

# Restrained Triple Connected Two Domination Number of Central, Total, and Line Graphs of Path and Cycle

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## ABSTRACT

Let G = (V,E) be a simple graph. A restrained two dominating set S is said to be a restrained triple connected two dominating set, if  $\langle S \rangle$  is triple connected. The minimum cardinality taken over all restrained triple connected two dominating sets is called the restrained triple connected two domination number of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_{2rtc}(G)$ . In this paper, we study the restrained triple connected two domination number for central graph, total graph and line graph of path and cycle. **KEYWORDS:** restrained triple connected two domination number, central graph, total graph, line graph.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

We begin with finite, connected and undirected graph G (V, E) without loops and parallel edges, where V denotes its vertex set and E denotes its edge set. The vertices and edges are commonly addressed as graph elements. A subset S of V of a nontrivial graph G is called a dominating set of G if every vertex in V - S is adjacent to at least one vertex in S. The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of G is the minimum cardinality taken over all dominating sets in G. A subset S of V of a nontrivial graph G is called a restrained dominating set of G if every vertex in V - S is adjacent to at least one vertex in S as well as another vertex in V - S. The restrained domination number  $\gamma_r(G)$  of G is the minimum cardinality taken over all restrained dominating sets in G. A subset S of V is said to be a restrained 2-dominating set of G if every vertex of V - S is adjacent to at least one vertex of to at least two vertices in S and every vertex of V - S is adjacent to a vertex in V - S. The minimum cardinality taken over all restrained to a vertex in V - S. The minimum cardinality taken over all restrained dominating sets in G. A subset S of V is said to be a restrained 2-dominating set of G if every vertex of V - S is adjacent to at least two vertices in S and every vertex of V - S is adjacent to a vertex in V - S. The minimum cardinality taken over all restrained two dominating sets is called the restrained two domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma_{r2}(G)$ .

A graph G is said to be triple connected if any three vertices lie on a path in G. The central graph C(G) of a graph G is a graph obtained by subdividing each edge of G exactly once and joining all the non adjacent vertices of G. The total graph T (G) of a graph G is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  and two vertices are adjacent whenever they are either adjacent or incident in G. With every non empty ordinary graph there is associated a graph L(G), called the line graph of G whose points are in one-to-one correspondence with the lines of G and such that two points are adjacent in L(G) if and only if the corresponding lines of G are adjacent.

### II. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1**: The Restrained Triple Connected Two Domination Number of the Central graph of a path of order p is 2p - 3. **Proof:** Let the path  $P_p$  have vertex set  $\{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and edge set  $\{v_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$ . By the definition of central graph add new vertices subdividing each edge exactly once. Let the new set of vertices be  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$ . The vertex set and edge set of  $C(P_p)$  is given by,  $V(C(P_p)) = \{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\} \cup \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  and  $E(C(P_p)) = \{v_iu_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\} \cup \{u_iv_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\} \cup \{u_iv_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\} \cup \{v_iv_j: 1 \le i \le p-2, i+2 \le j \le p\}$ . In  $C(P_p)$  we see that vertex  $v_i$  is adjacent with all vertices except  $v_{i+1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  for  $v_iu_i \ 1 \le i \le p-1$ . Now the new set of vertices  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  are adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Hence the degree of each vertex in this set is two and by the definition of  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  – set all the vertices in the set  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  must be included in the  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  – set. Therefore,  $S = \{v_1, u_1, v_2, u_2, \dots, v_p, u_p\}$  forms a  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  – set. Hence  $\gamma_{2rtc} (C(P_p)) = 2p - 1 - 2 = 2p - 3$ .



Figure 1: Central graph of path P<sub>4</sub>

**Theorem 2.2**: The Restrained Triple Connected Two Domination Number of the Central graph of a cycle of order p is 2p. **Proof:** Let the cycle  $C_p$  have vertex set  $\{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and edge set  $\{v_i \ v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\} \cup \{v_1 v_p\}$ . By the definition of central graph add new vertices subdividing each edge exactly once. Let the new set of vertices be  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$ . The vertex set and edge set of  $C(C_p)$  is given by,  $V(C(C_p)) = \{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\} \cup \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and  $E(C(P_p)) = \{v_{u_i}: 1 \le i \le p\} \cup \{u_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p\}$ . The vertex set and edge set of  $C(C_p)$  is given by,  $V(C(C_p)) = \{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\} \cup \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and  $E(C(P_p)) = \{v_{u_i}: 1 \le i \le p\} \cup \{u_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\} \cup \{v_i v_j: i = 1, 3 \le j \le p-1\} \cup \{v_i v_j: 2 \le i \le p-2, i+2 \le j \le p\}$ . In  $C(C_p)$  we see that vertex  $v_i$  is adjacent with all vertices except  $v_{i+1}$  and  $v_{i-1}$  for  $v_i u_i$   $1 \le i \le p$ . Now the new set of vertices  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  are adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Hence the degree of each vertex in this set is two and by the definition of  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  – set all the vertices in the set  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  must be included in the  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  – set. Therefore,  $S = \{v_1, u_1, v_2, u_2, \dots, v_p u_p\}$  forms a  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  – set. Hence  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  ( $C(C_p)$ ) = 2p.



Figure 2: Central graph of cycle C<sub>4</sub>

**Theorem 2.3**: The Restrained Triple Connected Two Domination Number of the Total graph of a path of order p is p. **Proof:** Let the path P<sub>p</sub> have vertex set {v<sub>i</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p$ } and edge set {v<sub>i</sub> v<sub>i+1</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ }. By the definition of total graph each edge { e<sub>i</sub> = v<sub>i</sub> v<sub>i+1</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ } in P<sub>p</sub> is subdivided by the vertices {u<sub>i</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ } in T(P<sub>p</sub>). The vertex set and edge set of T (P<sub>p</sub>) is given by, V(T(P<sub>p</sub>)) = {v<sub>i</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p$ }  $\cup$  {u<sub>i</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ } where {u<sub>i</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ } are the vertices of T(P<sub>p</sub>) corresponding to the edge {v<sub>i</sub>v<sub>i+1</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ } of P<sub>p</sub> and E(T(P<sub>p</sub>)) = {v<sub>i</sub>u<sub>i</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ }  $\cup$  {u<sub>i</sub>u<sub>i+1</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ }  $\cup$  {u<sub>i</sub>u<sub>i+1</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p - 1$ }. Therefore, S = {v<sub>i</sub>:  $1 \le i \le p$ } forms a minimum restrained 2 – dominating set and the induced subgraph <S> is triple connected. Hence  $\gamma_{2rtc}$  (T(P<sub>p</sub>)) = p.



Figure 3: Total graph of path P<sub>5</sub>

**Theorem 2.4**: The Restrained Triple Connected Two Domination Number of the Total graph of a cycle of order p is p - 1. **Proof:** Let the cycle  $C_p$  have vertex set  $\{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and edge set  $\{v_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p - 1\} \cup \{v_1, v_p\}$ . By the definition of total graph each edge  $\{e_i = v_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p - 1\} \cup \{v_1, v_p\}$  in  $C_p$  is subdivided by the vertices  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  in  $T(C_p)$ . The vertex set and edge set of  $T(C_p)$  is given by,  $V(T(C_p)) = \{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\} \cup \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and  $E(T(P_p)) = \{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\} \cup \{u_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p - 1\} \cup \{v_i, v_p\} \cup \{u_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p - 1\} \cup \{v_i, v_p\}$ . Therefore,  $S = \{v_i: 1 \le i \le p - 1\}$  forms a minimum restrained 2 – dominating set and the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is triple connected. Hence  $\gamma_{2rtc}$   $(T(P_p)) = p - 1$ .



**Theorem 2.5**: The Restrained Triple Connected Two Domination Number of the Line graph of a path of order p is p - 1. **Proof:** Let the path  $P_p$  have vertex set  $\{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and edge set  $\{v_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$ . By the definition of line graph the edges  $\{v_i v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  in  $L(P_p)$  and two vertices of L(G) are joined by an edge if and only if the corresponding edges of G are adjacent in G. Hence  $L(P_p)$  is a path with p - 1 vertices and p - 2 edges. The vertex set and edge set of  $L(P_p)$  is given by,  $V(L(P_p)) = \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  and  $E(L(P_p)) = \{e_i: 1 \le i \le p-2\}$ . Therefore,  $S = \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p-1\}$  forms a minimum restrained 2 – dominating set and the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is triple connected. Hence  $\gamma_{2rtc} (L(P_p)) = p - 1$ .



Figure 5: Line graph of path P<sub>4</sub>

Theorem 2.6: The Restrained Triple Connected Two Domination Number of the Line graph of a cycle of order p is p.

**Proof:** Let the path  $C_p$  have vertex set  $\{v_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and edge set  $\{v_i: v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\} \cup \{v_1v_p\}$ . By the definition of line graph the edges  $\{v_i: v_{i+1}: 1 \le i \le p-1\} \cup \{v_1, v_p\}$  in  $C_p$  are considered as the vertices  $\{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  in  $L(C_p)$  and two vertices of L(G) are joined by an edge if and only if the corresponding edges of G are adjacent in G. Hence  $L(C_p)$  is a cycle with p vertices and p edges. The vertex set and edge set of  $L(CP_p)$  is given by,  $V(L(C_p)) = \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  and  $E(L(C_p)) = \{e_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$ . Therefore,  $S = \{u_i: 1 \le i \le p\}$  forms a minimum restrained 2 – dominating set and the induced subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is triple connected. Hence  $\gamma_{2rtc}(L(P_p)) = p$ .



Figure 6: Line graph of cycle C<sub>4</sub>

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