

# INDEPENDENT DOMINATION

OF

## GRAPHS WITH

## MAXIMUM DEGREE



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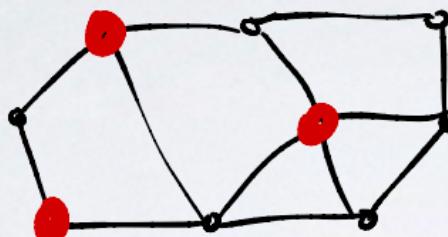
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## INDEPENDENT SETS IN A GRAPH

- $X \subseteq V(G)$  is independent (stable)  
if no 2 vertices in  $X$  are adjacent.



MAXIMUM INDEPENDENT SET

$|X|$  is max  
among independent sets  $X$

MAXIMAL INDEPENDENT SET

$X$  is independent  
but if  $Y \supsetneq X$ , then  $Y$  is not indep

## INDEPENDENT SETS VS MAXIMUM DEGREE

$\Delta(G)$  = maximum degree of vertices in  $G$

MAXIMUM INDEPENDENT SET

$\alpha(G)$  = size of a maximum independent set

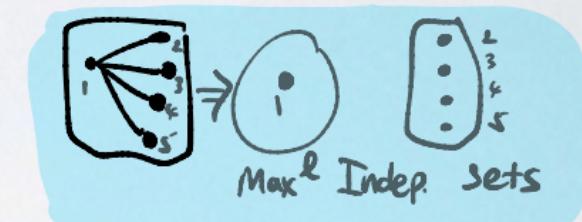
If  $\Delta(G) \leq \Delta$ , then

$$\alpha(G) \geq \frac{n}{\Delta+1}$$

$(\Delta(G) \leq \Delta \Rightarrow \chi(G) \leq \Delta+1)$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(G) \geq \frac{n}{\Delta+1}$$

WHAT IS  
A GOOD QUESTION  
FOR  
**MAXIMAL INDEPENDENT SETS?**



MAX SIZE OF A MAXIMAL INDEP SETS  
= SIZE OF A MAXIMUM INDEP SET  
=  $\alpha(G)$

MIN SIZE OF A MAXIMAL INDEP SET?  
 $i(G)$

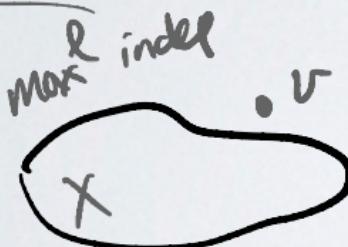
# MAXIMAL INDEPENDENT $\Leftrightarrow$ INDEPENDENT DOMINATING

OLD THM (IN Books ... BERGE 1962, ORE 1962)

MAXIMAL INDEPENDENT  $\Leftrightarrow$  INDEPENDENT DOMINATING

$\forall v \in V(G), v \in X \text{ or } \downarrow N(v) \cap X \neq \emptyset$

PROOF



THUS, EVERY GRAPH HAS AN INDEPENDENT DOMINATING SET.

"Maximal independent set" OR "maximal stable set"

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"Independent dominating" OR "independent domination"

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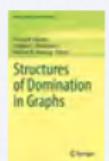
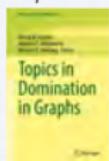
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MAXIMAL INDEPENDENT  
 $\sim 14200$  papers

INDEPENDENT DOMINATING  
 $\sim 4500$  papers

# SURPRISINGLY MANY Books & PAPERS ON DOMINATING SETS

$X$  is a dominating set  
if  $\forall v \in V(G)$ ,  
 $v \in X$  or  
 $v$  is adjacent to  
a vertex in  $X$ .



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books (Berge (1962)  
Ore (1962))

Towards a Theory of Domination  
In Graphs

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a quick review of results and applications concerning dominating sets in graphs. The dominic number of a graph is defined and studied. It is shown that the theory of domination resembles the well known theory of valencies of graphs.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

A set of vertices  $D$  in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a dominating set if every vertex in  $V$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ ; a set of vertices  $D$  is independent if no two vertices in  $D$  are adjacent.

Theories of domination and independence have existed for a long time; two earlier discussions may be found in See [19], Ch.11 and Berge [2]. A more up-to-date discussion, and perhaps the most comprehensive, on the subjects of independence and domination in graphs is given in [1]. In this paper we have used the terms stable or externally stable for what we call independent and have used Oberver or internally stable for our new notion.

The literature contains many papers dealing with the theory of independent sets and the related topic of graph coloring. However, there are few papers about domination in graphs, which fact is somewhat surprising considering the wide variety of applications. A brief survey of the literature reveals the following sample of applications for the concept of a dominating set.

In [19, p.207], Ore mentions the problem of placing a minimum number of queens on a chessboard so that each square is controlled by at least one queen.

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### BIBLIOGRAPHY ON DOMINATION IN GRAPHS AND SOME BASIC DEFINITIONS OF DOMINATION PARAMETERS

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### Introduction

The following bibliography on Domination in Graphs has been compiled over the past six years at Clemson University, where we originally maintain a cumulative data base on this topic. Several people have been especially helpful by keeping this bibliography up-to-date and we would like to thank them: E.S. Cockayne, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; F.R. Fulkerson, Princeton, New Jersey; Mancy Fuchs, Wroclaw, Poland; Boleslaw Zelinka, Liberec, Czechoslovakia; E. Giess, Tel Aviv, Israel; David Gosselin, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; and Peter Hammer, Newark, New Jersey.

This bibliography originally starts with the graph theory book of King (1960), Berge (1962) and Ore (1962). Although a few research papers on domination were published between 1950 and 1975, a survey paper by Cockayne, Fulkerson and Giess [1] was the first attempt to bring the subject up to date. Since that publication, by 1980, 100 research papers on domination had been published. By 1980, 100 research papers on domination had been published, about one-third of which are concerned with algorithms for computing domination numbers and for special classes of graphs.

In view of the rapid growth in the number of domination papers it is appropriate to begin in three facets:

(i) the diversity of applications to both real-world and other mathematical topics;

(ii) the wide variety of domination parameters that can be defined;

(iii) the NP-completeness of the basic domination problem, its close and "natural" relationships to other NP-complete problems, and the subsequent interest in finding polynomial time solutions to domination problems in special classes of graphs.

Thus we expect that this bibliography will continue to grow at a steady rate. As far as we know, only four survey papers have been written on domination in graphs.

Cockayne and Hedetniemi, 1975.  
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### Perspective

Independent domination in graphs: A survey and recent results

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## 2. Bounds on the independent domination

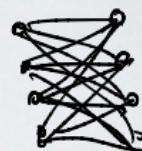
## 2.1. General bounds

The first result establishes a simple relationship between the independent domination number and the maximum degree of a graph, and was given by Berge [7]. ?

**Proposition 2.1** ([7]). For a graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and maximum degree  $\Delta$ ,

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{1+\Delta} \right\rceil \leq i(G) \leq n - \Delta.$$

- $i(K_{\Delta+1}) = 1$
- $i(K_{\Delta,\Delta}) = \Delta$



Domke, Dunbar, Markus (1997)

- $i(G) \leq n - \Delta$ .
- Characterize " $=$ " condition for bipartite graphs

$$\begin{cases} \Delta = \max(|A|, |B|) \\ i = \min(|A|, |B|) \end{cases}$$

Let  $n = |V(G)|$ .

CAN WE IMPROVE " $i(G) \leq n - \Delta$ "?

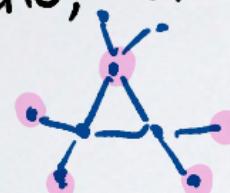
THM [AKBARI, AKBARI, DOOSTHOSSEINI, HADIZADEH, HENNING, NARAGHI (2022)]



$$i(G) \leq \frac{1}{2}n$$

if  $\Delta(G) \leq 3$ ,  
no isolated vertex

THM [CHO, CHOI, PARK 2021+]



$$i(G) \leq \frac{5}{9}n$$

if  $\Delta(G) \leq 4$   
no isolated vertex

CONJECTURE (CHO, CHOI, PARK 2021+)

$$i(G) \leq \left(1 - \frac{\Delta}{\left[\frac{(\Delta+1)^2}{4}\right]}\right)n \quad \text{if } \Delta(G) \leq \Delta$$

Best possible if true:  
(?)

No isolated vertex

$$i(G) = \left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$n = \left(\frac{\Delta}{2} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\Delta}{2} + 1\right)$$

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PREVIOUSLY  
 PROVED FOR  $\Delta \leq 8$  (Cho, Choi, Park)  
 WRITTEN FOR  $\Delta = 4$

$$i(G) = \left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right)\left(\frac{\Delta}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$n = \left(\frac{\Delta}{2} + 1\right)\left(\frac{\Delta}{2} + 1\right)$$

## Our Theorem

- ① Prove this conjecture.  
 Characterize the equality condition  
 when  $\Delta \geq 4$

- ② Prove a stronger theorem  
 having an arbitrary large connected tight graph

## OUR THM [Cho, Kim, Kim, 0.]

. Let  $\Delta \geq 4$ .

$G$ : connected graph, maximum degree  $\leq \Delta$ .

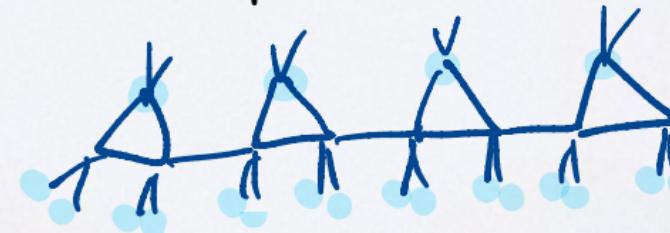
(i) If  $G$  is  $\Delta$ -special, then

$$i(G) = \left(1 - \frac{\Delta}{\lfloor \frac{\Delta^2}{4} \rfloor + \Delta}\right)n + \frac{\Delta}{\lfloor \frac{\Delta^2}{4} \rfloor + \Delta}$$

(ii) If  $G$  is not  $\Delta$ -special, then

$$i(G) \leq \begin{cases} \left(1 - \frac{\Delta}{\lfloor \frac{\Delta^2}{4} \rfloor + \Delta}\right)n & \text{if } \Delta \neq 5, \\ \frac{5}{9}n & \text{if } \Delta = 5. \end{cases}$$

$$i(G) \leq \left(1 - \frac{\Delta}{\lfloor \frac{\Delta^2}{4} \rfloor + \Delta}\right)(n-1) + 1$$



# What are $\Delta$ -special graphs?

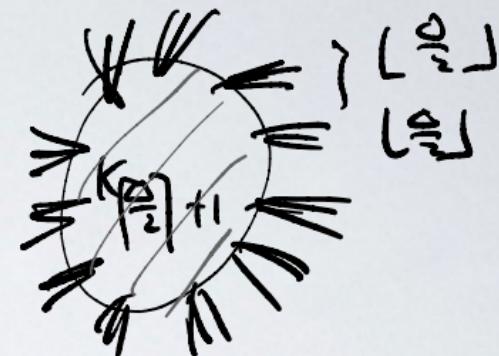
-  $K_i$

$$i=1, n=1$$



$\left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} \right\}$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 1 + (\Delta - 1) \\ n &= ([n/2] + 1)([n/2] + 1) \end{aligned}$$

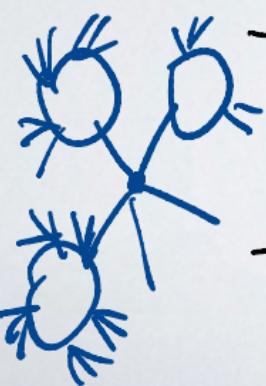


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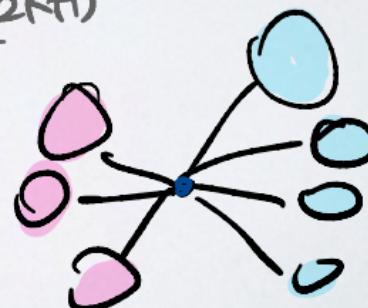
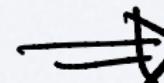
- If  $\Delta = 4$ ,



$$\begin{aligned} i &= (k-1) + 2(k+1) \\ n &= 3(2k+1) \end{aligned}$$



Joining 2  $\Delta$ -special graphs



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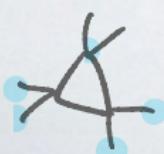
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COR1:  $\Delta \geq 4$ ,  $\Delta \neq 5$ ,  $i(G) \leq \Delta$

$$\Rightarrow i(G) \leq \left(1 - \frac{\Delta}{\left[\frac{\Delta^2}{4}\right] + \Delta}\right)(n-1) + 1$$

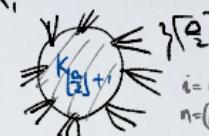
Why  $\Delta=5$  so strange?



$$\frac{5}{n} = \frac{5}{9} > \left(1 - \frac{5}{\left[\frac{5^2}{4}\right] + 5}\right) = \frac{6}{11}$$

What are  $\Delta$ -special graphs?

-  $K_i$ ,  $i=1, n=1$



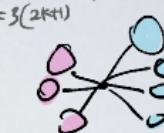
-  $K_{\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]}$ ,  $i=1 + \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2$ ,  $n=\left(\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1\right)\left(\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]+1\right)$



- If  $\Delta=4$ , odd cycle

$i = (k-1) + 2(k+1)$ ,  $n = 3(2k+1)$

- Joining 2  $\Delta$ -special graphs



COR2:  $\Delta \geq 4$ ,  $G$ : connected

$$\Rightarrow i(G) \leq \left(1 - \frac{\Delta}{\left[\frac{\Delta^2}{4}\right] + \Delta}\right)n$$

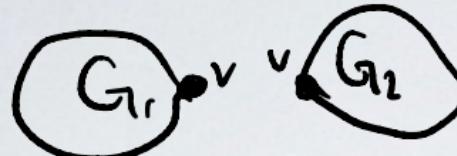
$\therefore \Delta(G) \leq \Delta$   
not isolated vertex

The equality holds

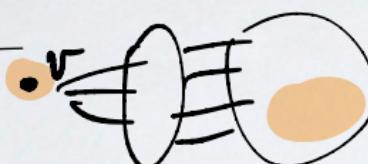
$$\Leftrightarrow G = K_{\frac{n}{2}}$$

Proving the Conj of Cho, Choi, Park.

## KEY LEMMAS

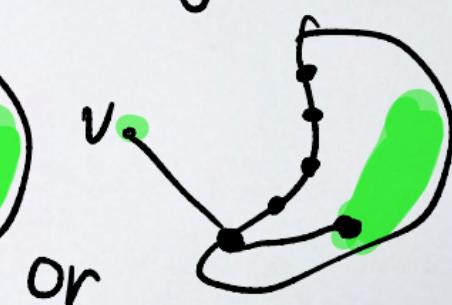
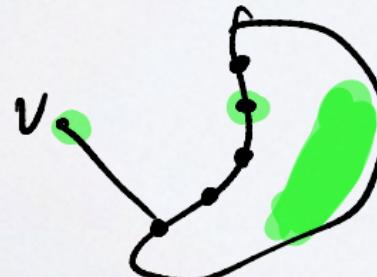
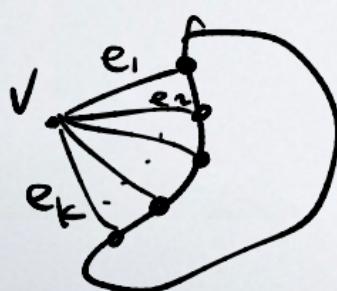
Lemma 1:

$\exists S_1$ , <sup>minimum</sup> indep. dom set of  $G_1$ , containing  $v$

 $\Rightarrow i(G_1 \rightarrow G_2) = i(G_1) + i(G_2) - 1$ 
Lemma 2:

$$i(G) \leq i(G - v - N(v)) + 1$$

Lemma 3:  $i(G) \leq i(G - e_1 - e_2 - \dots - e_{k-1})$  if  $k = \deg v \geq 2$



or

## PROOF SKETCH

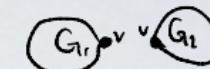
Lemma 1  $\Rightarrow \Delta$ -special graphs  
 WMA G is not  $\Delta$ -special.

$n_{\Delta}(G) = \# \Delta\text{-special components}$

CLAIM:  $i(G) \leq (1-t)n + t n_{\Delta}(G)$

$$t = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{\Delta^2}{4\Delta+1} \rfloor + \Delta & \text{if } \Delta \neq 5, \\ \frac{4}{9} & \text{if } \Delta = 5. \end{cases}$$

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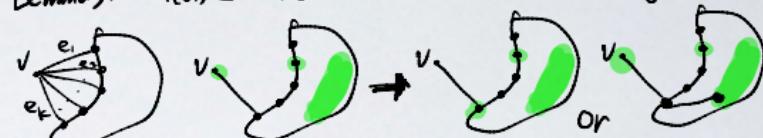
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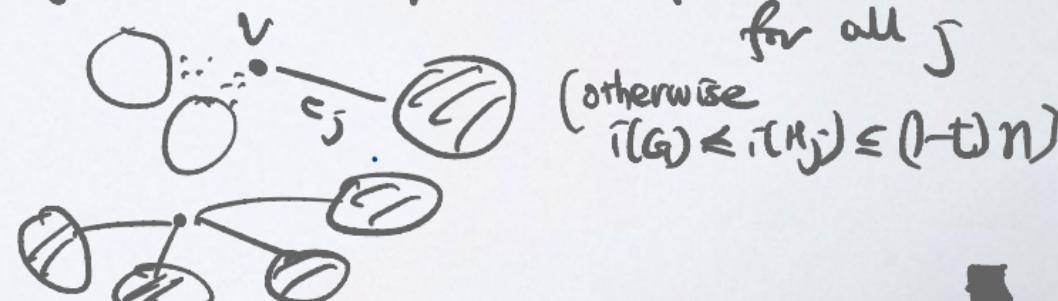


WMA  $n_{\Delta}(G) = 0$  ( $G$  is not  $\Delta$ -special)

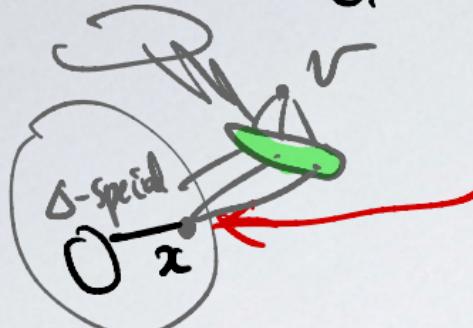
$G$ : conn.

Lemma: If every nbr of  $v$  has no vertex of  $\deg 1$ , and degree of  $v \geq 2$ , then  $i(G) \leq (1-t)n$

By lemma 3,  $i(G) \leq i(H_j)$   $H_j := G - \text{all edges incident with } v \text{ except } e_j$   
 $\Rightarrow$  WMA  $H_j$  has a  $\Delta$ -special component



$\Rightarrow G$  is  $\Delta$ -special!

Case 1 :

$G - v - N(v)$  has a  $\Delta$ -special component  $C$  of size  $> 1$

$x$ : vertex in  $C$ , distance 2 from  $v$

$\Rightarrow$  Every nbr of  $x$  in  $C$  has degree  $\Delta$  in  $C$   
(by the def. of  $\Delta$ -special graph)

$\Rightarrow$  No nbr of  $x$  has degree = 1 in  $G$

$\Rightarrow$  By Lemma,  $i(G) \leq (1-t)n$ .

Case 2 :  $G - v - N(v)$  has no non-trivial  $\Delta$ -special components.  
for every vertex  $v$ .

Let  $n_0(H) = \#$  isolated vertices in  $H$ .

Lemma 2  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$i(G) \leq i(G - v - N(v)) + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq (1-t)(n - d(v) - 1) \\ &\quad + t n_0(G - v - N(v)) \\ &\stackrel{?}{\leq} (1-t)n \end{aligned}$$

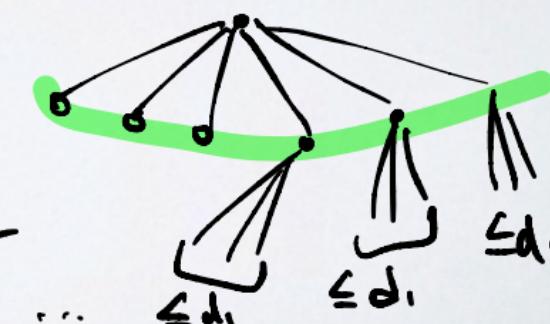
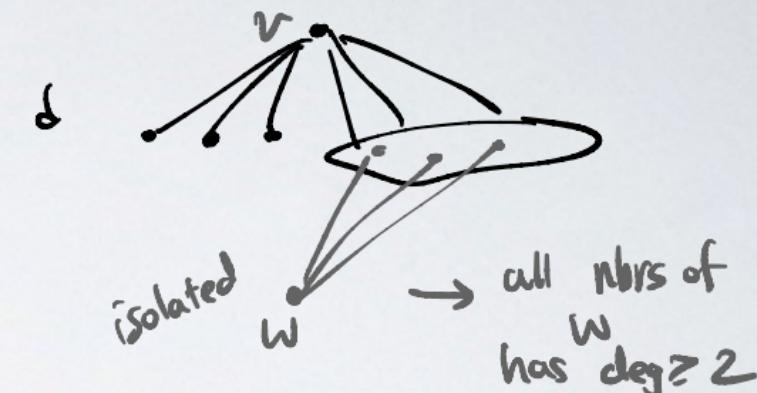
WMA  $n_0(G - v - N(v))$  big

$$n_0(G - v - N(v)) \leq (d(v) - d_1) d_1$$

$$\leq \left(\frac{d(v)}{2}\right)^2 \dots \leq d_1 \leq d_1 \leq d_1$$

Choose  $v$  so that

$d_v = \# \text{ degree-1 nbrs of } v$   
is maximized.



# OPEN PROBLEMS

What if

$G$  has minimum degree  $\geq \delta$   
and

maximum degree  $\leq \Delta$  ?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

