

# **Injective Eccentric Domination in Graphs**

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# Abstract

The concept of domination has inspired researchers which has contributed to a vast literature on domination. A subset *D* of *V* is said to be a dominating set, if every vertex not in *D* is adjacent to at least one vertex in *D*. The eccentricity e(v) of v is the distance to a vertex farthest from v. Thus  $e(v) = \max\{d(u, v): u \in V\}$ . For a vertex v, each vertex at a distance e(v) from v is an eccentric vertex. The eccentric set of a vertex v is defined as  $E(v) = \{u \in V(G): d(u, v) = e(v)\}$ . Let  $S \subseteq V(G)$ , then *S* is known as an eccentric point set of *G* if for every  $v \in V - S$ , *S* has at least one vertex u such that  $u \in E(v)$ . A dominating set *S* is called an eccentric domination is introduced for simple, connected and undirected graphs. An eccentric dominating set *S* is called an injective eccentric dominating set if for every vertex  $v \in V - S$  there exists a vertex  $u \in S$  such that  $|\Gamma(v, u)| \ge 1$  where  $\Gamma(v, u)$  is the set of vertices different from v and u, that are adjacent to both v and u. Theorems to determine the exact injective eccentric domination number for the basic class of graphs are stated and proved. Nordhaus-Gaddum results are proposed. The injective eccentric dominating set and upper injective eccentric domination number  $\gamma_{ined}(G)$  for different standard graphs are tabulated.

**Keywords:** Common neighborhood, Domination, Eccentricity, Injective eccentric domination, Injective eccentric domination number.

# Introduction

The concept of domination by Berge has inspired researchers which has led to many invariants of domination. A collection of wide varieties of domination can be studied in the books<sup>1-4</sup>. 'Eccentric domination in graphs' was introduced by Janakiraman et al<sup>5</sup> . A. Alwardi et al<sup>6</sup> presented injective domination of graphs. Different types of domination<sup>7,8</sup> were also developed. Complementary nil eccentric domination was introduced by

Bhanumathi and Senthil<sup>9</sup>, and equal eccentric domination and accurate eccentric domination were introduced by Mohamed Ismayil and Riyaz Ur Rehman <sup>10,11</sup>. Different types of eccentric domination were also developed<sup>13-18</sup>. Motivated by these research works the concept of injective eccentric domination is introduced for simple, connected, and undirected graphs. The concept of injective eccentric domination is introduced.

Theorems related to injective eccentric domination are discussed. Propositions for any arbitrary graphs are stated. The injective eccentric dominating set,  $\gamma_{ined}(G)$ , upper injective eccentric dominating set and  $\Gamma_{ined}(G)$  for different standard graphs are tabulated. The minimum degree and the maximum degree among the vertices of *G* are denoted by  $\delta(G)$ and  $\Delta(G)$  respectively. Refer to the book 'Graph Theory' by F Harary<sup>12</sup> for undefined terminologies.

#### **Injective Eccentric Domination in Graphs**

In this section, injective eccentric dominating sets and their numbers are defined. Theorems related to injective eccentric domination of families of graphs such as complete, star, path, wheel, and cycle graphs are discussed. The injective eccentric dominating set, injective eccentric domination number  $\gamma_{ined}(G)$ , upper injective eccentric dominating set and upper injective eccentric domination number  $\Gamma_{ined}(G)$  for different standard graphs are given in Table 1.

**Definition 1:** An eccentric dominating set (ED-set) *S* is called an injective eccentric dominating set (INED-set) if for every vertex of  $v \in V - S$  there exists a vertex  $u \in S$  such that  $|\Gamma(v, u)| \ge 1$  where  $\Gamma(v, u)$  is the set of vertices different from v and u, that are adjacent to both v and u.

**Definition 2:** An injective eccentric dominating set (INED-set) S is called a minimal INED-set if no proper subset of S is an INED-set.

**Definition 3:** The INED-number  $\gamma_{ined}(G)$  of a graph, *G* is the minimum cardinality among the minimal INED-sets of *G*.

**Definition 4:** The upper INED-number  $\Gamma_{ined}(G)$  of a graph, *G* is the maximum cardinality among the minimal INED-sets of *G*.

**Example 1:** Consider the graph *G* given in Fig 1, the graph *G* consists of 7 vertices and 7 edges.



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Figure 1. A graph G of order and size 7.

Here the dominating set is  $\{\wp_3, \wp_6\}$ .

The ED set is  $\{\wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5\}$ .

The INED set is  $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5\}$ , therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(G) = 4$ .

The upper INED set is  $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5, \wp_6, \wp_7\}$ , therefore  $\Gamma_{ined}(G) = 6$ .

**Observation 1:** For any graph G = (V, E), |V(G)| = n and |E(G)| = q,

- 1.  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{ed}(G) \leq \gamma_{ined}(G) \leq \Gamma_{ined}(G)$ .
- 2.  $\gamma_{ined}(G) < n$  and  $\Gamma_{ined}(G) < n$ .
- 3.  $\Gamma_{ined}(G) + 1 \leq n$ .
- 4. If G is a star graph  $(G = S_n)$  then (a)  $diam(S_n) = \gamma_{ined}(S_n)$ ,
  - (b)  $\gamma_{ed}(S_n) = \gamma_{ined}(S_n) = 2.$

**Remark 1:** Any graph with 2 vertices does not have an INED-set ie,  $\gamma_{ined}(K_n) = 0$  where  $|G| \le 2$ . Since  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_j)| = 0 \forall \wp_i, \wp_j \in G$ . In this paper, graphs of order greater than or equal to 3 are considered.

**Theorem 1:** For a complete graph  $K_n$ , where  $n \ge 3$ ,  $\gamma_{ined}(K_n) = 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $K_n$  be a complete graph, then  $\forall \wp_i \in V(K_n)$ , deg $(\wp_i) = n - 1$ . Therefore, every single vertex forms a dominating set, say  $D = \{\wp_i\}$ . Since deg $(\wp_i) = n - 1$ ,  $e(\wp_i) = 1$  and  $E(\wp_i) = V(K_n) - \{\wp_i\}$ , then  $D = \{\wp_i\}$  forms an eccentric dominating set since  $\forall \wp_j \in V(K_n) - D$ ,  $E(\wp_j) = \wp_i$ . Now,  $\forall \wp_j \in V(K_n) - D$  there exists  $\wp_i \in D$  such that the common neighbor  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_j)| = n - 2 > 1$ . Therefore, D becomes an INED-set and  $\gamma_{ined}(K_n) = 1 \forall n \ge 3$ .

**Observation 2:** For a complete graph  $K_n$ ,  $\delta = \Delta = (n-1)$  then  $\gamma(K_n) = \gamma_{ed}(K_n) = \gamma_{ined}(K_n) = 1$ .

**Theorem 2:** For star graph  $S_n \forall n \ge 3$ ,  $\gamma_{ined}(S_n) = 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(S_n) = \{\wp_1, \wp_2, \dots, \wp_c, \dots, \wp_n\}$ . Let  $\wp_1$  be the central vertex and all the other vertices are pendant vertices.  $deg(\wp_1) = n - 1$  and  $deg(\mathcal{P}_i) = 1, i = 2,3, ... n$  where  $\mathcal{P}_i$  is any pendant vertex.  $D = \{ \wp_1 \}$  is the only dominating set of cardinality 1. But  $D = \{\wp_1\}$  is not an ED-set.  $e(\wp_1) = 1, \quad E(\wp_1) = V(S_n) - \{\wp_1\}, \quad e(\wp_i) = 2,$ i = 2,3, ..., n and  $E(\wp_i) = V(S_n) - \{\wp_1, \wp_j\}, i \neq j.$ Since every pendant vertex is an eccentric vertex of each other. A set  $D' = \{\wp_1, \wp_i\}, i \neq 1$  forms an ED-set, and for every  $\wp_j \in V(S_n) = D'$  there exists  $\wp_i \in D'$  such that  $E(\wp_i) = \wp_i$  and  $\wp_1$  dominates all other vertices. Then for every  $\wp_i \in V(S_n) - D'$ there exists  $\wp_i \in D'$  such that  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_i)| = 1$ . The set D' becomes INED-set and therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(S_n) =$  $2 \forall n \geq 3.$ 

**Theorem 3:** For a path graph  $P_n$  where n > 3,

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{ined}(P_n) \\ &= \begin{cases} \left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 2, & for \ n = 3k, & where \ k > 1 \\ \left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 1, & for \ n = 3k + 1, where \ k = 1, 2, ... \\ \left(\frac{n-2}{3}\right) + 2, & for \ n = 3k + 2, where \ k = 1, 2, ... \end{split}$$

**Proof:** Let  $P_n$  be the path graph with *n* vertices.

Case (i): For n = 3k where k > 1, the path graphs are of the form  $P_6, P_9, P_{12}, ..., P_{3k}$ . Let  $D = \{\wp_2, \wp_5, \wp_8, \wp_{11}, ..., \wp_{3k-1}\}$  be one of the minimal dominating sets of  $P_{3k}$  then  $\gamma(G) = \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)$ , but D is not an ED-set. The set  $\{\wp_1, \wp_{3k}\}$  is an eccentric point set of G. Make the set D as  $\{\wp_1, \wp_4, \wp_7, ..., \wp_{3k-2}, \wp_{3k}\}$  is a minimum ED-set with  $\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 1$  cardinality say D'. The set D' is not an injective dominating set because  $|\Gamma(\wp_{3k-1}, \wp_i)| = \emptyset, \ \wp_i \in D$  and  $\wp_{3k-1} \in V(P_{3k}) - D$ . Now add the vertex  $\wp_{3k-1}$  in D', then the set  $D'' = D' \cup$  $\{\wp_{3k-1}\}$  is an INED-set with  $\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 2$  vertices. Hence,  $\gamma_{ined}(P_{3k}) = \left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 2$ .

Case (ii): For n = 3k + 1 where k = 1,2,... the path graphs are of the form  $P_4, P_7, P_{10}, ..., P_{3k+1}$ . Let  $D = \{\wp_1, \wp_4, \wp_7, ..., \wp_{3k+1}\}$  be one of the minimal dominating set of  $P_{3k+1}$ , then  $\gamma(P_{3k+1}) =$   $\left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 1$ . Since both the pendant vertices are in the set *D* therefore *D* is an ED-set. The same ED-set *D* forms an INED-set since for every  $\mathcal{D}_i \in V(P_{3k+1}) - D$  there exists  $\mathcal{D}_i \in D$  such that  $d(\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_j) = 2$ , then  $|\Gamma(\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_j)| = 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(P_{3k+1}) = \left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 1$ .

Case (iii): For n = 3k + 2, the path graphs are of the form  $P_5, P_8, P_{11}, \dots P_{3k+2}$ . Let D = $\{\wp_2, \wp_5, \wp_8, \dots, \wp_{3k+2}\}$  be one of the minimal dominating set of  $P_{3k+2}$ , then  $\gamma(P_{3k+2}) = \left(\frac{n-2}{3}\right) +$ 1 but D is not an ED-set. Let  $D' = D \cup$  $\{\wp_1, \wp_{3k+2}\}$ , this set is an ED-set, and for every  $\wp_i \in V(P_{3k+2}) - D'$  there exists  $\wp_j \in D'$  such that  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_j)| = 1$  which satisfies the condition of an INED-set. Hence  $\gamma_{ined}(P_{3k+2}) = \left(\frac{n-2}{3}\right) + 2$ .

**Lemma 1:** For a path  $P_3$ ,  $\gamma_{ined}(P_3) = 2$ .

**Proof:** For  $P_3$ ,  $V(P_3) = \{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3\}$  then  $|\Gamma(\wp_1, \wp_3)| = 1$ .  $\wp_2$  is the only common neighbor of  $\wp_1$  and  $\wp_3$ . Therefore  $D_1 = \{\wp_1, \wp_2\}$  and  $D_2 = \{\wp_2, \wp_3\}$  forms an INED-set. Hence  $\gamma_{ined}(P_3) = 2$ .

**Observation 3:** For the path graphs  $P_4, P_7, P_{10}, \dots P_{3k+1} = P_n$ , the composition of an INED-set  $D = \{ \wp_1, \wp_a, \wp_b, \wp_c, \dots, \wp_{3k+1} = \wp_n \}$  where  $1 < a < b < c < \dots < 3k + 1 = n$  whose cardinality is  $\left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 1$  will be  $d(\wp_1, \wp_a) = d(\wp_a, \wp_b) = d(\wp_b, \wp_c) = \dots = d(\wp_{3k-2}, \wp_{3k+1}) = 3$ .

**Theorem 4:** For the wheel graph  $W_n$  where  $n \ge 4$ ,

$$\gamma_{ined}(W_n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 4\\ 2, & \text{if } n = 5,7\\ 3, & \text{if } n = 6, n \ge 8 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $W_n$  be the wheel graph with *n* vertices.

Case (i): For n = 4: Since the wheel  $W_4$  is a complete graph  $K_4$ . From Theorem-1,  $\gamma_{ined}(W_4) = 1$ .

Case (ii): Subcase-1: For n = 5, let  $V(W_5) = \{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5\}$  where  $\wp_1$  being the central vertex deg $(\wp_1) = 4 = \Delta(W_4)$  and deg $(\wp_i) = 3 = \delta(W_4) \forall \wp_i \in V(W_4) - \{\wp_1\}$ .  $\{\wp_1\}$  is the only dominating set but not eccentric dominating. Any

two non-central vertices that are adjacent form the eccentric dominating set. The central vertex  $\mathcal{D}_1$  is the common neighbor of any two adjacent vertices that are non-central vertices. Therefore the two non-central vertices form an eccentric dominating and also an injective dominating set. Hence any two non-central adjacent vertices form an INED-set. Therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(W_5) = 2$ .

Subcase-2: For n = 7, let  $V(W_{7}) =$  $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6, \wp_7\}$  where  $\wp_1$  being the central vertex deg( $\wp_1$ ) = 6 =  $\Delta(W_7)$ . Let D =  $\{\wp_i, \wp_i\}$  be the diagonally opposite non-central vertex pair form the eccentric dominating set. Then  $W_7$  contains exactly 3 pairs of such vertices.  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_k)| = |\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_k)| = 1 \forall \wp_k \in V(W_7) D, (\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_k), (\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_k) \in E(W_7) \text{ and } |\Gamma(\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_p)| =$  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_p)| = 2 \forall \wp_p \in V(W_7) - D$ and D = $(\mathscr{D}_i, \mathscr{D}_p), (\mathscr{D}_j, \mathscr{D}_p) \notin E(W_7).$ Therefore  $\{\wp_i, \wp_i\}$  forms the INED-set of  $W_7$ .

Case (iii): For  $W_6$  and  $W_n$  when  $n \ge 8$ , there exists no ED-set whose cardinality is 2. Therefore the set  $D = \{ \mathscr{D}_i, \mathscr{D}_j, \mathscr{D}_c \}$  forms a dominating set where  $\mathscr{D}_c$  is the central vertex and  $\mathscr{D}_i, \mathscr{D}_j$  are adjacent non-central vertices. Then  $|\Gamma(\mathscr{D}_i, \mathscr{D}_k)| =$  $|\Gamma(\mathscr{D}_j, \mathscr{D}_k)| = 1$  if  $\mathscr{D}_k \in V - D$  is adjacent to  $\mathscr{D}_i$  or  $\mathscr{D}_j$ . Hence,  $|\Gamma(\mathscr{D}_i, \mathscr{D}_k)| = |\Gamma(\mathscr{D}_j, \mathscr{D}_k)| =$  $|\Gamma(\mathscr{D}_c, \mathscr{D}_k)| = 2$  if  $\mathscr{D}_k$  is not adjacent to  $\mathscr{D}_i$  or  $\mathscr{D}_j$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(W_6) = \gamma_{ined}(W_n) = 3$  for all  $n \ge 8$ .

**Theorem 5:** For a cycle graph  $C_n$  where *n* is even

$$\gamma_{ined}(C_n) = \begin{cases} 4, & for \ n = 6\\ \frac{n}{2}, & if \ n \neq 6 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Case (i): For a cycle graph  $C_6$ , every cycle graph with an even number of vertices is a self-centered graph ie, the eccentricity of any vertex is unique. Then for any vertex  $\mathcal{P}_i \in V(C_6)$  the diagonally opposite vertex will be the eccentric vertex of  $\mathcal{P}_i$ . Let  $D = \{\mathcal{P}_p, \mathcal{P}_q\}$  be a minimum dominating set with  $\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) = \frac{6}{3} = 2$  vertices such that the distance between the vertices in the set *D* is 3 ie,  $d(\mathcal{P}_p, \mathcal{P}_q) = 3$  but *D* is not an ED-set. Let *D'* be a set consisting of 3 vertices such that the distance



between the vertices in the set D' is 2 ie,  $D' = \{\wp_p, \wp_q, \wp_r\}$  such that  $d(\wp_p, \wp_q) = d(\wp_q, \wp_r) = d(\wp_r, \wp_p) = 2$  thus the set D' is an ED-set but not an INED-set. Let  $D'' = D' \cup \{\wp_s\}$  where  $\wp_s \in V - D'$ , then for every vertex  $\wp_i \in V - D''$  there exists  $\wp_p \in D''$  such that  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_p)| = 1$ . Hence a set D'' of cardinality 4 forms an INED-set. Thus  $\gamma_{ined}(C_6) = 4$ .

Case (ii): For cycle graphs  $C_n$  where *n* is even and  $n \neq 6$ . Let *D* be a minimum dominating set containing  $|D| = \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$  vertices, here *D* must not contain two vertices that are diagonally opposite to each other. Since the diagonally opposite vertices are the eccentric vertices to each other. Take a set *D* such that the distance between the vertices  $\mathscr{P}_i, \mathscr{P}_j \in D$  is either 1 or 2 or 3 ie,  $d(\mathscr{P}_i, \mathscr{P}_j) = 1$  or 2 or 3 forms an ED-set since for every vertex  $\mathscr{P}_p \in V(C_n) - D$  there exists  $E(\mathscr{P}_p, \mathscr{P}_i)| = 1$  for every  $\mathscr{P}_p \in V(C_n) - D$ ,  $\mathscr{P}_i \in D$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(C_n) = \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)$ .

**Theorem 6:** For a cycle graph  $C_n$  where *n* is odd

$$\gamma_{ined}(C_n) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{n}{3}\right), & where \ n = 3k, k \ is \ odd \\ \left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right) + 1, & where \ n = 3k+2, k \ is \ odd \\ \left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 2, & where \ n = 3k+1, k \ is \ even \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** For cycle graph  $C_n$  where *n* is odd,

Case (i): For cycle graph  $C_{3k}$ , k = 1,3,5, ... then  $C_{3k}$ will be of the form  $C_3, C_9, C_{15}, \dots$  Every vertex  $\mathcal{D}_i \in$  $V(C_{3k})$  has two vertices adjacent to it,  $\Delta(C_n) =$  $\delta(C_n) = \deg(\wp_i) = 2 \forall \wp_i \in V(C_{3k}).$ Every vertex  $\wp_i$  can dominate itself and the vertices adjacent to it, therefore  $\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)$  vertices are enough to dominate the cycle graph  $C_{3k}$ . Then the set D = $\{\wp_i, \wp_j, \wp_k, \dots, \wp_r, \wp_s\}$  such that  $d(\wp_i, \wp_j) =$  $d(\wp_i, \wp_k) = \dots = d(\wp_r, \wp_s) = 3$ forms а dominating set of cardinality  $\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)$ . Here every vertex has two eccentric vertices. Therefore for every vertex  $\wp_p \in V - D$  there exists  $\wp_i \in D$  such that  $E(\wp_p) = \wp_i$ . Then D becomes an eccentric

dominating set whose cardinality is  $\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)$ . Further, *D* also forms an INED-set since for every  $\mathcal{D}_p \in V(C_{3k}) - D$  there exists  $\mathcal{D}_i \in D$  such that  $|\Gamma(\mathcal{D}_i, \mathcal{D}_p)| = 1$ . Hence  $\left(\frac{n}{3}\right)$  vertices form the INED-set of  $C_{3k}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(C_{3k}) = \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)$ .

Case (ii): For cycle graph  $C_{3k+2}$  where k is odd, then the cycle graphs are of the form  $C_5, C_{11}, C_{17}, ...$ Let  $D = \{ \mathscr{O}_p, \mathscr{O}_q, \mathscr{O}_r, ... \}$  be a minimum dominating set with cardinality  $\left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right)$  but D is not an ED-set. Let  $D' = D \cup \{ \mathscr{O}_s \}, \ \mathscr{O}_s \in V - D$  such that D' contains 2 pairs of vertices where  $d( \mathscr{O}_p, \mathscr{O}_q) = d( \mathscr{O}_r, \mathscr{O}_s) = 1$ , then  $|D'| = \left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right) +$ 1 then for every vertex  $\mathscr{O}_i \in V - D'$  there exists  $\mathscr{O}_p \in D'$  such that  $E( \mathscr{O}_i) \in D'$  and  $|\Gamma( \mathscr{O}_i, \mathscr{O}_p)| =$ 1. Therefore  $\gamma_{ined}(C_{3k+2}) = \left(\frac{n+1}{3}\right) + 1$ .

Case (iii): For cycle graph  $C_{3k+1}$  where k is even, the cycle graphs are of the form  $C_7, C_{13}, \dots C_{3k+1}$ . Every vertex  $\wp_i \in V(C_{3k+1})$  has two eccentric vertices. Let  $D = \{\wp_i, \wp_j, \dots\}$  be a minimum dominating set with cardinality  $\left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 1$  but not an INED-set since there exists at least one vertex  $\wp_p \in V - D$  which does not have an eccentric vertex  $\wp_i \in D$  or  $|\Gamma(\wp_i, \wp_p)| \ge 1$ . Let  $D' = D \cup$  $\{\wp_k\}$  then  $D' = \{\wp_i, \wp_j, \wp_k, \dots\}$  whose cardinality is  $\left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 2$  forms an INED-set since for every  $\wp_p \in V - D'$ ,  $E(\wp_p)$  lies in D' and  $|\Gamma(\wp_p, \wp_i)| =$ 1, where  $\wp_i \in D'$  and  $\wp_p \in V - D'$ . Hence  $\gamma_{ined}(C_{3k+1}) = \left(\frac{n-1}{3}\right) + 2$ .

**Theorem 7:** For any graph G,  $\frac{n}{1+\Delta(G)} \leq \gamma_{ined}(G)$ .

**Proof:** Let *D* be the INED-set of *G*.  $|D| = \gamma_{ined}(G)$ where V(G) = n and  $\frac{n}{1+\Delta(G)} = \frac{|V(G)|}{1+\Delta(G)}$ . Since  $\frac{|V(G)|}{1+\Delta(G)}$ either  $V(G) = 1 + \Delta(G)$  or  $V(G) > 1 + \Delta(G)$ .

Case(i): If  $V(G) = 1 + \Delta(G)$ . Then  $\frac{|V(G)|}{1 + \Delta(G)} = 1$ . Therefore  $\frac{n}{1 + \Delta(G)} \le \gamma_{ined}$ . This case is true and holds for a complete graph  $K_n$ .

Case(ii): If  $V(G) > 1 + \Delta(G)$ . Suppose  $\Delta(G) = 1$ then  $\Delta(G) = \delta(G)$  which is not possible, by Baghdad Science Journal

$$\begin{split} |\Gamma(u,v)| &\geq 1. \text{ Therefore } |V(G)| \geq 3. \text{ Then if } \\ \Delta(G) &= 2, \frac{|V(G)|}{1+\Delta(G)} \leq 2 \text{ for } 3 \leq n \leq 6. \text{ Similarly, if } \\ \text{the value of } \Delta(G) > 2. \text{ Then } \frac{|V(G)|}{1+\Delta(G)} = \frac{n}{1+\Delta(G)} \leq \\ \gamma_{ined}. \text{ Since } \frac{|V(G)|}{1+\Delta(G)} \text{ decreases as } \Delta(G) \text{ increases for } \\ \text{any value of } V(G). \text{ Therefore } \frac{n}{1+\Delta(G)} \leq \gamma_{ined}(G). \end{split}$$

**Theorem 8:** If a graph contains one or more pendant vertices then every minimum INED-set contains at least one pendant vertex.

Proof: The pendant vertex v has a degree one and  $\delta(G) = \deg(v) = 1$ . Since v is adjacent to only one vertex it is not directly connected to other vertices which increases the distance between v and its nonadjacent vertices. Other vertices can find the shortest path between them through the immediate neighbours which shortens the path between them. Therefore the pendant vertex will be one among those vertices that are farthest from every vertex. The pendant vertex is included in the periphery. The pendant vertex v forms the eccentric vertex of most of the vertices. Since an INED-set is also an eccentric dominating set and for many non-pendant vertices  $u_i$ ,  $E(u_i) = v$ . Therefore an INED-set contains v, since for some  $u_i \in V - S$ ,  $\exists$  a pendant vertex  $v \in S$  such that  $E(u_i) = v$  and  $|\Gamma(u_i, v)| \ge$ 1.

**Proposition 1:** For any graph *G*,

- (i)  $\gamma_{ined}(G) + 2 \le n$ , (Except for  $P_3$  graph),
- (ii) If rad(G) > 2,  $\gamma_{ined}(G) \le n \Delta$ ,
- (iii) If rad(G) = 2 and diam(G) = 3 then  $\gamma_{ined}(G) \le \Delta$ ,
- (iv) If diam(G) = 2 then  $\gamma_{ined}(G) = \gamma_{ed}(G)$ ,

(v) 
$$\gamma_{ined}(G) \leq \left| \frac{n+1}{2} \right|,$$

(vi) 
$$\gamma_{ined}(G) \le n - \delta + 1$$
,

(vii) 
$$\gamma_{ined}(G) \leq \left| \frac{1}{2} \right|,$$

(viii) 
$$\gamma_{ined}(G) \ge \left|\frac{1}{3}\right|,$$
  
(ix)  $\gamma_{ined}(G) \le \left|\frac{2n}{2}\right|,$ 

(x) 
$$\gamma_{ined}(G) \leq \left[\frac{n+2-(\delta-1)\frac{\Delta}{\delta}}{2}\right],$$

(xi) 
$$\gamma_{ined}(G) \leq [n+1-\sqrt{2q}],$$

(xii) With  $n \ge 3$  then  $1 \le \gamma_{ined}(G) \le (n - 1)$ .

**Proposition 2:** For any wheel graph  $W_n$ ,  $\gamma_{ined}(W_n) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

**Theorem 8:** For complete graph  $\delta = \Delta$  and  $\gamma_{ined}(K_n) = \Gamma_{ined}(K_n)$  then  $n = \delta + \gamma_{ined}(K_n)$ .

**Proof:** For any complete graph, a vertex  $u \in V(K_n)$  is adjacent to every other vertex in the graph ie, degree(u) = n - 1, where  $|V(K_n)| = n$ . Since every vertex is adjacent to every other vertex of the graph, therefore the degree of every vertex is the same ie,  $\delta = (n - 1) = \Delta$ . From the Theorem 1,  $\gamma_{ined}(K_n) = 1$ . Hence  $n = \delta + \gamma_{ined}(K_n)$ .

| Table 1. The injective eccentric dominating set, $\gamma_{ined}(G)$ , upper injective eccentric dominating set and |
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| $\Gamma_{ined}(G)$ of standard graphs are tabulated.   |

| Graph       | Figure   | Minimum<br>INED set  | $\gamma_{ined}(G)$ | Upper INED set   | $\Gamma_{ined}(G)$ |
|-------------|--|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Diamond     | $\wp_2$ $\wp_3$ $\wp_3$  | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2\}, \\ \{\wp_1, \wp_3\}, \\ \{\wp_2, \wp_3\}, \\ \{\wp_2, \wp_4\}, \\ \{\wp_3, \wp_4\}.$  | 2                  | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4 \}. $  | 2                  |
| Tetrahedral |  | $ \{ \wp_1 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_4 \}. $   | 1                  | $ \{ \wp_1 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_4 \}. $   | 1                  |
| Claw        | $\wp_1$<br>$\wp_2$ $\wp_3$<br>$\wp_4$  | $\{ \wp_1, \wp_3 \}, \ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4 \}.$  | 2                  | $\{\wp_1, \wp_3\},\ \{\wp_2, \wp_3\},\ \{\wp_3, \wp_4\}.$  | 2                  |
| Paw         | $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_3$  | $\{ \wp_1, \wp_3 \}, \ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4 \}.$  | 2                  | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4\}.$   | 3                  |
| Bull        | $ \begin{array}{c}  & \varphi_1 \\  & \varphi_2 \\  & \varphi_3 \\  & \varphi_5 \\ \end{array} $   | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4 \}. $ | 3                  | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4 \}. $             | 3                  |
| Butterfly   | $\beta_1$ $\beta_2$ $\beta_2$  | $\{ \wp_1, \wp_2 \}, \ \{ \wp_1, \wp_5 \}, \ \{ \wp_2, \wp_4 \}, \ \{ \wp_4, \wp_5 \}.$  | 2                  | $ \{ \mathscr{D}_1, \mathscr{D}_3, \mathscr{D}_4 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{D}_2, \mathscr{D}_3, \mathscr{D}_4 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{D}_2, \mathscr{D}_3, \mathscr{D}_5 \}. $ | 3                  |
| Banner      | $ \begin{array}{c}  & & & \\  & &$ | $\{\wp_2, \wp_5\}.$  | 2                  | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5 \}. $   | 3                  |
| Fork        | $ \begin{array}{c} \wp_1\\ \wp_2\\ \wp_2\\ \wp_4\\ \wp_5\\ \wp_5 \end{array} $   | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_4, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5 \}. $                               | 3                  | $\{ \mathscr{D}_1, \mathscr{D}_2, \mathscr{D}_3, \mathscr{D}_4 \}.$  | 4                  |



| (3,2)Tadpole                    | $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_3$ $\wp_4$  | $\{ \mathscr{O}_1, \mathscr{O}_4 \},\ \{ \mathscr{O}_4, \mathscr{O}_5 \}.$  | 2 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5\}.$   | 4 |
|---------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Kite                            | $\wp_5 \checkmark$ $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_3$ $\wp_4$                                       | {\$\varnothing_2, \$\varnothing_4\$}.   | 2 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5\}.$   | 4 |
| (4,1)-<br>Lollipop              | $\wp_2 \xrightarrow{\wp_3} \wp_4$  | $ \{ \begin{array}{l} \wp_1, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_4, \wp_5 \}. \end{array} $   | 2 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5\}.$   | 4 |
| House                           | $\wp_5$ $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_3$  | $\{ \mathscr{O}_2, \mathscr{O}_4 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{O}_3, \mathscr{O}_5 \}.$  | 2 | $\{ \mathscr{O}_1, \mathscr{O}_2, \mathscr{O}_3 \}, \ \{ \mathscr{O}_1, \mathscr{O}_4, \mathscr{O}_5 \}.$   | 3 |
| House X                         | $\wp_4 \xrightarrow{\wp_1} \wp_5$<br>$\wp_2 \xrightarrow{\wp_2} \wp_3$                           | $ \{ \begin{array}{l} \{ \wp_1, \wp_2 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_5 \}. \end{array} $                                      | 2 | $\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5\}.$   | 4 |
| Gem                             | $ \begin{array}{c}  & & & & & & & & \\  & & & & & & & & \\  & & & &$                             | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2\}, \\\{\wp_3, \wp_4\}.$   | 2 | $\{ \wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_5 \},$<br>$\{ \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5 \}.$  | 3 |
| Dart                            | $ \begin{array}{c}  & & & & & \\  & & & & & \\  & & & & & \\  & & & &$                           | $\{ \mathscr{D}_2, \mathscr{D}_3 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{D}_2, \mathscr{D}_4 \}.$  | 2 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5\}.$   | 4 |
| Cricket                         | $ \begin{array}{c}  & \wp_{1} & & & \wp_{2} \\  & & & & & & & & \\  & & & & & & & & \\  & & & &$ | $\{ \mathscr{D}_3, \mathscr{D}_4 \},$<br>$\{ \mathscr{D}_4, \mathscr{D}_5 \}.$  | 2 | $\{ \mathscr{O}_1, \mathscr{O}_2, \mathscr{O}_3, \mathscr{O}_5 \}.$   | 4 |
| Pentatope                       | $\wp_2$ $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_5$  | $\{\wp_1\}, \\ \{\wp_2\}, \\ \{\wp_3\}, \\ \{\wp_4\}, \\ \{\wp_5\}.$  | 1 | $ \{ \wp_1 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_5 \}. $  | 1 |
| Johnson<br>solid<br>skeleton 12 | \$21<br>• \$22<br>• \$23   | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_5 \}. $ | 2 | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_5 \}. $ | 2 |
|                                 | $\wp_4$ $\checkmark$ $\wp_5$   |   |   |   |   |



| Cross            | $\wp_2 \bullet \qquad $ | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_5, \wp_6 \}. $                               | 3 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5\}.$   | 5 |
|------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
| Net              | $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_4$ $\wp_4$ $\wp_5$ $\wp_6$  | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_6\}.$   | 3 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5\}, \\\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5\}, \\\{\wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5\}, \\\{\wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_6\}, \\\{\wp_1, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_6\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5, \wp_6\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6\}, \\\{\wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6\}.$ | 4 |
| Fish             | $\wp_3$ $\wp_4$ $\wp_5$ $\wp_5$  | $\{\wp_2, \wp_3\},\ \{\wp_3, \wp_5\}.$   | 2 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6\}.$   | 5 |
| Α                | $ \begin{array}{c} \wp_1 & \wp_2 \\ \wp_3 & & & & \\ \wp_5 & \wp_6 \end{array} $   | $\{\wp_1, \wp_5, \wp_6\},\ \{\wp_2, \wp_5, \wp_6\}.$   | 3 | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6 \}. $   | 4 |
| R                | $ \begin{array}{c}  & \wp_1 & \wp_2 \\  & & & & & & \\  & \wp_3 & & & & & \\  & & & & & & & \\  & & & & &$                                     | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_6\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_5, \wp_6\}.$                 | 3 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_5, \wp_6\},\ \{\wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6\}.$   | 4 |
| 4-<br>polynomial | $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_3$<br>$\wp_4$ $\wp_5$ $\wp_6$   | $\{\wp_3, \wp_4\}.$  | 2 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5\}, \\\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5, \wp_6\}, $   | 4 |
| (2,3)-King       | $ \begin{array}{c}  & \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \varphi_3 \\  & & & & & & \\  & & & & & & & \\  & & & &$   | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \\ \{ \wp_4, \wp_6 \}. $   | 2 | $ \{ \mathscr{D}_1, \mathscr{D}_2, \mathscr{D}_4 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{D}_1, \mathscr{D}_4, \mathscr{D}_5 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{D}_2, \mathscr{D}_3, \mathscr{D}_6 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{D}_3, \mathscr{D}_5, \mathscr{D}_6 \}. $   | 3 |
| Antenna          | $\wp_1$ $\wp_2$ $\wp_4$ $\wp_6$  | $ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_5 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_4, \wp_6 \}, \\ \{ \wp_1, \wp_5, \wp_6 \}. $ | 3 | $\{ \wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4 \}, \ \{ \wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_5, \wp_6 \}, \ \{ \wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6 \}.$  | 4 |
| 3-prism          | $ \begin{array}{c}                                     $   | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2\},\ \{\wp_3, \wp_5\},\ \{\wp_4, \wp_6\}.$  | 2 | $\{ \mathscr{O}_1, \mathscr{O}_5, \mathscr{O}_6 \}, \\ \{ \mathscr{O}_2, \mathscr{O}_3, \mathscr{O}_4 \}.$   | 3 |



|            |                                   |                             | 2 |                             | 2 |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Octahedral | 891                               | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3\},\$ | 3 | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_3\},\$ | 3 |
|            | $\wedge$                          | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_5\},\$ |   | $\{\wp_1, \wp_2, \wp_5\},\$ |   |
|            |                                   | $\{\wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_6\},\$ |   | $\{\wp_1, \wp_3, \wp_6\},\$ |   |
|            |                                   | $\{\wp_1, \wp_5, \wp_6\},\$ |   | $\{\wp_1, \wp_5, \wp_6\},$  |   |
|            | \$ <sup>92</sup> \$ <sup>93</sup> | $\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4\},\$ |   | $\{\wp_2, \wp_3, \wp_4\},\$ |   |
|            | \$P4                              | $\{\wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5\},\$ |   | $\{\wp_2, \wp_4, \wp_5\},\$ |   |
|            | Ø5 Ø6                             | $\{\wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_6\},\$ |   | $\{\wp_3, \wp_4, \wp_6\},\$ |   |
|            |                                   | $\{\wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6\}.$  |   | $\{\wp_4, \wp_5, \wp_6\}.$  |   |

# Conclusion

In this paper, the concept of injective eccentric domination of a graph is introduced. The injective eccentric domination of some families of graphs is calculated. Interesting Nordhaus-Gaddum results are proposed. The injective eccentric dominating

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set, injective eccentric domination number  $\gamma_{ined}(G)$ , upper injective eccentric dominating set and upper injective eccentric domination number  $\Gamma_{ined}(G)$  for different standard graphs are tabulated.

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