The Connected Detour Numbers of Special Classes of Connected Graphs

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Simple finite connected graphs $G = (V, E)$ of $p \geq 2$ vertices are considered in this paper. A connected detour set of $G$ is defined as a subset $S \subseteq V$ such that the induced subgraph $G[S]$ is connected and every vertex of $G$ lies on a $u \sim v$ detour for some $u, v \in S$. The connected detour number $cdn(G)$ of a graph $G$ is the minimum order of the connected detour sets of $G$. In this paper, we determined $cdn(G)$ for three special classes of graphs $G$, namely, unicyclic graphs, bicyclic graphs, and cog-graphs for $C_{p}$, $K_{p}$, and $K_{m,n}$.

1. Introduction

For basic definitions of the concepts of graphs we refer to [1–4], and for detour distance and related terminologies in graphs, we refer to [5–7]. Let $G = (V, E)$ be a connected simple graph of $p$ vertices and $q$ edges. We assume that $p$ is finite and $p(G) \geq 2$. For $u, v \in V(G)$ the length of a maximum $u \sim v$ path is called detour distance $D(u, v)$. A $u \sim v$ path of length $D(u, v)$ is called $u \sim v$ detour. For vertex $v \in V$ the detour eccentricity $eD(v)$ is defined by

$$eD(v) = \max\{D(u, v) : u \in V\}. \quad (1)$$

The detour radius $radD(G)$ and the detour diameter $diamD(G)$ (or $D(G)$) of $G$ are defined as

$$radD(G) = \min\{eD(v) : v \in V\}, \quad (2)$$

$$diamD(G) = \max\{eD(v) : v \in V\}.$$

A vertex $w \in V(G)$ is said to lie on a $u \sim v$ detour $Q$ if $w$ is a vertex of $V(Q)$ including $u$ and $v$. A detour set (denoted d.s.) is a subset $S$ of $V(G)$ such that every vertex $v$ of $G$ lies on an $x \sim y$ detour of some $x, y \in S$. The detour number $dn(G)$ of $G$ is defined by

$$dn(G) = \min\{|S| : S \text{ is a d.s. of } G\}. \quad (3)$$

A detour basis of $G$ is a d.s. of $G$ of order $dn(G)$. If $S$ is a detour set of $G$ and the induced subgraph $G[S]$ is connected, then $S$ is called connected detour set (denoted c.d.s.) of $G$. The connected detour number of $G$ denoted as $cdn(G)$ is defined as

$$cdn(G) = \min\{|S| : S \text{ is a c.d.s. of } G\}. \quad (4)$$

A connected detour basis of $G$ is a c.d.s. of order $cdn(G)$ (see [8, 9]).

A simple connected $(p, q)$ graph $G$ with $p \geq 3$ is called unicyclic graph iff $p = q$. The graph $G$ is called bicyclic iff $q = p + 1$.

The concept of connected detour number was introduced and studied by Santhakumaran and Athisayananthan in [9]. They determined $cdn$ for some special graphs such as $K_{p}$, $C_{p}$, $K_{m,n}$, trees, and Hamilton graph. There are many research papers on connected detour number and edge detour graphs (see [10–14]). Moreover, the concept of connected detour number and other related concepts have interesting applications in the channel assignment problem in radio technologies. This motivated us to determine connected detour number for other classes of graphs. Therefore, in this paper we determine the connected detour numbers for unicyclic graphs and bicyclic graphs. Moreover,
the class of graphs called cog-graphs $G^r$ will be explained and determined the cnd$(G^r)$ if $G$ is a complete graph, tree, cycle graph, and complete bipartite graph.

2. The Connected Detour Number of Unicyclic Graphs

Let $G$ be a connected graph of order $p \geq 3$ and $C$ the unique cycle in $G$, and let $C$ be of length $l \geq 3$. It is clear that $C$ has no chords, and every vertex of $G$, which is not on $C$, is either a cut-vertex or an end-vertex. We shall determine the connected detour number of such graphs in terms of $l$ and $p$. Let $n$ be the number of vertices of $C$ that are not cut-vertices. Denote $T(G) = \{v \in V(G) : v$ is either a cut-vertex or an end-vertex$\}$ and $\overline{T}(G) = V(G) - T(G)$. Then, $n = |\overline{T}(G)|$ and $|T(G)| = p - n$.

If $l = p$, then $G = C_p$ so cnd$(G) = 2$. If $p > l$, then $G$ contains at least one cyclic cut-vertex. If $n = 0$, that is every vertex of $C$ is a cut-vertex, then by Theorem 1.4 [Ref. 2] cnd$(G) = p$. From now on, we assume $p > l$.

**Proposition 1.** Let $G$ be a connected unicyclic graph of order $p \geq 4$, and with $l$–cycle, $l = 3$. Then, cnd$(G) = p - 1$ iff $n = 1$ or $2$.

**Proof.** If $n = 1$, then $G$ contains exactly one vertex which is not a cut-vertex. It is clear that there is a detour joining the other two vertices of the triangle and $v$ lies on it. Thus, cnd$(G) = p - 1$. If $n = 2$, let $u_1$ and $u_2$ be cycle vertices which are not cut-vertices. Clearly, there is no path in $G$ between two vertices of $T(G)$ that contains $u_1$ or $u_2$ (see Figure 1). Thus, cnd$(G)$ $\geq p - 1$. If $u_3$ is the third vertex of the triangle and $u_1 \in B$, then $u_2$ lies on the $u_1 - u_3$ detour. Therefore, cnd$(G) \leq p - 1$. Hence, cnd$(G) = p - 1$.

To prove the converse, let cnd$(G) = p - 1$, and $B(G)$ is a c.d.b. of $G$, then $B(G)$ contains two vertices of the $3$–cycle, one of them is a cut-vertex ($\vdash p \geq 4$). Thus, in view of Theorem 1.4 [9], the $3$–cycle has one or two vertices in $\overline{T}(G)$, that is, $n = 1$ or $2$. Hence, the proof is completed.  

**Theorem 1.** Let $G$ be a connected unicyclic graph of order $p \geq 5$ and with $l$–cycle, $l \geq 4$. Then, cnd$(G) = p - 1$ iff the induced subgraph $G[T(G)]$ consists of exactly $n$ components.

**Proof.** Let $m$ be the number of components of $G[T(G)]$. Let $m = n$, then since for every c.d.b., $B(G)$ and $G[B(G)]$ are connected, every connected component of $G[T(G)] \subset G[B(G)]$, then $G[B(G)]$ contains at least $n - 1$ vertices from $\overline{T}(G)$. Therefore, $|B(G)| = p - n + (n - 1) = p - 1$.

Conversely, let cnd$(G) = p - 1$, and $B(G)$ is a c.d.b. of $G$. Since $G[B(G)]$ is connected and $G[T(G)] \subset G[B(G)]$, then $G[B(G)]$ contains at least $m - 1$ vertices from $\overline{T}(G)$. Because $B(G)$ is a connected detour set of minimum order, then $B(G)$ contains exactly $m - 1$ vertices from $\overline{T}(G)$. Thus,

\[ \text{cnd}(G) = |B(G)| = |T(G)| + m - 1. \]

From the hypothesis

\[ \text{cnd}(G) = p - 1 = |\overline{T}(G)| + |T(G)| - 1 = |T(G)| + n - 1. \]

Therefore, $m = n$.

Hence, the proof of the theorem is completed. $\square$

**Example 1.** For the unicyclic graph $G$ in Figure 2, we have $m = n = 4$, so cnd$(G) = p - 1$.

Now, we have the following result for the connected detour number of the unicyclic graph with exactly one cycle cut-vertex.

**Proposition 2.** Let $G$ be a connected unicyclic graph of order $p \geq 4$ and with exactly one cycle cut-vertex, say $v$, then cnd$(G) = p - l + 2$, where $l$ is the length of the unique cycle $C$ of $G$.

**Proof.** Let $u$ be a vertex of $C$ adjacent to $v$. Then, there is a $u - v$ detour consisting of all the vertices of $C$.

Thus, $T(G) \cup \{u\}$ is a c.d.s. of order $|T(G)| + 1 = [p - (l - 1)] + 1 = p - l + 2$.

It is clear that there are no $x - y$ detour containing vertices of $\overline{T}(G)$ for every pair $x, y \in T(G)$. Therefore, $T(G) \cup \{u\}$ is a connected detour basis of $G$, and hence cnd$(G) = p - l + 2$.

For connected unicyclic graphs having more than one cycle cut-vertex, we need the following definition. $\square$

**Definition 1.** Let $G$ be a connected unicyclic graph of order $p \geq 4$ and with at least two cycle cut-vertices, and let $C$ be the unique cycle of length $l \geq 4$. Moreover, let $m$ be the number of components of the induced subgraph $G[T(G)]$. These components divide the cycle vertices which are not cut-vertices into $m$ nonempty subsets $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_m$, in successive order around $C$, as illustrated in Figure 3.

**Example 2.** Consider the unicyclic graph $G$ shown in Figure 3. The set of cycle vertices which are not cut-vertices is $W(G) = \{w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_9\}$. It is clear that $n = 11, m = 4$, and $l = 18$. The set $W(G)$ is partitioned into $A_1 = \{w_1, w_2\}, A_2 = \{w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7\}, A_3 = \{w_8\}$, and $A_4 = \{w_9, w_{10}, w_{11}\}$.

The c.d.n. for unicyclic graphs having more than one cut-vertex is determined by the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let $G$ be a connected unicyclic graph of order $p \geq 5$ and with at least two cycle cut-vertices, and the induced
To prove the converse, let \( \text{cdn}(G) = p - \beta \) and let \( S' \) be a c.d.b. of \( G \). If \( \beta \) is not equal to \( \max|A_i| : 1 \leq i \leq m \), then either \( S' \) is not of minimum order or the induced subgraph \( G[S'] \) is disconnected, contradicting the definition of connected detour basis.

Thus, \( \beta = \max|A_i| : 1 \leq i \leq m \), and hence the proof of the theorem is completed. \( \square \)

Remark 1. Clearly \( \alpha = 1 \), iff \( m = n \). Thus, Theorem 1 follows from Theorem 2.

## 3. The Connected Detour Numbers of Connected Bicyclic Graphs

A \((p, q)\) graph is bicyclic if and only if \( q = p + 1 \). Thus, if \( G \) is a connected bicyclic graph, then \( G \) contains either three cycles having some edges in common or contains exactly two cycles having no edges in common. The connected detour number for a block bicyclic graph is determined by the following result.

**Proposition 3.** Let \( G \) be a 2-connected bicyclic graph of order \( p \geq 5 \) as shown in Figure 4. Then,

\[(i) \text{cdn}(G) = 2, \text{ if } m = n \geq 1 \text{ and } k \geq 1.\]

\[(ii) \text{cdn}(G) = 3, \text{ if } m, n, k \geq 1 \text{ and they are different.}\]

**Proof:**

(i) If \( m = n \), then there are two \( x - w_1 \) detours, namely, \((x, v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n, y, w, w_{k-1}, \ldots, w_2, w_1)\) and \((x, u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m, y, w, w_{k-1}, \ldots, w_2, w_1)\). It is clear that each vertex of \( G \) lies on one of the two \( x - w_1 \) detours. Thus, \( \{x, w_1\} \) is a c.d.b. of \( G \), so \( \text{cdn}(G) = 2 \).

Conversely, if \( m \neq n \), say \( m > n \) and \( k \neq m, n \), then \( G \) does not contain adjacent vertices \( u, v \) such that \( \{u, v\} \) is a detour set. Hence, the proof of Part (i) is completed.

(ii) If \( m, n, k \) are different, say \( m > n > k \), then it is clear that \( \{w_1, x, v\} \) is a connected detour set of \( G \). So, \( \text{cdn}(G) \leq 3 \). In view of Part (i), \( \text{cdn}(G) \geq 3 \). Thus, \( \text{cdn}(G) = 3 \). Hence, the proof of the proposition is completed. \( \square \)

**Remark 2.** If \( G \) is a 2-connected bicyclic graph of order \( p \geq 4 \) with a cycle \( C \) and with exactly one chord, that is, an edge joining nonadjacent vertices of \( C \), then \( \text{cdn}(G) = 2 \).

This section is divided into two subsections according to the types of the bicyclic graphs.

### 3.1. The Connected Detour Numbers of Bicyclic Graphs of Three Cycles

Now assume that \( G \) is a connected bicyclic graph of order \( p \geq 9 \) with one or more cut-vertices and with three cycles, that is, three \( x - y \) paths which are internally vertex disjoints denoted by \( Q_1, Q_2, \) and \( Q_3 \) as shown in Figure 5. We assume without loss of generality that...
m ≥ n ≥ k ≥ 1. Let \( T \) be the set of all cycle vertices which are not cut-vertices in \( G \), and let \( T = V(G) - T \).

We shall determine the connected detour number for three kinds of bicyclic graphs of three cycles.

Case 1. Assume that each \( Q_i, 1 ≤ i ≤ 3 \), contains at least one cut-vertex other than \( x \) and \( y \). Moreover, let \( T' \) be the set of all cycle cut-vertices in \( G \). Then, we have the following proposition which determines the c.d.b. of such kind of bicyclic graph \( G \).

**Proposition 4.** Let \( G \) be a connected bicyclic graph of three cycles and with one or more cut-vertices on each \( Q_i, i = 1, 2, 3 \), other than \( x \) and \( y \) as explained above and shown in Figure 5. Then,

\[
\text{cdn}(G) = |T| + |S|,
\]

where \( S \) is a subset of \( T \) of minimum order such that the induced subgraph \( G[T' \cup S] \) is connected.

**Proof.** Since \( T' \subseteq T \) and \( G \) is connected, then the induced subgraph \( G[T' \cup S] \) is connected. Because each \( Q_i \), \( 1 ≤ i ≤ 3 \), contains a vertex of \( T \), then \( |T' \cup S| \) contains \( x \) or \( y \) and each \( Q_i \) contains two adjacent vertices from \( [T' \cup S] \). Therefore, every vertex of the \( x - y \) paths lies on an \( u - v \) detour for some \( u, v \in [T' \cup S] \). Thus, \( [T' \cup S] \) is a c.d.s. of \( G \). Moreover, from the minimal of \( S \) we deduce that \( [T' \cup S] \) is a c.d.b. of \( G \). Therefore, \( \text{cdn}(G) = |T| + |S| \). Hence, the proof is completed.

The following example illustrates Proposition 3.2.

**Example 3.** Consider the bicyclic graph \( G \) shown in Figure 6.

It is clear that \( p(G) = 32 \) and \( S = \{u_1, u_2, v_1, v_3, w_1, w_2\} \):

\[
T = V(G) - [u_1, u_2, u_5, u_6, u_7, v_1, v_3, v_5, v_6, w_1, w_2, w_5, y].
\]

Thus, \(|T| = p(G) - 14 = 32 - 14 = 18\)

\[
\therefore \text{cdn}(G) = 18 + 6 = 24.
\]

**Case 2.** Assume that \( G \) contains exactly one \( x - y \) path that does not contain cut-vertices, other than \( x \) and \( y \). So we have three possibilities for such bicyclic graph \( G \):

(i) Let \( Q_1 \) and \( Q_2 \) each contains at least one internal cut-vertex, and \( Q_3 \) does not contain an internal cut-vertex. Then, \( G - \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m\} (= H_{1,3}) \) is a unicyclic graph. By Theorem 2, \( \text{cdn}(H_{1,3}) = p(H_{1,3}) - \alpha_{1,3} \), in which \( \alpha_{1,3} \) is defined in Definition 1 for the graph \( H_{1,3} \). We can easily verify that if \( B_{1,3} \) is a c.d.s. of \( H_{1,3} \), then it is a c.d.b. of \( G \) because \( m ≥ n ≥ k \). Therefore,

\[
\text{cdn}(G) = p(G) - n - \alpha_{1,3}.
\]

(ii) Let \( Q_2 \) and \( Q_3 \) each contains at least one internal cut-vertex, and \( Q_1 \) does not contain an internal cut-vertex. Then, \( G - \{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m\} (= H_{2,3}) \) is a unicyclic graph. By Theorem 2, \( \text{cdn}(H_{2,3}) = p(H_{2,3}) - \alpha_{2,3} \), where \( \alpha_{2,3} \) is the number defined in Definition 1 for the unicyclic graph \( H_{2,3} \). Thus, as in (i),

\[
\text{cdn}(G) = p(G) - m - \alpha_{2,3}.
\]

(iii) Let \( Q_1 \) and \( Q_2 \) each contains at least one internal cut-vertex, and \( Q_3 \) does not contain an internal cut-vertex. Then, \( G - \{w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_k\} (= H_{1,2}) \) is a unicyclic graph. By Theorem 2, \( \text{cdn}(H_{1,2}) = p(H_{1,2}) - \alpha_{1,2} \), where the number \( \alpha_{1,2} \) is explained in Definition 1. If \( k = n \), then every c.d.b. of \( H_{1,2} \) is a c.d.b. of \( G \). Therefore,

\[
\text{cdn}(G) = p(G) - k - \alpha_{1,2}.
\]

If \( k < n \), then any c.d.b. \( B_{1,2} \) of \( H_{1,2} \) is not c.d.s. of \( G \) because each vertex \( w_i \) \( (i = 1, 2, \ldots, k) \) of \( Q_3 \) does not lie on a \( u-v \) detour for every pair of vertices \( u, v \in B_{1,2} \). But it is clear that either \( x \in B_{1,2} \) or \( y \in B_{1,2} \). Thus, if \( x \in B_{1,2} \) then \( B_{1,2} \cup \{w_1\} \) is a c.d.b. of \( G \); and if \( y \in B_{1,2} \) then \( B_{1,2} \cup \{w_k\} \) is a c.d.b. of \( G \). Therefore,
\[ \text{cdn}(G) = p(H_{1,2}) - \alpha_{1,2} + 1 = p(G) - (k + \alpha_{1,2} - 1). \]

(13b)

The following example illustrates formulas (11)–(13b).

**Example 4.** Consider the graphs \( G_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4 \), as shown in Figure 7.

It is easy to verify that:

\[
\begin{align*}
p(G_1) &= 20, \alpha_{1,3} = 6, n = 5 \implies \text{cdn}(G_1) = 20 - 6 - 5 = 9, \\
p(G_2) &= 24, \alpha_{2,3} = 3, m = 7 \implies \text{cdn}(G_2) = 24 - 3 - 7 = 14, \\
p(G_3) &= 25, \alpha_{1,2} = 6, k = 5 \implies \text{cdn}(G_3) = 25 - 6 - 5 = 14, \\
p(G_4) &= 23, \alpha_{1,2} = 6, k = 3 < 5 \implies \text{cdn}(G_4) = 23 - 6 - 1 = 15.
\end{align*}
\]

(14)

**Case 3.** Assume that the connected bicyclic graph \( G \) consists of two \( x \)-\( y \) paths, and each path does not contain cut-vertices but only one \( x \)-\( y \) path contains internal cut-vertices.

If \( Q_i \) contains at least two internal cut-vertices, and \( Q_2 \) and \( Q_3 \) have no cut-vertices, \( n = k \), then \( Q_1 \cup Q_2 \) is a unic和平 cycl graph, denoted \( H'_{1,2} \). It is clear that

\[ \text{cdn}(G) = \text{cdn}(H'_{1,2}) = p(H'_{1,2}) - \alpha'_{1,2}, \]

(15)

where \( \alpha'_{1,2} \) is given for \( H'_{1,2} \) as defined in Definition 1. Thus,

\[ \text{cdn}(G) = p(G) - n - \alpha'_{1,2}. \]

(16)

Similar results we have if \( Q_i \) \((i = 2, 3)\) has at least two internal cut-vertices and the other \( x \)-\( y \) paths have no cut-vertices. Therefore,

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{cdn}(G) &= p(G) - m - \alpha'_{2,3}, \quad \text{for } i = 2 \text{ and } m = k, \\
\text{cdn}(G) &= p(G) - n - \alpha'_{1,3}, \quad \text{for } i = 3 \text{ and } m = n,
\end{align*}
\]

(17)

where \( \alpha'_{2,3} \) is for the unic和平 cycl graph \( H'_{2,3} \) and \( \alpha'_{1,3} \) is for \( H'_{1,3} \).

**Remark 3.** If the bicyclic graph \( G \) depicted in Figure 5 has exactly one cycle cut-vertex which is a vertex of the \( x \)-\( y \) path \( Q_i \) \((1 \leq i \leq 3)\) including \( x \) and \( y \), and the other two \( x \)-\( y \) paths have equal lengths, then

\[
\text{cdn}(G) = 1 + |T|.
\]

(18)

From now on, we assume that \( m > n > k \geq 1 \) (see Figure 5). If \( Q_1 \) contains internal cut-vertices and \( Q_2 \) and \( Q_3 \) contain no cut-vertices, then we may assume that the distance from \( x \) to the first cut-vertex along the \( x \)-\( y \) path \( Q_i \) is not more than the distance from \( y \) to the last cut-vertex along \( Q_i \). Let \( H_{1,3} \) be the unic和平 cycl graph constructed from \( Q_1 \cup Q_3 \cup \{w_1, z\} \), where \( w_1z \) is an end-edge incident to vertex \( w_1 \) of \( Q_3 \). It is clear \( H_{1,3} \) contains vertices \( x \) and \( w_1 \) in addition to vertices from \( Q_1 \), and so

\[
\text{cdn}(G) = \text{cdn}(H'_{1,3}) - 1 = p(H'_{1,3}) - \alpha'_{1,3} - 1 = p(G) + 1 - \alpha_{1,3} - 1 - n.
\]

(19)

**Remark 4.** If the vertex \( x \) or the vertex \( y \) is the only cycle cut-vertex of the bicyclic graph \( G \) shown in Figure 5 and \( m > n > k \geq 1 \), then

\[ \text{cdn}(G) = 2 + |T|. \]

(21)

### 3.2. The Connected Detour Numbers of Bicyclic Graphs of Two Cycles

Let \( G \) be a bicyclic graph containing exactly two cycles \( C_1 \) and \( C_2 \), either having one vertex in common or there is a path joining a vertex of \( C_1 \) to a vertex of \( C_2 \). Thus, \( G \) is considered to consist of two unic和平 cycl graphs \( G_1 \) and \( G_2 \) having exactly one vertex \( v \) in common.

Let \( G_i, (i = 1, 2) \) be a unic和平 cycl graph obtained from \( G \) by adding to it an end-edge \( v_0 \). The connected detour number of \( G \) is determined by the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Let \( G \) be a connected bicyclic graph of order \( p \geq 5 \) and consist of two edge-disjoint unic和平 cycl graphs \( G_1 \) and \( G_2 \) having one vertex \( v \) in common. Then, \( \text{cdn}(G) = p - \alpha_i - \alpha_v \), in which \( \alpha_i \) \((i = 1, 2)\) is the number defined in Definition 1 for the unic和平 cycl graph \( G_i \).
4. The Connected Detour Numbers of Cog-Graphs

Let $G$ be a connected $(p, q)$-graph, then $G^{(c)}$ is the graph constructed from the graph $G$ with $q$ additional vertices $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_q$ corresponding to the edges $e_1, e_2, \ldots, e_q$ of $G$ and $2q$ additional edges obtained from joining $u_i$ to the two vertices of $e_i$ for all $i = 1, 2, \ldots, q$. Such class of graphs are called cog-graphs of $G$. For example, let $G$ be a star of order five, then $G^{(c)}$ is cog-star of order nine shown in Figure 8.

Clearly if $G$ is $(p, q)$-graph then $G^{(c)}$ is $(p + q, 3q)$-graph. The proofs of the following elementary results are obvious.

**Proposition 5**

1. The cog-graph $G^{(c)}$ does not contain end-vertices.
2. If the graph $G$ has $n$ end-vertices, then $G^{(c)}$ contains exactly $(q + n)$ vertices of degree 2.
3. For every vertex $v \in V(G)$, $\deg_{G^{(c)}} v = 2\deg_G v$.
4. Let $v \in V(G)$, then $v$ is a cut-vertex in $G^{(c)}$ if and only if it is a cut-vertex in $G$.

Let $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_p\}$ and $V(G^{(c)}) = V(G) \cup \{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_q\}$. If $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k, x_k)$ is an $x_1 - x_k$ detour in $G$, then $(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \ldots, x_{k-1}, y_{k-1}, x_k)$ is an $x_1 - x_k$ detour in $G^{(c)}$, in which $y_i \in U = \{u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_q\}$ for $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$ and $y_1$ is the vertex that corresponds to edge $x_1 x_{i+1}$ of $G$. Therefore, $D_{G^{(c)}}(x, y) = 2D_G(x, y)$, $\forall x, y \in V(G)$.

Moreover, if $Q$ is an $y - y'$ detour in $G^{(c)}$, $y, y' \in U$, (as shown in Figure 9), then

$$D_{G^{(c)}}(y, y') = D_{G^{(c)}}(y', x) = D_{G^{(c)}}(y, x') = 2D_G(x, x').$$

(22)

Any way, if $S$ is a detour set of $G$, then $S$ may not be a detour set of $G^{(c)}$. Also for some graphs $G$, $\text{cdn}(G) \neq \text{cdn}(G^{(c)})$. For example, if $G$ is an odd cycle graph $C_p$ with exactly one chord, then $\text{cdn}(G) = 2$ and $\text{cdn}(G^{(c)}) = 3$.

But there are special graphs $G$ such that $\text{cdn}(G) = \text{cdn}(G^{(c)})$, as given in the following proposition.

**Proposition 6.** Let $G$ be a connected graph. If $G$ is a tree or a cycle graph, then

$$\text{cdn}(G) = \text{cdn}(G^{(c)}) = \begin{cases} 
2, & \text{if } G \text{ is a cycle graph}, \\
p(G), & \text{if } G \text{ is a tree}.
\end{cases}$$

(23)

**Proof.** It is obvious.

The following concepts were introduced by Santhakumar and Athisayanathan in [12].

**Definition 2.** [12, 15] "Any edge $e$ of $G$ is said to lie on an $x - y$ detour $Q$, if $e$ is an edge of $Q$. A set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is called an edge detour set of $G$ if every edge of $G$ lies on a detour joining a pair of vertices of $S$. The edge detour number $\text{edn}_1(G)$ of $G$ is the minimum order of its edge detour set. Any edge detour set of order $\text{edn}_1(G)$ is called an edge detour basis of $G$. A graph which has an edge detour set is called a edge detour graph (denoted E.D. graph)."

There are graphs which are not E.D. graphs because they do not have edge detour sets [12]. For E.D. graphs we give the following definition.

**Definition 3.** Let $S$ be an edge detour set (will be denoted e.d.s.) of an E.D. graph $G$. If $G[S]$ is connected then $S$ is called a connected edge detour set (denoted c.e.d.s.). The connected detour number $\text{cdn}_1(G)$ of $G$ is defined by
Proposition 7. For every cycle graph \( C_p \) with \( p \geq 3 \),
cdn\(_1\)\( (C_p) = 3 \).

Proof. Let \( C_p = (v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_p, v_1) \), then it is clear that every edge
of \( C_p \) other than \( v_1v_2 \) lies on the \( v_1 - v_2 \) detour. Moreover,
the edge \( v_1v_2 \) lies on the \( v_2 - v_3 \) detour. Thus,\n\{\( v_1, v_2, v_3 \)\} is a c.e.d.b. of \( C_p \), and hence \( \text{cdn}_1(C_p) = 3 \). \( \square \)

Proposition 8. Let \( K_p \) be a complete graph of order \( p \geq 3 \),
then for every pair \( u, v \) of vertices, every edge other than \( uv \) lies
on a \( u - v \) detour of \( K_p \).

Proof. One can easily check that the statement is true for
\( p = 3, 4, \) and \( 5 \). Now assume that the statement is true for
\( p = r \geq 5 \), and consider \( K_{r+2} \). Let \( x, y \) be any pair of vertices
of \( K_{r+2} \), and let \( K_r = K_{r+2} - \{x, y\} \) and \( V(K_r) = \{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_{r-1}, v_r\} \) as shown in Figure 10.

By induction hypothesis for every pair \( v_i, v_j \) of vertices of
\( K_r \), every edge other than \( v_i v_j \) of \( K_r \) lies on a \( v_i - v_j \) detour \( Q \)
in \( K_r \).

It is clear that the two edges \( xv_i, yv_j \) or \( xv_j, yv_i \) with \( Q \)
produce an \( x - y \) detour in \( K_{r+2} \). This is true for all
\( i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, r, i \neq j \). Thus, every edge of \( K_{r+2} \) other than
\( xy \) lies on some \( x - y \) detour in \( K_{r+2} \). Therefore, the
proposition is true for \( K_{r+2} \). Hence, by induction on \( p \) the
proposition is true for \( K_p, p \geq 3 \). \( \square \)

Corollary 1. For each complete graph \( K_p \) with \( p \geq 3 \),
cdn\(_1(K_p) = 3 \).

Proof. Let \( u, v, \) and \( w \) be any three vertices in \( K_p \). By
Proposition 8 every edge of \( K_p \) other than \( uv \) (resp., \( uw \)) lies
on an \( u - v \) detour (resp., \( u - w \) detour). Thus, \( \{u, v, w\} \) is
a c.e.d.s. of \( K_p \). Clearly, \( \text{cdn}_1(K_p) \geq 2 \), and hence \( \text{cdn}_1(K_p) = 3 \). \( \square \)

Corollary 2. For every complete graph \( K_p \) with \( p \geq 2 \),
cdn\(_1(K_p) = 2 \).

Proof. Let \( x, y \) be a pair of vertices of \( K_p \), then by Proposition
8 every edge other than \( xy \) of \( K_p \) lies on an \( x - y \) detour in
\( K_p \). Thus, every vertex of \( K_p^{(c)} \) other than \( u \) lies on an \( x - y \) detour in \( K_p^{(c)} \), in which vertex \( u \) corresponds to the edge
\( xy \) in \( K_p^{(c)} \). Since vertex \( y \) is adjacent to \( u \), then every vertex
of \( K_p^{(c)} \) lies on an \( x - u \) detour. Therefore, \( \{x, u\} \) is a c.d.b.
of \( K_p^{(c)} \), and hence \( \text{cdn}_1(K_p^{(c)}) = 2 \). \( \square \)

Proposition 9. Let \( K_{m,n} \) \( m, n \geq 2 \) be a complete bipartite
tograph, then for any pair of adjacent vertices \( u, v \) every edge
other than \( uv \) lies on a \( u - v \) detour in \( K_{m,n} \).

Proof. One can easily check that the proposition holds for
\( K_{2,2}, K_{2,3}, \) and \( K_{3,3} \). Now assume that it holds for
**5. Conclusions**

The connected detour numbers for three classes of connected simple graphs are determined in this research paper. The three classes are unicyclic graphs, bicyclic graphs, and cog-graphs for $C_p$, $K_p$, and $K_{m,n}$. We think that the methods used in proving the results in Section 3 can be used to determine the connected detour numbers for bridge graphs and chain graphs (defined in [16]) that are constructed from finite pairwise disjoint unicyclic graphs.

It is shown that $\text{cdn}(G)$ is related to $\text{cdn}_1(G)$, and in view of Proposition 10 we suggest the following problem: characterize edge detour graphs $G$ such that $\text{cdn}(G^{(c)}) = \text{cdn}_1(G)$.

**Data Availability**

The data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon request.

**Conflicts of Interest**

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