

## $r$ -Domination Number for Some Special Graphs

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<p><b>Keywords</b> <math>r</math>-domination number, adjacent, dominating set.</p>	<p>In this study, bi- and triple effect- domination expands into <math>r</math>-domination. Given a finite, nontrivial, simple, undirected graph <math>G</math> with no isolated vertex, a subset <math>D \subseteq V</math> is <math>r</math>-dominant if every <math>u \in D</math> dominates <math>r</math> vertices from <math>V \setminus D</math> with <math>r \geq 1</math>. <math>\gamma_r(G)</math> represents the minimum ultimate dominant set. For specific graphs, dominance is determined.</p>

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $G$  be a graph is a pair  $(V, E)$ , where  $V = V(G)$  is the set of vertices or points and  $E = E(G)$  is the set of edges or lines and let  $n = |V(G)|$  be the order of the graph  $G$  and  $m = |E(G)|$  be the size of the graph  $G$ . The degree of a vertex  $u$  is the number of edges which incident on it denoted by  $deg(u)$ . A vertex of degree zero is an isolated vertex and a vertex of degree one is a pendant, also said end vertex or leaf. The minimum degree of a graph  $G$  denoted by  $\delta(G)$  is the degree of the vertex with the least number of edges incident to it and the maximum degree of a graph  $G$  denoted by  $\Delta(G)$  is the degree of the vertex with the greatest number of edges incident to it, respectively. The open neighborhood of a vertex  $w$  is the set  $N(w) = \{u \in V, uw \in E(G)\}$  and closed neighborhood is the set  $N[u] = N(u) \cup \{u\}$ . Graph theory has several topics for more information about it see [1-3]. The study of domination problem is grown fast in graph theory. In our life, we can be representing any as a graph by represent its subjects as vertices and the communication between them represented as edges. For more information about of domination such as in [4,5]. A set  $D \subseteq V$  is called a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in  $v \in V \setminus D$  has a neighbor  $u \in D$ , that is  $N(v) \cap D \neq \emptyset \forall v \in V \setminus D$ . The domination number of a graph  $G$  is the cardinality of a minimum dominating set in  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma(G)$  and this a notation was introduced by *Cockayne* and *Hedetniemi* in 1977 [6]. A subset  $D \subset V(G)$  is a bi-dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex  $v \in D$  dominates exactly two vertices in  $V \setminus D$ , such that  $|N(v) \cap V \setminus D| = 2$ , the cardinality of the minimum bi-dominating set in  $G$  is known as bi-domination number of  $G$  and denoted by  $\gamma_{bi}(G)$ . A subset  $D \subset V(G)$  is a triple effect dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex  $v \in D$  dominates exactly three vertices in  $V \setminus D$ , such that  $|N(v) \cap V \setminus D| = 3$ , the cardinality of the minimum triple effect dominating set in  $G$  is known as triple effect domination number of  $G$  and denoted by  $\gamma_{te}(G)$ . There are different types of domination, one can see [7-9]. We introduce new type of domination in graphs in this paper called the  $r$ -domination. Each vertex in an  $r$ -dominating set dominates exactly  $r$  vertices of the remaining vertices. Some bounds on  $r$ -domination number associated with complete graph, complete bipartite graph, wheel graph, tadpole graph, lollipop graph, barbell graph, complement of path graph, cycle graph, complete bipartite graph are introduced.



**Remark 1.1**

- a) [9] The path graph  $P_n$  and cycle graph  $C_n, n \geq 3$  has  $\gamma_{bi}(P_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, n \neq 4$  and  $\gamma_{bi}(C_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$ .
- b) [7,10] For a wheel graph  $W_n(n \geq 3$  and  $n \neq 5), \gamma_{bi}(W_n) = 2 \lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil$  and  $\gamma_{te}(W_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$ .

**Definition 1.2** Let  $G$  be a finite, nontrivial, simple and undirected graph without isolated vertex. A dominating subset  $D \subseteq V$  is an  $r$ -dominating set in  $G$  if every  $u \in D$  dominates  $r$  vertices from  $V \setminus D$  such that  $|N(u) \cap V \setminus D| = r$  where  $r$  is positive integers such that  $r \geq 1$ . For example, see Figure 1.

**Definition 1.3** The cardinality of the minimum  $r$ -dominating set in  $G$  is known as  $r$ -domination number of  $G$  and denoted by  $\gamma_r(G)$ .

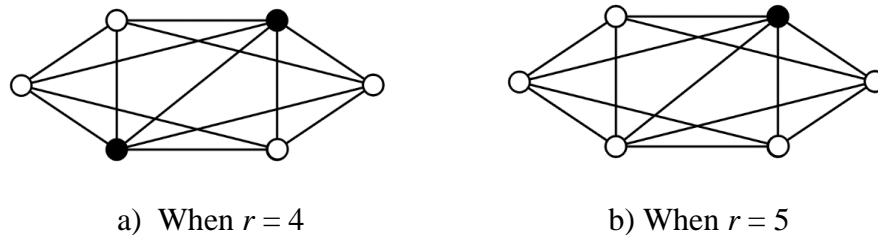


Figure 1: A minimum  $r$ -dominating set.

**Observation 1.4** For any finite simple  $G = (n, m)$  with  $r$ -dominating set  $D$  and  $r$ -domination number  $\gamma_r(G)$ , we have:

- a) The order of  $G$  is  $n \geq r + 1$ .
- b)  $\delta(G) \geq 1$  and  $\Delta(G) \geq r$ .
- c) Every  $v \in D, deg(v) \geq r$ .
- d) Every support vertex  $v, v \in D$ .
- e)  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_r(G)$ .

**2. r-Domination in Graphs**

**Proposition 2.1** The path  $P_n$  and cycle graph  $C_n$  doesn't have an  $r$ -dominating set if  $r \geq 3$ .

Proof. According to Observation 1.4.



**Proposition 2.2** For a complete graph  $K_n (n \geq r + 1)$  we have  $\gamma_r (K_n) = n - r$ .

Proof. A complete graph  $K_n$  of order  $n, (n \geq 2)$ , let the vertices of complete graph be  $V(K_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Let  $D_r = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3$ , since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$  adjacent with  $v_n$  by one edge, the  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  is minimum single dominating set. Since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}$  adjacent with the set  $\{v_n, v_{n-1}\}$  by two edges, then  $D_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}\}$  is minimum bi-dominating set. Since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-3}$  adjacent with the set  $\{v_n, v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}\}$  by three edges, the  $D_3 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-3}\}$  is minimum triple effect dominating set. Hence,  $D_r = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-r}\}$  is  $r$ -dominating set, so every vertex in  $r$ -dominating set  $D_r$  dominates  $r$  vertices, then  $D_r$  contains all vertices of  $K_n$  unless  $r$  vertices. For example, see Figure 2.

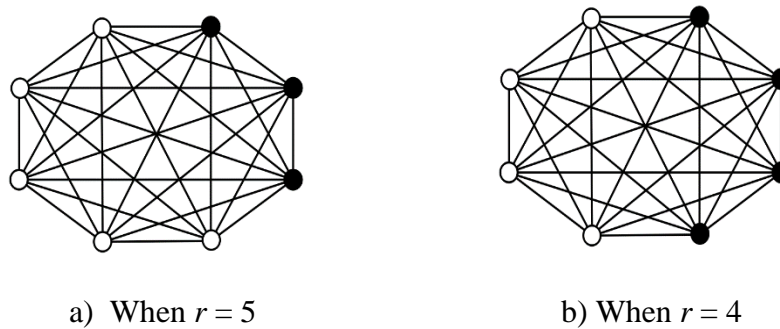


Figure 2: A minimum  $r$ -dominating set in  $K_8$ .

**Theorem 2.3** For a complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,m}$ , we have

$$\gamma_r (K_{n,m}) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } m = r, n \geq 1 \\ n + m - 2r & \text{if } n, m > r \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let  $\{V_1, V_2\}$  be a partition of the complete bipartite graph  $K_{n,m}$  such that  $V_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $V_2 = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$ .

A. If  $m = r$  and  $n \geq 1$  as follows:

Case 1.  $n = 1$  then  $\gamma_r (K_{1,r}) = 1$ . Hence,  $D = \{v_1\}$  is minimum  $r$ -domination set.

Case 2.  $n > 1$ , let  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  dominating on  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_r\}$  such that  $D_r = \{v_i\}_1^n = n$  dominating set. Hence  $\gamma_r (K_{n,r}) = n$ .

B. If  $n, m > r$ , let  $D_r = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3$ , since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}$  adjacent with  $u_m$  by one edge and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1}$  adjacent with  $v_n$  by one edge then  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1}\}$  is minimum single dominating set. since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}$  adjacent with the set  $\{u_m, u_{m-1}\}$  by

two edge and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-2}$  adjacent with the set  $\{v_n, v_{n-1}\}$  by two edge then  $D_2 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-2}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-2}\}$  is minimum bi-dominating set. since  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-3}$  adjacent with the set  $\{u_m, u_{m-1}, u_{m-2}\}$  by three edge and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-3}$  adjacent with the set  $\{v_n, v_{n-1}, v_{n-2}\}$  by three edge then  $D_3 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-3}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-3}\}$  is minimum triple effect dominating set. Hence,  $D_r = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-r}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-r}\}$  is dominating set. Where all the  $n - r$  vertices will dominate the  $r$  vertices of  $V_2$ . Also, all  $m - r$  vertices of  $V_2$  which are in  $D_r$  will dominate the  $r$  vertices of  $V_1$ , that belong to  $V \setminus D$ . Hence,  $\gamma_r(K_{n,m}) = n + m - 2r$ . For example, see Figure 3.

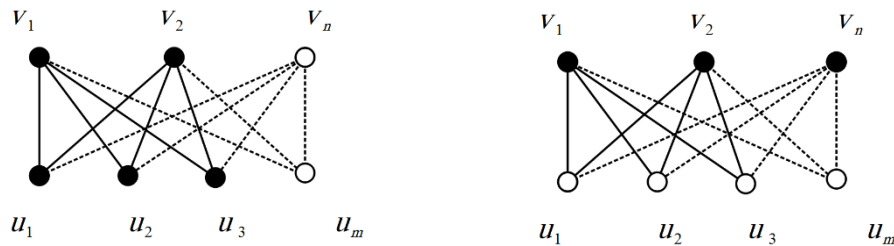


Figure 3: A minimum  $r$ -dominating set in  $K_{n,m}$ .

**Proposition 2.4** Let  $G$  be a wheel graph  $W_n$  with  $n + 1$  vertices ( $n \geq 3$ ) then:

$$\gamma_r(W_n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } r = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } r = n, r \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

Proof. By the definition of wheel graph there is a cycle  $C_n$  and complete graph  $K_1$ , let the vertices of this graph labeled by  $V(W_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n+1}\}$  such that  $\deg(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = 3$  and  $v_{n+1}$  is the vertex of degree  $n$ .

If  $r = 1$ , since every vertex in  $D$  dominates exactly one vertex from  $V \setminus D$ . Then,  $D$  must be containing all vertices of  $W_n$  unless the vertex of  $K_1$ . Hence,  $D_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is minimum  $r$ -dominating set.



If  $n = r$ , let  $v_{n+1}$  adjacent with  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  by one edge. Hence,  $D_r = \{v_{n+1}\}$  is minimum  $r$ -dominating set. If  $n > r (n, r \geq 4)$  by definition of wheel, since  $\deg(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = 3$  then  $W_n$  has no  $r$ -dominating set. For example, see Figure 4.

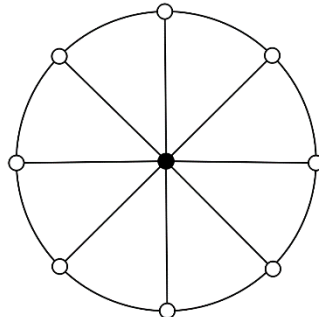


Figure 4: A minimum  $r$ -dominating set in  $W_8$ .

**Proposition 2.5** The lollipop graph  $L_{m,n}$  has  $r$ -dominating set if and only if  $m = r$  and  $n = 1, r \geq 3$  where,  $\gamma_r(L_{m,n}) = 1$ .

Proof. By the definition of lollipop graph there is a complete graph  $K_m$  and path  $P_n$ , then  $L_{m,1}$  has  $K_m$  and  $P_1$ , let  $V(L_{m,1}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{m+1}\}$  such that  $v_2$  adjacent the vertex of a path. Hence,  $D_r = \{v_2\}$  is minimum  $r$ -dominating set. If  $m > r$  and  $n > 1$ , then  $L_{m,1}$  has no  $r$ -dominating set.

**Proposition 2.6** For the barbell graph  $B_{n,n}$ , we have  $\gamma_r(B_{n,n}) = 2n - 2r, n \geq r + 1$ .

Proof. By the definition of barbell graph is a graph formed by connecting two copies of a complete graph  $K_n$  by a bridge, let  $V(B_{n,n}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ , since  $\gamma_r(K_n) = n - r$  according to proposition (2.2). Then,  $D_r = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-r}, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-r}\}$  is dominating set. Hence, it's clear then  $\gamma_r(B_{n,n}) = (n - r) + (n - r) = 2n - 2r$ .

**Theorem 2.7** Let  $P_n$  is a path graph then  $\bar{P}_n$  has  $r$ -domination number if and only if  $r + 3 \leq n \leq 2r + 3$  such that :

$$\gamma_r(\bar{P}_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = r + 3, r + 4 \\ n - (r + 2) & \text{if } n = r + 5, r + 6, \dots, 2r + 3 \end{cases}$$

Where  $\bar{P}_n$  has no  $r$ -domination set for  $n < r + 3$  or  $n > 2r + 3$ .

Proof. Since  $\deg(v_i) \leq r - 1 \forall v_i \in \bar{P}_i, i = 2, 3, \dots, r + 1$ , then  $\bar{P}_n$  has no  $r$ -domination, where  $n = r + 2$  if  $D = \{v_1\}$ , there is one vertex is not dominated by  $D$ . If  $D = \{v_{r+2}\}$ , there is one vertex



is not dominated by  $D$ . If  $D = \{v_1, v_{r+2}\}$ . There every one of them dominates two vertices, all above cases are contraction our definition, so  $\bar{P}_{r+2}$  has no  $r$ -domination. If  $n = r + 3$ , either  $D = \{v_1, v_{r+3}\}$  or  $D = \{v_i, v_{i+1}\}; i = 2, 3, \dots, r + 1$ . If  $n = r + 4$ , then  $D = \{v_i, v_j\}$  such that  $d(v_i, v_j) = 2$  and  $i, j \neq 1, r + 4$ . If  $n = r + 5, r + 6, \dots, 2r + 3$ , let  $D = \{v_{2i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - (r + 2)\}$  every vertex in  $D$  dominates  $r$  vertices, in all above cases,  $D$  is a minimum  $r$ -dominating set. Thus,  $D$  is a  $\gamma_r$  - set of  $\bar{P}_n$ .

If  $n > 2r + 3$ , then every dominating set  $D$  has at least one vertex dominates less than  $r$  vertices or dominates more than  $r$  vertices.

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $C_n$  be a cycle graph of order  $n \geq 3$ , then  $\bar{C}_n$  has  $r$ -domination number if and only if  $r + 3 \leq n \leq 2r + 4$  and  $n = 3(r + 1)$ , such that :

$$\gamma_r(\bar{C}_n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = r + 3 \\ n - (r + 2) & \text{if } n = r + 4, r + 5, \dots, 2r + 4 \\ 2r + 2 & \text{if } n = 3(r + 1) \end{cases}$$

Proof. Since  $\deg(v_i) \leq r - 1 \forall v_i \in \bar{C}_n, i = 3, 4, \dots, r + 1$ , then  $\bar{C}_n$  has no  $r$ -domination. If  $n = r + 3$ , then  $D$  have any two consecutive vertices for  $\bar{C}_{r+3}$ . If  $n = r + 4$  then  $D = \{v_i, v_j\}$  such that  $d(v_i, v_j) = 3$ . If  $n = r + 5, r + 6, \dots, 2r + 4$ , let  $D = \{v_{2i-1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n - (r + 2)\}$  then all vertices of  $D$  is adjacent together and dominate exactly  $r$  vertices. If  $n = 3(r + 1)$ , let  $D = \{v_i, v_{i+1}, i = 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots, n - 2\}$ , then all vertices of  $D$  is adjacent together and dominate exactly  $r$  vertices. In all above cases. Hence  $D$  is a minimum  $r$ -dominating set. Thus,  $D$  is a  $\gamma_r$  - set of  $\bar{C}_n$ .

If  $2r + 5 \leq n \leq 3r + 2$  and  $n > 3r + 4$ , then every dominating set  $D$  has at least one vertex dominates less than  $r$  vertices or dominates more than  $r$  vertices.

**Theorem 2.9** Let  $K_{n,m}$  be a bipartite graph, then  $\bar{K}_{n,m}$  has  $r$ -domination number if and only if  $n > r$  and  $m > r$  such that  $\gamma_r(\bar{K}_{n,m}) = n + m - 2r$

Proof. The vertices for this graph are labeled by:  $V(\bar{K}_{n,m}) = \{v_i^j, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ . If  $n > r$  and  $m > r$  then  $\bar{K}_{n,m}$  contains two graphs  $K_n$  and  $K_m$ , let  $D = \{v_i^j, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n - r, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m - r\}$  then from proposition (2.2.) for a complete graph  $K_n$  and  $K_m$  ( $n \geq r + 1$ ), since  $\gamma_r(K_n) = n - r$  and  $\gamma_r(K_m) = m - r$  such that  $\bar{K}_{n,m}$  and every



graph of them has  $r$ -dominating. Hence, it's clear that  $\gamma_r(\overline{K}_{n,m}) = (n - r) + (m - r) = n + m - 2r$ .

### 3. Conclusions

In conclusion, this research has made significant contributions to the field of graph theory by expanding the concepts of bi-domination and triple effect domination to investigate novel type of domination is  $r$  –domination number. Our investigations have yielded valuable information about how  $r$ -domination behaves in different graph structures, including path, cycle, complete, complete bipartite, wheel, lollipop, and barbell graphs. Furthermore, we have extended our analysis to complement graphs, enriching our understanding of  $r$  –domination in various graph families.

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## هيمنة $r$ لبعض انواع البيانات الخاصة

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### المستخلص

في هذا البحث ، قدمنا نوع جديد من الهيمنة في البيانات اسمها هيمنة  $r$  ، قمنا بتوسيع الهيمنة الثنائية وهيمنة التأثير الثلاثي في البيانات. لتكن  $G$  رسم بياني منتهي وبسيط .  $D$  مجموعة جزئية من مجموعة الرؤوس  $V$  فتكون مجموعة مهيمنة  $r$  في  $G$  اذا كان كل  $u \in D$  يهيمن على  $r$  من الرؤوس في  $V \setminus D$  . يرمز للحد الأدنى من المجموعة المهيمنة  $r$  بالرمز  $\gamma_r(G)$  . تمت دراسة هيمنة  $r$  لبعض انواع البيانات الخاصة .

