

Applying the (1,2)-Pitchfork Domination and Its Inverse on Some Special Graphs

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ABSTRACT: Let G be a finite graph, simple, undirected and with no isolated vertex. For any non-negative integers j and k , a dominating set D of $V(G)$ is called a pitchfork dominating set of G if every vertex in it dominates j vertices (at least) and k vertices (at most) from $V - D$. A set D^{-1} of $V - D$ is an inverse pitchfork dominating set if it is pitchfork dominating set. In this paper, pitchfork domination and inverse pitchfork domination are applied when $j = 1$ and $k = 2$ on some special graphs such as: tadpole graph, lollipop graph, lollipop flower graph, daisy graph and Barbell graph.

Key Words: Dominating set, inverse dominating set, pitchfork domination, pnvse pitchfork domination.

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1. Introduction

Let G be a graph with no isolated vertex has a vertex set V of order n and an edge set E of size m . The number of edges incident on vertex w is denoted by $deg(w)$ and represent the degree of w . A vertex of degree 0 is called isolated and a vertex of degree 1 is a leaf. The vertex that adjacent with a leaf is a support vertex. The minimum and maximum degrees of vertices in G are denoted by $\delta(G)$ and $\Delta(G)$, respectively. For basic concepts and other graph theoretic terminologies not defined here, we refer to [11,12,22]. Also, we refer for basic concepts of domination to [13,14,15,21]. A set $D \subseteq V$ is a dominating set if every vertex in $V - D$ is adjacent to a vertex in D . A dominating set D is said to be a minimal if it has no proper dominating subset. The domination number $\gamma(G)$ is the cardinality of a minimum dominating set D of G . There are several models of domination, see for example [6,7,9,10,18,19,20,23,25]. Domination in graphs play a wide role in different kinds of fields in graph theory as labeled graph [8], topological graph [16], fuzzy graph [24] and other. The pitchfork domination and its inverse are introduced by Al-Harere and Abdhusein [1,2,3,4]. They discuss several bounds and properties and gave an important information and applications of this model. A dominating set D of V is called a pitchfork dominating set if every vertex in it dominates j vertices (at least) and k vertices (at most) of $V - D$ for any non-negative integers j and k . A set D^{-1} of $V - D$ is an inverse pitchfork dominating set if it is pitchfork dominating set. The pitchfork domination number of G , denoted by $\gamma_{pf}(G)$ is the minimum cardinality over all pitchfork dominating sets in G . The inverse pitchfork domination number of G , denoted by $\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(G)$ is the minimum cardinality over all inverse pitchfork dominating sets in G . In this paper, pitchfork domination and its inverse are applied with their bounds and properties on some graphs.

Proposition 1.1. [5]: *Let G be any graph with $\Delta(G) \leq 2$. Then, $\gamma(G) = \gamma_{pf}(G)$.*

Theorem 1.2. [2] *The cycle graph C_n ; ($n \geq 3$) has an inverse pitchfork domination such that: $\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(C_n) = \gamma_{pf}(C_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$.*

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Theorem 1.3. [2] The path graph P_n ; ($n \geq 2$) has an inverse pitchfork domination such that:

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(P_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{3} + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

where $\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(P_2) = 1$.

Proposition 1.4. [5] Let $G = K_n$ the complete graph with $n \geq 3$, then $\gamma_{pf}(K_n) = n - 2$.

Proposition 1.5. [2] The complete graph K_n has an inverse pitchfork domination if and only if $n = 3, 4$ and $\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(K_n) = n - 2$.

2. Pitchfork Domination

In this section, pitchfork domination is applied to discuss minimum pitchfork dominating set and its order for some graphs such as: tadpole graph, lollipop graph, daisy graph and Barbell graph.

Tadpole graph $T_{m,n}$ is formed by joining a vertex of its cycle C_m to a path P_n by an edge as in Fig 1. (see [5,7,11,17]).

Theorem 2.1. Let G be the tadpole graph $T_{m,n}$ where ($m \geq 3$) and ($n \geq 2$). Then:

$$\gamma_{pf}(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } m \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \text{ or } (m \equiv 1 \wedge n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}) \\ \lceil \frac{m-1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \wedge n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Since $T_{m,n}$ contains a cycle C_m joined by a bridge to a path P_n , then $V(T_{m,n}) = E(T_{m,n}) = m+n$ where $E(C_m) = m$, $E(P_n) = n - 1$ and the bridge u_1v_n . The vertices of P_n can be labeled as: $\{v_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Also the vertices of C_m as: $\{u_j; j = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ such that the vertex $u_1 \in C_m$ adjacent with vertex $v_n \in P_n$ and $deg(u_1) = 3$, $deg(v_1) = 1$. Let the pitchfork dominating set $D = D_1 \cup D_2$ where D_1 is the pitchfork dominating set in C_m and D_2 is the pitchfork dominating set in P_n . According to m we have two cases:

Case 1: There are two parts:

part i: If $m \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3}$, then let:

$$D_1 = \begin{cases} \{u_{3j}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil\} & \text{if } m \equiv 0. \\ \{u_{3j}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{u_m\} & \text{if } m \equiv 2. \end{cases}$$

$$D_2 = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\} & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2. \\ \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_n\} & \text{if } n \equiv 1. \end{cases}$$

in this case if $u_1 \in D_1$, then $u_2 \in D_1$ or $u_m \in D_1$ or $v_n \in D_2$ to avoid that u_1 dominates three vertices. Hence, let $u_1 \notin D_1$ and dominated only by D_1 when $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, but it is also dominated by D_2 when $n \equiv 1, 2$. Hence, D is a pitchfork dominating set in $T_{m,n}$ and $\gamma_{pf}(T_{m,n}) = |D_1| + |D_2| = \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$.

part ii: If $m \equiv 1 \wedge n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, then let: $D_1 = \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil\}$ and $D_2 = \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}$. Then, $\gamma_{pf}(T_{m,n}) = |D_1| + |D_2| = \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$.

Case 2: If $m \equiv 1 \wedge n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$, then the vertex u_1 is not dominated by D_1 since it is dominated by the vertex $v_n \in D_2$, then: $D_1 = \{u_{3j}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil - 1\}$ and $D_2 = \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}$. Thus, D is a minimum pitchfork dominating set in $T_{m,n}$ and $\gamma_{pf}(T_{m,n}) = |D_1| + |D_2| = \lceil \frac{m-1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$. \square

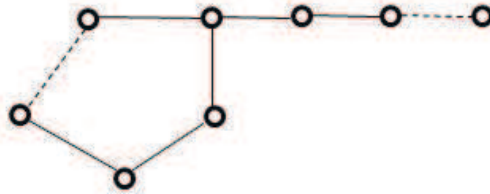


Figure 1: The tadpole graph

The lollipop graph $L_{m,n}$ is obtained by joining a vertex of K_m to P_n by edge as in Fig 2. (see [5,11,17]).

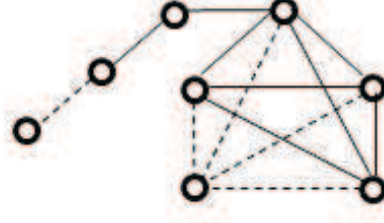


Figure 2: The lollipop graph

Proposition 2.2. *The lollipop graph $L_{m,n}$ has pitchfork domination for $m \geq 3$ and $n \geq 2$ such that $\gamma_{pf}(L_{m,n}) = (m - 2) + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$.*

Proof: All vertices of K_m can be labeled as: $\{u_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$, so that the vertices of P_n as: $\{v_j; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ where the vertex u_1 is adjacent with a vertex v_n . If $u_1 \in D$, then it will dominates two vertices of K_m and adjacent with v_n of P_n , then if $v_n \notin D$, the vertex u_1 dominates three vertices which is contradiction, and if $v_n \in D$, then $\gamma_{pf}(L_{m,n})$ may be increase. Therefore, let $u_1 \in V - D$. Since $\gamma_{pf}(K_m) = (m - 2)$ by Proposition 1.4 and $\gamma_{pf}(P_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$ by Observation 1.1. Thus, $\gamma_{pf}(L_{m,n}) = (m - 2) + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$. \square

The daisy graph D_{n_1, n_2} is formed by joined two cycles C_{n_1} and C_{n_2} by a common vertex as in Fig 3. (see [5,11,13]).

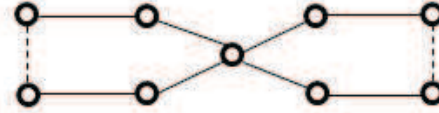


Figure 3: The daisy graph

Theorem 2.3. *Let G be the (n_1, n_2) -daisy graph D_{n_1, n_2} , then:*

$$\gamma_{pf}(D_{n_1, n_2}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } \{n_1 \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3}\} \text{ or } \{n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ \lceil \frac{n_1-1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Suppose that D_{n_1, n_2} has two cycles C_{n_1} and C_{n_2} with common vertex. Let us label the vertices of C_{n_1} as: $\{v_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, n_1\}$ so that the vertices of C_{n_2} as: $\{u_j; j = 1, 2, \dots, n_2 - 1\}$ such that $|V(C_{n_1})| \geq |V(C_{n_2})|$ where this two cycles common by the vertex v_{n_1} of degree 4 which is adjacent with v_1, v_{n_1-1} from C_{n_1} and with u_1, u_{n_2-1} from C_{n_2} . Let the pitchfork dominating set of D_{n_1, n_2} is $D = D_1 \cup D_2$ where D_1 is pitchfork dominating set of C_{n_1} and D_2 is pitchfork dominating set of C_{n_2} . If we select $v_{n_1} \in D$, then it can be dominates at most two vertices and adjacent with two other vertices of D every one of them must be adjacent with one vertex from $V - D$. But this matter will increase $|D|$ (unless when $n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0$). Hence, to avoid this matter let us select $v_{n_1} \in V - D$. Now, to choose D :

Case 1: If $n_1 \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3}$. Let $D_1 = \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \rceil\}$ and

$$D_2 = \begin{cases} \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil\} & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 0, 2 \\ \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{u_{n_2-1}\} & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 1. \end{cases}$$

Then, $\gamma_{pf}(D_{n_1, n_2}) = |D_1| + |D_2| = \lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil$.

Case 2: If $n_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$:

Part i: If $n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, then let: $D_1 = \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n_1-1}\}$ and $D_2 = \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil\}$. Hence, $\gamma_{pf}(D_{n_1, n_2}) = |D_1| + |D_2| = \lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil$.

Part ii: If $n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}$, then in this case, the vertex v_{n_1} can be dominated by the vertex u_1 or u_{n_2-1} or together. Hence, the set D_1 will dominates only $n_1 - 1$ vertices of cycle C_{n_1} , therefore $|D_1|$ will be decreasing and we can choose D_1 and D_2 as follows: $D_1 = \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \rceil - 1\}$ and $D_2 = \{u_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil\}$. Hence, $\gamma_{pf}(D_{n_1, n_2}) = |D_1| + |D_2| = \lceil \frac{n_1-1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil$. \square

The Barbell graph $B_{n,n}$, ($n \geq 3$) contains two complete graphs K_n joined by edge as in Fig 4. (see [5,11,17]).



Figure 4: The Barbell graphs

Proposition 2.4. *The Barbell graph $B_{n,n}$, ($n \geq 3$) has pitchfork domination such that $\gamma_{pf}(B_{n,n}) = 2n - 4$.*

Proof: Since $\gamma_{pf}(K_n) = n - 2$ by Proposition 1.4 such that the bridge is incident on two vertices of D or $V - D$ together. \square

3. Inverse Pitchfork Domination

In this section, an inverse pitchfork domination is studied to discuss minimum inverse pitchfork dominating set and its order for the previous graphs.

Theorem 3.1. *For the tadpole graph $T_{m,n}$; $m \geq 3, n \geq 2$, we have:*

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } (m \equiv 0, 2 \wedge n \equiv 1, 2) \text{ or } (m \equiv 1 \wedge n \equiv 2) \\ \lceil \frac{m-1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } m \equiv 1 \wedge n \equiv 1 \end{cases}$$

Proof: According to Theorem 2.1, $D = D_1 \cup D_2$ where D_1 is the pitchfork dominating set of C_m and D_2 is the pitchfork dominating set of P_n . Let $D^{-1} = D_1^{-1} \cup D_2^{-1}$ where D_1^{-1} is an inverse pitchfork dominating set of C_m and D_2^{-1} is an inverse pitchfork dominating set of P_n . Then, we choose D^{-1} as:

Case 1: If $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. Then, $D_1^{-1} = \{u_{3j-1}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil\}$ where $|D_1^{-1}| = \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil$ and

$$D_2^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n-1}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \end{cases}$$

Where

$$|D_2^{-1}| = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

Case 2: If $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, then

$$D_1^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{u_{3j-2}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{u_{m-2}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \{u_{3j}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil - 1\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \\ \{u_{3j-2}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \end{cases}$$

Where

$$|D_1^{-1}| = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \\ \lceil \frac{m-1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \end{cases}$$

And

$$D_2^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

Where

$$|D_2^{-1}| = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

Case 3: If $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, then $D_1^{-1} = \{u_{3j-1}; j = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{u_{m-1}\}$ where $|D_1^{-1}| = \lceil \frac{m}{3} \rceil$ and

$$D_2^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n-1}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \end{cases}$$

Where

$$|D_2^{-1}| = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

□

Theorem 3.2. *The lollipop graph $L_{m,n}$; $m \geq 3, n \geq 2$, has an inverse pitchfork domination if and only if $m = 3, 4$ such that:*

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(L_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil + (m-2), & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + (m-2), & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let D is chosen as in Proposition 2.2 as $D = D_1 \cup D_2$, where D_1 is the pitchfork dominating set of K_m and D_2 is a pitchfork dominating set of P_n . Therefore, let $D^{-1} = D_1^{-1} \cup D_2^{-1}$ where D_1^{-1} is an inverse pitchfork dominating set in K_m and D_2^{-1} is an inverse pitchfork dominating set in P_n , then D^{-1} chosen according to D as the following cases:

Case 1: If $m = 3$, let $D_1 = \{u_2\}$, then $D_1^{-1} = \{u_3\}$. Also, if

$$D_2 = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$D_2^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n-1}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Case 2: If $m = 4$, let $D_1 = \{u_2, u_3\}$, then $D_1^{-1} = \{u_1, u_4\}$. Also, if

$$D_2 = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n-1}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$D_2^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(L_{3,n}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil + 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(L_{4,n}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \rceil + 2, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + 2, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

□

The lollipop flower $F_{m,n}$ is defined in [5] as a complete graph K_m , every vertex in which joins (by edge) with a path P_n , where $V(F_{m,n}) = m + mn$ so that $E(F_{m,n}) = \binom{m}{2} + mn$. See Fig 5.

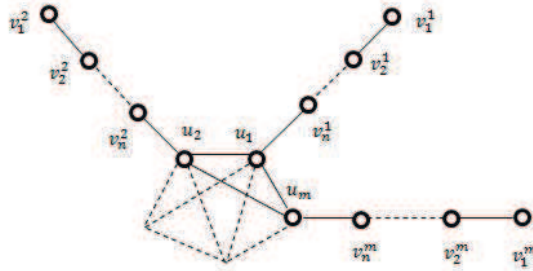


Figure 5: The lollipop flower graph

Theorem 3.3. [5] For $m \geq 3$ and $n \geq 2$,

$$\gamma_{pf}(F_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} m \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ m \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + m - 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.4. The lollipop flower graph $F_{m,n}$; $m \geq 3$, $n \geq 2$ has an inverse pitchfork domination if and only if $m = 3, 4$ such that:

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(F_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} \frac{mn}{3} + m, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ m \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + (m - 2), & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let D is chosen as in Proposition 3.3 as $D = D_k \cup D_p$, where D_k is a pitchfork dominating set of K_m and D_p is a pitchfork dominating set of P_n^i where $D_p = \bigcup_{i=1}^m D_i$. Therefore, let $D^{-1} = D_k^{-1} \cup D_p^{-1}$ where D_k^{-1} is an inverse pitchfork dominating set in K_m and D_p^{-1} is an inverse pitchfork dominating set in P_n , then D^{-1} chosen according to D as:

$$D_k = \begin{cases} \{u_3\}, & \text{if } m = 3 \\ \{u_3, u_4\}, & \text{if } m = 4 \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$D_k^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{u_1\}, & \text{if } m = 3 \\ \{u_1, u_2\}, & \text{if } m = 4 \end{cases}$$

Since

$$D_1 = D_2 = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Thus, D_1^{-1} and D_2^{-1} are formed as:

$$D_1^{-1} = D_2^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\} \cup \{v_n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n-1}\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Where

$$|D_1^{-1}| = |D_2^{-1}| = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + 1, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \\ \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

Now, we choose D_3^{-1} and D_4^{-1} according to Theorem 1.1 such that $|D_3^{-1}| = |D_4^{-1}| = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$. Therefore,

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(F_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} (m - 2) + 2(\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + 1) + (m - 2)\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ (m - 2) + 2\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil + (m - 2)\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

which is the required identity after few simplification. □

Theorem 3.5. *Let G be the (n_1, n_2) -daisy graph D_{n_1, n_2} , then:*

$$\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(D_{n_1, n_2}) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n_2}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 0, 2 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \left\lceil \frac{n_1-1}{3} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n_2}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{otherwise (i.e. } n_1 \equiv 0, 1, 2 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3}) \end{cases}$$

Proof: Suppose that D_{n_1, n_2} has two cycles C_{n_1} and C_{n_2} with a common vertex and let us label the vertices of D_{n_1, n_2} and the pitchfork dominating set according to Theorem 2.3. An inverse pitchfork dominating set of D_{n_1, n_2} is $D^{-1} = D_1^{-1} \cup D_2^{-1}$ where D_1^{-1} and D_2^{-1} is an inverse pitchfork dominating sets of C_{n_1} and C_{n_2} respectively, which are selecting as follows:

$$D_1^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil\}, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil - 1\}, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n_1-1}\}, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n_1}\}, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 2 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{v_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil - 1\} \cup \{v_{n_1-2}\}, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 2 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

And

$$D_2^{-1} = \begin{cases} \{u_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \right\rceil\} \cup \{u_{n_2-1}\}, & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \right\rceil - 1\} \cup \{u_{n_2-1}\}, & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \right\rceil - 1\} \cup \{u_{n_2-2}\}, & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_1 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \\ \{u_{3i-2}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \right\rceil\}, & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Where

$$|D_1^{-1}| = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n_1-1}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \\ \left\lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

And

$$|D_2^{-1}| = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n_2}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \\ \left\lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \right\rceil, & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

Therefore, D^{-1} is a minimum inverse pitchfork dominating set. \square

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