

# Connected 2-Equitable Domination in Fuzzy Graphs

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A sub set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be equitable dominating set if each  $v \in V - D$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and  $|\deg_s(u) - \deg_s(v)| \leq 1$ . An equitable dominating set  $D$  of  $V(G)$  is said to be 2-equitable dominating set in a fuzzy graphs  $G(\sigma, \mu)$ , if every vertex  $v \in V - D$  there exists a vertex  $u \in D$  or  $v$  is equitable dominated by at least two vertices in  $D$ . A 2-equitable dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be connected 2-equitable dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle D \rangle$  is connected. In this study, connected 2-equitable equitable dominating set, its number in fuzzy graphs are introduced. Bounds and some theorems related to connected 2-equitable equitable domination numbers are stated and proved.

**Keywords:** Fuzzy graph, equitable dominating set, equitable domination number, 2 - equitable dominating set, connected equitable dominating set and its number, connected 2 - equitable dominating set, connected 2 - equitable dominating number.

## 1. Introduction

Applications of fuzzy graph are include data mining, clustering, image capturing, networking, communications, planning, etc., L.A Zadeh [1] introduced fuzzy sets in 1965. Fuzzy graph theory was initiated by A. Rosenfeld [2] in 1975. Gurubaran et.,all[4] initiated the concept 2-equitable domination in fuzzy graphs in 2018. Complementary nil g-eccentric domination fuzzy graphs concepts introduced by Mohamed Ismayil and Muthupandiyar[5] in 2020.

S. Muthupandiyar and A. Mohamed Ismayil [7] introduced the concept isolate g-eccentric

domination in fuzzy graph in 2023. John JC, Xavier P, Priyanka GB.[8] Divisor 2-equitable domination in fuzzy graphs in 2023. Muthupandiyar S, Ismayil AM[9] introduced the concept of connected g-eccentric domination in fuzzy graphs in 2022. Rabeeh Ahamed et.al.,[10] stated the concept complementary nil equitable domination in fuzzy graphs in 2024.

## 2. Basic Definitions

Definition 2.1[4]: A fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is characterized with two functions  $\rho$  on  $V$  and  $\mu$  on  $E \subseteq V \times V$ , where  $\sigma: V \rightarrow [0,1]$  and  $\mu: E \rightarrow [0,1]$  such that  $\mu(x, y) \leq \rho(x) \wedge \rho(y) \forall x, y \in V$ . We expect that  $V$  is finite and non-empty,  $\mu$  is reflexive and symmetric. We indicate the crisp graph  $G^* = (\sigma^*, \mu^*)$  of the fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  where  $\sigma^* = \{x \in V: \rho(x) > 0\}$  and  $\mu^* = \{(x, y) \in E: \mu(x, y) > 0\}$ . The fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is called trivial in this case  $|\rho^*| = 1$ .

Definition 2.2[4]: A path  $P$  of length  $n$  is a sequence of distinct nodes  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n$  such that  $\mu(u_{i-1}, u_i) > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and the degree of membership of a weakest arc is defined as its strength.

Definition 2.3[4]: An edge is said to be strong if its weight is equal to the strength of connectedness of its end nodes. Symbolically,  $\mu(u, v) \geq \text{CONN}_{G-(u,v)}(u, v)$ .

Definition 2.4[4]: The order and size of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  are defined by  $p = \sum_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$  and  $q = \sum_{u,v \in E} \mu(u, v)$  respectively.

Definition 2.5[6]: Let  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy graph. The strong degree of a vertex  $v \in \sigma^*$  is defined as the sum of membership values of all strong arcs incident at  $v$  and it is denoted by  $d_s(v)$ . Also, it is defined by  $d_s(v) = \sum_{u \in N_s(v)} \mu(u, v)$  where  $N_s(v)$  denotes the set of all strong neighbors of  $v$ .

Definition 2.6[6]: A fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is connected if  $\text{CONN}_G(u, v) > 0$  where  $\text{CONN}_G(u, v)$  is strength of connectedness between two vertices  $u, v$  in  $G(\sigma, \mu)$ .

Definition 2.7[6]: In a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$ , strength of connectedness between two vertices  $u, v \in V(G)$  is maximum strength of all paths between  $u, v$  in  $V(G)$ .

Definition 2.8[4]: A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set (DS) in  $G$  if for every  $v \notin D$  there exist  $u \in D$  such that  $u$  dominates  $v$ . The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all dominating set is called domination number and is denoted by the symbol  $\gamma$ . The maximum scalar cardinality of a minimal dominating set is called upper domination number and is denoted by the symbol  $\Gamma$ .

Definition 2.9[3]: A sub set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of a fuzzy graphs  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be equitable dominating set (EDS) if each  $v \in V - D$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and  $|\deg_s(u) - \deg_s(v)| \leq 1$ .

Definition 2.10[3]: An equitable dominating set  $D \subseteq V$  of a fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is called 2 – equitable dominating set if for every vertex  $v \in V - D$  there exist  $v \in D$  or  $v$  is equitable dominated by at least two vertices in  $D$ .

Definition 2.11[3]: Let  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is an equitable dominating set. A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be connected equitable dominating set, if the induced subgraph  $\langle D \rangle$  is connected.

### 3. Main Results

#### Connected 2- Equitable Domination in Fuzzy Graphs

In this section discuss about connected 2- equitable dominating set and its number in fuzzy graphs. Bound and theorem related to connected 2- equitable domination number in fuzzy graphs are stated and proved.

Definition 3.1:

A 2-equitable dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of a fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be connected 2- equitable dominating set if the induced subgraph  $\langle D \rangle$  is connected. A connected 2 – equitable dominating set  $D$  is said to be minimal if no proper subset of  $D'$  is a connected 2 – equitable dominating set. The minimum scalar cardinality of a minimal connected 2 – equitable dominating set of  $G$  is called the connected 2 – equitable dominating number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$ . The maximum scalar cardinality of a minimal connected 2 – equitable dominating set of  $G$  is called an upper connected 2 – equitable dominating number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\Gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$ .

Note 3.1: The minimum connected 2 - equitable dominating set is denoted by  $\gamma_{c2eqd}$ -set.

Example 3.1: Consider the fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$ .

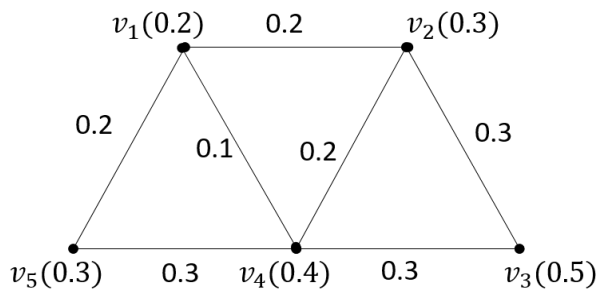


Figure: Connected 2-Equitable Dominating Set in a Fuzzy Graph

From the fuzzy graph given in example 3.1, the followings are observed.

1. The minimum connected 2- equitable dominating set is  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, v_4, \}$ , then  $\gamma_{c2eqd}(G) = 0.9$ .
2. The upper connected 2- equitable dominating set is,  $D_2 = \{v_2, v_4, v_5 \}$ , then  $\Gamma_{c2eqd}(G) = 1.0$

Observation 3.1: For any connected fuzzy graphs  $G(\sigma, \mu)$

1.  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{eqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{2eqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$
2.  $\gamma_{c2eqd}(G) \leq \Gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$ .
3. Obviously any minimum connected 2-equitable dominating set is also minimal but the converse is not true.
4. The complement of a connected 2-equitable dominating set is need not be connected.
5. Supper set of a connected 2-equitable dominating set is also a connected 2-equitable dominating set.

Proposition 3.1: For any fuzzy graph  $G$  with order  $p$ , then  $\sum_{\substack{v_i, v_j \in G \\ v_i \neq v_j}} \min(\sigma(v_i), \sigma(v_j)) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G) \leq p$ .

Proof:

Let  $D$  be a connected dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$  having atleast two vertices has minimum of  $V$  which is a sum of minimum value of vertices  $v_i, v_j \in D', \gamma_{c2eqd}(G) \leq p$  it is obviously true.

Theorem 3.1: Let  $G$  be a fuzzy graph  $\gamma_{c2eqd}(G) = p$  iff the fuzzy graph  $G$  has adjacent to less than two vertices.

Proof:

Let  $G$  be a fuzzy graph, then  $\gamma_{c2eqd}(G) = p$  then definition of fuzzy graph has all vertices in dominating set  $D$ . which shows that every vertex in  $G$  has adjacent to less than two vertices. Conversely,  $G$  be a fuzzy graph has adjacent to less than two vertices then every vertex is in regular dominating set. Which is  $\gamma_{c2eqd}(G) = p$ .

Theorem 3.2: Let  $D$  is a minimal connected 2 - equitable dominating set, then  $V - S$  contains minimal connected 2 - equitable dominating set if every vertex of  $V$  in a fuzzy graph  $G$  adjacent to more than two vertices in  $V$ .

Proof:

Let  $D$  be a minimal connected 2 - equitable set of  $G$  suppose that  $V - D$  is not a connected 2 - equitable dominating set, then there exists at least one vertex  $v \in D$  which is not an 2 equitable adjacent to any vertex in  $V - D$ . Therefore  $V - D$  is connected 2 - equitable adjacent to at least two vertices in  $D$  then  $D - \{v\}$  is a connected 2 - equitable dominating set which is a contradiction. Hence every vertex in  $D$  must be equitable adjacent to at least two vertices in  $V - D$ . Hence  $V - D$  is an connected 2 - equitable dominating set which contains minimal connected 2 - equitable dominating set.

Theorem 3.3: Let  $G$  be a connected fuzzy graph has no non - equitable edge and  $H$  is spanning subgraph of  $G$  then  $\gamma_{c2eqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(H)$ .

Proof:

Let  $G$  be a connected fuzzy graph and  $H$  is the spanning subgraph of  $H$ . consider  $D$  is minimum connected 2 - equitable dominating set of  $G$ ,  $D$  also a connected 2 - equitable dominate all the vertices in  $V(H) - D$  that is  $D$  is an connected 2 - equitable dominating set in  $H$ . Hence

$$\gamma_{c2eqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(H).$$

Theorem 3.4: For any fuzzy graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{2eqd} + \min\sigma(v_i) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$ , for  $v_i \notin D'$ .

Proof:

Let  $D$  be connected 2 - equitable dominating set with minimum cardinality  $\gamma_{c2eqd}$  for any vertex  $v_i \in D$ ,  $D - \{v_i\}$  is 2 - equitable dominating set. Hence  $\gamma_{2eqd} + \min\sigma(v_i) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$ .

Theorem 3.5: Let  $G$  be a fuzzy graph without isolated vertices. Then  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$

Proof:

Every connected 2- equitable dominating set is a connected dominating set. Thus  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$

Theorem 3.6 A connected 2 - equitable dominating set exists for any strong fuzzy graph  $G$ .

Proof.

Let  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy graph. Suppose a strong fuzzy graph  $G$  has a connected 2- equitable dominating set, obviously it contains a 2 equitable dominating set  $D$ . Therefore every strong fuzzy graph has an connected 2 - equitable dominating set and it exists for strong fuzzy graph.

Theorem 3.7 For any fuzzy graph  $G$   $\gamma_{2eqd}(G) \leq \gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$  (G).

Proof.

It is clear that every inverse 2- equitable dominating set is a 2-equitable dominating set. we get  $\gamma_{2eqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)$ .

Theorem 3.8 For a fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  if  $\gamma_{c2eqd}$  is a minimum connected 2-equitable dominating set then  $V - D$  is a dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$ .

Proof

Let  $v$  be any vertex in  $D$ ,  $D$  is a connected 2-equitable set in  $G$ . Since  $G$  has no isolated vertex  $v \in N_s(u)$ . It is clearly every connected 2-equitable dominating set is a equitable dominating set such that  $v \in V - S$ . Hence every vertex of  $D$  dominates some of the vertices in  $V - S$ . Therefore,  $V - D$  is a dominating set of fuzzy graph  $G$ .

Theorem 3.9

A connected 2-equitable dominating set  $D$  of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is minimal if and only if for every vertex  $u \in D$  one of the following conditions holds

- (i) there exists vertex  $v \in V - D$  such that  $N_s(v) \cap D = \{u\}$
- (ii)  $N_s(u) \cap D = \emptyset$

Proof

Suppose that  $D_1$  is a connected 2-equitable dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$  and (i) & (ii) not hold. Then for some vertex  $u \in D$  there exists  $v \in N_s(u) \cap D$ . Therefore  $D - \{u\}$  is an equitable dominating set of  $G$ , a contradiction with the minimality of  $D$ . Conversely, let for every  $u \in D$  one of the conditions (i) or (ii) holds. Suppose that  $D_1$  is not minimal, there exists

$u \in D_1$  such that  $D - \{u\}$  is an equitable dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$ . This means there exists  $v \in D - \{u\}$  which is equitable adjacent to  $u$ . Hence (ii) does not satisfy.

Theorem 3.10

For any fuzzy graph  $G$  without equitable isolated nodes,  $\gamma(G) \leq \min\{\gamma(G), \gamma_{2ed}(G), \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)\}$

Proof

Every connected 2-equitable dominating set is a connected dominating sets of  $G$  and every connected dominating set is dominating set, similarly every 2-equitable dominating set is dominating set. Hence  $\gamma(G) \leq \min\{\gamma(G), \gamma_{2ed}(G), \gamma_{c2eqd}(G)\}$ .

**Definition 3.2** A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is a neighborhood connected 2- equitable dominating set (nc2eqd-set) of  $G$  if for every node  $v \in V - D$  there exists atleast two strong neighbors in  $D$ . The neighborhood connected 2- equitable domination number of a fuzzy graph  $G$  denoted by  $\gamma_{nc2eqd}(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a nc2-ed dominating set of  $G$ . A Set  $D$  is a minimal neighborhood connected 2- equitable dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$ , if for any vertex  $u \in D$ ,  $D - \{u\}$  is not a neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of the fuzzy graph  $G$ .

**Observation 3.2** For an fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$

1.  $\gamma_{eqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{nceqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{nc2eqd}(G)$ .
2.  $\gamma_{2eqd}(G) \leq \gamma_{nc2eqd}(G)$ .
3. A supper set of a nc2ed-set is minimal.

**Theorem 3.11** Every neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is a

neighborhood connected equitable dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$ .

Proof:

Let  $D$  be a neighborhood connected 2- equitable dominating set of the fuzzy graph  $G$ . Then every node in  $V - D$  has atleast two strong neighbors in  $S$ . (i.e) for every node  $v \in V - D$ , there exist minimum two nodes in  $D$  and both dominate  $V$ . Every node in  $V - D$  is dominated by at least two nodes in  $D$ . Thus  $D$  is a neighbourhood connected equitable dominating set of  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.12** If  $G$  is a fuzzy graph then  $\gamma_{nc2eqd}(G) \geq \gamma_{nceqd}(G)$ .

Proof

By the previous theorem 3.11, every neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of a fuzzy graph  $G$  is a neighborhood connected equitable dominating set of  $G$ . Thus every minimum nc2eqd-set of  $G$  is also (nceqd)- set of  $G$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{nc2eqd}(G) \geq \gamma_{nceqd}(G)$ .

**Theorem 3.12** Every connected fuzzy graph  $G$  has minimum neighborhood connected equitable

2-dominating set  $D$  then  $V - D$  need not be a neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of  $G$ .

Proof:

Let  $D$  be a neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of  $G$  and let  $u \in V$ . Suppose  $|N_S(u)| = 1$  then  $u$  belongs to every neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of  $G$ . Thus  $v$  belongs to every minimum neighborhood connected 2 equitable dominating set of  $G$ . Then  $D - \{u\}$  has either no strong neighbor of  $u$  or only one strong neighbor of  $u$ . Thus  $D - \{u\}$  does not have two strong neighbor for  $v$ . This implies that  $V - D$  is not a neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of  $G$ . Suppose every node in  $S$  has atleast two strong neighbors in  $V - D$ . Then every node in  $D$  has atleast two strong neighbors in  $V - D$ . Thus  $V - D$  is a neighborhood connected 2- equitable dominating set of  $G$ . Therefore  $V - D$  need not be a neighborhood connected 2-equitable dominating set of  $G$ .

#### 4. Conclusion

In this article, an connected 2 - equitable dominating set, its number in fuzzy graphs are obtained. Theorems related to an connected 2 - equitable dominating set and number in a fuzzy graph are stated and proved. Bounds and some points related an connected 2-equitable domination number are observed and discussed.

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