

Total Dominating Sets and Total Domination Polynomials of Square Of Paths

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Abstract: Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple connected graph. A set $S \subseteq V$ is a total dominating set of G if every vertex is adjacent to an element of S . Let $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ be the family of all total dominating sets of the graph $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ with cardinality i , and let $d_t(P_n^2, i) = |D_t(P_n^2, i)|$. In this paper we computed $d_t(P_n^2, i)$, and obtain the polynomial $D_t(P_n^2, x) = \sum_{i=\gamma_t(P_n^2)}^n d_t(P_n^2, i)x^i$ which we call total domination polynomial of $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ and obtain some properties of this polynomial.

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I. Introduction

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple connected graph. A set $S \subseteq V$ is a dominating set of G , if every vertex in $V-S$ is adjacent to atleast one vertex in S . A set $S \subseteq V$ is total dominating set if every vertex of the graph is adjacent to an element of S . The total domination number of a graph G is the minimum cardinality of a total dominating set in G , and it is denoted by $\gamma_t(G)$. Obviously $\gamma_t(G) < |V|$. A path is a connected graph in which two vertices have degree 1 and the remaining vertices have degree 2. Let P_n be the path with n vertices. The square of a simple connected graph G is a graph with same set of vertices of G and an edge between two vertices if and only if there is a path of length at most 2 between them. It is denoted by G^2 . We use the notation $[x]$ for the largest integer less than or equal to x and $\lceil x \rceil$ for the smallest integer greater than or equal to x . Also we denote the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ by $[n]$, throughout this paper.

Let $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ be the square of the path $P_n, n \geq 2$ and let $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ be the family of total dominating sets of the graph $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ with cardinality i and let $d_t(P_n^2, i) = |D_t(P_n^2, i)|$. Table 1 in page number 12 gives the number of total dominating sets of P_n^2 , with cardinality i . The total domination polynomial $D_t(P_n^2, x)$ of $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ is defined as $D_t(P_n^2, x) = \sum_{i=\gamma_t(P_n^2)}^n d_t(P_n^2, i)x^i$, where $\gamma_t(P_n^2)$ is the total domination number of $P_n^2, n \geq 2$.

II- Total Dominating Sets of Square Of Paths

Let $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ be the family of total dominating sets of $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ with cardinality i . We will investigate total dominating sets of $P_n^2, n \geq 2$.

Lemma 2.1

$$\gamma_t(P_n^2) = \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil + 2 \text{ if } n \equiv 5 \pmod{5}$$

$$\lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1 \text{ if } n \not\equiv 5 \pmod{5}$$

Lemma 2.2

Let $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ be the square of path P_n , with $|V(P_n^2)| = n$. Then $d_t(P_n^2, i) = 0$ if $i < \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i > n$ and $d_t(P_n^2, i) > 0$ if $\lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Proof:

If $n \equiv 5 \pmod{5}$, then the total domination number of the square of path P_n^2 is $\gamma_t(P_n^2) = \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 2$. Therefore $d_t(P_n^2, i) = 0$ if $i < \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 2$ or $i > n$ and $d_t(P_n^2, i) > 0$ if $\lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 2 \leq i \leq n$.

On the other hand, if $n \not\equiv 5 \pmod{5}$, then the total domination number of P_n^2 is $\gamma_t(P_n^2) = \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1$.

Therefore $d_t(P_n^2, i) = 0$ if $i < \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i > n$ and $d_t(P_n^2, i) > 0$ if $\lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Hence, on both the cases we have $d_t(P_n^2, i) = 0$ if $i < \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i > n$ and $d_t(P_n^2, i) > 0$ if $\lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Lemma 2.3

Let $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ be the square of path with $|V(P_n^2)| = n$. Then we have

- (i) $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \varphi$ if $i < \gamma_t(P_n^2)$ or $i > n$.
- (ii) $D_t(P_n^2, x)$ has no constant term and first degree terms.
- (iii) $D_t(P_n^2, x)$ is a strictly increasing function on $[0, \infty)$.

Proof of (i)

Since P_n^2 has n vertices, there is only one way to choose all these vertices. Therefore $d_t(P_n^2, n) = 1$.
 Out of these n vertices, every combination of $n-1$ vertices can dominate totally only if $\delta(P_n^2) > 1$.

Therefore $d_t(P_n^2, n-1) = n$ if $\delta(P_n^2) > 1$.
 Therefore $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \varphi$ if $i < \gamma_t(P_n^2)$ and $D_t(P_n^2, n+k) = \varphi$, $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
 Thus we have $d_t(P_n^2, i) = 0$ for $i < \gamma_t(P_n^2)$ and $d_t(P_n^2, n+i) = 0$, for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Proof of (ii)

A single vertex of P_n^2 cannot totally dominate all the vertices of $P_n^2, n \geq 2$. So the set of all vertices of P_n^2 is totally dominated by atleast two of the vertices of P_n^2 . Hence the total domination polynomial has no constant term as well as first degree term.

Proof of (iii)

By the definition of total domination, every vertex of P_n^2 is adjacent to an element of total dominating set.

$$\text{That is } D_t(P_n^2, x) = \sum_{i=\gamma_t(P_n^2)}^n d_t(P_n^2, i)x^i$$

Therefore $D_t(P_n^2, x)$ is a strictly increasing function on $[0, \infty)$. ■

Lemma 2.4

Let $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ be the square of path with $|V(P_n^2)| = n$. Then we have

- (i) If $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \varphi$, then $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi$
- (ii) If $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi$, then $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi$
- (iii) If $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi$, then $D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \varphi$
 $D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \varphi$, then $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \varphi$.

Proof of (i)

Since $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \varphi$ and $D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \varphi \Rightarrow d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = 0$ and $d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = 0$

Then $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-1}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > n-1$ and $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-3}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > n-3$.

If $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-1}{5} \rfloor + 1$ and $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-3}{5} \rfloor + 1$ then $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-2}{5} \rfloor + 1$. Therefore $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi$.

If $i-1 > n-1$ and $i-1 > n-3$ then $i-1 > n-2$. Therefore $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi$

Hence in all the cases $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi$.

Proof of (ii)

Since $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi$ and $D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi \Rightarrow d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq 0$ and $d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq 0$

Then $\lfloor \frac{n-1}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-1$ and $\lfloor \frac{n-3}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-3 \Rightarrow \lfloor \frac{n-3}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq \lfloor \frac{n-2}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-3 < n-2$, Since $\lfloor \frac{n-1}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \Rightarrow \lfloor \frac{n-2}{5} \rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-2 \Rightarrow d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq 0 \Rightarrow D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi$.

Proof of (iii)

Since, $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \varphi$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \varphi$
 $\Rightarrow d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = 0, d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = 0, d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = 0, d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = 0$ and $d_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = 0$.

Then $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-1}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > n-1$; $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-2}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > n-2$; $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-3}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > n-3$; $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-4}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > n-4$
 and $i-1 < \lfloor \frac{n-5}{5} \rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > n-5$.

If $i < \lfloor \frac{n-1}{5} \rfloor + 2$; $i < \lfloor \frac{n-2}{5} \rfloor + 2$; $i < \lfloor \frac{n-3}{5} \rfloor + 2$; $i < \lfloor \frac{n-4}{5} \rfloor + 2$ and $i < \lfloor \frac{n-5}{5} \rfloor + 2 \Rightarrow i < \lfloor \frac{n-5}{5} \rfloor + 2 \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 2 \Rightarrow i < \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1$

$\Rightarrow d_t(P_n^2, i) = 0$. Therefore $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \varphi$.

If $i-1 > n-1, i-1 > n-2, i-1 > n-3, i-1 > n-4$ and $i-1 > n-5$, then $i-1 > n-1 > n-2 > n-3 > n-4 > n-5$

$\Rightarrow i > n > n-1 > n-2 > n-3 > n-4 \Rightarrow i > n \Rightarrow d_t(P_n^2, i) = 0 \Rightarrow D_t(P_n^2, i) = \varphi$.

Lemma 2.5

Let $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ be the square of path with $|V(P_n^2)| = n$. Suppose that $D_t(P_n^2, i) \neq \varphi$, then we have

- (i) $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \varphi$ and $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi$ if and only if $n = i$.
- (ii) $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \varphi$ if only if $i = n-3$
- (iii) $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \varphi, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq \varphi$ if and only if $n = 5k + 3$ and $i = k+2$ for some positive integer k .

(iv) $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $\lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq i \leq n-4$

Proof of (i)

Suppose, $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = 0, d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = 0, d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = 0, d_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-2; i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-3; i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-4$ and
 $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-5$.

If $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1$, then $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1$
 $d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = 0$ which is a contradiction, since $d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq 0$. Therefore, $i-1 > n-2 > n-3 > n-4 > n-5$
 $\Rightarrow i-1 > n-2 \Rightarrow i-1 \geq n-1 \Rightarrow i \geq n$ (1)

Also $d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-1 \Rightarrow i-1 \leq n-1 \Rightarrow i \leq n$ (2)

From (1) and (2), we have, $n = i$

Conversely, if $n = i$ then,

$D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-2}^2, n-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-3}^2, n-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-4}^2, n-1) = \emptyset$
 $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-5}^2, n-1) = \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-1}^2, n-1) \neq \emptyset$, since $D_t(P_n^2, n) \neq \emptyset$.

Proof of (ii)

Suppose, $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$
 Then, $d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq 0, d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq 0, d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq 0$ and $d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-1; \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-2; \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-3$ and $\lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-4$

Also, $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, d_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = 0 \Rightarrow i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-5$

If $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1$, then $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \Rightarrow i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1$
 $\Rightarrow d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = 0$ which is a contradiction, since $d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq 0 \Rightarrow i \leq n-3$ (2)

From (1) and (2), we have, $i = n-3$ Therefore, $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1$ is not possible, so $i-1 > n-5$
 $\Rightarrow i > n-4 \Rightarrow i \geq n-3$ (1)

Since, $d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-4 \Rightarrow i-1 \leq n-4$

Conversely, if $i = n-3$, then

$D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-1}^2, n-4) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-2}^2, n-4) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-3}^2, n-4) \neq \emptyset$
 $D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-4}^2, n-4) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{n-5}^2, n-4) = \emptyset$.

Proof of (iii)

Suppose, $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$
 Then $d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = 0, d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = 0$ and $D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-1; i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-2$ and $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1$ or $i-1 > n-3$

If $i-1 > n-1 > n-2 > n-3 \Rightarrow i-1 > n-1 \Rightarrow i > n, D_t(P_n^2, i) = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction, since $D_t(P_n^2, i) \neq \emptyset$
 Therefore $i-1 > n-1$ is not possible So, $i-1 < \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1$

$$i < \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 2 \Rightarrow i < \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 2$$

Also $D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$. Then $d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq 0$ and $d_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-4$ and $\lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-5 \Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq i$ and $\lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq i$
 $\lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq i$ and $\lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq i$ which holds only for $n = 5k + 3$ and $i = k+2$ for Some $K \in \mathbb{N}$

Conversely, if $n = 5k + 3$ and $i = k+2$ for some positive integer k

Then,

$D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{5k-3}^2, k) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{5k-4}^2, k) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{5k-5}^2, k) = \emptyset$
 $D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{5k-6}^2, k) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = D_t(P_{5k-7}^2, k) \neq \emptyset$

Proof of (v)

Suppose, $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$

$d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq 0, d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq 0, d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq 0, d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq 0$ and $d_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-1; \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-2; \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-3;$
 $\lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-4$ and $\lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-5 \Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-5 \Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq i-1 \leq n-4;$
 Conversely, if $\lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 2 \leq i-1 \leq n-4; \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-5;$
 $\lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-5 < n-4 < n-3 < n-2 < n-1$
 $\Rightarrow \lceil \frac{n-5}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-5; \lceil \frac{n-4}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-4; \lceil \frac{n-3}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-3;$
 $\lceil \frac{n-2}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-2; \lceil \frac{n-1}{5} \rceil + 1 \leq i-1 \leq n-1;$

$D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$

Theorem 2.6

For every $n \geq 6$ and $i > \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil + 1$, then we have

- (i) $D_t(P_{7n}^2, 2n) = \{ \{3, 5, \dots, 7n-4, 7n-5\} \}$
- (ii) If $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ then $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \{[n]\}$
- (iii) If $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ then $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \{[n] - \{x\} / x \in [n]\}$

Proof of (i)

From Table 4.1, $D_t(P_{7n}^2, 2n) = |D_t(P_{7n}^2, 2n)| = 1$

For any $n \geq 6$, $D_t(P_{7n}^2, 2n)$ has the only total dominating set as $D_t(P_{7n}^2, 2n) = \{ \{3, 5, \dots, 7n-4, 7n-5\} \}$.

Proof of (ii)

Since, $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$

By lemma 4.6 (i), we have, $i = n$. Therefore $D_t(P_n^2, i) = D_t(P_n^2, n) = \{ \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\} \} = \{[n]\}$

Proof of (iii)

Since, $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$

By Lemma 4.6(ii), we have, $i = n-3$. Therefore $D_t(P_n^2, i) = D_t(P_n^2, n-3) = \{[n] - \{x\} / x \in [n]\}$.

Theorem 1.7

For every $n \geq 6$ and $i > \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil + 1, D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset,$

$D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$, then $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \{ \{X_1 \cup \{n\}, \text{ if } n-1 \text{ or } n-2 \in X_1 \text{ where } X_1 \in D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{n-1\} \text{ if } n-2 \text{ or } n-3 \in X_2 \text{ where } X_2 \in D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{X_3 \cup \{n-2\} \text{ if } n-3 \text{ or } n-4 \in X_3 \text{ where } X_3 \in D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{(X_3 - X_4) - \{n-3\} \cup \{n, n-1\} \text{ if } n-5, n-4, n-3 \text{ or } n-6, n-4, n-3 \in X_3 - X_4 \text{ where } X_4 \in D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{X_4 - \{n-4\} \cup$
 $\{n, n-1\} \text{ if } n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4 - \{n-4\} \cup \{n, n-2\} \text{ if } n-4 \in X_4\} \cup$
 $\{X_4 - \{n-4\} \cup \{n-1, n-2\} \text{ if } n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4 - \{n-5\} \cup \{n-1, n-3\} \text{ if } n-5 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4 - \{n-5\} \cup \{n-2, n-3\} \text{ if } n-5 \in X_4\} \}$

Proof:

The construction of $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ from $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1), D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1), D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1)$ and $D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1)$ is as follows :

Let X_1 be the total dominating set of P_{n-1}^2 with cardinality $i-1$. All the elements of $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1)$ end with $n-1$ or $n-2$ or $n-3$. When $n-1$ or $n-2 \in X_1$, then adjoin n with X_1 . Hence every X_1 of $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1)$ belong to $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ by addition of $\{n\}$.

Let X_2 be the total dominating set of P_{n-2}^2 with cardinality $i-1$. All the elements of $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1)$ end with $n-2$ or $n-3$ or $n-4$. When $n-2$ or $n-3 \in X_2$, then adjoin $n-1$ with X_2 . Hence every X_2 of $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1)$ belong to $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ by addition of $\{n-1\}$.

Let X_3 be the total dominating set of P_{n-3}^2 with cardinality $i-1$. All the elements of $D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1)$ end with $n-3$ or $n-4$ or $n-5$. When $n-3$ or $n-4 \in X_3$, then adjoin $n-2$ with X_3 . Hence every X_3 of $D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1)$ belong to $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ by addition of $\{n-2\}$.

Let X_4 be the total dominating set of P_{n-4}^2 with cardinality $i-1$. When $n-5, n-4, n-3$ or $n-6, n-4, n-3 \in X_3 - X_4$, remove $n-4$ from $X_3 - X_4$, and adjoin $\{n, n-1\}$ with $X_3 - X_4$.

When $n-4 \in X_4$, remove $n-4$ from X_4 and adjoin $\{n, n-1\}, \{n, n-2\}$ and $\{n-1, n-2\}$ with X_4 .

When $n-5 \in X_4$, remove $n-5$ from X_4 and adjoin $\{n-1, n-3\}$ and $\{n-2, n-3\}$ with X_4 .

Hence, $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \{ \{X_1 \cup \{n\} \text{ if } n-1 \text{ or } n-2 \in X_1 \text{ where } X_1 \in D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{X_2 \cup \{n-1\}$

if $n-2$ or $n-3 \in X_2$ where $X_2 \in D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \cup \{X_3 \cup \{n-2\}$ if $n-3$ or $n-4 \in X_3$ where $X_3 \in D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \cup \{(X_3-X_4)-\{n-3\} \cup \{n,n-1\}$ if $n-5, n-4, n-3$ or $n-6, n-4, n-3 \in X_3-X_4$ where $X_4 \in D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \cup \{X_4-\{n-4\} \cup \{n,n-1\}$ if $n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-4\} \cup \{n,n-2\}$ if $n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-4\} \cup \{n-1,n-2\}$ if $n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-5\} \cup \{n-1,n-3\}$ if $n-5 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-5\} \cup \{n-2,n-3\}$ if $n-5 \in X_4\}$.

III-Total Domination Polynomial of Square Of Paths

Theorem 3.1

If $D_t(P_n^2, i)$ is the family of the total dominating sets of P_n^2 with cardinality i , Where $i > \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil + 1$, then $d_t(P_n^2, i) = d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) + d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) + d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) + d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1)$

Proof:

From theorem (4.7) and (4.8), we consider all the three cases as given below, Where $i > \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil + 1$,

(i) If $D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ then $D_t(P_n^2, i) = \{[n]\}$

(ii) If $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(P_{n-5}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ then

$$D_t(P_n^2, i) = \{[n]-\{x\} / x \in [n]\}$$

(iii) If $D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ then

$$D_t(P_n^2, i) = \{ \{X_1 \cup \{n\} \text{ if } n-1 \text{ or } n-2 \in X_1 \text{ where } X_1 \in D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{X_2 \cup \{n-1\} \text{ if } n-2 \text{ or } n-3 \in X_2, \text{ where } X_2 \in D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{X_3 \cup \{n-2\} \text{ if } n-3 \text{ or } n-4 \in X_3, \text{ where } X_3 \in D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{(X_3-X_4)-\{n-3\} \cup \{n, n-1\} \text{ if } n-5, n-4, n-3 \text{ or } n-6, n-4, n-3 \in X_3-X_4 \text{ where } X_4 \in D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-4\} \cup \{n, n-1\} \text{ if } n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-4\} \cup \{n, n-2\} \text{ if } n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-4\} \cup \{n-1, n-2\} \text{ if } n-4 \in X_4\} \cup \{X_4-\{n-5\} \cup \{n-1, n-3\} \text{ if } n-5 \in X_4\} \}$$

By this construction in each case, we obtain that

$$D_t(P_n^2, i) = D_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) + D_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) + D_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) + D_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1)$$

Therefore, $d_t(P_n^2, i) = d_t(P_{n-1}^2, i-1) + d_t(P_{n-2}^2, i-1) + d_t(P_{n-3}^2, i-1) + d_t(P_{n-4}^2, i-1)$

Using theorem (1.9), we obtain, $d_t(P_n^2, i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq 15$ as shown in Table 1.1

Table 1 : $d_t(P_n^2, i)$ the number of total dominating sets of P_n^2 with cardinality i

i	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
n														
2	1													
3	3	1												
4	5	4	1											
5	5	8	5	1										
6	3	10	13	6	1									
7	1	8	23	19	7	1								
8	0	4	31	42	26	8	1							
9	0	1	34	72	68	34	9	1						
10	0	0	31	101	139	102	43	10	1					
11	0	0	23	119	234	240	145	53	11	1				
12	0	0	13	119	334	467	384	198	64	12	1			
13	0	0	5	101	411	775	843	581	262	76	13	1		
14	0	0	1	72	440	1118	1584	1415	842	338	89	14	1	
15	0	0	0	42	411	1419	2600	2956	2247	1179	427	103	15	1

By theorem 3.1, we obtain $d_t(P_n^2, i), n \geq 2$ for $2 \leq n \leq 15$ as shown in Table 1. There are interesting relationship between numbers in this Table. In the following theorem we obtain some properties of $d_t(P_n^2, i)$.

Theorem 3.2

Let $P_n^2, n \geq 2$ be the square of path with $|V(P_n^2)| = n$. Then the following properties hold for the coefficients of $D_t(P_n^2, x)$:

- (i) For $n \geq 2, d_t(P_n^2, n) = 1$
- (ii) For $n \geq 3, d_t(P_n^2, n-1) = n$
- (iii) For $n \geq 5, d_t(P_n^2, n-2) = nc_2 - 2$

- (iv) For $n \geq 7$, $d_t(P_n^2, n-3) = nc_3 - 2(n-1)$
- (v) For $n \geq 8$, $d_t(P_n^2, n-4) = nc_4 - (n^2 - 2n - 9)$
- (vi) For $k \geq 1$, $d_t(P_{7k}^2, 2k) = 1$
- (vii) For $k \geq 1$, $d_t(P_{5k-2}^2, k+1) = k+2$

Proof of (i)

Since for any graph G with n vertices, $d_t(G, n) = 1$, then $d_t(P_n^2, n) = 1$.

Proof of (ii)

To prove $d_t(P_n^2, n-1) = n$, for $n \geq 3$. Since $D_t(P_n^2, n-1) = \{[n] - \{x\} / x \in [n], |D_t(P_n^2, n-1)| = nc_1 = n$

Therefore $d_t(P_n^2, n-1) = n$.

Proof of (iii)

To prove $d_t(P_n^2, n-2) = nc_2 - 2$, for $n \geq 5$

We apply induction on n . When $n = 5$

$$L.H.S = d_t(P_5^2, 3) = 8 \text{ (from table), } R.H.S = 5c_2 - 2 = 8$$

Therefore the result is true for $n = 5$.

Suppose that the result is true for all natural numbers less than n , and we prove it for n .

$$\text{We have, } d_t(P_n^2, n-2) = d_t(P_{n-1}^2, n-3) + d_t(P_{n-2}^2, n-3) + d_t(P_{n-3}^2, n-3) + d_t(P_{n-4}^2, n-3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(n-1)(n-2) - 2 + n-1 = \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - n - 4) = \frac{1}{2}[n(n-1)] - 2 = nc_2 - 2, \text{ for } n \geq 5$$

Hence the result is true for all n .

Hence by induction hypothesis, we have

$$d_t(P_n^2, n-2) = nc_2 - 2, \text{ for } n \geq 5$$

Proof of (iv)

$$\text{To prove } d_t(P_n^2, n-3) = \frac{1}{6}[n(n-1)(n-2)] - 2(n-1), \text{ for every } n \geq 7$$

We apply induction on n .

$$\text{When } n = 7, L.H.S = d_t(P_7^2, 4) = 23 \text{ (from table), } R.H.S = \frac{1}{6}[7(7-1)(7-2)] - 2(7-1) = 23$$

Therefore the result is true for $n = 7$.

Suppose that the result is true for all natural numbers less than n , and we prove it for n .

$$\text{We have, } d_t(P_n^2, n-3) = d_t(P_{n-1}^2, n-4) + d_t(P_{n-2}^2, n-4) + d_t(P_{n-3}^2, n-4) + d_t(P_{n-4}^2, n-4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}[(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)] - 2(n-2) + \frac{1}{2}[(n-2)(n-3)] - 2 + n-3 + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}[(n-1)(n^2 - 5n + 6)] - 2n + 4 + \frac{1}{2}(n^2 - 5n + 6) - 2 + n - 3 + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}[n^3 - 5n^2 + 6n - n^2 + 5n - 6 - 6n + 3n^2 - 15n + 18] = \frac{1}{6}[n^3 - 3n^2 - 10n + 12]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}[n^3 - 3n^2 + 2n - 12n + 12] = \frac{1}{6}[n^3 - 3n^2 + 2n] - \frac{1}{6}(12n - 12) = \frac{1}{6}[n(n-1)(n-2)] - 2(n-1) \text{ for } n \geq 7$$

Therefore the result is true for all n . Hence by induction hypothesis, we have

$$d_t(P_n^2, n-3) = \frac{1}{6}[n(n-1)(n-2)] - 2(n-1), \text{ for every } n \geq 7.$$

Proof of (v)

To prove $d_t(P_n^2, n-4) = nc_4 - (n^2 - 2n - 9)$, for $n \geq 8$.

We apply induction on n .

$$\text{When } n = 8, L.H.S = d_t(P_8^2, 4) = 31 \text{ (from table), } R.H.S = \frac{1}{24}[8(8-1)(8-2)(8-4)] - (64 - 16 - 9) = 31$$

Therefore the result is true for $n = 8$.

Suppose that the result is true for all natural numbers less than n , and we prove it for n .

$$\text{We have, } d_t(P_n^2, n-4) = d_t(P_{n-1}^2, n-5) + d_t(P_{n-2}^2, n-5) + d_t(P_{n-3}^2, n-5) + d_t(P_{n-4}^2, n-5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{24}[(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)] + \frac{1}{6}[(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)] + \frac{1}{2}[(n-3)(n-4)] + [-n^2 + 2n - 1 + 2n - 2 + 9 - 2n + 6 + n - 6]$$

$$= \frac{1}{24}[(n^2 - 3n + 2)(n^2 - 7n + 12)] + \frac{1}{6}[(n-2)(n^2 - 7n + 12)] + \frac{1}{2}[(n^2 - 7n + 12)] + [-n^2 + 3n + 6]$$

$$= \frac{1}{24}[n^4 - 7n^3 + 12n^2 - 3n^3 + 21n^2 - 36n + 2n^2 - 14n + 24 + 41n^3 - 28n^2 + 48n - 8n^2 + 56n - 96 + 12n^2 - 84n + 144 - 24n^2 + 72n + 144]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{24}[n^4 - 6n^3 - 13n^2 + 42n + 216] = \frac{1}{24}[n^4 - 6n^3 + 11n^2 - 24n^2 - 6n + 48n + 216] \\
 &= \frac{1}{24}[n^4 - 6n^3 + 11n^2 - 6n] + \frac{1}{24}[-24n^2 + 48n + 216] = \frac{1}{24}n(n^3 - 6n^2 + 11n - 6) + (-n^2 + 2n + 9) = \frac{1}{24}[n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)] - (n^2 - 2n - 9)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the result is true for all n .

Hence by induction hypothesis, we have $d_t(P_{n,n-4}^2) = nc_4 - (n^2 - 2n - 9)$, for $n \geq 8$.

Proof of (vi)

To prove $d_t(P_{7k,2k}^2) = 1$, for $k \geq 1$.

Since, $d_t(P_{7k,2k}^2) = \{ \{3,5, \dots, 7k-4, 7k-5\} \}$,

Therefore, $d_t(P_{7k,2k}^2) = D_t(P_{7k,2k}^2) = 1$.

Proof of (vii)

To prove $d_t(P_{5k-2,k+1}^2) = k+2$, for $k \geq 1$

When $K = 1$, $D_t(P_3^2) = \{ \{1,2\}, \{1,3\}, \{2,3\} \}$. Therefore, $d_t(P_3^2) = 3$

Assume that the result is true for all natural numbers m less than k .

Therefore, $d_t(P_{5m-2,m+1}^2) = m+2$, for $m < k$,

$$d_t(P_{5m+3,m+2}^2) = m+3$$

$$d_t(P_{5(m+1)-2,m+2}^2) = (m+1)+2, d_t(P_{5k-2,k+1}^2) = k+2.$$

II. Conclusion:

We obtain total domination sets and total domination polynomial square of paths. Similarly we can find total domination sets and total domination polynomial of specified graphs.

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