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The domination and inverse domination parameters have been already studied, in this paper our interest is to evaluate the domination and inverse domination parameters for the flower graph $f_{(n\times r)}$. Also we have proved the inverse domination parameter for the flower graph $f_{n\times r}$ of order n r-1 is $\gamma' f_{n\times r} = \{(k-1)n+\gamma' (f_{n\times(3k+i)})k=1,2,3; i=0,1,2 \text{ and } r \le 11\}$ where $\gamma' (f_{n\times r})k=1,2,3$ be the inverse domination number of $f_{(n\times r)}$.

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Flower Graph, Dominating set, Inverse dominating set Domination and Inverse domination number.

1. Introduction:

Let G = (V, E) be a flower graph of order n(r - 1). A subset *D* of *V* is called dominating set if for every vertex $v \in V - D$, there exists a vertex *u* in such that *u* is adjacent to *v*. The smallest cardinality of a minimum dominating set in *G* is called the domination number of *G* and is denoted by $\gamma(G)$. Any dominating set with $\gamma(G)$ vertices is called γ -set of *G*.A dominating set *D'* contained in V - D is called an inverse dominating set of *G* with respect to *D*.The smallest cardinality among all minimum dominating sets, in V - D is called the inverse dominating set of *G* which has $\gamma'(G)$ vertices is called a γ' -set of *G*.

Definition: 1.1

If $e = \{u, v\}$ is an edge of *G*, written as e = uv, we say that *e* joins the vertices *u* and *v*. Also, we say that *u* and *v* are adjacent vertices, *u* and *v* are incident with *e*.

Definition: 1.2

A walk of a graph G is an alternating sequence of points and lines $v_0, x_1, v_1, x_2, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, x_n, v_n$ beginning and ending with points such that each line x_i is incident with v_{i-1} and v_i .

A walk in which all the vertices are distinct is called a Path. A path of n vertices is denoted by P_n . A closed path is called a Cycle. Generally a cycle with n vertices is denoted by C_n .

Definition: 1.3

Let G = (V, E) be a graph. A subset D of V is called dominating set if every vertex in V - D is adjacent to a vertex in D. The minimum cardinality of a dominating set in G is called the domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma(G)$.

Definition: 1.4

Let G = (V, E) be a graph. Let D be a minimum dominating set of G. If V - D contains a dominating set D' is called an inverse dominating set with respect to D the minimum cardinality of all inverse dominating sets of a graph G is called the inverse domination number of G and it is denoted by $\gamma'(G)$.

Definition: 1.5

The degree of vertex v in a graph G is the number of edges of G incident with v and is denoted by $d_G(v)$ or deg v. (or) simply d(v).

Definition: 1.6

A Graph *G* is called a $n \times r$ flower graph if it has *m* vertices which form a *n*-cycle and *r* sets of n - 2 vertices which form *r*-cycle around them *n*-cycle so that each *r*-cycle uniquely intersects with the *n*-cycle on a single edge. This graph is denoted by $f_{n \times r}$. It is clear that $f_{n \times r}$ has n(r - 1) vertices and *nr* edges. The *r* cycles are called the petals and the *n* cycles is called the centre of $f_{n \times r}$. Then *n* vertices which form the centre are all of degree 4 and all the other vertices have degree 2.

Theorem: 1.7

Let $G = f_{n \times r}$ then,

$$\gamma'(f_{n \times r}) = \{(k-1)n + \gamma'(f_{n \times \overline{3k+i}}), k = 1,2,3; i = 0,1,2 \text{ where, } r \le 11\}$$

Proof:

Let $G = f_{n \times r}$ be a flower graph of order n(r-1) and r = 3k + i

Case (i)

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 3}$ is given in figure 1.1





Now the vertices of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

$$S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$$
 and
 $S_2 = \{v_{i \ 2} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$

Let $D = \{v_{\overline{2l+1} \ 1} / i = 0, 1, 2, ..., [\frac{n}{2}]\}$ is the required minimum dominating set of G and

 $D' = \{v_{\overline{2l+2} \ 1} / i = 0, 1, 2, ..., [\frac{n}{2}]\}$ is the required inverse dominating set of *G*.

Thus the cardinality of *D* and *D'* is $\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$.

Hence $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 6}$ is given in figure 1.2



Figure 1.2

The vertices of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

 $S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ and

$$S_2 = \{v_{i,j} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 3, ..., 5\}$$

Let = {
$$(v_{\overline{2l+1} \ 1}), (v_{\overline{2l+1} \ 4}), (v_{2k \ 3})/$$
 $i, j = 0, 1, 2, ..., [\frac{n}{2}]; k = 1, 2, ..., [\frac{n}{2}]$ } is the required

minimum dominating set of G and

$$D' = \{ (v_{2i 1}), (v_{2j 4}), (v_{\overline{2k+1} 3}) / i, j = 1, 2, \dots, \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] \} \text{ is the required}$$

minimum inverse dominating set of G.

Therefore, the cardinality of *D* and *D'* is $n + \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$.

Hence,
$$\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = n + \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$$

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 9}$ is given in figure 1.3



Now the vertex of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

 $S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ and

$$S_2 = \{v_{i,j} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 3, ..., 8\}$$

Let
$$D = \{ (v_{\overline{2l+1} \ 1}), (v_{\overline{2l+1} \ 4}), (v_{\overline{2k+1} \ 7})(v_{2d \ 3})(v_{2d \ 6}) / i, j, k = 0, 1, 2, ..., [\frac{n}{2}]; d = 1, 2, ..., [\frac{n}{2}] \}$$

is a required minimum dominating set of G and

$$D' = \{ (v_{2i \ 1}), (v_{2j \ 4}), (v_{2k \ 7}), (V_{\overline{2d+1} \ 3}), (V_{\overline{3d+1} \ 6})/i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil; d = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \} \text{ is the}$$

required minimum inverse dominating set of G.

Thus the cardinality of *D* and *D'* is $2n + \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$.

Hence
$$\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 2n + \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$$

Thus, $\gamma(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right\}$

$$\gamma'(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right\}$$
, where $r = 3k$

Put k = 1 in eqn (1) we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$

Put k = 2 in eqn (1) we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = n + \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$

Put k = 3 in eqn (1) we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 2n + \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$

Therefore, $\gamma(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \right\}$

 $\Rightarrow \gamma'(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil \text{ where } r = 3k, r \le 11 \right\}$

Case : (ii)

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 4}$ is given in figure 1.4



$$S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$
 and

$$S_2 = \{v_{i,j} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 3, ..., 6\}$$

Let $D = \{(v_{i_2}), (v_{j_5})/i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ is the required minimum dominating set of *G* and $D' = \{(v_{i_1}), (v_{j_4})/i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ is the required minimum inverse dominating set of *G*.

Thus the cardinality of D and D' is 2n.

Hence, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 2n$

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 10}$ is given in figure 1.6



Figure 1.6

Now the vertices of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

$$S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$$
 and

$$S_2 = \{ v_{i,j} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 3, ..., 9 \}$$

Let $D = \{v_{ij} | i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 4, 7\}$ is the required minimum dominating set of *G* and $D' = \{v_{ij} | i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 5, 8\}$ is a required minimum inverse dominating set of *G*.

Thus the cardinality of D and D' is 3n.

Hence
$$\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 3n$$

Thus, $\gamma(f_{n \times r}) = \{(k-1)n + n\}$

$$\gamma'(f_{n \times r}) = \{(k-1)n + n \text{ where } r = 3k+1, r \le 11\}$$
(2)

Put k = 1 in eqn (2), we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = n$

Put k = 2 in eqn (2), we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 2n$

Put k = 3 in eqn (2), we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 3n$

Therefore, $\gamma(f_{n \times r}) = \{(k-1)n + n\}$

$$\gamma'(f_{n \times r}) = \{(k-1)n + n \text{ where } r = 3k + 1, r \le 11\}$$

Case : (iii)

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 5}$ is given in figure 1.7



Now the vertices of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

$$S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$$
 and
 $S_2 = \{v_{i \ i} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; i = 2, 4\}$

Let $D = \{(v_{\overline{3l+2} \ 1}), (v_{\overline{3l+2} \ 4}), (v_{3j \ 3})/ i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 2, ..., n\}$ is the required

minimum dominating set of G and

 $D' = \{(v_{3i+1 \ 1}), (v_{3k+2 \ 3}), (v_{3d \ 2})/i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; d = 1, 2, ..., n; and j = 1, 4\}$ is a required minimum inverse dominating set of *G*.

Thus the cardinality of *D* and *D'* is $n + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rceil$

Hence
$$\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = n + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rceil$$

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 8}$ is given in figure 1.8



Now the vertices of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

$$S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$$
 and
 $S_2 = \{v_{i \ j} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 3, ..., 7\}$

Let
$$D = \{ (v_{\overline{3i+2} j}), (v_{\overline{3i+1} k}), (v_{3d p})/i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 4, 7; k = 2, 5; p = 3, 6; d = 1, 2, ..., n \}$$

is the required minimum dominating set of G and

 $D' = \{ (v_{3i+1 \ j}), (v_{3i+2 \ k}), (v_{3 \ 3i+2}) / i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 4, 7; k = 3, 6 \}$ is a required minimum inverse dominating set of *G*.

The cardinality of *D* and *D'* is $2n + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rfloor$

Therefore,
$$\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 2n + \left[\frac{n+1}{3}\right]$$

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 11}$ is given in figure 1.9



Now the vertices of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

$$S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$$
 and
 $S_2 = \{v_{i \ j} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 3, ..., 7\}$

Let
$$D = \{ (v_{\overline{3l+2} \ j}), (v_{\overline{3l+1} \ k}), (v_{3d \ P})/i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; \ j = 1, 4, 7; \ k = 2, 5; \ p = 3, 6; \ d = 1, 2, ..., n \}$$

is the required minimum dominating set of G and

 $D' = \{ (v_{3i+1 j}), (v_{3i+2 k}), (v_{3 3i+2}) / i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 4, 7; k = 3, 6 \}$ is a required minimum inverse dominating set of *G*.

The cardinality of *D* and *D'* is $2n + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rfloor$

Therefore,
$$\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 2n + \left[\frac{n+1}{3}\right]$$

The flower graph $G = f_{n \times 11}$ is given in figure 1.9



Now the vertices of G can be partitioned in to two sets S_1 and S_2 such that

$$S_1 = \{v_{i \ 1} / i = 1, 2, ..., n\}$$
 and
 $S_2 = \{v_{i \ j} / i = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 3, ..., 10\}$

Let
$$D = \{ (v_{\overline{3l+1} j}), (v_{\overline{3l+2} k}), (v_{3d P})/i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 4, 7, 10; k = 3, 6, 9; d = 1, 2, ..., n; j = 1, 2, ..$$

p = 2,5,8 is the required minimum dominating set of G and

 $D' = \{ (v_{3l+1 \ j}), (v_{3l+2 \ k}), (v_{3d \ p}) / i = 0, 1, 2, ..., n; j = 2, 5, 8; k = 1, 4, 7; d = 1, 2, ..., n; p = 3, 6, 9 \}$ is a required minimum inverse dominating set of *G*.

The cardinality of *D* and *D'* is $3n + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rfloor$

Hence
$$\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 3n + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rceil$$

Thus $\gamma(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + n + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rceil \right\}$

$$\gamma'(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + n + \left[\frac{n+1}{3}\right] \right\}$$
 where $r = 3k + 2, r \le 11 \right\}$ (3)

Put k = 1 in eqn (3), we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = n + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rfloor$

Put k = 2 in eqn (3), we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 2n + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rfloor$

Put k = 3 in eqn (3), we get, $\gamma(G) = \gamma'(G) = 3n + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rfloor$

Therefore, $\gamma(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + n + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rceil \right\}$

$$\gamma'(f_{n \times r}) = \left\{ (k-1)n + n + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{3} \right\rceil \right\}$$
 where $r = 3k + 2, r \le 11 \right\}$

compaining eqn (1), (2) and (3) we get,

$$\gamma(f_{n \times r}) = \{(k-1)n + \gamma(f_{n \times \overline{3k+\iota}})\}$$

$$\gamma'(f_{n\times r}) = \{(k-1)n + \gamma'(f_{n\times \overline{3k+\iota}})\}$$

where r = 3k + i, i = 0,1,2 for case (i), (ii) and (iii) respectively and k = 1,2,3

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