

INVERSE DOMINATION NUMBER OF ONE VERTEX UNION OF CYCLES,  
COMPLETE BIPARTITE GRAPH AND ONE EDGE UNION OF CYCLES

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ABSTRACT

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. Let  $D$  be a minimum dominating set in a graph  $G$ . If  $V-D$  Contains a dominating set  $D'$  of  $G$ , then  $D'$  is called an inverse dominating set with respect to  $D$ . The minimum cardinality of an inverse dominating set of a graph  $G$  is called the inverse domination number of  $G$ . In this paper we study the inverse domination number of one vertex union of cycles, complete bipartite graph and one edge union of cycles.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G(p, q)$  be a graph with  $p=|V|$  and  $q=|E|$  denote the number of vertices and edges of a graph  $G$  respectively. All the graphs considered here are finite, non-trivial, undirected and connected without loops or multiple edges. For basic terminology, we refer to Chartrand and Lesniak [5].

A set  $D$  of vertices in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  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 of a dominating set of  $G$ . Let  $D$  be a minimum dominating set of  $G$ . If  $V-D$  contains a dominating set  $D'$  of  $G$ , then  $D'$  is called an inverse dominating set with respect to  $D$ . The inverse domination number  $\gamma^{-1}(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of an inverse dominating set of  $G$ . This concept was first introduced by Kulli and Sigarkanthi [3] and it was studied by several graph theorists in [6][7]. As usual  $C_n$  and  $K_n$  are respectively, the cycle and complete graph of order  $n$ ,  $K_{r,s}$  is the complete bipartite graph with two partite sets containing  $r$  and  $s$  vertices. Any undefined term or notation in this paper can be found in [1], [2].

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph. Let  $D$  be a minimum dominating set in a Graph  $G$ . If  $V-D$  Contains a dominating set  $D'$  of  $G$ , then  $D'$  is called an inverse dominating set with respect to  $D$ . the minimum cardinality of an inverse dominating set of a graph  $G$  is called the inverse domination number of  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma^{-1}(G)$  studied in [3],[4].

Example:

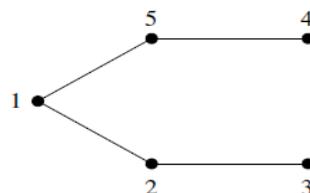


Figure 1: Inverse dominating graph

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$D_1 = \{2,5\}$ ,  $D_2 = \{2,4\}$ ,  $D_3 = \{3,5\}$  are the minimum dominating sets. Their corresponding inverse dominating sets are  $D'_1 = \{1,3,4\}$ ,  $D'_2 = \{3,5\}$ ,  $D'_3 = \{2,4\}$  respectively. Thus  $\gamma(G) = 2$  is the domination number of  $G$ .  $\gamma^{-1}(G) = 2$  is the inverse domination number of  $G$ .

**Remark 1.2:** Every graph without isolated vertices contains an inverse dominating set, since the complement of any minimal dominating set is also a dominating set. Thus we consider a graph without isolated vertices.

**Definition 1.3:** A one vertex union  $C_n^k$  of  $k$  copies of cycles is the graph obtained by taking  $v$  as a common vertex such that any two cycles  $C_n^i$  and  $C_n^j$  ( $i, j$ ) are disjoint and do not have any vertex in common except  $v$  it is studied in [8].

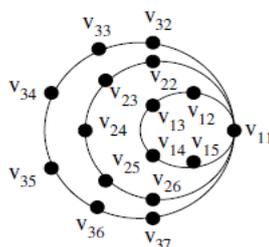


Figure 2: One vertex union of cycles

**Definition 1.4:** A one edge union  $C_n^k$  of  $k$  copies of cycles is the graph obtained by taking  $e$  as a common edge such that any two cycles  $C_n^i$  and  $C_n^j$  ( $i, j$ ) are disjoint and do not have any vertex in common except  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  it is studied in [8].

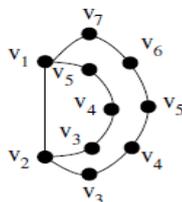


Figure 3: One edge union of cycles

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1:** For every  $n$  the inverse domination number of attaching the cycles with one vertex as a common is  $\gamma^{-1}(G) = n[\gamma^{-1}(C_n) - 1] + n$

Proof: Consider the cycle  $C_n$  on  $n$  vertices. Form a new graph  $G$  by taking  $m$ -copies of  $C_n$ . Pick an arbitrary vertex says  $u^i$  the first copy of  $C_n$  and select the corresponding vertex in each other copies of  $C_n$  labeled as  $u^2, u^3, u^4 \dots u^n$ . Glue all these vertices,  $u^i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  into one single vertex. The resulting graph is called  $G$ . Then  $G$  has the property that any cycles in  $G$  will have same vertex in common is

$$\gamma^{-1}(G) = n[\gamma^{-1}(C_n) - 1] + n$$

**Theorem 2.2:** For every  $m$  and  $n$  the inverse domination number of attaching the complete bipartite graph with one vertex as a common is  $\gamma^{-1}(G) = n[\gamma^{-1}(k_{mn}) - 1] + n$

Proof: Consider the bipartite graph  $k_{mn}$  on  $(m+n)$  vertices. Form a new graph  $G$  by taking  $m$ -copies of  $k_{mn}$ . Pick an arbitrary vertex says  $u^i$  the first copy of  $k_{mn}$  and select the corresponding vertex in each other copies of  $k_{mn}$  labeled as  $u^2, u^3, u^4 \dots u^n$ . Glue all these vertices,  $u^i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  into one single vertex. The resulting graph is called  $G$ . Then  $G$  has the property that any bipartite graph in  $G$  will have same vertex in common is  $\gamma^{-1}(G) = n[\gamma^{-1}(k_{mn}) - 1] + n$

**Theorem 2.3:** For every  $n$  the inverse domination number of the cycles  $C_n$  where  $n = 5, 7, 11, \dots$  with one edge as common is  $\gamma^{-1}(C_n) = (n + 1) \forall n \in N$

**Proof:** Consider the cycle  $C_n$   $n = 5, 7, 11, \dots$  with one edge as common. Pick an arbitrary vertex says  $u^i$  the first copy of  $C_n$  where  $n = 5, 7, 11, \dots$  with one edge as common and select the corresponding vertex in each other copies of  $C_n$  where  $n = 5, 7, 11, \dots$  with one edge as common. The resulting graph is called  $G$ . Then  $G$  has the property that the inverse domination number of the cycles with one edge is common is  $\gamma^{-1}(C_n) = (n + 1) \forall n \in N$

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