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MINIMUM CONNECTED DOMINATION IN FUZZY GRAPH

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ABSTRACT: In this paper we deal with domination in graph, connected domination in graph, minimum connected domination in graph, and fuzzy graph and the concept of minimum connected domination in fuzzy graph. As well as Algorithms used to optimize the minimum connected domination in fuzzy graph problems.

KEYWORDS: dominated graph, minimum connected dominated graph, fuzzy graph, minimum connected domination in fuzzy graph.

INTRODUCTION: Domination is an area in graph theory with an extensive research activity. In 1998, a book on domination has been published which lists 1222 papers in this area. In general, a dominating set in a graph is a set of vertices D such that each vertex is either in D or is adjacent to a vertex in D. We will show all fundamental definitions in this paper. The historical roots of domination is said to be in the chess problem. Consider an 8 x 8 chessboard on which a queen can move any number of squares vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Figure 1 shows the squares that a queen can attack or dominate. One is interested to find the minimum number of queens needed on the chessboard such that all squares are either occupied or can be attacked by a queen. In Figure 2, five queens are shown who dominate all the squares.

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Figure 1: Squares attacked by a Queen.

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Figure 2: 5 dominating queens.

Domination: A dominating set D is a set of vertices such that each vertex of G is either in D or has at least one neighbour in D. The minimum cardinality of such a set is called the domination number of G, $\gamma(G)$. In Figure 3 filled vertices form a minimum size dominating set in the Petersen line graph. Therefore, $\gamma(L(P)) = 3$.

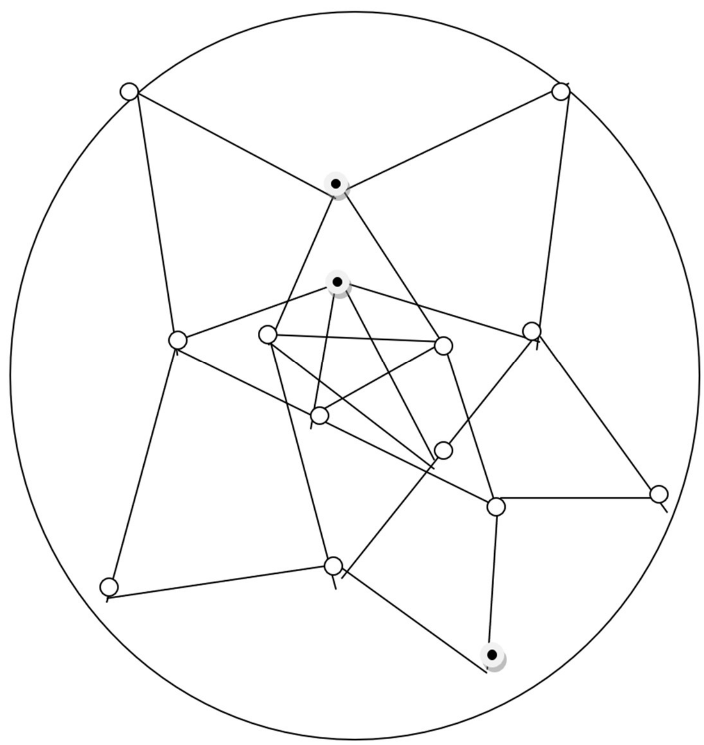

Figure 3: A minimum dominating set in L(P).

The problem of determining the size of a minimum dominating set is NP-complete. Actually the problem remains NP-complete even when restricted to certain classes of graphs such as bipartite graphs and chordal graphs. However, there are interesting classes of graphs such as trees, interval graphs, and cographs for which $\gamma(G)$ can be computed in polynomial time.

We will also concentrate on bounds on the domination number $\gamma(G)$ in terms of order, maximum, and minimum degree of G, all of which have been studied widely.

It can be seen directly from the definition that $1 \leq \gamma(G) \leq n$. The following examples show that this bound is sharp. Let G be a graph with A(G) = n-1, then the vertex of maximum degree dominates all other vertices in G and therefore $\gamma(G) = 1$. For the lower bound, let G be an edgeless graph, then the dominating set must contain all the vertices, and $\gamma(G) = n$.

In the following trivial argument, better bounds on $\gamma(G)$ in terms of order And degrees of vertices of G can be obtained. Let v be a vertex of maximum degree in G. Since v dominates itself and all vertices in its neighbourhood, A(G) + 1 vertices are dominated by v and the trivial upper bound follows. For the lower bound, since each vertex can dominate at most A (G) other vertices and itself, the lower bound follows.

Connected Domination: Connected dominating set is a dominating set which induces a connected subgraph. Since each dominating set has at least one vertex in each component of G, only connected graphs have a connected dominating set. Therefore, here we may assume all graphs are connected. The minimum cardinality of a connected dominating set is called connected domination number $\gamma c(G)$. In Figure 9 filled vertices form a connected dominating set of minimum size and therefore, $\gamma c(G)= 3$.

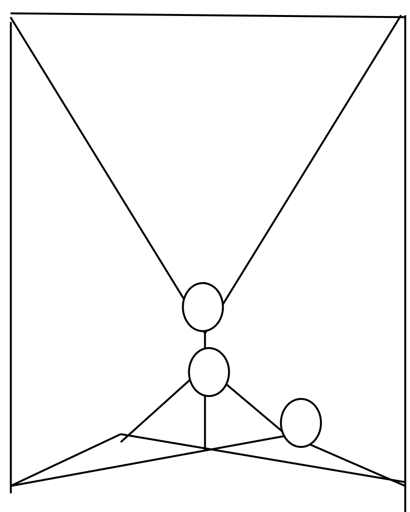

Figure 4: A minimum connected dominating set.

A direct application of connected domination is again in the computer networks where a connected dominating set serves as a communication backbone in network. For example in a cell phone network.The concept of connected domination was introduced by Sampathkumar and Walikar and they showed that if H is a connected spanning subgraph of G, then $\gamma c(G) \leq \gamma c(H)$, since every connected dominating set of H is also a connected dominating set of G.

It has been shown that the problem of deciding whether a connected dominating set of size M exist such that $\gamma c(G) \geq M$ is NP-complete. This problem is equivalent to the problem of finding a spanning tree that maximizes the number of leaves, since a set is a connected dominating set if and only if its complement is a set of leaves of a spanning tree. Considering this, Hedetniemi and Laskar showed that for any graph of order $n \geq 3$, $\gamma c(G) \leq n-2$, since any tree T has at least 2 leaves.

Kleiman and West studied the number of leaves in spanning trees of a connected graph and they showed that if G is a connected graph with $\delta(G) \geq k$, then it has a spanning tree with at least $n - 3 [n/k+1] + 2$ leaves. As discussed above, the complement of this set of leaves is a connected dominating set.

Minimum Connected Domination: Minimum Connected Domination is a concept in graph theory that involves finding the smallest possible subset of vertices in a graph such that every vertex in the graph either belongs to the subset or is adjacent to a vertex in the subset. This subset is called a connected dominating set.

Formally, given an undirected graph G = (V, E), where V is the set of vertices and E is the set of edges, a connected dominating set D is a subset of V such that every vertex in V is either in D or adjacent to a vertex in D. The goal is to find a connected dominating set D with the minimum number of vertices.

The problem of finding the minimum connected dominating set is known to be NP-hard, which means there is no known efficient algorithm that can solve it for all instances in polynomial time. Therefore, researchers have focused on developing approximation algorithms that can find a connected dominating set with a reasonable size.

Various algorithms and heuristics have been proposed to approximate the minimum connected dominating set, including greedy algorithms, branch-and-bound techniques, and metaheuristic approaches. These methods aim to find a connected dominating set that is close to the optimal solution but may not guarantee the absolute minimum.

The minimum connected dominating set problem has applications in various areas, including wireless sensor networks, network design, social network analysis, and facility location problems. Researchers continue to explore efficient algorithms and approximation techniques to tackle this challenging problem.

Minimum Connected Domination in Fuzzy Graph: Minimum Connected Domination in Fuzzy Graph: In fuzzy graph theory, the concept of minimum connected domination extends to fuzzy graphs, where the edges and vertices are associated with degrees of membership or fuzzy values. Fuzzy graphs allow for more flexibility in representing uncertain or imprecise information.

In the context of fuzzy graphs, a connected dominating set is a subset of vertices such that every vertex in the graph either belongs to the subset or has a non-zero degree of membership to a vertex in the subset. The goal is to find a connected dominating set with the minimum total degree of membership.

The problem of finding the minimum connected domination in fuzzy graphs is also known to be NP-hard, similar to its crisp counterpart. Therefore, approximation algorithms and heuristics are commonly employed to find suboptimal solutions.

One common approach is to extend traditional graph algorithms and heuristics to fuzzy graphs. For example, a fuzzy version of the greedy algorithm can be used, where vertices are selected iteratively based on their degree of membership and connectivity to already selected vertices. However, the selection criteria and strategies need to be adapted to accommodate fuzzy values.

Another approach is to convert the fuzzy graph into a crisp graph by thresholding the fuzzy values. This converts the fuzzy graph into a series of crisp graphs with different thresholds, and then the minimum connected dominating set problem can be solved on each crisp graph. The final solution can be chosen from the set of solutions obtained from different thresholds.

It's important to note that the choice of how to combine or aggregate the fuzzy values, as well as the selection of appropriate thresholds, can significantly affect the results. Different aggregation methods, such as maximum, minimum, or average, can be used depending on the specific problem and its requirements.

Overall, the problem of minimum connected domination in fuzzy graphs remains challenging, and researchers are actively exploring algorithms and techniques to approximate the optimal solution or find efficient heuristics in this fuzzy setting.

2. ALGORITHMS USED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS: Approximating the optimal solution for the minimum connected domination problem in fuzzy graphs is a challenging task. Here are some algorithms and techniques commonly used to obtain suboptimal solutions:

Greedy Algorithm with Fuzzy Measures: The greedy algorithm can be extended to fuzzy graphs by considering fuzzy measures instead of crisp degrees of membership. The algorithm iteratively selects vertices based on their fuzzy measures and connectivity to the existing dominating set. The fuzzy measures guide the selection process, ensuring that vertices with higher degrees of membership and connectivity are prioritized.

The Greedy Algorithm with Fuzzy Measures is an approach that can be used to approximate the minimum connected domination in fuzzy graphs. The algorithm iteratively selects vertices based on their fuzzy measures and connectivity to the existing dominating set. Here's a step-by-step description of the algorithm:

Initialize an empty connected dominating set D.

Calculate the fuzzy measure for each vertex in the graph based on its degree of membership and other relevant factors. The fuzzy measure represents the importance or significance of a vertex.

While there are vertices in the graph that are not dominated: a. Calculate the connectivity of each undominated vertex to the current dominating set D. This can be done by considering the fuzzy values of the adjacent vertices in D and aggregating them using a suitable fuzzy logic operation. b. Select the undominated vertex with the highest combined score of fuzzy measure and connectivity. c. Add the selected vertex to the dominating set D.

Return the final dominating set D.

The algorithm aims to iteratively select vertices that have a high fuzzy measure and are well-connected to the existing dominating set. By considering both fuzzy measures and connectivity, it aims to strike a balance between the importance of the vertex and its influence on the overall connectivity of the dominating set.

It's important to note that the exact implementation details, such as the specific fuzzy logic operations used for aggregation and the method of calculating connectivity, can vary depending on the problem context and requirements. Experimentation and fine-tuning may be necessary to achieve the desired performance and quality of solutions.

Fuzzy Genetic Algorithm: Genetic algorithms can be adapted to handle fuzzy graphs by encoding fuzzy measures or fuzzy values associated with vertices. The algorithm evolves a population of candidate solutions using genetic operators such as selection, crossover, and mutation. Fuzzy measures guide the evaluation and fitness computation, allowing for the exploration of different solutions in the search space.

The Fuzzy Genetic Algorithm is another approach that can be used to approximate the minimum connected domination problem in fuzzy graphs. The algorithm combines genetic algorithms with fuzzy measures or fuzzy values associated with the vertices. Here's a step-by-step description of the algorithm:

Initialize a population of candidate solutions, where each solution represents a potential connected dominating set.

Evaluate the fitness of each solution in the population. The fitness function considers both the fuzzy measures or fuzzy values associated with the vertices and the connectivity of the dominating set. Higher fitness values indicate better solutions.

While the termination condition is not met (e.g., a maximum number of iterations or a satisfactory solution is found): a. Select parent solutions from the population based on their fitness. Solutions with higher fitness have a higher chance of being selected. b. Apply genetic operators such as crossover and mutation to the selected parents to create new offspring solutions. c. Evaluate the fitness of the offspring solutions. d. Select individuals from the population (parents and offspring) based on their fitness to form the next generation. e. Optionally, perform elitism by preserving the best solution from the current generation to the next generation.

Return the best solution obtained after the termination condition is met.

In the fuzzy genetic algorithm, the fitness function plays a crucial role in evaluating the quality of solutions. It combines the fuzzy measures or fuzzy values associated with the vertices and the connectivity of the dominating set to determine the fitness of each solution.

The crossover and mutation operations allow for exploration of different combinations of vertices, while the selection process based on fitness ensures that better solutions have a higher chance of being selected for reproduction.

It's important to note that the specific implementation details, such as the encoding of solutions, the choice of genetic operators, and the method of evaluating fitness, can vary based on the problem requirements and the characteristics of the fuzzy graph. Experimentation and fine-tuning are often required to obtain satisfactory results.

Fuzzy Ant Colony Optimization (ACO): ACO algorithms can be modified to handle fuzzy graphs by incorporating fuzzy measures or fuzzy values. Ants simulate the exploration of the graph and deposit pheromones based on both connectivity and fuzzy measures. The pheromone levels guide the subsequent ant decisions and influence the solution construction process.

Fuzzy Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) is a metaheuristic algorithm that can be applied to the minimum connected domination problem in fuzzy graphs. It extends the classical ACO algorithm by incorporating fuzzy measures or fuzzy values associated with the vertices. Here's a step-by-step description of the algorithm:

Initialize the ant colony by placing ants on the vertices of the graph.

Initialize the pheromone matrix, which represents the strength of the pheromone trails on the edges. The initial pheromone values can be set uniformly or based on domain knowledge.

While the termination condition is not met (e.g., a maximum number of iterations or a satisfactory solution is found): a. Each ant constructs a candidate solution by iteratively moving from one vertex to another. The vertex selection decision is based on a combination of fuzzy measures or fuzzy values associated with the vertices and the pheromone trails on the edges. Higher fuzzy measures and stronger pheromone trails increase the probability of selecting a particular vertex. b. After each ant completes a candidate solution, evaluate the quality of the solution based on its connectivity and fuzzy measures. Update the best solution found so far if necessary. c. Update the pheromone trails based on the quality of the solutions. Stronger solutions deposit more pheromone on the edges they traverse, while weaker solutions result in pheromone evaporation. d. Optionally, apply local pheromone updating by depositing a small amount of pheromone on the edges traversed by each ant.

Return the best solution obtained after the termination condition is met.

The fuzzy measures or fuzzy values associated with the vertices guide the ant's decision-making process when selecting the next vertex to move to. The pheromone trails on the edges provide additional guidance based on the quality of solutions found by the ants.

The update of the pheromone trails ensures that stronger solutions have a greater influence on the subsequent ant decisions. The local pheromone updating can help diversify the search and prevent the algorithm from getting trapped in local optima.

It's important to note that the specific implementation details, such as the method of combining fuzzy measures and pheromone trails, the update rules for the pheromone trails, and the exploration-exploitation balance, may vary based on the problem context and requirements. Fine-tuning and experimentation are often necessary to achieve satisfactory results.

Hybrid Algorithms: Combining multiple algorithms can improve the quality of solutions. For example, a hybrid approach may involve using a fuzzy genetic algorithm to obtain an initial solution and then refining it using a local search algorithm. The local search algorithm iteratively explores the neighborhood of the initial solution, aiming to improve its quality.

Hybrid algorithms combine multiple techniques or algorithms to leverage their strengths and improve the quality of solutions for the minimum connected domination problem. Here are a few examples of hybrid algorithms that can be used:

Greedy Algorithm with Local Search: The hybrid algorithm starts with an initial solution obtained using a greedy algorithm with fuzzy measures. Then, a local search algorithm, such as hill climbing or tabu search, is applied to iteratively refine the solution. The local search explores the neighborhood of the current solution, making small modifications to improve the connectivity and fuzzy measures. This combination of greedy construction and local improvement helps find better-quality solutions.

Fuzzy Genetic Algorithm with Memetic Components: The hybrid algorithm combines a fuzzy genetic algorithm with memetic components. The fuzzy genetic algorithm evolves a population of candidate solutions using genetic operators. In addition to traditional genetic operators like crossover and mutation, memetic components incorporate local search or improvement methods. After the genetic operators are applied, a local search algorithm is executed on selected individuals to refine their connectivity and fuzzy measures. The local search helps exploit the local optima in the search space, enhancing the quality of solutions.

Ant Colony Optimization with Local Search: This hybrid algorithm combines the exploration capabilities of ant colony optimization (ACO) with the refinement capabilities of a local search algorithm. ACO is used to guide the ants in constructing candidate solutions, considering fuzzy measures and pheromone trails. After the ants complete their solutions, a local search algorithm is applied to refine the connectivity and fuzzy measures of selected solutions. The local search explores the neighborhood of each solution to make small modifications for improvement.

Simulated Annealing with Greedy Initialization: Simulated annealing is a global optimization algorithm that uses a probabilistic acceptance criterion to explore the solution space. In this hybrid algorithm, the process starts with an initial solution obtained using a greedy algorithm with fuzzy measures. Simulated annealing is then applied to iteratively explore the solution space and accept solutions with worse fitness values based on a cooling schedule. The combination of greedy initialization and simulated annealing enables both exploitation of good solutions and exploration of the search space.

These are just a few examples of hybrid algorithms that can be used in the minimum connected domination problem. The choice of hybridization technique depends on the problem characteristics and the strengths of the individual algorithms being combined. Experimentation and fine-tuning are often necessary to find the most effective combination for a particular problem instance.

Metaheuristic Algorithms: Various metaheuristic algorithms like particle swarm optimization, simulated annealing, or tabu search can be adapted to handle fuzzy graphs. Fuzzy measures or fuzzy values guide the exploration process, and solutions are iteratively improved based on a fitness or objective function that considers both connectivity and fuzzy measures.

Metaheuristic algorithms are widely used in solving the minimum connected domination problem, offering a flexible and powerful approach for finding suboptimal solutions. Here are a few metaheuristic algorithms commonly applied to this problem:

Genetic Algorithms (GA): Genetic algorithms mimic the process of natural evolution to search for good solutions. In the context of minimum connected domination, a GA starts with an initial population of solutions, where each solution represents a connected dominating set. The solutions undergo genetic operations such as selection, crossover, and mutation to create new offspring. The selection is based on the fitness of the solutions, which considers connectivity and fuzzy measures. This iterative process continues until a termination condition is met or a satisfactory solution is found.

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO): PSO is inspired by the collective behavior of a group of particles. Each particle represents a potential solution, and their movements in the solution space are guided by their own best-known position and the best-known position of the entire swarm. In the minimum connected domination problem, particles can be associated with fuzzy measures or fuzzy values. By adjusting their positions and velocities, the particles explore the search space, aiming to improve the connectivity and fuzzy measures.

Simulated Annealing (SA): Simulated annealing is a global optimization algorithm that uses a probabilistic approach to accept worse solutions in the early stages of the search and gradually transitions to a more deterministic search as the algorithm progresses. In the context of minimum connected domination, the algorithm explores the solution space by iteratively accepting moves that improve or degrade the current solution based on a temperature parameter. The temperature is gradually decreased over time to focus on exploitation.

Tabu Search (TS): Tabu search is a local search-based metaheuristic that utilizes a memory structure, called a tabu list, to store previously visited solutions and prevent revisiting them in subsequent iterations. Tabu search explores the neighborhood of the current solution by making small modifications to improve the solution quality. It aims to escape local optima by considering both aspiration criteria and tabu conditions. In the minimum connected domination problem, tabu search can be guided by fuzzy measures or fuzzy values.

These metaheuristic algorithms provide a flexible and robust framework for solving the minimum connected domination problem. The choice of algorithm depends on the problem characteristics, available computational resources, and desired trade-off between solution quality and computation time. Experimentation and parameter tuning are often necessary to achieve the best results.

Approximation Algorithms: Designing approximation algorithms specifically for the minimum connected domination problem in fuzzy graphs is an area of ongoing research. These algorithms aim to provide theoretical guarantees on the quality of the obtained solutions. Techniques such as approximation ratios, LP-based relaxations, or rounding methods can be explored.

Approximation algorithms for the minimum connected domination problem aim to provide solutions with theoretical guarantees on their quality compared to the optimal solution. Here are a few commonly used approximation algorithms for this problem:

Greedy Algorithm: The greedy algorithm is a simple and intuitive approximation algorithm. It starts with an empty dominating set and iteratively selects vertices with the highest degree of membership or fuzzy measure until all vertices are dominated. While the greedy algorithm does not guarantee an optimal solution, it often produces solutions with a reasonable approximation ratio. The approximation ratio can vary depending on the specific problem instance and characteristics.

LP-based Relaxations: Linear programming (LP) formulations can be used to relax the constraints of the minimum connected domination problem. By relaxing the connectivity constraints, an LP relaxation provides a fractional solution where each vertex is assigned a fractional value representing its degree of membership in the dominating set. Rounding techniques can then be applied to obtain an integral solution from the fractional solution. Various rounding methods, such as randomized rounding or deterministic rounding, can be used to achieve a certain approximation ratio.

Dual-Fitting Algorithms: Dual-fitting algorithms use a combination of primal and dual LP formulations to approximate the minimum connected domination problem. The primal LP formulation relaxes the connectivity constraints, and the dual LP formulation assigns weights to the vertices based on their degree of membership or fuzzy measures. The algorithm constructs an initial solution by solving the primal LP and then iteratively improves the solution based on the dual LP values. Dual-fitting algorithms often provide theoretical guarantees on the approximation ratio.

Randomized Algorithms: Randomized algorithms provide a probabilistic approach to approximate the minimum connected domination problem. These algorithms make random choices during their execution, and by repeating the algorithm multiple times, they can provide a solution with a high probability of achieving a certain approximation ratio. Examples of randomized algorithms include random sampling algorithms and Markov chain-based algorithms.

It's important to note that the quality of the approximation achieved by these algorithms can vary depending on the specific problem instance and the approximation technique used. Theoretical analysis and experimental evaluation are often necessary to understand the performance and guarantees of each approximation algorithm.

It's important to note that the choice of algorithm or technique depends on the problem characteristics, available computational resources, and the desired trade-off between solution quality and computation time. Experimentation and analysis are often required to identify the most effective approach for a particular problem instance.

3. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION: The minimum connected domination problem in a fuzzy graph can be mathematically formulated as an optimization problem. Let's define the problem using mathematical notation:

Input:

- A fuzzy graph $G = (V, E)$ consisting of a set of vertices V and a set of edges E.
- Each vertex $v \in V$ is associated with a degree of membership $\mu(v) \in [0, 1]$, representing the fuzzy measure or fuzzy value associated with the vertex.

Decision Variables:

- A binary variable $x(v)$ for each vertex $v \in V$, where $x(v) = 1$ if vertex v is selected in the dominating set and $x(v) = 0$ otherwise.

Objective Function:

- Minimize the objective function $f(x)$ representing the total cost or size of the dominating set: $f(x) = \sum[v \in V]\ x(v)$

Subject to:

- Each vertex $v \in V$ should be either in the dominating set or adjacent to a vertex in the dominating set: $x(v) + \sum[u \in N(v)]\ x(u) \geq 1$, for all $v \in V$
- Connectivity constraint: The selected vertices should form a connected subgraph: The domination set induced by x should be connected.
- Variable constraint: $x(v) \in \{0, 1\}$, for all $v \in V$

The objective is to find the binary variable assignment x that minimizes the total cost or size of the dominating set while satisfying the connectivity and variable constraints.

Solving this optimization problem yields a solution that represents a minimum connected dominating set in the fuzzy graph. The specific solution method, such as exact algorithms, heuristic approaches, or approximation algorithms, can be employed to find an optimal or near-optimal solution based on the problem size and computational resources available.

CONCLUSION: In this paper reader can understand the definition of dominating set, minimum dominating set and domination number in a fuzzy graph and algorithm used to optimize the problems related to minimum connected domination in fuzzy graph is also formulated for finding a dominating set of a fuzzy graph. Various algorithams & results regarding the minimum connected domination in fuzzy graph are discussed.

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