

About 2- Isolate Inclusive Sets In Graphs

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Abstract:

In this paper we introduce in new concept call 2-isolate inclusive sets in graphs. Every 2-isolate inclusive set is an isolate inclusive set of G . We characterize maximal 2-isolate inclusive set of a graph. We deduce that every maximal 2-isolate inclusive sets of G is a distance-2 dominating set of G . We also define 2-isolate inclusive number of a graph and we observe that it is less then or equal to isolate inclusive number of the graph. We also prove that if the $\langle S \rangle$ has the maximum number of 2-isolated vertices among all the 2-isolate inclusive sets then S is a maximum 2-packing of G . We also prove several other related results.

Keywords: 2-isolated vertex, 2-packing, 2-isolate inclusive set, maximum 2-isolate inclusive set, maximal 2-isolate inclusive set, distance-k dominating set, distance-2 open neighbourhood, 2-degree of vertex,2-isolate distance-2 dominating set, distance-2 private neighbourhood.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The concept of isolate inclusive set was introduced in [3]. Several interesting results have been proved about isolate inclusive sets. We now introduce a new concept called 2-isolate inclusive sets in graphs. If $S \subset V(G)$ and $v \in S$ then v is said to be 2-isolated vertex in S . If $d(v, u) > 2$ distance between v and u strictly grather then 2, for all $u \in S$ if $u \neq v$. A set S of vertices is said to be 2-isolate inclusive set if it contains a 2-isolated vertex. We consider maximum 2-isolate inclusive sets and maximal 2-isolate inclusive sets in graphs. We prove that every maximal 2-isolate inclusive set is a distance-2 dominating set of G .

We observe that isolate inclusive number [3] of any graph is at least as be as 2-isolate inclusive number of the graph. We further observe that if a graph has an isolated vertex then it has only one 2-isolate inclusive set namely vertex set of the graph.

Here, we also introduce 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set in graphs. We further study the effect of removing a vertex from the graph on 2-isolate distance-2 domination number of a graph. We also consider the operation of edge removal an observe its effect on 2-isolate distance-2 domination number of the graph.

II. PRELIMINARIES AND NOTATIONS

If G is a graph then $V(G)$ denotes the vertex set of the graph G and $E(G)$ denotes the edge set of the graph G . If v is vertex of the graph G then $G - v$ is the subgraph of G induced by all the vertices different from v .

We will consider only simple undirected graphs with finite vertex set.

III. DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

Definition 3.1 (2-isolated vertex) :

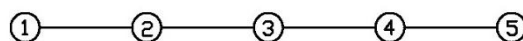
Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ a vertex $v \in S$ is said to be 2-isolated vertex of S if $d(v, u) > 2$, for all $u \in S$ with $u \neq v$.

Definition 3.2 (2-isolate inclusive set) :

Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ then S is said to be 2-isolate inclusive set if S contains a 2-isolated vertex.

It is obvious that every 2-isolated vertex of S is an isolated vertex of S and every 2-isolate inclusive is an isolate inclusive set.

Example 3.3: Consider the path graph P_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



Let $S = \{1, 2, 5\}$.

In S , 5 is a 2-isolated vertex of S and therefore S is a 2-isolate inclusive set.

Consider the path graph P_5 as above.

And let $T = \{1, 2, 4\}$. Then 4 is an isolate in T but it is not 2-isolate of T .

Remark 3.4:

Let G be a graph and $v \in V(G)$. Then v is 2-isolated vertex of $V(G)$ if and only if v is an isolated vertex of G .

Definition 3.5 (2-packing) :[7]

Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ then S is said to be a 2-packing if $d(u, v) > 2$, for all $u, v \in S$.

Let G be a graph. A 2-packing of G with maximum cardinality is called maximum 2-packing of G . The cardinality of a maximum 2-packing is called the packing number of G and it is denoted as $\delta(G)$.

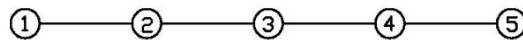
Remark 3.6:

Let S be a 2-packing of G then every vertex of S is a 2-isolated vertex of S .

Definition 3.7 (maximum 2-isoinc set) :

Let G be a graph. A 2-isolate inclusive set with maximum cardinality is called a maximum 2-isoinc set and its cardinality is denoted as $\beta_{2is}(G)$.

Example 3.8: Consider the path graph P_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

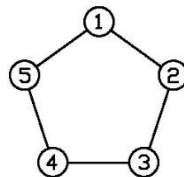


Let $S = \{1, 2, 5\}$ then S is a maximum 2-isoinc set and $\beta_{2is}(5) = 3$.

$$\beta_{2is}(G) = |S| \leq \beta_{is}(G)$$

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Example 3.9: Consider the cycle graph C_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$ then $\beta_{is}(G) = 4$ and

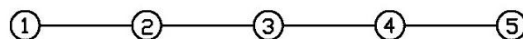
Let $S = \{1, 2, 5\}$ then $\beta_{2is}(G) = 3$.

Therefore $\beta_{2is}(G) < \beta_{is}(G)$.

Definition 3.10 (maximal 2-isoinc set) :

Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ be a 2-isoinc set then S is said to be a maximal 2-isoinc set if it is not properly contain in any isoinc set. Obviously every maximum 2-isoinc set is a maximal isoinc set.

Example 3.11: Consider the path graph P_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



Let $S = \{2, 5\}$ then S is a maximal 2-isoinc set but it is not a maximum 2-isoinc set.

Definition 3.12 (distance-k dominating set) :[7]

Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$. Then S is said to be a distance- k dominating set, if for every $v \in V(G) - S$, there is a vertex u in S such that $d(v, u) \leq k$, ($k \geq 1$).

Definition 3.13 (distance-2 open neighbourhood) :[7]

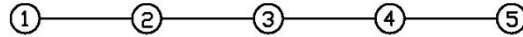
Let G be a graph and $v \in V(G)$. Then the distance-2 open neighbourhood of v ,

$N_2(v) = \{u \in V(G) \ni u \neq v \ \& \ d(u, v) \leq 2\}$ also the distance- 2 close neighbourhood of v ,
 $N_2[v] = N_2(v) \cup \{v\}$.

Definition 3.14 (2-degree of vertex) :

Let G be a graph and $v \in V(G)$. Then the cardinality of $|N_2(v)|$ will be called the 2-degree of vertex. The minimum 2-degree of a graph G will be denoted as $\delta_2(G)$.

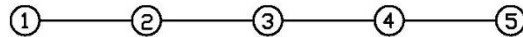
Example 3.15: Consider the path graph P_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



Note that if v is an isolated vertex then 2-degree of $v = 0$. Conversely, also if 2-degree of $v = 0$ then v is an isolated vertex.

If $d(v) = 1$ then it is not necessary that $d_2(v) = 1$.

Example 3.16: Consider the path graph P_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



Here, $d(1) = 1$ but $d_2(1) = 1$.

Definition 3.17 (distance-2 dominating set) :[7]

Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$. Then S is said to be a distance-2 dominating set if for every $v \in V(G) - S$, there is a vertex u in S such that $d(v, u) \leq 2$.

A distance-2 dominating set with minimum cardinality is called a minimum distance-2 dominating set.

The cardinality of a minimum distance-2 dominating set is called the distance-2 domination number of the graph and it is denoted as $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Definition 3.18 (minimal distance-2 dominating set) :[7]

A distance-2 dominating set S is said to be a minimal distance-2 dominating set if $S - \{v\}$ is not a distance-2 dominating set, for each $v \in S$.

Note that every minimum distance-2 dominating set is minimal distance-2 dominating set.

Definition 3.19 (2-isolate distance-2 dominating set) :

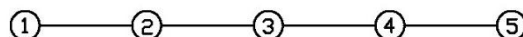
Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$. Then S is said to be a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set if

- (1) S is a distance-2 dominating set
- (2) $\langle S \rangle$ contains a 2-isolated vertex.

Let G be a graph. A 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set with minimum cardinality is called a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set. It is denoted as $\gamma_{0 \leq 2}$ -set.

The cardinality of a $\gamma_{0 \leq 2}$ -set is called the 2-isolate distance-2 domination number of the graph and it is denoted as $\gamma_{0 \leq 2}(G)$.

Example 3.20: Consider the path graph P_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



Let $S = \{2, 5\}$ then S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of a graph.

Let $T = \{1, 4, 7\}$ then T is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of a graph.
 Note that $|T| < |S|$.

Definition 3.21 (distance-2 private neighbourhood) :

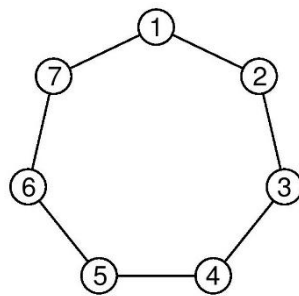
Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ and $v \in S$. Then distance-2 private neighbourhood of v with respect to the set S is equal to $P_{rnd_2}[v, S] = \{w \in V(G) \ni N_2[w] \cap S = \{v\}\}$.

Remark 3.22:

Let G be a graph, $v \in V(G)$ and $v \in S$.

- (1) If $d(v, u) > 2$ for every $u \in S$ with $u \neq v$ then $v \in P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$.
- (2) If $x \in S$ and $x \neq v$ then $x \notin P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$.
- (3) If $w \in V(G) - S$ then $w \in P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$ if and only if v is the only vertex in S whose distance from w is ≤ 2 .

Example 3.23: Consider the cycle graph C_7 with 7 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$



Let $S = \{2, 5\}$. Let $v = \{2\}$.

- (1) $v \notin P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$ because $v \in S, 1 \in S$ and $d(v, 1) \leq 2$.
- (2) $1 \notin P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$ because $1 \in S$ and $1 \neq v$.
- (3) $3 \notin S$ but $3 \in P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$ because $d(3, 2) \leq 2$ and also $d(3, 1) \leq 2$.
- (4) $4 \notin S$ but $4 \in P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$ because $d(4, v) = 2$ and also $d(4, 1) = 3$. Which is > 2 .
 Similarly $5 \in P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$.
- (5) $6 \notin S$ but $6 \notin P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$ because $d(6, v) = 3 > 2$.

IV. MAIN RESULT

Proposition 4.1: Let G be a graph, $S \subset V(G)$ and $v \in S$ then v is a 2-isolated vertex of S if and only if $N(v) \cap N(u) = \emptyset$, for every $u \in S$ with $u \neq v$.

Proof: Suppose v is 2-isolated in S and suppose u is in $S, N(v) \cap N(u) \neq \emptyset$.

Let $2 \in N(v) \cap N(u)$. Then v is adjacent to 2 and 2 is adjacent to u .

Therefore $d(v, u) \leq d(v, z) + d(z, u) = 1 + 1 = 2$.

This is a contradiction.

Therefore for every $u \in S$ with $u \neq v$.

$N(v) \cap N(u) = \emptyset$.

Conversely, suppose condition is holds.

Then $d(v, u) > 2$, for every $u \in S$ with $u \neq v$.

Therefore v is 2 isolated in S ■

Proposition 4.2: Let S be a 2-isoinc set and $v \in V(G) - S$. Then $S \cup \{v\}$ is not a 2-isoinc set if and only if $d(v, u) \leq 2$, for all 2-isolated vertices u of S .

Proof: Suppose $S \cup \{v\}$ is not a 2-isoinc set.

Then $d(u, x) \leq 2$, for every isolate u of S and for some $x \in S \cup \{v\}$ but $d(u, w) > 2$.

For each $w \in S$ therefore $d(u, v) \leq 2$, for each 2-isolated vertex u of S .

Conversely, suppose $d(u, v) \leq 2$, for each 2-isolated vertex u of S . Then obviously $S \cup \{v\}$ does not have any 2-isolated vertex. ■

Theorem 4.3: Let G be a graph and S be a 2-isoinc set of G . Then S is a maximal 2-isoinc set if and only if for every $v \in V(G) - S, S \cup \{v\}$ is not a 2-isoinc set of G .

Proof: Suppose S is maximal 2-isoinc set.

Let $v \in V(G) - S$. Since $S \cup \{v\}$ properly contain $S, S \cup \{v\}$ cannot be a 2-isoinc set of G .

Conversely, suppose the condition holds.

Suppose $T \subset V(G)$ is such that S is a proper subset of T if $T = S \cup \{v\}$ for some $u \in V(G) - S$ then by the given condition T cannot be a 2-isoinc set of G .

Therefore we may assume that $|T| - |S| \geq 2$.

Let $v \in T - S$ by the given condition $S \cup \{v\}$ does not have any 2-isolated vertex.

Let $u \in T - S$ be such that $S \cup \{u\}$ does not have any 2-isolated vertex.

Continuing this way, we see that $T = S \cup \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ is not a 2-isoinc set $T - S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$.

Thus, the theorem is prove. ■

Theorem 4.4: Let G be a graph with $\beta_{2is}(G) \geq 2$ then $\beta_{2is}(G) < \beta_{is}(G)$.

Proof: Let S be a maximum 2-isoinc set of G .

Let $v, v' \in S$ and assume that v is 2-isolated vertex of S . Then $d(v, v') > 2$.

Suppose $d(v, v') = 3$.

Let vu_1u_2v' with a shortest path joining v & v' in G . Then $u_1 \notin S$ and $u_2 \notin S$.

Also note that u_2 is not adjacent to v .

Let $S_1 = S \cup \{u_2\}$. Since v is not adjacent to u_2 and v is also not adjacent to any vertex of S . It follows that v is not adjacent to any vertex of S_1 .

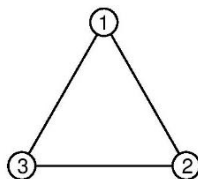
Therefore S_1 is an isoinc set of G .

Therefore $\beta_{is}(G) \geq |S_1| > |S| = \beta_{2is}(G)$.

Thus $\beta_{2is}(G) < \beta_{is}(G)$. ■

Remark : If $\beta_{2is}(G) = 1$ then the above theorem is not true.

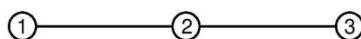
Example 4.5: Consider the triangle with vertices $\{1, 2, 3\}$



Then $\beta_{is}(G) = 1$ and $\beta_{2is}(G) = 1$.

However, it is also not true that $\beta_{is}(G) = \beta_{2is}(G)$ if $\beta_{2is}(G) = 1$.

Example 4.6: Consider the path graph $G = P_3$ with 3 vertices $\{1, 2, 3\}$



Here, $\beta_{2is}(G) = 1$ and $\beta_{is}(G) = 2$.

Theorem 4.7: Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ be a 2-isoic set of G . Then S is a maximal 2-isoic set if and only if for each $v \in V(G) - S, d(v, u) \leq 2$ for every 2-isolated vertex u of S .

Proof: Suppose S is a maximal and $v \in V(G) - S$.

Let $S_1 = S \cup \{v\}$. Then S_1 does not have any 2-isolated vertex. This means that $d(v, u) \leq 2$ for every 2-isolated vertex u of $S, S \cup \{v\}$ cannot have any 2-isolated vertex.

Thus, S is a maximal 2-isoic set of G .

Corollary 4.8: Let G be a graph and v be an isolated vertex of G . If S is any maximal 2-isoic set then $v \in S$.

Proof: Suppose for some maximal 2-isoic set $S, v \notin S$. Then $d(v, u) \leq 2$, for every 2-isolated vertex u of S .

This implies that v is not a isolated vertex in G .

Which is a contradiction.

Thus the result is proved.

Corollary 4.9: Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ be a maximal 2-isoic set of G . Then S is a distance-2 dominating set of G .

Proof: Let $v \in V(G) - S$.

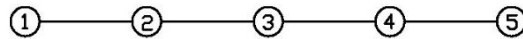
By theorem-4.5, $d(v, u) \leq 2$ for every 2-isolated vertex u of S .

There is a vertex u in S which is a 2-isolated vertex of S .

Therefore $d(v, u) \leq 2$.

Thus S is a distance-2 dominating set of G . ■

Example 4.10: Consider the path graph P_5 with 5 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



Note that if v is an isolated vertex then $\delta_2(v) = 0$. Conversely also if $\delta_2(v) = 0$ then v is an isolated vertex.

If $d(v) = 1$ then it is not necessary that $d_2(v) = 1$.

Theorem 4.11: Let G be a graph and $v \in V(G) \ni d_2(v) = \delta_2(v)$. Let $T = V(G) - N_2(v)$ then T is a maximum 2-isoic set of G .

Proof: Obviously, T is a 2-isoic set of G .

Suppose T is not a maximum 2-isoic set of G .

Then there is a 2-isoic set of G such that $|S| > |T|$.

Let x be any 2-isolated vertex of S . Then

(1) $d_2(v) = \delta_2(v)$.

(2) $N_2(x) \subset V(G) - S$.

Therefore $S \subset V(G) - N_2(x) \subset V(G) - N_2(v) = T$ and

Therefore $|S| \leq |T|$.

Which is a contradiction.

Therefore T is a maximum 2-isoic set of G . ■

Theorem 4.12: Let G be a graph and T be a maximum 2-isoic set of G . Then there is $v \in T \ni d_2(v) = \delta_2(G)$ and $T = V(G) - N_2(v)$.

Proof: Let v be any isolated vertex of $\langle T \rangle$ then $N_2(v) \subset V(G) - T$ or $T \subset V(G) - N_2(v)$.

Now $V(G) - N_2(v)$ is an isoic set of G and also note that $|T| \leq |V(G) - N_2(v)|$.

Therefore T be a maximum 2-isoic set of G .

$|T| = |V(G) - N_2(v)|$. Since $T \subset V(G) - N_2(v)$, $T = V(G) - N_2(v)$.

Suppose $d_2(v) > \delta_2(G)$.

Let x be a vertex of G such that $d_2(x) = \delta_2(G)$, by above theorem-4.8 $V(G) - N_2(v)$ is a maximum 2-isoic set of G . Since $d_2(v) > d_2(x)$.

$|V(G) - N_2(v)| < |V(G) - N_2(x)|$.

Then this implies that $V(G) - N_2(v)$ is not a maximum 2-isoic set of G .

Which is a contradiction.

Thus $d_2(v) = \delta_2(G)$. ■

Corollary 4.13: Let G be a graph and v be an isolated vertex then $V(G)$ is the only maximum 2-isoic set of G .

Proof: Since v is an isolated vertex, $N_2(v) = \emptyset$ and by the above theorem, $V(G) - N_2(v) = V(G)$ is a maximum 2-isoic set of G .

If S is a proper subset of $V(G)$ then obviously S cannot be a maximum 2-isoic set of G .

Thus $V(G)$ is the only maximum 2-isoic set of G . ■

Theorem 4.14: Let G be a graph and $S \subset V(G)$ be such that $\langle S \rangle$ has the maximum number of 2-isolated vertex among all the 2-isoic set of G . Then S is a maximum 2-packing of G .

Proof: Let S_1 be the set of all 2-isolated vertices of $\langle S \rangle$.

Let M be a maximum 2-packing of G . Then $|S_1| \geq |M| = \delta(G)$.

Note that S_1 itself 2-packing of G with $|S_1| \geq |M|$.

Therefore $|S_1| = |M|$.

Thus S_1 is a maximum 2-packing of G .

Suppose $|S| > |S_1|$. Let $x \in S \ni x \notin S_1$. Since S_1 is a maximum 2-packing, $d(x, y) \leq 2$, for some y in S_1 but then this means that y is not a 2-isolated vertices in the $\langle S \rangle$.

Which is a contradiction.

Thus $|S_1| = |S|$ and hence $S_1 = S$ and

Therefore S is a maximum 2-packing of G . ■

Proposition 4.15: If S is a maximum 2-isoic set then S is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

Proof: Let $v \in V(G) - S$.

Then by theorem-4.5, there is a vertex u in S such that $d(v, u) \leq 2$.

Thus S is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . ■

Theorem 4.16: Let S is a maximum 2-isoic set of G

(1) For each 2-isolated vertex v of S , $N_2(v) = V(G) - S$.

(2) If u and v are 2-isolates of S then $d_2(u) = d_2(v)$.

Proof: (1) Let v be an 2-isolated vertex of S then $N_2(v) \subset V(G) - S$.

Let $x \in V(G) - S$.

Since S is maximal, $d(x, w) \leq 2$, every 2-isolated vertex w of S .

Therefore $x \in N_2(v)$.

Thus $N_2(v) = V(G) - S$.

(2) If u and v be two 2-isolates of S then

$d_2(u) = |N_2(u)| = |V(G) - S| = |N_2(v)| = d_2(v)$.

Thus $d_2(u) = d_2(v)$. ■

Remark 4.17: Let G be a graph and v be an isolated vertex in G . It is obvious that $d(x, y)$ in G is equal to $d(x, y)$ in $G - v$ as v is an isolated vertex in G .

Theorem 4.18: Let G be a graph and v be an isolated vertex in G . Then $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G) \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v)$ if and only if for every minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set S of G . The following condition is satisfied

C: v is the only 2-isolated vertex in the $\langle S \rangle$.

Proof: Suppose $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G) \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v)$.

Let S be any minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . Since v is an isolated vertex of G , $v \in S$.

Suppose there is vertex $v' \in S \ni v' = v$ & v' is 2-isolated vertex of S .

Now let $S_1 = S - \{v\}$. Consider the subgraph $G - v$.

Let $x \notin S_1$. Then there is a vertex y in S such that $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in G . Obviously $y \neq v$.

Therefore $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in $G - v$ also.

Thus S_1 is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$.

Therefore $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) \leq |S_1| < |S| = \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

This contradict the hypothesis that $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G) \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v)$.

Therefore v is the only 2-isolated vertex of S .

Conversely, suppose the condition is satisfied.

For any minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

Let T be any set of vertices of $G - v$ such that $|T| < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Suppose T is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set in $G - v$.

Let x be any vertex of G such that $x \neq v$ and $x \notin T$. There is a vertex y in T such that $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in $G - v$.

Since v is an isolated vertex, by the above remark $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in G also.

Note let $S = T \cup \{v\}$ then S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

Then $|S| = \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$ and S contains two 2-isolated vertices including v .

Which is a contradiction.

Therefore if $|T| < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$ then T cannot be 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

Therefore $|T| \geq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Therefore $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) \geq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$. ■

Theorem 4.19: Let G be a graph and v be an isolated vertex of G . Then $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$ if and only if there is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set S of G such that S contains an isolate different from v .

Proof: Suppose $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Let S_1 be a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$.

Then S_1 cannot be 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G because $|S_1| = \gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Let $S = S_1 \cup \{v\}$.

Let x be a vertex of S_1 such that $x \notin S$ and $x \notin S_1$ also. Since S_1 is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$, $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in $G - v$, for some y in S . Then $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in G also.

Thus S is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G such that $v \in S$. Since $|S| = |S_1| + 1$, S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

Let v' be if 2-isolated vertex of S_1 then v' is also 2-isolated vertex of S as v is an isolated vertex of G .

Thus S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G which contains an isolate different from v .

Conversely, suppose there is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set S of G such that S contains a 2-isolate different from v . Since v is an isolated vertex in G , $v \in S$.

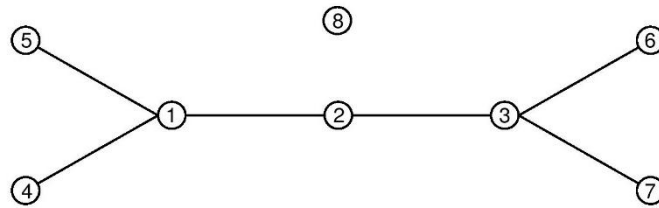
Let $S_1 = S - \{v\}$. Then S_1 contains a 2-isolate (which is different from v).

Therefore S_1 is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$.

Thus $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) \leq |S_1| < |S| = \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Thus $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$. ■

Example 4.20: Consider the graph G with vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ mansion blow.

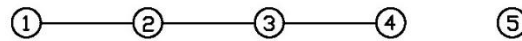


We may note that the set $S = \{1, 2, 8\}$ is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . Also note that for any minimum set T of G , 8 is the only 2-isolated vertex of T .

Now consider the subgraph $G - 8$. Consider the set $S_1 = \{1, 6, 7\}$. Then S_1 is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - 8$.

Thus $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - 8) = \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Example 4.21: Consider the graph G with vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ mansion blow.



Let $S = \{1, 4, 5\}$. Then S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . Note that S contains 2-isolate different from 5. (infact 1 and 4 are both 2-isolates of S)

Now consider the subgraph $G - 5$. Let $T = \{1, 4\}$. Then T is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - 5$. Therefore thus $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - 5) = 2 < 3 = \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

Corollary 4.22: Let G be a graph and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k be all the isolated vertices of G ($k \geq 2$). Then $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Proof: Let S be a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

Then $v_i \in S$, for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Then by above corollary,

$\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. ■

Corollary 4.23: If there is a 2-isolated vertex v such that $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) \geq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$ then the graph has only one 2-isolated vertex namely v .

Proof: Obvious . ■

Theorem 4.24: Let G be a graph and v be a non isolated vertex in G . Then $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) > \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$ if and only if the following two conditions are satisfied.

(1) For every a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set S of G , $d(v, S) \leq 1$

(2) There is no subset S of $V(G) - N_2(v)$ such that $|S| \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$ and S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$.

Proof: Suppose $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) > \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

(1) Let S be a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

If $v \in S$ then $d(v, S) = 0 < 1$.

Suppose $v \notin S$.

Consider the subgraph $G - v$. Since $|S| \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v)$, S cannot be 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$.

Note that any 2-isolate of S in G is also 2-isolate of S in $G - v$.

Therefore the $\langle S \rangle$ in $G - v$ contains 2-isolated vertices. It follows that S is not a distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$.

Therefore there is a vertex x in $G - v$ such that $x \notin S$ and $d(x, S) \geq 3$ in $G - v$. Since S is a distance-2 dominating set of G , $d(x, S) \geq 2$ in G .

Let P be a path joining x to some vertex z of S such that length of $P \leq 2$. Obviously this path contain v . Since $x \neq v$, x is adjacent to v and v is adjacent to z in G .

Thus $d(v, S) = 1$.

Therefore from both the above cases it follows that $d(v, S) \leq 1$.

(2) Suppose there is a set $S \subset V(G) - N_2[v]$ such that $|S| \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$ and S is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$. Then $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) \leq |S| \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$. Which implies that $\gamma_{\leq 2}(G - v) \leq \gamma_{\leq 2}(G)$.

which is a contradiction.

Therefore (2) is also proved.

Thus the theorem is proved.

Now we state and prove a necessary and sufficient condition under which 2-isolate distance-2 domination number decreases when vertex is remove from the graph.

Theorem 4.25: Let G be a graph and $v \in V(G)$. Then $\gamma_{0 \leq 2}(G - v) > \gamma_{0 \leq 2}(G)$ if and only if there is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of S such that

(1) S contains a 2-isolate different from v .

(2) $v \in S$ and $P_{rnd 2}[v, S] = \{v\}$.

Proof: Suppose $\gamma_{0 \leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{0 \leq 2}(G)$.

Let S_1 be a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$. Let z be a 2-isolate of S_1 in $G - v$. Since $|S_1| = \gamma_{0 \leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{0 \leq 2}(G)$, S_1 cannot be a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G .

Therefore there is a vertex x in G such that $d(x, S_1) > 2$ in G .

If $x \neq v$ then $d(x, S_1) \leq 2$ in $G - v$ because S_1 is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$. Then $d(x, S_1)$ in G is ≤ 2 .

Which is a contradiction.

Therefore $x \neq v$ is not possible.

Therefore $x = v$ and $d(x, S_1) > 2$ in G .

Let $S = S_1 \cup \{v\}$. Then $v \in S$. Since $d(v, z) > 2$ in G , z is also a 2-isolate of S in G .

If $y \in V(G)$ and $y \notin S$ then as prove (1) above $d(y, S_1) \leq 2$ in G .

Therefore $d(y, S) \leq 2$ in G . Therefore S is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G containing v . Since $d(v, S_1) > 2$, $d(v, u) > 2$, for all $u \in S$ with $u \neq v$.

Therefore $v \in P_{rnd 2}[v, S]$.

Let $T \in V(G) - S$ such that $d(T, v) \leq 2$. Now $T \notin S_1$ and S_1 is a distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$. Therefore there is a vertex T' in S_1 such that $d(T, T') \leq 2$ in G also.

Thus we have proved that $d(T, v) \leq 2$ in G .

Therefore $T \notin P_{rnd 2}[v, S]$.

Thus $P_{rnd 2}[v, S] = \{v\}$. Also note that S contain a 2-isolate different from v .

Conversely, suppose there is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set S of G such that

(1) S contain a 2-isolate different from v .

(2) $P_{rnd 2}[v, S] = \{v\}$.

Let $S_1 = S \cup \{v\}$. Let z be 2-isolate of S different from v . Then $z \in S_1$ and z is a 2-isolate of S_1 in $G - v$.

Let x be any vertex of $G - v$ such that $x \notin S$ also. Since S is a distance-2 dominating set of G . There is some y in S such that $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in G .

Case(1): suppose $y = v$.

Since $x \notin P_{rnd_2}[v, S]$. There is a vertex y' in S such that $y' \neq v$ and $d(x, y') \leq 2$ in G . Any path in G joining x to y' whose length is ≤ 2 cannot contain v as an internal vertex because $d(x, y') > 2$. Therefore Any path joining x to y' in G having length ≤ 2 is also a path in $G - v$.

Therefore $d(x, y') \leq 2$ in $G - v$.

Case(2): suppose $y \neq v$.

Then $y \in S_1$ and $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in G . By the same argument given above $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in $G - v$ also.

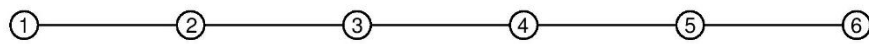
Thus we have proved that any vertex of $G - v$ which is not in S_1 satisfies $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in $G - v$, for some y in S_1 .

Therefore S_1 is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of $G - v$. Therefore $\gamma_{0\leq 2}(G - v) \leq |S_1| < |S| = \gamma_{0\leq 2}(G)$.

Hence, $\gamma_{0\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{0\leq 2}(G)$.

Thus the theorem is prove.

Example 4.26: Consider the path graph P_6 with 6 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$



Let $S = \{3, 6\}$. It is obvious that S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . Now consider the graph $G - 6$ which is the path graph P_5 with vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ 2-isolate distance-2 domination number =1 Thus $\gamma_{0\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{0\leq 2}(G)$.

Observe that $6 \in S$ and $P_{rnd_2}[6, S] = \{6\}$.

Also S contains a 2-isolate different from 6.

Corollary 4.27: Let G be a graph without isolated vertices. Suppose $\gamma_{0\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{0\leq 2}(G)$. Then there is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set S of G such that $v \notin S$.

Proof: Since $\gamma_{0\leq 2}(G - v) < \gamma_{0\leq 2}(G)$.

There is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of S_1 of G such that (which contains isolate different from v) $P_{rnd_2}[v, S] = \{v\}$.

Since v is not an isolated vertex of G . There is a vertex v' such that $d(v, v') \leq 2$. Obviously $v' \notin S_1$.

Let $S = (S_1 - \{v\}) \cup \{v'\}$. Then $|S| = |S_1|$.

Let x be any vertex of G then $x \notin S$.

If $x = v$ then $d(v, v') \leq 2$ and $v' \in S$.

If $x \neq v$ then $x \notin S_1$. Since S_1 is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . There is a vertex z in S_1 such that $d(x, z) \leq 2$.

If $z = v$ then there is another vertex w in S_1 such that $d(x, w) \leq 2$ in G because $x \notin P_{rnd_2}[v, S_1]$ then $w \in S$ and $d(x, w) \leq 2$.

If $d(x, v') \leq 2$ in G then $v' \in S$ and $d(x, v') \leq 2$.

Thus for any x not in S . There is some vertex y in S such that $d(x, y) \leq 2$ in G . This proves that S is a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . Note that $v \notin S$.

Proposition 4.28: Let G be a graph and v be an isolated vertex of G . If S is a 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G then $v \in S$.

Proof: Suppose $v \notin S$. Then $d(v, S) \leq 2$. Then there is a vertex $u \in S$ such that $d(v, u) \leq 2$. This implies that v is not isolated vertex.

Which is a contradiction.

Therefore $v \in S$.

Theorem 4.29: Let G be a graph and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k be all the isolated vertices of G ($k \geq 2$). Then $\gamma_{0\leq 2}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{0\leq 2}(G)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Proof: Let S be a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . By the above proposition 28, $v_i \in S$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Consider v_1 . Now $v_1 \in S$ and S also contains a 2-isolate vertex of S different from v_1 . Also $P_{rnd_2}[v_1, S] = \{v_1\}$. Therefore $\gamma_{0\leq}(G - v_1) < \gamma_{0\leq}(G)$.

Similarly, it can be proved that $\gamma_{0\leq}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{0\leq}(G)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$.

Thus the theorem is proved.

Corollary 4.30: Let G be a graph and v be an isolated vertex of G . If $\gamma_{0\leq}(G - v) \geq \gamma_{0\leq}(G)$. Then v is the only isolated vertex of G .

Proof: Suppose there is vertex v' of G such that $v' \neq v$ and v' is also isolated vertex.

Let S be a minimum 2-isolate distance-2 dominating set of G . Then $v, v' \in S$.

Also $P_{rnd_2}[v, S] = \{v\}$. And therefore $\gamma_{0\leq}(G - v) < \gamma_{0\leq}(G)$.

Which is a contradiction.

Then v is the only isolated vertex of G .

Now we consider the operation of edge removal in graph.

Proposition 4.31: Let G be a graph and e be an edge of G . If $u, v \in V(G)$. Then $d(u, v)$ in $G - e \geq d(u, v)$ in G .

Proof: If there is no path joining u and v in G . Then there is no path joining u and v in $G - e$, $d(u, v) = \infty$ in G . In this case there is no path joining u and v in $G - e$ also. And therefore $d(u, v) = \infty$ in $G - e$ also.

Thus the result is prove in this case.

Suppose $d(u, v) = k$ in $G - e$, for some positive integer k . Then there is a path of length k joining u and v in $G - e$. This is also a path joining u and v in $G - e$.

Therefore $d(u, v)$ in G is \leq the length of the path P which is $= k$ which is $= d(u, v)$ in $G - e$.

Therefore $d(u, v)$ in $G \leq d(u, v)$ in $G - e$.

Thus the result is proved.

Now we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 4.32: Let G be a graph and $e = \{uv\}$ be an edge of G . Then $\beta_{2is}(G - e) \geq \beta_{2is}(G)$.

Proof: Let S be a maximum 2-isoic set of G . Let $u \in S$ be a 2-isolated vertex of S . Then $d(u, x) > 2$ in G , for every $x \in S$ with $x \neq u$. Let w be 2-isolated vertex of S . Then $d(w, x) > 2$ in G , for every $x \in S$ with $x \neq w$. Then $d(w, x) > 2$ in $G - e$ also, for every $x \in S$ with $x \neq w$.

Thus w is a 2-isolated vertex of S in $G - e$.

Moreover, if $a, b \in S$ then $d(a, b) > 2$ in G , for all $a, b \in S$. Therefore $d(a, b) > 2$, for all $a, b \in S$ in $G - e$ also.

Thus S is a 2-isoic set in $G - e$ also.

Therefore $\beta_{2is}(G - e) \geq |S| = \beta_{2is}(G)$.

Therefore $\beta_{2is}(G - e) \geq \beta_{2is}(G)$.

Now we state and prove a necessary and sufficient condition under which 2-isoic number of a graph increases when an edge is remove on the graph.

Theorem 4.33: Let G be a graph and $e = \{uv\}$ be an edge of G . Then $\beta_{2is}(G - e) > \beta_{2is}(G)$ if and only if for every maximum 2-isoic S of $G - e$. The following conditions are satisfied.

- (1) If $u, v \in S$ then for every 2-isolate z of S . There is a vertex w in $V(G) - S$, which is adjacent to z and u or there is a vertex w' in $V(G) - S$, which is adjacent to z and v .
- (2) If $u \notin S$ and $v \in S$ then for every 2-isolate z of S , z is adjacent to u .
- (3) If $v \notin S$ and $u \in S$ then for every 2-isolate z of S , z is adjacent to v .

Proof: First suppose that $\beta_{2is}(G - e) \geq \beta_{2is}(G)$.

Let S be a maximum 2-isoinc of $G - e$. Since $|S| > \beta_{2is}(G)$, S cannot be a 2-isoinc of G .

Therefore if z is any 2-isolate of S in $G - e$ then z cannot be a 2-isolated vertex S in G .

Therefore $d(z, x) \leq 2$ in G some x in S .

Case(1): $u \in S$ & $v \in S$

It follows that $u = x$ or $v = x$.

If $x = u$ then there is a vertex w in $V(G) - S$ such that w is adjacent to both u & z .

If $x = v$ then there is a vertex w in $V(G) - S$ such that w' is adjacent to both v & z .

Case(2): $u \notin S$ & $v \in S$

In this case it follows that $x = v$. Since $d(z, v) > 2$ in $G - e$ and $d(z, v) \leq 2$, z must be adjacent to u .

Case(3): $v \notin S$ & $u \in S$

In this case it follows that $x = u$. Since $d(z, u) > 2$ in $G - e$ and $d(z, u) \leq 2$, z must be adjacent to v .

Conversely, suppose conditions (1), (2) and (3) are any one is satisfied, for any maximum 2-isoinc set S of $G - e$.

Let S be subset of $V(G)$ such that $|S| \geq \beta_{2is}(G - e)$. Suppose S is a 2-isoinc of G , S must be a 2-isoinc set S of $G - e$ also.

Thus here $|S| \geq \beta_{2is}(G - e)$ and S is a 2-isoinc set S of $G - e$.

This is a contradiction.

Thus S cannot be a 2-isoinc set S of G if $|S| \geq \beta_{2is}(G - e)$.

Suppose $|S| = \beta_{2is}(G - e)$. Suppose S is a 2-isoinc of G . Now S is also a maximum 2-isoinc of $G - e$. By the assumption conditions (1), (2) or (3) are satisfied by S and therefore S cannot be a 2-isoinc set of G .

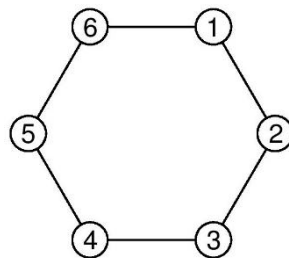
Which is again contradiction.

Thus we have prove that $|S| \geq \beta_{2is}(G - e)$ then S cannot be a 2-isoinc set of G .

Therefore if T is any maximum 2-isoinc set of G then $|T| < \beta_{2is}(G)$.

Therefore $\beta_{2is}(G - e) > \beta_{2is}(G)$.

Example 4.34: Let G be the cycle graph C_6 with 6 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$



In this graph $S = \{1, 4\}, \{2, 5\}, \{3, 6\}$ are the only maximum 2-isoinc sets of G .

Now consider the graph $G - e$. Which is the path graph P_6 with 6 vertices $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

In this graph $S_1 = \{1, 4, 5, 6\}$ and $S_2 = \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$ are the only maximum 2-isoinc sets of $G - e$.

Note that $\{1, 6\} \in S_1$ and $\{1, 6\} \in S_2$ also. Let $w = 2$ then w is the adjacent to 1 for the set S_1 . Let $w = 5$ then w is the adjacent to 6 for the set S_2 .

Example 4.35: Consider the complete graph K_n with $n \geq 3$.

Then $\beta_{2is}(K_n) = 1$. Remove any edge from the graph K_n then $\beta_{2is}(K_n - e) = 1$.

Here, 2-isoinc number does not increases when any edge remove from the graph.

V. CONCLUDING REMARKS

In this paper we have consider 2-isolate inclusive set. It may be possible to study those sets which do not contain 2-isolated vertices. These sets can be studied and can be compared with totally dominating sets.

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