

Inverse Complementary Tree Domination Number of Total Graphs of P_n and C_n

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Abstract: A non-empty set $D \subseteq V$ of a graph is a dominating set if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to some vertex in D . The domination number $\gamma(G)$ of G is the minimum cardinality taken over all the minimal dominating sets of G . A dominating set D is called a complementary tree dominating set if the induced subgraph $\langle V - D \rangle$ is a tree. The complementary tree domination number $\gamma_{ctd}(G)$ of G is the minimum cardinality taken over all minimal complementary tree dominating sets of G . Let D be a minimum dominating set of G . If $V - D$ contains a dominating set D' , then D' is called the inverse dominating set of G w.r.t to D . The inverse domination number $\gamma'(G)$ is the minimum cardinality taken over all the minimal inverse dominating sets of G . In this paper, inverse complementary tree domination in total graphs of P_n and C_n are obtained.

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1. Introduction

Kulli V.R. et al. [1] introduced the concept of inverse domination in graphs. Let $G(V, E)$ be a simple, finite, undirected, connected graph with p vertices and q edges. A non-empty set $D \subseteq V$ of a graph is a dominating set if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to some vertex in D . The domination number $\gamma(G)$ of G is the minimum cardinality taken over all the minimal dominating sets of G . A dominating set D is called a complementary tree dominating set if the induced subgraph $\langle V - D \rangle$ is a tree. The complementary tree domination number $\gamma_{ctd}(G)$ of G is the minimum cardinality taken over all minimal complementary tree dominating sets of G . Let D be a minimum dominating set of G . If $V - D$ contains a dominating set D' , then D' is called the inverse dominating set of G w.r.t to D . The inverse domination number $\gamma'(G)$ is the minimum cardinality taken over all the minimal inverse dominating sets of G . The total graph of G denoted by $T(G)$ is the graph whose vertex set is $V(G) \cup E(G)$ and two vertices are adjacent if

- (1). they are adjacent edges of G , or
- (2). one is a vertex of G and the other is an edge incident with it (or)
- (3). they are adjacent vertices of G .

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Let $D \subseteq V$ be a minimum complementary tree dominating (ctd) set of G . If $V - D$ contains a ctd set D' of D , then D' is called an inverse ctd set with respect to D . The inverse complementary tree domination number $\gamma'_{ctd}(G)$ of G is the minimum number of vertices in an inverse ctd set of G . In this paper, inverse ctd number of total graphs of P_n and C_n are obtained.

2. Inverse Complementary Tree Domination Number of Total Graphs P_n and C_n

In the following, complementary tree domination number of total graph of P_n is found.

Theorem 2.1. *Let P_n be a path on n vertices ($n \geq 4$). Then,*

$$\gamma_{ctd}(T(P_n)) = \begin{cases} 2 \binom{\frac{n-1}{3}} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ 2 \lfloor \frac{2n-1}{3} \rfloor & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of the path P_n and let $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}$ be the added vertices corresponding to the edges $e_1 e_2 \dots e_{n-1}$ of P_n to obtain $T(P_n)$ where $e_i = (v_i, v_{i+1})$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 2$. Thus $V(T(P_n)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ $T(P_n)$ has $2n - 1$ vertices and

$$\begin{aligned} E(T(P_n)) &= n - 1 + n - 2 + 2(n - 1) \\ &= 4n - 5 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$D = \begin{cases} \{v_2, v_5, \dots, v_{3j-1}\} \cup \{x_3, x_6, \dots, x_{3k}\}, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{3}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}; \\ \{v_2, v_5, \dots, v_{3j-1}\} \cup \{x_3, x_6, \dots, x_{3k}\}, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{3}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}; \\ \{v_2, v_5, \dots, v_{3j-1}\} \cup \{x_3, x_6, \dots, x_{3k}\}, 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n-2}{3}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, $|D| = 2 \binom{\frac{n-1}{3}}$ if $n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3}$, $|D| = 2 \lfloor \frac{n-1}{3} \rfloor$.

The above set D is a ctd-set of $T(P_n)$, since each vertex in $V(T(P_n))$ is either in D or is adjacent to a vertex in D or is adjacent to a vertex in D and $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D \rangle$ is a path. For any $v_i \in D$, $D - \{v_i\}$ does not dominate itself if v_i not a support of P_n . If v_i is a support, then $D - \{v_i\}$ does not dominate itself and the pendant vertex and the vertex in $T(P_n)$ correspond to the pendant edge in P_n . Similarly, if $x_j \in D$, then $F - \{x_j\}$ does not dominate itself or the pendant vertex. Therefore, D is a ctd-set of $T(P_n)$.

Claim: D is a minimum ctd-set of $T(P_n)$.

It is to be observed that any two adjacent vertices of $T(P_n)$ (i.e., on a triangle and $\Delta(T(P_n)) = 4$ Since D is a ctd-set of G , $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D \rangle$ is a tree. Let there exist a vertex say v of degree atleast three in $\langle V - D \rangle$. Then $N(v) \supset \{x_i, x_{i+1}\}$ or $N(v) \supset \{v_j, v_{j+1}\}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n - 2$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ and hence $\langle V(P_n) - D \rangle$ contains a triangle. Therefore, degree of each vertex in $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D \rangle$ is either 1 or 2. That is, $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D \rangle$ is a path length of length atmost

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4n-4}{3} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{4n-3}{3} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{4n-5}{3} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, number of vertices in $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D \rangle$ is atmost

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4n-1}{3} \text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ & \frac{4n}{3} \text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ & \frac{4n-2}{3} \text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, number of vertices in D is atleast

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2(n-1)}{3} \text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ & \frac{2n-3}{3} \text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ & \frac{2n-1}{3} \text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$\begin{aligned} |D| & \geq 2 \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{3} \right\rceil, \text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \text{and } |D| & = \left\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{3} \right\rfloor, \text{ if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{ctd}(T(P_n)) & = 2 \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{3} \right\rceil, \text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ & = \left\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{3} \right\rfloor, \text{ if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem 2.2. For $n \geq 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'(T(P_n)) & = \frac{2(n-1)}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ & = \frac{2n}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ & = \frac{2n-1}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let $v_1 v_2 \dots v_n$ be the vertices of the path P_n , $n \geq 4$ and let $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{n-1}$ be the added vertices corresponding to the edges e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1} of P_n to obtain $T(P_n)$. Thus $V(T(P_n)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$ $T(P_n)$ has $(2n-1)$ vertices and $4n-5$ edges. From previous theorem, the set

$$\begin{aligned} D & = \{v_2, v_5, \dots, v_{3j-1}\} \cup \{x_3, x_6, \dots, x_{3k}\} \\ & \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ & = \{v_2, v_5, \dots, v_{3j-1}\} \cup \{x_3, x_6, \dots, x_{3k}\} \\ & \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ & = \{v_2, v_5, \dots, v_{3j-1}\} \cup \{x_3, x_6, \dots, x_{3k}\} \\ & \quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n+1}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n-2}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

is a minimum ctd-set of $T(P_n)$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} D' &= \{v_3, v_6, \dots, v_{3j}\} \cup \{x_1, x_4, \dots, x_{3k-2}\} \\ &\quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-1}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n-1}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ &= \{v_3, v_6, \dots, v_{3j}\} \cup \{x_1, x_4, \dots, x_{3k-2}\} \\ &\quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ &= \{v_3, v_6, \dots, v_{3j}\} \cup \{x_1, x_4, \dots, x_{3k-2}\} \\ &\quad 1 \leq j \leq \frac{n-2}{3}, 1 \leq k \leq \frac{n+1}{3}, \text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

If

$$\left. \begin{aligned} n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, |D'| &= |D| = \frac{2(n-1)}{3} \\ n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, |D'| &= |D| + 1 = \frac{2n}{3} \\ n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, |D'| &= |D| = \frac{2n-1}{3} \end{aligned} \right\} = \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{3} \right\rceil$$

The set D' is a inverse ctd-set of $T(P_n)$, since each vertex in $V - D'$ is adjacent to atleast one vertex in D' and $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D' \rangle$ is a tree. Also D' is a subset of $V(T(P_n)) - D$; $\gamma'_{ctd}(T(P_n)) \leq \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{3} \right\rceil$, $n \geq 4$.

To prove $\gamma'_{ctd}(T(P_n)) \geq \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{3} \right\rceil$, $n \geq 4$.

Let D' be a minimum inverse ctd-set of $T(P_n)$. As in theorem, $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D' \rangle$ is a path and is of length atmost

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4n-4}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{4n-6}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{4n-5}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, no. of vertices in $\langle V(T(P_n)) - D' \rangle$ is atmost

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4n-1}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{4n-3}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{4n-5}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

No. of vertices in D' is atleast

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2(n-1)}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{2n}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \frac{2n-1}{3} &\text{ if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ |D'| &\geq \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{3} \right\rceil \\ |D'| &= \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{3} \right\rceil \end{aligned}$$

if $n \geq 4$, $\gamma'_{ctd}(T(P_n)) = \left\lceil \frac{2n-2}{3} \right\rceil$. □

In the following, complementary tree domination of total graph of C_n is found.

Theorem 2.3. Let C_n be a cycle on n vertices ($n \geq 3$) then $\gamma_{ctd}(T(C_n)) = n$.

Proof. Let $v_1v_2 \dots v_n$ be the vertices of cycle C_n and let $x_1x_2 \dots x_n$ be the added vertices corresponding to the edges $e_1e_2 \dots e_n$ of C_n to obtain $T(C_n)$ where $e_i = (v_i, v_{i+1})$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$. Thus

$$V(T(C_n)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$$

$T(C_n)$ has $2n$ vertices and $E(T(C_n)) = n + n + 2n = 4n$. Let $D = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, x_1\}$ then D is a ctd-set of $T(C_n)$, since each vertex in $V(T(C_n))$ is either in D or is adjacent to a vertex in D and $\langle V(T(C_n)) - D \rangle$ is a path. For any $v_i \in D$ then $D - v_i$ forms a cycle which is a contradiction to $\langle V - D \rangle$ is a tree. Therefore, D is a ctd-set of $T(C_n)$.

Claim: D is a minimum ctd-set of $T(C_n)$.

It is observed that $\delta(T(C_n)) = \Delta(T(C_n)) = 4$. Since D is a ctd-set of G . $\langle V(T(C_n)) - D \rangle$ is a tree. Let there exist a vertex say v of degree 4 in $\langle V - D \rangle$. Then $N(v) \supseteq \{x_j, x_{j+1}, v_i, v_{i+1}\}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and hence $\langle V(C_n) - D \rangle$ contains a cycle. Therefore, degree of each vertex in $\langle V(T(C_n)) - D \rangle$ is either 1 or 2. That is, $\langle V(T(C_n)) - D \rangle$ is a path. i.e., $\langle V(T(C_n)) - D \rangle \cong P_n$. Therefore, number of vertices in D is n . $\gamma_{ctd}(T(C_n)) = n$. \square

Theorem 2.4. For $n \geq 3$, $\gamma'_{ctd}(T(C_n)) = n$.

Proof. Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of the cycle C_n and let $x_1x_2 \dots x_n$ be the added vertices corresponding to the edges e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n of C_n to obtain $T(C_n)$ where $e_i = (v_i, v_{i+1})$; $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$. Thus $V(T(C_n)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$. $T(C_n)$ has $2n$ vertices and $|E(T(C_n))| = 4n$ vertices. From the Theorem 2.3 the set $D = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}, x_1\}$ is a ctd-set of $T(C_n)$. Let $D' = \{x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, v_n\}$ is a inverse ctd-set of $T(C_n)$. Since each vertex in $V(T(C_n))$ is either in D' or is adjacent to a vertex in D' and $\langle V(T(C_n)) - D' \rangle$ is a path. Also D' is a subset of $V(T(C_n)) - D$. $\gamma'_{ctd}(T(C_n)) = n$, $n \geq 3$. \square

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