## **EFFICIENT AND PERFECT DOMINATION**

#### **ON ARCHIMEDEAN LATTICES**

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## Abstract

An Archimedean lattice is an infinite graph constructed from a vertextransitive tiling of the plane by regular polygons. A set of vertices S is said to dominate a graph G = (V, E) if every vertex in V is either in the set S or is adjacent to a vertex in set S. A dominating set is a perfect dominating set if every vertex not in the dominating set is dominated exactly once. The domination ratio is the minimum proportion of vertices in a dominating set. The perfect dominating sets are provided to establish upper bounds for the domination ratios of all the Archimedean lattices. A dominating set is an efficient dominating set if every vertex is dominated exactly once. We show that seven of the eleven Archimedean lattices are efficiently dominated, which easily determine their domination ratios and perfect domination ratios. We prove that the other four Archimedean lattices cannot be efficiently dominated. For the four Archimedean lattices that cannot be efficiently dominated, we have determined their exact perfect domination ratios. Integer programming

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bounds for domination ratios are provided. A perfect domination proportion is the proportion of vertices in a perfect dominating set that is not necessarily minimal. We study nonisomorphic perfect dominating sets and possible perfect domination proportions of Archimedean lattices.

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## **Chapter 1**

## Introduction

In a simple graph  $G = (V_G, E_G)$ , a vertex x dominates a vertex y if either x is adjacent to y or x = y. A subset  $D \subseteq V_G$  is a dominating set if every vertex in  $V_G$  is dominated by at least one vertex in D. More formally, and to introduce useful notation and terminology, define the closed neighborhood of a vertex  $v \in V_G$  by  $N[v] = \{u \in V_G : u = v \text{ or } u \text{ is adjacent to } v\}$ . Vertices in  $N[v] - \{v\}$  are neighbors of v. A vertex v is said to dominate itself and all of its neighbors. A dominating set is a set  $D \subseteq V_G$  such that every vertex in  $V_G - D$  is dominated by a vertex in D. A perfect dominating set is a set  $D \subseteq V_G$  such that every vertex in D. For a finite graph G, the domination number  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum number of vertices in a dominating set in G. There is an extensive literature on domination in finite graphs, in which many variants of domination are defined and studied,

for which the classical comprehensive reference is the two-volume series by Haynes, Hedetniemi, and Slater [1].

In this thesis, we consider domination on a class of infinite planar graphs called Archimedean lattices. A regular tiling is a tiling of the plane by regular polygons. Considering the vertices and edges of a regular tiling to be the vertices and edges of an infinite graph, an Archimedean lattice is a regular tiling which is vertex-transitive. Due to the restriction that the sum of the angles in polygons surrounding a vertex is  $2\pi$ , there are only finitely many possibilities for regular polygons to surround a vertex, and only eleven of these can be continued indefinitely to form a vertex-transitive lattice. All eleven of the Archimedean lattices are illustrated in the figures in this thesis. There is a naming convention for the Archimedean lattices, in which the numbers of edges of the polygons incident to a vertex are listed in the order they appear around the vertex, with exponents indicating the number of successive polygons of a given size. The most commonly recognized Archimedean lattices are the square  $(4^4)$  lattice, the triangular  $(3^6)$  lattice, and the hexagonal  $(6^3)$ lattice. For a complete discussion, see the beautiful monograph by Grünbaum and Shephard [2, pp. 58-64].

Since the dominating set of an Archimedean lattice must be infinite, we will consider the domination ratio of an infinite graph, which is essentially the smallest proportion of vertices that constitute a dominating set. We will also

consider the perfect domination ratio of an infinite graph, which is essentially the smallest proportion of vertices that constitute a perfect dominating set. The goal of this thesis is to exactly determine the domination ratio and the perfect domination ratio for as many Archimedean lattices as possible, and to find accurate bounds for those remaining.

A concept that is useful in our proofs is efficient domination. Let |S| denote the cardinality of set S. A set  $D \subseteq V_G$  is an *efficient dominating set* if  $|N[v] \cap D| =$ 1 for all  $v \in V_G$ . Thus, an efficient dominating set must dominate every vertex in the graph exactly once.

Each Archimedean lattice is a vertex-transitive graph, and thus is a k-regular graph, with k = 3, 4, 5, or 6. If it is efficiently dominated, its domination ratio and perfect domination ratio both equal  $\frac{1}{k+1}$ . Chapter 3 shows that seven of the Archimedean lattices are efficiently dominated, determining their domination ratios and perfect domination ratios.

However, for a given graph, an efficient dominating set may not exist, as is proved for four of the Archimedean lattices. For those lattices,  $\frac{1}{k+1}$  is a trivial lower bound, while the proportion of dominating vertices in any dominating set or perfect dominating set provides an upper bound for domination ratio and perfect domination ratio respectively. We exhibit examples to establish the best upper bounds that we have found. We prove that the perfect domination ratios for four of these graphs, the (3, 6, 3, 6), (3, 4, 6, 4),  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$ , and (4, 6, 12)

lattices, are equal to  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{5}{18}$  respectively. Our results are summarized in Table 1.1.

Archimedean Lattice	Efficient Domination	$\gamma_p$
$(3, 12^2)$	Yes	$\frac{1}{4}$
(4, 6, 12)	No	$\frac{5}{18}$
$(4, 8^2)$	Yes	$\frac{1}{4}$
$(6^3)$	Yes	$\frac{1}{4}$
(3, 4, 6, 4)	No	$\frac{1}{4}$
(3, 6, 3, 6)	No	$\frac{1}{3}$
$(4^4)$	Yes	$\frac{1}{5}$
$(3^4, 6)$	Yes	$\frac{1}{6}$
$(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$	No	$\frac{1}{4}$
$(3^3, 4^2)$	Yes	$\frac{1}{6}$
$(3^6)$	Yes	$\frac{1}{7}$

**Table 1.1:** Results for the eleven Archimedean lattices. The column labeled "Efficient Domination" indicates whether or not there exists an efficient dominating set for the lattice. The column labeled  $\gamma_p$  provides the exact value of the perfect domination ratio for all of the lattices.

The remainder of the thesis is organized as follows:

In Chapter 2, periodic graphs are defined, then the domination ratio and the perfect domination ratio are defined for a periodic graph. Definitions, terminology, and lemmas that apply to all Archimedean lattices are provided.

The existence of efficient domination is determined for seven of the Archimedean lattices in Chapter 3. A proof for each of the seven of the Archimedean lattices is given in the form of a figure illustrating an efficient dominating set.

Our results on the (3, 6, 3, 6) or kagome lattice are discussed in Chapter 4.

The kagome lattice is proved to not have an efficient dominating set. Bounds for the domination ratio of the kagome lattice are determined. The proof of the exact value of the perfect domination ratio of kagome lattice is provided. Nonisomorphic perfect dominating sets and possible perfect domination proportions are investigated.

Our results on the (3, 4, 6, 4) lattice, the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice, and the (4, 6, 12) lattice are provided in Chapter 5, Chapter 6, and Chapter 7 respectively, organized in a form similar to Chapter 4.

In Chapter 8, integer programming bounds for the domination ratio and perfect domination ratio of Archimedean lattices are discussed.

Chapter 9 breifly mentions some ongoing research and open questions.

## **Chapter 2**

# **Preliminaries**

# 2.1 Applications of Efficient and Perfect Domination

The existence of efficient dominating sets is studied in coding theory, since it is a variant of the classical problem of the existence and non-existence of perfect codes as a set in a vector space. A perfect *e*-error-correcting code of block length *n* over *V* is a subset  $S \subseteq V^n$  such that for every  $v \in V^n$  there exists a unique  $u \in S$  with  $d(u, v) \leq e$ . A perfect 1-code in a graph is an efficient dominating set.

Perfect domination in a graph is a model for facility location problems. Consider a city represented by a graph G where vertices represent different lo-

cations or areas in the city. Every location is a potential site for a facility. Every pair of vertices representing adjacent locations are joined by an edge. Consider a company that wants to minimize the number of facilities such that each location is served by a facility in it or by a unique facility adjacent to it. The company's goal is to find a minimum perfect dominating set of G. A real world facility location problem may be of large scale and require a graph theory model with thousands of vertices. Studying perfect domination on infinite periodic graphs may provide insight into large scale facility location problems.

## 2.2 Periodicity

A periodic graph G is a locally-finite connected simple graph with a countably-infinite vertex set, which can be embedded in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  for some  $d < \infty$  such that G is invariant under translation by each unit vector in a coordinate axis direction in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  and each compact set of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  intersects only finitely many edges and vertices of G. Note that it is actually the embedding which is periodic. For convenience, we will identify a graph with its periodic embedding, although the properties of a dominating set only depend on the adjacency structure of the graph. Each of the eleven Archimedean lattices is a periodic graph in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Figures showing periodic embeddings of the Archimedean lattices are provided in [3] and throughout the thesis.

## 2.3 Existence of the Domination Ratio

### 2.3.1 Definition of the Domination Ratio

For a periodic graph G, denote the subgraph of G induced by the vertices in the rectangle  $[m_1, m_2) \times [n_1, n_2) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  by  $R_G(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$ , where  $m_1 < m_2, n_1 < n_2$  and  $m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Note that all induced subgraphs  $R_G(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$ corresponding to translations of rectangles with the same edge lengths are isomorphic. Denote the minimum size of a dominating set for  $R_G(0, m; 0, n)$ , known as its *domination number*, by  $\gamma_{m,n}(G)$ , and the number of vertices in R(0, m; 0, n)by  $N_{m,n}(G)$ . Denote  $N_{1,1}(G) = k$ . We define the *domination ratio* of G by

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} = \inf_{r,s}\frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

A proof that the limit exists relies on *subadditivity*. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be vertexdisjoint induced subgraphs of G. Since the union of dominating sets for  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  is a dominating set for G, but there might be a smaller dominating set for G,

$$\gamma(G_1 \cup G_2) \le \gamma(G_1) + \gamma(G_2),$$

while

$$N(G_1 \cup G_2) = N(G_1) + N(G_2).$$

Together, these imply that, for example, doubling the length or width of the rectangle cannot increase the domination ratio of the subgraph, and may decrease it. Our literature search did not find a proof of the existence of the limit for deterministic multiparameter subadditive functions, but one may find a proof for the more difficult stochastic case in [4], which is modified appropriately in the following section.

To discuss bounds for the domination ratio, we need to consider dominating sets which are not minimum dominating sets. For a finite graph G that has a dominating set D, let its *domination proportion*,  $\gamma_D(G)$ , be the number of vertices in D divided by total number of vertices in G. We extend the notion of domination proportion to infinite periodic graphs. Given a dominating set, suppose the vertex set of an infinite graph can be partitioned into finite subsets such that the subgraph induced by each subset is connected and all these finite induced subgraphs have the same domination proportion. The domination proportion of the dominating set is defined as the common value of the domination proportion of the finite induced subgraphs.

For the induced subgraphs, we require the same domination proportion and connectedness to avoid ambiguity arising from one-to-one or many-to-one correspondences between subgraphs, which can be used to obtain different domination proportions for all the subgraphs.

If the same domination proportion is not required for the induced sub-

graphs, we will have the following issue: For simplicity, assume the domination proportion of induced subgraphs are either  $\gamma_1$  or  $\gamma_2$ , where  $\gamma_1 \neq \gamma_2$ . We can pair every induced subgraph having domination proportion  $\gamma_1$  with two induced subgraphs having domination proportion  $\gamma_2$  to obtain  $\frac{\gamma_1+2\gamma_2}{3}$  as the domination proportion of the infinite periodic graph. Similarly, we can pair every induced subgraph having domination proportion  $\gamma_1$  with three induced subgraphs having domination proportion  $\gamma_2$  to obtain  $\frac{\gamma_1+3\gamma_2}{4}$  as the domination proportion of the infinite periodic graph. Therefore, the domination proportion of an infinite periodic graph is not well defined if the same domination proportion is not required for the induced subgraphs.

If connectedness is not required for the induced subgraphs, we will have the following issue: For simplicity, assume every induced subgraph is the disjoint union of two connected components. The two connected components may have different domination proportions,  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  respectively. The same reasoning as in the previous paragraph can be applied to show that the domination proportion of an infinite periodic graph is not defined if connectedness is not required for the induced subgraphs.

### 2.3.2 A Proof that Domination Ratio Exists

Let  $k = N_{1,1}(G)$ . Fix positive integers r and s. Any integers m and n sufficiently large may be expressed as

$$m = \alpha r + \beta$$
, where  $\alpha = \left\lfloor \frac{m}{r} \right\rfloor$  and  $0 \le \beta < r$ 

$$n = \rho s + \sigma$$
, where  $\rho = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{s} \right\rfloor$  and  $0 \le \sigma < s$ 

When we divide m by r, we obtain  $\alpha$  as the quotient and  $\beta$  as the remainder. When we divide n by s, we get  $\rho$  as the quotient and  $\sigma$  as the remainder. The vertex set of the rectangular region  $R_G(0, m; 0, n)$  is the disjoint union of vertex sets of rectangular regions listed below [4]. Figure 2.1 illustrates the reasoning.

$$R_{ij} = R_G(((i-1)r, (j-1)s), (ir, js)), \text{ where } 1 \le i \le \alpha, 1 \le j \le \rho$$

$$S_i = R_G(((i-1)r, \rho s), (ir, \rho s + \sigma)), \text{ where } 1 \le i \le \alpha$$
$$T_j = R_G((\alpha r, (j-1)s), (\alpha r + \beta, js)), \text{ where } 1 \le j \le \rho$$
$$U = R_G((\alpha r, \rho s), (\alpha r + \beta, \rho s + \sigma))$$

The rectangular regions are labeled in Figure 2.1. For simplicity, we do not label all of  $R_{ij}$  in Figure 2.1.

Using subadditivity and the fact that the domination number of a subgraph



Figure 2.1: An illustration of the proof that the domination ratio exists.

is no greater than the number of vertices in the subgraph, we deduce that

$$\gamma_{m,n}(G) \le \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha} \sum_{j=1}^{\rho} \gamma(R_{ij}) + (\alpha \sigma r + \rho \beta s + \beta \sigma)k.$$

Notice  $\gamma(R_{ij})$  is the same for all  $R_{ij}$  from periodicity and the embedding of the graph. Furthermore,  $\gamma(R_{ij}) = \gamma_{r,s}(G)$ .

$$\gamma_{m,n}(G) \le \alpha \rho \gamma_{r,s}(G) + (\alpha \sigma r + \rho \beta s + \beta \sigma)k.$$

$$\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} \le \frac{\alpha \rho \gamma_{r,s}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} + \frac{(\alpha \sigma r + \rho \beta s + \beta \sigma)k}{N_{m,n}(G)}.$$

Since  $N_{m,n}(G) = mnk$ , we have

$$\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} \leq \frac{\alpha \rho \gamma_{r,s}(G)}{mnk} + \frac{\alpha \sigma r + \rho \beta s + \beta \sigma}{mn}.$$
$$\liminf_{m,n \to \infty} \frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} \leq \liminf_{m,n \to \infty} \frac{\alpha \rho \gamma_{r,s}(G)}{mnk} + \liminf_{m,n \to \infty} \frac{\alpha \sigma r + \rho \beta s + \beta \sigma}{mn}.$$

Because  $\alpha \leq m$  and  $\sigma, r$  are fixed, as  $m, n \to \infty$ , we have  $\frac{\alpha \sigma r}{mn} = \frac{\alpha}{m} \times \frac{\sigma r}{n} \to 0$ . Because  $\rho \leq n$  and  $\beta, s$  are fixed, as  $m, n \to \infty$ , we have  $\frac{\rho \beta s}{mn} = \frac{\rho}{n} \times \frac{\beta s}{m} \to 0$ . Because  $\beta, \sigma$  are fixed, as  $m, n \to \infty$ , we have  $\frac{\beta \sigma}{mn} \to 0$ .

Adding up all three terms, as  $m, n \to \infty$ , we have  $\frac{\alpha \sigma r + \rho \beta s + \beta \sigma}{mn} \to 0$ . Therefore we have

$$\liminf_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}\leq\liminf_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\alpha\rho}{mnk}\gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

Since  $\alpha r \leq m$  and  $\rho s \leq n$ , we have  $\alpha r \rho s \leq mn$ , so

$$\frac{\alpha\rho}{mnk}\gamma_{r,s}(G) \le \frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

$$\liminf_{m,n\to\infty} \frac{\alpha\rho}{mnk} \gamma_{r,s}(G) \le \liminf_{m,n\to\infty} \frac{1}{rsk} \gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

Because  $\frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G)$  does not depend on m,n, we have

$$\liminf_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\alpha\rho}{mnk}\gamma_{r,s}(G)\leq\frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

#### Because the inequality above holds for any r, s, we have

$$\liminf_{m,n\to\infty} \frac{\alpha\rho}{mnk} \gamma_{r,s}(G) \le \inf_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} \gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

$$\liminf_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} \le \liminf_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\alpha\rho}{mnk}\gamma_{r,s}(G) \le \inf_{r,s}\frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G)$$

Since  $\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} = \frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G)$  when r = m, s = n, we have

$$\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} \ge \inf_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} \gamma_{r,s}(G),$$

and therefore

$$\liminf_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} \ge \inf_{r,s}\frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

Thus, we conclude the limit exists and

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)} = \inf_{r,s}\frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{r,s}(G).$$

### 2.3.3 Why This Definition ?

At first glance, one might think our proof that domination ratio exists has a counterexample, an infinite row of the kagome lattice shown in Figure 2.2. Even though efficient domination of the kagome lattice is not possible, the infimum definition would yield a ratio of  $\frac{1}{5}$  (the domination ratio of the kagome lattice if perfect domination were possible). The infinite row of the kagome lattice is not a valid counterexample, because the definition of domination ratio is restricted to infimum over subgraphs induced by vertices in rectangles, where a rectangle must be a period of the embedding and it is not in the example. Recall from Section 2.3.1 that an Archimidean lattice can be embedded in a plane such that all induced subgraphs corresponding to translations of rectangles with the same edge lengths are isomorphic. The infinite row of the kagome lattice is not a subgraph induced by vertices in a rectangular region.



**Figure 2.2:** An induced row of the kagome lattice can have a domination ratio of  $\frac{1}{5}$  even though efficient domination of the kagome lattice is not possible.

### 2.3.4 Generalized Results

**Corollary 2.3.1:** If a bounded function f(m,n) is subadditive, where m, n are length and width of a rectangular region in an infinite periodic graph, then f(m,n) has a limit as  $m, n \to \infty$ , and the limit equals  $\inf_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} f(r,s)$ .

**Proof:** Let f(m, n) be a bounded subadditive function, where m, n are length and width of a rectangular region in an infinite periodic graph. The proof of the existence of the domination ratio in Section 2.3.2 can be applied to show that f(m, n) has a limit as  $m, n \to \infty$ . One may replace  $\gamma_{m,n}$  in the proof in Section 2.3.2 by f(m, n) and obtain  $\inf_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} f(r, s)$  as the limit.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.3.2:** If a bounded function f(m, n) is superadditive, where m, n are length and width of a rectangular region in an infinite periodic graph, then f(m, n) has a limit as  $m, n \to \infty$ , and the limit equals  $\sup_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} f(r, s)$ .

**Proof:** Let f(m, n) be a bounded superadditive function, where m, n are length and width of a rectangular region in an infinite periodic graph. Notice that -f(m, n) is subadditive. By Corollary 2.3.1, -f(m, n) has a limit as  $m, n \to \infty$ , and the limit equals  $\inf_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} \{ -f(r,s) \}$ . Thus, f(m, n) has a limit as  $m, n \to \infty$ , and the limit equals  $\sup_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} f(r, s)$ .  $\Box$ 

# 2.3.5 Different Periodic Embeddings Yield the Same Domination Ratio

Let A and B be two periodic embeddings of an infinite graph G. Let  $\gamma(G_A)$ and  $\gamma(G_B)$  denote the domination ratio of G yielded by A and B respectively. The two periodic embeddings A and B provide two sets of (x, y) axes that may have different scales and angles between the x-axis and the y-axis. We can embed the infinite periodic graph in the plane such that the x-axis and the y-axis corresponding to periodic embedding A are orthogonal. Let coordinate-A and coordinate-B denote the coordinate system that correspond to the set of (x, y) axes provided by periodic embeddings A and B respectively. Recall that  $R_G(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$  denotes the subgraph of G induced by the vertices in the rectangle  $[m_1, m_2) \times [n_1, n_2) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . For simplicity, we denote  $R_G(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$ in coordinate-A and in coordinate-B by  $R_A(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$  and  $R_B(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$ respectively.

A rectangular region  $R_B(0, m; 0, n)$  is a parallelogram in coordinate-A. Figure 2.3 illustrates the reasoning. Fix positive integers r, s. The origin in coordinate-B is in a  $r \times s$  rectangle whose vertices have integer coordinates in coordinate-A. Let  $R_A(\alpha r, \beta s; \alpha r + r, \beta s + s)$  denote the rectangular region that contains the origin in coordinate-B, where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Similarly, let points (m, 0), (m, n), (0, n) in coordinate-B be in rectangular regions:

$$R_A(\alpha r + \gamma r, \beta s + \delta s; \alpha r + \gamma r + r, \beta s + \delta s + s)$$

$$R_A(\alpha r + \gamma r + \theta r, \beta s + \delta s + \lambda s; \alpha r + \gamma r + \theta r + r, \beta s + \delta s + \lambda s + s)$$

$$R_A(\alpha r + \theta r, \beta s + \lambda s; \alpha r + \theta r + r, \beta s + \lambda s + s)$$

respectively, where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \theta, \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Notice a union of rectangles with length r and width s in coordinate-A has  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$  as a subgraph. Let k denote the minimum number of rectangles with length r and width s in coordinate-A whose union has  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$  as a subgraph. Recall that  $\gamma_{m,n}(G)$  denotes the domination number of  $R_G(0,m;0,n)$ , and  $N_{m,n}(G)$  denotes the number of vertices in  $R_G(0,m;0,n)$ . For simplicity, we denote  $\gamma_{m,n}(G)$  and  $N_{m,n}(G)$  in coordinate-A by  $\gamma_{m,n}(A)$  and  $N_{m,n}(A)$  respectively. Similarly, we denote  $\gamma_{m,n}(G)$  and  $N_{m,n}(G)$  in coordinate-B by  $\gamma_{m,n}(B)$  and  $N_{m,n}(B)$  respectively.

Since a union of k rectangles with length r and width s in coordinate-A has  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$  as a subgraph,

$$0 \le kN_{r,s}(A) - N_{m,n}(B).$$

Notice every rectangle in the union contains some vertices in  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$ , otherwise a union of less than k rectangles with length r and width s in coordinate-A has  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$  as a subgraph, contradicting that k is the minimum number of  $r \times s$  rectangles required. Since  $2(\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda)$  rectangles with length r and width s can cover all vertices on the internal boundary of  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$ , at most  $2(\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda)$  rectangles in the union contains vertices not in  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$ .

 $kN_{r,s}(A) - N_{m,n}(B) \le 2(\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda)N_{r,s}(A).$ 

 $0 \le k N_{r,s}(A) - N_{m,n}(B) \le 2(\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda) N_{r,s}(A).$ 

$$N_{m,n}(B) \le kN_{r,s}(A) \le N_{m,n}(B) + 2(\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda)N_{r,s}(A).$$
$$1 \le \frac{kN_{r,s}(A)}{N_{m,n}(B)} \le 1 + \frac{2(\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda)N_{r,s}(A)}{N_{m,n}(B)}.$$

where  $N_{m,n}(B) = \Theta(mn)$  and  $\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda = \Theta(m+n)$ . Since  $2N_{r,s}(A)$  is a fixed

positive integer, as  $m, n \to \infty$ , we have

$$\frac{2(\gamma + \theta + \delta + \lambda)N_{r,s}(A)}{N_{m,n}(B)} \to 0.$$

Therefore, as  $m, n \to \infty$ ,

$$\frac{kN_{r,s}(A)}{N_{m,n}(B)} \to 1.$$

Using subadditivity and the fact that domination number of a graph is no smaller than the domination number of its subgraph, we deduce that

$$k\gamma_{r,s}(A) \ge \gamma_{m,n}(B).$$

$$\frac{kN_{r,s}(A)}{N_{m,n}(B)} \times \frac{k\gamma_{r,s}(A)}{kN_{r,s}(A)} \ge \frac{\gamma_{m,n}(B)}{N_{m,n}(B)}.$$

As  $m, n \to \infty$ ,  $\frac{kN_{r,s}(A)}{N_{m,n}(B)} \to 1$ . Therefore we have

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{k\gamma_{r,s}(A)}{kN_{r,s}(A)} \ge \lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(B)}{N_{m,n}(B)}.$$

where the existence of the limit is proved in section 2.3.2.

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{r,s}(A)}{N_{r,s}(A)} \ge \lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(B)}{N_{m,n}(B)}.$$

Since  $\lim_{m,n\to\infty} \frac{\gamma_{m,n}(B)}{N_{m,n}(B)} = \gamma(G_B)$  and  $\frac{\gamma_{r,s}(A)}{N_{r,s}(A)}$  is independent of m, n, we have

$$\frac{\gamma_{r,s}(A)}{N_{r,s}(A)} \ge \gamma(G_B).$$

$$\inf_{r,s} \frac{\gamma_{r,s}(A)}{N_{r,s}(A)} \ge \gamma(G_B).$$

Since  $\inf_{r,s} \frac{\gamma_{r,s}(A)}{N_{r,s}(A)} = \gamma(G_A)$ , we have

$$\gamma(G_A) \ge \gamma(G_B)$$

Similarly, we can embed the infinite periodic graph on a plane such that the xaxis and the y-axis corresponding to the subgraph B are orthogonal. The same reasoning can be applied to show that  $\gamma(G_A) \leq \gamma(G_B)$ . Thus,  $\gamma(G_A) = \gamma(G_B)$ .

# 2.4 Existence of the Perfect Domination Ratio

**Definition (Internal boundary):** Given a graph G with a subgraph H, the *internal boundary* of H is the set of vertices in H which are adjacent to some vertex outside H.

**Definition (Dominated for free):** Given a graph G = (V, E), a vertex  $v \in V$ 



Figure 2.3: A rectangle  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$  is a parallelogram in coordinate-A.

is *dominated for free* means that we accept F as a dominating set for G if F is a dominating set for  $G \setminus v$ .

For a periodic graph G, let  $R_G(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$ , where  $m_1 \leq m_2, n_1 \leq n_2$ , denote the subgraph of G induced by the vertices in the rectangle  $[m_1, m_2) \times [n_1, n_2) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Note that all induced subgraphs  $R_G(m_1, m_2; n_1, n_2)$  with corresponding to rectangles with the same edge lengths are isomorphic. Denote the minimum size of a perfect dominating set for  $R_G(0, m; 0, n)$ , known as its *perfect domination number*, by  $\gamma_{p;m,n}(G)$ , and the number of vertices in R(0, m; 0, n) by  $N_{m,n}(G)$ . We define the *perfect domination ratio* of G by

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\left\{\frac{\gamma_{p;m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}\right\},\,$$

To prove the limit exists, we consider a variant of the perfect domination ratio. Assume vertices in the internal boundary of graphs are dominated for free, and boundary vertices can still dominate other vertices if they are in a perfect dominating set. Denote the minimum size of a perfect dominating set under the condition above by  $\gamma_{p;m,n}^B(G)$ . We define the variant of the perfect domination ratio by

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\left\{\frac{\gamma^B_{p;m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}\right\},\,$$

A proof that the limit exists relies on *superadditivity*. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  denote vertex-disjoint induced subgraphs of G. Let S denote the minimum perfect

dominating set of  $G_1 \cup G_2$  with internal boundary dominated for free. Let  $S_1 = S \cap V(G_1)$  and  $S_2 = S \cap V(G_2)$ . Since  $S_1$  is a perfect dominating set of  $G_1$ , we have  $|S_1| \ge \gamma_p^B(G_1)$ . Similarly,  $|S_2| \ge \gamma_p^B(G_2)$ . Therefore,

$$\gamma_p^B(G_1 \cup G_2) \ge \gamma_p^B(G_1) + \gamma_p^B(G_2),$$

while

$$N(G_1 \cup G_2) = N(G_1) + N(G_2).$$

Together, these imply that, for example, doubling the length or width of the rectangle cannot decrease the variant of the perfect domination ratio of the subgraph, and may increase it. By Corollary 2.3.2,  $\gamma_{p;m,n}^B(G)$  has a limit as  $m, n \to \infty$ , and the limit equals  $\sup_{r,s} \frac{1}{rsk} \gamma_{p;r,s}^B(G)$ .

As the length and width of the rectangle approach infinity, one may apply the same reasoning as in Section 2.3.2 to show the proportion of vertices on the internal boundary approaches zero. Therefore, the perfect domination ratio approaches a limit as  $m, n \to \infty$ , and the limit is

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\left\{\frac{\gamma_{p;m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}\right\} = \lim_{m,n\to\infty}\left\{\frac{\gamma_{p;m,n}^B(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}\right\} = \sup_{r,s}\frac{1}{rsk}\gamma_{p;r,s}^B(G)$$

The perfect domination ratio is the same regardless of the choice of the periodic embedding. One can modify the proof in Section 2.3.4 to obtain de-

sired result. In particular, let k denote the maximum number of disjoint  $r \times s$  rectangles whose vertices have integer coordinates in coordinate-A that are subgraphs of  $R_B(0,m;0,n)$ . In addition, the proof replies on superadditivity instead of subadditivity, which we used in the domination ratio case.

## 2.5 Definitions and Preliminaries

We now provide some definitions, terminology, and lemmas that apply to perfect domination on all the Archimedean lattices.

If a graph G has vertex set V(G) and edge set E(G), for simplicity we will write  $v \in G$  rather than  $v \in V(G)$  and write  $e \in G$  rather than  $e \in E(G)$ .

In the remainder of this thesis, we will abbreviate perfect dominating set as "PDS." As for any graph, given a PDS D in a graph G, the subgraph of G induced by vertices in D is a disjoint union of connected components. Our proofs use certain features of the structure of the boundary of the components, described in the remainder of this section.

**Definition** ( $D_n$ ): Given a PDS D, let  $D_n$  denote a connected component of size n in the subgraph induced by vertices in D.

Note: For a fixed positive integer n, there may exist components  $D_n$  which are not isomorphic. An example of nonisomorphic  $D_n$  is shown in Figure 5.4. A  $D_6$  in the figure on the left is not isomorphic to a  $D_6$  in the figure on the right.

Fortunately, in our graphs, this does not happen when n is small.

**Definition (Graph distance):** For two vertices v and u in a graph G, let  $d_G(v, u)$  denote the number of edges in the shortest path between v and u. For a vertex v and a subgraph S of G, define  $d_G(v, S) = \min_{u \in S} \{ d_G(v, u) \}$ . For brevity, when the graph G is clear from the context, we omit the subscript G.

**Definition (External boundary):** Given a subgraph S in a graph G, define the *external boundary* as the set of vertices v such that  $d_G(v, S) = 1$ .

**Definition (Double external boundary):** Given a subgraph S in a graph G, define the *double external boundary* as the set of vertices v such that  $d_G(v, S) = 1$  or 2.

**Lemma 2.4.1:** Given a component  $D_n$  in a PDS D, no vertex in the double external boundary of  $D_n$  is in D.

**Proof:** Let v be in the double external boundary of  $D_n$ .

If  $d(v, D_n) = 1$ , then v is adjacent to a vertex in  $D_n$  and thus is in the component  $D_n$ , contradicting  $d(v, D_n) = 1$ . Therefore, no vertex in the external boundary is in D.

If  $d(v, D_n) = 2$ , there exists a path of length two with vertices v, w, and x, where  $w \notin D_n$  and  $x \in D$ . If  $v \in D$ , then vertex w is dominated by both v and x. Thus,  $w \in D$  and thus also in  $D_n$ . This implies that  $v \in D_n$  also, contradicting that v is in the double external boundary of  $D_n$ .
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**Lemma 2.4.2:** Given a PDS D, if  $v \notin D$ , u is a neighbor of v, and every other neighbor of v is not in D, then  $u \in D$ .

**Proof:** To deduce a contradiction, suppose  $u \notin D$ . Then v is not dominated by any vertex in D, contradicting the assumption that D is a dominating set.  $\Box$ 

**Definition (pulls in):** Let v pulls in u indicate that for a PDS D and a vertex  $v \notin D$ , u is a neighbor of v and every other neighbor of v is not in D, requiring that  $u \in D$  by Lemma 3.2.

By the definition of PDS, a vertex that is not in the PDS must be dominated exactly once. Thus, given a PDS D, if a vertex v has two neighbors u and w in D, then  $v \in D$ .

**Definition (double force in):** Let u and w *double force in* v indicate that for a PDS D, if a vertex v has two neighbors u and w in D, then  $v \in D$ .

**Lemma 2.4.3:** Given a PDS D, if a vertex  $v \notin D$  has a neighbor  $u \in D$ , then no other neighbor of v is in D

**Proof:** Suppose v has another neighbor  $w \in D$ . Then v is dominated by both u and w, contradicting the assumption that D is a PDS.

**Definition (forces out):** Let v and u force out w indicate that if vertex  $v \notin D$  has a neighbor  $u \in D$ , then another neighbor w of v is not in D.

Note: In each of chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7, we consider a specific Archimedean

lattice. In each chapter, the notations such as PDS,  $\gamma_p$ , and  $D_n$  refer to only that specific lattice.

## 2.6 How Our Proof Uses the Definition of the Perfect Domination Ratio

In the remainder of this thesis, we determine the exact value of the perfect domination ratio for all of the Archimedean lattices. For each Archimedean lattice that is efficiently dominated, the perfect domination ratio is  $\frac{1}{k+1}$  if it is a *k*-regular lattice. Details on efficiently dominated lattices are discussed in Chapter 3. For an Archimedean lattice *G* that is not efficient dominated, we exhibit a PDS *D* and prove that  $\gamma_p(G) = \gamma_p(D)$  as follows.

To deduce a contradiction, suppose  $\gamma_p(G) < \gamma_p(D)$ . Then there exists a PDS D' such that  $\gamma_p(D') = \gamma_p(G) < \gamma_p(D)$ . We demonstrate that D' must contain a certain component  $D_n$  (typically a  $D_1$ ). This  $D_n$  forces certain structure around it, which requires more vertices in D. Therefore, this  $D_n$  forces the perfect domination proportion of a large subgraph around it to be above  $\gamma_p(D)$ . Since the perfect domination ratio is defined as

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\left\{\frac{\gamma_{p;m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}\right\},\,$$

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as  $m, n \to \infty$ , the large subgraph around this  $D_n$  will be included in  $R_{0,m;0,n}$ , contradicting that  $\gamma_p(D') < \gamma_p(D)$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $\gamma_p(G) = \gamma_p(D)$ .

### **Chapter 3**

# **Existence of Efficient Domination**

It is well-known that for finite graphs, efficient domination is optimal domination, and all efficient dominating sets have the same cardinality [1]. Since the definition of domination ratio for infinite periodic graphs is in terms of domination numbers for finite graphs, all efficient dominating sets are optimal and have the same domination ratio.

Existence of an efficient perfect dominating set was previously proved for the three most common Archimedean lattices – the square  $(4^4)$  lattice [5,6], the triangular  $(3^6)$  lattice [7], and the hexagonal  $(6^3)$  lattice [8]. For completeness, we illustrate the efficient dominating sets in these three lattices in Figures 3.1 -3.3. In Figures 3.4 - 3.7, we illustrate efficient dominating sets for the  $(3, 12^2)$ ,  $(4, 8^2)$ ,  $(3^4, 6)$ , and  $(3^3, 4^2)$  lattices, respectively. Each of the figures shows a subgraph of the lattice that is sufficiently large to demonstrate a periodic pattern that can be extended to efficiently dominate the infinite lattice. In each of the figures, a star with bold edges is centered at each vertex in the dominating set, with the edges with arrows pointing to vertices that are dominated by the central vertex. Notice that every non-central vertex is the endpoint of exactly one arrow, so every vertex is dominated exactly once.

Since they are vertex-transitive, each of the Archimedean lattices is a regular graph. Each is k-regular for some k = 3, 4, 5 or 6. For each of the seven Archimedean lattices which can be efficiently dominated, the domination ratio is 1/(k + 1) if it is a k-regular lattice, since each vertex in the dominating set dominates itself and precisely k neighbors, and no vertex is dominated more than once. Notice an efficient dominating set is a perfect dominating set, since every vertex is dominated exactly once. Therefore, for each of the seven Archimedean lattices which can be efficiently dominated, the perfect domination ratio is 1/(k + 1) if it is a k-regular lattice, since each vertex in the efficient dominating set dominates itself and precisely k neighbors, and no vertex is dominated more than once.



Figure 3.1: An efficient dominating set in the square lattice.



**Figure 3.2:** An efficient dominating set in the triangular lattice.



**Figure 3.3:** An efficient dominating set in the hexagonal lattice.



**Figure 3.4:** An efficient dominating set in the  $(3, 12^2)$  lattice.



**Figure 3.5:** An efficient dominating set in the  $(4, 8^2)$  lattice.



**Figure 3.6:** An efficient dominating set in the  $(3^4, 6)$  lattice.

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**Figure 3.7:** An efficient dominating set in the  $(3^3, 4^2)$  lattice. Note that, for convenience, the lattice is drawn in a periodic rectangular structure, rather than using regular polygons.

### **Chapter 4**

### The (3, 6, 3, 6) or Kagome Lattice

## 4.1 Nonexistence of Efficient Domination

**Lemma 4.1.1:** There does not exist an efficient dominating set in the (3, 6, 3, 6) *lattice.* 

**Proof:** The proof is by contradiction. Assume that there exists an efficient dominating set D. Since  $D \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a vertex  $v_1 \in D$ . Figure 4.1 illustrates the reasoning. By vertex-transitivity, any vertex may be chosen to represent  $v_1$ .

Vertex  $v_2$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_1]$ , so  $v_2 \notin D$  or the adjacent vertex would be dominated by both  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Therefore,  $v_2$  must be dominated by one

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of its neighbors. The only neighbors v for which  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] = \emptyset$  are  $v_3$  and  $v_4$ . So if D is to be an efficient dominating set, either  $v_3 \in D$  or  $v_4 \in D$ , but not both.

Consider the case  $v_3 \in D$ . Vertex  $v_5$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_1]$ , so  $v_5 \notin D$ . However, every neighbor v of  $v_5$  satisfies either  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] \neq \emptyset$  or  $N[v] \cap N[v_3] \neq \emptyset$ , so there does not exist any vertex  $v \in D$  such that  $v \in N[v_5]$ . Since there is no  $v \in D$  which dominates  $v_5$ , D is not a dominating set, and thus not an efficient dominating set, contradicting our original assumption.

Consider the case  $v_4 \in D$ . Vertex  $v_6$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_1]$ , so  $v_6 \notin D$ . The only neighbors v for which  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] = \emptyset$  are  $v_8$  and  $v_9$ . So if D is to be an efficient dominating set, either  $v_8 \in D$  or  $v_9 \in D$ , but not both.

If  $v_8 \in D$ , then  $v_{10}$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_8]$ , so  $v_{10} \notin D$ . However, every neighbor v of  $v_{10}$  satisfies either  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] \neq \emptyset$  or  $N[v] \cap N[v_8] \neq \emptyset$ , so there does not exist any vertex  $v \in D$  such that  $v \in N[v_{10}]$ . Thus,  $v_{10}$  cannot be dominated.

If  $v_9 \in D$ , then  $v_7$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_9]$ , so  $v_7 \notin D$ . However, every neighbor v of  $v_7$  satisfies either  $N[v] \cap N[v_4] \neq \emptyset$  or  $N[v] \cap N[v_9] \neq \emptyset$ , so there does not exist any vertex  $v \in D$  such that  $v \in N[v_7]$ . Thus,  $v_7$  cannot be dominated.

Thus, every case leads to the contradication that D cannot be a dominating set.  $\Box$ 



**Figure 4.1:** An illustration of the proof of nonexistence of an efficient dominating set in the (3, 6, 3, 6) lattice.

### 4.2 **Bounds for the Domination Ratio**

**Lemma 4.2.1:**  $\gamma_r(3, 6, 3, 6) \leq \frac{2}{9}$ .

**Proof:** Figure 4.2 illustrates a periodic dominating set in the (3, 6, 3, 6) lattice. There is an infinite connected component of edges in the closed neighborhoods of dominating vertices. For convenience in counting, delete the edges with rightward-pointing arrows in the infinite component. The set of dominating vertices and dominated vertices are unchanged by the deletions. Now pair in a one-to-one correspondence adjacent connected components of five vertices and four vertices (as in the figure), and use the pattern to dominate the entire graph with isomorphic, disjoint, connected subgraphs.

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Considering a representative subgraph which consists of one component of each type, the dominating proportion of the dominating set illustrated is  $\frac{2}{9}$ .



**Figure 4.2:** An induced subgraph of the kagome lattice.

### 4.3 Perfect Domination Ratio

**Definition (a row of**  $D_1$ **s):** A row of  $D_1$ **s** is a sequence (possibly doublyinfinite) of at least two consecutive  $D_1$ s such that every two consecutive  $D_1$ s in the sequence are distance three apart in a 6-cycle.

**Lemma 4.3.1:**  $\gamma_p(3, 6, 3, 6) \leq \frac{1}{3}$ 

**Proof:** A periodic PDS D with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{3}$  is shown in Figure 4.3, establishing  $\frac{1}{3}$  as an upper bound.

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**Figure 4.3:** A PDS D of the (3, 6, 3, 6) lattice with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

**Lemma 4.3.2:** A  $D_1$  must appear in an infinite row of  $D_1s$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $v_1 \in D$  is a  $D_1$ . Figure 4.4 (left) illustrates the following reasoning. By vertex-transitivity, any vertex may be chosen to represent  $v_1$ . Notice that  $v_2$  and  $v_5$  are not in D since they are in the double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Thus,  $v_2$  pulls in either  $v_3$  or  $v_4$ , and  $v_5$  pulls in either  $v_4$  or  $v_6$ .

Suppose  $v_3 \in D$ . Then  $v_2 \notin D$  and  $v_3 \in D$  forces out  $v_4$ . Thus,  $v_5$  pulls in  $v_6$ , and consequently  $v_4$  is dominated by both  $v_3$  and  $v_6$ , contradicting that D is a perfect dominating set. Therefore  $v_3 \notin D$ . The same reasoning can be applied to show  $v_6 \notin D$ .

Next,  $v_2$  pulls in  $v_4$ . Notice that  $v_4$  is a  $D_1$ , and the same reasoning regarding  $v_1$  can be applied to  $v_4$  to show  $v_9$  is a  $D_1$ . Thus, one can show by induction that any vertex v on the line (extending infinitely in both directions) going through

 $v_1$  and  $v_4$  must be a  $D_1$ .



**Figure 4.4:** The figure on the left illustrates the proof of Lemma 4.3.2. The figure on the right illustrates the proof of Lemma 4.3.3.

**Lemma 4.3.3:** Two rows of  $D_1s$  must be parallel.

**Proof:** To deduce a contradiction, suppose there exist two rows of  $D_1$ s that are not parallel. By Lemma 4.3.2, the two rows of  $D_1$ s must extend infinitely and therefore must intersect. There are only three possible directions for a row of  $D_1$ s, so these two rows of  $D_1$ s must form an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ . Figure 4.4 (right) illustrates the reasoning. Notice that  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are in a row of  $D_1$ s, and  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  are in another row of  $D_1$ s. Thus,  $v_2$  and  $v_4$  are in the same  $D_n$ . Then,  $v_2$  is in a  $D_2$  or larger  $D_n$ , contradicting that  $v_2$  is a  $D_1$ .

**Lemma 4.3.4:** A  $D_2$  cannot exist.

**Proof:** To deduce a contradiction, suppose there exists a PDS *D* that contains

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a  $D_2$ . Let u and v be vertices in this  $D_2$ . Since any edge in the Kagome lattice is in a 3-cycle, u and v are in a 3-cycle  $\{u, v, w\}$ . Then  $w \notin D$  is dominated by both u and v, contradicting that D is a PDS.

**Lemma 4.3.5:** If a PDS D of an induced subgraph of the kagome lattice does not contain a  $D_1$ , then the perfect domination proportion of D is at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose there exists a PDS D that does not contain a  $D_1$ . By Lemma 4.3.4, any vertex  $v \in D$  must be in a  $D_3$  or larger  $D_n$ . Observe that a vertex v in a  $D_3$  or larger  $D_n$  has at least two neighbors in D. Thus, v dominates at most two vertices not in D, which implies that the perfect domination proportion of D is greater than or equal to  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

The same reasoning can be applied to any induced subgraph to show that if D is a PDS that does not contain a  $D_1$ , then any vertex  $v \in D$  dominates at most two vertices not in D. Thus, the domination proportion of the induced subgraph is at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

**Lemma 4.3.6:** A PDS D with perfect domination proportion strictly less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  must include infinitely many rows of  $D_1$ s.

**Proof:** Suppose there exists a PDS D that includes only finitely many rows of  $D_1$ s. Let W denote the set of vertices that are neither  $D_1$ s nor dominated by  $D_1$ s. Consider the subgraph H induced by W, which by Lemma 4.3.5 has a perfect domination proportion at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Since the effect of finitely many rows of  $D_1$ s is negligible, the perfect domination proportion of D is at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Thus, any PDS D with a perfect domination proportion strictly less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  must include infinitely many rows of  $D_1$ s.

**Lemma 4.3.7:** If a  $D_n$  U contains a  $D_9$  W, then the perfect domination proportion of U is greater than or equal to that of W.

**Proof:** It is easily verified that all  $D_9$ s are isomorphic to the  $D_9$  formed by  $v_{26}$ ,  $v_{27}$ ,  $v_{28}$ ,  $v_{29}$ ,  $v_{30}$ ,  $v_{31}$ ,  $v_{32}$ ,  $v_{33}$ , and  $v_{34}$  shown in Figure 4.5.

Let W denote a  $D_9$ . Observe that W contains 9 vertices and dominates 21 vertices. Thus, the perfect domination proportion of W equals  $\frac{3}{7}$ . Since Ucontains W, we can add vertices to W to obtain U. Each time a vertex v is added to W, v must have a neighbor  $u \in W$ . There are two possible cases.

Case 1: Suppose that v has exactly one neighbor in W. Since any edge is in a 3-cycle, u and v are in a 3-cycle  $\{u, v, w\}$ , where  $w \notin W$ . Thus, u and v double force in w, so v actually has two neighbors in W, which is a contradiction.

Case 2: Thus, v has at least 2 neighbors in W. Then v has at most 2 neighbors not in W, so v dominates at most two neighbors not in D that have not been previously dominated.

Thus, if  $n \ge 9$ , the perfect domination proportion of U is at least

$$\frac{n}{2(n-9)+21} = \frac{n}{2n+3} \ge \frac{3}{7}.$$

**Lemma 4.3.8:**  $\gamma_p(3, 6, 3, 6) \ge \frac{1}{3}$ .

**Proof:** The proof is by contradiction. Let V be the vertex set of the kagome lattice. Assume there exists a PDS D with perfect domination proportion strictly less than  $\frac{1}{3}$ . By Lemma 4.3.6, D must contain infinitely many rows of  $D_1$ s. By Lemma 4.3.3, the rows of  $D_1$ s in D must be parallel. Let W be a row of  $D_1$ s. Figure 4.5 illustrates the reasoning.

Let  $v_1$  be a  $D_1$  in W. Notice that  $v_2 \notin D$  since it is in the double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Thus,  $v_2$  pulls in either  $v_3$  or  $v_4$ . The two cases are equivalent by symmetry. Without loss of generality, let  $v_3 \in D$  and  $v_4 \notin D$ . Notice that  $v_3$ is not a  $D_1$ , since otherwise by Lemma 4.3.2,  $v_3$  and  $v_5$  form a row of  $D_1$ s that intersects W. This contradicts Lemma 4.3.3. By Lemma 4.3.4,  $v_3$  is in a  $D_3$  or larger  $D_n$ . Thus,  $v_6$  and  $v_7$  are in D.

Notice that  $v_8 \notin D$  since it is in the double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Thus  $v_8 \notin D$  and  $v_6 \in D$  force out  $v_9$ . Then  $v_9 \notin D$  and  $v_6 \in D$  force out  $v_{10}$  and  $v_{11}$ . A similar argument on  $v_2$  can be applied to  $v_{12}$  to show that  $v_{12} \notin D$  and  $v_{13}$ ,  $v_{14}$ , and  $v_{15}$  are in D. Then  $v_{10}$  pulls in either  $v_{16}$  or  $v_{17}$ . The two cases are equivalent by symmetry. Without loss of generality, let  $v_{16} \in D$ , and  $v_{17} \notin D$ . Then  $v_7$  and  $v_{16}$  double force in  $v_{18}$ . Thus,  $v_7$  and  $v_{18}$  double force in  $v_{19}$ , and  $v_{16}$  and  $v_{16}$ .

Next,  $v_4 \notin D$  and  $v_3 \in D$  force out  $v_{21}$  and  $v_{22}$ . Then  $v_{23} \notin D$ , since otherwise  $v_{19}$  and  $v_{23}$  double force in  $v_{24}$  and consequently  $v_{23}$  and  $v_{24}$  double force in

 $v_{21}$ , contradicting our previous argument that  $v_{21} \notin D$ . Thus,  $v_{21}$  pulls in  $v_{24}$ . Finally,  $v_{24}$  and  $v_{19}$  in D double force in  $v_{25}$ .

The same reasoning can be applied to show that  $v_{26}$ ,  $v_{27}$ ,  $v_{28}$ ,  $v_{29}$ ,  $v_{30}$ ,  $v_{31}$ ,  $v_{32}$ ,  $v_{33}$ , and  $v_{34}$  are in D.

Next, we calculate a lower bound for the perfect domination proportion of such a PDS D, given the reasoning above. Refer to Figure 3, in which we define the following subgraphs. Let W denote the line of  $D_1$ s containing  $v_1$ , and let  $H_1$  denote  $W \cup N(W)$ . Let  $H_2$  denote the set of alternating  $D_3$ s and  $D_n$ s with  $n \ge 9$ , together with the vertices they dominate, just above  $W \cup N(W)$ . Let  $H_3$  denote the isomorphic subgraph obtained by reflecting  $H_2$  through the line corresponding to W. Within  $H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3$  we can form connected subgraphs consisting of four  $D_1$ s, one  $D_3$  on each side, and one  $D_9$  (or larger) on each side, and the vertices that they dominate.

Number of Components	$D_n$	Vertices in $D$	Vertices Dominated
4	$D_1$	1	5
2	$D_3$	3	9
2	$D_9$	9	21

Table 4.1: Data for calculation of the perfect domination proportion.

Denoting the vertex sets of  $H_1, H_2, H_3$  by  $V_{H_1}, V_{H_2}, V_{H_3}$  respectively we have

$$\frac{|D \cap V(H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3)|}{|V(H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3)|} = \frac{4 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 + 2 \times 9}{4 \times 5 + 2 \times 9 + 2 \times 21} = \frac{7}{20} > \frac{1}{3}$$

In this calculation, we assume that  $v_3$ ,  $v_6$ ,  $v_7$ ,  $v_{16}$ ,  $v_{18}$ ,  $v_{19}$ ,  $v_{20}$ ,  $v_{24}$ , and  $v_{25}$  are a  $D_9$ . Otherwise, they are in an even larger  $D_n$ , so by Lemma 4.3.7 the perfect domination proportion is even higher. The same reasoning can be applied to every row of  $D_1$ s.

Let G denote the union of all rows of  $D_1$ s and their corresponding  $H_1, H_2, H_3$ . We have shown above that the perfect domination proportion of G is strictly larger than  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Since  $V \setminus V_G$  does not contain any  $D_1$ , by Lemma 4.3.5, the perfect domination proportion of the rest of the lattice is greater than or equal to  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Combining these, we conclude that the perfect domination proportion of the lattice is at least  $\frac{1}{3}$ , contradicting our original assumption.



Figure 4.5: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 4.3.8.

**Theorem 4.3.9:**  $\gamma_p(3, 6, 3, 6) = \frac{1}{3}$ 

**Proof:** The result is immediate from Lemma 4.3.1 and Lemma 4.3.8.

## 4.4 Possible Perfect Domination Proportions

**Fact:** The kagome lattice has infinitely many non-isomorphic PDSs that achieve distinct perfect domination proportions.

**Proof:** A periodic PDS D with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{3}$  is shown in Figure 4.3.

A periodic PDS *D* consisting of only  $D_9s$  is shown in Figure 4.6. Because each  $D_9$  has 9 vertices and dominates 21 vertices (including vertices in  $D_9$ ), perfect domination proportion  $=\frac{9}{21}=\frac{3}{7}$ .



**Figure 4.6:** A PDS *D* with perfect domination proportion  $\frac{3}{7}$ .

A periodic PDS D consisting of only  $D_{18}$ s is shown in Figure 4.7. Since each  $D_{18}$  has 18 vertices and dominates 36 vertices (including the vertices in  $D_{18}$ ),

the perfect domination proportion is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Similarly, there exists a periodic PDS D consisting of only  $D_n$ s, where  $D_n$  is a triangular arrangement of 3-cycles. For example, we can add a row of three 3-cycles on the top of a  $D_9$  and obtain a  $D_{18}$ . We can add a row of four 3-cycles on the top of a  $D_{18}$  and obtain a  $D_{30}$ . By repeatedly adding a row of 3-cycles, we can obtain a  $D_n(k)$  that has (1 + 2 + 3 + ... + k) 3-cycles.

Therefore, for any positive integer k, there exists a periodic PDS D consisting of only  $D_{n(k)}$ s, where  $n(k) = 3(1+2+3+...+k) = \frac{3}{2}(k^2+k)$ . As k approaches infinity,  $\gamma_p(D)$  approaches 1, because the proportion of vertices on the external boundary of  $D_n$  approaches 0.



**Figure 4.7:** A PDS *D* with perfect domination proportion  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### **Chapter 5**

### **The** (3, 4, 6, 4) **Lattice**

## 5.1 Nonexistence of Efficient Domination

**Lemma 5.1.1:** There does not exist an efficient dominating set in the (3, 4, 6, 4) *lattice.* 

**Proof:** The proof is by contradiction. Assume that there exists an efficient dominating set D. Since  $D \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a vertex  $v_1 \in D$ . Figure 5.1 illustrates the reasoning. By vertex-transitivity, any vertex may be chosen to represent  $v_1$ .

Vertex  $v_2$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_1]$ , so  $v_2 \notin D$  or the adjacent vertex would be dominated by both  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Therefore,  $v_2$  must be dominated by one of its neighbors. The only neighbor v for which  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] = \emptyset$  is  $v_3$ , so  $v_3 \in D$  if D is to be an efficient dominating set.

Similarly,  $v_4 \notin D$  and must be dominated by  $v_5 \in D$ .

Continuing,  $N[v_6] \cap N[v_5] \neq \emptyset$  and  $N[v_6] \cap N[v_3] \neq \emptyset$ , so  $v_6 \notin D$ . However, every neighbor v of  $v_6$  satisfies either  $N[v] \cap N[v_5] \neq \emptyset$  or  $N[v] \cap N[v_3] \neq \emptyset$ , so there does not exist any vertex  $v \in D$  such that  $v \in N[v_6]$ . Since there is no  $v \in D$  which dominates  $v_6$ , D is not a dominating set, and thus not an efficient dominating set, contradicting our original assumption.  $\Box$ 



**Figure 5.1:** An illustration of the proof of nonexistence of an efficient dominating set in the (3, 4, 6, 4) lattice.

### 5.2 Bounds for the Domination Ratio

**Lemma 5.2.1:**  $\gamma_r(3, 4, 6, 4) \leq \frac{2}{9}$ .

**Proof:** Figure 5.4 illustrates a dominating set D in the (3, 4, 6, 4) lattice. The set D is periodic, so its dominating proportion may be computed based on the domination number of a single representative subgraph. Notice that the edges in the closed neighborhoods of vertices  $v \in D$  form two types of connected components. One type consists of a single  $v \in D$  with dominated vertices. The other consists of three vertices in D together with ten dominated vertices. Pair such adjacent components with a one-to-one correspondence (as in the figure), and use the pattern to dominate the entire graph with isomorphic, disjoint, connected subgraphs. Letting the representative subgraph be the union of one component of each type, we have a dominating set of size four for a graph with 18 vertices, and thus a dominating proportion of  $\frac{2}{9}$ .

### **5.3 Perfect Domination Ratio**

**Definition (row of**  $D_1$ **s):** A row of  $D_1$ s is a sequence (possibly doubly-infinite) of at least two consecutive  $D_1$ s such that every two consecutive  $D_1$ s in the sequence are distance three apart in a 6-cycle and lie on a line which bisects



**Figure 5.2:** An induced subgraph of the (3, 4, 6, 4) lattice.

hexagonal faces of the lattice.

**Note:** In Figure 5.4, the vertices  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  are in a row of  $D_1$ s.

**Lemma 5.3.1:**  $\gamma_p(3, 4, 6, 4) \leq \frac{1}{4}$ 

**Proof:** A periodic PDS D with perfect domination proportion  $\frac{1}{4}$  is shown in Figure 5.3, establishing  $\frac{1}{4}$  as a upper bound.



Figure 5.3: A PDS D on the (3, 4, 6, 4) lattice with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

**Lemma 5.3.2:** If a  $D_1$  is not in a row of  $D_1$ s, the perfect domination proportion of its closed neighborhood is at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose there exists a PDS D in which  $v_1$  is a  $D_1$  and is not in a row of  $D_1$ s. We consider three cases.

**Case 1:**  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  are not in D.

Figure 5.4 illustrates the reasoning. Notice that  $v_7$ ,  $v_{11}$ ,  $v_{13}$ ,  $v_{21}$ ,  $v_{23}$ , and  $v_{32}$ are not in D since they are in the double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Consequently,  $v_2$  pulls in either  $v_4$  or  $v_5$ , but not both. The two cases are equivalent by symmetry. Without loss of generality, let  $v_4 \in D$ , but  $v_5 \notin D$ . Then  $v_5 \notin D$  and  $v_4 \in D$ force out  $v_6$ , so  $v_7$  pulls in  $v_8$ . As a result,  $v_9 \notin D$  and  $v_8 \in D$  force out  $v_{10}$ .

Notice that  $v_{11}$  pulls in  $v_{12}$  and that  $v_{13}$  pulls in  $v_{14}$ . Then, together,  $v_{12}$  and  $v_{14}$  double force in  $v_{15}$ .

Next  $v_{10} \notin D$  and  $v_{12} \in D$  force out  $v_{16}$ . Consequently, a sequence of vertices,  $v_{17}, v_{18}, v_{19}$ , and  $v_{20}$  are forced out.

Continuing similar reasoning,  $v_{21}$  pulls in  $v_{22}$ , and  $v_{23}$  pulls in  $v_{24}$ . Thus,  $v_{22}$  and  $v_{24}$  double force in  $v_{25}$ . Notice that  $v_3$  pulls in  $v_{26}$ , and then  $v_{24}$  and  $v_{26}$ double force in  $v_{27}$ . The sequence of vertices  $v_{28}$ ,  $v_{29}$ ,  $v_{30}$ , and  $v_{31}$  are then double forced in.

We now calculate the perfect domination proportion of a resulting subgraph. Let  $V_1$  denote the set of vertices dominated by  $v_1$ . Let  $V_2$  denote vertices dominated by  $v_{12}$ ,  $v_{15}$ , and  $v_{14}$ , and let  $V_3$  denote the set of vertices dominated by  $v_{22}$ ,  $v_{24}$ ,  $v_{25}$ ,  $v_{26}$ ,  $v_{27}$ ,  $v_{28}$ ,  $v_{29}$ ,  $v_{30}$ , and  $v_{31}$ .

In this calculation, we assume that  $v_{22}$ ,  $v_{24}$ ,  $v_{25}$ ,  $v_{26}$ ,  $v_{27}$ ,  $v_{28}$ ,  $v_{29}$ ,  $v_{30}$ , and  $v_{31}$  form a  $D_9$ . If not, then they are part of a larger  $D_n$  and using similar reasoning as Lemma 4.7, the perfect domination proportion is even higher. For the same

reason, assume that there is a  $D_1$  on the opposite side of  $v_{22}$ . Let  $V_4$  denote the set of vertices dominated by this  $D_1$ .

Then

$$\frac{|D \cap V(V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3 \cup V_4)|}{|V(V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3 \cup V_4)|} = \frac{1+3+9+1}{5+11+19+5} = \frac{7}{20} > \frac{1}{4} \qquad \Box$$



Figure 5.4: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 5.3.2.

### Case 2: $v_2 \in D$

Figure 5.5 illustrates the reasoning. Since  $v_1$  is not in a row of  $D_1$ s by assumption,  $v_2$  is not a  $D_1$  and is in a  $D_2$  or larger  $D_n$ . Note that  $v_4, v_6, v_7, v_8$ , and  $v_9$  are not in D since they are either in external boundary or in double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Then  $v_4 \notin D$  and  $v_2 \in D$  force out  $v_5$ . Consequently,  $v_9$  pulls in  $v_{10}$ , and  $v_7$  pulls in  $v_{11}$ . Thus,  $v_{10}$  and  $v_{11}$  double force in  $v_{12}$ .

The same reasoning can be applied to show  $v_{13}, v_{14}, v_{15}$  in *D*. Therefor,  $v_1$  would not reduce the perfect domination proportion to be below  $\frac{1}{4}$ , as can easily be verified by calculation as in Case 1.



Figure 5.5: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 5.3.2.

**Case 3:**  $v_2 \notin D$ , and  $v_3 \in D$ 

Figure 5.6 illustrates the reasoning. Since  $v_1$  is not in a row of  $D_1$ s by assumption,  $v_3$  is not a  $D_1$  and is in a  $D_2$  or larger  $D_n$ . Notice  $v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8$ , and  $v_9$  are not in D since they are either in external boundary or in double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Then  $v_2$  pulls in either  $v_{10}$  or  $v_{11}$ , but not both. The two cases are equivalent by symmetry. Without loss of generality, let  $v_{10} \in D$ , but  $v_{11} \notin D$ . Note  $v_{12} \notin D$ , otherwise  $v_{12}$  and  $v_{10}$  double force in  $v_{13}$ , and therefore  $v_{12}$  and  $v_{13}$ double force in  $v_4$ , contradicting that  $v_4 \notin D$ . Consequently,  $v_6$  pulls in  $v_{14}$ , and  $v_8$  pulls in  $v_{15}$ . As a result,  $v_{14}$  and  $v_{15}$  double force in  $v_{16}$ .

Therefore,  $v_1$  would not reduce the perfect domination proportion to be below  $\frac{1}{4}$ , as can easily be verified by calculation as in Case 1.



Figure 5.6: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 5.3.2.

Thus, in every case, the perfect domination proportion of the closed neighborhood of  $v_1$  is at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Lemma 5.3.3:** If there is a row of exactly two  $D_1s$  which are not on the same hexagonal face, then the perfect domination proportion of the union of their closed neighborhoods is at least  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Proof:** Figure 5.7 illustrates the reasoning. Suppose there exists a PDS D such that  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in D are two  $D_1$ s distance 3 apart, but not in the same hexagon. We assume  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  are not in D. Otherwise  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  would not

reduce the perfect domination proportion to be below  $\frac{1}{4}$ , as can easily be verified by reasoning as in Lemma 5.3.2, Case 2.

Note that  $v_5$ ,  $v_7$ ,  $v_9$ ,  $v_{11}$ ,  $v_{17}$ ,  $v_{18}$ ,  $v_{24}$ , and  $v_{26}$  are not in D since they are either in double external boundary of  $v_1$  or in double external boundary of  $v_2$ . Then  $v_5$ pulls in  $v_6$ ,  $v_7$  pulls in  $v_8$ ,  $v_9$  pulls in  $v_{10}$ , and  $v_{11}$  pulls in  $v_{12}$ .

In additon,  $v_4$  pulls in either  $v_{13}$  or  $v_{14}$  but not both. The two cases are equivalent by symmetry. Without loss of generality let  $v_{14} \in D$ , and  $v_{13} \notin D$ . Consequently  $v_{15} \notin D$ , since otherwise  $v_{14}$  and  $v_{15}$  double force in  $v_{16}$ , and then  $v_{15}$  and  $v_{16}$  double force in  $v_{17}$ , contradicting that  $v_{17} \notin D$ . Therefore,  $v_{17}$  pulls in  $v_{16}$ , and  $v_{18}$  pulls in  $v_{19}$ . This implies that the sequence of vertices  $v_{20}$ ,  $v_{21}$ , and  $v_{22}$  are double forced in.



Figure 5.7: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 5.3.3.

Next we see that  $v_{23} \notin D$ , since otherwise  $v_{23}$  and  $v_{14}$  double force in  $v_{13}$ , contradicting that  $v_{13} \notin D$ . Consequently  $v_{24}$  pulls in  $v_{25}$ , so  $v_{26} \notin D$  and  $v_{25} \in D$ force out  $v_{27}$ . Then the sequence of vertices  $v_{28}$ ,  $v_{20}$ , and  $v_{30}$  are forced out.

Notice that  $v_3$  pulls in  $v_{31}$  so  $v_{32} \notin D$ . Otherwise the same reasoning that shows  $v_{19} \in D$  can be applied to show  $v_{30} \in D$ , contradicting the previous determination. Then the same reasoning that shows that  $v_{16}$  and  $v_{25}$  are in Dcan be applied to show that  $v_{33}$  and  $v_{34}$  are in D.

Next we calculate the perfect domination proportion of a resulting subgraph. Let  $V_1$  denote the set of vertices dominated by  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Let  $V_2$  denote the set of vertices dominated by  $v_{10}$ ,  $v_{12}$ ,  $v_{19}$ ,  $v_{20}$ ,  $v_{21}$ , and  $v_{22}$ . We assume that  $v_{10}$ ,  $v_{12}$ ,  $v_{19}$ ,  $v_{20}$ ,  $v_{21}$  and  $v_{22}$  are a  $D_6$ . Otherwise, they are in a larger  $D_n$ , and reasoning similar to that in Lemma 4.7 shows that the perfect domination proportion is even higher. For the same reason, assume there are two other  $D_1$ s on the opposite side of  $v_{10}$ ,  $v_{12}$ ,  $v_{19}$ ,  $v_{20}$ ,  $v_{21}$  and  $v_{22}$ . Let  $V_3$  denote the set of vertices dominated by these two  $D_1$ s. Finally, we see that the perfect domination proportion of the  $V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3$  satisfies

$$\frac{|D \cap V(V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3)|}{|V(V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3)|} = \frac{2+6+2}{10+14+10} = \frac{5}{17} > \frac{1}{4}$$

**Lemma 5.3.4:** If there exists an infinite row of  $D_1$ s, there exist two infinite rows of  $D_6$ s or larger  $D_n$ s along the sides of the row of  $D_1$ s.



Figure 5.8: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 5.3.4.

**Proof:** Figure 5.8 illustrates the reasoning. Let  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ , and  $v_4$  be in an infinite row of  $D_1$ s.

Notice that  $v_5$  and  $v_6$  are not in D since they are in the double external boundary of  $v_2$ , and that  $v_7 \notin D$  since it is in the double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Consequently,  $v_6$  pulls in  $v_8$ , and  $v_5$  pulls in  $v_9$ . Then  $v_8$  and  $v_9$  double force in  $v_{10}$ .

Similarly  $v_{11}$  and  $v_{12}$  are not in D since they are in the double external boundary of  $v_3$ , so  $v_{11}$  pulls in  $v_{13}$ . Consequently,  $v_{10}$  and  $v_{13}$  double force in  $v_{14}$ , and  $v_{13}$  and  $v_{14}$  double force in  $v_{15}$ .

The same reasoning can be applied inductively to other vertices in the row of  $D_1$ s to show that the row of  $D_1$ s is bordered by two infinite rows of  $D_6$ s or larger  $D_n$ s.

**Lemma 5.3.5:** If a row of  $D_1s$  contains two  $D_1s$  distance 3 apart in a hexagonal face, it must be either in a row of at least 4  $D_1s$ , or end at a  $D_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** Figure 5.9 illustrates the reasoning. To deduce a contradiction, suppose there exists a PDS D such that  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  in D are two  $D_1$ s distance 3 apart in a hexagonal face and  $v_3 \notin D$ .

Notice that  $v_4 \notin D$  since  $v_4$  is in the double external boundary of  $v_2$ . Thus,  $v_4$  pulls in  $v_5$ . Similarly,  $v_6 \notin D$ , since  $v_6$  is in the double external boundary of  $v_1$ , so  $v_8$  pulls in  $v_9$ .

Next,  $v_{10}$  pulls in  $v_{11}$ , since  $v_3 \notin D$  by assumption. Thus,  $v_5$  and  $v_{11}$  double force  $v_{12} \in D$ . Consequently, the sequence of vertices  $v_{13}$ ,  $v_{14}$ ,  $v_{15}$ ,  $v_{16}$ , and  $v_{17}$ are double forced in.

By symmetry, we have the same structure on the opposite side of the row of  $D_1$ s, so  $v_{18} \in D$ . However,  $v_3$  is then dominated by both  $v_{17}$  and  $v_{18}$ , contradicting that D is a PDS.

Therefore, if  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are in D, then  $v_3 \in D$ . Again, by symmetry, the same reasoning can be applied to show if  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are in D, then  $v_{19} \in D$ . Notice that  $v_{19}$  is either a  $D_1$  or in a  $D_n$  with  $n \ge 2$ .

Note that if the row of  $D_1$ s ends with a  $D_n, n \ge 2$ , it would not reduce the perfect domination proportion to be below  $\frac{1}{4}$ . We can verify this by reasoning as in Lemma 5.3.2: In particular, it is still true that  $v_5, v_9$ , and  $v_{13}$  are in D when  $v_3$  is in a  $D_2$  or larger  $D_n$ .



Figure 5.9: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 5.3.5.

**Lemma 5.3.6:** A row of at least 3 consecutive  $D_1$ s must either be doubly-infinite or end at a  $D_n$ ,  $n \ge 2$ .

**Proof:** Figure 5.10 illustrates the reasoning. To deduce a contradiction, suppose there exsits a PDS D such that  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ , and  $v_3$  in D are a row of  $D_1$ s and  $v_4 \notin D$ .

Notice that  $v_5$  and  $v_6$  are not in D since they are in the double external boundary of  $v_2$ . Similarly,  $v_7 \notin D$  since  $v_7$  is in the double external boundary of  $v_1$ . Thus,  $v_6$  pulls in  $v_8$ , and  $v_5$  pulls in  $v_9$ . Together,  $v_8$  and  $v_9$  double force in  $v_{10}$ .

Next,  $v_{11}$  and  $v_{12}$  are not in D since they are in the double external boundary of  $v_3$ . Then  $v_{11}$  pulls in  $v_{13}$ , in turn  $v_{10}$  and  $v_{13}$  double force in  $v_{14}$ , and continuing,  $v_{13}$  and  $v_{14}$  double force in  $v_{15}$ . Since  $v_{12} \notin D$  and  $v_{15} \in D$ , they force out  $v_{16}$ .
Therefore,  $v_{17}$  forces in  $v_{18}$ .

The same reasoning can be applied to the opposite side of the row of  $D_1$ s to show that  $v_{19} \in D$ .

Thus  $v_4$  pulls in either  $v_{20}$  or  $v_{21}$ . The two cases are equivalent by symmetry. Without loss of generality, let  $v_{20} \in D$ . Then  $v_{19}$  and  $v_{20}$  double force in  $v_{21}$ . Continuing,  $v_{20}$  and  $v_{21}$  double force in  $v_4$ , contradicting our assumption that  $v_4 \notin D$ .

Therefore, if  $v_1, v_2$ , and  $v_3$  are in D, then  $v_4 \in D$ . Notice that  $v_4$  is either a  $D_1$ or in a  $D_n, n \ge 2$ . If the row of  $D_1$ s ends with a larger  $D_n$ , it would not reduce the perfect domination proportion to be below  $\frac{1}{4}$ , as can easily be verified by reasoning as in Lemma 5.3.2. (In particular, it is still true that  $v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{13}, v_{14}$ , and  $v_{15}$  are in D when  $v_4$  is in a  $D_2$  or larger  $D_n$ .) Otherwise, the row of  $D_1$ s does not end with a  $D_n, n \ge 2$ , so by Lemma 5.3.5 the row of  $D_1$ s must extend infinitely in both directions.

**Theorem 5.3.7:**  $\gamma_p(3, 4, 6, 4) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose there exists a PDS D with perfect domination proportion strictly less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ . We know that D must contain  $D_1$ s. The only possibilities are that a  $D_1$  can occur as a  $D_1$  that is not in a row of  $D_1$ s (discussed in Lemma 5.3.2), or is in a row of only two  $D_1$ s (discussed in Lemma 5.3.3), or is in a row of more than two  $D_1$ s (discussed in Lemma 5.3.5 and Lemma 5.3.6),



Figure 5.10: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 5.3.6.

or is in an infinite row of  $D_1$ s (discussed in Lemma 5.3.4). For each possibility, we have shown that a  $D_1$  cannot reduce the perfect domination proportion to be strictly less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_p(3,4,6,4) \ge \frac{1}{4}$ . However, by Lemma 5.3.1, we have  $\gamma_p(3,4,6,4) \le \frac{1}{4}$ .  $\Box$ 

# 5.4 Non-isomorphic Perfect Dominating Sets

**Fact:** There exist two non-isomorphic PDSs for the (3,4,6,4) lattice with equal perfect domination proportions.

Proof: Figure 5.4 shows two non-isomorphic PDSs with perfect domination





**Figure 5.11:** Two non-isomorphic PDSs with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

## **Chapter 6**

## **The** $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$ **Lattice**

# 6.1 Nonexistence of Efficient Domination

**Lemma 6.1.1:** There does not exist an efficient dominating set in the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  *lattice.* 

**Proof:** The proof is by contradiction. Assume that there exists an efficient dominating set D. Since  $D \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a vertex  $v_1 \in D$ . Figure 6.1 illustrates the reasoning. By vertex-transitivity, any vertex may be chosen to represent  $v_1$ .

Vertex  $v_2$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_1]$ , so  $v_2 \notin D$  or the adjacent vertex would be dominated by both  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Therefore,  $v_2$  must be dominated by one

of its neighbors. The only neighbor v for which  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] = \emptyset$  is  $v_3$ , so  $v_3 \in D$  if D is to be an efficient dominating set.

Continuing,  $N[v_4] \cap N[v_3] \neq \emptyset$ , so  $v_4 \notin D$ . However, every neighbor v of  $v_4$ satisfies either  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] \neq \emptyset$  or  $N[v] \cap N[v_3] \neq \emptyset$ , so there does not exist any vertex  $v \in D$  such that  $v \in N[v_4]$ . Since there is no  $v \in D$  which dominates  $v_4$ , Dis not a dominating set, and thus not an efficient dominating set, contradicting our original assumption.  $\Box$ 



**Figure 6.1:** An illustration of the proof of nonexistence of an efficient dominating set in the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice.

### 6.2 Bounds for the Domination Ratio

**Lemma 6.2.1:**  $\gamma_r(3^2, 4, 3, 4) \leq \frac{1}{5}$ .

**Proof:** The  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice contains a square lattice, obtained by deleting the diagonal edges. (See Figure 6.1.) A dominating set for the square lattice is also a dominating set for the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice. Thus, since the square lattice is efficiently dominated,  $\gamma_r(3^2, 4, 3, 4) \leq \gamma_r(4^4) = \frac{1}{5}$ .

### 6.3 Perfect Domination Ratio

We first provide a PDS that establishes an upper bound, then prove this PDS is actually the minimal PDS, to conclude that  $\gamma_p(3^2, 4, 3, 4) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

**Lemma 6.3.1:**  $\gamma_p(3^2, 4, 3, 4) \leq \frac{1}{4}$ 

**Proof:** Figure 6.2 shows a periodic PDS D on the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice. To calculate the domination ratio of this PDS, note that there are pairs of  $D_1$ s which are distance three apart. In the figure, there are  $D_4$ s above and below each such pair of  $D_1$ s. These four components of D and their external boundaries induce a subgraph with 40 vertices which are dominated by 10 vertices, giving a domination proportion of  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The lattice may be decomposed into disjoint isomorphic connected subgraphs, so  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{4}$ . Thus,  $\frac{1}{4}$  is an upper bound for  $\gamma_p(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$ .

**Lemma 6.3.2:** A PDS of the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice cannot contain a  $D_2$ .

**Proof:** To deduce a contradiction, suppose there exists a PDS D that contains a  $D_2$ . Let x and y denote the vertices in this  $D_2$ . Since every edge is in a 3-



Figure 6.2: A PDS D on the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

cycle, there exists vertex  $z \notin D$  that is a common neighbor of x and y. Then z is dominated by both x and y, contradicting the assumption that D is a perfect dominating set.

#### **Lemma 6.3.3:** A PDS of the $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$ lattice cannot contain a $D_3$ .

**Proof:** To deduce a contradiction, suppose there exists a PDS D that contains a  $D_3$ . Let x, y and z denote vertices in this  $D_3$ . There are 2 possible types of  $D_3$ s: a 3-path and a 3-cycle.

If the subgraph induced by  $\{x, y, z\}$  is a 3-cycle, then the adjacent 3-cycle must be in D, and therefore  $\{x, y, z\}$  must be in a  $D_4$  or a larger  $D_n$ .

If the subgraph induced by  $\{x, y, z\}$  is a 3-path, then the subgraph induced by  $\{x, y, z\}$  includes an edge of a 3-cycle, and the 3-cycle must be in *D*. Thus,  $\{x, y, z\}$  must be in a  $D_4$  or a larger  $D_n$ .

In either case, we reach the contradiction that  $\{x, y, z\}$  is not a  $D_3$ .

**Lemma 6.3.4:** If a PDS D contains a  $D_1$ , the PDS must be a union of  $D_1$ s and  $D_4$ s. Such a PDS is unique up to isomorphism.

**Proof:** Figure 6.3 illustrates the reasoning, which is rather long and intricate.

Suppose there exists a PDS D that contains a  $D_1$ . Let  $v_1$  denote this  $D_1$ . The vertices in the double external boundary of  $v_1$  are shown in Figure 6.3 as open circles. Therefore,  $v_2$  pulls in  $v_3$ .

We show that  $v_4 \notin D$  by contradiction: If  $v_4 \in D$ , then  $v_3$  and  $v_4$  double force  $v_5 \in D$ , and consequently  $v_4$  and  $v_5$  double force  $v_6 \in D$ . This contradicts the fact that  $v_6 \notin D$  because it is in double external boundary of  $v_1$ .



Figure 6.3: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 6.3.4.

Since it is not in D,  $v_6$  pulls in  $v_5$ . Then  $v_3$  and  $v_5$  double force  $v_7 \in D$ , and consequently  $v_3$  and  $v_7$  double force  $v_8 \in D$ . Since  $v_9 \notin D$  and  $v_3 \in D$ , the vertex  $v_{10}$  cannot double-dominate  $v_9$ , so  $v_{10}$  is forced out. Similarly,  $v_{10} \notin D$  and  $v_8 \in D$  forces out  $v_{11}$ , and by repeating this reasoning  $v_{12}$ ,  $v_{13}$ ,  $v_{14}$ , and  $v_{15}$  are forced out. Thus,  $v_3$ ,  $v_5$ ,  $v_7$ , and  $v_8$  form a  $D_4$ . Furthermore, the double external boundary of this  $D_4$  contains  $v_{16}$ ,  $v_{17}$ , and  $v_{18}$ , so they are not in D.

By a rotation by  $180^{\circ}$  around  $v_1$ , the same reasoning applies to show that  $v_{19}, v_{20}, v_{21}$ , and  $v_{22}$  are a  $D_4$ , and, being in its double external boundary,  $v_{23}, v_{24}$ , and  $v_{25}$  are not in D.

Next,  $v_{26}$  pulls in  $v_{27}$ , and we show that  $v_{28} \notin D$  by contradiction: Otherwise  $v_{27}$  and  $v_{28}$  would double force  $v_{29} \in D$ , and consequently  $v_{28}$  and  $v_{29}$  would double force  $v_{17} \in D$ , contradicting our previous conclusion that  $v_{17} \notin D$  since it is in the double external boundary of a  $D_4$ .

Thus,  $v_{17}$  pulls in  $v_{29}$ . Vertices  $v_{27}$  and  $v_{29}$  then force in  $v_{31}$  which helps double force  $v_{32} \in D$ . Since  $v_{24} \notin D$ , it forces out  $v_{30}$ . Similarly, in sequence, the vertices  $v_{35}$ ,  $v_{34}$ , and  $v_{33}$  are forced out. We conclude that  $v_{27}$ ,  $v_{29}$ ,  $v_{31}$ , and  $v_{32}$  are a  $D_4$ .

Next we consider vertices in the lower left part of the figure, where the reasoning proceeds somewhat differently. The double external boundary of the  $D_4$  formed by  $v_{19}, v_{20}, v_{21}$  and  $v_{22}$  contains  $v_{37}$  and  $v_{38}$ , and therefore  $v_{37}$  and  $v_{38}$  are not in D. Therefore,  $v_{39}$  pulls in  $v_{40}$ .

Reason by contradiction that  $v_{42} \notin D$ : Otherwise  $v_{42}$  and  $v_{40}$  double force

 $v_{41} \in D$ , contradicting the fact that  $v_{41} \notin D$  because it is in double external boundary of  $v_1$ .

With no alternative,  $v_{43}$  pulls in  $v_{44}$ . By contradiction  $v_{45} \notin D$ : Otherwise  $v_{40}$ and  $v_{45}$  double force  $v_{46} \in D$ , and consequently  $v_{45}$  and  $v_{46}$  double force  $v_{42} \in D$ , contradicting our previous conclusion that  $v_{42} \notin D$ .

Since  $v_{42} \notin D$ , it pulls in either  $v_{46}$  or  $v_{47}$ . The two cases are equivalent by symmetry. Without loss of generality, let  $v_{47} \in D$  and  $v_{46} \notin D$ . Then  $v_{40} \in D$  and  $v_{46} \notin D$  force out  $v_{48}$ , and we conclude that  $v_{40}$  is a  $D_1$ . On the other hand,  $v_{47}$ and  $v_{44}$  double force in two neighbors to form a possible  $D_4$ , and reasoning as in the previous cases forces out the boundary to confirm that it must be a  $D_4$ . (Note that if we had chosen  $v_{46} \in D$  and  $v_{47} \notin D$ , the resulting PDS would be isomorphic, but rotated by  $90^{\circ}$ .)

In the remainder of the proof, we show that the reasoning above can be extended to the entire  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice. First, the entire argument so far can be repeated starting from on  $v_{40}$  instead of  $v_1$ , to show that there are four  $D_4$ s around  $v_{40}$ , as shown in the figure.

Next, notice that the double external boundary of the  $D_4$  formed by  $v_{19}, v_{20}, v_{21}$ , and  $v_{22}$  contains  $v_{49}$  and  $v_{50}$ , and therefore  $v_{49}, v_{50} \notin D$ . Consequently,  $v_{25}$  pulls in  $v_{51}$ . Similarly, the double external boundary of the  $D_4$  formed by  $v_{27}, v_{29}, v_{31}$ , and  $v_{32}$  contains  $v_{52}$ , and therefore  $v_{52} \notin D$ . Thus,  $v_{51} \in D$  and  $v_{52} \notin D$  force out  $v_{53}$ , and then  $v_{51} \in D$  and  $v_{53} \notin D$  force out  $v_{54}$ . We

conclude that  $v_{51}$  is a  $D_1$ .

The same reasoning as starting from  $v_1$  can be applied to  $v_{51}$  to show that  $v_{55}$  is a  $D_1$ . Similarly, both  $v_{62}$  and  $v_{65}$  can be shown to be  $D_1$ s. Thus, such an arrangement of  $D_1$ s and  $D_4$ s must extend periodically in all directions, so the PDS D is a union of only  $D_1$ s and  $D_4$ s.

**Theorem 6.3.5:**  $\gamma_p(3,4,3,4) = \frac{1}{4}$ 

**Proof:** Lemma 6.3.4 shows that any PDS that contains a  $D_1$  must be a union of  $D_1$ s and  $D_4$ s, and there is a unique such PDS. Since  $D_2$ s and  $D_3$ s do not exist by Lemma 6.3.2 and Lemma 6.3.3, any PDS that consists of only  $D_4$ s and larger  $D_n$ s are less efficient than a union of  $D_1$ s and  $D_4$ s. Thus, the PDS given in Lemma 6.3.1 is the minimal PDS, and  $\gamma_p(3^2, 4, 3, 4) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

# 6.4 Possible Perfect Domination Proportions

We provide a proof that  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice has only two possible perfect domination proportions, 1 and  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Definition (1-square):** A 1-square is a  $D_4$  that contains two 3-cycles sharing an edge.

**Note:** A 1-square is shown in Figure 6.4 as  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ .

**Definition ((2k+1)-square):** A (2k+1)-square is a  $(2k + 1) \times (2k + 1)$  square whose four corners are 1-squares. k is a positive integer and  $k \ge 1$ .

**Note:** A 3-square is shown in Figure 6.4 as  $v_1, v_2, v_3, ..., v_{16}$ .

**Lemma 6.4.1:** Any  $D_n$  with n > 4 must contain a 1-square.

**Proof:** Let W be a  $D_n$  with n > 4. Notice that W must contain an edge. Since any edge is in a 3-cycle, the third vertex in the 3-cycle is forced in. Thus, Wcontains a 3-cycle. Since every 3-cycle is in a 1-square, the fourth vertex in the 2-square is forced in. Thus, W contains a 1-square.

**Lemma 6.4.2:** If W is a  $D_n$  with n > 4, then W must contain a 3-square.

**Proof:** By Lemma 6.4.1, W must contain a 1-square. Figure 6.4 represents such reasoning. Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  denote the 1-square. Since n > 4, W must contain a vertex that is adjacent to one of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ .

Consider the case  $v_5 \in W$ . Notice  $v_5$  and  $v_1$  double force in  $v_6$ . Similarly, a sequence of vertices,  $v_7, v_8, ..., v_{14}$  are double forced in. Therefore,  $v_8$  and  $v_9$ double force in  $v_{15}$ . Similarly,  $v_{13}$  and  $v_{14}$  double force in  $v_{16}$ .

The same reasoning can be applied to show no matter which vertex adjacent to one of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  is in W, all of  $v_5, v_6, ..., v_{16}$  are in W. Vertices  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{16}$  together form a 3-square in W.



Figure 6.4: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 6.4.2.

**Lemma 6.4.3:** If W is a  $D_n$  that contains a (2k+1)-square, where  $k \ge 1$  is a positive integer, then W must contain a (2k+3)-square.

**Proof:** Figure 6.5 represents the reasoning. Let U denote a (2k+1)-square contained in W. Since k > 1 and corners of U are 1-squares, vertices  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are in a 3-cycle. Let  $v_1$  be the third vertex in the 3-cycle. Notice  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  double force in  $v_1$ . Similarly, a sequence of vertices,  $v_2, v_3, ..., v_{8k+2}$  are double forced in. Therefore,  $v_{2k-1}$  and  $v_{2k}$  double force in  $v_{8k+3}$ . Similarly,  $v_{6k}$  and  $v_{6k+1}$  double force in  $v_{8k+4}$ . Vertices  $v_1, v_2, ..., v_{8k+4}$  together form a (2k+3)-square in W.

**Lemma 6.4.4:** If a PDS D contains W, a  $D_n$  with n > 4, then D is the entire vertex set.

**Proof:** Let *W* be a  $D_n$  with n > 4. The proof is by induction on the size of *W*.



Figure 6.5: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 6.4.3.

Base case: Since W is a  $D_n$  with n > 4, by Lemma 6.4.1, W must contain a 3-square.

Induction step: Assume W contains a (2k+1)-square. By Lemma 6.4.3, W must contain a (2k+3)-square.

Therefore, W must extend infinitely in both directions. Thus, D is the entire vertex set.

#### **Lemma 6.4.5:** A PDS that contains only $D_4$ cannot exist.

**Proof:** Figure 6.6 represents the reasoning. To deduce a contradiction, assume there exists a PDS D that contains only  $D_4$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  denote a  $D_4$  in D.

Notice  $v_5, v_6, v_7$  are not in D since they are in the double external boundary of the  $D_4$  formed by  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ . To dominate  $v_6$ , one of  $v_8, v_9, v_{10}$  must be in D.

If  $v_8 \in D$ , then we must have  $v_9 \in D$  for  $v_8$  to be in a  $D_4$ , since  $v_5, v_6 \notin D$ . But  $v_8, v_9$  double force in  $v_6$ , contradicting that  $v_6 \notin D$ . Thus,  $v_8 \notin D$ .

A similar argument can be applied to show that  $v_{10} \notin D$ .

Thus, we must have  $v_9 \in D$  to dominate  $v_6$ . For  $v_9$  to be in a  $D_4$ , we must have  $v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13} \in D$ , since  $v_8, v_{10} \notin D$ .

Notice  $v_5 \notin D$  is not dominated. But every neighbor of  $v_5$  is either in the external boundary or in the double external boundary of the two  $D_4$ s formed by  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  and  $v_9, v_{11}, v_{12}, v_{13}$ . Thus, no neighbor of  $v_5$  is in D. So  $v_5$  cannot be dominated, contradicting that D is a PDS.



Figure 6.6: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 6.4.5.

**Theorem 6.4.6:**  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  *lattice has only two possible perfect domination proportions, 1 and*  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Proof:** The perfect domination proportion of 1 is achieved by taking the entire vertex set as a perfect dominating set. The perfect domination proportion of  $\frac{1}{4}$  is achieved by a minimal perfect dominating set. By Lemma 6.4.4, any PDS containing a  $D_n$  with n > 4 is the entire vertex set. Since  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  do not exist, any PDS that is not the entire vertex set can only contain  $D_1$  and  $D_4$ . But a PDS that contains only  $D_4$  cannot exist. Therefore, any PDS that is not the entire vertex set must contain  $D_1$ . By Lemma 6.3.4, a PDS that contains a  $D_1$  must be a union of  $D_1$  and  $D_4$ , and such a PDS is unique up to isomprhism. Therefore, there exist only two nonisomorphic PDS (the minimal PDS and the entire vertex set).

## **Chapter 7**

## **The** (4, 6, 12) **Lattice**

# 7.1 Nonexistence of Efficient Domination

**Lemma 7.1.1:** There does not exist an efficient dominating set in the (4, 6, 12) *lattice.* 

**Proof:** The proof is by contradiction. Assume that there exists an efficient dominating set D. Since  $D \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a vertex  $v_1 \in D$ . Figure 7.1 illustrates the reasoning. By vertex-transitivity, any vertex may be chosen to represent  $v_1$ .

Vertex  $v_2$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_1]$ , so  $v_2 \notin D$  or the adjacent vertex would be dominated by both  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Therefore,  $v_2$  must be dominated by one

of its neighbors. The only neighbor v for which  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] = \emptyset$  is  $v_3$ , so  $v_3 \in D$  if D is to be an efficient dominating set.

Similarly, vertex  $v_4$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $N[v_3]$ , so  $v_4 \notin D$  or the adjacent vertex would be dominated by both  $v_4$  and  $v_3$ . Therefore,  $v_4$  must be dominated by one of its neighbors. The only neighbor v for which  $N[v] \cap N[v_1] = \emptyset$  and  $N[v] \cap N[v_3] = \emptyset$  is  $v_5$ , so  $v_5 \in D$  if D is to be an efficient dominating set.

Continuing,  $N[v_6] \cap N[v_1] \neq \emptyset$  and  $N[v_6] \cap N[v_4] \neq \emptyset$ , so  $v_6 \notin D$ . However, every neighbor v of  $v_6$  satisfies  $N[v] \cap N[v_4] \neq \emptyset$ , so there does not exist any vertex  $v \in D$  such that  $v \in N[v_6]$ . Since there is no  $v \in D$  which dominates  $v_6$ , Dis not a dominating set, and thus not an efficient dominating set, contradicting our original assumption.  $\Box$ 



**Figure 7.1:** The left figure is a subgraph of the (4, 6, 12) lattice. The right figure is an illustration of the proof of non-existence of an efficient dominating set in the (4, 6, 12) lattice.

### 7.2 Domination Ratio

For domination number problems, the generic integer programming method requires an integral variable for every vertex of the graph. The vertex set of an infinite periodic graph is infinite. Therefore, the generic integer program will have infinitely many variables and contraints.

To solve the minimum dominating set problem on the (4, 6, 12) lattice, we introduce a linear programming relaxation on an infinite periodic graph. The relaxation is a minimization problem on a particular polytope (A polyhedron is the solution set of a finite system of linear inequalities. A polytope is a polyhedron that contains no infinite half-line. An inequality  $w^T x \leq t$  is valid for a polyhedron P if  $P \subseteq \{x : w^T x \leq t\}$ . ). Furthermore, the relaxation has finitely many constraints and the number of constraints does not depend on the number of vertices. Therefore, the relaxation can be solved in polynomial time by any linear programming solver. Formulating the relaxation requires choosing a subgraph of the infinite periodic graph and examining the properties of the subgraph.

One can use the relaxation to compute compute a lower bound for the domination ratio of an infinite periodic graph. One can also use the relaxation to compute a lower bound for the domination number of a finite subgraph of an infinite periodic graph.

Using the relaxation, we computed a lower bound for the domination ratio of the (4, 6, 12) lattice. The lower bound equals an upper bound we obtained from a dominating set. Therefore, we obtain the exact value of the domination ratio of the (4, 6, 12) lattice.

**Lemma 7.2.1:**  $\gamma(4, 6, 12) \leq \gamma_p(4, 6, 12) \leq \frac{5}{18}$ .

**Proof:** A periodic PDS D with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{5}{18}$  is shown in Figure 7.2, establishing  $\frac{5}{18}$  as a upper bound. The vertex set of the (4, 6, 12) lattice can be partitioned into subsets of size 36 such that the subgraph induced by vertices in every subset is isomorphic to G' as shown in Figure 7.2.

To calculate the domination proportion, notice that every subgraph isomorphic to G' has 10 vertices in D. Thus,

$$\gamma_p(D) = \frac{10}{36} = \frac{5}{18}$$

Since any PDS is a dominating set, we have  $\gamma(4, 6, 12) \leq \gamma_p(4, 6, 12) \leq \frac{5}{18}$ .

**Note:** The vertex set of the (4,6,12) lattice can be partitioned into disjoint subsets such that the subgraph induced by vertices in every subset is isomorphic to *H*, as shown in Figure 7.3.

**Note:** The internal boundary of *H* is illustrated by  $\{v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}\}$ . Throughout Section 7.2, we do not consider ends of half-edges to be vertices.



Figure 7.2: A PDS D of (4,6,12) lattice with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{5}{18}$ 



**Figure 7.3:** Left: A subgraph of the (4, 6, 12) lattice; right: H

**Definition** ( $H_n$ ): An  $H_n$  is a pair (G, D), where G is a graph isomorphic to H, and D is a dominating set of G assuming boundary vertices of G are dominated for free.

Note: The definition of dominated for free is povided in Section 2.4.

**Definition (isomorphic**  $H_n$ ): Let  $H^{(1)} = (G^{(1)}, D^{(1)})$  and  $H^{(2)} = (G^{(2)}, D^{(2)})$  be two  $H_n$ s. We create a loop edge in  $G^{(1)}$  for every vertex in  $D^{(1)}$  and a loop edge in  $G^{(2)}$  for every vertex in  $D^{(2)}$ . If the resulting  $G^{(1)}$  and  $G^{(2)}$  are isomorphic, then  $H^{(1)}$  and  $H^{(2)}$  are isomorphic.

**Definition**  $(\mathcal{H}_n)$ : For a given n,  $\mathcal{H}_n$  is the set of all non-isomorphic  $H_n$ .

Figure 7.4 illustrates the following definitions. Let (G, D) be a  $H_n$ , where G is an induced subgraph of the (4, 6, 12) lattice. We have the following definitions:

**Definition** ( $V_G$ ): Let  $V_G$  denote the set of vertices in G.

**Definition** ( $C_G$ ): Graph G contains a unique 6-cycle, illustrated by  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$ . We denote the set of vertices in the unique 6-cycle in G by  $C_G$ .

**Definition** ( $B_G$ ): Graph G has six vertices on its internal boundary, illustrated by  $\{v_7, v_8, v_9, v_{10}, v_{11}, v_{12}\}$ . We denote the set of vertices on the internal boundary of G by  $B_G$ .

**Definition** (lend(G, D)): Let lend(G, D) denote the number of vertices in

 $(4, 6, 12) \setminus G$  dominated by a vertex in D.

**Definition** (borrow(G, D)): Let borrow(G, D) denote the number of vertices in G not dominated by a vertex in D.

Note: If a vertex  $v \in V_G$  is not dominated by vertices in D, then we must have  $v \in B_G$  for D to be a dominating set of G assuming boundary vertices of G are dominated for free.



Figure 7.4: An illustration of definitions.

**Definition** (*netlend*( $\mathcal{H}_n$ )): For a fixed n,

$$netlend(\mathcal{H}_n) = \max_{(G,D)\in\mathcal{H}_n} \Big( lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D) \Big).$$

**Lemma 7.2.2:** If (G, D) is a  $H_n$ , then  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G|$ .

**Proof:** No vertex in  $C_G$  could dominate any vertex in  $(4, 6, 12) \setminus G$ . Every vertex in  $B_G$  could dominate one vertex in  $(4, 6, 12) \setminus G$ . Thus,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G|$ .

**Lemma 7.2.3:** If (G, D) is a  $H_n$ , then  $borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G|$ .

**Proof:** Every vertex in  $C_G$  could dominate one vertex in  $B_G$ . Every vertex in  $B_G$  could dominate two vertices in  $B_G$ . Since some vertices in  $B_G$  may be dominated twice, at most  $|D \cap C_G| + 2 \times |D \cap B_G|$  vertices in  $B_G$  are dominated by vertices in  $V_G \cap D$ . Thus, at least  $6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G|$  vertices in  $B_G$  are not dominated by vertices in  $V_G$ . Thus,  $borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G|$ .

**Fact 7.2.4:** If (G, D) is a  $H_n$ , then  $|D \cap B_G| = n - |D \cap C_G|$ .

**Proof:** Since (G, D) is a  $H_n$ ,  $|D \cap B_G| + |D \cap C_G| = |D| = n$ . Thus,  $|D \cap B_G| = n - |D \cap C_G|$ .

**Lemma 7.2.5:** If (G, D) is a  $H_n$ , then  $|D \cap C_G| \ge \lceil \frac{6-n}{2} \rceil$ .

**Proof:** Every vertex in  $C_G$  could dominate three vertices in  $C_G$ . Every vertex in  $B_G$  could dominate one vertex in  $C_G$ . To dominate all six vertices in  $C_G$ , we must have

$$3 \times |D \cap C_G| + |D \cap B_G| \ge 6.$$

By Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = n - |D \cap C_G|$ . Thus,

$$3 \times |D \cap C_G| + (n - |D \cap C_G|) \ge 6,$$

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$$|D \cap C_G| \ge \frac{6-n}{2}.$$

Since  $|D \cap C_G|$  is an integer, we have

$$|D \cap C_G| \ge \lceil \frac{6-n}{2} \rceil.$$

**Lemma 7.2.6:**  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_2) = -4$ .

**Proof:** Assume (G, D) is a  $H_2$ . By Lemma 7.2.5,  $|D \cap C_G| \ge \lceil \frac{6-2}{2} \rceil = 2$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_2$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 2 - |D \cap C_G| = 0$ . By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| = 0$ . By Lemma 7.2.3,

$$borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G| = 6 - 2 - 0 = 4.$$

Thus,

$$netlend(\mathcal{H}_2) = \max_{(G,D)\in\mathcal{H}_2} \left( lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D) \right) \le 0 - 4 = -4.$$

Figure 7.5 demonstrates a pair (G', D') that is a  $H_2$  such that borrow(G', D') - lend(G', D') = -4. Thus,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_2) = -4$ .

**Lemma 7.2.7:**  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_3) = -1$ .



Figure 7.5: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 7.2.6.

**Proof:** Assume (G, D) is a  $H_3$ . By Lemma 7.2.5,  $|D \cap C_G| \ge \lceil \frac{6-3}{2} \rceil = 2$ . We consider a few cases, depending on the number of vertices of D in  $C_G$ .

Case 1:  $|D \cap C_G| = 3$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_3$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 3 - |D \cap C_G| = 0$ . By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| = 0$ . By Lemma 7.2.3,

$$borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G| \ge 6 - 3 = 3.$$

Thus,

$$lend(G, D) - borrow(G, D) \le 0 - 3 = -3.$$

Case 2:  $|D \cap C_G| = 2$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_3$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 3 - |D \cap C_G| = 1$ . By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| = 1$ . By Lemma 7.2.3,

$$borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G| \ge 6 - 2 - 2 = 2.$$

Thus,

$$lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D) \le 1 - 2 = -1$$

In every case,

$$netlend(\mathcal{H}_3) = \max_{(G,D)\in\mathcal{H}_3} \left( lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D) \right) \le -1.$$

Figure 7.6 demonstrates a pair (G', D') that is a  $H_3$  such that borrow(G', D') - lend(G', D') = -1. Thus,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_3) = -1$ .



Figure 7.6: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 7.2.7.

Lemma 7.2.8:  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_4) = 2$ .

**Proof:** Assume (G, D) is a  $H_4$ . By Lemma 7.2.5,  $|D \cap C_G| \ge \lceil \frac{6-4}{2} \rceil = 1$ . We consider a few cases, depending on the number of vertices of D in  $C_G$ .

Case 1:  $|D \cap C_G| = 1$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_4$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 4 - |D \cap C_G| = 3$ . Figure 7.7 represents the reasoning. Since  $|D \cap C_G| = 1$  and choices of vertex in  $|D \cap C_G|$  are equivalent by symmetry, let  $v_1 \in |D \cap C_G|$ . To dominate  $v_3, v_4, v_5$ , we must have  $v_9, v_{10}, v_{11} \in D$ . Since  $v_7$  is not dominated by a vertex in  $V_G \cap D$ , borrow(G, D) = 1. By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| = 3$ . Thus,

$$lend(G, D) - borrow(G, D) \le 3 - 1 = 2.$$



Figure 7.7: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 7.2.8.

Case 2:  $|D \cap C_G| = 2$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_4$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 4 - |D \cap C_G| = 2$ . By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| = 2$ . By Lemma 7.2.3,

$$borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G| \ge 6 - 2 - 4 = 0.$$

Thus,

$$lend(G, D) - borrow(G, D) \le 2 - 0 = 2.$$

Case 3:  $|D \cap C_G| = 3$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_4$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 4 - |D \cap C_G| = 1$ . By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| = 1$ . By Lemma 7.2.3,

$$borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G| \ge 6 - 3 - 2 = 1.$$

Thus,

$$lend(G, D) - borrow(G, D) \le 1 - 1 = 0.$$

**Case 4:**  $|D \cap C_G| = 4$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_4$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 4 - |D \cap C_G|$ 

 $C_G| = 0.$  By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| = 0.$  By Lemma 7.2.3,

$$borrow(G, D) \ge 6 - |D \cap C_G| - 2 \times |D \cap B_G| \ge 6 - 4 - 0 = 2.$$

Thus,

$$lend(G, D) - borrow(G, D) \le 0 - 2 = -2.$$

In every case,

$$netlend(\mathcal{H}_4) = \max_{(G,D)\in\mathcal{H}_4} \left( lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D) \right) \le 2.$$

Figure 7.7 demonstrates a pair (G', D') that is a  $H_4$  such that borrow(G') - lend(G') = 2. Thus,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_4) = 2$ .

Lemma 7.2.9:  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_5) = 4$ .

**Proof:** Assume (G, D) is a  $H_5$ . By Lemma 7.2.5,  $|D \cap C_G| \ge \lceil \frac{6-5}{2} \rceil = 1$ . Since (G, D) is a  $H_5$ , by Fact 7.2.4,  $|D \cap B_G| = 5 - |D \cap C_G| \le 4$ . By Lemma 7.2.2,  $lend(G, D) = |D \cap B_G| \le 4$ . Notice  $borrow(G, D) \ge 0$ . Thus,

$$netlend(\mathcal{H}_5) = \max_{(G,D)\in\mathcal{H}_5} \left( lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D) \right) \le 4 - 0 = 4.$$

Figure 7.8 demonstrates a pair (G', D') that is a  $H_5$  such that borrow(G', D') - lend(G', D') = 4. Thus,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_5) = 4$ .



Figure 7.8: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 7.2.9.

**Lemma 7.2.10:** For  $n \ge 6$ ,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_n) = 6$ .

**Proof:** Assume (G,D) is a  $H_n$ , where  $n \geq 6$ . Notice  $lend(G,D) \leq 6$  and

 $borrow(G, D) \ge 0$ . Thus,

$$netlend(\mathcal{H}_n) = \max_{(G,D)\in\mathcal{H}_n} \left( lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D) \right) \le 6.$$

Since  $n \ge 6$ , we can choose all vertices in  $B_G$  to be in D such that D is a dominating set of G. In this case, lend(G, D) = 6 and borrow(G, D) = 0. Consequently, lend(G, D) - borrow(G, D) = 6. Thus,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_n) = 6$ .

**Definition**  $(p_n(G), p_n)$ : Let D be a dominating set of the (4, 6, 12) lattice. Let G be a subgraph of the (4, 6, 12) lattice whose vertex set can be partitioned into disjoint subsets  $S_1, S_2, ..., S_m$  such that for every subset  $S_i$ , the pair  $(G_i, D \cap S_i)$  is a  $H_n$ , where  $G_i$  is the subgraph induced by vertices in  $S_i$ . For n = 2, 3, 4, ..., 12, let  $p_n(G)$  denote the proportion of  $H_n$  in the vertex disjoint subgraphs of G.

**Note:** We can embed the (4, 6, 12) lattice in the plane such that the subgraph induced by vertices in every unit square with integer coordinates is isomorphic to *H* as shown in Figure 7.3. In Lemma 7.2.11 and Theorem 7.2.12, we consider such embedding.

**Lemma 7.2.11:** Let  $R_{l,m}$  denote a rectangular region  $R_G(0, l; 0, m)$ , where l, m > 0. We have

$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} p_k \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge -\epsilon_{l,m},$$

where  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+ as \ l, m \to \infty$ .

**Proof:** Let D be any dominating set of the (4, 6, 12) lattice. The vertex set of  $R_{l,m}$  can be partitioned into disjoint subsets  $S_1, S_2, ..., S_{lm}$  such that for every subset  $S_i$ , the pair  $(G_i, D \cap S_i)$  is an  $H_n$ , where  $G_i$  is the subgraph induced by vertices in  $S_i$ . For any i = 1, ..., lm, let  $D_i = D \cap S_i$ . Let  $D^{(l,m)} = \sum_{i=1,...,lm} D_i$ .

Let  $N_k(R_{l,m})$  denote the number of  $H_k$  in  $(G_1, D_1), (G_2, D_2), ..., (G_{lm}, D_{lm})$ . Let a, b, c, d denote the number of vertices in the upper, lower, left and right internal boundary of  $R_{l,m}$  respectively.

Notice that

$$p_k(R_{l,m}) = \frac{N_k(R_{l,m})}{lm}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} p_k(R_{l,m}) \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) = \sum_{k=2,\dots,12} \frac{N_k(R_{l,m})}{lm} netlend(\mathcal{H}_k).$$

Since  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) = \max_{(G,D)\in\mathcal{H}_k} (lend(G,D) - borrow(G,D))$ , for i = 1, ..., m, if  $(G_i, D_i)$  is a  $H_k$ , then  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge lend(G_i, D_i) - borrow(G_i, D_i)$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} \frac{N_k(R_{l,m})}{lm} netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge \sum_{i=1,\dots,lm} \frac{lend(G_i, D_i) - borrow(G_i, D_i)}{lm}$$

which can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} p_k(R_{l,m}) \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge \sum_{i=1,\dots,lm} \frac{lend(G_i, D_i) - borrow(G_i, D_i)}{lm}$$

For D to be a dominating set of the (4, 6, 12) lattice, every vertex  $v \in B_{G_i}$  not dominated by a vertex in  $D_i$  must be dominated by a vertex in  $D \setminus D_i$ . In addition, a vertex  $v \in B_{G_i}$  may be dominated both by a vertex in  $D_i$  and by a vertex in  $D \setminus D_i$ . Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1,\dots,lm} \left( lend(G_i, D_i) - borrow(G_i, D_i) \right) \ge lend(R_{l,m}, D^{(l,m)}) - borrow(R_{l,m}, D^{(l,m)}).$$

Since  $lend(R_{l,m}, D^{(l,m)}) \ge 0$  and  $borrow(R_{l,m}, D^{(l,m)}) \le a + b + c + d$ , we have

$$lend(R_{l,m}, D^{(l,m)}) - borrow(R_{l,m}, D^{(l,m)}) \ge 0 - (a+b+c+d).$$

Consequently,

$$\sum_{i=1,\dots,lm} \left( lend(G_i, D_i) - borrow(G_i, D_i) \right) \ge -(a+b+c+d).$$

Since l, m > 0, we divide both sides by lm and obtain

$$\sum_{i=1,\dots,lm} \frac{lend(G_i, D_i) - borrow(G_i, D_i)}{lm} \ge -\frac{a+b+c+d}{lm},$$

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$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} p_k(R_{l,m}) \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge -\frac{a+b+c+d}{lm}.$$

Letting  $\epsilon_{l,m} = \frac{a+b+c+d}{lm}$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} p_k(R_{l,m}) \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge -\epsilon_{l,m}.$$

Since a + b = O(l) and c + d = O(m), as  $m, n \to \infty$ , we have

$$\epsilon_{l,m} = \frac{a+b+c+d}{lm} \to 0^+.$$

**Theorem 7.2.12:**  $\gamma(4, 6, 12) = \gamma_p(4, 6, 12) = \frac{5}{18}$ .

**Proof:** We prove that both the domination ratio and the perfect domination ratio of the (4, 6, 12) lattice are equal to  $\frac{5}{18}$ .

Consider a rectangular region  $R_{l,m}$  as above. We formulate the domination ratio problem in  $R_{l,m}$  as a linear program. The set of all feasible solutions is described by a polytope. Lemma 7.2.11 provides a valid inequality for the polytope, which is a constraint for the LP. We describe the constraints, objective function, linear program, dual program in parts 1,2,3, and 4 of the proof respectively. The optimal solution to the linear program provides a lower bound for the domination ratio of  $R_{l,m}$ , as described in part 3.

In part 5, we prove the optimal solution to the linear program is a continuous function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ , where  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+$  as  $l, m \to \infty$ . Recall the domination ratio is defined as

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}.$$

Since  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+$  as  $l, m \to \infty$ , the optimal objective function value when  $\epsilon_{l,m} = 0$  is a lower bound for the domination ratio of the (4, 6, 12) lattice.

In part 6, we demonstrate that optimal objective function value when  $\epsilon_{l,m} = 0$  is  $\frac{5}{18}$ . Thus, we have  $\frac{5}{18}$  as a lower bound for the domination ratio. Combined with Lemma 7.2.1, we conclude that  $\gamma(4, 6, 12) = \gamma_p(4, 6, 12) = \frac{5}{18}$ .

#### 1. Constraints

Let  $x = [p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_{other}]^T$ , where  $p_{other} = \sum_{k \ge 6} p_k$ .

By Lemma 7.2.11, we have

$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} p_k \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge -\epsilon_{l,m}$$

where  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+$  as  $l, m \to \infty$ .

By Lemma 7.2.10, for  $n \ge 6$ ,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_n) = 6$ . Therefore,

$$\left(\sum_{n=2,3,4,5} p_n \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_n)\right) + p_{other} \times 6 \ge -\epsilon_{l,m}.$$

For n = 2, 3, 4, 5,  $netlend(\mathcal{H}_n)$  is calculated in Lemma 7.2.6, Lemma 7.2.7,
#### Lemma 7.2.8, and Lemma 7.2.9. Thus,

$$[-4, -1, 2, 4, 6]x \ge [-4, -1, 2, 4, 6][p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_{other}]^T \ge -\epsilon_{l,m}.$$

where  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+$  as  $l, m \to \infty$ .

Notice that we also have constraints  $\sum_k p_k = 1$  and  $0 \le p_k \le 1$  for any  $p_k$ .

### 2. Objective function

Let  $c = \frac{1}{12}[2, 3, 4, 5, 6]^T$ . Notice c is multiplied by  $\frac{1}{12}$  because  $H_n$  has 12 vertices. For any dominating set D of  $R_{l,m}$ ,

$$\gamma(D) = \sum_{k=2,3,\dots,12} \frac{k}{12} p_k \ge \frac{1}{12} [2,3,4,5,6] [p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_{other}]^T = c^T x.$$

#### 3. Linear program (LP)

The linear program below provides a lower bound for the domination ratio of  $R_{l,m}$ .

$$\min c^T x$$
 subject to

$$[-4, -1, 2, 4, 6]x \ge -\epsilon_{l,m}$$

$$\sum_{i} x_i = 1$$
 and for any i,  $0 \le x_i \le 1$ 

The linear program provides a lower bound for the domination ratio of  $R_{l,m}$ 

because a minimum dominating set D with associated vector  $x^*$  satisfies the constraints above and  $\gamma(D) \geq c^T x^*.$ 

Writing the LP explicitly in matrix form:

$$\min c^T x = \frac{1}{12} [2, 3, 4, 5, 6] x$$
 subject to  $x \ge \vec{0}$  and

### 4. Dual program (DP)

The dual program is

$$\max b^T y = [0, 1, -1, -1, -1, -1, -1] y$$
 subject to  $y \ge \vec{0}$  and

$$A^{T}y = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} y \leq \frac{1}{12} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = c$$

### 5. $c^T x^*$ is a continuous function of $\epsilon_{l,m}$

By Lemma 7.2.11,

$$\sum_{k=2,\dots,12} p_k \times netlend(\mathcal{H}_k) \ge -\epsilon_{l,m}$$

where  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+$  as  $l, m \to \infty$ .

The inequality above is a constraint in the LP. We want to show that  $c^T x^*$ is a continuous function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ , where  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+$  and  $x^*$  is the primal optimal solution.

Consider the dual objective function value  $b^T y^*$ , where  $y^*$  is the dual optimal solution. Notice  $b_1 = -\epsilon_{l,m}$  and other entries of b are fixed real numbers. Thus,  $b^T y^*$  is a function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ . All entries in A and c are fixed real numbers.

Let  $P = \{y : A^T y \leq c\}$  be a polytope. Let  $v^{(1)}, ..., v^{(n)}$  denote extreme points of the polytope P. Since the dual program is linear, the dual optimal objective function value is achieved at one of the extreme points. Therefore,

$$\max b^T y = \max_{i=1,\dots,n} b^T v^{(i)}$$

Since for any *i*,  $b^T v^{(i)}$  is a linear function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ ,  $\max_{i=1,...,n} b^T v^{(i)}$  is a convex function. Since convex functions are continuous,  $\max_{i=1,...,n} b^T v^{(i)}$  is a continuous function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ . Thus,  $b^T y^*$  is a continuous function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ . By the Strong Duality Theorem,  $c^T x^* = b^T y^*$ . Therefore,  $c^T x^*$  is a continuous function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ .

#### 6. Optimal solution

By part 5, the optimal objective function value of the LP is a continuous function of  $\epsilon_{l,m}$ . Recall the domination ratio is defined as

$$\lim_{m,n\to\infty}\frac{\gamma_{m,n}(G)}{N_{m,n}(G)}.$$

Since  $\epsilon_{l,m} \to 0^+$  as  $l, m \to \infty$ , the optimal objective function value when  $\epsilon_{l,m} = 0$  is a lower bound for the domination ratio of the (4, 6, 12) lattice.

For the linear program, by letting  $\epsilon_{l,m} = 0$ , we obtain  $x^* = [1/3, 0, 2/3, 0, 0]^T$ as an optimal solution with optimal objective function value  $\frac{5}{18}$ .

For the dual program, by letting  $\epsilon_{l,m} = 0$ , we obtain  $y^* = [5/180, 5/18, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T$ as an optimal solution with optimal objective function value  $\frac{5}{18}$ .

To check that  $x^*$  is the optimal solution, one can verify that  $x^*$  is primal

feasible and  $y^*$  is dual feasible. One can also verify that the primal objective function value at  $x^*$  and dual objective function value at  $y^*$  are both equal to  $\frac{5}{18}$ . By Strong Duality Theorem,  $x^*$  and  $y^*$  are optimal solutions of primal and dual respectively.

Therefore,  $\frac{5}{18} \leq \gamma(4, 6, 12)$ . By Lemma 7.2.2,  $\gamma(4, 6, 12) \leq \gamma_p(4, 6, 12) \leq \frac{5}{18}$ . Combining the two inequalities, we get

$$\frac{5}{18} \le \gamma(4, 6, 12) \le \gamma_p(4, 6, 12) \le \frac{5}{18}.$$

Therefore,  $\gamma(4, 6, 12) = \gamma_p(4, 6, 12) = \frac{5}{18}$ .

### 7.3 Perfect Domination Ratio

In Theorem 7.2.12, we proved that  $\gamma_p(4, 6, 12) = \frac{5}{18}$ . A periodic PDS D with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{5}{18}$  is shown in Figure 7.2.

# 7.4 Possible Perfect Domination Proportions

**Fact:** The (4, 6, 12) lattice has three non-isomorphic PDS that achieve the perfect domination proportion of  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

**Proof:** Three non-isomorphic PDS are shown in Figure 7.10, Figure 7.11, and Figure 7.12 respectively. Notice for each PDS, each dodecagon has 4 vertices in D. Thus,  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

**Definition** (A row of  $D_1$ s): A row of  $D_1$ s is a sequence (possibly doublyinfinite) of at least two consecutive  $D_1$ s such that every two consecutive  $D_1$ s in the sequence are distance three apart and lie in a line which bisects hexagonal faces of the lattice.

**Note:** A row of  $D_1$ s is shown in Figure 7.9.

**Lemma 7.4.1:** The (4, 6, 12) lattice has infinitely many non-isomorphic PDS that achieve distinct perfect domination proportions. Furthermore, the perfect dominination proportion can be any rational number between  $\frac{5}{18}$  and 1.

**Proof:** A PDS D with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{5}{18}$  is shown in Figure 7.9. Let V denote the entire vertex set of the lattice. Let W denote the set of vertices that consists of  $v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$ , and all such vertices in 4-cycles bordered by two parallel rows of

 $D_1$ s of minimum distance apart. Let *H* denote the subgraph induced by *W*.

Let  $D' = W \cup D$ . Notice D' is a also PDS. Out of three dodecagons, two has three vertices in D' and one has eight vertices in D'. Thus,  $\gamma_p(D') = \frac{3+3+8}{12+12+12} = \frac{7}{18}$ .

Next, consider adding vertices in every other four cycle in H to D. Let D'' denote the resulting set of vertices. Notice D'' is still a PDS because adding vertices in H that are in the same 4-cycle to D does not affect the other vertices. We calculate  $\gamma_p(D'') = \frac{1}{2} * (\frac{5}{18} + \frac{7}{18}) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Similarly, given any rational number between  $\frac{5}{18}$  and  $\frac{7}{18}$ , we can add a corresponding proportion of vertices in H to D and create a PDS D''' such that  $\gamma_p(D''')$  equals the given number.

The same reasoning can be applied to vertices in  $V \setminus W$  to show that perfect domination proportion can take any rational number between  $\frac{5}{18}$  and 1. Because adding vertices on one side of a row of  $D_1$ s to D does not affect the other side.



Figure 7.9: An illustration of the proof of Lemma 7.4.1.



**Figure 7.10:** A PDS D of (4, 6, 12) lattice with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{3}$ .



**Figure 7.11:** A PDS D of (4, 6, 12) lattice with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{3}$ .



Figure 7.12: A PDS D of (4, 6, 12) lattice with  $\gamma_p(D) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

# **Chapter 8**

# **Integer Programming**

We use an integer program to compute an upper bound and a lower bound for the domination ratio of the kagome lattice, which does not have an efficient dominating set. First choose a finite subgraph G such that the entire vertex set of the kagome lattice can be partitioned into subsets and the subgraph induced by the subsets are connected and isomorphic to G. Let x be a binary vector representing vertices in S, a subset of the vertex set of G. The closed neighborhood matrix N of G is the sum of the adjacency matrix of G and the identity matrix. [1]

An integer program to compute an upper bound for the domination ratio is as follows:

$$\min \frac{1}{n} (\vec{1})^T x \text{ s.t. } x \in \{0,1\}^n \text{ and } Nx \ge \vec{1}$$

Notice the constraint  $Nx \ge \vec{1}$  ensures that S is a dominating set of G. Let x

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be any feasible solution. The objective function value  $\frac{1}{n}(\vec{1})^T x$  provides an upper bound for the domination ratio, because we can obtain a dominating set D of the entire lattice by taking the minimal dominating set of every subgraph, and the minimal dominating set of the entire lattice may be smaller than D. One can find more details of the integer programming method in two-volume series by Haynes, Hedetniemi, and Slater. [1]

For an integer program to compute a lower bound for the domination ratio, we let b be a binary vector with zero entries corresponding to vertices on the external boundary and other entries are ones. We replace the constraint  $Nx \ge \vec{1}$  in the integer program above with  $Nx \ge \vec{b}$  and keep the rest the same. An integer program to compute a lower bound for the domination ratio is as follows:

$$\min \frac{1}{n} (\vec{1})^T x \text{ s.t. } x \in \{0,1\}^n \text{ and } Nx \ge \vec{b}$$

Notice the constraint  $Nx \ge \vec{b}$  ensures that S is a dominating set of G, assuming boundary vertices of G are dominated for free. Let the optimal solution be  $x^*$ . The optimal objective function value  $\frac{1}{n}(\vec{1})^T x^*$  provides a lower bound for the domination ratio, because the domination ratio of the entire lattice can only decrease when we assume some vertices are dominated for free.

We wrote an integer program for the kagome lattice and obtained the nontrivial lower bound  $\frac{94}{462} > 0.2034632$ . Note the trivial lower bound is 0.2 and the

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best upper bound we have is  $\frac{2}{9} < 0.2222223$ .

# **Chapter 9**

# Conclusion

We have shown that seven of the eleven Archimedean lattices are efficiently dominated and the other four are not efficiently dominated. We have determined exact perfect domination ratios for all of the eleven Archimedean lattices. Tight bounds for domination ratios are obtained using integer programming.

For some ideas about future research on this problem, one might consider solving for the exact domination ratio of the (3, 6, 3, 6), (3, 4, 6, 4), and  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$ lattices. Domination ratios and perfect domination ratios of the other classes of infinite lattices such as 2-uniform lattices, or three dimensional lattices, such as the cube, face-centered cube, and body centered cube, may be investigated.

For the kagome lattice, we have shown the number of possible perfect domination proportion values is infinite. For the  $(3^2, 4, 3, 4)$  lattice, we have proved

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there are only two possible perfect domination proportions. It would be interesting to consider nonisomorphic perfect dominating sets of and possible perfect domination proportions for all Archimedean lattices. In particular, for each lattice, to determine whether the number of possible perfect domination proportion values is finite or infinite. Furthermore, it would be interesting to determine whether perfect domination proportions can be irrational for Archimedean lattices and for infinite periodic graphs in general.

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