A Study on Signed Domatic Number of a Graph

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***Abstract-** The study of the signed domatic number of graphs explores the theoretical aspects of signed dominating functions f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1}, defined such that the sum of function values over any closed neighborhood is at least one, thereby introducing the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), the minimum weight of such functions, and the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions whose sum at any vertex does not exceed one, with key results establishing bounds like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1 for a graph GGG of order nnn, exact values for special graph classes such as complete graphs, cycles, fans, and circulant graphs, and necessary conditions for achieving equality in these bounds; this investigation, which uses algebraic and combinatorial methods, also extends to Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results, providing insights into the relationship between ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) and ds(G¯)d_s(\overline{G})ds(G), confirmed through examples like Petersen graphs and circulant graphs, thus contributing significantly to graph theory, discrete mathematics, and applications in network topology, optimization, and computational algorithms.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

The study of signed domination and domatic numbers in graph theory extends traditional domination parameters by defining a signed dominating function f:V→{−1,1}f: V \to \{-1, 1\}f:V→{−1,1} such that the sum of function values over any closed neighborhood N[v]N[v]N[v] satisfies ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1, with the weight of such a function given as w(f)=∑v∈Vf(v)w(f) = \sum_{v \in V} f(v)w(f)=∑v∈Vf(v) and the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) representing the minimum weight of a signed dominating function while introducing the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), which is the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd satisfying ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V, with key results such as γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1 for a graph of order nnn, equality conditions for specific classes of graphs like complete and circulant graphs, and the interplay of these parameters with graph properties like regularity and balance in signed graphs, further explored through exact values and Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results as well as applications to symmetric graph structures, optimization, and computational algorithms, supported by the foundational work of researchers like Volkmann and Zelinka (2005) and Dunbar et al. (1995), and further enriched by modern investigations into network design and combinatorial mathematics (Dunbar, J., Hedetniemi, S. T., Henning, M. A., & Slater, P. J., 1995, Volkmann, L., & Zelinka, B., 2005, Wikipedia contributors, 2022). The exploration of signed domination and domatic numbers in graph theory delves into the structural intricacies of graphs by introducing signed dominating functions f:V→{−1,1}f: V \to \{-1, 1\}f:V→{−1,1} characterized by the condition ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1∑u∈N[v] f(u)≥1 for all vertices vvv and their associated weights w(f)=∑v∈Vf(v)w(f) = \sum_{v \in V} f(v)w(f)=∑v∈V f(v), with the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) defined as the minimum such weight and the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) representing the maximum count of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd ensuring ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1∑i=1dfi(v)≤1, yielding results like the inequality γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the graph's order, and special equality cases for complete graphs and circulant graphs, while also examining broader applications such as Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results and their implications for optimization and algorithm design in symmetric and asymmetric graphs, especially considering their balance when extended to signed graphs with edge signs, where each cycle's product of edge signs determines balance, further integrating combinatorial properties of regular graphs, circulant matrices, and symmetric structures to derive insights into domination-based partitions, constraints, and invariants, as seen in the foundational contributions of researchers like Volkmann and Zelinka (2005) and practical implementations in network reliability, resource allocation, and connectivity optimization, supported by tools of algebraic graph theory, where adjacency matrices of circulant graphs are defined by their cyclically shifted rows, offering a natural symmetry for studying the signed domatic number, particularly its application to Petersen graphs and specific conditions for attaining maximum partitions, with theoretical advances paving the way for applications to real-world networked systems (Dunbar et al., 1995, Volkmann & Zelinka, 2005).

Statement of the research problem

The research problem addressed in this study revolves around the extension of classical domination in graph theory to the concept of signed domination and signed domatic numbers, wherein the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) is defined as the minimum weight of a signed dominating function f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1}, such that for every vertex v∈V(G)v \in V(G)v∈V(G), the sum of function values over its closed neighborhood satisfies ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1, and the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) is the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2,\ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd defined on V(G)V(G)V(G) such that ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), with key challenges lying in determining bounds, such as γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the order of the graph, characterizing the conditions under which equality holds, deriving exact values of ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) for specific graph classes like complete graphs, circulant graphs, cycles, and Petersen graphs, and analyzing the relationships between γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) and ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) under Nordhaus-Gaddum-type constraints, which extend to results like ds(G)+ds(G‾)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, while simultaneously addressing the computational and theoretical challenges in verifying these properties through combinatorial methods and algebraic tools such as circulant matrices, adjacency representations, and regular graph properties, with applications to real-world domains such as network optimization, resource allocation, and connectivity studies, making it imperative to establish a robust framework for determining γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) and ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) values and their bounds for different graph structures while posing questions for further research to extend these concepts to more complex graph configurations or dynamic networks (Dunbar et al., 1995, Volkmann & Zelinka, 2005).

Significance of the research study

The study of signed domatic numbers is an important area of research in graph theory because it systematically examines and extends the concepts of signed dominating functions in relation to the basic theory and practical significance of domination concepts in finite, undirected, simple graphs, where a two-valued function f:V(G)→{−1,1}f:V(G)→{−1,1}f:V(G)→{−1,1} satisfies the condition Σfi(x)≤1\Sigma f_i(x) \leq 1Σfi(x)≤1, and whose weight w(f)w(f)w(f) is minimized, leading to the exploration of the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) which represents the minimum weight, as well as the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) that indicates the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions satisfying those vertex constraints in terms of total weight clarification like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1 which has been verified for some classes of graph such as complete graphs, cycles, fans and circulant graphs, and also provide insight on the conditions under which both are either achieved or fail with the help of comprehensive but necessary tools including algebraic and combinatorial tools that establish Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results such as ds(G)+ds(G‾)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1 with equality only valid for complete graphs of odd order or for the complements of complete graphs, creating a breadth of understanding relative to the basic theory and practical significance of domination, so this kind of study, which is particularly valuable to the fields of mathematical optimization, discrete mathematics, and computer science, lays the foundation for future work in this area, since one requires only through even very interesting extensions such as to broader classes of graphs or for applications in the real world, such as applications in modeling network reliability, security configurations, and resource allocations in distributed systems.

Review of relevant literature related to the study

The study of the signed domatic number of a graph builds upon the foundational concept of domination in graph theory, introduced as the idea of dominating sets D⊆V(G)D \subseteq V(G)D⊆V(G) where each vertex v∈V(G)\Dv \in V(G) \setminus Dv∈V(G)\D is adjacent to at least one vertex in DDD, with the domination number γ(G)\gamma(G)γ(G) representing the smallest size of such a set, which was later generalized to dominating functions f:V(G)→{0,1}f: V(G) \to \{0, 1\}f:V(G)→{0,1}, defined to satisfy ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1 for all vertices vvv, where N[v]N[v]N[v] is the closed neighborhood of vvv, and further extended to signed dominating functions f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1} that meet the same condition ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1, with the weight of such a function defined as w(f)=∑v∈V(G)f(v)w(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} f(v)w(f)=∑v∈V(G)f(v) and the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) being the minimum weight among all signed dominating functions, which was first formalized by researchers like Dunbar et al. (1995) to address scenarios requiring weighted or signed influences in graph models (Dunbar et al., 1995). Expanding upon this, the concept of the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) was introduced to study the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd defined on the vertex set V(G)V(G)V(G), subject to the constraint ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 for every vertex vvv, where ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) captures the graph's ability to be partitioned into multiple signed dominating functions, resulting in key results such as the inequality γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the graph's order, and further inequalities involving complements, such as ds(G)+ds(G‾)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, with equality conditions analyzed for specific classes of graphs like complete graphs, cycles, fans, Petersen graphs, and circulant graphs, which are graphs defined by cyclic symmetries in their adjacency matrices (Volkmann & Zelinka, 2005, Haynes et al., 1998). The analysis of circulant graphs, whose adjacency matrices are circulant matrices characterized by rows that are cyclic permutations of the first row, provides a symmetric framework for studying signed domination and domatic numbers, with researchers determining exact values of γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) and ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) for circulant graphs, such as ds(Gn)=5d_s(G_n) = 5ds(Gn)=5 for certain circulant graphs on Z5lZ_{5l}Z5l with specific connection sets, derived through combinatorial arguments ensuring the partitioning criteria of signed domatic numbers (Favaron, 1995, Patil, 2007). The study of signed domination is not limited to theoretical pursuits but extends to practical applications in network optimization, resource allocation, and connectivity studies, where signed dominating functions model the influence of positive and negative factors within networks, and the signed domatic number reflects the network's capacity to sustain multiple independent influences under constraints, making these parameters vital in designing reliable, fault-tolerant systems, as well as in security configurations and distributed systems analysis (Walikar & Patil, 2009). Moreover, the relationship between the signed domatic number and other graph invariants, such as chromatic and independence numbers, has been an area of focus, where inequalities and combinatorial techniques have revealed deeper insights into graph structure, as seen in the Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results that relate the signed domatic number of a graph and its complement, ds(G)+ds(G‾)d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G})ds(G)+ds(G), constrained by the order of the graph, with applications extending to dynamic network systems and algorithmic complexity (Dunbar et al., 1995). The computational challenges of determining γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) and ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) arise from the combinatorial nature of these problems, particularly for large or complex graphs, where adjacency matrix representations and optimization algorithms play critical roles, and exact values are determined through exhaustive enumeration or advanced combinatorial reasoning, as demonstrated in studies of Petersen graphs and specific configurations of circulant graphs (Haynes et al., 1998). Additionally, signed domination intersects with signed graph theory, where each edge of a graph is assigned a positive or negative sign, and the balance of cycles is evaluated to understand graph properties, with signed domination offering a vertex-centric perspective that complements the edge-focused nature of signed graphs, thereby broadening the scope of theoretical exploration and practical utility (Volkmann & Zelinka, 2005). The synthesis of signed domination and domatic number concepts has led to the establishment of a robust framework for studying graph partitions influenced by signed weights, setting the stage for future research to explore more complex or dynamic graph structures, such as time-varying or weighted graphs, where the principles of signed domination could address real-world scenarios involving dynamic influences, competitive networks, or resource constraints, highlighting the enduring relevance and potential expansion of this domain in graph theory (Favaron, 1995, Patil, 2007).

Research Gap related to the study

The research gap in the study of the signed domatic number of a graph arises from the limited exploration of this parameter in dynamic, weighted, and directed graphs where existing results primarily focus on undirected simple graphs and specific classes such as circulant graphs, complete graphs, and Petersen graphs, leaving unexplored the extension of the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), which represents the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd defined on the vertex set V(G)V(G)V(G) such that ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), to broader graph configurations and practical applications such as optimization in complex networks, real-time systems, and multi-layered graph structures, with particular challenges lying in determining inequalities like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the graph's order, and their tightness conditions for graphs with non-uniform or hierarchical topologies, as well as computational challenges in verifying these properties for large-scale graphs using advanced techniques such as spectral graph theory, eigenvalue analysis, and algorithmic graph partitioning, which remain inadequately addressed in existing literature despite their potential to generalize results like ds(G)+ds(G¯)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1 for complements and applications to network reliability and resource allocation models, while further gaps include the study of signed domination in hypergraphs, bipartite graphs, and edge-weighted graphs, where the interplay between vertex and edge parameters could reveal new combinatorial insights and broaden the utility of these concepts in applied domains such as cybersecurity, social network analysis, and distributed computing, necessitating the development of new mathematical tools and computational frameworks to extend the applicability of signed domination theory to real-world scenarios (Xu, 2011, Akbari et al., 2013, Harary & Kabell, 1980).

Major objectives of the study

1. To explore the properties of signed dominating functions f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1} and their implications on graph invariants, including the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), across various classes of graphs.
2. To calculate the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) for specific graph types such as circulant graphs, complete graphs, Petersen graphs, and fans, and to establish conditions for achieving equality in inequalities like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1.
3. To derive and analyze bounds and relationships involving ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), and their complements, such as Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results ds(G)+ds(G¯)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, for different graph configurations.

4. To extend the theoretical findings on signed domination and domatic numbers to practical applications in network topology, resource allocation, optimization problems, and distributed systems.

Properties of signed dominating functions f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1} and their implications on graph invariants, including the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), across various classes of graphs

The properties of such functions f:V(G)→{−1,1}f:V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1} are fundamental in building up the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) as the minimum weight w(f)=∑v∈V(G)f(v)w(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} f(v)w(f)=∑v∈V(G)f(v) over all such functions, wover the whole weight of such signed dominating functions as wover the whole weighted dominating function on the connected dominated graph G+over all these type weights γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), some effective properties lead to the conclusion of graph invariants such that γs(G)=specific value for some class of graphs, for example, for KnK_nKn, we have γs(Kn)=1\gamma_s(K_n) = 1γs(Kn)=1 for any odd nnn, or inclusive classes of circulant graphs, such properties allow the systematic identification of graphs for which γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) with its properties have maximal or extremal assignments, and in fact, the adjacency symmetries in class G have been shown as a verification of functional properties on signed domination [9] and the computational or theoretical exploits in verifying γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) in complex topological graphs like hypergraphs or weighted graphs remain inquisitive, the current body of work addressing characterizations of γs(G) such that γs(G)⋅ds(G)≤n\gamma_s(G) \cdot d_s(G) \leq nγs(G)⋅ds(G)≤n, not only establishes such elementary relationships, more broadly us on the performance of partitions inside mixed and random graphs making minimum necessaries applicable through complexity of the computation [2], [4], [5], we treat such partitions and properties compliant in the most systematic assignments even for some particular classes, and where the defining limits of height and propagation of fff are subjectively related, the existence for example to make characterizations correlatively through signed weighted components for constructions of G itself has a lot open variety of the median through domination solutions, these aggregate properties can be better exploited in the computation of propagation of γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) values on arbitrary graphs and theoretically reflected on the eye of regular graphs, full block graphs and bipartite graphs, these both symmetries of chronological forms and their existence with furthers may allow the edge-connectivity, value, chromatic number and the independence invariant to be inferred mainly through signed domination, while this seem fundamental it must give some general notions kconnect tabular in any form characteropathies known management in networks [3], [6] in turns this ranges up new research capacity especially the unique partition and support indicators and definition γs(G)=sum based measures defined fff composite objects which are gives the most challenged part in design and experimental analysis within original graphs. Farré (1995), Favaron (1995), Haynes et al. Doty et al (1998) and recent applications (Akbari et al.2013, Xu2011, Harary & Kabell 1980) on the modelling of dynamic networks and security systems.

Signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) for specific graph types such as circulant graphs, complete graphs, Petersen graphs, and fans, and to establish conditions for achieving equality in inequalities like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1

The signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), defined as the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd such that ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), has been analyzed for specific graph types like circulant graphs, complete graphs, Petersen graphs, and fans, with results indicating that for complete graphs KnK_nKn, ds(Kn)=nd_s(K_n) = nds(Kn)=n if nnn is odd and ds(Kn)=n/2d_s(K_n) = n/2ds(Kn)=n/2 if nnn is even, and for Petersen graphs, the established value ds(G)=1d_s(G) = 1ds(G)=1 reflects the constraints imposed by its symmetry and regularity, while for circulant graphs, ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) values depend on the graph's connection set and adjacency matrix cyclic properties, such as in circulant graphs GnG_nGn on Z5lZ_{5l}Z5l where ds(Gn)=5d_s(G_n) = 5ds(Gn)=5, and for fans FnF_nFn, ds(Fn)d_s(F_n)ds(Fn) values vary based on structural properties like vertex degrees, with conditions for achieving equality in inequalities like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) is the signed domination number, being satisfied in complete graphs of odd order or other configurations like graphs with only pendent or support vertices, as derived through combinatorial proofs and optimization techniques, while further insights include Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results ds(G)+ds(G¯)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where G¯\overline{G}G is the complement of GGG, and nnn is the graph order, demonstrating that equality holds only for regular graphs like KnK_nKn or symmetric graphs with structured neighborhoods, and while these results are well-established for certain graph classes, challenges remain in determining ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) for irregular, weighted, or dynamically evolving graphs, indicating gaps for future research to extend these results to broader graph categories and practical applications in network resource allocation and distributed systems, as discussed in studies like Favaron (1995), Patil (2007), and Harary & Kabell (1980), alongside recent advancements in combinatorial graph theory (Favaron, 1995, Xu, 2011, Harary & Kabell, 1980).

Derive and analyze bounds and relationships involving ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs (G), and their complements, such as Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results ds(G)+ds(G¯)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, for different graph configurations

The derivation and analysis of bounds and relationships involving the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), and their complements include Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results such as ds(G)+ds(G¯)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where G¯\overline{G}G is the complement of GGG and nnn is the order of the graph, and these inequalities reflect the intrinsic structural balance between a graph and its complement in terms of domination and partition properties, with equality achieved under specific conditions like GGG being a complete graph of odd order or G¯\overline{G}G satisfying similar symmetric properties, and while the foundational result γs(G)·ds(G)≤n\gamma_s(G) \cdot d_s(G) \leq nγs(G)·ds(G)≤n connects the domination number and domatic number through their interplay over the vertex set, Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results extend these insights to explore how signed domination properties distribute across GGG and G¯\overline{G}G, requiring techniques like adjacency matrix analysis, regularity constraints, and combinatorial arguments, and the derivation of these bounds is particularly effective for regular graphs, circulant graphs, and highly symmetric structures where adjacency properties simplify verification of inequalities such as γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, which itself tightens under conditions like GGG having only pendent or support vertices, and while these results are comprehensive for specific graph types, challenges persist in irregular, weighted, or directed graphs where the relationships between signed domination and domatic partitions are less straightforward, necessitating advanced tools like eigenvalue analysis and spectral graph theory to extend these findings to broader classes of graphs and dynamic networks, as highlighted in studies by Xu (2011), Favaron (1995), and Akbari et al. (2013), who provide combinatorial frameworks for verifying these bounds and propose extensions to practical applications such as network optimization and algorithmic resource allocation (Xu, 2011, Favaron, 1995, Akbari et al., 2013).

Theoretical findings on signed domination and domatic numbers to practical applications in network topology, resource allocation, optimization problems, and distributed systems

The theoretical findings on signed domination and domatic numbers, where the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) represents the minimum weight of a signed dominating function f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1}, satisfying ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑u∈N[v] f(u)≥1∀v∈V(G), and the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) measures the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd with ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), extend to practical applications in network topology by modeling node influence in communication systems, enabling the design of robust and fault-tolerant networks where signed domination ensures sufficient node coverage even under failures or adversarial conditions, in resource allocation by partitioning network resources optimally into independent signed dominating sets to minimize overlap and maximize efficiency, and in optimization problems where signed domination and domatic numbers are used to balance positive and negative influences across distributed systems, ensuring reliable decision-making and load balancing, particularly in dynamic environments like sensor networks and peer-to-peer systems, with practical implications derived from theoretical bounds such as γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the graph order, which provides a limit on resource partitioning capabilities, and further results like ds(G)+ds(G¯)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where G¯\overline{G}G is the complement graph, enabling insights into redundancy and resilience in networked systems, while applications extend to distributed systems where signed domatic numbers can model hierarchical control, with real-world scenarios highlighting the utility of these parameters in cybersecurity, energy distribution, and computational efficiency, supported by studies like Harary & Kabell (1980), Akbari et al. (2013), and Favaron (1995), which demonstrate the bridging of theoretical graph invariants to practical domains through advanced combinatorial reasoning and algorithmic frameworks (Harary & Kabell, 1980, Akbari et al., 2013, Favaron, 1995).

Discussion related to the study

The discussion of the study on signed domatic numbers revolves around the interplay between the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), representing the minimum weight of a signed dominating function f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1}, and the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), which measures the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd satisfying ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), with key theoretical findings including inequalities such as γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the order of the graph, and Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results like ds(G)+ds(G¯)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where G¯\overline{G}G is the complement of GGG, providing structural insights into the partitioning capabilities of graphs under signed domination constraints, particularly for specific classes like circulant graphs, complete graphs, and Petersen graphs, where adjacency symmetries or high regularity lead to precise determinations of ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) and γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), such as ds(Kn)=nd_s(K_n) = nds(Kn)=n for complete graphs of odd order and ds(Gn)=5d_s(G_n) = 5ds(Gn)=5 for circulant graphs with connection sets in Z5lZ_{5l}Z5l, while the study extends these findings to practical applications in network reliability, optimization, and distributed systems, where signed domatic numbers reflect the ability of a graph to sustain independent and constrained dominating partitions, and the challenges identified include extending these results to irregular, weighted, or dynamic graphs, where the complexity of computing γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) and ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) rises significantly, necessitating the development of algorithmic tools and spectral methods to analyze these parameters comprehensively, with future directions focusing on the role of signed domination in multi-layered networks, security models, and algorithmic resource allocation, supported by studies like Favaron (1995), Xu (2011), and Harary & Kabell (1980), who have established foundational combinatorial and algorithmic frameworks for advancing the understanding and applicability of signed domination and domatic concepts (Favaron, 1995, Xu, 2011, Harary & Kabell, 1980).

Mathematical implications related to the study

The mathematical implications of the study on the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), defined as the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd satisfying ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), and its relationship with the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), which represents the minimum weight of a signed dominating function f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1} such that ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1, extend to fundamental graph inequalities like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the order of the graph, highlighting constraints on graph partitioning and domination, with specific implications for symmetric graphs such as circulant graphs and complete graphs, where adjacency regularity simplifies calculations, yielding results like ds(Kn)=nd_s(K_n) = nds(Kn)=n for odd nnn, and providing a foundation for extending combinatorial principles to more complex configurations such as irregular, weighted, and directed graphs, while inequalities like ds(G)·γs(G)≤nd_s(G) \cdot \gamma_s(G) \leq nds (G)·γs(G)≤n connect these parameters directly to the order of the graph and extend to their complements, as seen in Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results ds(G)+ds(G‾)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, which reflect the structural interplay between GGG and G‾\overline{G}G, and these relationships reveal deeper insights into graph invariants and their applications to resource partitioning, optimization, and reliability in distributed systems, while unresolved questions, such as the computational challenges of determining ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) for dynamic or weighted graphs, suggest the need for advanced mathematical techniques like eigenvalue analysis and spectral graph theory to generalize results, as demonstrated in foundational works by Xu (2011), Favaron (1995), and Akbari et al. (2013), which use algebraic and combinatorial methods to analyze signed domination across diverse graph types (Favaron, 1995, Xu, 2011, Akbari et al., 2013).

CONCLUSION

The conclusion of the study on the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), defined as the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd such that ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), highlights the critical interplay between ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) and the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs (G), which represents the minimum weight of a signed dominating function f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1} satisfying ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1∀v∈V(G), with key findings demonstrating that inequalities such as γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs (G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the order of the graph, establish universal bounds that link domination and partitioning properties, further supported by exact results for specific graph types like ds(Kn)=nd_s(K_n) = nds(Kn)=n for complete graphs of odd order and ds(Gn)=5d_s(G_n) = 5ds(Gn)=5 for circulant graphs under certain connection sets, while the exploration of Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results ds(G)+ds(G‾)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, with G‾\overline{G}G as the complement graph, offers insights into the structural symmetry and partitioning capabilities of graphs and their complements, and these conclusions emphasize the practical applications of signed domatic numbers in network design, resource allocation, and distributed systems by quantifying the capacity of graphs to support independent, constrained partitions under signed domination constraints, while unresolved challenges, including the generalization of these concepts to irregular, weighted, and dynamic graphs, as well as the computational complexity of determining ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) for large-scale networks, underscore the need for further exploration and the development of advanced combinatorial and algebraic tools to expand the applicability of these findings to broader graph classes and real-world scenarios.

Scope for further research and limitations of the study

The scope for further research and the limitations of the study on the signed domatic number ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G), defined as the maximum number of distinct signed dominating functions f1,f2,…,fdf_1, f_2, \ldots, f_df1,f2,…,fd satisfying ∑i=1dfi(v)≤1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{i=1}^d f_i(v) \leq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑i=1dfi(v)≤1∀v∈V(G), and its relationship with the signed domination number γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), which represents the minimum weight of a signed dominating function f:V(G)→{−1,1}f: V(G) \to \{-1, 1\}f:V(G)→{−1,1} satisfying ∑u∈N[v]f(u)≥1 ∀v∈V(G)\sum_{u \in N[v]} f(u) \geq 1 \, \forall v \in V(G)∑u∈N[v] f(u)≥1∀v∈V(G), highlight the need to extend these concepts to broader classes of graphs such as weighted graphs, directed graphs, and dynamic graphs, where the structural complexity and additional constraints require advanced mathematical and computational tools for determining ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) and γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G), particularly in the context of establishing and verifying inequalities like γs(G)+ds(G)≤n+1\gamma_s(G) + d_s(G) \leq n + 1γs (G)+ds(G)≤n+1, where nnn is the order of the graph, and exploring Nordhaus-Gaddum-type results such as ds(G)+ds(G‾)≤n+1d_s(G) + d_s(\overline{G}) \leq n + 1ds(G)+ds(G)≤n+1, with G‾\overline{G}G as the complement graph, to analyze how these invariants behave under graph transformations, while the limitations of the current study include the reliance on specific graph classes like complete graphs, circulant graphs, and Petersen graphs, where adjacency symmetries simplify calculations, leaving irregular and asymmetrical graphs relatively underexplored, and the computational challenges associated with large-scale graphs, where exact computations of ds(G)d_s(G)ds(G) and γs(G)\gamma_s(G)γs(G) often become infeasible due to the exponential growth of the function space, suggesting the need for approximation algorithms and spectral graph methods to address these gaps, as well as potential applications in areas such as multi-layered networks, hierarchical resource allocation, and fault-tolerant distributed systems, which require deeper integration of signed domination principles into practical optimization and network modeling scenarios, thereby paving the way for future research to bridge theoretical findings with complex real-world applications.

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