# [J, K]-Set Domination of Path Graphs 

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## Abstract: Domination is an important graph theoretic concept in graph theory. Various types of dominations have been studied

 in the literature. In this paper, the [j, k]-dominations have been considered for path graphs. By [j, k]-domination we mean, every vertex of the complement of the dominating set has at least $j$ adjacent vertices and atmost $k$ adjacent vertices in the dominating set. In particular the [j, k]- domination number of a graph is the cardinality of the smallest such set. In this paper, the [j, k]domination number for path graphs have been studied.Mathematics subject classification: 05 C69Keywords: Dominating set, Domination number, [j, k]-dominating set, [j, k]-domination snumber.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Let $G=(V, E)$ be a simple graph. A subset $D$ of $V$ is a dominating set of $G$ if every vertex $v \in V-D$ is adjacent to a vertex of $D$. The domination number of G denoted by $\gamma(\mathrm{G})$ is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set G . A dominating set is a total dominating set if every vertex in $G$ (including the vertices in $D$ ) have a neighbour in $D$.

## II. [J,K]-SET DOMINATION

## A. Definition

A set $\mathrm{D} \subseteq \mathrm{V}$ is called $[\mathrm{J}, \mathrm{K}]$ - set dominaton if for any vertex $\mathrm{v} \in \mathrm{V}-\mathrm{D}, \mathrm{j} \leq|\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{v}) \cap \mathrm{D}| \leq \mathrm{k}$, i.e. there are atleast j vertices adjacent to v , but not more than k vertices in D . The smallest cardinality of $[\mathrm{j}, \mathrm{k}]$ - set is called $[\mathrm{j}, \mathrm{k}]$ - dominating set. The $[\mathrm{j}, \mathrm{k}]$ - domination number is denoted by $\gamma \mathrm{j}, \mathrm{k}(\mathrm{G})$

## B. Example



In the above graph $\{\mathrm{v} 2, \mathrm{v} 5, \mathrm{v} 10\}$ is a dominating set but it is not $[1,2]-$ dominating set because the vertex v 1 is adjacent to 3 vertices, Also this is not a total dominating set.
C. Example


The set $D=\{\mathrm{v} 1, \mathrm{v} 2, \mathrm{v} 3\}$ is a dominating set,
$\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{D}=\{\mathrm{v} 4, \mathrm{v} 5, \mathrm{v} 6\}$
$N(\mathrm{v} 4) \cap \mathrm{D}=\{\mathrm{v} 1, \mathrm{v} 2\} \cap \mathrm{D}=\{\mathrm{v} 1, \mathrm{v} 2\}$; Therefore $|\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{v} 4) \cap \mathrm{D}|=2$
$N(v 5) \cap D=\{v 2, v 3\} \cap D=\{v 2, v 3\} ;$ Therefore $|N(v 5) \cap D|=2$
$N(v 6) \cap D=\{v 1, v 2, v 3\} \cap D=\{v 1, v 2, v 3\} ;$ Therefore $|N(v 6) \cap D|=3$
Thus $D$ is [2,3]- dominating set.

## D. Note

In general, every dominating set need not be a $[\mathrm{j}, \mathrm{k}]$ - dominating set, but the converse is always true. The trivial example for the converse part is that the dominating numbers of paths and cycles. As a generalization we have the following lemma.

## E. Lemma

Let G be a graph with $\Delta(\mathrm{G})=2$. Then $\gamma(\mathrm{G})=\gamma_{[j, k]}(\mathrm{G})$.

1) Proof: Let $G$ be graph with $\Delta(G)=2$. Then every vertex $v$ in $V$ has atmost 2 neighbours. Therefore $j=1$ and $k=2$, the least possible values of $j$ and $k$. Hence the Lemma.

## III. [J,K]-DOMINATION IN PATHS

## A. Theorem ${ }^{[1]}$

The domination number of path P is $\gamma\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)=\left\lfloor\frac{n+2}{3}\right\rfloor$
The domination number of cycle C is $\gamma\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)=\left\lfloor\frac{n+2}{3}\right\rfloor$

## B. Theorem ${ }^{[2]}$

For $\mathrm{n}>2, \mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{n}}$ has a [1,2]-dominating set except $\mathrm{n}=3 \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{k}=1,2,3 \ldots$

1) Proof: To prove this theorem, we prove that there is atleast one $\mathrm{v} \in \mathrm{V}-\mathrm{D}$, such that $\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{v})$ has two vertices in D , when n is not a multiple of 3 , and when $n=3 k$, for every $v \in V-D, N(v)$ has exactly one vertex in $D$.
As an example, consider $\mathrm{P}_{8}, \mathrm{P}_{9}$


Fig 3.2 paths $\mathrm{P}_{8}$ and $\mathrm{P}_{9}$
Where $\left\{\mathrm{v}_{2}, \mathrm{v}_{4}, \mathrm{v}_{7}\right\}$ and $\left\{\mathrm{v}_{2}, \mathrm{v}_{5}, \mathrm{v}_{8}\right\}$ are dominating sets of $\mathrm{P}_{8}$ and $\mathrm{P}_{9}$ respectively and $\left\{\mathrm{v}_{2}, \mathrm{v}_{5}, \mathrm{v}_{8}\right\}$ is the only dominating set of $\mathrm{P}_{9}$, therefore $\mathrm{P}_{9}$ has no [1, 2]- dominating sets.
C. Theorem ${ }^{[3,4,5]}$

The number of $[1,1]$ - dominating sets in the path graph $P_{n}, n \geq 3$

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n\left[\gamma_{[1,1]]}\left(P_{n}\right)\right]= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } n=3 k, k=1,2,3, \ldots \\ 2 & \text { if } n=4 \text { and } n=3 k+2, k=1,2,3, \ldots \\ 3 & \text { if } n=3 k+1, k=2,3,4, \ldots\end{cases}
$$

Proof: Let $v_{1}, v_{2}, \ldots \ldots, v_{n}$ are the vertices of the path $P_{n}$, such that $v_{i}$ is adjacent to $v_{i}+1, i=1,2,3, \ldots, n-1$.

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In path graph degree of each internal vertex is 2 and the degree of end vertices is 1 . Hence every vertex dominates at most 2 vertices. Now we claim that in path graphs: $P_{n}$, when $n=3 k, k=1,2,3 \ldots$ there is a minimum dominating set $D$ in which every vertex dominates exactly 2 vertices and every vertex in V-D is dominated by exactly one vertex. This proves that there is exactly only one [1,1] - dominating set. For this let us decompose the vertex set V in $\mathrm{P}_{3 \mathrm{k}}$ into k number of sets each contains 3 vertices in the form $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}+1}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}+2}$. Here $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{i}+1}$ dominates $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}+2}$. Hence every set contains a vertex of D and the remaining two vertices in that set are dominated by only this vertex. Thus there are $k$ such vertices namely $\mathrm{v}_{2}, \mathrm{v}_{5}, \ldots \ldots \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}-1}$.
Which can be generalized as given below.

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\begin{aligned}
& \qquad D_{[1,1]}\left(P_{n}\right)=\left\{\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}+2-3 \mathrm{k} 1} ; \mathrm{k}_{1}=1,2,3,4, \ldots, \mathrm{k}\right\} \\
& \text { Hence, } \gamma_{[1,1]}\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)=\mathrm{k} \\
& \text { Suppose if } \mathrm{n}=4 \text {, the }[1,1] \text {-dominating set are }\left\{\mathrm{v}_{1}, \mathrm{v}_{4}\right\} \text { and }\left\{\mathrm{v}_{2}, \mathrm{v}_{3}\right\} . \\
& \text { Hence, } \gamma_{[1,1]}\left(\mathrm{P}_{4}\right)=2
\end{aligned}
$$

In path graph $P_{n}$ when $n=3 k+2, k=1,2,3 \ldots \ldots$. there are two dominating sets and there is a minimum dominating set $D$ in which end vertex $\mathrm{v}_{1}$ dominates $\mathrm{v}_{2}$ in the first dominating set and the end vertex $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}}$ dominates $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}-1}$ in the second dominating set. The remaining vertices in two dominating sets dominate exactly 2 vertices and every vertex in V-D is dominated by exactly one vertex. This proves that there are two [1,1]-dominating sets.
Which can be generalized as given below.
Therefore if $n=3 k+2, k=1,2,3, \ldots$. the $[1,1]$ - dominating set is


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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{n}+2-3 \mathrm{k} 1} \text {, when } \mathrm{k} 1=1,2, \ldots \ldots,(\mathrm{k}+1) \\
& \mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{n}+3-3 \mathrm{k} 1} \text {, when } \mathrm{k} 1=1,2, \ldots \ldots,(\mathrm{k}+1)
\end{aligned}
$$

In path graph Pn when $\mathrm{n}=3 \mathrm{k}+1, \mathrm{k}=2,3 \ldots$...there are 3 dominating sets and there is a minimum dominating set D in which end vertices $v_{1}$ dominates $v_{2}$ and $v n$ dominates $v_{n-1}$ in the first dominating set. In the second dominating set $v_{n-1}$ dominates $v_{n}$ and $v_{n-2}$ dominates $\mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}-3}$. In the third dominating set $\mathrm{v}_{2}$ dominates $\mathrm{v}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{v}_{3}$ dominates $\mathrm{v}_{4}$. The other vertices in three dominating sets dominate exactly two vertices. Every vertex in V-D is dominated by exactly one vertex. This proves that there is exactly three [1,1]dominating sets. Decompose the vertex set in $V$ of $P_{3 k+1}$ except the end vertices in the first dominating set, the vertices vn-1, vn- 2 in the second dominating set and $v_{2}, v_{3}$ in the third dominating set in the form $v_{i}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}$. Here $v_{i+1}$ dominates $v_{i}$ and $v_{i+2}$. Hence every set contains a vertex of D and the remaining two vertices in that set are dominated by only this vertex. Such vertices are $\mathrm{v}_{4}, \mathrm{v}_{7}, \mathrm{v}_{10}, \ldots$. in the first dominating set, $\mathrm{v}_{2}, \mathrm{v}_{5}, \mathrm{v}_{8} \ldots$. in the second dominating set and $\mathrm{v}_{6}, \mathrm{v}_{9}, \mathrm{v}_{12} \ldots$ in the third dominating set.
Which can be generalized as given below.
Therefore if $\mathrm{n}=3_{\mathrm{k}+1}, \mathrm{k}=2,3,4, \ldots \ldots[1,1]$ - dominating set is

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{D}_{[1,1,1]}\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{n}}\right) & =\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{n}+3-3 \mathrm{k},}, \\
\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{n}+1-3 \mathrm{k},}, \\
\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{n}+2-3 \mathrm{k} 1}, \\
\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{n}+1-3 \mathrm{k} 1}, \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{n}+2-3 \mathrm{k} 1},
\end{array}\right. \\
& \text { Hence, } \gamma_{[1,1]\left(\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)=\mathrm{k}+2}
\end{aligned}
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when $\mathrm{k} 1=1,2, \ldots, \mathrm{k}+2$
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## IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper we have generalized the [j, k]-dominating number of path graphs. Similarly we can study $[\mathrm{j}, \mathrm{k}]$-dominating number of some other special graphs like cycles, helm and etc.

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