

## Boolean Function Graph $B(\bar{G}, \bar{K}_q, INC)$ Of A Graph

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**Abstract:** Let  $G$  be a simple graph with vertex set  $V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G)$ . The Boolean Function Graph  $B(\bar{G}, \bar{K}_q, INC)$  of  $G$  is a graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  and two vertices in  $B(\bar{G}, \bar{K}_q, INC)$  are adjacent if and only if they correspond to two nonadjacent vertices of  $G$  or to a vertex and an edge incident to it in  $G$ . For simplicity, this graph is denoted by  $BF_1(G)$ . In this paper, covering number, independence number, chromatic number and domination number of  $BF_1(G)$  are found.

**Keyword:** covering number, independence number, domination number, Boolean graph.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Graphs discussed in this paper are undirected and simple graphs. For a graph  $G$ , let  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote its vertex set and edge set respectively. For two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a connected graph  $G$ , the distance  $d(u, v)$  from  $u$  to  $v$  is the length of a shortest  $u$ - $v$  path in  $G$ . A covering of a graph  $G = (V, X)$  is a subset  $K$  of  $V$  such that every line of  $G$  is incident with a vertex in  $K$ . A covering  $K$  is called a minimum covering if  $G$  has no covering  $K'$  with  $|K'| < |K|$ . The number of vertices in a minimum covering of  $G$  is called the covering number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\alpha_0(G)$  or  $\alpha_0$ . A line covering of  $G$  is a subset  $L$  of  $X$  such that every vertex is incident with a line of  $L$ . The number of lines in a minimum line covering of  $G$  is called the line covering number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\alpha_1(G)$  or  $\alpha_1$ . A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called an independent set of  $G$  if no two vertices of  $S$  are adjacent in  $G$ . An independent set  $S$  is said to be maximum if  $G$  has no independent set  $S'$  with  $|S'| > |S|$ . The number of vertices in a maximum independent set is called the independence number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\beta_0(G)$  or  $\beta_0$ . Analogously, an independent set of edges of  $G$  has no two of its edges adjacent and the maximum cardinality of such a set is the line independent number of  $b_1(G)$  or  $b_1$ .

The concept of domination in graphs was introduced by Ore [6]. A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is said to be a dominating set of  $G$ , if every vertex in  $V(G) - D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ .  $D$  is said to be a minimal dominating set if  $D - \{u\}$  is not a dominating set, for any  $u \in D$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. We call a set of vertices a  $\gamma$ -set, if it is a

dominating set with cardinality  $\gamma(G)$ . Whitney [12] introduced the concept of the line graph  $L(G)$  of a given graph  $G$  in 1932. The first characterization of line graphs is due to Krausz. The Middle graph  $M(G)$  of a graph  $G$  was introduced by Hamada and Yoshimura [5]. Chikkodimath and Sampathkumar [3] also studied it independently and they called it the semi-total graph  $T(G)$  of a graph  $G$ . Characterizations were presented for middle graphs of any graph, trees and complete graphs in [1]. The concept of total graphs was introduced by Behzad [2] in 1966. Janakiraman et al., introduced the concepts of Boolean and Boolean function graphs [7 - 10]. The Boolean function graph  $B(\bar{G}, \bar{K}_q, INC)$  of  $G$  is a graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup E(G)$  and two vertices in  $B(\bar{G}, \bar{K}_q, INC)$  are adjacent if and only if they correspond to two nonadjacent vertices of  $G$  or to a vertex and an edge incident to it in  $G$ . For brevity, this graph is denoted by  $BF_1(G)$ . In this paper, covering number, independence number, chromatic number and domination number are found. Here,  $G$  is a graph with  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. The definitions and details not furnished in this paper may be found in [4].

### II. PRIOR RESULT

*Observation*

- 2.1.  $V(BF_1(G)) = V(G) \cup V(L(G))$ , where  $L(G)$  is the line graph of  $G$ .
- 2.2.  $BF_1(G)$  is always connected.
- 2.3.  $\bar{G}$  and  $\bar{K}_q$  are induced subgraphs of  $BF_1(G)$ .
- 2.4. The number of vertices in  $BF_1(G)$  is  $p+q$  and the number of edges in  $BF_1(G)$  is  $\frac{p(p-1)}{2} + q$ .
- 2.5. The degree of  $u \in V(G)$  in  $BF_1(G)$  is  $p-1$  and degree of  $e \in E(G)$  in  $BF_1(G)$  is 2
- 2.6. If  $p=3$ , then  $BF_1(G)$  is  $C_3, C_4$  or  $C_5$ .
- 2.7. If  $p=4$ , then  $BF_1(G)$  is bi-regular.

### III. MAIN RESULTS

In the following theorems, bounds of covering number of  $BF_1(G)$  are found.

**Theorem 3.1:** If  $G$  has isolated vertices, then  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) \leq p - 1$ .

*Proof:* Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ , ( $n \geq 1$ ) be isolated vertices in  $G$ .

Let  $G' = \langle V(G) - \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \rangle$ . Then,  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G')) \leq p - n$ . Since the subgraph of  $BF_1(G)$  induced by all the isolated vertices is complete,  $\alpha_0(\langle \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\} \rangle) = n - 1$ .

Therefore,  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) \leq (p - n) + (n - 1) = p - 1$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** Let  $G$  be a disconnected graph having no isolated vertices and contain  $K_2$  as one of its components. Then  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) \leq p - 1$ .

*Proof:* Let  $V(K_2) = \{u, v\}$  and  $e = (u, v) \in E(K_2)$ . Then  $(V(G) - \{u, v\}) \cup \{e\}$  is a point cover of  $BF_1(G)$  and hence  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) \leq p - 1$ .

**Remark 3.1:** If  $G \cong K_2$ , then  $BF_1(G) \cong P_3$  and  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.3:** Let  $G$  be a graph such that  $\delta(G) \geq 1$ . Then  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) = \gamma(BF_1(G))$  if and only if  $V(G)$  is a minimum dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ .

*Proof:* Since  $\delta(G) \geq 1, \delta(BF_1(G)) \geq 1$ . Therefore,  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \alpha_0(BF_1(G))$ . Let  $D = V(G)$  be a minimum dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ . Since  $\bar{G}$  is an induced subgraph of  $BF_1(G)$ ,  $D$  covers all the edges  $\bar{G}$  and the edges in  $BF_1(G)$  of the form  $(v, e)$  where  $e \in E(G)$  is incident with  $v$  in  $G$ . Therefore,  $D$  covers all the edges in  $BF_1(G)$  and  $V(BF_1(G)) - D$  is a maximum independent set in  $BF_1(G)$ . Hence,  $D$  is a covering for  $BF_1(G)$ .

Therefore,  $\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) \leq \gamma(BF_1(G))$ . Conversely, assume

$\alpha_0(BF_1(G)) = \gamma(BF_1(G))$ . Therefore any minimum covering of  $BF_1(G)$  is a minimum dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ . Let  $D = V(G)$ . Then  $V(BF_1(G)) - D$  is a maximum independent set of  $BF_1(G)$  and hence  $D$  is a minimum covering of  $BF_1(G)$ . Therefore,  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ .

In the following theorems, bounds of independence number of  $BF_1(G)$  is found.

**Theorem 3.4:** For any  $(p, q)$  graph  $G$ ,  $\beta_0(BF_1(G)) \geq \max[q, \omega(G) + m]$ , where  $\omega(G)$  is the clique number of  $G$  and  $m$  is the number of edges in  $G$  not incident with the vertices in the maximal clique

*Proof:* The subgraph of  $BF_1(G)$  induced by all the vertices in  $L(G)$  is totally disconnected. Therefore,  $\beta_0(BF_1(G)) \geq q$ . Let  $D$  be a maximal clique in  $G$  and let  $D'$  be the set of all vertices in  $BF_1(G)$  corresponding to the edges in  $G$  not incident with the vertices in the maximal clique. Then  $D \cup D'$  is an independent set in  $BF_1(G)$ ,

$\beta_0(BF_1(G)) \geq |D \cup D'| = \omega(G) + m$ . Therefore,

$\beta_0(BF_1(G)) \geq \max[q, \omega(G) + m]$ .

**Observation 3.1:** Let  $G$  be a graph, such that  $\delta(G) \geq 1$ . Then  $\beta_0(BF_1(G)) = \gamma(BF_1(G))$  if and only if the set of vertices of  $BF_1(G)$  corresponding to the edges of  $G$  is a minimum dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ .

In the following theorems, bounds of line covering number of  $BF_1(G)$  is found.

**Theorem 3.5:** Let  $G$  be a graph, such that  $\delta(G) \geq 1$  and  $\delta(\bar{G}) \geq 1$ . Then  $\alpha_1(BF_1(G)) \geq \min(\max(p, q), \beta_1(\bar{G}) + q)$

*Proof:* Case (i):  $q \geq p$ .

Let  $S$  be the set of all the edges of the form  $(v, e)$  in  $BF_1(G)$ , where

$e \in E(G)$  is incident with  $v \in V(G)$ . For each edge  $e$  in  $G$ , there is an edge of the form  $(v, e)$  in  $BF_1(G)$ . Then  $|S| = q$  and  $S$  is a line cover for  $G$  and hence  $\alpha_1(BF_1(G)) \leq q$ .

Case (ii)  $q < p$ ,

The set of all edges of the form  $(v_i, e_{ij})$ ;  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, p$  is a line cover for  $BF_1(G)$ . Let  $D$  be a matching in  $\bar{G}$  such that  $|D| = \beta_1(\bar{G})$  and Let  $T$  be the set of vertices in  $\bar{G}$  not incident with the edges in  $D$ . Then  $D \cup \{(v_i, e_{jk})\}$  is a line cover for  $BF_1(G)$  and

$\alpha_1(BF_1(G)) \leq \beta_1(\bar{G}) + q$ . Therefore,  $\alpha_1(BF_1(G)) \leq \min[p, \beta_1(\bar{G}) + q]$ . Hence,  $\alpha_1(BF_1(G)) \geq \min(\max(p, q), \beta_1(\bar{G}) + q)$ .

**Remark 3.2:** Let  $G$  be any graph such that both  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$  have no isolated vertices and let  $D$  be a set containing maximum number of independent edges in  $G$ . If  $S$  is the set of vertices in  $\bar{G}$  not incident with the edges in  $D$ , then  $\beta_1(BF_1(G)) \geq \max\{\min(p, q), \beta_1(\bar{G}) + |S|\}$ .

In the following theorems, Chromatic number of  $BF_1(G)$  is found.

**Theorem 3.6:** If  $\chi(\bar{G}) = 2$  and if each pair of nonadjacent vertices in  $\bar{G}$  receives the same colour, then  $\chi(BF_1(G)) = 2$ .

*Proof:* Assume  $\chi(\bar{G}) = 2$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two nonadjacent vertices in  $\bar{G}$  and  $u$  and  $v$  receive the same colour. Then,  $e = (u, v) \in E(G)$  and  $e \in V(BF_1(G))$ . By assumption,  $u, v \in V(BF_1(G))$  hence in  $BF_1(G)$  receive the same colour. Colour the vertex  $e$  in  $BF_1(G)$  with the second colour. Therefore,  $BF_1(G)$  is 2-colourable.

Hence  $\chi(BF_1(G)) = 2$ .

**Theorem 3.7:** If  $\chi(\bar{G}) = 2$  and if there exists atleast one pair of nonadjacent vertices in  $\bar{G}$  receiving different Colours, then  $\chi(BF_1(G)) = 3$ .

*Proof:* Let  $\chi(\bar{G}) = 2$  and  $(u, v) \notin E(\bar{G})$  such that  $u$  and  $v$  receive different colours in  $\bar{G}$ . Therefore  $e = (u, v) \in E(G)$ . Then the vertex

$e \in V(BF_1(G))$  is coloured with the third colour and hence  $\chi(BF_1(G)) = 3$ .

**Theorem 3.8:** If  $\chi(\bar{G}) = k, (k \geq 3)$ , then  $\chi(BF_1(G)) = k$ .

*Proof:* Let  $\chi(\bar{G}) = k, (k \geq 3)$  and  $e_{ij} = (v_i, v_j) \in E(\bar{G})$ . Then  $e_{ij} \in V(BF_1(G))$ . Since any two vertices of  $L(G)$  are nonadjacent in  $BF_1(G)$ , colour the vertex  $e_{ij}$  by a colour other than the colours used for  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  in  $\bar{G}$ . Therefore,  $BF_1(G)$  is  $k$ -colourable and  $\chi(BF_1(G)) = k$ .

**Theorem 3.9:** Edge chromatic number of  $\chi'(BF_1(G))$  of  $BF_1(G)$  is  $(p - 1)$  or  $p$ .

*Proof:* When  $p \geq 3$ , maximum degree of  $BF_1(G) = \Delta(BF_1(G)) = p - 1$ . Therefore,  $\chi'(BF_1(G)) = \Delta(BF_1(G))$  or  $\Delta(BF_1(G)) + 1 = (p - 1)$  or  $p$ .

In the following theorems, bounds of domination number of  $BF_1(G)$  are found.

**Observation 3.2:** For any graph  $G, \gamma(BF_1(G)) = 1$  if and only if  $G$  is isomorphic to  $K_2$  or  $mK_1, n \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 3.10:** For any graph  $G, \gamma(BF_1(G)) = 2$  if and only if either (a) There exists a point cover  $D$  of  $G$  with  $|D| = 2$  and for any vertex  $v \in V - D, N(v) \cap D$  is properly contained in  $D$  (or)

(b)  $G$  is one of the graphs  $2K_2, P_3$ , and  $K_2 \cup mK_1, m \geq 1$ .

*Proof:* Assume  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) = 2$

Let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$  with  $|D| = 2$

Case (1):  $D = \{v_1, v_2\}, v_1, v_2 \in V(G)$ . Since  $D$  dominates all the vertices of  $L(G)$  in  $BF_1(G)$ , each edge in  $G$  is incident with a vertex in  $D$ . That is,  $D$  is a point cover for  $G$ . If  $N(v) \cap D = D$ , for some  $v \in V(G) - D$ , then  $v$  is adjacent to  $v_1, v_2$  in  $D$ . But  $\bar{G}$  is an induced subgraph of  $BF_1(G)$ . Therefore,  $v \in V(BF_1(G)) - D$  is not adjacent to any of the vertices in  $D$ . Hence,  $N(v) \cap D$  is properly contained in  $D$ .

Case(2):  $D = \{v, e\}$ , where  $v \in V(G), e \in V(L(G))$ . If there exists an edge other than  $e$  in  $G$ , then the vertex in  $BF_1(G)$  corresponding to  $e$  is neither adjacent to  $v$  nor  $e$  in  $BF_1(G)$ . Hence,  $G \cong K_2 \cup mK_1, m \geq 1$ . If  $m = 0$ , then  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) = 1$ .

Case (3):  $D = \{e_1, e_2\}$ , where  $e_1, e_2 \in V(L(G))$ . Since no two vertices in  $L(G)$  are adjacent in  $BF_1(G)$ ,  $G$  contains no edges other than  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . Also, the vertices of  $G$  which are incident with  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  alone adjacent to  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  in  $BF_1(G)$ . Therefore,  $G \cong 2K_2$  or  $P_3$ . Conversely, if (a) holds (or) (b) then  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) = 2$ .

In similar lines, the following theorem can be proved.

**Theorem 3.11:** For any graph  $G$ , any set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is a dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$  if and only if

- (i)  $D$  is a point cover of  $G$
- (ii)  $N(v) \cap D \subset D$ , for all  $v \in V(G) - D$ .

**Theorem 3.12:** Let  $G$  be any graph having no isolated vertices. For each minimum point cover  $D$  in  $G$ , if there exists a vertex  $v \in V(G) - D$  such that the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $D \cup \{v\}$  contains a star with  $|D| + 1$  vertices (with  $v$  as the central vertex) as a subgraph, then  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \alpha_0(G) + 1$ .

*Proof:* Let  $D$  be a minimum point cover of  $G$ . Then  $D \subseteq V(BF_1(G))$  dominates all the vertices of  $L(G)$  in  $BF_1(G)$ . Let there exists a vertex  $v \in V(G) - D$  such that the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $D \cup \{v\}$  contains a star with  $|D| + 1$  vertices and  $v$  as the central vertex. Then  $v \in V(BF_1(G)) - D$  is not adjacent to any of the vertices in  $D$ . But the subgraph of  $BF_1(G)$  induced by  $V(G) - D$  is complete. Therefore, to dominate the vertices of  $G$  in  $V(BF_1(G)) - D$ , a vertex of  $G$  is required. Therefore,  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \alpha_0(G) + 1$ .

*Remark 3.3:* For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \alpha_0(G)$  if and only if there exists a minimum point cover  $D$  of  $G$  such that  $D$  is a dominating set of  $\bar{G}$ . That is  $\alpha_0(G) = \gamma(\bar{G}) \leq \chi(G)$ .

*Example 3.1:* 1.  $\gamma(BF_1(C_n)) = \alpha_0(C_n)$ ,  $n \geq 5$ .

2.  $\gamma(BF_1(C_4)) = \alpha_0(C_4) + 1 = 3$ .

3.  $\gamma(BF_1(P_n)) = \alpha_0(P_n)$ ,  $n \geq 6$ .

4.  $\gamma(BF_1(P_5)) = \alpha_0(P_5) + 1 = 3$ .

5.  $\gamma(BF_1(P_4)) = \alpha_0(P_4) = 2$ .

*Theorem:3.13:* For any graph  $G$ ,  $V(L(G))$  is a dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$  if and only if  $G$  contains no isolated vertices.

*Proof:* Let  $D = V(L(G))$  be a dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ . Let  $v$  be an isolated vertex in  $G$ . Then  $v \in V(BF_1(G))$  is not adjacent to any of the vertices in  $D$ . Therefore,  $G$  contains no isolated vertices. Conversely, if  $G$  contains no isolated vertices, then each vertex in  $V(BF_1(G)) - D$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex in  $D$ .

*Remark:3.4:* Any proper subset of  $V(L(G))$  is not a dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ , since the subgraph of  $BF_1(G)$  induced by vertices of  $L(G)$  is totally disconnected.

*Theorem:3.14:* For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \gamma(\bar{G}) + \alpha_0(\langle V(G) - D \rangle)$ , Where  $D$  is a minimum dominating set of  $\bar{G}$

*Proof:* Let  $D$  be a dominating set of  $\bar{G}$  with  $|D| = \gamma(\bar{G})$ . Then  $D \subseteq V(BF_1(G))$  dominates all the vertices of  $G$  in  $BF_1(G) - D$  and the vertices of  $L(G)$  corresponding to the edges in  $G$ , incident with the vertices in  $D$ . A point cover of  $\langle V(G) - D \rangle$  dominates the remaining vertices of  $L(G)$  in  $BF_1(G)$ . Hence,  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \gamma(\bar{G}) + \alpha_0(\langle V(G) - D \rangle)$ .

*Theorem:3.15:* For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \alpha_1(G) + \alpha_0(\langle E(G) - D \rangle)$ , Where  $D$  is a minimum line cover of  $G$ .

*Proof:* Let  $D \subseteq E(G)$  be a minimum line cover of  $G$ . Therefore,  $|D| = \alpha_1(G)$ . Let  $D'$  be a subset of  $V(BF_1(G))$  corresponding to the edges in  $D$ . Then  $D' \subseteq V(BF_1(G))$  dominates all the vertices of  $G$  in  $V((BF_1(G)) - D')$ . The vertices of  $L(G)$  in  $V(BF_1(G)) - D'$  are dominated by vertices of  $D'$ . Hence,  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \alpha_1(G) + \alpha_0(\langle E(G) - D \rangle)$ .

*Theorem:3.16:* Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\text{diam}(G) = 2$ . If there exists a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  such that  $\langle N_2(v) \rangle$  is totally disconnected, then  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$ .

*Proof:* Let  $v \in V(G)$  be a such that  $\langle N_2(v) \rangle$  is totally disconnected. Let  $D = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . Then  $D \subseteq V(BF_1(G))$

$\cap V(G)$ . Since  $\langle N_2(v) \rangle$  is totally disconnected, all the edges of  $G$  incident with the vertices in  $D$ . Therefore, vertices of  $(BF_1(G) - D)$  corresponding to the edges of  $G$  are adjacent to atleast one vertex in  $D$ . Also, the vertices of  $V(BF_1(G) - D)$  corresponding to vertices in  $V(G) - D$  are adjacent to  $v$ . Therefore  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) \leq |S'| = |N(v)| + 1 \leq \Delta(G) + 1$ .

*Remark:3.4:* Let  $G$  be graph with  $\text{diam}(G) = 2$ . If there exists a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  such that  $\langle N(v) \rangle \cong K_2 \cup nK_1 (n \geq 0)$  and  $\langle N_2(v) \rangle$  is totally disconnected, then  $\gamma(BF_1(G)) = 3$ . Since the set  $\{v, u, w\}$  is a minimum dominating set of  $BF_1(G)$ , Where  $V(K_2) = \{u, w\}$

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