

# Geodetic Dominating Set and Geodetic Domination Polynomials of Extended Grid Graphs

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**Abstract :** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a dominating set of  $G$ , if every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to atleast one vertex  $S$ . Let  $D_g(G_n, i)$  be the family of geodetic dominating sets of the graph  $G_n$  with cardinality 'i'. Let  $dg(G_n, i) = |D_g(G_n, i)|$ . In this paper, we obtain a recursive for  $dg(G_n, i)$ . Using the recursive formula, we construct the polynomial,  $\gamma_g(G_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$ ,  $\gamma_g(G_n - \{2n\}) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  which we call geodetic dominating polynomial of  $G_n$  and obtain some properties of this polynomial.

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## I . Introduction

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph of order  $n$ . For any vertex  $v \in V$ , the open neighbourhood of  $v$  is the set  $N(v) = \{u \in V / uv \in E\}$  and the closed neighbourhood of  $v$  is the set  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For a set  $S \subseteq V$ , the open neighbourhood of  $S$  is  $N(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} N(v)$  and the closed neighbourhood of  $S$  is  $N[S] = N(S) \cup S$ . The

maximum degree of the graph  $G$  is denoted by  $\Delta(G)$  and the minimum degree is denoted by  $\delta(G)$ . A set  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is said to be a dominating set if every vertex  $v \in V$  is adjacent to an element of  $S$ . The minimum cardinality taken over all geodetic dominating sets  $S$  of  $G$  is called the geodetic domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_g(G)$ . A geodetic dominating set with cardinality  $\gamma_g(G)$  is called  $\gamma_g$ -set. We denote the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n-1, 2n\}$  by  $[2n]$ .

**Definition 1 .** Consider two paths  $[u_1 u_2 \dots u_n]$  and  $[v_1 v_2 \dots v_n]$ . Join each pair of vertices  $(u_i v_i, u_{i+1} v_i, v_i, u_{i+1})$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . The resulting graph is an extended grid graph. The graph given in figure is an Extended grid graph  $G_n$  with  $2n$  vertices.

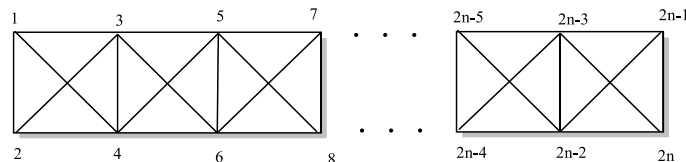


Figure 1. Extended Grid graph  $G_n$

Then,  $V(G_n) = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n-3, 2n-2, 2n\}$  and

$$E(G_n) = \{(1, 3), (3, 5), (5, 7), \dots, (2n-5, 2n-3), (2n-3, 2n-1), \\ \{2, 4), (4, 6), (6, 8), \dots, (2n-4, 2n-2), (2n-2, 2n), \\ (1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6), \dots, (2n-3, 2n-2), (2n-1, 2n), \\ (1, 4), (3, 6), (5, 8), \dots (2n-5, 2n-2), (2n-3, 2n), \\ (2, 3), (4, 5), (6, 7), \dots (2n-4, 2n-3), (2n-2, 2n-1)\}.$$

For the construction of the geodetic dominating sets of the Extended grid Graphs  $G_n$ , we need the geodetic dominating sets of  $G_n - \{2n\}$ . In this section, we investigate the geodetic dominating sets of  $G_n$ . Let  $D_g(G_n, i)$  be the family of geodetic dominating of  $G_n$  with cardinality  $i$ . We shall find the recursive formula for  $d_g(G_n, i)$ .

**Lemma 2.**

(i)  $\gamma_g(G_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$ ,

ii)  $\gamma_g(G_n - \{2n\}) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$

**Lemma 3.** For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq 2$  i)  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  if and only if  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$

ii)  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i) = \Phi$  if and only if  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n - 1$

**Proof .** i) It follows from lemma 2(i) and the definition of geodetic dominating set.

ii) It follows from Lemma 2 (ii) and the definition of geodetic dominating sets.

**Lemma 4.** i) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,

$D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  then  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

ii) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ;

$D_g(G_{n-2} - \{2n-2\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  then  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

iii) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,

$D_g(G_{n-2} - \{2n-2\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  then  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

iv) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,

$D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$  then  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

v) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,

$D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$  then  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

vi) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,

$D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$  then  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

**Proof. (i)** Since,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$  by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $i - 1 < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i - 1 > 2n - 1$ ,  $i - 1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i - 1 > 2n - 2$ ,  $i - 1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or

$i - 1 > 2n - 3$ . Therefore,  $i - 1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i - 1 > 2n - 1$ , Therefore,  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+2}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$  . . . . . (1).

Also, since  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ , by lemma 3 (i), we have,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq 2n - 3$  . . . (2). From (1) and (2),

$\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n+2}{2} \right\rceil$ . Suppose that  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$ , then  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$  which is a

contradiction to the fact that  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n+2}{2} \right\rceil$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$

(ii) Since  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) = \Phi$ , by lemma 3 (ii) we have  $i - 1 < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i - 1 > 2n - 1$ ,

$i < \left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$ . . . . . (3)

Also, since  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-2} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4$ .

Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4$  ..... (4)

From (3) and (4),  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+2}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil$ , Suppose  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  then by lemma 2.2 (i) we have  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $\left\lceil \frac{n+2}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$

iii) Since,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4$ . Hence,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq 2n-3$ . Suppose  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  then by lemma 2 (i), we have  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $\left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq 2n-3$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

iv)  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ; by lemma 2 (ii) we have  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq 2n$  ..... (5)

Also, since  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) = \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = \Phi$ , by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) We have,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-2$ ,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-3$ , and  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-4$ . Therefore,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-2$ ,  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n-1$  .... (6)

From (5) and (6),  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil$ . Suppose  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  then by lemma 2 (i), we have  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i < \left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

v) Since  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq 2n-1$  ..... (7)

Also, since,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = \Phi$  by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-3$  and  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-4$ . Therefore,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-3$ ,  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n-2$  ..... (8)

From (7) and (8),  $2n-3 \leq i < 2n-1$

Suppose  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  then by lemma 2 (i) we have  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $2n-3 \leq i < 2n-1$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ .

vi) Since,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ , then by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+3}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq 2n-2$  .....(9)

Also, since,  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = \Phi$  then by lemma 2 (i) we have,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-4$   
 $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n-3$  .....(10)

From (9) and (10),  $2n-3 \leq i < 2n-2$ , Suppose  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$ , then by lemma 2 (i) we have,  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > 2n$  which is a contradiction to the fact that  $2n-3 < i \leq 2n-1$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$

**Lemma 5.** Suppose that  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ , then for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

- i)  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$ , and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = \Phi$  if and only if  $i = 2n$ .
- ii)  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$ , and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = \Phi$  if and only if  $i = 2n-1$ .
- iii)  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ , and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = \Phi$  if and only if  $i = 2n-2$ .
- iv)  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-2} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ , and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  if and only if  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i \leq 2n-3$ .

**Proof .** (i) Since,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$  by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-2$ ,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-3$ , and  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-2$ . Suppose,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$ , then  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  which implies  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  a contradiction. Therefore,  $i-1 > 2n-2$ . Therefore,  $i-1 \geq 2n-1$  ..... (1)

Also, since,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ , by lemma 2(ii) we have,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1$  ..... (2)

From (1) and (2),  $i-1 = 2n-1$ . Therefore,  $i = 2n$ . Conversely, If  $i = 2n$ , the  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) = D_g(G_{n-1}, 2n-1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, 2n-1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = D_g(G_{n-2}, 2n-1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) = D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, 2n-1) \neq \Phi$ .

(ii) Assume,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ , by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2$  ....(3)

Also, since  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i-1) = \Phi$ , by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-3$  and  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-4$ . Therefore,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i-1 > 2n-3$ . Suppose,  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$ , then  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  which implies,  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  a contradiction. Therefore,  $i-1 > 2n-3$ . Therefore,  $i-1 \geq 2n-2$  .....(4)

From (3) and (4) we have  $i - 1 = 2n - 2$ , Therefore,  $i = 2n - 1$ , Conversely, if  $i = 2n - 1$ , then  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) = D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, 2n - 2) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = D_g(G_{n-1}, 2n - 2) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) = D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, 2n - 2) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = D_g(G_{n-2}, 2n - 2) = \Phi$ .

(iii) Since,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ , by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 1$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 2$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 3$ .

Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 3$  .....(5)

Also, since,  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$ , by lemma 2 (i) we have  $i - 1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i - 1 > 2n - 4$ . Suppose  $i - 1 < \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil$  then  $i < \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  which implies,  $D_g(G_n, i) = \Phi$  a contradiction. Therefore,  $i - 1 > 2n - 4$ .

Therefore,  $i - 1 \geq 2n - 3$  .....(6)

From (5) and (6) we have,  $i - 1 = 2n - 3$ . Therefore,  $i = 2n - 2$ . Conversely, if  $i = 2n - 2$ , then  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) = D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, 2n - 3) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = D_g(G_{n-1}, 2n - 3) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) = D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, 2n - 3) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = D_g(G_{n-2}, 2n - 3) = \Phi$ .

iv) Assume  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-2}, -\{2n - 1\}) \neq \Phi$ , and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ . Then by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 1$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 2$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 3$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 4$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 4$ . Also, since,  $D_g(G_n, i) \neq \Phi$ , we have  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i - 1 \leq 2n$ . But  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 4$ . Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 4$ . Conversely, Suppose  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i \leq 2n - 4$ . Then by lemma 2 (i) and (ii) we have  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 1$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 2$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 3$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{n-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i - 1 \leq 2n - 4$ . From these we obtain that  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-2} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ .

**Theorem 6.** For every  $n \geq 3$  and  $i > \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$

- i) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$  then  $D_g(G_n, i) = D_g(G_n, 2n) = \{\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}\}$ .
- ii) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$  then  $\{[2n] - \{x\} / x \in [2n]\}$ .
- iii) If  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-2} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$  then  $\{x_1 \cup \{2n\} / x_1 \in D_g(G_n, -\{2n\}, i - 1) \cup x_2 \cup \{2n\} / x_2 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \cup x_3 \cup \{2n\} / x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}) \cup x_4 \cup \{2n\} / x_4 \in D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)\}$ .

**Proof.** i) Since,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$  by lemma 5 (i) we have,  $i = 2n$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) = D_g(G_n, 2n) = \{\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}\}$ .

ii) Since,  $D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ;  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) \neq \Phi$ ,  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) = \Phi$  and  $D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1) = \Phi$  then by lemma 5 (ii) we have,  $i = 2n - 1$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) = \{[2n] - \{x\} / x \in [2n]\}$

iii) Let  $x_1 \in D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i - 1)$ , so atleast one vertex labeled  $2n - 1, 2n - 2, 2n - 3$  or  $2n - 4$  is in  $x_1$ .

If  $2n - 1, 2n - 2, 2n - 3$  or  $2n - 4 \in x_1$ , then  $x_1 \cup \{2n\} \in D_g(G_n, i)$ . Let  $x_2 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)$ , then  $2n - 2, 2n - 3$  or  $2n - 4$  is in  $x_2$ . If  $2n - 2, 2n - 3, 2n - 4 \in x_2$  then  $x_2 \cup \{2n - 1\} \in D_g(G_n, i)$ . Now let  $x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)$ , then  $2n - 3$  or  $2n - 4$  is in  $x_3$ . If  $2n - 3$  or  $2n - 4 \in x_3$  then  $x_3 \cup \{2n - 2\} \in D_g(G_n, i)$ . Now let  $x_4 \in D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)$ , then  $2n - 4$  is in  $x_4$ . If  $2n - 4 \in x_4$  then  $x_4 \cup \{2n - 3\} \in D_g(G_n, i)$ .

Thus we have  $\{x_1 \cup \{2n\} / x_1 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\} - 1) \cup \{x_2 \cup \{2n\} / x_2 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_3 \cup \{2n - 2\} / x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1) \cup \{x_4 \cup \{2n\} / x_4 \in D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)\} \subseteq D_g(G_n, i) \dots (1)$

If  $2n \in Y$ , then  $Y = x_1 \cup \{2n\}$  for some  $x_1 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)$ . If  $2n \notin Y$  and  $2n - 1 \in Y$ , then  $Y = x_2 \cup \{2n\}$  for some  $x_2 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)$ . If  $2n \notin Y$ ,  $2n - 1 \notin Y$  and  $2n - 2 \in Y$ , then  $Y = x_3 \cup \{2n\}$  for some  $x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)$ . If  $2n \notin Y$ ,  $2n - 1 \notin Y$ ,  $2n - 2 \notin Y$  and  $2n - 3 \in Y$ , then  $y = x_4 \cup \{2n\}$  for some  $x_4 \in D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)$ .

So  $D_g(G_n, i) \subseteq \{x_1 \cup \{2n\} / x_1 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_2 \cup \{2n\} / x_2 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_3 \cup \{2n\} / x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_4 \cup \{2n\} / x_4 \in D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)\} \dots (2)$

From (1) and (2) we have,  $D_g(G_n, i) \subseteq \{x_1 \cup \{2n\} / x_1 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_2 \cup \{2n\} / x_2 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_3 \cup \{2n\} / x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_4 \cup \{2n\} / x_4 \in D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)\}$ .

**Theorem 7.** If  $D_g(G_n, i)$  be the family of geodetic dominating sets of  $G_n$  with cardinality  $i$ , where  $i \geq n - 2$ , then  $d_g(G_n, i) = d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)$ .

**Proof.** We consider all the three cases given in theorem 6. By theorem 6 (i), we have,  $D_g(G_n, i) = \{x_1 \cup \{2n\} / x_1 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)\}$ . Since,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = \emptyset$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}) = \emptyset$ , we have,  $D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) = 0$  and  $D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}) = 0$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, i) = d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)$ . By theorem 6(ii) we have,  $D_g(G_n, i) = \{x_1 \cup \{2n - 2\} / x_1 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_3 \cup \{2n - 3\} / x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)\}$ . Since,  $d_g(G_n, i) = d_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)$ . By theorem 6(iii) we have,  $D_g(G_n, i) = \{x_1 \cup \{2n\} / x_1 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_2 \cup \{2n\} / x_2 \in D_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_3 \cup \{2n\} / x_3 \in D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)\} \cup \{x_4 \cup \{2n\} / x_4 \in D_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)\}$ . Therefore,  $d_g(G_n, i) = d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)$ .

**Definition 8.** Let  $D_g(G_n, i)$  be the family of geodetic dominating sets of  $G_n$  with cardinality  $i$  and let  $d_g(G_n, i) = |D_g(G_n, i)|$ . Then the geodetic domination polynomial  $D_g(G_n, x)$  of  $G_n$  is defined as,  $D_g(G_n, x) = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor}^{2n} D_g(G_n, i)x^i$

**Theorem 9.** For every  $n \geq 3$ ,  $D_g(G_n, x) = x [D_g(G_n - \{2n\}, x) + D_g(G_{n-1}, x) + D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, x)]$  with initial values,  $D_g(G_2 - \{4\}, x) = x^3 + x^2$ ,  $D_g(G_2, x) = x^2 + 2x^3 + x^4$ ,  $D_g(G_3 - \{6\}, x) = x^2 + 3x^3 + 3x^4 + x^5$ ,  $D_g(G_3, x) = x^2 + 3x^3 + 6x^4 + 4x^5 + x^6$ .

**Proof.** By theorem 6, we have,  $d_g(G_n, i) = d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1) + d_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)$ . Therefore,  $\sum d_g(G_n, i)x^i = \sum d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)x^i + \sum d_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)x^i + \sum d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)x^i + \sum d_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)x^i$ ,  $\sum d_g(G_n, i)x^i = x \sum d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, i - 1)x^{i-1} + x \sum d_g(G_{n-1}, i - 1)x^{i-1} + x \sum d_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, i - 1)x^{i-1} + x \sum d_g(G_{n-2}, i - 1)x^{i-1}$ .  $D_g(G_n, x) = x(D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, x) + D_g(G_{n-1}, x) + D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, x) + D_g(G_{n-2}, x))$ . Therefore,  $D_g(G_n, x) = x[D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n\}, x) + D_g(G_{n-1}, x) + D_g(G_{n-1} - \{2n - 2\}, x) + D_g(G_{n-2}, x)]$  With initial values  $D_g(G_2 - \{4\}, x) = x^3 + x^2$ ,  $D_g(G_2, x) = x^2 + 2x^3 + x^4$ ,  $D_g(G_3 - \{6\}, x) = x^2 + 3x^3 + 3x^4 + x^5$ ,  $D_g(G_3, x) = x^2 + 3x^3 + 6x^4 + 4x^5 + x^6$

We obtain  $d_g(G_n, i)$  and  $d_g(G_n - \{2n\}, i)$  for  $2 \leq n \leq 9$  as shown in Table : 1

i \ n	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
$G_2 - \{4\}$	1	1											
$G_2$	1	2	1										
$G_2 - \{6\}$	1	3	3	1									
$G_3$	1	3	6	4	1								

$G_4-\{8\}$		4	9	10	5	1							
$G_4$		3	12	19	15	6	1						
$G_5-\{10\}$		2	13	30	34	21	7	1					
$G_5$		1	12	40	63	55	28	8	1				
$G_6-\{12\}$			10	46	99	117	83	36	9	1			
$G_6$			6	47	135	211	199	119	45	10	1		
$G_7-\{14\}$			3	41	163	331	404	317	164	55	11	1	
$G_7$			1	31	174	460	714	714	480	219	66	12	1
$G_8-\{16\}$				20	165	571	1119	1400	1186	698	285	78	13
$G_8$				10	139	637	1573	2269	2550	1875	982	363	91
$G_9-\{18\}$				4	102	641	1999	3810	4700	4216	2847	1344	454
$G_9$				1	65	580	2809	5465	8193	8916	7008	4180	1797

**Table :1**

In the following theorem we obtain some properties of  $d_g(G_n, i)$ .

**Theorem 10.** The following properties hold for the coefficient of  $D_g(G_n, x)$  for all  $n$ .

- (i)  $d_g(G_n, 2n) = 1$  for every  $n \geq 2$ , (ii)  $d_g(G_n-\{2n\}, 2n-1) = 1$  for every  $n \geq 2$ , (iii)  $d_g(G_n, 2n-1) = 2n-2$  for every  $n \geq 2$ , (iv)  $d_g(G_n, 2n-2) = 2n^2 - 5n + 3$  for every  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof:** (i) As there is only one set of cardinality  $2n$  in  $G_n$ , we have,  $d_g(G_n, 2n) = 1$  for every  $n \geq 2$   
 (ii) As there is only one set of cardinality  $2n-1$  in  $G_n-\{2n\}$ , we have  $d_g(G_n-\{2n\}, 2n-1) = 1$  for every  $n \geq 2$ .  
 (iii) To Prove  $d_g(G_n, 2n-1) = 2n-2$  for every  $n \geq 2$ , we apply induction on  $n$ .

When  $n = 2$ , L.H.S =  $d_g(2, 3) = 2$  (from table 7.1) and R.H.S =  $4(2) - 2 = 2$ . Therefore the result is true for  $n = 2$ . Now suppose that the result is true for all numbers less than  $n$ , by theorem 9,

$$d_g(G_n, 2n-1) = d_g(G_n-\{2n-2\}, 2n-2) + d_g(G_{n-1}, 2n-2) + d_g(G_{n-1}-\{2n-2\}, 2n-2) + d_g(G_{n-2}, 2n-2) \\ = 1 + 2(n-2) + 1 = 2n-4+2.$$

Therefore,  $d_g(G_n, 2n-1) = 2n-2$  Hence the result is true for all  $n$ .

- iv) To Prove  $d_g(G_n, 2n-2) = 2n^2 - 5n + 3$  for every  $n \geq 2$ , we apply induction on ' $n$ ' by theorem 9,

$$d_g(G_n, 2n-2) = d_g(G_n-\{2n-2\}, 2n-3) + d_g(G_{n-1}, 2n-3) \\ + d_g(G_{n-1}-\{2n-2\}, 2n-3) + d_g(G_{n-2}, 2n-3). \\ = 2(n-3) + ((n-2)^2 - (n-2) + 1) + 2(n-2) + n-1 \\ = 2n-6 + 2(n^2-5n+7) + 2n-4 + n-1 \\ = 2n-6 + 2n^2 - 10n + 7 + 2n-4 + n-1$$

Therefore,  $d_g(G_n, 2n-2) = 2n^2 - 5n + 3$ . Hence, the result is true for all  $n$ .

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