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ON THE K-METRO DOMINATION NUMBER OF CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF P_2XP_n

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ABSTRACT

A dominating set D of a graph $G = G(V, E)$ is called metro dominating set G if for every pair of vertices u, v there exists a vertex w in D such that $d(u, w) \neq d(v, w)$. The k- metro domination number of Cartesian product of P_2XP_n $\left(\gamma_{\beta_k}(P_2XP_n)\right)$, is the order of smallest k- dominating set of P_2XP_n which resolves as a metric set. In this paper we calculate the k- metro domination number of Cartesian product of P_2XP_n.

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INTRODUCTION

Let $G(V, E)$ be a graph. A subset of vertices $D \subseteq V$ is called a dominating set $(\gamma - set)$ if every vertex $V - D$ adjacent to at least one vertex in D. The minimum cardinality of dominating set is called domination number of the graph G and it is denoted by $\gamma(G)$.

The metric dimension of a graph G is denoted by $\beta(G)$, is defined as the cardinality of a minimal subset $S \subseteq V$ having the property that for each pair of vertices u, v in G there exists a vertex in w in S such that $d(u, w) \neq d(v, w)$, the coordinate of each vertex v of $V(G)$ with respect of each landmark u_i belongs to S is defined as usual with i^{th} component of v as $d(u, v_i)$ for each i and is of dimension $\beta(G)$.

Metro domination number introduced by B.Sooryanaraya and Raghunath.P [8]. Fink and Je-cobson [11] in 1985 introduced the concept of multiple domination. A subset D of $V(G)$ is k- dominating in G if every vertex of $V - D$ has at least k neighbours in D. The cardinality of minimum k-dominating set is called k-domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_k(G)$.

A dominating set D of a graph $G(V, E)$ is called metro dominating set of G if for each pair of vertices u, v there exists a vertex $w\ in\ D$ such that $d(u, w) \neq d(v, w)$. *For example:* The set of darkened vertices of the graph $G, of\ figure1$, is 2-metro dominating set and hence $\gamma_{\beta_2}(G) = 3$.

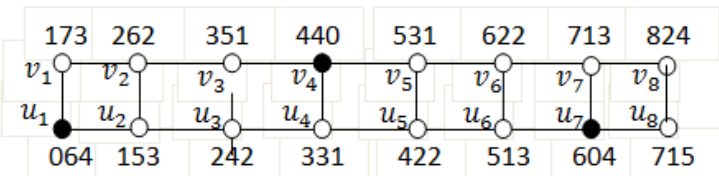

Figure − 1: $\gamma_{\beta_2}(P_2XP_8) = 3$.

Theorem: 1.1(3). For all $m \geq 2\ and\ n \geq 3$ we have that $\beta(P_mXP_n)$ is 2 if n is odd, and 3 if n is even.

Theorem: 1.2(2). Let $K \geq 1$ then $\gamma_k(P_2XP_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2k} + 1 & if\ n \equiv 0(mod 2k) \\ \left\lceil \frac{n}{2k} \right\rceil & Otherwise \end{cases}$

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2. OUR RESULTS

Theorem 2.1: For all $m, n, \gamma_{\beta_2}(P_2XP_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rceil, n \geq 7.$

Theorem 2.2: For all $m, n,\ \gamma_{\beta_3}(P_2XP_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{4} \right\rceil, \mathrm{n} \geq 9.$

Theorem 2.3: For all $m, n,\ \gamma_{\beta_4}(P_2XP_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{5} \right\rceil, n \geq 11.$

Theorem 2.4: For all $m, n,\ \gamma_{\beta_k}(P_2XP_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k+1} \right\rceil, n \geq 2k+3.$

Proof: Consider P_2XP_n as two canonical copies of P_n with vertices labelled $u_1, u_2, \ldots\ldots u_n$ and $v_1, v_2, \ldots\ldots v_n$ with for each i, u_iv_i the only edges between the two paths. By using the theorem 1.1 and theorem 1.2, since a metro dominating set D is also a dominating set then we show that $\gamma_{\beta_k}(P_2XP_n) \geq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k+1} \right\rceil$. (1)

To prove reverse inequality we find a metro dominating set of cardinality $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k+1} \right\rceil$.
$D_1 = \{u_{2(l-k)+1}:\ l \geq 1\},\ n \equiv 0(mod 2(k+1))$
$D_2 = \{v_{2l-k+2}:\ l \geq 1\},\ n \equiv k+2(mod 2(k+1))$

Let us choose the vertices dominates at least $2k+1$, hence minimum number of vertices required to dominate the vertices of P_2XP_n is $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k+1} \right\rceil$. By using the theorem 1.1 we note that the dominating set which satisfies the above condition also serves as metric basis. Thus $\gamma_{\beta_k}(P_2XP_n) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k+1} \right\rceil$. (2)

Therefore from (1) and (2), $\gamma_{\beta_k}(P_2XP_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k+1} \right\rceil$.

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