

## ON SOME RESULTS OF PERFECT DOMINATIONS OF SOME GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. A dominating set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  of a simple graph  $G$  is the set of all  $u$  such that for every  $v \in V(G) \setminus D$ ,  $uv \in E(G)$ . An independent set  $I \subseteq V(G)$  is a set of non-adjacent vertices in  $G$ . An independent dominating set  $D_i \subseteq V(G)$  is a subset of  $V(G)$  that is both independent set and dominating set. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called a perfect dominating set of  $S$  if for each  $v$  belongs to  $V(G) \setminus S$ , there exists a unique element  $u \in S$ , such that  $v$  and  $u$  are adjacent. Define an independent perfect dominating set  $D_{ip}$  of  $G$  to be a dominating set that is both independent dominating set and perfect dominating set. The minimum cardinality of an independent perfect dominating set of  $G$  is called an independent perfect domination number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_{ip}(G)$ . If a graph has a perfect dominating set, we say that the graph  $G$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. In this study, we determine some bounds and parameters of the graph as well as the existence existence of this invariant to some graphs and graphs formed by some binary operations.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be a connected simple graph. Suppose  $v \in V$ , the neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N_G(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G)\}$ . Given  $D \subseteq V$ , the set  $N_G(D) = N(D) = \bigcup_{v \in D} N_G(v)$  and the set  $N_G[D] = N[D] = D \cup N(D)$  are the open neighborhood and the closed neighborhood of  $D$  respectively. In this paper, we denote  $\Delta(G)$  and  $\delta(G)$  to be the minimum and maximum degree of  $G$ , respectively. That is,

$$\Delta(G) = \max_{v \in V} \deg(v)$$

and

$$\delta(G) = \min_{v \in V} \deg(v),$$

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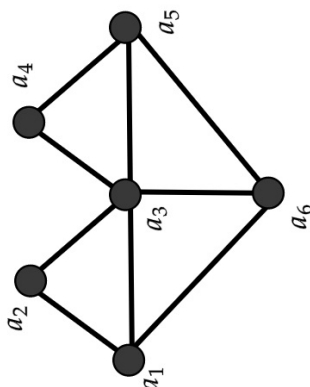
respectively.

The concept of domination has been so popular in Graph Theory and its applications anchored to some applications on computer engineering, finance and other allied sciences in mathematics. We say that  $D$  is the dominating set of  $G$  if for every  $v \in V(G) \setminus D$ , there exists  $u \in D$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$ , that is,  $u$  is said to dominate  $v$ . Thus,  $N[D] = V$ . The *domination number*  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the smallest cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ .

One of the concepts of independent set was used by DeMaio and Jacobson [4] in 2014, in which they used the independent set to show the fibonacci and lucas relationship present in a Tadpole graph. A set  $I \subseteq V(G)$  is an independent set of vertices if no two vertices in  $I$  are adjacent. The concept of the independent domination was introduced by Allan and Laskar in [3]. A subset  $D_i \in V(G)$  is an independent dominating set of  $G$  if  $D_i$  is both an independent set and dominating set. The minimum cardinality of an independent dominating set of  $G$  is called an independent domination number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_i(G)$ . The concept of perfect dominating set was established by Livingston and Stout in [8] on their work involving the resource allocation and placement in parallel computers. Another concept of the perfect dominating set was used by Caay and Arugay in [2] when they introduced the perfect equitable dominating set. A subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$  is called a *perfect dominating set* of  $S$  if for each  $v$  belongs to  $V(G) \setminus S$ , there exists a unique element  $u \in S$ , such that  $v$  and  $u$  are adjacent. The minimum cardinality of the perfect dominating set of  $G$  is called a *perfect domination number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_p(G)$ .

The independent perfect domination was introduced by Jaeun Lee in July 2001 [7]. The authors propose to study the independent perfect domination number for some standard graphs and some graphs operations in particular join graph and corona product. Define an independent perfect dominating set  $D_{ip}$  of  $G$  to be a dominating set that is both independent dominating set and perfect dominating set. The minimum cardinality of an independent perfect dominating set of  $G$  is called an independent perfect domination number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_{ip}(G)$ . If a graph has a perfect dominating set, we say that the graph  $G$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.

Consider the graph  $G$  below.



Observe that  $a_3$  is adjacent to all vertices of  $G$ . This is a singleton set which implies that  $a_3$  is an element of an independent set and so is an element of an independent perfect dominating set. Thus,  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = 1$ .

The graphs we consider here are simple and connected. For further terminologies, you may refer to [6].

By the definition of the independent perfect domination, we have an immediate results:

**Remark 1.1.** *Given a graph  $G$*

- i. *If  $a, b \in D_{ip}$ , then  $ab \notin E(G)$ .*
- ii. *An independent perfect dominating set is an independent dominating set but the converse does not necessarily hold.*
- iii. *An independent perfect dominating set is a perfect dominating set but the converse does not necessarily hold.*

The study has been motivated by a real-life scenario: Consider the fact that there are many food suppliers in the area with the same supply of food. The rule is they have to acquire many customers as they can such that they would not have conflict with other suppliers. That is if one has gotten a customer, such customer will not be dealt anymore by another supplier. This scenario can be applied in many business networking that requires many retailers retailing products in the area.

## 2. SOME RESULTS ON SOME GRAPHS

The following are the results of the independent perfect domination of graphs.

**Proposition 2.1.** *For a path graph  $P_n$ ,  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$ . That is,  $P_n$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.*

*Proof.* We will consider the following cases:

- Case 1: If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

We divide the vertices in a group of 3. Without loss of generality, suppose the first group of three vertices are labeled in consecutive manner as  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ . If  $v_1$  dominates  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$  is not dominated. If  $v_3$  dominates  $v_2$ ,  $v_1$  is not dominated. If  $v_2$  dominates  $v_1$ , it also dominates  $v_3$ . Similarly, for the second group of vertices  $v_4, v_5, v_6$ , we have  $v_5$  that dominates  $v_4$  and  $v_6$ . Continuing the process, we obtain vertices place in the middle of every group that can dominate the rest. Since 3 divides  $n$  and the number of vertices are divided by 3. We have  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$ .

- Case 2: If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Dividing the vertices in a group of 3 vertices per group, we have one group of one vertex. Without a loss of generality, we label such vertex as  $v_1$  and the vertices next to it are  $v_2, v_3, v_4$ . Further suppose  $v_1$  dominates  $v_2$ . Then we may assume  $v_4$  dominates  $v_3$ . Suppose that the next group of vertices are labeled  $v_5, v_6, v_7$ . Then  $v_4$  from the previous group dominate  $v_5$  and so we may assume  $v_7$  dominates  $v_6$ . Continuing this process, we can find out that the dominating vertices are the third

vertex in each group. There are  $\frac{n-1}{3}$  groups of three vertices. Since  $v_1$  is also a dominating vertex, it follows that the dominating vertices are  $\frac{n-1}{3} + 1$  or in this case is  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$ .

- Case 3: If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod 3$ .

Dividing the vertices in a group of 3 vertices per group, we have one group of one vertex. Without a loss of generality, we label such vertices as  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , and the vertices next to it are  $v_3, v_4, v_5$ . Further suppose  $v_2$  dominates  $v_1$ . Then following the same process with case 2, we arrive at the same answer as  $\frac{n-1}{3} + 1$  or in this case is  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$ . □

**Proposition 2.2.** *For all integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\gamma_{ip}(C_{3n}) = n$ . That is,  $C_n$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph if  $n$  is divisible by 3.*

*Proof.* Let  $a_i \in V(C_{3n})$  such that  $a_i$  dominates  $a_{i+1}$  and  $a_{i-1}$ . Suppose further that the vertices are labeled orderly such that  $a_{i+1}$  is next to  $a_i$  and  $a_{i+2}$  is next to  $a_{i+1}$  and so on. This means that since  $a_i$  dominates  $a_{i+1}$  and  $a_{i-1}$ , we can partition the vertices in a partition of 3. That is, in every 3 consecutive vertices, there is a dominating vertex placed at the center. Dividing  $3n$  by 3, we have  $n$  number of vertices dominating the others. This proves the claim. □

**Corollary 2.1.** *For any integer  $n$  not divisible by 3,  $C_n$  is not a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.*

**Proposition 2.3.** *The following are graphs of any order having  $\gamma_{ip}(G) = 1$ .*

- i. Complete graph,  $K_n$
- ii. Star graph,  $S_n$
- iii. Wheel graph,  $W_n$

### 3. SOME RESULTS ON CORONA AND JOIN OF GRAPHS

**Definition 3.1.** *The **join**  $G + H$  of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is the graph with vertex set*

$$V(G + H) = V(G) \cup V(H)$$

*and edge set*

$$E(G + H) = E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \{uv : u \in V(G), v \in V(H)\}.$$

**Definition 3.2.** *The **corona**  $G \circ H$  of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is the graph obtained by taking one copy of  $G$  of order  $n$  and  $n$  copies of  $H$ , and then joining the  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $G$  to every vertex in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  copy of  $H$ .*

**Theorem 3.1.** *Given graphs  $G$  and  $H$  of order  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively, the  $\gamma_{ip}(G + H) = 1$  if and only if either  $\Delta(G) = m - 1$  or  $\Delta(H) = n - 1$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\gamma_{pi}(G + H) = 1$ . Then there exists a vertex, say  $a$  in  $D_{ip}(G + H)$  that is either in  $V(G)$  or  $V(H)$  but not both. If  $a \in V(G)$ , then for all  $b_i \in V(G)$ ,  $i = \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ ,  $ab_i \in E(G)$ . This means that  $\deg(a) = m-1$ . Hence,  $\Delta(G) = m-1$ . If  $a \in V(H)$ , then for all  $c_j \in V(G)$ ,  $j = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $ac_j \in E(G)$ . This means that  $\deg(a) = n-1$ . Hence,  $\Delta(H) = n-1$ .

Conversely, assume that either  $\Delta(G) = m-1$  or  $\Delta(H) = n-1$ . Without loss of generality, take  $\Delta(G) = m-1$ . Then there exists a vertex say  $v \in V(G)$  such that  $\deg(v) = m-1$ . Since  $v \in V(G+H)$ , it follows that  $v$  is adjacent to all vertices of  $V(G+H)$ . Thus,  $v$  dominates all vertices of  $G+H$ . That is,  $\gamma_{ip}(G+H) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $G_n$  be any graph and  $K_p$  be a complete graph. Then  $G_n \circ K_p$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph if  $G_n \cong (P_n \text{ or } C_n)$ . Then  $\gamma_{ip}(G_n \circ K_p) = n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G_n \cong P_n$ . By Proposition 2.1,  $P_n$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Thus, it follows that  $G_n \circ K_p$  is also a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Suppose  $G_n \cong C_n$ . If 3 divides  $n$ , then by Proposition 2.2,  $C_n$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph and so  $G_n \circ K_p$  is also a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. If 3 does not divide  $n$ , then  $C_n$  is not a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. However, by Proposition 2.3,  $K_p$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Thus,  $G_n \circ K_p$  is also a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Moreover, since  $K_p$  is complete, there are  $n$  copies of  $K_p$ . Since all vertices of  $K_p$  is adjacent to all vertices including the vertex from  $G_n$  incident to it, it follows that if we pick one vertex from each  $K_p$  to be a dominating set, it also dominates each vertex from  $G_n$  incident to it. Thus, it is enough to pick one vertex from each  $K_p$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{ip}(G_n \circ K_p) = n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $K_p$  be any complete graph of order  $p \geq 2$  and  $G_n$  be any graph isomorphic to  $P_n$  or  $C_n$ . Then  $K_p \circ G_n$  is not  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph if  $n > 3$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose on the contrary that  $K_p \circ G_n$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Then either we can pick an element of  $D_{ip}$  that is in  $V(K_p)$  or  $V(G_n)$ . If  $a \in V(K_p)$  be an element of  $D_{ip}$ , then  $a$  dominates  $u_j \in V(G_n^1)$  where  $G_n^1$  is the graph isomorphic to  $P_n$  or  $C_n$  incident to  $a$ . Also,  $a$  dominates  $b_i \in V(K_p)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p-1$ . But  $c_j \in V(G_n^t)$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, p-1$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  is not dominated by  $a$ . If we pick an element from  $V(G_n^t)$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, p-1$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , it also dominates  $b_i \in V(K_p)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$  that is already dominated by  $a$ . Hence, we cannot pick a vertex from  $K_p$  to be in  $D_{ip}$ . Let  $v^t \in V(G_n^t)$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, p$  be an element of  $D_{ip}$  instead. Since  $n > 3$ , it follows that there must be possible 2 vertices of each  $G_n^t$  to be in dominating set. This means that two possible vertices dominate the vertex from  $K_p$  incident to each  $G_n^t$ . Hence, we cannot pick a vertex from  $G_n^t$  to be in  $D_{ip}$ . The two cases show contradiction. Therefore,  $K_p \circ G_n$  is not a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.  $\square$

The following are consequences of Theorem 3.3 and the proofs are obvious.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $K_p$  be any complete graph of order  $p \geq 2$  and  $G_n$  be any graph isomorphic to  $P_n$  or  $C_n$ . Then  $K_p \circ G_n$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph if  $n \leq 3$ . In fact,  $\gamma_{ip}(K_p \circ G_n) = p$ .*

**Corollary 3.2.** *Let  $G$  be any graph. Then  $K_1 \circ G$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. In fact,  $\gamma_{ip}(K_p \circ G) = 1$ .*

**Corollary 3.3.** *Let  $G$  be any graph. Then  $G \circ K_1$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. In fact,  $\gamma_{ip}(G \circ K_1) = |V(G)|$ .*

#### 4. SOME RESULTS ON CARTESIAN PRODUCT AND TENSOR PRODUCT OF GRAPHS

**Definition 4.1.** *The **cartesian product**  $G \square H$  of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G \square H) = V(G) \times V(H)$  and  $e$  is an edge of  $G \times H$  if and only if  $e = (u_i, v_j)(u_k, v_l)$  where either*

- i.  $i = k$  and  $v_j v_l \in E(H)$
- ii.  $j = l$  and  $u_i u_k \in E(G)$ .

**Definition 4.2.** *The **tensor product**  $G \times H$  of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is the graph with vertex set  $V(G \times H) = V(G) \times V(H)$  and an edge set*

$$E(G \times H) = \{(a, b)(c, d) \mid ac \in E(G) \text{ and } bd \in E(H)\}.$$

**Proposition 4.1.** *For every integer  $n \geq 2$ ,  $K_n \square K_n$  is non- $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.*

*Proof.* If  $n$  is the number of vertices of a complete graph  $K_n$ , then  $K_n \square K_n$  has  $n^2$  vertices. Suppose  $K_n \square K_n$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph and let  $(a, b) \in V(K_n \square K_n)$  where  $a$  is the vertex of the first  $K_n$  and  $b$  is the vertex of the second  $K_n$ . Then  $(a, b)$  is adjacent to  $n - 1$  vertices of the form  $(a, b_i)$  where  $b_i$  are  $n - 1$  vertices of the second  $K_n$ . Thus,  $(a, b)$  has dominated  $2(n - 1)$  vertices of  $K_n \square K_n$  implying that  $(a, b) \in D_{ip}$ . Thus, we will pick another elements for  $D_{ip}$  from the remaining  $n^2 - 2(n - 1)$  vertices. Without loss of generality, suppose  $(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  is one of the  $n^2 - 2(n - 1)$  vertices which are not adjacent to  $(a, b)$ . Then we can pick  $(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  to be element of  $D_{ip}$ . But,  $(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  is adjacent to one of the vertices adjacent to  $(a, b)$ . This is a contradiction to the perfect domination. Thus, there is not independent perfect dominating set in  $K_n \square K_n$ . That is,  $K_n \square K_n$  is non- $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph for  $n \geq 2$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $G$  be any graph.  $K_1 \square G$  and  $G \square K_1$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Moreover,  $\gamma_{ip}(K_1 \square G) = \gamma_{ip}(G \square K_1) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_1) = \{a\}$ . Then  $a$  dominates all vertices in  $G$ . Thus,  $a \in D_{ip}$  and so  $K_1 \square G$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Moreover,  $\gamma_{ip}(K_1 \square G) = 1$ . The same goes with  $G \square K_1$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.1.** *For an integer  $n$  and  $m$  with  $n \geq 3, m \geq 2$ ,  $K_n \square P_m$  is non- $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.*

*Proof.* Let  $V(K_n) = \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n\}$  and  $V(P_m) = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m\}$ . Then there  $nm$  number of vertices. Suppose that  $K_n \square P_m$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. Without loss of generality, let  $(k_1, p_1) \in D_{ip}$ . Then  $(k_1, p_1)$  dominates  $(k_1, p_2)$  and  $(k_j, p_1)$ , for some  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ . Note that  $(k_i, p_2) \notin D_{ip}$  since  $(k_i, p_1)(k_i, p_2) \in E(K_n \square P_m)$ , for some  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Thus,  $(k_i, p_3)$  can dominate  $(k_i, p_2)$  but  $(k_1, p_2)$  is already dominated by  $(k_1, p_1)$ . This is a contradiction to the definition of perfect domination. Thus,  $K_n \square P_m$  is non- $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** For every integer odd  $n$ ,  $K_2 \square P_n$  is  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. In particular,

$$\gamma_{ip}(K_2 \square P_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil.$$

**Corollary 4.1.**  $K_2 \square P_n$  is non- $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph if  $n$  is even.

**Proposition 4.3.** Given any integer  $n \geq 2$ ,  $P_n \times P_n$  is a  $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph. In fact,

$$\gamma_{ip}(P_n \times P_n) = n \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$$

*Proof.* Let  $V(P_n) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ . Then we can arrange the vertices of  $P_n \times P_n$  in the form

$$\begin{array}{cccc} (a_1, b_1) & (a_2, b_1) & \cdots & (a_n, b_1) \\ (a_1, b_2) & (a_2, b_2) & \cdots & (a_n, b_2) \\ & \vdots & & \\ & \vdots & & \\ (a_1, b_n) & (a_2, b_n) & \cdots & (a_n, b_n). \end{array}$$

Without loss of generality, if we take  $(a_2, b_2)$  dominates  $(a_1, b_1)$ , it also dominates  $(a_3, b_3)$  but not on  $(a_1, b_2)$  and  $(a_3, b_2)$ . Thus,  $(a_1, b_2)$  and  $(a_3, b_2)$  can also be members of the dominating set. Hence, the importance to check is the path connecting the vertices of the form  $(a_i, b_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . By Proposition 2.1, there are  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$  vertices to choose from a path connecting the vertices of the form  $(a_i, b_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Since there  $n$  vertices not adjacent in each selected vertices in the path connecting the vertices of the form  $(a_i, b_i)$ , it follows that there are  $n \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil$  members of the dominating set.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.** For every integer  $n \geq 3, m \geq 3$ ,  $K_n \times P_m$  is non- $\gamma_{ip}$ -graph.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have evaluated the parameters of independent perfect dominations to some graphs and some graphs resulting to binary operations such as join, corona, cartesian product and tensor product. Further, we examine some graphs and operations with the existence of independent perfect domination because not all graphs have this set. The study is beyond helpful in the application of real-life scenario. Fact is, it has been mentioned in the introduction of this paper on how this work has been motivated.

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