition of G . Let $M = Y$. We prove that M is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G . Any edge $y_i x_j$ ($1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$) lies on a monophonic path $y_i x_j y_k$ for $k \neq i$ so that M is a edge monophonic set of G . Let $M' \subsetneq M$. Then there exists a vertex $y_j \in M$ such that $y_j \notin M'$. Then the edge $y_j x_i$ ($1 \leq j \leq m, 1 \leq i \leq n$) does not lie on a monophonic path joining a pair of vertices of M' . Thus M' is not a edge monophonic set of G . This shows that M is a minimal edge monophonic set of G . Hence $em_t^+(G) \geq n$. Let M_1 be a minimal edge monophonic set of G such that $|M_1| \geq n+1$. Since the vertex $x_i y_j$ ($1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$) lies on a monophonic path $x_i x_k y_j$ for any $k \neq i$, it follows that X is an edge monophonic set of G . Hence M_1 cannot contain X . Similarly, since Y is a minimal edge monophonic set of G , M_1 cannot contain Y also. Hence $M_1 \subsetneq X \cup Y$, where $X \subsetneq X$ and $Y \subsetneq Y$. Hence there exist a vertex $x_i \in X$ ($1 \leq i \leq m$) and a vertex $y_j \in Y$

($1 \leq i \leq n$) such that $x_i y_j \notin M_1$. Hence the edge $x_i y_j$ does not lie on a monophonic path joining a pair of vertices of M_1 . It follows that M_1 is not a edge monophonic set of G , which is a contradiction. Thus M is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G . Hence $em_t^+(G) = \max\{m, n\} + 1$.

Realization Results:

Theorem 3.1:

For every positive integers a, b and c where $2 \leq a \leq b < c$, there exists a connected graph G with $em(G) = a$, $em(G) = b$ and $em_t^+(G) = c$.

Proof:

Let $V(K_2) = \{u, x\}$ and $V[K_{b-a+1}] = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{b-a+1}\}$. Let $H = K_{b-a+1} + K_2$. Let G be the graph in figure 3.1 obtained from H by adding $a-1$ new vertices x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{a-1} and joining each vertex $x_i (1 \leq i \leq a-1)$ with x . Subdivide the edge xx_i , where $1 \leq i \leq c-b-1$, calling the new vertices $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{c-b-1}$, where x_i is adjacent to y_i and y_i is adjacent to x for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, c-b-1\}$. The graph G is shown in figure 3.1.

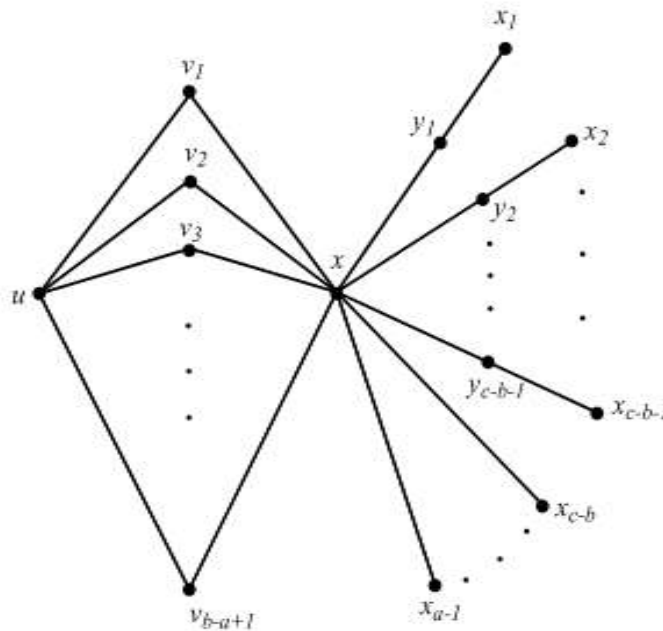


Figure 3.1

Let $M = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{a-1}\}$ be the set of all end vertices of G . Clearly M is a subset of every edge monophonic set of G . Let $M_1 = M \cup \{u\}$. Then M_1 is an edge monophonic set of G , so that $em(G) = a$. Now $T = M \cup \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{b-a+1}\}$ is an edge monophonic set of G . We show that T is a minimal edge monophonic set of G . Clearly, no proper subset of T is an edge monophonic set of G . Hence T is a minimal edge monophonic set of G , so that $em^+(G) = a-1 + b-a+1 = b$. Also $M_2 = T \cup \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{c-b-1}, x\}$ is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G , $em_t^+(G) = c$.

Theorem 3.2: For positive integers r_m, d_m and $l \geq 5$ with $r_m < d_m \leq 2r_m$, there exists a connected graph G with $rad_m(G) = r_m$, $diam_m(G) = d_m$ and $em_t^+(G) = l$.

Let $r_m = 1$. Let $r_m \geq 2$. Let $C_{r_m+2} : v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{r_m+2}$ be a cycle of length r_m+2 and let $P_{d_m-r_m} : u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{d_m-r_m}$ be a path of length d_m-r_m+1 . Let H be a graph obtained from C_{r_m+2} and by identifying v_1 in C_{r_m+2} and u_0 in $P_{d_m-r_m+1}$. Now add $l-5$ new vertices w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{l-5} to H and join each $w_i (1 \leq i \leq l-5)$ to the vertex $u_{d_m-r_m-1}$ and obtain the graph G of Figure 3.2.

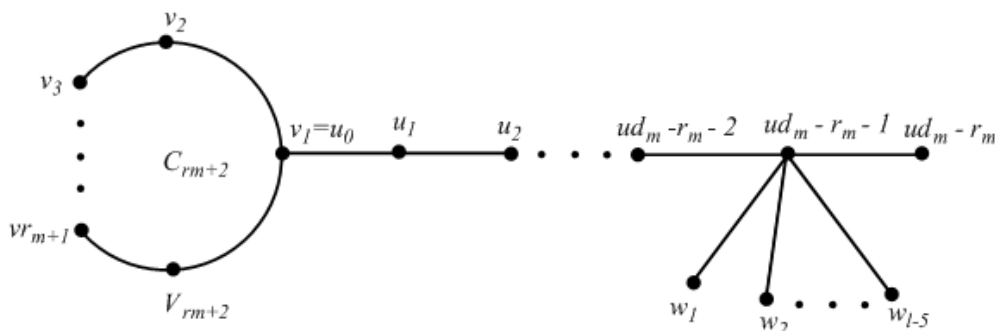


Figure 3.2

Then $rad_m(G) = r_m$, $diam_m(G) = d$. Let $M = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{l-5}, u_{d_m-r_m}\}$ be the set of all end vertices of G . It is clear that M is not an edge monophonic set of G and so $em(G) \geq l$. The set $M \cup \{x\}$, where $x \in \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{r_{m+1}}\}$ is an edge monophonic set of G . We show that $em^+(G) = l$. Now $M_l = M \cup \{v_2, v_{r_{m+2}}\}$ is a minimal edge monophonic set of G and so $em^+(G) \geq l$. Suppose that $em^+(G) \geq l+1$. Then there exists a minimal edge monophonic set T such that $|T| \geq l+2$. Hence there exists $y \in T$ such that $y \notin M_l$. By Theorem 1.1, $M \subset T$. If $y \in \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{r_{m+1}}\}$, then $M \cup \{y\}$ is an edge monophonic set of G , which is a contradiction to T is a minimal edge monophonic set of G . If $y \notin \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{r_{m+1}}\}$, then by corollary 1.1, $y \notin M$. Therefore $y = u_i (0 \leq i \leq d_m-r_m-1)$. By Theorem 1.2, $y \notin T$, which is a contradiction. Thus M_l is a minimal edge monophonic set of G . Now $M_2 = M_l \cup \{u_{d_m-r_m-1}, v_l\}$ is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G . It is clear that no proper subset of M_2 is a total edge monophonic set of G , so that $em_t^+(G) = l$.

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Then $\text{rad}_m(G) = r_m$, $\text{diam}_m(G) = d_{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{l-5}, u_{d_m-r_m}}$ be the set of all end vertices of G . It is clear that M is not an edge monophonic set of G and so $em(G) \geq l$. The set $M \cup \{x\}$, where $x \in \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{r_m+1}\}$ is an edge monophonic set of G . We show that $em^+(G) = l$. Now $M_1 = M \cup \{v_2, v_{r_m+2}\}$ is a minimal edge monophonic set of G and so $em^+(G) \geq l$. Suppose that $em^+(G) \geq l+1$. Then there exists a minimal edge monophonic set T such that $|T| \geq l+2$. Hence there exists $y \in T$ such that $y \notin M_1$. By Theorem 1.1, $M \subset T$. If $y \in \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{r_m+1}\}$, then $M \cup \{y\}$ is an edge monophonic set of G , which is a contradiction to T is a minimal edge monophonic set of G . If $y \notin \{v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{r_m+1}\}$, then by corollary 1.1, $y \notin M$. Therefore $y = u_i (0 \leq i \leq d_m-r_m-1)$. By Theorem 1.2, $y \notin T$, which is a contradiction. Thus M_1 is a minimal edge monophonic set of G . Now $M_2 = M_1 \cup \{u_{d_m-r_m-1}, v_1\}$ is a minimal total edge monophonic set of G . It is clear that M_2 is a total edge monophonic set of G , so

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