

Total Dominating Sets and Total Domination Polynomials of Square Of Wheels

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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 $D_t(W_n^2, i)$ be the family of all total dominating sets of the graph W_n^2 , $n \geq 3$ with cardinality i , and let $d_t(W_n^2, i) = |D_t(W_n^2, i)|$. In this paper we compute $d_t(W_n^2, i)$, and obtain the polynomial $D_t(W_n^2, x) = \sum_{i=Y_t(W_n^2)}^{n+1} d_t(W_n^2, i)x^i$, which we call total domination polynomial of W_n^2 , $n \geq 3$ 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 $Y_t(G)$. Obviously $Y_t(G) < |V|$. 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.

In this paper, we study the concept of total dominating sets and total domination polynomials of square of wheels W_n^2 , $n \geq 3$. Let $D_t(W_n^2, i)$ be the total dominating set of W_n^2 with cardinality i . Let $d_t(W_n^2, i) = |D_t(W_n^2, i)|$. The total domination polynomial of W_n^2 is $D_t(W_n^2, x) = \sum_{i=Y_t(W_n^2)}^{n+1} d_t(W_n^2, i)x^i$.

Definition 1.1

The square of a wheel W_n is a graph with same set of vertices as W_n and an edge between two vertices if and only if there is a path of length atmost 2 between them. It is denoted by W_n^2 .

Definition 1.2

Let W_n^2 , $n \geq 3$ be the square of wheel with $n+1$ vertices. Let $V(W_n^2) = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ and $E(W_n^2) = \{(v_0, v_i); i=1, 2, \dots, n\} \cup \{(v_i, v_{i+1}); i=1, 2, \dots, n-1\} \cup \{(v_i, v_{i+2}); i=1, 2, \dots, n-2\} \cup \{(v_n, v_1), (v_{n-1}, v_1), (v_n, v_2)\}$. Let $D_t(W_n^2, i)$ be the family of total dominating sets of W_n^2 with cardinality i and let $d_t(W_n^2, i) = |D_t(W_n^2, i)|$. Then the total dominating polynomial $D_t(W_n^2, x)$ of W_n^2 is defined as $d_t(W_n^2, x) = \sum_{i=Y_t(W_n^2)}^n d_t(W_n^2, i)x^i$.

Notation 1.3

We categorize the total dominating sets of W_n^2 into two classes, the total dominating sets containing the vertex v_0 and the total dominating sets not containing the vertex v_0 , where v_0 denotes the centre of the wheel. Let $D_t^0(W_n^2, i)$ be the collection of total dominating sets of W_n^2 containing the vertex v_0 with cardinality i . Let $D_t^1(W_n^2, i)$ be the collection of total dominating sets of W_n^2 not containing the vertex v_0 with cardinality i . The total dominating sets of W_n^2 not containing v_0 with cardinality i is same as the total dominating sets of the square of cycle C_n^2 with cardinality i . Hence $D_t^1(W_n^2, i) = D_t(C_n^2, i)$.

Let $d_t^0(W_n^2, i) = |D_t^0(W_n^2, i)|$ and $d_t^1(W_n^2, i) = |D_t^1(W_n^2, i)|$

So $d_t^1(W_n^2, i) = d_t(C_n^2, i)$

But in general $d_t(W_n^2, i) = d_t^0(W_n^2, i) + d_t^1(W_n^2, i)$

That is $d_t(W_n^2, i) = d_t^0(W_n^2, i) + d_t(C_n^2, i)$

Lemma 1.4

For w_n^2 , $n \geq 3$ with $|V(w_n^2)| = n+1$, then the total domination number is $Y_t(w_n^2) = 2$

Proof:

In the graph W_n^2 , a single vertex covers all the remaining vertices of W_n^2 .
 By the definition of total domination, every vertex in total dominating set S is adjacent to another vertex of S .
 Therefore $Y_t(W_n^2) = 2$.

Remark 1.5

We have $Y_t(W_n^2) = 2$
 Therefore $D_t(W_n^2, i) \neq \emptyset$ if $2 \leq i \leq n+1$.
 That is $d_t(W_n^2, i) \neq 0$ if $2 \leq i \leq n+1$.

Lemma 1.6

Let $W_n^2, n \geq 3$ be the square of wheel with $|V(W_n^2)| = n+1$. Then we have

- (i) $D_t(W_n^2, i) = \emptyset$ if $i > n+1$.
- (ii) $D_t(W_n^2, x)$ is a multiple of x^2 .
- (iii) $D_t(W_n^2, x)$ is a strictly increasing function on $[0, \infty)$.

Proof of (i)

Since W_n^2 has $n+1$ vertices, there is only one way to choose all these vertices.
 Therefore $d_t(W_n^2, n+1) = 1$.
 Out of these $n+1$ vertices, every combination of n vertices can dominate totally only if $\delta(W_n^2) > 1$. Therefore $d_t(W_n^2, n) = n+1$ if $\delta(W_n^2) > 1$.
 Therefore $D_t(W_n^2, i) = \emptyset$ if $i < Y_t(W_n^2)$ and $D_t(W_n^2, n+k) = \emptyset, k = 2, 3, \dots$
 Thus $d_t(W_n^2, i) = 0$ for $i < Y_t(W_n^2)$ and $d_t(W_n^2, n+i) = 0, \text{ for } i = 2, 3, \dots$ ■

Proof of (ii)

A single vertex of W_n^2 cannot totally dominate all the vertices of $W_n^2, n \geq 3$. So the set of all vertices of W_n^2 is totally dominated by atleast two of the vertices of W_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 W_n^2 is adjacent to an element of total dominating set.
 That is $D_t(W_n^2, x) = \sum_{i=Y_t(W_n^2)}^{n+1} |D_t(W_n^2, i)| x^i$
 Therefore $D_t(W_n^2, x)$ is a strictly increasing function on $[0, \infty)$. ■

Theorem 1.7

If $D_t(W_n^2, i)$ and $D_t(C_n^2, i)$ are the collection of total dominating sets of W_n^2 and C_n^2 respectively with cardinality i , where $i > \lfloor \frac{n}{5} \rfloor + 1$ then $d_t(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } d_t(W_n^2, i) &= d_t^0(W_n^2, i) + d_t^1(W_n^2, i) \\ &= d_t^0(W_n^2, i) + d_t(C_n^2, i) \end{aligned}$$

The number of total dominating sets of W_n^2 containing the vertex v_0 with cardinality i is the number of ways to choose $i-1$ vertices from the vertices $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Therefore $d_t^0(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1}$. Therefore $d_t(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)$.

Lemma 1.8

Let $W_n^2, n \geq 3$ be the square of path with $|V(W_n^2)| = n+1$. Suppose that $D_t(W_n^2, i) \neq \emptyset$, then we have

- (i) $D_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ and $D_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $i = n+1$.
- (ii) $D_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset, D_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$ and $D_t(W_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ if only if $i = n$.

Proof of (i)

Suppose, $D_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \emptyset$ and $D_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow d_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) = 0$ and $d_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq 0$
 $\Rightarrow i-1 < Y_t(W_n^2)$ or $i-1 > n-1$ and $Y_t(W_n^2) \leq i-1 \leq n$
 If $i-1 < Y_t(W_n^2) \Rightarrow i-1 < i < Y_t(W_n^2) \Rightarrow i < Y_t(W_n^2)$
 $\Rightarrow d_t(W_n^2, i) = 0$ which is a contradiction, since $d_t(W_n^2, i) \neq 0$, so $i-1 < Y_t(W_n^2)$ is not possible. Therefore $i-1 > n-1$.
 $\Rightarrow i > n \Rightarrow i \geq n+1$ _____ (1)
 Also, we have $i-1 \leq n$
 $\Rightarrow i \leq n+1$ _____ (2)
 From (1) and (2) we get $i = n+1$.

Conversely, if $i = n+1$, then

$$D_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D_t(W_{n-2}^2, n) = \varnothing \text{ and}$$

$$D_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D_t(W_{n-1}^2, n) \neq \varnothing.$$

Proof of (ii)

Suppose,

$$D_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \varnothing, D_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \varnothing$$

$$\text{Then } d_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq 0, d_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_t(W_n^2) \leq i-1 \leq n \text{ and } Y_t(W_n^2) \leq i-1 \leq n-1$$

$$\Rightarrow i-1 \leq n-1$$

$$\Rightarrow i \leq n \quad \text{-----} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Also we have } D_t(W_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \varnothing$$

$$\text{Then } d_t(W_{n-3}^2, i-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow i-1 < Y_t(W_n^2) \text{ or } i-1 > n-2$$

$$\text{If } i-1 < Y_t(W_n^2) \Rightarrow i-1 < i < Y_t(W_n^2) \Rightarrow i < Y_t(W_n^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_t(W_n^2, i-1) = 0 \text{ which is a contradiction, since } d_t(W_n^2, i) \neq 0.$$

Therefore $i-1 < Y_t(W_n^2)$ is not possible, so $i-1 > n-2$

$$\Rightarrow i > n-1$$

$$\Rightarrow i \geq n \quad \text{-----} \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we get $i = n$.

Conversely, if $i = n$, then

$$D_t(W_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D_t(W_{n-1}^2, n-1) \neq \varnothing$$

$$D_t(W_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D_t(W_{n-2}^2, n-1) \neq \varnothing \text{ and}$$

$$D_t(W_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D_t(W_{n-3}^2, n-1) = \varnothing$$

Theorem 1.9

Let $W_n^2, n \geq 3$ be the square of wheel with $|V(W_n^2)| = n+1$. Then the following properties hold for the coefficients of $D_t(W_n^2, x)$:

(i) For $n \geq 2, d_t(W_n^2, n+1) = 1$

(ii) For $n \geq 2, d_t(W_n^2, n) = n+1$

(iii) For $n \geq 3, d_t(W_n^2, n-1) = (n+1)c_2$

(iv) For $n \geq 5, d_t(W_n^2, n-2) = (n+1)c_3$

(v) For $n \geq 5, d_t(W_n^2, n-3) = (n+1)c_4$

(vi) For $n \geq 7, d_t(W_n^2, n-4) = (n+1)c_5 - n$

Proof of (i)

Since for any graph G with $n+1$ vertices, $d_t(G, n+1) = 1$, then

$$d_t(W_n^2, n+1) = 1.$$

Proof of (ii)

To prove $d_t(W_n^2, n) = n+1$, for $n \geq 2$.

We have, $d_t(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)$

$$d_t(W_n^2, n) = nc_{n-1} + d_t(C_n^2, n)$$

$$= n+1$$

Therefore $d_t(W_n^2, n) = n+1$.

Proof of (iii)

To prove $d_t(W_n^2, n-1) = (n+1)c_2$, for $n \geq 3$

We have, $d_t(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)$

$$d_t(W_n^2, n-1) = nc_{n-2} + d_t(C_n^2, n-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) + n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1+2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$$

$$= (n+1)c_2$$

$$= (n+1)c_2 - 2, \text{ for } n \geq 5$$

Proof of (iv)

To prove $d_t(W_n^2, n-2) = (n+1)c_3$ for every $n \geq 5$

We have, $d_t(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)$

$$d_t(W_n^2, n-2) = nc_{n-3} + d_t(C_n^2, n-2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{6}[n(n-1)(n-2)] - 2(n-2) + \frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6}n(n-1)[n-2+3] \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} n(n-1)(n+1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} (n+1)n(n-1) \\
 &= (n + 1)c_3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$d_t(W_n^2, n-2) = (n + 1)c_3 \text{ for every } n \geq 5$$

Proof of (v)

To prove $d_t(W_n^2, n-3) = (n + 1)c_4$, for $n \geq 5$.

We have, $d_t(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_t(W_n^2, n-3) &= nc_{n-4} + d_t(C_n^2, n-3) \\
 &= \frac{1}{24}[n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)] - 2(n-2) + \frac{1}{6} n(n-1)(n-2) \\
 &= \frac{1}{24}n(n-1)(n-2)[n-3+4] \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} n(n-1)(n-2)(n+1) \\
 &= \frac{1}{24} (n+1)n(n-1)(n-2) \\
 &= (n + 1)c_4
 \end{aligned}$$

$$d_t(W_n^2, n-3) = (n + 1)c_4, \text{ for } n \geq 5$$

Proof of (vi)

To prove $d_t(W_n^2, n-4) = (n + 1)c_5 - n$, for $n \geq 7$.

We have, $d_t(W_n^2, i) = nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_t(W_n^2, n-4) &= nc_{n-5} + d_t(C_n^2, n-4) \\
 &= \frac{1}{120}[n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)] - 2(n-2) + \frac{1}{24} n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) - n \\
 &= \frac{1}{120} n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)[n-4+5] - n \\
 &= \frac{1}{120} n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n+1) - n \\
 &= \frac{1}{120} (n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) - n \\
 &= (n + 1)c_5 - n
 \end{aligned}$$

$$d_t(W_n^2, n-4) = (n + 1)c_5 - n, \text{ for } n \geq 7.$$

Using theorem 1.7 and theorem 1.9, we obtain $d_t(W_n^2, i)$ for $1 \leq i \leq 11$ as shown in Table 1.1

Table 1.1 $d_t(W_n^2, i)$, the number of total dominating sets of W_n^2 with cardinality i

i	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
n										
3	6	4	1							
4	10	10	5	1						
5	15	20	15	6	1					
6	18	35	35	21	7	1				
7	14	49	70	56	28	8	1			
8	8	52	118	126	84	36	9	1		
9	9	45	165	243	210	120	45	10	1	
10	10	55	201	403	452	330	165	55	11	1

Theorem 1.10

If $D_t(W_n^2, x)$ is the total dominating polynomial of square of wheel W_n^2 , then $D_t(W_n^2, x) = x[(1+x)^n - 1] + D_t(W_n^2, x)$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{We have, } D_t(W_n^2, x) &= \sum_{i=2}^{n+1} d_t(W_n^2, i)x^i \\
 &= \sum_{i=2}^{Y_t(C_n^2)-1} d_t(W_n^2, i)x^i + \sum_{i=Y_t(C_n^2)}^{n+1} d_t(W_n^2, i)x^i \\
 &= \sum_{i=2}^{Y_t(C_n^2)-1} d_t^0(W_n^2, i)x^i + \sum_{i=Y_t(C_n^2)}^{n+1} \{nc_{i-1} + d_t(C_n^2, i)\}x^i \\
 &= \sum_{i=2}^{Y_t(C_n^2)-1} nc_{i-1} x^i + \sum_{i=Y_t(C_n^2)}^{n+1} nc_{i-1} x^i + \sum_{i=Y_t(C_n^2)}^{n+1} d_t(C_n^2, i)x^i \\
 &= \sum_{i=2}^{Y_t(C_n^2)-1} nc_{i-1} x^i + \sum_{i=Y_t(C_n^2)}^{n+1} d_t(C_n^2, i)x^i \\
 &= x \sum_{i=2}^{n+1} nc_{i-1} x^{i-1} + D_t(C_n^2, x) \\
 D_t(W_n^2, x) &= x[(1+x)^n - 1] + D_t(C_n^2, x)
 \end{aligned}$$