

# About Enclave Inclusive Sets In Graphs

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**Abstract** - We introduce the concept of enclave inclusive set in graphs in this paper. A set of vertices of a graph is called an enclave inclusive set if contains an enclave point. We prove that a set of vertices is a minimal enclave set if and only if its compliment is a maximal non dominating set. We observe that the close neighbourhood of a vertex with minimum degree is a minimum enclave inclusive set. We also prove that if  $v$  is a vertex of a graph. Then enclave inclusive number of  $G - v$  is less than the enclave inclusive number of  $G$  if and only if there is a neighbour  $u$  of  $v$  such that  $d(u)$  is minimum. We deduce that for a graph  $G$  without isolated vertices there are at least  $\delta(G)$  vertices such that removal of any one of them reduces the enclave inclusive number of the graph. We further prove that if  $e = \{uv\}$  is an edge of the graph  $G$ . Then enclave inclusive number of  $G - e$  is less than the enclave inclusive number of  $G$  if and only if  $d(u)$  is minimum or  $d(v)$  is minimum. Finally, we observe that if  $G$  is a  $k$ -regular graph ( $k \geq 1$ ). Then removal of any vertex or any edge reduce the enclave inclusive number of the graph.

**Keywords** - enclave point, enclave inclusive set, minimum enclave inclusive set, minimal enclave inclusive set, upper enclave inclusive number.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

If  $S$  is a set of vertices of  $G$  and  $v \in S$ . Then we said to be an enclave point of  $S$  if  $N[v] \subset S$ . A set  $S$  of vertices of  $G$  is said to be an enclave inclusive set if  $S$  contains an enclave vertex. To be an enclave inclusive set is a super hereditary property but it is not hereditary property. An enclave inclusive set with minimum cardinality is called a minimal enclave inclusive set and its cardinality is called enclave inclusive number of the graph. We prove that the close neighbour of a vertex with minimum degree is a minimum enclave inclusive set and the enclave inclusive number of any graph is  $\delta(G)$ .

We consider two operation on a graph and observe there effect on enclave inclusive number of the graph. In fact, we prove that the removal of a vertex reduces the enclave inclusive number if it has a neighbour with minimum degree. Similarly, we prove that the removal on edge reduces the enclave inclusive number if one of its end vertices has minimum degree.

## 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** :(Non dominating set) :

A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$ , which is not dominating set then  $S$  is called a non dominating set.

If  $S$  is a non dominating set and  $T \subset S$ . Then  $T$  is a non dominating set. Therefore to be non dominating set is a hereditary property.

**Definition 3.2** :(maximal Non dominating set) :

A non-dominating set is said to be maximal non dominating set if it is not properly contain any other non-dominating set.

Equivalently, a non-dominating set  $S$  is a maximal non dominating set if for each  $v \in V(G) - S$ ,  $S \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating set.

A non-dominating set  $S$  is said to be a maximal non dominating set if  $S \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating set for every  $v \in V(G) - S$ .

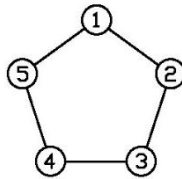
**Example 1:** Consider the cycle graph  $C_4$  with 4 vertices  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$



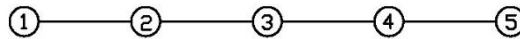
All single sets are non dominating set  $\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}$  and  $\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}$  are dominating sets.

Therefore  $v_1 = \{1\}$  is a maximal non dominating set.

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



$\{1, 2\}$  is a maximal non dominating set. Cardinality of maximum non dominating set  $\{1, 2\} = 2$ .



$\{1, 5\}$  is a maximal non dominating set and cardinality of maximum non dominating set  $\{1, 2, 3\} = 3$ .

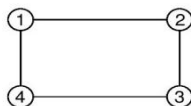
**Definition 3.3 : (enclave point) :**

Let  $G$  be a graph,  $S \subset V(G)$  and  $v \in S$ . Then  $v$  is an enclave point of  $S$  if  $N[v] \subset S$ .

**Definition 3.4 : (enclave inclusive set) :**

A set  $S$  is said to be an enclave inclusive set if  $S$  contain an enclave point.

**Example 3:** Consider the cycle graph  $C_4$  with 4 vertices  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

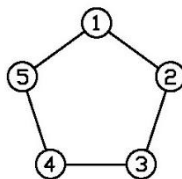


Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$N[2] = \{1, 2, 3\}$  then 2 is enclave point of  $S$ .

Therefore  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$  is an enclave inclusive set.

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



Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$  is an enclave inclusive set of  $S$  and 2 is an enclave point of  $S$ .

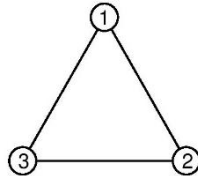
**Definition 3.5 :(minimal enclave inclusive set) :**

An enclave inclusive set  $S$  is said to be a minimal enclave inclusive set if no proper subset of  $S$  is an enclave inclusive set.

**Definition 3.6 :(minimum enclave inclusive set) :**

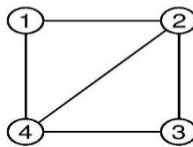
Let  $G$  be a graph and enclave inclusive set with minimum cardinality is called minimum enclave inclusive set and its cardinality is called enclave inclusive number of the graph and it is denoted as  $e_i(G)$ .

**Example 5:** Consider the cycle graph  $C_3$  with 3 vertices  $\{1, 2, 3\}$



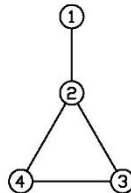
Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$  then  $S$  is a minimum enclave inclusive set and  $e_i(G) = 3$ .

**Example 6:** Consider the graph  $G$  with 4 vertices  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$



Let  $S = \{1, 2, 4\}$  then  $S$  is a minimum enclave inclusive set and  $e_i(G) = 3$ .

**Example 7:** Consider the graph  $G$  with 4 vertices  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$



Let  $S = \{1, 2\}$  then  $S$  is a minimum enclave inclusive set and  $e_i(G) = 2$ .

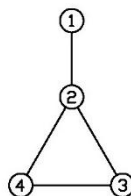
Let  $T = \{2, 3, 4\}$ . It is obvious that  $T$  is an enclave inclusive set.

Note that  $T$  is not a minimum enclave inclusive set. Because  $|T| > |S|$ .

**Definition 3.7 :(upper enclave inclusive number) :**

Let  $G$  be a graph. A minimal enclave inclusive set with maximum cardinality is called  $E_i$  – set of  $G$ . The cardinality of such a set is called the upper enclave inclusive number of the graph and it is denoted as  $E_i(G)$ .

**Example 8:** Consider the following graph.



In this graph the set  $S = \{2, 3, 4\}$  is an  $E_i$  – set of  $G$ .

Here  $E_i(G) = 3$ .

Note that the set  $T = \{1, 2\}$  is a minimum enclave inclusive set and  $e_i(G) = 2$ .

**Remark:** For any graph  $G$ ,  $e_i(G) \leq E_i(G)$ .

#### IV. MAIN RESULT

**Proposition 4.1:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $S \subset V(G)$ . Then  $V(G) - S$  is an enclave inclusive set if and only if  $S$  is a non dominating set.

**Proof:** Suppose  $S$  is an enclave inclusive set of  $G$ .

Let  $v$  be an enclave point of  $S$ . Then  $v$  is not adjacent to every vertex of  $V(G) - S$  because  $N(v) \subset S$ .

Thus  $V(G) - S$  is not a dominating set of  $G$ .

Conversely, suppose  $V(G) - S$  is not a dominating set.

Therefore there is a vertex  $v$  in  $S$ . Which is not adjacent to any vertex of  $V(G) - S$ .

Therefore  $N(v) \subset S$ .

Hence  $v$  is an enclave point of  $S$ .

Thus  $S$  is an enclave inclusive set of  $G$ . ■

First we give the characterization of minimal enclave inclusive set.

**Theorem 4.2:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $S \subset V(G)$ . Then  $S$  is a minimal enclave inclusive set if for each  $v \in S$  the following condition is satisfied.

**C:** If  $x \in S, x \neq v$  then  $x$  has a neighbour in  $V(G) - S$  or  $x$  is adjacent to  $v$ .

**Proof:** First suppose that  $S$  is a minimal enclave inclusive set of  $G$ .

Let  $v \in S$  then  $S - \{v\}$  is not an enclave inclusive set.

Therefore if  $x \in S - \{v\}$  then  $x$  is not an enclave point of  $S - \{v\}$ .

Therefore  $x$  has a neighbour in  $V(G) - S$  or  $x$  is adjacent to  $v$ .

Conversely, suppose the condition is satisfied.

Let  $v \in S$ . Let  $x \in S - \{v\}$ .

If  $x$  is a neighbour in  $V(G) - S$  then it follows that  $x$  is not an enclave point of  $S - \{v\}$ .

If  $x$  is adjacent to  $v$  then also it follows that  $x$  is not an enclave point of  $S - \{v\}$ .

Thus  $S - \{v\}$  does not have any enclave point.

Therefore  $S$  is a minimal enclave inclusive set of  $G$ . ■

**Proposition 4.3:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $S \subset V(G)$ . Then  $S$  is a minimal enclave inclusive set if and only if  $V(G) - S$  is a maximal non dominating set.

**Proof:** First suppose that  $S$  be a minimal enclave inclusive set then  $V(G) - S$  is a non dominating set.

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

Let  $T = V(G) - S$  and let consider the  $T \cup \{v\}$ .

Let  $x \in V(G) - (T \cup \{v\})$  then  $x \in S - \{v\}$ . Since  $S$  is a minimal enclave inclusive set.

$x$  is adjacent to  $v$  or  $x$  has a neighbour in  $T$ .

Therefore  $T \cup \{v\}$  is a dominating set.

Therefore  $T$  is a maximal non dominating set.

Conversely, suppose  $V(G) - S$  is a maximal non dominating set of  $G$ .

Let  $v \in S$ . Consider the set  $T = V(G) - (S \cup \{v\})$ .

Let  $x \in S$  such that  $x \neq v$ .

Now  $T$  is a dominating set of  $G$  and  $x \notin T$ .

Therefore  $x$  is adjacent to  $v$  or  $x$  has a neighbour in  $V(G) - S$ .

By proposition 4.2,  $S$  is a minimal enclave inclusive set. ■

**Proposition 4.4:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $v \in V(G)$  such that  $d(v) = \delta(G)$  then  $N[v]$  is a minimal enclave inclusive set.

**Proof:** It is obvious that  $N[v]$  is an enclave inclusive set of  $G$ .

Let  $S$  be any enclave inclusive set of  $G$ .

Let  $x$  be an enclave point of  $S$  then  $N[x] \subset S$ .  
 Therefore,  $|S| \geq |N[x]| \geq |N[v]|$ .  
 Therefore,  $N[v]$  is a minimum enclave inclusive set of  $G$ . ■

**Corollary 4.5:** For any graph,  $e_i(G) = \delta(G) + 1$ .

**Proof:** It is obvious.

**Remark:** Let  $G$  be a graph. It is obvious that  $V(G)$  is a enclave inclusive set with maximum cardinality. Therefore, it is not interesting to define an enclave inclusive set with maximum cardinality.

Now we state and prove a necessary and sufficient condition under which the enclave inclusive number decreases when a vertex is removing from the graph.

**Proposition 4.6:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $v \in V(G)$  then  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$  if and only if there is a neighbour  $u$  of  $v$  such that  $d(u)$  in  $G = \delta(G)$ .

**Proof:** suppose  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$ .  
 Therefore,  $\delta(G - v) + 1 < \delta(G) + 1$ .  
 Therefore,  $\delta(G - v) < \delta(G)$ .  
 Let  $w$  be a vertex of  $G - v$  such that  $d(w)$  in  $G - v = \delta(G - v) < \delta(G)$ .  
 Therefore  $d(w)$  in  $G \leq \delta(G)$ ..... (1)  
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 From (1) and (2) it follows that  
 $d(w)$  in  $G = \delta(G)$ .

If  $w$  is not a neighbour of  $v$  then it would implies that  $d(w)$  in  $G - v = \delta(G - v) = d(w)$  in  $G = \delta(G)$  and this would implies that  $\delta(G - v) = \delta(G)$ .

Which is a contradiction.

Therefore  $w$  is a neighbour of  $v$ .

Conversely, suppose there is a neighbour  $u$  of  $v$  such that  $d(u)$  in  $G = \delta(G)$ .

Therefore  $d(u)$  in  $G - v = \delta(G) - 1$ .

**Claim :**  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$

**Proof of the claim :**  $e_i(G - v) < \delta(G) - 1$

Then  $\delta(G - v) + 1 < \delta(G) - 1$ .

Therefore  $\delta(G - v) < \delta(G) - 2$ .

Let  $x$  be a vertex of  $G - v$  such that  $d(x)$  in  $G - v = \delta(G - v)$

Therefore  $d(x)$  in  $G - v < \delta(G) - 2$ .

Therefore  $d(x)$  in  $G \leq \delta(G) - 1$ .

Therefore  $d(x)$  in  $G < \delta(G)$ .

Which is a contradiction.

Therefore  $e_i(G - v) = \delta(G) - 1 < \delta(G) + 1 = e_i(G)$

Therefore  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$  ■

**Corollary 4.7:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $v \in V(G)$  then  $e_i(G - v) > e_i(G)$  if and only if for every neighbour  $u$  of  $v$  in  $G$  such that  $d(u)$  in  $G > \delta(G)$ .

**Proof:** The proof follows from above theorem-6.

**Remark:** From the above theorem-6 and its corollary-7, follows that if  $G$  is a graph and  $v \in V(G)$ . Then exactly one of two possibilities holds.

(1)  $e_i(G - v) > e_i(G)$

(2)  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$

**Corollary 4.8:** Let  $G$  be a graph without isolated vertices then there are at least  $\delta(G)$  vertices such that removal of each of them decreases enclave inclusive number of the graph.

**Proof:** Let  $v$  be a vertex of  $G$  such that  $d(v) = \delta(G)$  then  $d(v) \geq 1$ .

If  $u$  is any neighbour of  $v$  then  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$ .

Thus the removal of any neighbour of  $v$  decreases the enclave inclusive number of the graph.

Thus, there are at least  $\delta(G)$  vertices such that removal of each of them decreases enclave inclusive number of the graph. ■

**Theorem 4.9:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $e = \{uv\}$  be an edge of  $G$  then  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$  if and only if  $d(u) = \delta(G)$  or  $d(v) = \delta(G)$ .

**Proof:** Assume that  $d(u) = \delta(G)$  or  $d(v) = \delta(G)$ .

Therefore  $e_i(G) = \delta(G) + 1$ .

Now  $d(u)$  in  $G - e = \delta(G) - 1$ .

$\delta(G - e) = \delta(G) - 1$

$e_i(G - e) = \delta(G - e) + 1 = \delta(G) - 1 + 1 = \delta(G)$ .

Therefore,  $e_i(G - e) = \delta(G)$ .

$e_i(G - e) = \delta(G) < \delta(G) + 1 = e_i(G)$ .

Therefore,  $e_i(G - e) < e_i(G)$ .

Conversely, suppose  $e_i(G - e) < e_i(G)$

Therefore,  $\delta(G - e) + 1 < \delta(G) + 1$

Therefore,  $\delta(G - e) < \delta(G)$

Therefore,  $d(u) = \delta(G)$  or  $d(v) = \delta(G)$ . ■

**Theorem 4.10:** Let  $G$  be a graph and  $e = \{uv\}$  be an edge of  $G$  then  $e_i(G - e) = e_i(G)$  if and only if  $d(u) \geq \delta(G) + 1$  and  $d(v) \geq \delta(G) + 1$ .

**Proof:** It is always true that  $e_i(G - e) \leq e_i(G)$ .

Suppose  $d(u) \geq \delta(G) + 1$  or  $d(v) \geq \delta(G) + 1$ .

Then  $d(x) \geq \delta(G)$  for all  $x$  in  $G - e$ .

Therefore,  $e_i(G - e) \geq \delta(G) + 1 = e_i(G)$

Therefore,  $e_i(G - e) \geq e_i(G)$

Thus,  $e_i(G - e) = e_i(G)$ .

Conversely, suppose  $e_i(G - e) = e_i(G)$

Therefore,  $e_i(G - e) \not< e_i(G)$

Therefore, by theorem 9,  $d(u) \geq \delta(G) + 1$  and  $d(v) \geq \delta(G) + 1$ . ■

**Corollary 4.11:** Let  $G$  be a  $k$ -regular graph then for every vertex  $v$  of  $G$ ,  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$  also for every edge  $e$ ,  $e_i(G - e) < e_i(G)$ .

**Proof:** (1) If  $v \in V(G)$  then  $d(v) = \delta(G) = k$

Therefore,  $e_i(G - v) < e_i(G)$ , by theorem 6.

(2) If  $e$  is any edge of  $G$  then degree of each end vertex of  $e$  is  $k = \delta(G)$ .

Therefore, by theorem 10,  $e_i(G - e) < e_i(G)$  ■

**Corollary 4.12:** Let  $G$  be a graph then there are at least  $\delta(G)$  edges such that removal of each of them decreases enclave inclusive number of the graph.

**Proof:** Let  $v$  be a vertex of the graph  $G$  and  $d(v) = \delta(G)$ .

There are  $\delta(G)$  edges whose end vertex is  $v$  and  $d(v) = \delta(G)$ .

Therefore by theorem-9,

Removal of any such edge will reduce the enclave inclusive number of the graph.

Thus, there are  $\delta(G)$  edges such that removal of each of them reduces the enclave inclusive number of the graph. ■

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