



# The Monophonic Metric Dimension of The Total and The Middle Graphs of a Graph

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## Abstract

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph and  $M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} \subset V(G)$  be an ordered set and  $v \in V(G)$ . The representation  $mr(v/M)$  of  $v$  with respect to  $M$  is the  $k$ -tuple  $(d_m(v, v_1), d_m(v, v_2), \dots, d_m(v, v_k))$ . Then  $M$  is called a monophonic resolving set if different vertices of  $G$  have different representations with respect to  $M$ . A monophonic resolving set of minimum number of elements is called a minimum monophonic set for  $G$  and its cardinality is known as the monophonic metric dimension of  $G$ , represented by  $mdim(G)$ . In this article, we determined the monophonic metric dimension of the total and the middle graphs of a graphs.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple undirected connected graph. The order and size of  $G$  are denoted by  $n$  and  $m$  respectively. For basic graph theoretic terminology, we refer [1]. A path  $P$ 's chord is an edge that connects two of its non-adjacent vertices. If a path between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a connected graph  $G$  lacks chords, it is referred to as *monophonic path*. The length of the longest  $u - v$  monophonic path in  $G$  is the monophonic distance  $d_m(u, v)$  between  $u$  and  $v$ . These concepts were studied in [4,5].

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph and  $M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\} \subset V(G)$  be an ordered set and  $v \in V(G)$ . The representation  $mr(v/M)$  of  $v$  with respect to  $M$  is the  $k$ -tuple  $(d_m(v, v_1), d_m(v, v_2), \dots, d_m(v, v_k))$ . Then  $M$  is called a monophonic resolving set if different vertices of  $G$  have different representations with respect to  $M$ . A monophonic resolving set of minimum number of elements is called a minimum monophonic set for  $G$  and its cardinality is known as the monophonic metric dimension

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of  $G$ , represented by  $mdim(G)$ . Any monophonic resolving set of cardinality  $mdim(G)$  is called  $mdim$ -set of  $G$ . These

concepts were studied in [2,3,6,7]. In this article, we study a new metric dimension of the total and middle graphs of a graph.

## 2. The monophonic metric dimension of the total and the middle graphs of a graph

### Total graph

The total graph  $T(G)$  of the graph  $G$  is a graph such that the vertex set of  $T$  corresponds to the vertices and edges of  $G$  and two vertices are adjacent in  $T$  if and only if their corresponding elements are either adjacent or incident in  $G$ .

**Theorem.2.1.** Let  $G = T(P_n)$  be the total graph of  $P_n, n \geq 3$ . Then  $mdim(G) = 2$ .

**Proof.** Given path  $P_n$  is  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $u_i = v_i v_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Then

$V(T(P_n)) = \{v_i, u_j / 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1\}$ . In  $T(P_n), v_1$  is adjacent to  $v_2$  and  $u_1; v_n$  is adjacent to  $v_{n-1}$  and  $u_{n-1}, v_i$  is adjacent to  $v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, u_{i-1}$  and  $u_i, 2 \leq i \leq n - 1; u_1$  is adjacent to  $v_1, v_2$ , and  $u_2, u_i$  is adjacent to  $u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n - 2$  and  $u_{n-1}$  is adjacent to  $v_{n-1}, v_n$  and  $u_{n-2}$ . Clearly  $|V(T(P_n))| = 2n - 1$  and  $|E(T(P_n))| = 4n - 5$ .

Let  $M = \{v_1, u_1\}$ . Then

$mr(v_1/M) = (0,1), mr(v_2/M) = (1,1), mr(v_3/M) = (3,3),$   
 $mr(v_4/M) = (4,4), \dots, mr(v_n/M) = (n, n), mr(u_1/M) = (1,0), mr(u_2/M) = (2,1),$

$mr(u_3/M) = (3,2), \dots, mr(u_{n-1}/M) = (n - 1, n - 2).$

Since each representations are distinct,  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ . So that  $mdim(G) \leq 2$ . It is verified that no singleton subset of  $V$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ , so that  $mdim(G) = 2$ .

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**Theorem.2.2.** Let  $G = T(K_{1,n-1})$ , be the total graph of star,  $K_{1,n-1} (n \geq 3)$ . Then  $mdim(G) = n - 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $V(K_1) = x$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3 \dots v_{n-1}\}$  are the end vertices of  $K_{1,n-1}$  and  $u_j = x, v_i,$

$1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . Then  $V(T(G)) = \{x, v_i, u_j, 1 \leq i \leq n - 1, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1\}$ . In  $G$  each  $u_i$  is adjacent to  $x, v_i$  and  $u_j$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1, 1 \leq j \leq n - 1$ , and  $i \neq j. x$  is adjacent to each  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1. v_i$  is adjacent to  $u_j,$

$(1 \leq j \leq n - 1), i \neq j$ . Hence it follows that  $G(u_1, u_2 \dots u_{n-1})$  is a complete graph in  $G$ . Clearly  $|V(G)| = 2n - 1$  and  $|E(G)| = \frac{(n-1)(n-4)}{2}$ .

Let  $M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}\}$ . Then

$mr(x/M) = (1,1 \dots, 1), mr(v_1/M) = (0,3,3 \dots 3), mr(v_2/M) = (3,0,3 \dots 3),$   
 $mr(v_3/M) = (3,3,0, \dots 3), \dots, mr(v_{n-2}/M) = (3,3, \dots, 0,3),$   
 $mr(v_{n-1}/M) = (3,3, \dots, 3), mr(u_1/M) = (1,2,2 \dots 2),$   
 $mr(u_2/M) = (2,1,2, \dots 2), mr(u_3/M) = (2,2,1 \dots 2), \dots,$

$mr(u_{n-2}/M) = (2,2, \dots 1,2), mr(u_{n-1}/M) = (2,2,2 \dots 2).$

Since each representations are distinct  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ , so that  $mdim(G) \leq n - 2$ . We prove that  $mdim(G) = n - 2$ , On the contrary suppose that  $mdim(G) \leq n - 2$ . Then there exist a  $mdim$ - set  $M'$  of  $G$  such that  $|M'| \leq n - 3$ . Hence there exist  $x, y \in V$  such that  $x, y \notin M'$ . Without loss of generality, let  $x = v_{n-1}$  and  $y = v_{n-2}$ . Then  $mr(x/M') = mr(y/M') = (3,3,3 \dots 3)$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $mdim(G) = n - 2$ .

**Theorem.2.3.** Let  $G = T(C_n)$  be the total graph of cycle  $C_n, n \geq 5$ . Then  $mdim(G) = 3$

**Proof.** Let cycle  $C_n$  is  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_1, u_i = v_i v_{i+1}, 1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $u_n = v_n v_1$ . Then

$V(T(C_n)) = \{v_i, u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Also  $|V(T(C_n))| = 2n$  and  $|E(T(C_n))| = 4n$ .

**Case (i)** Let  $n$  be even

Let  $M = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ . Then

$mr(v_1/M) = (1, n, n - 1), mr(v_2/M) = (1,1, n), mr(v_3/M) = (n, 1, 1),$



$$(v_4/M) = (n - 1, n, 1), \dots, mr\left(\frac{v_n}{2}/M\right) = (n, 1, 1), \dots, mr\left(\frac{v_{n+1}}{2}/M\right) = (n - 1, n, 1), mr(v_{n-1}/M) = (n - 1, n - 1, n), mr(v_n/M) = (n, n - 1, n - 1), mr(u_1/M) = (0, 1, n), mr(u_2/M) = (1, 0, 1), \dots, mr\left(\frac{u_n}{2}/M\right) = (n - 1, 1, 0), mr\left(\frac{u_{n+1}}{2}/M\right) = (n - 2, n - 1, 1), \dots, mr(u_{n-1}/M) = (n - 1, n - 2, n - 1), mr(u_n/M) = (1, n - 1, n - 2).$$

Since each representations are distinct  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ , so that  $mdim(G) \leq 3$ . We prove that  $mdim(G) = 3$ . On the contrary, suppose that  $mdim(G) = 2$ . Then there exist  $mdim$ -set  $M'$  of  $G$ , such that  $|M'| = 2$ . Without loss of generality, let  $M' = \{u_1, u_2\}$ . Then  $mr(u_5/M') = mr(v_5/M') = (5, 5)$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $mdim(G) = 3$ .

**Case (ii)** Let  $n$  be odd

Let  $M = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$ . Then

$$mr(v_1/M) = (1, n, n - 1), mr(v_2/M) = (1, 1, n), mr(v_3/M) = (n, 1, 1), \dots, mr\left(\frac{v_{n+1}}{2}/M\right) = (n - 1, n, 1), mr\left(\frac{v_{n+2}}{2}/M\right) = (n - 2, n - 1, n), \dots, mr(v_{n-1}/M) = (n - 1, n - 2, n - 1), mr(v_n/M) = (n, n - 1, n - 2), mr(u_1/M) = (0, 1, n - 1), mr(u_2/M) = (1, 0, 1), mr(u_3/M) = (n - 1, 1, 0), \dots, mr\left(\frac{u_{n+1}}{2}/M\right) = (n - 2, n - 1, 1), mr\left(\frac{u_{n+2}}{2}/M\right) = (n - 2, n - 2, n - 1), \dots, mr(u_{n-1}/M) = (n - 1, n - 2, n - 2), mr(u_n/M) = (1, n - 1, n - 2).$$

Since each representations are distinct  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ , so that  $mdim(G) \leq 3$ . We prove that  $mdim(G) = 3$ . On the contrary, suppose that  $mdim(G) = 2$ . Then there exist  $mdim$ -set  $M'$  of  $G$ , such that  $|M'| = 2$ . Without loss of generality, let  $M' = \{u_1, u_2\}$ . Then  $mr(u_5/M') = mr(v_5/M') = (5, 5)$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $mdim(G) = 3$ .

**Middle graph**

The middle graph  $M(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the graph in which the vertex set is  $V(G) \cup E(G)$ , and two vertices are adjacent if and only if either they are adjacent edges of  $G$  or one is a vertex of  $G$  and the other is an edge incident with it.

**Theorem.2.4.** Let  $G = M(P_n)$  be the middle graph of  $P_n$ , ( $n \geq 5$ ). Then  $mdim(G) = 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of path  $P_n$  and let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}$  be the added vertices corresponding to the edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  of  $P_n$  to obtain  $M(P_n)$ . Then

$$|V(M(P_n))| = 2n - 1, \text{ and } E(M(P_n)) = 3n - 4. \text{ Let } M = \{v_1, v_n\}. \text{ Then } mr(v_1/M) = (0, 3), mr(v_2/M) = (1, 2), mr(v_3/M) = (2, 1), mr(v_4/M) = (3, 0), \dots, mr(v_{n-1}/M) = (n - 2, 1), mr(v_n/M) = (n - 1, 0), mr(u_1/M) = (1, 4), mr(u_2/M) = (1, 3), mr(u_3/M) = (2, 2), mr(u_4/M) = (3, 1), \dots, mr(u_{n-1}/M) = (n - 2, 1), mr(u_n/M) = (n - 1, 1).$$

Since each representation are distinct  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ , so that  $mdim(G) \leq 2$ . It is verified that no singleton subset of  $G$  is monophonic resolving set of  $G$ . Therefore  $mdim(G) = 2$ .

**Theorem.2.5.** Let  $G = M(K_{1,n-1})$  ( $n \geq 3$ ) be the middle graph of the star  $K_{1,n-1}$ . Then  $mdim(G) = n - 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$  be the vertices of star  $K_{1,n-1}$  and let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}$  be the added vertices corresponding to the edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  of  $K_{1,n-1}$  to obtain  $M(K_{1,n-1})$ . Then  $|V(M(K_{1,n-1}))| = 2n - 1$ , and  $|E(M(K_{1,n-1}))| = \frac{(n+2)(n-1)}{2}$ .

Let  $M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}\}$ . Then

$$mr(x/M) = (2, 2, \dots, 2), mr(v_1/M) = (0, 3, 3, \dots, 3), mr(v_2/M) = (3, 0, 3, \dots, 3), mr(v_3/M) = (3, 3, 0, \dots, 3), \dots, mr(v_{n-2}/M) = (3, 3, \dots, 0, 3),$$



$$\begin{aligned} mr(v_{n-1}/M) &= (3, 3, \dots, 3), mr(u_1/M) = (1, 2, 2 \dots 2), \\ mr(u_2/M) &= (2, 1, 2, \dots 2), mr(u_3/M) = (2, 2, 1 \dots 2), \dots, \\ mr(u_{n-2}/M) &= (2, 2, \dots 1, 2), mr(u_{n-1}/M) = (2, 2, 2 \dots 2) \end{aligned}$$

Since each representations are distinct  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ . So that  $mdim(G) \leq n - 2$ . We prove that  $mdim(G) = n - 2$ . On the contrary suppose that  $mdim(G) \leq n - 2$ . Then there exist  $mdim$  set  $M'$  of  $G$ . Such that  $|M'| \leq n - 3$ . Hence there exist  $x, y \in V$  Such that  $x, y \notin M'$ , without loss of generality. Let  $x = v_n$  and  $y = u_{n-1}$ . Then  $mr(x/M') = mr(y/M') = (3, 3, \dots 3)$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $mdim(G) = n - 2$ .

**Theorem.2.6.** Let the middle graph  $G = M(G)$  of cycle  $C_n, n \geq 5$ . Then  $mdim(G) = 2$

**Proof.** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vector of cycle  $C_n$  and let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the added vertices corresponding to the edges  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$  of  $C_n$  to obtain  $M(G)$ . Then  $|V(M(G))| = 2n$  and  $|E(M(G))| = 3n$ .

**Case (i)**  $n$  be odd, let  $n = 2k + 1, k \geq 2$ . Let  $M = \{u_1, v_1\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} mr(u_1/M) &= (0, 1), mr(u_2/M) = (1, 2), mr(u_3/M) = (2, 3), \\ mr(u_4/M) &= (3, 4), \dots, mr(u_k/M) = (k - 1, k), mr(u_{k+1}/M) = (k, k + 1), \dots, \\ mr(u_{2k}/M) &= (2k - 1, 2k), mr(u_{2k+1}/M) = (1, 2k + 1), mr(v_1/M) = (1, 0), \\ mr(v_2/M) &= (1, 2), mr(v_3/M) = (2, 3), mr(v_4/M) = (3, 4), \dots, \\ mr(v_k/M) &= (k - 1, k), mr(v_{k+1}/M) = (k, k + 1), \\ mr(v_{k+2}/M) &= (k + 1, k + 2), \dots, mr(v_{2k}/M) = (2k - 1, 2k), \\ mr(v_{2k+1}/M) &= (1, 2k + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since each representation are distinct,  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ . So that  $mdim(G) \leq 2$ . It is verified that no singleton subset of  $G$  is monophonic resolving set of  $G$ . Therefore  $mdim(G) = 2$ .

**Case (ii)**  $n$  is even, Let  $n = 2k, k \geq 2$ .

Let  $M = \{u_1, v_1\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} mr(u_1/M) &= (0, 1), mr(u_2/M) = (1, 2), mr(u_3/M) = (2, 3), \\ mr(u_4/M) &= (3, 4), \dots, mr(u_k/M) = (k - 1, k), mr(u_{k+1}/M) = (k, k + 1), \\ mr(u_{k+2}/M) &= (k + 1, k + 2), \dots, mr(u_{2k-1}/M) = (k + 3, k + 4), \\ mr(u_{2k}/M) &= (k + 4, 2k), mr(v_1/M) = (1, 0), mr(v_2/M) = (1, 2), \\ mr(v_3/M) &= (2, 3), mr(v_4/M) = (3, 4), \dots, mr(v_k/M) = (k - 1, k), \\ mr(v_{k+1}/M) &= (k, k + 1), mr(v_{k+2}/M) = (k + 1, k + 2), \dots, \\ mr(v_{2k-1}/M) &= (k + 3, k + 4), mr(v_{2k}/M) = (k + 4, 2k). \end{aligned}$$

Since each representation are distinct  $M$  is a monophonic resolving set of  $G$ . So that  $mdim(G) \leq 2$ . It is verified that no singleton subset of  $G$  is monophonic resolving set of  $G$ . Therefore  $mdim(G) = 2$ .

**Conclusion:** We investigated the idea of monophonic metric dimension of graphs in this article. We expand on this idea to create more special graphs.

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