

LOCATING CONNECTED DOMINATION NUMBER ON SOME OPERATIONS OF GRAPHS

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Abstract: In the current era, domination plays a vital role in communication Networks, Security process, locating connected domination reduces the cost of the intender needed for security purpose and also invoke more connection between the circuits in the Network.

In this articles, the locating connected domination number is obtained for Cartesian product of the graphs $P_n \times K_r$ for $n = 2, 3, 4$. For the tensor product $P_n \otimes K_r$ of the path P_n and complete graph K_r the locating connected domination number is characterized for $n = 3, 4$. Also the the locating connected domination number for the strong product of the two paths $P_n \boxtimes P_r$ for $n = 2, 3$, and $P_n \boxtimes C_r$ for $n = 2, 3$. the locating connected domination number is obtained for Corona product of the graphs $C_n \vee K_r$ $\forall n$.

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Introduction

A graph $G = (N, L)$ is a combination of a set N of nodes and a set L of lines. That is, L is a set of unordered pairs $\{n, l\}$ of distinct elements from N . The *order* and *size* of G is the number of nodes and lines respectively, denoted by p and q . If $l = n_i n_j \in L(G)$, then n_i and n_j are said to be *adjacent*. Nodes n_i and n_j are said to be *incident* with lines l . The *open neighborhood* $A(n)$ of n is the set of nodes adjacent to a nodes n in a graph G . The open neighborhood of set S of nodes $S \subset N(G)$ is $A(S) = \bigcup_{n \in S} A(n)$. The closed neighborhood of a set of nodes $S \subset N(G)$ is $A[S] = A(S) \cup S$. The number of lines incident with n is the *degree* of a nodes n , denoted by $\deg(n)$. The minimum and maximum degrees of nodes in $N(G)$ are denoted by $\delta(G)$ and $\Delta(G)$, respectively. If $\delta(G) = \Delta(G) = r$, then the graph G is *regular* of degree r , or r -*regular*.

A few different types of graphs considered in this article are as follows:

1. Path P_p of order $p \geq 2$ has size $q = p - 1$, is connected
2. Cycle C_p of order $p \geq 3$ has size $q = p$, is connected and 2 - regular.
3. Complete graph K_p has the maximum possible lines $p(p-1) / 2$.
4. The Cartesian product of two graphs G and H are denoted by $G \times H$ and is described as
 - $N(G \times H) = N(G) \times N(H)$

- Two nodes (n, n') and (l, l') are adjacent in $G \times H$ if and only if any one of the condition holds
 - $n = l$ and n' is adjacent to l' in H , or
 - $n' = l'$ and n is adjacent to l in G .
5. The tensor product is above the first condition hold and
 - Nodes (n, l) and (l', n') are adjacent in $G \times H$ if and only if
 - n is adjacent to n' in G and
 - l is adjacent to l' in H .
 6. The strong product is above Cartesian product two condition hold and
 - n is adjacent to l and n' is adjacent to l' .
 7. The corona graph $G_1 \odot G_2$ of two graphs G_1 (with n_1 nodes and n_2 lines) and G_2 (with n_2 nodes and l_2 lines) is defined as the graph obtained by taking one copy of G_1 and n_1 copies of G_2 , and then joining the i th nodes of G_1 with an lines to every nodes in the i th copy of G_2 .

The tensor product is also called direct product, Kronecker product, Cardinal product, weak direct product. It was introduced by Alfred North Whitehead [3] and Bertrand Russell in their principia Mathematica(1912). It is also equivalent to the Kronecker Product of the adjacency matrices of the graph[3]. The strong product was introduced by Sabidussi in 1960[2]. In that setting, the strong product is contrasted against a “weak” product but the two are different only when applied to infinitely many factors.

A subset S of $N(G)$ is called

- i) **Dominating set** if every node in $N - S$ is adjacent to atleast one node in S .
- ii) **Connected dominating set**, if the induced subgraph is connected.
- iii) **Locating dominating set**, if for every pair of distinct nodes n_1 and n_2 , $A(n_1) \cap S \neq A(n_2) \cap S$.
- iv) **Locating connected dominating set**, if both the conditions (ii) and (iii) are satisfied.

The corresponding sets with minimum cardinality of (i), (iii) and (iv) are called γ - set, γ_L - set, γ_{LCD} - set respectively.

A set S which is both connected and locating dominated is called **locating connected domination set** and the corresponding number is denoted by $\gamma_{LCD}(G)$.

1. Main Results

Theorem:2.1

The Locating connected domination number of the Cartesian product of two graphs P_2 and K_r denoted by $P_2 \times K_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \times K_r) = r$, $r \geq 2$.

Proof:

Let K_r be the complete graph on r nodes with $N(K_r) = \{a_1', a_2', \dots a_r'\}$
Take 2 copies of K_r with node set $\{a_1, a_2, \dots a_r, a_1', a_2', \dots .a_r'\}$ to the form of the Cartesian product of P_2 and K_r with

$$G \cong P_2 \times K_r.$$

Then the set $S = \{a_1', a_2', \dots, a_r'\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contains the nodes of the first copy of K_r , obviously S is connected.

claim: S will form locating dominating set $N - S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\}$

$$A(a_i) \cap S = a_i' \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

Which ensure that all nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong K_r$, which implies is connected.

Also if any one node is removed from S , then S will no longer be a LCD - set.

$$\text{Thus } \gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \times K_r) = |S| = r.$$

Illustration:2.2

For the graph given in Figure 2.3, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \times K_6) \cong 6$.

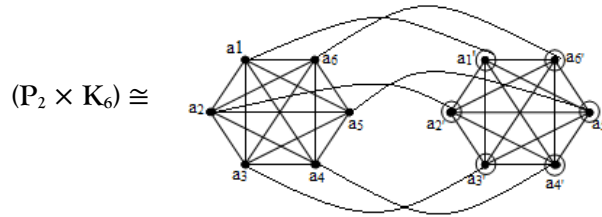


Figure 2.3
 $P_6 \times P_2$

Theorem:2.4

The Locating connected domination number of the Cartesian product of two graphs P_3 and K_r denoted by $P_3 \times K_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \times K_r) = r + 1, r \geq 2$.

Proof:

Let K_r be the complete graph on r nodes with $N(K_r) = \{a_1', a_2', \dots, a_r'\}$

Take 3 copies of K_r with node set $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, a_1', a_2', \dots, a_r', a_1'', a_2'', \dots, a_r''\}$ to the form of the Cartesian product of P_2 and K_r with

$$G \cong P_3 \times K_r.$$

Then the set $S = \{a_1', a_2', \dots, a_r', a_r''\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contains all the nodes of the second copy exactly one node of the third copy of K_r , obviously S is connected.

claim: S will form locating dominating set $N - S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, a_1'', a_2'', \dots, a_{r-1}''\}$

$$A(a_i) \cap S = a_i' \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

$$A(a_i'') \cap S = \{a_i'', a_r\} \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

Which ensure that all nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.
Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong K_r + 1$, which implies is connected.

Also if any one node is removed from S , then S will no longer be a LCD - set.

Thus $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \times K_r) = |S| = r + 1$.

Illustration:2.5

For the graph given in Figure 2.6, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \times K_5) \cong 6$.

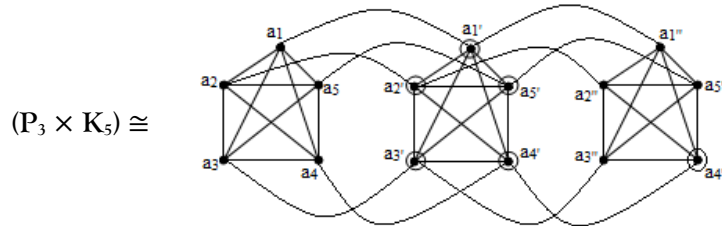


Figure 2.6
 $P_3 \times K_5$

Theorem:2.7

The Locating connected domination number of the Cartesian product of two graphs P_4 and K_r denoted by $P_4 \times K_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_4 \times K_r) = 2r$, $r \geq 2$.

Proof:

Let K_r be the complete graph on r nodes with $N(K_r) = \{a_1', a_2', \dots, a_r'\}$

Take 4 copies of K_r with node set

$N(P_4 \times K_r) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, a_1', a_2', \dots, a_r', a_1'', a_2'', \dots, a_r'', a_1''', a_2''', \dots, a_r'''\}$ to the form of the Cartesian product of P_4 and K_r with

$$G \cong P_4 \times K_r.$$

Then the set $S = \{a_1', a_2', \dots, a_r', a_1'', a_2'', \dots, a_r''\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contains all the nodes of the first copy and second copy of K_r , obviously S is connected.

claim: S will form locating dominating set $N - S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, a_1''', a_2''', \dots, a_{r-1}''', a_r'''\}$

$$A(a_i) \cap S = a_i' \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

$$A(a_i''') \cap S = a_i'' \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, r.$$

Which ensure that all nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong 2K_r$, which implies is connected.

Also if any one node is removed from S, then S will no longer be a LCD - set.

Thus $\gamma_{LCD}(P_4 \times K_r) = |S| = 2r$.

Illustration:2.8

For the graph given in Figure 2.9, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \times K_6) \cong 6$.

$P_4 \times K_6 \cong$

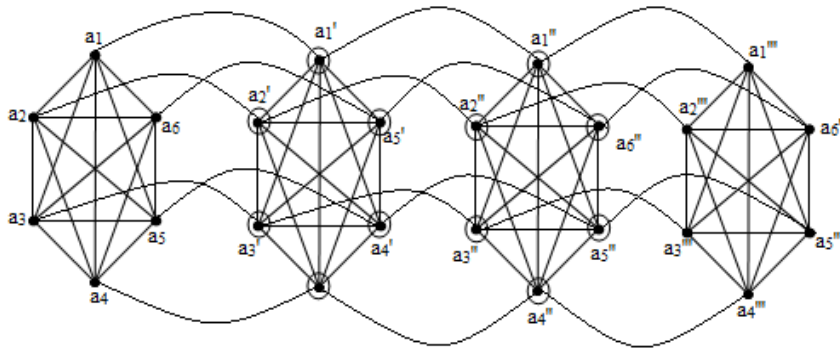


Figure 2.9
 $P_3 \times K_6$

Theorem:2.10

The Locating connected domination number of the tensor product of two graphs P_3 and K_r denoted by $P_3 \otimes K_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \otimes K_r) = 2r - 1, r \geq 2$.

Proof:

Let K_r be the complete graph on r nodes with $N(K_r) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\}$

Take the node set of namely b_1, b_2, b_3 , and P_3 be the path on 3 nodes.

$N(P_3 \otimes K_r) = \{a_1b_1, a_2b_1, \dots, a_rb_1, a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_rb_2, a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_rb_3\}$ to the form of the Cartesian product of P_3 and K_r with

$$G \cong P_3 \otimes K_r.$$

Let $\{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_rb_1\}$ denote the first copy of K_r , and $\{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_rb_2\}$ denote the second copy of K_r , and $\{a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_rb_3\}$ denote the third copy of K_r .

Then the set $S = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_{r-1}b_2, a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_rb_3\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contains all the nodes in second copy except last node and all the nodes in third copy of K_r , obviously S is connected.

claim: S will form locating dominating set $N - S = \{a_1b_1, a_2b_1, \dots, a_{r-1}b_1, a_{r-1}b_2\}$

$$A(a_1b_1) \cap S = \{a_2b_2, a_3b_2, \dots, a_{r-1}b_2\}$$

$$A(a_2b_1) \cap S = \{a_1b_2, a_3b_2, \dots, a_{r-1}b_2\}$$

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$$A(a_{r-1}b_1) \cap S = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_{r-1}b_2\}$$

$$A(a_{r-1}b_2) \cap S = \{a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_{r-1}b_3\}$$

Which ensure that all nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong P_r$, which implies is connected.

Suppose we take the nodes in second column of LCD - set, S does not distinct neighbourhood. Also if any one node is removed from S , then S will no longer be a LCD - set.

$$\text{Thus } \gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \otimes K_r) = |S| = 2r - 1.$$

Illustration:2.9

For the graph given in Figure 2.10, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \otimes K_4) \cong 6$.

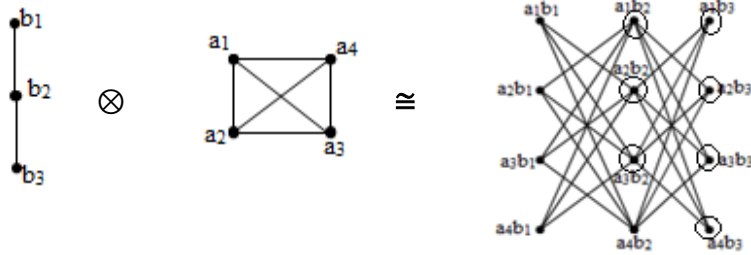


Figure 2.10
 $P_3 \otimes K_4$

Theorem:2.11

The Locating connected domination number of the tensor product of two graphs P_4 and K_r denoted by $P_4 \otimes K_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_4 \otimes K_r) = 2r, r \geq 3$.

Proof:

Let K_r be the complete graph on r nodes with $N(K_r) = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\}$

$N(P_4 \otimes K_r) = \{a_1b_1, a_2b_1, \dots, a_{r-1}b_1, a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_{r-1}b_2, a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_{r-1}b_3, a_1b_4, a_2b_4, \dots, a_{r-1}b_4\}$ to the form of the Cartesian product of P_4 and K_r with

$$G \cong P_4 \otimes K_r.$$

Let $\{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_{r-1}b_1\}$ denote the first copy of K_r , and $\{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_{r-1}b_2\}$ denote the second copy of K_r , and $\{a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_{r-1}b_3\}$ denote the third copy of K_r , and $\{a_1b_4, a_2b_4, \dots, a_{r-1}b_4\}$ denote the fourth copy of K_r .

Then the set $S = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_rb_2, a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_rb_3\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contains all the nodes in second column and all the nodes in third column of K_r , obviously S is connected.

claim: S will form locating dominating set $N - S = \{a_1b_1, a_2b_1, \dots, a_rb_1, a_1b_4, a_2b_4, \dots, a_rb_4\}$

$$A(a_1b_1) \cap S = \{a_2b_2, a_3b_2, \dots, a_rb_2\}$$

$$A(a_2b_1) \cap S = \{a_1b_2, a_3b_2, \dots, a_rb_2\}$$

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$$A(a_rb_1) \cap S = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots, a_{r-1}b_2\}$$

$$A(a_1b_4) \cap S = \{a_2b_3, a_3b_3, \dots, a_rb_3\}$$

$$A(a_2b_4) \cap S = \{a_1b_3, a_3b_3, \dots, a_rb_3\}$$

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$$A(a_rb_4) \cap S = \{a_1b_3, a_2b_3, \dots, a_{r-1}b_3\}$$

Which ensure that all nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong P_r$, which implies is connected.

Suppose we take the nodes in second column of LCD - set, S does not distinct neighbourhood. Also if any one node is removed from S , then S will no longer be a LCD - set.

$$\text{Thus } \gamma_{LCD}(P_4 \otimes K_r) = |S| = 2r.$$

Illustration:2.12

For the graph given in Figure 2.13, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(P_4 \otimes K_4) \cong 8$.

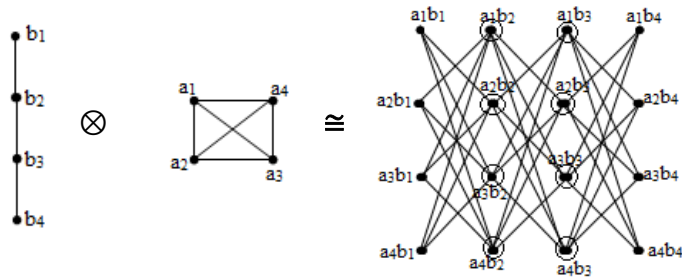


Figure 2.13
 $P_4 \otimes K_4$

Theorem:2.14

The Locating connected domination number of the strong product of two graphs P_2 and P_r denoted by $P_2 \boxtimes P_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \boxtimes P_r) = r, r \geq 3$.

Proof:

Let P_r be the complete graph on n nodes with $N(P_r) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots a_r\}$.

The set $\{a_1b_1, a_1b_2, a_2b_1, a_2b_2, \dots a_rb_1, a_rb_2\}$ to form a strong product P_2 and P_r with

$$G \cong P_2 \boxtimes P_r$$

Then the set $S = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots a_rb_2\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contain all nodes in second copy of P_r , obviously S is connected.

Claim:

S will form a locating dominating set

$$N - S = \{a_1b_1, a_2b_1, a_3b_1 \dots a_rb_1\}$$

$$N(a_1b_1) = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2\}$$

$$N(a_2b_1) = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, a_3b_2\}$$

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$$N(a_rb_1) = \{a_{r-1}b_2, a_rb_2\}$$

Which ensure that all the nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

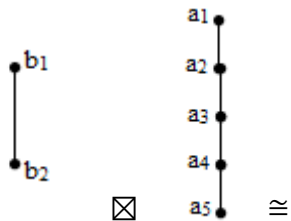
Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong P_r$, which implies is connected.

Also if any one node is removed from S , then S will not a LCD - set.

$$\text{Thus } \gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \boxtimes P_r) = |S| = r.$$

Illustration:2.15

For the graph given the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled $\cong 5$.



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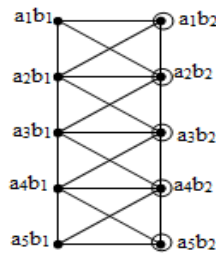


Figure 2.16
 $P_2 \boxtimes P_5$

Theorem:2.17

The Locating connected domination number of the strong product of two graphs P_2 and C_r denoted by $P_2 \boxtimes C_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \boxtimes C_r) = r, r \geq 4$.

Proof:

Let C_r be the complete graph on r nodes with $N(C_r) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots \dots a_r\}$.

The set $\{a_1b_1, a_1b_2, a_2b_1, a_2b_2, \dots \dots a_rb_1, a_rb_2\}$ to form a strong product P_2 and C_r with

$$G \cong P_2 \boxtimes C_r$$

Then the set $S = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, \dots \dots a_rb_2\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contains all nodes in second copy of C_r , obviously S is connected.

Claim:

S will form a locating dominating set

$$N - S = \{a_1b_1, a_2b_1, a_3b_1 \dots \dots a_rb_1\}$$

$$N(a_1b_1) = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2\}$$

$$N(a_2b_1) = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, a_3b_2\}$$

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$$N(a_rb_1) = \{a_{r-1}b_2, a_rb_2\}$$

Which ensure that all the nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong P_r$, which implies is connected.

Also if any one node is removed from S , then S will not a LCD - set.

$$\text{Thus } \gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \boxtimes C_r) = |S| = r.$$

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For the graph given in Figure 2.19, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(P_2 \boxtimes C_4) \cong 4$.

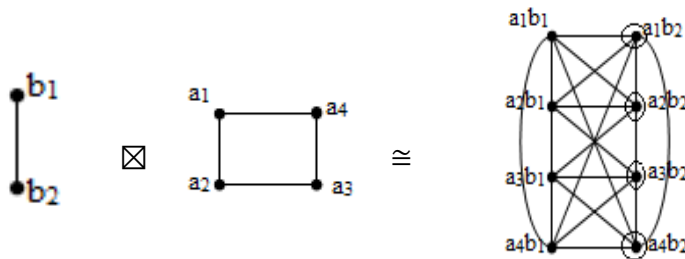


Figure 2.19
 $P_2 \boxtimes C_4$

Theorem:2.20

The Locating connected domination number of the strong product of two graphs P_2 and C_r denoted by $P_3 \boxtimes C_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \boxtimes C_r) = 2r - 2, r \geq 4$.

Proof:

Let C_r be the cycle graph on r nodes with $N(C_r) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots a_r\}$.

The set $\{a_1b_1, a_1b_2, a_1b_3, a_2b_1, a_2b_2, a_2b_3 \dots a_nb_1, a_nb_2, a_nb_3\}$ to form a strong product P_3 and C_r with

$$G \cong P_3 \boxtimes C_r$$

Then the set $S = \{a_2b_2, a_3b_2, \dots a_rb_2, a_1b_3, a_2b_3 \dots a_{r-1}b_3\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contains all nodes in second copy except one node and all the nodes in third copy except one node of C_r , obviously S is connected.

Claim:

S will form a locating dominating set

$$N - S = \{a_1b_1, a_2b_1, \dots a_rb_1, a_1b_2, a_rb_3\}$$

$$N(a_1b_1) = \{a_2b_2, a_rb_2\}$$

$$N(a_2b_1) = \{a_1b_2, a_2b_2, a_3b_2\}$$

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$$N(a_nb_1) = \{a_{n-1}b_2, a_rb_2\}$$

$$N(a_1b_2) = \{a_1b_3, a_2b_3, a_2b_2, a_rb_2\}$$

$$N(a_nb_3) = \{a_{r-1}b_2, a_rb_2, a_1b_3, a_{r-1}b_3\}$$

Which ensure that all the nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

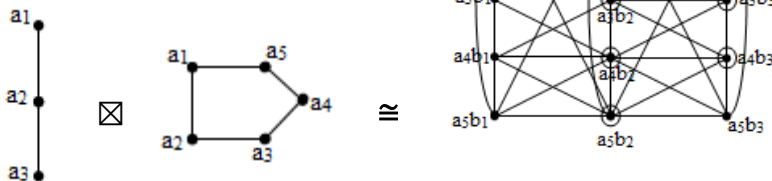
Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong P_r$, which implies is connected.

Also if any one node is removed from S , then S will not a LCD - set.

$$\text{Thus } \gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \boxtimes C_r) = |S| = 2r - 2.$$

Illustration:2.21

For the graph given in Figure 2.22, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(P_3 \boxtimes C_5) \cong 8$.



Theorem:2.23

Figure 2.22
 $P_3 \boxtimes C_5$

The Locating connected domination number of the corona product of two graphs C_n and K_r denoted by $C_n \odot K_r$ is given by $\gamma_{LCD}(C_n \odot K_r) = nr$, for $n \geq 3$.

Proof:

Let C_n be the cycle graph on n node with $N(C_n) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$

Take n copies of K_r , the complete graph on r node with

$N(C_n \odot K_r) = \{a_1, 1', a_1, 2' \dots a_1, r', a_2, 1', a_2, 2', \dots, a_2, r', a_r, 1', a_r, 2', \dots, a_r, r'\}$ to form the corona product of C_n and K_r with

$$G \cong C_n \odot K_r$$

Then the set $S = \bigcup_{i=1}^r i' \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{r-1} \{a_1, i'\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{r-1} \{a_2, i'\} \dots \dots \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{r-1} \{a_r, i'\}$ will form a γ_{LCD} - set of G .

Since S contain all the nodes in the cycle and take all the nodes in complete Graph except last node of K_r , obviously S is connected.

Claim:

S will form a locating connected dominating set

$$N - S = \{a_1, r', a_2, r', a_3, r', \dots, a_r, r'\}$$

$$A(a_1, r') \cap S = \{a_1, 1', a_1, 2' \dots a_1, r - 1'\}$$

$$A(a_2, r') \cap S = \{a_2, 1', a_2, 2', \dots, a_2, r - 1'\}$$

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$$A(a_r, r') \cap S = \{a_r, 1', a_r, 2', \dots, a_r, r - 1'\}$$

Which ensure that all nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

Here leave one node for every copy of K_r , which ensure that all nodes in $N - S$ have distinct neighbours.

Thus S is a Locating dominating set. Again $\langle S \rangle \cong P_r$, which implies is connected.

Suppose if any one node is removed from S them S will not distinct neighbours.

Also if any one node is add from S , then S will not minimum cardinality set, then S will not a LCD - set.

$$\text{Thus } \gamma_{LCD}(C_n \odot K_r) = |S| = nr.$$

Illustration:2.24

For the graph given in Figure 2.25, the γ_{LCD} - set is encircled and $\gamma_{LCD}(C_4 \odot K_5) \cong 8$.

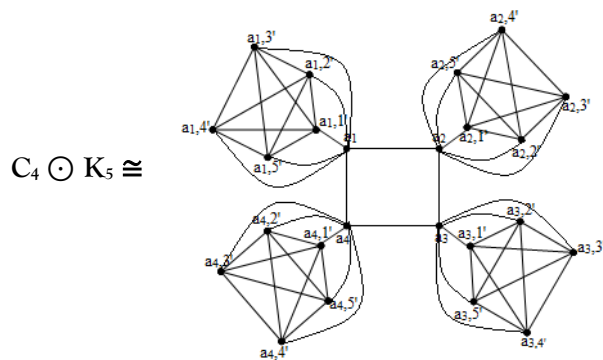


Figure 2.25
 $C_5 \odot K_5$

2. Conclusion

The locating connected domination number for several operation namely Cartesian product, tensor product, strong product, corona product is established. To extend the work for generalization the result for the operations namely Cartesian product, tensor product of any two graphs and characterizing their bounds are the future work. To write an algorithm for determining the tensor product of any two graphs is posted as an open problem.

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