

Perfect Hop Domination in Graphs

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Abstract

Let $G = (V(G), E(G))$ be a simple graph. A set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is a *perfect hop dominating set* of G if for every $v \in V(G) \setminus S$, there is exactly one vertex $u \in S$ such that $d_G(u, v) = 2$. The smallest cardinality of a perfect hop dominating set of G is called the *perfect hop domination number* of G , denoted by $\gamma_{ph}(G)$. In this paper, we characterize the perfect hop dominating set in the join, corona, lexicographic and Cartesian product of two graphs and determine their corresponding perfect hop domination number.

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1 Introduction

Let $G = (V(G), E(G))$ be a simple graph. The *open neighborhood* of a vertex v of G is the set $N_G(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G)\}$ and its *closed neighborhood* is the set $N_G[v] = N_G(v) \cup \{v\}$. The *degree* of v , denoted by $deg_G(v)$, is equal to $|N_G(v)|$. A subset S of $V(G)$ is a *hop dominating set* [3] (resp. *perfect hop dominating set*) of G if for every $v \in V(G) \setminus S$, there exists $u \in S$ (resp. there is exactly one vertex $u \in S$) such that $d_G(u, v) = 2$. The smallest cardinality of a hop dominating (resp. perfect hop dominating) set of G , denoted by $\gamma_h(G)$ (resp. $\gamma_{ph}(G)$) is the *hop domination number* (resp. *perfect hop domination number*) of G . A hop dominating set (resp. perfect hop dominating set) S of G with $|S| = \gamma_h(G)$ (resp. $|S| = \gamma_{ph}(G)$) is called a γ_h -set (resp. γ_{ph} -set) of G . A set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is a *total perfect hop dominating set* of G if for every $v \in V(G)$, there is exactly one vertex $u \in S$ such that $d_G(u, v) = 2$. The smallest cardinality of a total perfect hop dominating set of G , denoted by $\gamma_{tph}(G)$ is called the *total perfect hop domination number* of G . Any total perfect hop dominating set of G with $|S| = \gamma_{tph}(G)$ is called a γ_{tph} -set. A set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is a *perfect total $(1,2)^*$ -dominating set* of G if for every $w \in V(G)$, there is exactly one vertex $x \in S$ such that $wx \in E(G)$ and for every $u \in V(G) \setminus S$, there is exactly one vertex $v \in S$ such that $d_G(u, v) = 2$. The smallest cardinality of a perfect total $(1,2)^*$ -dominating set of G is called the *perfect total $(1,2)^*$ -domination number* of G , denoted by $\gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(G)$. A perfect total $(1,2)^*$ -dominating set S of G with $|S| = \gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(G)$ is called a $\gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}$ -set of G . A set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is a *perfect distance 2-dominating set* of G if for every $u \in V(G) \setminus S$, there is exactly one vertex $v \in S$ such that $d_G(u, v) \leq 2$. The smallest cardinality of a perfect distance 2-dominating set of G is called the *perfect distance 2-domination number* of G , denoted by $\gamma_{2p}(G)$. A perfect distance 2-dominating set S of G with $|S| = \gamma_{2p}(G)$ is called a γ_{2p} -set of G . The *open hop neighborhood set* $N_G(v, 2)$ of a vertex v of $V(G)$ is the set of all vertices of G which are at a distance equal to 2 from v in G . For other terms not define here, refer to [2].

2 Results

Proposition 2.1 *Let G be a connected graph. Then $1 \leq \gamma_{ph}(G) \leq |V(G)|$. Moreover,*

- (i) $\gamma_{ph}(G) = 1$ if and only if G is a trivial graph.

- (ii) $\gamma_{ph}(G) = 2$ if and only if there exist vertices a and b of G such that $N_G(a) \cap N_G(b) = \emptyset$ and $N_G(a, 2) \cap N_G(b, 2) = \emptyset$.

Example 2.2 $\gamma_{ph}(P_n) = 2$ for $n = 2, 3, 4, 5$, $\gamma_{ph}(C_n) = 2$ for $n = 4$, $\gamma_{ph}(K_{m,n}) = 2$ for $n, m \geq 2$ and $\gamma_{ph}(K_m) = m$ for $m \geq 1$.

A set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is a *perfect point-wise non-dominating set* of G if for every $v \in V(G) \setminus S$, there is exactly one vertex $u \in S$ such that $v \notin N_G(u)$. The smallest cardinality of a perfect point-wise non-dominating set of G , denoted by $ppnd(G)$ is called the *perfect point-wise non-domination number* of G . Any perfect point-wise non-dominating set S of G with $|S| = ppnd(G)$ is called a *ppnd-set*.

Remark 2.3 Let G be any graph. Then $ppnd(G) = 1$ if and only if G has an isolated vertex.

Example 2.4 For any positive integers m and n ,

- (i) $ppnd(K_m) = m$;
- (ii) $ppnd(K_{m,n}) = 2$;
- (iii) $ppnd(P_n) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } 2 \leq n \leq 6 \\ n, & \text{if } n \geq 7 \end{cases}$
- (iv) $ppnd(C_n) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n = 4, 6 \\ 3, & \text{if } n = 3, 5 \\ n, & \text{if } n \geq 7 \end{cases}$

3 Join of Graphs

The *join* $G+H$ of two graphs G and H is the graph with vertex set $V(G+H) = V(G) \cup V(H)$ and edge-set $E(G+H) = E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \{uv : u \in V(G) \text{ and } v \in V(H)\}$.

Theorem 3.1 Let G and H be graphs. Then $S \subseteq V(G+H)$ is a perfect hop dominating set of $G+H$ if and only if $S = S_G \cup S_H$ where S_G and S_H are perfect point-wise non-dominating sets of G and H , respectively.

Proof. Let $S \subseteq V(G+H)$ be a perfect hop dominating set of $G+H$. Let $S_G = V(G) \cap S$ and $S_H = V(H) \cap S$. Suppose $S_G = \emptyset$. Then $S = S_H$. Thus, for any vertex $v \in V(G)$, $d_{G+H}(v, x) = 1$ for all $x \in S$ contrary to our assumption that S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G+H$. Thus, $S_G \neq \emptyset$. Similarly,

$S_H \neq \emptyset$. Suppose $u \in V(G) \setminus S_G$. Then $u \in V(G+H) \setminus S$. Since S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G+H$, there is exactly one vertex $y \in S$ such that $d_{G+H}(u, y) = 2$. By definition of $G+H$, $y \notin S_H$. Thus, $y \in S_G$ and $uy \notin E(G)$. Hence, S_G is a perfect point-wise non-dominating set of G . Similarly, S_H is a perfect point-wise non-dominating set of H . Conversely, suppose that $S_G = V(G) \cap S$ and $S_H = V(H) \cap S$ are perfect point-wise non-dominating sets of G and H respectively. Let $S = S_G \cup S_H$ and $v \in V(G+H) \setminus S$. If $v \in V(G) \setminus S_G$, then since S_G is a perfect point-wise non-dominating set of G , there is exactly one vertex $x \in S_G$ such that $vx \notin E(G)$. Hence, by definition of $G+H$, $d_{G+H}(v, x) = 2$. Therefore S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G+H$. Similarly if $v \in V(H) \setminus S_H$, then S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G+H$. \square

Corollary 3.2 *Let G and H be graphs. Then*

$$\gamma_{ph}(G+H) = ppnd(G) + ppnd(H).$$

In particular, for any positive integers m and n ,

$$(i) \quad \gamma_{ph}(F_n) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 3, & \text{if } 2 \leq n \leq 6 \\ 1+n, & \text{if } n \geq 7 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \gamma_{ph}(W_n) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } n = 4, 6 \\ 4, & \text{if } n = 3, 5 \\ 1+n, & n \geq 7 \end{cases}$$

$$(iii) \quad \gamma_{ph}(K_{m,n}) = 2$$

4 Corona of Graphs

The *corona* $G \circ H$ of two graphs G and H is the graph obtained by taking one copy of G of order n and n copies of H , and then joining the i th vertex of G to every vertex in the i th copy of H . For every $v \in V(G)$, denote by H^v the copy of H whose vertices are attached one by one to the vertex v . Subsequently, denote by $v + H^v$ the subgraph of the corona $G \circ H$ corresponding to the join $\langle v \rangle + H^v = v + H^v$. We define the following sets for a nonempty set $A \subseteq V(G)$.

$$A_1 = \{x \in A : |N_G(x) \cap A| = 1\},$$

$$A_2 = \{x \in A : |N_G(x) \cap A| \geq 2\},$$

$$A^{1c} = \{x \in V(G) \setminus A : |N_G(x) \cap A| = 1\},$$

$$A^{2c} = \{x \in V(G) \setminus A : |N_G(x) \cap A| \geq 2\},$$

Theorem 4.1 *Let G be a nontrivial connected graph and H a graph without isolated vertices. A subset C of $V(G \circ H)$ is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \circ H$ if and only if*

$$C = A \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_1} S_v^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_2} S_v^2 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{1c}} D_u^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{2c}} D_u^2 \right)$$

where

- (i) A is a perfect hop and a total dominating set of G .
- (ii) For each $v \in A_1$, $S_v^1 = \emptyset$ or S_v^1 is a perfect k_1 -dominating set of H^v if $\deg_G(v) = 1$ where $k_1 = |S_v^1|$.
- (iii) $S_v^2 = V(H^v)$ for each $v \in A_2$.
- (iv) For each $u \in A^{1c}$, $D_u^1 = \emptyset$ or D_u^1 is a perfect k_2 -dominating set of H^u if $\deg_G(u) = 1$ where $k_2 = |D_u^1|$.
- (v) $D_u^2 = V(H^u)$ for each $u \in A^{2c}$.

Proof. Let C be a perfect hop dominating set of $G \circ H$ and $A = V(G) \cap C$. Let $x \in V(G)$. If $x \notin A$, then $x \notin C$. Hence, there exists a unique vertex $v \in C$ such that $d_{G \circ H}(x, v) = 2$. We claim that $v \in A$. Suppose that $v \notin A$. Then there exists a vertex $w \in V(G)$ such that $v \in V(H^w)$ and $xw \in E(G)$. If $|V(G)| = 2$, then H is a trivial graph or v is an isolated vertex of H , which is a contradiction to the hypothesis. If $|V(G)| > 2$, then there exist vertices $a \in N_{H^w}(v) \setminus C$ and $b \in A$ such that $d_{G \circ H}(a, b) = 2$. Thus, $wb \in E(G)$ implying that $d_{G \circ H}(x, b) = 2$. This is a contradiction since C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \circ H$ and $d_{G \circ H}(x, v) = 2 = d_{G \circ H}(x, b)$ where $v, b \in C$. Hence, $v \in A$. This implies that A is a perfect hop dominating set of G . Next, we show that A is a dominating set of G , that is, $N_G(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Since $d_G(x, v) = 2$ and $v \in A$, there exists $u \in V(G)$ such that $u \in N_G(x) \cap N_G(v)$. If $u \in A$, then we are done. Suppose that $u \notin A$. Since H is a nontrivial graph without isolated vertices, there exists a vertex $y \in A$ such that $d_{G \circ H}(y, y') = 2$ for all vertices $y' \in V(H^x)$. This implies that $y \in N_G(x) \cap A$. Thus, $N_G(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$, implying that A is a dominating set of G . Next, suppose that $x \in A$. We claim again that $N_G(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Since G is connected, there exists a vertex $u \in V(G)$ such that $ux \in E(G)$. If $u \in A$, then we are done. Suppose $u \notin A$. If $|V(G)| = 2$, then there exists a unique vertex $y \in V(H^x) \cap C$. Since $u \notin C$, $\{y\}$ is a point wise non-dominating set of H^x . By Remark 2.3, y is an isolated vertex of H which is a contradiction to the hypothesis. Thus, $u \in A$. This implies that $N_G(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ for the case that $|V(G)| = 2$. Suppose that $|V(G)| > 2$. Then there exists vertex $z \in V(G) \setminus \{x, u\}$ such that either $x \in N_G(z) \cap N_G(u)$ or

$u \in N_G(x) \cap N_G(z)$. If $x \in N_G(z) \cap N_G(u)$, then $z \in A$ since $u \notin A$ and H is a graph without isolated vertices. Thus, $z \in N_G(x) \cap A$. The case that $u \in N_G(x) \cap N_G(z)$ and $u \notin A$ will give a contradiction since H must have an isolated vertex or H is a trivial graph. This case forces $u \in A$. Hence, in any case, $N_G(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset$. Therefore A is a total dominating set of G . Thus, (i) holds. Let $v \in A_1$. Then $|N_G(v) \cap A| = 1$. If $\deg_G(v) \geq 2$, then there exists distinct vertices $z_1, z_2 \in N_G(v)$ such that $z_1 \in A$ and $z_2 \notin A$. We claim that $S_v^1 = C \cap V(H^v) = \emptyset$. Suppose that there is a vertex $u \in S_v^1$. Then $d_{G \circ H}(z_1, z_2) = d_{G \circ H}(u, z_2) = 2$. Since $u, z_1 \in C$ and $z_2 \notin C$, we have a contradiction as C is a perfect hop domination set of $G \circ H$. Hence, $S_v^1 = \emptyset$. Suppose that $\deg_G(v) = 1$ and $S_v^1 \subseteq C \cap V(H^v)$. Let $w \in N_G(v) \cap A$. If $u \in V(H^v) \setminus S_v^1$, then $uw \in E(H^v)$ for every $y \in S_v^1$ since $d_{G \circ H}(u, w) = 2$. Hence, S_v is a perfect k_1 -dominating set of H^v where $k_1 = |S_v|$. Thus, (ii) holds. Let $v \in A_2$. Then $|N_G(v) \cap A| \geq 2$. This implies that there are two distinct vertices $x, y \in N_G(v) \cap A$. We show that $S_v^2 = V(H^v)$. If $S_v^2 \neq V(H^v)$, there is a vertex $u \in V(H^v) \setminus S_v^2$. Hence, $d_{G \circ H}(u, x) = d_{G \circ H}(u, y) = 2$. This is a contradiction, since $u \notin C$, $x, y \in C$ and C is a perfect hop dominating set. Thus, $S_v = V(H^v)$ and (iii) holds. The proofs of (iv) and (v) are similar to the proofs of (ii) and (iii), respectively. For the converse, suppose that

$$C = A \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_1} S_v^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_2} S_v^2 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{1c}} D_u^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{2c}} D_u^2 \right)$$

and conditions (i),(ii),(iii),(iv) and (v) hold. Let $x \in V(G \circ H) \setminus C$ and $v \in V(G)$ such that $x \in V(v + H^v)$. Consider the following cases.

Case 1. $x = v$. Then $x \in V(G) \setminus A$. By (i), A is a perfect hop dominating set of G . Hence, $|V(G)| > 2$ and there exists a unique vertex $u \in A$ such that $d_G(x, u) = 2$. Let $w \in N_G(x) \cap N_G(u)$. We claim that $\deg_G(x) = 1$. If $|V(G)| = 3$, then we are done. Suppose that $|V(G)| = 4$ and there exists a vertex $z \in N_G(x)$. Then A is not a total dominating set of G contradicting (i). Suppose that $|V(G)| \geq 5$ and there exists a vertex $a \in N_G(x)$. Since A is a total dominating set of G , there exists a vertex $b \in N_G(a) \cap A$. Then $d_G(x, u) = d_G(x, b) = 2$. This is a contradiction since A is a perfect hop dominating set of G and $b, u \in A$ and $x \notin A$. Thus, $\deg_G(x) = 1$. By (i), $w \in A$. Since u is a unique vertex in A such that $d_G(x, u) = 2$, $|N_G(w) \cap A| = 1$. Since $\deg_G(w) \geq 2$, by (ii), $S_w^1 = \emptyset$. Therefore u is a unique vertex in C such that $d_{G \circ H}(x, u) = 2$.

Case 2. $x \neq v$. Then $x \in V(H^v)$. Since $v \in V(G)$, by (i), there exists vertex $y \in N_G(v) \cap A$. Then $d_{G \circ H}(x, y) = 2$. We claim that y is a unique vertex in C . Since $x \notin C$ (that is $x \notin S_v^2$ and $x \notin D_v^2$), by (iii) and (v), $|N_G(v) \cap A| = 1$. If $\deg_G(v) \geq 2$, then $S_v^1 = \emptyset$ or $D_v^1 = \emptyset$ by (ii) and (iv). If $\deg_G(v) = 1$, then S_v^1 is a perfect k_1 -dominating set of H^v or D_v^1 is a perfect

k_2 -dominating set of H^v where $k_1 = |S_v^1|$ and $k_2 = |D_v^1|$. Therefore y is a unique vertex in C such that $d_{G \circ H}(x, y) = 2$. Accordingly, C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \circ H$. \square

Corollary 4.2 *Let G be a connected graph where $\gamma(G) = 1$. Then $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) = 2$ if and only if H has an isolated vertex or G has a vertex of degree 1.*

Proof. Let $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) = 2$ and C a γ_{ph} -set of $G \circ H$. Suppose G is a trivial graph. Then $G \circ H = G + H$. By Theorem 3.2, $C = \{v\} \cup S_H$ where $v \in V(G)$ and S_H is a perfect pointwise non-dominating set of H . Since $|C| = 2$, $|S_H| = 1$. By Remark 2.3, the vertex $u \in S_H$ is an isolated vertex of H . Suppose G is a connected nontrivial graph and H is a graph without isolated vertices. Then by Theorem 4.1,

$$C = A \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_1} S_v^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_2} S_v^2 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{1c}} D_u^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{2c}} D_u^2 \right).$$

where A is a perfect hop and a total dominating set of G by (i). Since A is a total dominating set of G , $|A| \geq 2$. Note that $|C| = 2$. Thus, $|A| = 2$. Hence, $S_v^i = D_u^i = \emptyset$ for $i = 1, 2$ and for every $v \in A$ and $u \in V(G) \notin A$. Therefore $C = A$. Since $\gamma(G) = 1$, there exists $u \in V(G)$ such that $ux \in E(G)$ for all $x \in V(G)$. This implies that $C = A = \{u, y\}$ for some $y \in V(G)$. Since $\gamma_{ph}(G) = |C| = 2$, by Proposition 2.1, $N_G \cap N_G(y) = \emptyset$. Since $x \in N_G(u)$ for all $x \notin \{u\}$ and $u \in N_G(y) = \emptyset$. It follows that $deg_H(y) = 1$. Therefore G has a vertex of degree one. Therefore G has a vertex of degree one. For the converse, suppose H has an isolated vertex or G has a vertex of degree 1. Let $\{u\}$ be the γ -set of G . Then for all $v \in V(G) \setminus \{u\}$, $uv \in E(G)$. Hence, $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) \neq 1$. Consider the following cases:

Case 1. H has an isolated vertex. Then $\{x\}$ is a *ppnd*-set of H^u . Consider $C = \{u, x\}$. Let $v \in V(G \circ H) \setminus C$. If $v \in V(G)$, then $d_{G \circ H}(x, v) = 2$ and if $v \notin V(G)$, then there exists $w \in V(G)$ such that $v \in V(H^w)$. This implies that $d_G(u, v) = 2$. Thus, C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \circ H$. Since $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) \neq 1$, C is a γ_{ph} -set of G . Therefore $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) = 2$.

Case 2. G has a vertex of degree 1. Let $y \in V(G)$ such that $deg_G(y) = 1$. Consider $C = \{u, y\}$. Clearly $uy \in E(G)$ since $\{u\}$ is a γ -set of G . Let $a \in V(G \circ H) \setminus C$. If $a \in V(G)$, then $au \in E(G)$ and $ay \notin E(G)$ since $deg_G(y) = 1$. Thus, $d_{G \circ H}(a, y) = 2$. Suppose $a \notin V(G)$. Then there exists $b \in V(G)$ such that $a \in V(H^b)$. Since $ab \in E(G \circ H)$ and $bu \in E(G)$, $d_{G \circ H}(a, u) = 2$. Therefore C is a γ_{ph} -set of $G \circ H$. This implies that $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) = 2$. \square

Corollary 4.3 *Let G be a nontrivial connected graph and H a graph without isolated vertices of order n . Then $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) = \min\{|A| + n|A_2| + n|A^{2c}| : A \text{ is a perfect hop and a total dominating set of } G\}$.*

Proof. Let C be a γ_{ph} -set of $G \circ H$. Then by Theorem 4.1,

$$C = A \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_1} S_v^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{v \in A_2} S_v^2 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{1c}} D_u^1 \right) \cup \left(\bigcup_{u \in A^{2c}} D_u^2 \right)$$

where A is a perfect hop and a total dominating set of G . Let $S_v^1 = \emptyset$ and $D_u^1 = \emptyset$ for every $v \in A_1$, and $u \in A^{1c}$. Thus,

$$|C| = |A| + n |A_2| + n |A^{2c}|.$$

Hence, $\gamma_{ph}(G \circ H) = \min\{|A| + n |A_2| + n |A^{2c}| : A \text{ is a perfect hop dominating and total dominating set of } G\}$. \square

5 Lexicographic Product

The *lexicographic product* of two graphs G and H , denoted by $G[H]$, is the graph with $V(G[H]) = V(G) \times V(H)$ and $(u_1, u_2)(v_1, v_2) \in E(G[H])$ if either $u_1 v_1 \in E(G)$ or $u_1 = v_1$ and $u_2 v_2 \in E(H)$.

Theorem 5.1 *Let G and H be nontrivial connected graphs with $\gamma(H) \neq 1$. A subset $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ of $V(G[H])$ is a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$ if and only if the following conditions hold.*

- (i) $S = V(G)$; and
- (ii) For each $x \in S$, $T_x = V(H)$ if $N_G(x, 2) \neq \emptyset$ and T_x is a perfect point-wise non-dominating set of H if $N_G(x, 2) = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ be a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. Suppose $S \neq V(G)$. Let $u \in V(G) \setminus S$. Then $(u, a) \notin C$ for any $a \in V(H)$. Thus, there exists a unique vertex $(y, b) \in C$ such that $d_{G[H]}((u, a), (y, b)) = 2$. Since $u \notin S$ and $y \in S$, $u \neq y$ and $d_G(u, y) = 2$. This implies that $(y, p) \notin C$ for all $p \in V(H) \setminus \{b\}$. Since $\gamma(H) \neq 1$, choose $q \in V(H) \setminus \{b\}$ such that $q \notin N_H(b)$. Then $d_{G[H]}((y, q), (y, b)) = 2$. Pick any $t \in N_H(b)$. Then there exists $z \in S \setminus \{y\}$ such that $d_G(y, z) = 2$. Let $r \in T_z$. Then $d_{G[H]}((y, q), (z, r)) = 2$, a contradiction to the fact that C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. Therefore $S = V(G)$. Let $x \in S$. Suppose that $N_G(x, 2) \neq \emptyset$ and $T_x \neq V(H)$. Let $z \in N_G(x, 2)$, $p \in T_z$ and $a \in V(H) \setminus T_x$. Since $(x, a) \notin C$, there is exactly one vertex $(y, b) \in C$ such that $d_{G[H]}((x, a), (y, b)) = 2$. This implies that $x = y$ and $ab \notin E(H)$ or $d_G(x, y) = 2$. Suppose $x = y$ and $ab \notin E(G)$. Then $d_{G[H]}((x, a), (y, b)) = d_{G[H]}((x, a), (z, p)) = 2$ contrary to our assumption that

C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. On the other hand, suppose that $d_G(x, y) = 2$. If $y \neq z$, then $d_{G[H]}((x, a), (y, b)) = d_{G[H]}((x, a), (z, p)) = 2$. If $y = z$, then $b = p$. Since $\gamma(H) \neq 1$, there exists $q \in V(H) \setminus N_H[p]$. Let $w \in T_x$. Then $d_{G[H]}((z, q), (z, p)) = d_{G[H]}((z, q), (x, w)) = 2$. Since $(z, q) \notin C$ because $|T_x| = 1$, it follows that C is not a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$ a contradiction to our assumption for C . Therefore $T_x = V(H)$. Now, let $N_G(x, 2) = \emptyset$ and $a \in V(H) \setminus T_x$. Then $(x, a) \notin C$ and it follows that there is a unique vertex $(y, b) \in C$ such that $d_{G[H]}((x, a), (y, b)) = 2$. Since $N_G(x, 2) = \emptyset$, $x = y$ and $ab \notin E(H)$. This implies that T_x is a perfect point-wise non-dominating set of H . Therefore (i) and (ii) hold. Conversely, assume that C satisfies conditions (i) and (ii). Let $(x, a) \notin C$. Since $S = V(G)$, $a \notin T_x$. If $N_G(x, 2) \neq \emptyset$, then we are done since $T_x = V(H)$. If $N_G(x, 2) = \emptyset$, then by (ii), there exists a unique vertex $b \in T_x$ such that $ab \notin E(H)$. Thus, $(x, b) \in C$ and $d_{G[H]}((x, a), (x, b)) = 2$. Accordingly, C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. \square

To obtain the perfect hop domination number of $G[H]$ for a nontrivial connected graphs G and H with $\gamma(H) \neq 1$, first we consider the following sets.

$$S_1 = \{x \in V(G) : \text{deg}_G(x) < |V(G)| - 1\}$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in V(G) : \text{deg}_G(x) = |V(G)| - 1\}$$

Corollary 5.2 *Let G and H be nontrivial connected graphs of orders m and n , respectively and $\gamma(H) \neq 1$. Then $\gamma_{ph}(G[H]) = (m - q)n + q(\text{ppnd}(H))$ where $q = |\{x \in V(G) : \text{deg}_G(x) = |V(G)| - 1\}|$.*

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ be a minimum perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. By Theorem 5.1, $S = V(G)$ and $T_x = V(H)$ if $N_G(x, 2) \neq \emptyset$ and T_x is a *ppnd*-set of H if $N_G(x, 2) = \emptyset$. Then

$$\gamma_{ph}(G[H]) = |C| = \sum_{x \in S_1} |T_x| + \sum_{x \in S_2} |T_x| = |S_1| \cdot |V(H)| + |S_2| \cdot \text{ppnd}(H) =$$

$$(m - |S_2|) \cdot n + |S_2| \cdot \text{ppnd}(H) = (m - q) \cdot n + q \cdot \text{ppnd}(H).$$

where $q = |\{x \in V(G) : \text{deg}_G(x) = |V(G)| - 1\}|$. \square

If G is a complete graph, then $S_1 = \emptyset$ and $S_2 = V(G)$. Thus, the following result follows immediately from Corollary 5.2.

Corollary 5.3 *Let H be a nontrivial connected graph with $\gamma(H) \neq 1$ and $m \geq 2$. Then $\gamma_{ph}(K_m[H]) = m(\text{ppnd}(H))$.*

The next result is a characterization of a perfect hop dominating set in $G[H]$ for nontrivial connected graphs G and H with $\gamma(H) = 1$.

Theorem 5.4 *Let G be a nontrivial connected graph whose total perfect hop dominating set exists and H a nontrivial connected graph with $\gamma(H) = 1$. A nonempty proper subset $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ of $V(G[H])$ where $S \subseteq V(G)$ and $T_x \subseteq V(H)$ for all $x \in S$, is a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$ if and only if S is a total perfect hop dominating set of G and T_x is a γ -set of H for every $x \in S$.*

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$, where $S \subseteq V(G)$ and $T_x \subseteq V(H)$ for each $x \in S$, be a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. We claim that S is a total perfect hop dominating set of G . Let $u \in V(G)$. If $u \notin S$, then $(u, a) \notin C$ for any $a \in V(H)$. Thus, there is exactly one vertex $(v, b) \in C$ such that $d_{G[H]}((u, a), (v, b)) = 2$. Since $u \notin S$ and $v \in S$, $u \neq v$ and $d_G(u, v) = 2$. Suppose $u \in S$. Since G has a total perfect hop dominating set, $N_G(u, 2) \neq \emptyset$. Let $z \in N_G(u, 2)$. If $z \in S$, then we are done. So suppose that $z \notin S$. Then $|T_u| = 1$, say $T_u = \{p\}$ for some $p \in V(H)$ because C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. Let $a \in N_H(p)$. Then there exists a unique $(w, b) \in C \cap N_{G[H]}((u, a), 2)$. Since $b \neq p$, $u \neq w$. Thus, $w \in S \cap N_G(u, 2)$. Hence, $N_G(u, 2) \cap S \neq \emptyset$. Therefore S is a total perfect hop dominating set of G . Now, let $x \in S$. Since S is a total perfect hop dominating set of G , $|T_x| = 1$, say $T_x = \{a\}$. Let $p \in V(H) \setminus T_x$. Suppose $p \notin N_H(a)$. Then $d_{G[H]}((x, p), (x, a)) = 2$. Since S is a total perfect hop dominating set of G , there exists a unique $y \in N_G(x, 2) \cap S$. Pick any $c \in T_y$. Then $(y, c) \neq (x, a)$ but $d_{G[H]}((x, p), (y, c)) = 2$. This implies that C is not a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$, a contradiction. Therefore, T_x is a γ -set of H . Conversely, suppose that S is a total perfect hop dominating set of G and T_x is a γ -set of H . Let $(x, a) \notin C$. Then either $x \notin S$ or $x \in S$ and $a \notin T_x$. If $x \notin S$, then a unique vertex $y \in S$ exists such that $d_G(x, y) = 2$. Since T_y is a γ -set of H for every $y \in S$, a unique vertex $b \in T_y$ exists such that for all $p \in V(H) \setminus \{b\}$, $p \in N_H(b)$. Then $(y, b) \in C$ and $d_{G[H]}((x, a), (y, b)) = 2$. Suppose $x \in S$ and $a \notin T_x$. Then there is exactly one vertex $z \in S$ such that $d_G(x, z) = 2$. Since T_z is a γ -set of H for every $z \in S$, a unique vertex $c \in T_z$ exists. Hence, $(z, c) \in C$ and $d_{G[H]}((x, a), (z, c)) = 2$. Thus, C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. \square

Corollary 5.5 *Let G be a nontrivial connected graph whose total perfect hop dominating set exists and H a nontrivial connected graph with $\gamma(H) = 1$. Then $\gamma_{ph}(G[H]) = \gamma_{tph}(G)$.*

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ be a minimum perfect hop dominating set of $G[H]$. Then by Theorem 5.4, S is a minimum total perfect hop dominating set of G and $T_x = \{a\}$ where $a \in V(H)$ such that $\deg_H(a) = |V(H)| - 1$. Therefore $\gamma_{ph}(G[H]) = |C| = \sum_{x \in S} |T_x| = |S| = \gamma_{tph}(G)$. \square

6 Cartesian Product

The *Cartesian product* of two graphs G and H , denoted by $G \square H$, is the graph with vertex-set $V(G \square H) = V(G) \times V(H)$ and edge-set $E(G \square H)$ satisfying the following conditions: $(u_1, v_1)(u_2, v_2) \in E(G \square H)$ if and only if either $u_1u_2 \in E(G)$ and $v_1 = v_2$ or $u_1 = u_2$ and $v_1v_2 \in E(H)$.

Theorem 6.1 *Let G and H be complete graphs such that $|V(G)| \geq 3$ and $|V(H)| \geq 4$. Then S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$ if and only if $S = V(G \square H)$.*

Proof. Clearly, if $S = V(G \square H)$, then S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. Let S be a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. Suppose $S \neq V(G \square H)$. Let $(x, y) \in V(G \square H) \setminus S$. Then there exists a unique vertex $(z, a) \in S$ such that $d_{G \square H}((x, y), (z, a)) = 2$. Thus, $z \neq x$ and $a \neq y$ since G and H are both complete. Now, since $|V(G)| \geq 3$ and $|V(H)| \geq 4$, there exist vertices $w \in V(G) \setminus \{x, z\}$ and $b, c \in V(H) \setminus \{a, y\}$ with $b \neq c$. Hence, $(w, a) \notin S$, $(w, b) \notin S$, $(w, c) \notin S$, $(z, b) \notin S$ and $(z, c) \notin S$. Since $d_{G \square H}((w, c), (z, a)) = d_{G \square H}((w, c), (z, y)) = d_{G \square H}((w, c), (x, b)) = d_{G \square H}((w, c), (x, a)) = 2$, $(z, y) \notin S$, $(x, b) \notin S$ and $(x, a) \notin S$. Similarly, since

$$d_{G \square H}((x, b), (z, a)) = d_{G \square H}((x, b), (w, y)) = 2,$$

$(w, y) \notin S$. This further implies that $(x, c) \notin S$. If $|V(G)| = 3$ and $|V(H)| = 4$, then $N_{G \square H}((z, b), 2) \cap S = N_{G \square H}((z, y), 2) \cap S = N_{G \square H}((z, c), 2) \cap S = N_{G \square H}((x, a), 2) \cap S = \emptyset$, a contradiction to our assumption that S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. If $|V(G)| > 3$ and $|V(H)| > 4$, then there exist $v \in V(G) \setminus \{x, w, z\}$ and $e \in V(H) \setminus \{a, b, c, y\}$. If $(v, e) \in S$, then again S is not a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. Hence, $(v, e) \notin S$. Therefore in any case, S is not a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$, a contradiction to our assumption. Accordingly, $S = V(G \square H)$. \square

Corollary 6.2 *Let G and H be complete graphs such that $|V(G)| \geq 3$ and $|V(H)| \geq 4$. Then $\gamma_{ph}(G \square H) = |V(G)| \cdot |V(H)|$.*

Proof. Let S be a minimum perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. Then by Theorem 6.1, $S = V(G \square H)$. Therefore,

$$\gamma_{ph}(G \square H) = |S| = |V(G \square H)| = |V(G)| \cdot |V(H)|.$$

\square

Corollary 6.2 is not true if $|V(G)| < 3$ and $|V(H)| < 4$ since $\gamma_{ph}(K_2 \square K_2) = \gamma_{ph}(K_2 \square K_3) = 2$ and $\gamma_{ph}(K_3 \square K_3) = 3$.

Theorem 6.3 *Let H be a connected non-complete graph of order greater than 3 and whose perfect total $(1,2)^*$ -dominating set or perfect distance 2-dominating set exists. A nonempty proper subset $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ of $V(P_2 \square H)$ where $S \subseteq V(P_2)$ and $T_x \subseteq V(H)$ for each $x \in S$ is a perfect hop dominating set of $P_2 \square H$ if and only if at least one of the following is satisfied.*

- (i) $S = \{x\}$ and T_x is a perfect total $(1,2)^*$ -dominating set of H .
- (ii) $S = V(P_2)$, $T_x = T_y$ for $x, y \in S$ and T_x is a perfect distance 2-dominating set in H .

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$, where $S \subseteq V(P_2)$ and $T_x \subseteq V(H)$ for each $x \in S$, be a perfect hop dominating set of $P_2 \square H$. Let $S = \{x\}$ and $a \in V(H) \setminus T_x$. Then $(x, a) \notin C$. Hence, there exists a unique vertex $(x, b) \in C$ such that $d_{P_2 \square H}((x, a), (x, b)) = 2$. This implies that $d_H(a, b) = 2$. Since $b \in T_x$, T_x is a perfect hop dominating set of H . Let $y \in V(P_2) \setminus \{x\}$ and $w \in V(H)$. Then $(y, w) \notin C$. Thus, a unique vertex $(x, c) \in C$ exists such that $d_{P_2 \square H}((y, w), (x, c)) = 2$. Since $y \in N_G(x)$, $w \in N_H(c)$ and $c \in T_x$. Hence, T_x is a perfect total dominating set of H . Hence, (i) holds. Suppose $S = V(P_2)$. Let $a \in V(H) \setminus T_x$ where $x \in S$. Then $(x, a) \notin C$. This implies that there exists a unique vertex $(z, q) \in C$ such that $d_{P_2 \square H}((x, a), (z, q)) = 2$. It follows that either $x = z$ and $d_H(a, q) = 2$ or $z \in N_G(x)$ and $a \in N_H(q)$. If $x = z$ and $d_H(a, q) = 2$, then $q \in T_x$. Thus, T_x is a perfect hop dominating set of H . If $z \in N_G(x)$ and $a \in N_H(q)$, then $z \in S$ since $S = V(P_2)$ and $q \in T_z$. This implies that $T_x = T_z$ and T_x is a perfect dominating set in H . Therefore (ii) holds. Conversely, assume that condition (i) or (ii) holds. Let $(x, a) \notin C$. If (i) holds, then either $x \in S$ and $a \notin T_x$ or $x \notin S$ and a is any vertex of H . Let $x \in S$ and $a \notin T_x$. Since T_x is a perfect hop dominating set of H , there exists a unique vertex $b \in T_x$ such that $d_H(a, b) = 2$. Thus, $(x, b) \in C$ and $d_{P_2 \square H}((x, a), (x, b)) = 2$. Let $x \notin S$ and $a \in V(H)$. Then $x \in N_G(y)$ for $y \in S$. Since T_y is a perfect total dominating set of H , there exists a unique vertex $c \in T_y$ such that $a \in N_H(c)$. Hence, $(y, c) \in C$ and $d_{P_2 \square H}((x, a), (y, c)) = 2$. Suppose (ii) holds. Then $a \notin T_x$. If T_x is a perfect hop dominating set of H , then there exists a unique $b \in T_x$ such that $d_H(a, b) = 2$. Hence, $(x, b) \in C$ and $d_{P_2 \square H}((x, a), (x, b)) = 2$. If T_x is a perfect dominating set of H , then a unique vertex $b \in T_x$ exists such that $a \in N_H(b)$. Since $T_x = T_y$ for $y \in S$, $b \notin T_y$. Hence, $(y, b) \in C$ and $d_{P_2 \square H}((x, a), (y, b)) = 2$. Therefore C is a perfect hop dominating set of $P_2 \square H$. \square

Corollary 6.4 *Let H be a connected non-complete graph of order greater than 3. Then*

$$\gamma_{ph}(P_2 \square H) = \begin{cases} \min\{\gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(H), 2 \cdot \gamma_{2p}(H)\}, & \text{if } \gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(H) \text{ exists} \\ 2 \cdot \gamma_{2p}(H), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ be a minimum perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. Then by Theorem 6.3(i), $S = \{x\}$ and T_x is a minimum perfect total $(1, 2)^*$ -dominating set of H if it exists or by Theorem 6.3(ii), $S = V(P_2)$ and $T_x = T_y$ for all $x, y \in S$ and T_x is a minimum perfect distance 2-dominating set of H . Therefore

$$\gamma_{ph}(P_2 \square H) = \begin{cases} \min\{\gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(H), 2 \cdot \gamma_{2p}(H)\}, & \text{if } \gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(H) \text{ exists} \\ 2 \cdot \gamma_{2p}(H), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \square$$

Theorem 6.5 *Let G be a complete graph of order greater than 2 and H a non-trivial connected graph of order greater than 2 whose perfect total $(1, 2)^*$ -dominating set exists. A nonempty proper subset $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ of $V(G \square H)$ where $S \subseteq V(G)$ and $T_x \subseteq V(H)$ for each $x \in S$ is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$ if and only if $|S| = 1$ and T_x is a perfect total $(1, 2)^*$ -dominating set of H for each $x \in S$.*

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$, where $S \subseteq V(G)$ and $T_x \subseteq V(H)$ for each $x \in S$, be a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. We claim that $|S| = 1$. Since C is a nonempty proper subset of $V(G \square H)$, there exists $(x, a) \notin C$. Hence, a unique vertex $(y, b) \in C$ exists such that $d_{G \square H}((x, a), (y, b)) = 2$. This implies that either $x = y$ and $d_H(a, b) = 2$ or $x \neq y$ and $a \in N_H(b)$. Suppose that $x = y$ and $d_H(a, b) = 2$. Then $x \in S$. Let $c \in N_H(a)$. Since

$$d_{G \square H}((x, a), (z, c)) = d_{G \square H}((x, a), (x, b)) = 2$$

for all $z \neq x$, $(z, c) \notin C$. Also, since $d_{G \square H}((z, c), (w, a)) = d_{G \square H}((z, c), (x, b)) = 2$ for all $w \in V(G) \setminus \{x, z\}$, and $c \in N_H(a) \cap N_H(b)$, $(w, a) \notin C$. Similarly, $(v, b) \notin C$ for all $v \neq x$. If $|V(H)| = 3$, then $(x, c) \in C$ for $c \in N_H(a) \cap N_H(b)$. Hence, $S = \{x\}$. Suppose that $|V(H)| \geq 4$. Let $e \in V(H) \setminus \{a, b, c\}$ where $c \in N_H(a) \cap N_H(b)$. Since H is connected, $e \in N_H(a) \cup N_H(b) \cup N_H(c)$. Hence, $(z, e) \notin C$ for all $z \neq x$. Without loss of generality, suppose that $e \in N_H(a)$. Since $d_{G \square H}((z, a), (x, c)) = d_{G \square H}((z, a), (x, e)) = 2$ for all $z \neq x$, it follows that $(x, e) \notin C$. If $ec \notin E(H)$ or $eb \notin E(H)$ but not both, then $S = \{x\}$. Suppose that $ec \in E(H)$ and $eb \in E(H)$. If $N_G(e, 2) \cap T_x \neq \emptyset$, then $S = \{x\}$. If $N_H(e, 2) \cap T_x = \emptyset$, then there exists a unique $f \in$

$N_H(e)$ such that $(z, f) \in C$. This implies that $z \neq x$ and $z \in S$. This is a contradiction to our assumption that S is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$ since $d_{G \square H}((x, a), (z, f)) = d_{G \square H}((x, a), (x, b)) = 2$. Thus, $S = \{x\}$. On the other hand suppose that $x \neq y$ and $a \in N_H(b)$. Since $d_{G \square H}((x, a), (y, b)) = d_{G \square H}((x, a), (z, b)) = 2$ for all $z \neq y$, it follows that $(z, b) \notin C$. Similarly, $(z, c) \notin C$ for all $z \neq x$ and $c \in N_H(a) \setminus \{b\}$. Suppose $(y, a) \in C$. Since $d_{G \square H}((x, c), (y, a)) = d_{G \square H}((x, c), (z, a)) = 2$ for all $z \neq x, y$, $(z, a) \notin C$ for all $z \in V(G) \setminus \{x, y\}$. Similarly, using argument above, we can show that $S = \{y\}$. Hence, $|S| = 1$. Next, we claim that T_x is a perfect total $(1, 2)^*$ -dominating set of H . Let $S = \{x\}$ and $a \in V(H) \setminus T_x$. Then $(x, a) \notin C$. This implies that there exists a unique vertex $(x, b) \in C$ such that $d_{G \square H}((x, a), (x, b)) = 2$. Hence, $d_H(a, b) = 2$ implying that T_x is a perfect hop dominating set H . Since $|V(G)| \geq 3$, there exists a vertex $y \in V(G) \setminus \{x\}$. Let $a \in V(H)$. Then $(y, a) \notin C$. Thus, there exists a unique vertex $(x, c) \in C$ such that $d_{G \square H}((y, a), (x, c)) = 2$. Hence, $a \in N_H(c)$. Since $c \in T_x$, T_x is a perfect total dominating set of H . Therefore T_x is a perfect total $(1, 2)^*$ -dominating set of H . Conversely, suppose that $S = \{x\}$ and T_x is a perfect total $(1, 2)^*$ -dominating set of H . Let $(y, a) \notin C$. Then $y = x$ and $a \notin T_x$ or $x \neq y$ and $a \in V(H)$. Suppose $y = x$ and $a \notin T_x$. Since T_x is a perfect hop dominating set of H , there exists a unique vertex $b \in T_x$ such that $d_H(a, b) = 2$. Thus, $(x, b) \in C$ and $d_{G \square H}((y, a), (x, b)) = 2$. On the other hand, if $x \neq y$ and $a \in V(H)$, then there exists a unique vertex $c \in T_x$ such that $a \in N_H(c)$ since T_x is a perfect total dominating set of H . Hence, $(x, c) \in C$ and $d_{G \square H}((y, a), (x, c)) = 2$. Accordingly, C is a perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. \square

Corollary 6.6 *Let G be a complete graph of order greater than 2 and H a connected graph of order greater than 2 whose perfect total $(1, 2)^*$ -dominating set exists. Then $\gamma_{ph}(G \square H) = \gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(H)$*

Proof. Let $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} [\{x\} \times T_x]$ be a minimum perfect hop dominating set of $G \square H$. By Theorem 6.5, $|S| = 1$ and T_x is $\gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}$ -set of H . Therefore $\gamma_{ph}(G \square H) = |C| = \sum_{x \in S} |T_x| = |S| \cdot |T_x| = \gamma_{1,2}^{*pt}(H)$. \square

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