



On Domination Number of Mixed-Grid Graph

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Abstract

A mixed graph $GM(V, E, A)$ is a graph containing unoriented edges (set E) as well as oriented edges (set A), referred to as arcs. In this paper we calculate the domination number of the Cartesian product of a path P_m with directed path P_n (mixed-grid graph $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$) for some values of m and arbitrary n .

Keywords: graph, directed graph, Cartesian product, path, directed path, mixed graph, mixed-grid graph, dominating set, domination number.

Introduction

All graphs and digraphs are assumed to be loop less and without duplicate edges or arcs. A mixed graph $GM(V, E, A)$ is a graph containing unoriented edges (set E) as well as oriented edges (set A), referred to as arcs. This notion was first introduced in [1]. Let $G = (V_1, E)$ be a graph and $D = (V_2, A)$ be a digraph. The Cartesian product $G \times D$ is the mixed-graph with vertex set $V(G \times D) = V_1(G) \times V_2(D)$ and edge (arc) set is $((u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2)) \in E(G \times D)$ if and only if either $v_1 = v_2$ and $(u_1, u_2) \in E(G)$ or $u_1 = u_2$ and $(v_1, v_2) \in A(D)$. A subset S of the vertex set $V(G \times D)$ is a dominating set of $(G \times D)$ if for each vertex $V \in G \times D$ there exists a vertex $u \in S$ such that (u, v) is an edge (arc) of $G \times D$. The domination number of $G \times D$, $\gamma(G \times D)$, is the cardinality of the smallest dominating set of $G \times D$. Let P_m be a path with vertex set $V(P_m) = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, and edge set $E(P_m) = \{(i, i+1) : 1 \leq i \leq m-1\}$ and let \vec{P}_n be a directed path with vertex set $V(\vec{P}_n) = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$, and arc set $A(\vec{P}_n) = \{(i, i+1) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$. Then for Cartesian product P_m and \vec{P}_n is mixed-grid graph $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$ with $V(P_m \times \vec{P}_n) = \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$, such that there is an arc from (i, j) to (p, q) if and only if $i = p$ and $q - j = 1$ and is an edge from (i, j) to (p, q) if and only if $j = q$ and $p - i = 1$. The i 'th row of $V(P_m \times \vec{P}_n)$ is $R_i = \{(i, j) : j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$. The j 'th column $K_j = \{(i, j) : i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$. If S is a dominating set for $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$, then we denote $W_j = S \cap K_j$.

Let $S_j = |W_j|$, where the sequence (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) is called a dominating sequence corresponding to S . For $1 \leq i \leq n$, the vertices of j -column are dominated by vertices of j -column or $(j-1)$ column. The vertices of the first column are dominated only by [2] vertices of K_1 . Also, for $1 \leq i \leq m$, the vertices of i -row are dominated by vertices of i -row or $(i-1)$ -row. The vertices of the first row are dominated only by vertices of R_1 or R_2 . Thus, the following is true $\gamma(P_m \times P_n) \leq \gamma(P_m \times \vec{P}_n) \leq \gamma(P_n \times P_m)$. For finding domination number of grid graphs $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$, Jacobson and Kinch in [2], were calculated the domination number of cartesian product of undirected paths P_m and P_n for $m = 1, 2, 3, 4$. The cases $m = 5, 6$ were calculated by Chang and Clark [3]. Also, Chang et al. [4], established the upper bounds of cartesian product of undirected paths P_m and P_n for $5 \leq m \leq 10$ and arbitrary n . In [5], Gravier and Mollard given an upper and lower bounds of general cartesian product of two undirected paths. Goncalves et al. [6] proved Chang's conjecture saying that for every $16 \leq n \leq m, \gamma(P_m \times \vec{P}_n) = [(n+1)(m+2)/5] - 4$. For domination number of directed grid graphs, Liu et al. [7], they studied the domination number of $\vec{P}_m \times \vec{P}_n$ for $m = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ and arbitrary n . Also, in [8] the author studied the domination number of $\vec{P}_m \times \vec{P}_n$ for arbitrary m and n .

Main results

In this section we calculate the domination number of the Cartesian product of a path P_m and a directed path \vec{P}_n for some values of m and arbitrary n .

Observation

Since for each vertex $(i, j) \in V(P_m \times \vec{P}_n)$ has two undirected degrees in $V(K_j)$ one outdegree in $V(K_{j+1})$ and one indegree from $V(K_{j-1})$, then can it dominates at most four vertices of $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$ with itself. Thus, implies that $\gamma(P_m \times \vec{P}_n) \geq mn / 4$.

Observation

Let S be a dominating set of $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$. Since the vertices of the first column are dominated only by vertices of K_1 . Also, for $1 \leq i \leq n$, the vertices of j -column are dominated by vertices of j -column or $(j-1)$ -column. Then the following are holds:

1. $s_j \geq \lceil m / 3 \rceil$.
2. $s_j + 3s_{j+1} \geq m$ for all $j=1, \dots, n$.
3. $s_{j-1} + 4s_j + s_{j+1} \geq 2m$ for all $j = 2, \dots, n$

Lemma

There is a minimum dominating set S for $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$ with dominating sequence (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) such that, for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, is $\lceil (m+2) / 4 \rceil \leq s_j \leq \lfloor m / 2 \rfloor$.

Proof: Let S be a minimum dominating set for $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$ with dominating sequence (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) . Assume that for some j , s_j is large. Then we modify S by moving some vertices from column j to column $j+1$, such that the resulting set is still dominating set for $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$ (because each vertex in $S \cap K_j$ is dominates only vertices from K_j and K_{j+1}). For $1 \leq i \leq m$ and $1 \leq i \leq n$, let

$W = S \cap \{(i, j), (i+1, j), (i+2, j), (i+3, j)\}$. If $|W| \geq 3$, then we have three cases.

Case: If $\{(i, j), (i+1, j)\} \subseteq S$ or $\{(m-1, j), (m, j)\} \subseteq S$. Then we can moving $(1, j)$ to $(1, j+1)$ or (m, j) to $(m, j+1)$. Furthermore, S is still dominating set of $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$.

Case: $|W| = 4$, then we put

$$S_1 = (S - W) \cup \{(i, j), (i+1, j+1), (i+2, j+1), (i+3, j)\}$$

Case: $|W| = 3$ then we have two sub cases

a. SubCase: $|W| = 3$ and $W = S \cap \{(i, j), (i+1, j), (i+2, j), (i+3, j)\} = \{(i, j), (i+1, j), (i+2, j)\}$ or $W = \{(i+1, j), (i+2, j), (i+3, j)\}$. Two cases are similar by symmetry, for the first we put $S_1 = (S - W) \cup \{(i, j), (i+2, j), (i+1, j+1)\}$ and for the second we put $S_1 = (S - W) \cup \{(i, j), (i+3, j), (i+2, j+1)\}$

b. SubCase: $|W| = 3$ and $W = S \cap \{(i, j), (i+1, j), (i+2, j), (i+3, j)\} = \{(i, j), (i+1, j), (i+3, j)\}$ or $W = \{(i, j), (i+2, j), (i+3, j)\}$. Also, two cases are similar by symmetry. Then we change S , respectively as follows: $S_1 = (S - W) \cup \{(i, j), (i+3, j), (i+1, j+1)\}$, $S_1 = (S - W) \cup \{(i, j), (i+3, j), (i+2, j+1)\}$

, see (Figure 1) for cases 2, 3. We repeat this process if necessary eventually leads to a dominating set with required properties. Also, we get S_1 is a dominating set for $P_m \times \vec{P}_n$ with $|S_1| = |S|$. Thus, we can assume that every four consecutive vertices of the j 'th column include at most two vertices of S . This implies that $s_j \leq \lfloor m / 2 \rfloor$, for all $1 \leq j \leq n$. To prove the lower bound, we suppose that $|K_j \cap D|$ is be a maximum, i.e. $s_j = \lfloor m / 2 \rfloor$. Then there at most $m - \lfloor m / 2 \rfloor$ vertices in K_{j+1} are not dominated (Figure 2). By maximality of s_j , does not have three successive vertices do not belong to S (i.e., does not exist three successive vertices K_{j+1} from does not dominated by vertices from $S \cap K_j$). Thus, implies that $s_{j+1} \geq \lceil (m - \lfloor m / 2 \rfloor) / 2 \rceil = \lceil (m+2) / 4 \rceil$. By

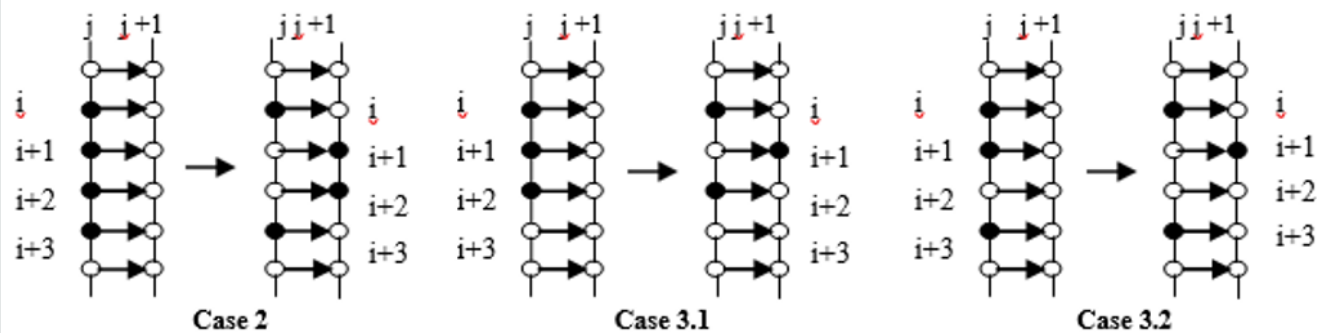


Figure 1: Modify S.

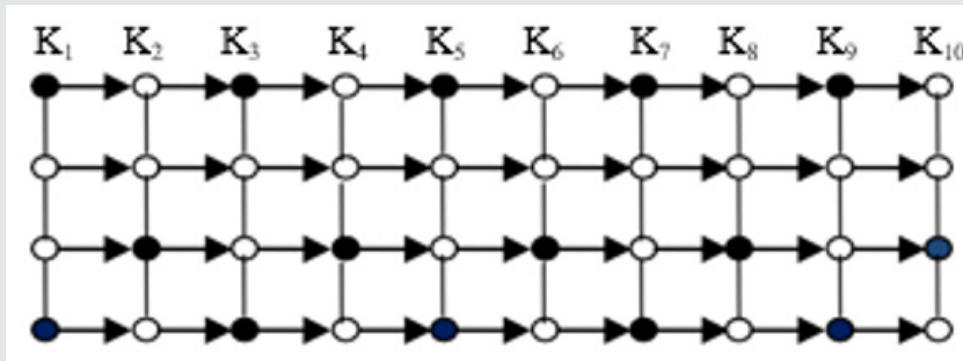


Figure 2: A dominating function of $P_4 \times P_{10}$.

c. **Lemma:** always we have a minimum dominating set S with dominating sequence (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n) , such that $\lceil (m+2)/4 \rceil \leq S_j \leq \lfloor m/2 \rfloor$, for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Proposition: Clearly, $\gamma(P_1 \times \bar{P}_n) = \gamma(\bar{P}_n) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Theorem $\gamma(P_2 \times \bar{P}_n) = n$

Proof. Let S be a set defined as follows $S = \{(1, 2j-1) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} \cup \{(2, 2j) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$ We have $|S| = n$, also S is a dominating set of $P_2 \times \bar{P}_n$. By Observation 2, we have $S_j + 3S_{j+1} \geq m$. Which implies that, if $S_j = 0$ is $S_{j+1} = 2$ and if $S_j = 1$ is $S_{j+1} \geq 1$. Then we get $\gamma(P_2 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j \geq n$

Thus $\gamma(P_2 \times \bar{P}_n) = n$

Theorem: $\gamma(P_3 \times \bar{P}_n) = n$

Proof: We define S as follows: $S = \{(2, j) : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$

Certainly, S is a dominating set of $P_3 \times \bar{P}_n$ with $|S| = n$

Also, we have $\gamma(P_3 \times \bar{P}_n) \geq \gamma(P_2 \times \bar{P}_n) = n$ Thus

$$\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) = n$$

Proposition: $\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) \leq \lfloor \frac{3n}{2} \rfloor$

Proof. Here, we define S as follows:

$$S = \{(1, 4j-3), (4, 4j-3) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} \cup \{(3, 4j-2) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$$

Certainly S is a dominating set $P_4 \times \bar{P}_n$ (see Figure 3 for $\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_{10})$). Also, we have

$$|S| = 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 2 \lfloor \frac{(n-1)}{4} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{(n-2)}{4} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{(n-3)}{4} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{3n}{2} \rfloor$$

$$\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) \leq \lfloor \frac{3n}{2} \rfloor$$

Proposition:

a. There only two cases of $(S_j, S_{j+1}) = (1, 1)$ such that $K_j \cap S = \{(1, j)\}$ and $K_{j+1} \cap S = \{(3, j+1)\}$ or $K_j \cap S = \{(4, j)\}$ and $K_{j+1} \cap S = \{(2, j+1)\}$ Furthermore, two cases are similar by symmetry. We consider the first case.

b. The case $(S_j, S_{j+1}, S_{j+2}) = (1, 1, 1)$ is not possible.

c. The case $(S_1, S_2, S_3) = (2, 1, 1)$ is not possible.

d. If $K_2 \cap S = \{(1, 2)\}$ then $S_1 = 3$

e. If $K_3 \cap S = \{(1, 3)\}$ then $S_1 + S_2 = 4$.

Proof: Immediately by drawing.

Proposition: If $(S_j, S_{j+1}) = (1, 1)$, then $(S_{j-2}, S_{j-3}) = (2, 2)$ or $(S_{j-2r}, S_{j-2r+1}) = (1, 2)$ {where $1 \leq r$ and $1 \leq j-2r$. Furthermore, the second case repeated until exist two columns before K_j, K_{j+1} , contains four vertices from S .

Proof: From Proposition 4.5.1 (1), we have $K_j \cap S = \{(1, j)\}$ and $K_{j+1} \cap S = \{(3, j+1)\}$. This implies that $K_{j-1} \cap S = \{(3, j-1), (4, j-1)\}$ and then $\{(1, j-2)\} \subseteq K_{j-2} \cap S$. If $|K_{j-2} \cap S| = 2$ then $S_{j-1} + S_{j-2} = 4$ otherwise $|K_{j-2} \cap S| = 1$ and $K_{j-3} \cap S = \{(3, j-3), (4, j-3)\}$, $K_{j-4} \cap S = \{(1, j-4)\}$ and repetition this case until $(S_1, S_2) = (1, 2)$ or $(S_2, S_3) = (1, 2)$ {where j is odd or even, respectively}.

Theorem: $\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil$

Proof. By Lemma 2.1, $1 \leq S_j \leq 2$ for all $j = 1, \dots, n$. We have two cases:

Case 1. $S_j + S_{j+1} \geq 3$ for $j = 1, \dots, n-1$. Then we get $\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j \geq \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil$ {because $S_1 \geq 2$ }.

Case 2. $S_j + S_{j+1} = 2$ for some $1 \leq j \leq n-1$. Thus, we have $(S_j, S_{j+1}) = (1, 1)$. By Proposition 2.3(1), we consider the first case $K_j \cap S = \{(1, j)\}$ and $K_{j+1} \cap S = \{(3, j+1)\}$. There are two subcases

Sub Case $S_{j-2r} + S_{j-2r+1} = 4$ {where $4 \leq j \leq -2r \leq j-2$ }. Then we can assume that each two columns including at least three vertices from S and then $\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j \geq \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil$

Sub Case $(S_{j-2}, S_{j-1}) = (S_{j-4}, S_{j-3}) = \dots = (S_{j-2r}, S_{j-2r+1}) = (1, 2)$. Then we study the cases:

- a. If $j-2r = 1$ i.e., $S_1 = 1$ and this impossible.
- b. If $j-2r = 2$. Then $K_2 \cap S = \{(1, 3)\}$ and $\{(3, 1), (4, 2)\} \subseteq K_2 \cap S$. But, needs $(1, 1) \in S$ or $(2, 1) \in S$ for dominate $(1, 1)$. Furthermore

$$S_1 + S_2 = 4.$$

c. If $j-2r = 3$. Then $K_3 \cap S = \{(1, 3)\}$ and $\{(3, 2), (4, 2)\} \subseteq K_2 \cap S$. Then needs $(1, 1) \in S$ and $(3, 1) \in S$ or $(4, 1) \in S$, also $S_1 + S_2 = 4$.

Now, we conclude that for all cases, when exist the case $(S_j, S_{j+1}) = (1, 1)$ there is the case $S_{j-2r} + S_{j-2r+1} \geq 4$ before repeated the case $(S_q, S_{q+1}) = (1, 1)$. Thus, we can assume that each four columns including at least 6 vertices from S. Finally, get $\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j \geq \left\lceil \frac{6n}{4} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil$ Finally, Proposition 2.2 together with the last result gets

$$\gamma(P_4 \times \bar{P}_n) = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil$$

Theorem: $\gamma(P_5 \times \bar{P}_n) = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$

Proof: Let S defined as follows:

$$S = \{(1, 1), (3, 1), (5, 1)\} \cup \{(3, 2j) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\} \cup \{(1, 2j+1), (5, 2j+1) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor \frac{(n-1)}{2} \rfloor\}$$

We can check that S is a dominating set of $P_5 \times \bar{P}_n$ (see Figure 3 for $\gamma(P_5 \times \bar{P}_{12})$), with

$$|S| = 3 + \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2\lfloor \frac{(n-1)}{2} \rfloor = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$$

We need to the following fact:

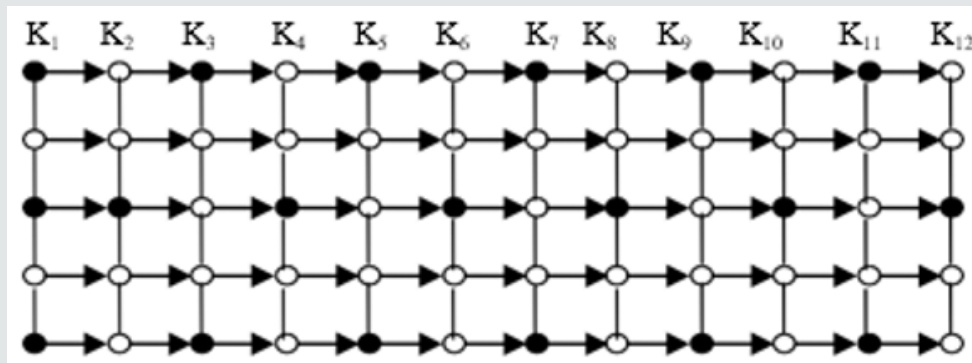


Figure 3: A dominating function of $P_5 \times P_{12}$.

Fact 1.

1. There is one possible for $(S_j, S_{j+1}, S_{j+2}) = (1, 2, 1)$. Furthermore, if $(S_j, S_{j+1}, S_{j+2}) = (1, 2, 1)$ then $K_j \cap S = \{(3, j)\}$, $K_{j+1} \cap S = \{(1, j+1), (5, j+1)\}$ and $K_{j+2} \cap S = \{(3, j+2)\}$.
2. $(S_1, S_2, S_3) = (2, 2, 1)$ in not possible.
3. $(S_1, S_2, S_3) = (2, 1, 2)$ in not possible. Furthermore, $S_1 + S_2 \geq 4$ and $S_1 + S_2 + S_3 \geq 6$

Proof. 1). By Observation 2.2, we have $(S_j, S_{j+1}) = (1, 1)$ is not possible. But, $(S_j, S_{j+1}) = (1, 2)$ or $(2, 1)$ are possible, also $(S_j, S_{j+1}, S_{j+2}) = (1, 2, 1)$ is possible. Thus for $S_{j+2} = 1$ we must have $K_{j+1} \cap S = \{(1, j+1), (2, j+1)\}$, $\{(4, j+1), (5, j+1)\}$ or $\{(1, j+1), (5, j+1)\}$. For the first and second needs $S_j = 2$, we rejected. Then for the case $K_{j+1} \cap S = \{(1, j+1), (5, j+1)\}$, we get $S_j = 1$ and $S_{j+2} = 1$, furthermore $K_j \cap S = \{(3, j)\}$ and $K_{j+2} \cap S = \{(3, j+2)\}$.

2). From (1), if $S_3 = 1$ then we have $K_2 \cap S = \{(1,2), (2,2)\}, \{(4,2), (5,2)\}$ or $\{(1,2), (5,2)\}$. For all these cases $S_1 = 2$ is not possible.

3) Immediately from prove (1).

Now, From Lemma 2.1, we have $1 \leq S_j \leq 3$. Also, Observation 2.2, gets (3, 1, 1) is not possible. By Fact 1, we include that $S_1 + S_2 + S_3 \geq 6$, furthermore if $S_j = 2$ then $\sum_{j=3}^{j-r} s_j \geq \left\lceil \frac{3(r+1)}{2} \right\rceil$ for $r \geq 2$. Thus

$$\text{If } n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \text{ then } \gamma(P_5 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n s_j = s_1 + s_2 + \sum_{j=3}^n s_j \geq 4 + \frac{3(n-2)}{2} = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$$

$$\text{For } n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \gamma(P_5 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^3 s_j + \sum_{j=4}^n s_j \geq 6 + \frac{3(n-3)}{2} = \left\lceil \frac{3n}{2} \right\rceil + 1$$

$$S = \{(1,1), (3,1), (5,1), (7,1), \dots\} \cup \{(3,2j), (7,2j) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor\} \cup \{(1,2j+1), (5,2j+1) : 1 \leq j \leq \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor\}$$

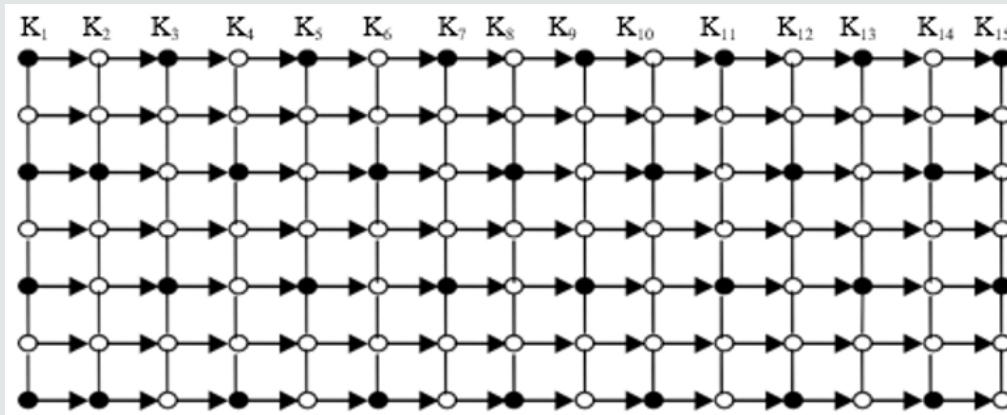


Figure 4: A dominating function of $P_7 \times P_{15}$.

We have S is a dominating set of $P_7 \times \bar{P}_n$ (see (Figure 4), for $\gamma(P_7 \times \bar{P}_{15})$, with $|S| = 4 + 2\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 2\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor = 2n + 2$ We need to the following fact.

- a. **Fact 2.**
- b. $s_1 \geq 3$
- c. $s_1 \geq 3$
- d. $(s_1, s_2) = (4,1)$ and $(s_1, s_2, s_3) = (3,2,2)$
- e. $s_1 + s_2 \geq 6$ or $s_1 + s_2 + s_3 \geq 6$

$$\sum_{d=j}^{j+k} s_d \geq 2(k+1), \text{ where } k \geq 1.$$

Proof. 1). It is clear from Observation 2.2.

By recent results with (1), we get the required.

Theorem $\gamma(P_6 \times \bar{P}_n) = n$.

Proof. Let S defined as follows: $S = \{(2,1), (5, j) : 1 \leq j \leq n\}$. Definitely S is a dominating set of $P_6 \times \bar{P}_n$ with $\gamma(P_6 \times \bar{P}_n) \leq |S| = 2n$.

By Observation 2.2, $S_1 \geq 2$ and $(S_j, S_{j+1}) = (1,2)$ is not possible. This implies that $\gamma(P_6 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j \geq 2n$ Thus we get

$$\gamma(P_6 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n S_j = 2n$$

Theorem $\gamma(P_7 \times \bar{P}_n) = 2n + 2$

Proof. For $P_7 \times \bar{P}_n$ we define S as follows:

2) Immediately by drawing.

3) From (2), it's clear.

4) By Observation 2.2, we have $s_j + 3s_{j+1} \geq m$. This implies that $(s_j, s_{j+1}) = (3,1)$ is not possible. Then we get the required for (4).

Now, by Fact 2, We conclude that

$$\gamma(P_7 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \geq s_1 + s_2 + \sum_{j=3}^n s_j \geq 6 + 2(n-2) = 2n + 2 \text{ (or)}$$

$$\gamma(P_7 \times \bar{P}_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \geq s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + \sum_{j=4}^n s_j \geq 8 + 2(n-3) = 2n + 2$$

Thus, by (2) together with the last result gets $\gamma(P_7 \times \bar{P}_n) = 2n + 2$.

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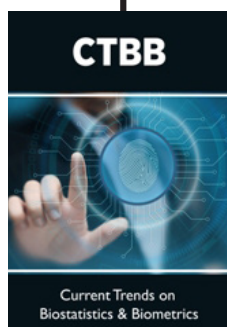
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