



## CHANGING AND UNCHANGING OF MAJORITY DOMINATING CHROMATIC NUMBER WHEN REMOVAL OFA SINGLE VERTEX

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### Abstract

In this article, how the removal of a single vertex from a graph  $G$  can change the majority dom-chromatic number is determined for any graph. A graph is majority dom-chromatic critical if the removal of any vertex decreases or increases its majority dom-chromatic number. There are two types namely  $CVR$  and  $UVR$  with respect to majority dom-chromatic sets of a graph. Also the vertex classification  $V_{M\chi}^0(G)$ ,  $V_{M\chi}^-(G)$  and  $V_{M\chi}^+(G)$  are studied and its characterisation theorems are determined.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a finite and simple graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. A subset  $D$  of vertices in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is called a dominating set [1] of  $G$  if every vertex in  $(V - D)$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ . A dominating set  $D$  is called a minimal dominating set if no proper subset of  $D$  is a dominating set. The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a

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minimal dominating set in  $G$ . A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  of vertices in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is called a majority dominating set [4] of  $G$  if at least half of the vertices of  $V(G)$  are either in  $S$  or adjacent to the elements of  $S$ . A majority dominating set  $S$  is minimal if no proper subset of  $S$  is a majority dominating set of a graph  $G$ . The minimum cardinality of a minimal majority dominating set is called majority domination number of  $G$ , is denoted by  $\gamma_M(G)$ . It is the minimum majority dominating set of  $G$ .

A dominating set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  such that the induced sub graph  $\langle S \rangle$  satisfies the property  $\chi(\langle S \rangle) = \chi(G)$  is called as dom-chromatic set [2] of a graph  $G$ . The minimum cardinality of a dominating chromatic set is called dom-chromatic number and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{ch}(G)$  or  $\gamma_\chi(G)$ . A dom-chromatic set  $S$  of  $G$  such that  $|S| = \gamma_{ch}(G)$  is the minimum dom-chromatic set of a graph  $G$ .

[6] For any graph  $G$ ,  $CVR$  and  $UVR$  with respect to domination numbers are defined by,  $CVR : \gamma(G - v) \neq \gamma(G)$ , for all  $v \in V(G)$  and  $UVR : \gamma(G - v) = \gamma(G)$ , for all  $v \in V(G)$ .

[5] For any graph  $G$ ,  $CVR_M$  and  $UVR_M$  with respect to majority domination numbers are defined by,  $CVR_M : \gamma_M(G - v) \neq \gamma_M(G)$ , for all  $v \in V(G)$  and  $UVR_M : \gamma_M(G - v) = \gamma_M(G)$ , for all  $v \in V(G)$ .

[2] A graph  $G$  said to be a  $CVR$ -graph if  $\gamma_{ch}(G - u) \neq \gamma_{ch}(G)$ , for all  $u \in V(G)$  and a graph  $G$  said to be a  $UVR$ -graph if  $\gamma_{ch}(G - u) = \gamma_{ch}(G)$ , for all  $u \in V(G)$ .

A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a chromatic preserving set or a  $cp$ -set if  $\chi(\langle S \rangle) = \chi(G)$  and the minimum cardinality of a  $cp$ -set in  $G$  is called the chromatic preserving number or  $cp$ -number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $cpn(G)$ .

[1] The private neighbour set of  $u$  with respect to  $S$  denoted by  $pn[u, S]$  is defined by  $pn[u, S] = \{v : N[v] \cap S = \{u\}\}$

2.  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  and  $UVR_{M_\chi}$  Graphs

**Definition 2.1** [3]. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is said to be Majority Dominating Chromatic set (MDC set) if  $S$  is a majority dominating set and  $S$  satisfies  $\chi(S) = \chi(G)$ . The minimum cardinality of a majority dominating chromatic set of  $G$  is called a majority dominating chromatic number and is denoted by  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** For any graph  $G$ , the vertex set can be partitioned with respect to MDC sets into three sets  $V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ ,  $V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$  and  $V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$  and is defined by,

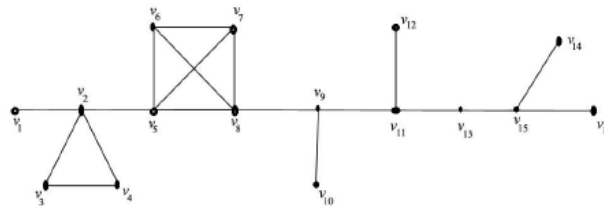
$$V_{M_\chi}^0(G) = \{v \in V(G) / \gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)\},$$

$$V_{M_\chi}^-(G) = \{v \in V(G) / \gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)\} \text{ and}$$

$$V_{M_\chi}^+(G) = \{v \in V(G) / \gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) > \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)\}.$$

**Definition 2.3.** A graph  $G$  is said to be a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$ -graph if  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) \neq \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ , for every  $v \in V(G)$ . A graph  $G$  is said to be a  $UVR_{M_\chi}$ -graph if  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ , for every  $v \in V(G)$ .

**Example 2.4.** Consider the graph  $G$  with  $p = 16$ .

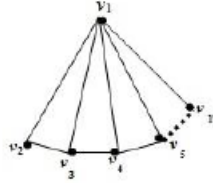


G. Figure - (i)

In the graph  $G$ ,  $S = \{v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_{15}\}$  is the  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ . Then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = 5$ . For the graph  $G - \{v_5\}$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - \{v_5\}) = |\{v_2, v_3, v_4, v_8\}| = 4$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_5) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Hence  $v_5 \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ . For the graph

$G - \{v_8\}$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_2) = |\{v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_{15}\}| = 5$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_8) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . It implies that  $v_8 \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ .

**Example 2.5.** Consider the graph  $G = F_p$ ,  $p = 17$  a Fan.



**G. Figure- (ii)**

In this graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}| = 3$ . For  $G - \{v_2\}$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_2) = |\{v_1, v_3, v_4\}| = 3$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_2) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  and  $v_2 \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ . For the graph  $\{G - v_1\}$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_1) = |\{v_3, v_4, v_7, v_{10}\}| = 4$ . Hence  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_2) > \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  and  $v_1 \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *If a graph  $G$  is a vertex color critical then  $G \in CVR_{M_\chi}$ .*

**Proof.** Since the graph  $G$  is vertex color critical,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = p$ . If the removal of any vertex  $v$  from  $V(G)$ ,  $\chi(G - v) \neq \chi(G)$ . It implies that  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ , for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ . Hence  $G \in CVR_{M_\chi}$ .

**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $G = K_p$ ,  $p \geq 2$ . Then  $G \in CVR_{M_\chi}$ .*

**Proof.** By the result (3.1) [3],  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = p$ . For the graph  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_1) = p - 1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_1) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Therefore  $v_1 \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ . For every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  and  $G \in CVR_{M_\chi}$ .

### 3. Results on $V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$

**Proposition 3.1.** *Let  $G = K_{1, p-1}$ . Then  $v_1 \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$  and  $v_i \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$  where  $v_1$  is a central vertex and  $v_i$ 's are pendants.*

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$ , where  $v_1$  is the central vertex and others are pendants. The set  $S = \{v_1, v_2\}$  is the MDC set of  $G$  and  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = 2$ . For a graph  $G - \{v_1\}$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_1) = \left\lceil \frac{p-1}{2} \right\rceil$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_1) > \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Hence  $v_1 \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ . Suppose any pendant  $v_i$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, p$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_i) = 2 = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Therefore  $v_i \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ , where  $v_i$ 's are pendants.

**Proposition 3.2.** *If  $G$  has exactly one full degree vertex and other vertices are of degree  $d(v_i) < \frac{p-1}{2}$  then  $|V_{M_\chi}^+(G)| = 1$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a graph which contains a full degree vertex  $v$  such that  $d(v) = p - 1$ . Let  $S$  be a MDC set of  $G$ . Since  $d(v) = p - 1$ ,  $v$  must be in majority dominating set  $S$  and minimal  $cp$ -set of  $G$ . Then  $|N[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $\chi(\langle S \rangle) = \chi(G)$ . Let  $S'$  be the  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G' = \{G - v\}$  and  $\{G - v\}$  contains isolates, then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') > |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . It implies that  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ . If  $\{G - v\}$  contains the vertices  $v_i$  with  $d(v_i) \leq \left\lceil \frac{p-1}{2} \right\rceil$  then  $|S'| \geq 2$ . Therefore  $|S'| \geq |S| + 1$ . It implies that  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) > \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  and  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ . Thus, all other vertices are  $V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ . Hence  $|V_{M_\chi}^+(G)| = 1$ .

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $T$  be a tree with  $p$  vertices. If a vertex  $v \in V(T)$  satisfies one of the following conditions.*

- (i)  $v$  is in a dominating edge  $e = \{uv\}$  with  $d(v) \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$  and  $d(u) < \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$ .
- (ii)  $v$  is a vertex with degree  $d(v) = p - 1$  and others pendants.
- (iii)  $v$  is in every  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $T$ . Then  $V_{M_\chi}^+(T)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $T$  be a tree with  $p$  vertices.

**Case (i)** Let  $e = \{uv\}$  is a dominating edge with  $d(v) \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$  and  $d(u) < \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$ . Since  $\chi(G) = 2$ ,  $S = \{u, v\}$  be a  $\gamma_{M\chi}$ -set of  $T$ . Let  $S_1 = \{u, u_1, v_i\}$  be a set of  $T - \{v\}$ , where  $u$  and  $u_1$  are adjacent and  $v_i$ 's are isolates such that  $|N[S_1]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  with  $|S_1| > |S|$ . Then  $\chi(T) = \chi(\langle S_1 \rangle) = \chi(T - v)$ . Thus  $S_1$  is a MDC set of  $T - \{v\}$  and  $\gamma_{M\chi}(T - v) \leq |S_1|$ . Since  $|S_1| > |S|$ ,  $\gamma_{M\chi}(T - v) > |S| = \gamma_{M\chi}(T)$ . Hence  $v \in V_{M\chi}^+(T)$ .

**Case (ii)** Let  $d(v) = p - 1$  and  $d(v_i) = 1$ , for all  $v_i \in V(T)$ . Then  $\gamma_{M\chi}(T) = |\{v, v_1\} = 2|$ , for some  $v_1$  such that  $d(v_1) = 1$ . Since  $v$  is adjacent to all vertices  $v_i$  of  $T$ ,  $\langle T - \{v\} \rangle$  is disconnected with only isolates. Now, there exists a MDC set  $S$  in  $T - \{v\}$  with only isolates and  $|S| = \left\lceil \frac{p-1}{2} \right\rceil$ . It implies that  $|S| = \gamma_{M\chi}(T - \{v\}) > \gamma_{M\chi}(T)$  and  $v \in V_{M\chi}^+(T)$ .

**Case (iii)** If the vertex  $v$  is in every minimum MDC set of  $T$ , then  $v$  is in a dominating edge  $e = uv$  or  $v$  is a full degree vertex of  $T$ . It implies that  $d(v) \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$ ,  $d(u) < \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$  and other vertices  $v_i$ 's are of degree with  $d(v_i) < \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$ . By Case (i), the vertex  $v \in V_{M\chi}^+(T)$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** For any graph  $G$ ,  $|V_{M\chi}^+(G)| \leq \gamma_{M\chi}(G)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_{M\chi}$ -set of  $G$ . Let  $v \in V_{M\chi}^+(G)$ . By proposition (3.3),  $v$  is in every  $\gamma_{M\chi}$ -set  $S$  of  $G$ . Then  $v \in S$  and  $V_{M\chi}^+(G) \subseteq S$ . Hence  $|V_{M\chi}^+(G)| \leq |S| = \gamma_{M\chi}(G)$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $v \in V_{M\chi}^+(G)$  and  $v$  is in every minimal  $cp$ -set of  $G$  then  $|p_n[v, S]| \geq 2$ , for all  $\gamma_{M\chi}$ -set of  $G$ .

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ . Let  $v$  be a vertex in every minimal  $cp$ -set of  $G$ . Let  $v$  be a vertex in every minimal  $cp$ -set of  $G$ . Then  $\chi(\langle S - v \rangle) = \chi(G - v) < \chi(G)$ . Let  $Pn[v, S] = \emptyset$ . Then  $\{S - v\}$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $\{G - v\}$ . It is a contradiction to  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ . Suppose  $|Pn[v, S]| = \{v\}$ . Then  $v$  is an isolated vertex in  $S$  and hence  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ . It is a contradiction to  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ . If  $|Pn[v, S]| = \{u\}$  then  $\{S - v\} \cup \{u\}$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $\{G - v\}$ . Thus  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) \leq |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . It is a contradiction to  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ .

Hence,  $|Pn[v, S]| \geq 2$ .

**Proposition 3.6.** *For any graph  $G$  with an isolate, there exists a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  not containing that isolate.*

**Proof.** Let  $v$  be an isolate of  $G$ . If  $S$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  containing  $v$  then  $|N[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $\chi(\langle S \rangle) = \chi(G)$ .

**Case (i)** If  $|N[S]| > \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  then  $|N[S - \{v\}]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $\chi(\langle S - v \rangle) = \chi(G)$ . It implies that  $S - \{v\}$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set. Hence  $S - \{v\} = S'$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  without an isolate  $v$ .

**Case (ii)** If  $|N[S]| = \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  then  $|N[S - \{v\}]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil - 1$  and  $v \neq N[S]$ . Now, if  $|N[S - \{v\}] \cup \{v_1\}| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ , for any  $v_1 \in V(G)$  then  $S' = S - \{v\} \cup \{v_1\}$ . Also,  $\chi(\langle S' \rangle) = \chi(\langle S \rangle)$  and  $|S'| = |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Hence  $S'$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  without an isolate  $v$ .

#### 4. Results on $V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ and $V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$

**Proposition 4.1.** *If  $G$  is a graph with  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |V(G)|$  then  $\in CVR_{M_\chi}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |V(G)| = p$ . Then

$G$  is a vertex color critical graph. Therefore, for any vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , the graph  $G' = G - \{v\}$  has the value  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') < p$ . It implies that  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ , for every  $v \in V(G)$ . Hence  $G \in CVR_{M_\chi}$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *If  $G$  is a vertex color critical graph then  $V(G) = V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$  but the converse is not true.*

**Proof.** By Proposition (4.1),  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = p$  and for all  $v$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G) \Rightarrow V_{M_\chi}^-(G) = V(G)$ . For the converse, Let  $G = P_p$ ,  $p = 9$ . Then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = 3$ . For any vertex  $v$ ,  $P_9 - \{v\} = P_8$  and  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(P_8) = 2$ . Hence  $V(G) = V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$  and  $G \in CVR_{M_\chi}$  but  $G = P_9$  is not a vertex color critical graph.

**Proposition 4.3.** *Any Path  $P_p$ ,  $p \equiv 3(\text{mod } 6)$  is a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph.*

**Proof.** Let  $G = P_p$ ,  $p = 6k + 3$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Then by the result (3.3) [3],  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = k + 2$ . For each vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) = k + 1$ , where  $p \equiv 6k + 2$ . Hence  $P_p \in CVR_{M_\chi}$  where  $p \equiv 3(\text{mod } 6)$ .

**Proposition 4.4.** *If  $G$  is a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph then  $V_{M_\chi}^-(G) \neq \phi$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $G$  is a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph,  $V = V_{M_\chi}^+ \cup V_{M_\chi}^-$ .

Suppose  $V_{M_\chi}^-(G) \neq \phi$ . (1)

Then  $V = V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$  and  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v) > \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ , for all  $v \in V(G)$ . Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set with  $|S| = p - 1$  of  $G$ . Then  $V - S \neq \phi$ . Let  $u \in V - S$  and  $\{u\} \subseteq V(G) - S$ . It implies that  $S \subseteq V(G) - \{u\} = G - u$ . Since  $G$  is a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph,  $\chi(\langle S \rangle) = \chi(G)$  and  $\chi(\langle S \rangle) = \chi(\langle G - u \rangle)$ . It implies that  $S$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $(G - u)$  and  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) \leq |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Therefore  $u \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ , it is a contradiction to (1). Hence  $V_{M_\chi}^-(G) \neq \phi$ , for any  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph  $G$ .



**Proposition 4.5.** *A Wheel graph  $G = W_p$ ,  $p > 5$  is a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph when  $p$  is even.*

**Proof.** Let  $G = W_p, C_{p-1} \vee K_1$ . By the result (3.5) [3],  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = p$ , when  $p$  is even. Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{p-1}, v_p\}$  where  $v_i \in C_{p-1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$  and  $v_p \in k_1$ . Suppose  $G' = G - \{v_k\}$ .

**Case (i)** Let  $\{v_k\}$  be the central vertex of  $G$ . Then  $G - \{v_k\} = G' = C_{p-1}$ . Since  $p$  is even,  $C_{p-1}$  is an odd cycle. By the result (3.2) [3],  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') = p - 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

**Case (ii)** Suppose  $\{v_i\}$  be any vertex in  $C_{p-1}$ . Then the graph  $G$  becomes a Fan  $G' = (G - \{v_i\}) = P_{p-2} \vee K_1$ . By the result (3.6) [3],  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') = 3$ . Hence  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

In these two cases, the removal of any vertex  $\{v_i\}$  in  $G$ ,

$$\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - v_i) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G). \text{ Hence } G \in CVR_{M_\chi}.$$

**Proposition 4.6.** *Let  $G = W_p$ ,  $p$  is odd. Then*

(i)  $v_i \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$  if  $v_i \in C_{p-1}$ .

(ii)  $v_i \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$  if  $v$  is a central vertex of  $G$  and  $p \geq 17$ .

**Proof.** For  $G = W_p, C_{p-1} \vee K_1, p$  is odd,  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{p-1}, v_p\}$ . By the result (3.5) [3],  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = 3$ . (1) The removal of any vertex  $v$  from  $V(G)$ , there exists two cases.

**Case (i)** Suppose any vertex  $v_i \in C_{p-1}$ . Then  $G' = G - \{v_i\}$  and  $G = F_{p-1} = P_{p-2} \vee K_1$ , where  $(p-1)$  is even. By the result (3.6) [3],  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') = 3$ . By the result (1),  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  and  $v_i \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ , for any vertex  $v_i \in C_{p-1}$ .

**Case (ii)** Suppose  $v_p$  is a central vertex and  $p \geq 17$ . The  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  is

$S = \{v_1, v_2, v_p\}$ . Then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |S| = 3$ . If the removal of a central vertex  $v_p$ ,  $G' = G - \{v_p\}$  and  $G'$  becomes  $C_{p-1}$  even cycle. By the proposition (3.2) [3],

$$\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') = \begin{cases} p, & \text{if } p \text{ is odd} \\ \left\lceil \frac{p}{6} \right\rceil, & \text{if } p \equiv (\text{mod } 6) \\ \left\lceil \frac{p}{6} \right\rceil + 1, & \text{if } p \equiv 0, 4(\text{mod } 6). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

For  $p \leq 16$ , by the result (2),  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') = |S'| = 3$ . If  $p \geq 17$ , by the result (2),  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') = |S'| \geq 4$ . Therefore, by the result (1),  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G') > \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  and  $v_p \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ . Hence  $v_p \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ , if  $p \geq 17$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $G$  be a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph with  $p$  vertices. Then  $|V_{M_\chi}^-(G)| \geq p - \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ . If  $G$  is a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$ -graph then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Suppose  $|S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = p$ . Then  $|V_{M_\chi}^-(G)| \geq p - \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  holds. Suppose  $|S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G) < p$ . Then  $V - S \neq \emptyset$ . Now choose any vertex  $v \in V - S$ . Since  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ ,  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ . Therefore  $V - S \subseteq V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ . It implies that  $|V - S| \leq |V_{M_\chi}^-(G)|$ . Hence  $|V_{M_\chi}^-(G)| \geq p - \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.8.** *Let  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  be the  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -number of a graph  $G$ . If  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |V(G)|$  then  $V(G) = V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  and  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |V(G)| = p$ . Then  $G$  is a vertex color critical graph. For any  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $\chi(G - v) < \chi(G)$  and it implies that  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . Hence  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ . For every  $v \in S$ ,

$$\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G) \text{ is true. Hence } V_{M_\chi}^-(G) = |V(G)|.$$

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $G$  be a connected  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph with  $\chi(G) \geq 3$ . Then  $G$  has a unique  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  if and only if  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |V(G)|$ .*

**Proof.** Let the graph  $G$  have a unique  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set  $S$ . Then we claim that

$$V(G) - S = \phi. \tag{3}$$

Suppose  $V - S = \phi$ . Since  $G$  is a  $CVR_{M_\chi}$  graph,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ , for every  $v \in V - S$ . Then for each  $v \in V - S$ ,  $\chi(\langle S - v \rangle) = \chi(\langle S \rangle)$  and the induced sub graph  $\langle S \rangle$  is a vertex color critical. Hence for any  $u \in V - S$ ,  $S$  is a MDC set of  $G - \{u\}$ , which is a contradiction to the assumption (1). Therefore there exist  $v \in V - S$  such that  $\chi(\langle S - v \rangle) = \chi(\langle S \rangle)$ . Then  $Pn[u, S] \neq \phi$ , for any  $u \in S$ ,

**Case (i)** Let  $|Pn[u, S]| = 1$ . If  $Pn[u, S] = \{u\}$  then  $u$  is an isolate in  $\langle S \rangle$ . Since  $G$  is connected,  $N(u) \neq \phi$  and  $N(u) \subseteq V - S$ . Also some vertex  $w \in V - S$  is adjacent to any vertex in  $S$ . Let  $w \in N(u)$ . Then  $(S - u) \cup \{w\}$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ , which is a contradiction to the assumption (1). So  $Pn[u, S] = \{v\}$ . Then  $(S - u) \cup \{v\}$  is  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ , which is a contradiction to (1). Hence  $V - S = \phi$ . Thus  $|V(G)| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

**Case (ii)** Suppose  $|Pn[v, S]| \geq 2$ . Let  $v \in Pn[v, S]$ . Then there exists a  $w \neq v$  such that  $w \in Pn[v, S]$ . It implies that  $(S - u) \cup \{w\}$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ , which is a contradiction to (1). Let  $x, w \in Pn[v, S]$ . Then  $(S - u) \cup \{w\}$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G - x$ . Thus,  $|V(G)| = |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

Conversely,  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |V(G)| = p$ . It implies that the graph  $G$  have a unique MDC set of  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.10.** *If  $v$  is an isolated of  $G$  then  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $v$  be an isolated vertex of  $G$ . Then  $v$  is not in minimal  $cp$ -set of  $G$ . Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$  and not containing the vertex  $v$ . Then

$|N[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $\chi(\langle S \rangle) = \chi(G)$ . Then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G) = |S|$ . For the graph  $\{G - v\}$ ,  $\chi(\langle G - v \rangle) = \chi(G)$  and  $S$  is again the  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $\{G - v\}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  and  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** *If a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is not in any minimal  $cp$ -set of  $G$  then  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ . Let  $v$  be a vertex which is not in any minimal  $cp$ -set of  $G$ . Then  $\chi(\langle S - v \rangle) = \chi(G)$ . Hence  $Pn[v, S] \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $Pn[v, S] = 1$ . If  $Pn[v, S] = \{v\}$  then  $v$  is an isolated vertex in  $S$ . By the Proposition (4.10),  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ .

**Theorem 4.12.** *Let  $v$  be a vertex of  $G$  with  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ . Then there exists a vertex  $u \in V(G)$  such that  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be as MDC set of  $G$ . Then  $|N[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ .

**Case (i)** Suppose  $|N[S]| \neq v(G)$ . Then there exists a vertex  $u \in N[S]$  and implies that  $u \notin S$ ,  $u \in v - N[S]$ . Then  $S \subseteq V - u$  and  $|N[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $|N_{G-u}[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ . It implies that  $|N_{G-u}[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p-1}{2} \right\rceil$ . Therefore  $S$  is a MDC set of  $\{G - v\}$ . Then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) \leq |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . If  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  then  $u \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ , which is a contradiction to  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ .

Hence  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

**Case (ii)** Suppose  $N[S] = V(G)$ . Let  $u \notin S$  and  $u \in N[S]$ . Then  $|N_{G-u}[S]| = p - 1 \geq \left\lceil \frac{p-1}{2} \right\rceil$ . Therefore  $S$  is a MDC set of  $\{G - v\}$ . Then  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) \leq |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ . If  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) < \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$  then  $u \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$  and

$V(G) \in V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$ , which is a contradiction to  $v \in V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ . Hence  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

**Case (iii)** Suppose  $|N[S]| \leq V(G)$ . Then there exists a vertex  $u \in S$  and  $|N[S]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$ . For  $S - \{u\}$ ,  $\chi((S - v)) < \chi((S)) = \chi(G)$  and  $S$  is not a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $G$ . Therefore choose  $S_1 = S - \{u\} \cup \{w\}$  where  $w \in V - S$  such that  $|N[S_1]| \geq \left\lceil \frac{p}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $w$  is adjacent to any vertex of  $S$  with  $|S_1| = |S|$ . Hence  $S_1$  is a  $\gamma_{M_\chi}$ -set of  $\{G - v\}$  and  $\gamma_{M_\chi}(G - u) = |S_1| = |S| = \gamma_{M_\chi}(G)$ .

## 5. Conclusion

In this article, it has been discussed that the removal of any vertex of a graph  $G$  how affects the majority dom-chromatic number of  $G$ . Also the vertex critical classifications  $V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ ,  $V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$  and  $V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$  are discussed. The characterisation theorems are also determined for  $V_{M_\chi}^0(G)$ ,  $V_{M_\chi}^-(G)$  and  $V_{M_\chi}^+(G)$ .

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