

# Some Results of Domination Theory on Graph

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**Abstract – The absolute superiority of the direct product of graphs is shown at both the upper and lower limits. The limits include the total number {2} for dominance, the total number 2 times for dominance and the factors' number for open packing. Those relationships have an exact total number of supremacy. A set of graphs reveals that the limits are best feasible. The number of direct graphics products dominating. We show that the step domination number of any tree  $T$  satisfies  $\gamma_s(T) \leq (\frac{1}{2} + O(1/D))n$ , where  $n$  is the number of vertices of  $T$ , an  $d D$  is its diameter. It is also proved that if some requirements are set on a tree  $T$  then  $\gamma_s(T) \leq O(D)$ .**

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## INTRODUCTION

The total number of dominance is determined when a factor is complete and the other factor is determined in a loop. Given that the exact problem is usually very complicated, it is also important to consider that the overall dominance of the product is far below and below in terms of its factors invariant. In [2, 11] there have been two such lower limitations. The total number of factors to regulate the dominance number of a commodity can, on the other hand, be used, cf. [1, 11]

$$\gamma_t(G \times H) \geq \max\{\gamma_t^{(2)}(G), \gamma_t^{(2)}(H)\}.$$

In a particular case, the upper limit of the overall product supremacy is also found, involving a total of 2-times the number of factors dominating the product. We demonstrate how one can take the approach of bounding in terms of the {2} - dominance of factors the dominant number of direct products of graphs.

We do add some of the definitions and notations required in the paper to ease the reading of the paper. The distance of two vertices  $u, v$  in graph  $G$ , referred to as  $d(u, v)$ , is the longest single  $u-v$  path in  $G$ . We say  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent to  $d(u, v)=1$ . The  $ecc(u)$  distance from the farthest vertex is the eccentricity of an  $ecc(u)$ , i.e.,

$$ecc(u) = \max\{d(u, x) | x \in V(G)\}$$

The diameter of  $G$ ,  $diam(G)$ , is the maximum eccentricity.

The set of vertices at distance  $k$  from a vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is called the  $k$ -neighborhood of  $v$  and is denoted by  $N_k(v)$ . That is,

$$N_k(v) = \{u \in V(G) | d(v, u) = k\}.$$

In case  $k = 1$  we shall refer to it as the neighborhood of  $v$  or open neighborhood. In this case we shall denote it, as usual,  $N(v)$ , while  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . A vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is said to dominate itself and each of its neighbors. A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is domination set if every vertex of  $G$  is dominated by some vertex of  $S$ .

This line includes the notion of stepping dominion and results in [2,4]. A set  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t\}$  of vertical graph  $G$  is known as a step domination set for  $G$  if the non-negative integral  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t$  exist to form a partition of  $V(G)$  in the set  $\{N_{k_i}(v_i)\}$ . This partition is referred to as the  $S$  step dominance partition. The  $K = (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t)$ ,  $k_1 k_2 \dots k_t$  is referred to as an  $S$ -associated distance dominance sequence, while the  $k_i$  is called the  $v_i$  steps and  $stK(v_i) = st(v_i) = K_i$  when no uncertainty exists. This time, we say, too, that  $k_i$  is labelled with the vertex  $v_i$ . It is said that each  $U$  vertex in  $N_{k_i}(v_i)$  is regulated by  $v_i$  and  $v_i$  and  $u$  is dominated by  $v_i$ . We suppose that  $N_{k_i}(v_i)$  is not vacant in the above descriptions. For any integer  $k_i$  in  $K$ ,  $0 < k_i < ecc(v_i)$  therefore. Provided that a vertex cannot dominate both itself and other vertices during a step dominance set  $S$ , the cardinality of a step dominance set for  $G$  is at least 2 except  $G = K_1$ . On the other hand,  $|S| \leq |V(G)|$ .

Let  $G$  be a  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  graph. Then the set  $\{N_0(v_i) | i=1, 2, \dots, n\}$  will obviously be a step dominance partition of  $V(G)$  with  $S = V(G)$ . Each graph has a certain degree of dominance. This leads us to a

minimum cardinality of a step dominance set for  $G$ , as defined by the graph  $G$ 's step domination number  $S(G)$ . As a consequence of the above,  $S(G)$  is well defined and satisfies

$$2 \leq \gamma_S(G) \leq |V(G)| \quad (1)$$

With  $S(K_1) = 1$ .

Recently, a full characterization of the step-domination number of graphs of diameter at most two was obtained in [1].

In [2] it was shown that if  $T$  is a tree then

$$\gamma_S(T) \leq n - \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}} \quad (2)$$

where  $n$  denotes the number of vertices of  $T$ .

The main goal of this paper is to improve the result (2) by showing that

$$\gamma_S(T) \leq \left(\frac{5}{6} + O\left(\frac{1}{D}\right)\right)n, \quad (3)$$

where  $D$  denotes the diameter of  $T$ .

In addition we show that if some requirements are imposed on a tree  $T$  with diameter  $D$ , then,  $S(T) = O(D)$ , which leads us toward the following conjecture:

Conjecture 1.1. Let  $T$  be any tree. Then,

$$\gamma_S(T) = \Omega(D).$$

### Preliminaries

The open area for the vertex  $G = (V, E)$  with a  $V$ -shaped vertex, and the edge set  $v \in V$  is  $N(v) = \{u \in V \mid uv \in E\}$  and the closed area is  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . In  $\mu(G)$ , the smallest grade  $G$ , i.e.  $\delta(G) = \min_v |N(v)|$  is indicated. If a set of  $S \subseteq V$  is adjacent to at least one vertex of  $S$ , a set of  $S \subseteq V$  is a dominant set. The  $\mu(G)$  of  $G$  dominance is the minimum of a predominant set cardinality. Likewise, if every vertex of  $V$  adjacent to at least one vertex of  $S$ ,  $S \subseteq V$  is the complete dominating set. The total  $\alpha_t(G)$  dominance is the minimum cardinality of the dominant total set. The graph is let  $G = (V, E)$ . The weight of  $f$  is  $w(f) = \sum_v f(v)$  amounts  $\sum_v f(v)$  for a real-valued function:  $V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ; and for  $S \subseteq V$   $f(S) = \sum_{v \in S} f(v)$ , so  $w(f) = f(V)$ . Let  $k = 1$ , then  $f: V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Let  $k$ ,  $k$  is known as  $\{k\}$ -dominant if, for each  $v$ , it is  $k \in N(v)$ , it is  $k$   $\{k\}$ -dominating function. The  $\mu\{k\}(G)$  dominant number of a  $G$ -dominating function is the minimum weight of  $\{k\}$ .  $f: V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Similarly,  $k$   $\{k\}$  is a complete function  $\{k\}$ -dominant if there is  $V \subseteq N(v) \cup \{k\}$  for each  $v \in V$ . The  $\{k\}$ -domination  $\{k\} \gamma_t(G)$  is the minimum weight of a complete dominant function  $\{k\}$ . The following definition has been

implemented in [3] (see also [8, 9]).  $S$  as a rule  $V$  is a  $k$ -tuple dominant set from  $G$  if for every vertex  $v$  as a whole  $V$ ,] as a whole  $S$  as a whole  $k$ . In other words,  $v$  is in  $S$  with a minimum of  $k - 1$  in  $S$  or  $v$  is in  $V \setminus S$  with a minimum of  $k$  neighbours in  $S$ . The  $\beta$ -tuple (to- $k$ ) ( $G$ ) dominance of the  $k$ -tuple dominating set is the minimal cardinality of  $G$ . Please note that  $\mu_t(G)$  in  $\mu_l$  (including in the list of references 2)( $G$ ).  $S$   $N(v)$   $S$  Total  $k$ -tuples dominant  $G$ , if at least  $k$  of the  $S$  neighbours is dominated by any vertex  $v \in V$ ,)  $\gamma_t(G)$   $S$  THEY  $S$  THEY  $K$ . The total  $k$ -tuple domination number  $\gamma_t(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a total  $k$ -tuple dominating set of  $G$ .

The 2-packing number  $\rho(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the maximum cardinality of a vertex subset  $X$  of  $G$  such that  $N[u] \cap N[v] = \emptyset$  for any different vertices  $u, v \in X$ . An open packing of a graph  $G$  is a set  $S$  of vertices such that the sets  $N(x)$ ,  $x \in S$ , are pairwise disjoint. The open packing number  $\rho_o(G)$  is the maximal cardinality of an open packing on  $G$ . Finally, recall that the direct product  $G \times H$  is the graph defined by  $V(G \times H) = V(G) \times V(H)$  and two vertices  $(g_1, h_1)$  and  $(g_2, h_2)$  are adjacent if and only if  $g_1g_2$  and  $h_1h_2$  are edges of  $G$  and  $H$ , respectively. Let  $g$  be a vertex of  $G$ , then the subgraph of  $G \times H$  induced by  $\{g\} \times V(H)$  is called a fiber and denoted  $gH$ . Similarly one defines the fiber  $Gh$  for a vertex  $h$  of  $H$ . Note that if the factors graphs are without loops, then the fibers of their direct product are discrete. Note also that the direct product is commutative and associative; for more information on the direct product.

### BOUNDING TOTAL DOMINATION NUMBERS

Let  $G$  and  $H$  be graphs with no isolated vertices. Then Rall [11] proved the following lower bound:

$$(1) \quad \gamma_t(G \times H) \geq \max\{\rho_o(G)\gamma_t(H), \rho_o(H)\gamma_t(G)\},$$

While El-Zahar, Gravier, and Klobořcar [2] followed with:

$$(2) \quad \gamma_t(G \times H) \geq \max\left\{\frac{|G|}{\Delta(G)}\gamma_t(H), \frac{|H|}{\Delta(H)}\gamma_t(G)\right\}.$$

None of the bounds (1) and (2) follows from the other. For this sake note that for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\rho_o(K_n) = 1$ ,  $\gamma_t(K_n) = 2$ , so (1) gives  $\gamma_t(K_n \times K_n) \geq 2$  while (2) implies  $\gamma_t(K_n \times K_n) \geq 3$ . (In fact,  $\gamma_t(K_n \times K_n) = 3$  for  $n \geq 3$ , cf. [1].) On the other hand, for any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\rho_o(K_{1,n}) = 2$ ,  $\gamma_t(K_{1,n}) = 2$ , so (1) gives  $\gamma_t(K_{1,n} \times K_{1,n}) \geq 4$  while (2) only gives  $\gamma_t(K_{1,n} \times K_{1,n}) \geq 3$ . We now give another lower bound on the total domination number of direct products.

**Theorem 3.1.** For any nontrivial connected graphs  $G$  and  $H$  we have

$$(3) \quad \gamma_t(G \times H) \geq \max\{\gamma_t^{(2)}(G), \gamma_t^{(2)}(H)\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a minimum total dominating set of  $G \times H$ . Define an integer function  $f$  on  $V(G)$  with

$$f(u) = \min\{2, |S \cap uH|\}.$$

We claim that  $f$  is a total  $\{2\}$ -dominating function of  $G$ .

Let  $u$  be an arbitrary vertex of  $G$  and let  $V(H) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ . Recall that  $H$  is nontrivial, hence  $n \geq 2$ . Since  $S$  is a total dominating set, there exists a vertex  $(x, v_i)$  that dominates  $(u, v_1)$ . Note that  $x \neq u$  and  $i \neq 1$ . Consider the vertex  $(u, v_i)$ . It is dominated by some vertex  $(y, v_j)$ , where  $y \neq u$  and  $j \neq i$ . If  $x = y$ , then since  $i \neq j$  we have  $f(x) = 2$ , and hence  $f(N(u)) \geq 2$ . And if  $x \neq y$ , then  $f(x) \geq 1$ ,  $f(y) \geq 1$ , and therefore  $f(N(u)) \geq 2$  again. Thus  $f$  is a total  $\{2\}$ -dominating function of  $G$  with  $w(f) \leq |S|$ , hence  $\gamma_t(G \times H) \geq \gamma_{\{2\}}(G)$ . By the commutativity of the direct product the inequality follows. To see that the lower bound (3) can be simultaneously better than (1) and (2) consider the following example. For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $M_n$  be the graph obtained from  $n$  copies of  $K_3$  such that in each copy one vertex is selected and these vertices are then identified. Then we have  $\rho(M_n) = 1$ ,  $\gamma_t(M_n) = 2$ , and  $\gamma_{\{2\}}(M_n) = 4$ . Then (3) gives  $\gamma_t(M_n \times M_n) \geq 4$ , while (2) implies  $\gamma_t(M_n \times M_n) \geq 3$  and (1)  $\gamma_t(M_n \times M_n) \geq 2$ . On the other hand, suppose that  $\rho(G) \geq 2$ . Then

$$\gamma_t(G \times H) \geq \rho(G)\gamma_t(H) \geq 2\gamma_t(H) \geq \gamma_t^{(2)}(H),$$

hence (3) follows from (1) as soon as  $\rho(G) \geq 2$ . It would be nice to have a lower bound that would cover the three above bounds. However the provided examples show that this task might be difficult.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\delta(G) \geq 2$  and let  $n \geq \gamma_{(2)}(G)$ .

$$(4) \quad \gamma_t(G \times K_n) \leq \gamma_t^{(2)}(G).$$

**P proof.** Let  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$  be a minimum total 2-tuple dominating set of  $G$  and let  $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$  be the vertex set of  $K_n$ . We claim that  $T = \{(s_i, v_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, k\}$  is a minimum total dominating set of  $G \times K_n$ . Note first that  $T$  is well defined since  $n \geq \gamma_{(2)}(G) = k$ . Let  $(x, vt)$  be an arbitrary vertex of  $G \times K_n$  and assume that  $x$  is dominated by vertices  $s_i$  and  $s_j$ . Then  $s_i, s_j$  and  $x$  are pairwise different vertices. Suppose without loss of generality that  $t \neq i$ . Then  $(x, vt)$  is dominated by  $(s_i, v_i)$ , and so  $T$  is a total dominating set of  $G \times K_n$ . We conclude that  $\gamma_t(G \times K_n) \leq \gamma_{(2)}(G)$ .

$$\text{For any } m \geq n \geq 3, \gamma_t(C_n \times K_m) = n.$$

Corollary 3.3: For any  $m \geq n \geq 3$ ,  $\gamma_t(C_n \times K_m) = n$ .

**Proof.**

Clearly,  $\gamma_t^{(2)}(C_n) = n$ , hence  $\gamma_t(C_n \times K_m) \leq n$  by Theorem 3.2. On the other hand, the lower bound easily follows from (2).

Using inequality (4) we next construct examples where the lower bound (2) is optimal. Let  $G_n$  be the graph obtained from the complete graph  $K_n$  by adding a vertex  $x_e$  for each edge  $e = uv$  of  $K_n$ , and joining  $x_e$  with  $u$  and  $v$ . (See Figure 1 where  $G_4$  is drawn.)

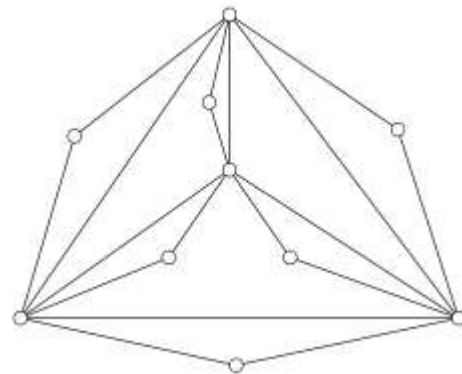


Figure 1. Graph  $G_4$

We claim that for  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\gamma_t(G_n \times K_n) = n$ . It is easy to check that  $\gamma_{(2)}(G_n) = n$ , hence by (4),  $\gamma_t(G_n \times K_n) \leq n$ . On the other hand, (2) implies that for any  $n \geq 3$ ,

$$\gamma_t(G_n \times K_n) \geq \frac{|K_n|}{\Delta(K_n)} \gamma_t(G_n) = n.$$

We conclude this section with one more lower bound. We don't know whether (5) eventually follows from (1). However, for a given graph  $G$  it might be easier to evaluate  $\gamma_{(2)}(G)$  than  $\rho(G)$  and  $\gamma_t(G)$ . Moreover, the below proof technique is somehow nonstandard and might be useful in other situations.

## CONCLUSION

Recently, quite some attention has been drawn to the complete dominance number  $\gamma_t$  of the direct product of graphs. The primary objective is to precisely evaluate this invariant graph for direct products. The key outcome is that  $\beta_t(T \times H) = \tau(T)\alpha_t(H) = \mu_t(T) \mu_t(H)$  without isolated vertices for any tree  $T$  with at least one edge and any graph with  $H$ . For graphs with the same total dominance and open packing number, the same result is also valid. This helps us to alternate in particular.

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