



# 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, Inverse 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:  $\gamma_{pf}^{-1}(C_n) = \gamma_{pf}(C_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$ .

**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  $\gamma_{pf}(T_{m,n}) = |D_1| + |D_2| = \lceil \frac{m-1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$ .  $\square$

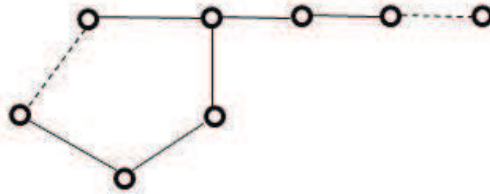


Figure 1: The tadpole graph

1 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  
2 [5,11,17]).

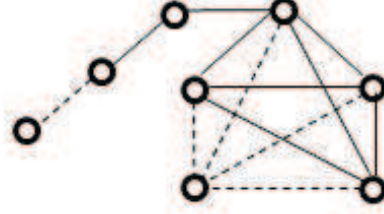


Figure 2: The lollipop graph

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

5 **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:  $\{v_j; j =$   
6  $1, 2, \dots, n\}$  where the vertex  $u_1$  is adjacent with a vertex  $v_n$ . If  $u_1 \in D$ , then it will dominates two  
7 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  
8 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  
9  $\gamma_{pf}(K_m) = (m - 2)$  by Proposition 1.4 and  $\gamma_{pf}(P_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$  by Observation 1.1. Thus,  $\gamma_{pf}(L_{m,n}) =$   
10  $(m - 2) + \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$ .  $\square$

11 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.  
12 (see [5,11,13]).

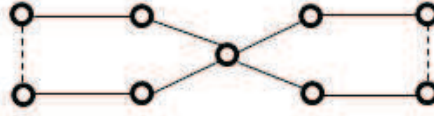


Figure 3: The daisy graph

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

$$14 \quad \gamma_{pf}(D_{n_1, n_2}) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n_1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } \{n_1 \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3}\} \text{ or } \{n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\} \\ \lceil \frac{n_1-1}{3} \rceil + \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } n_1 \equiv 1 \wedge n_2 - 1 \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

15 **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  
16 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  
17  $|V(C_{n_1})| \geq |V(C_{n_2})|$  where this two cycles common by the vertex  $v_{n_1}$  of degree 4 which is adjacent  
18 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  
19  $D = D_1 \cup D_2$  where  $D_1$  is pitchfork dominating set of  $C_{n_1}$  and  $D_2$  is pitchfork dominating set of  $C_{n_2}$ . If  
20 we select  $v_{n_1} \in D$ , then it can be dominates at most two vertices and adjacent with two other vertices  
21 of  $D$  every one of them must be adjacent with one vertex from  $V - D$ . But this matter will increase  $|D|$   
22 (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  
23  $D$ :

24 **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

$$25 \quad D_2 = \begin{cases} \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil\} & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 0, 2 \\ \{u_{3i-1}; i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil \frac{n_2-1}{3} \rceil - 1\} \cup \{u_{n_2-1}\} & \text{if } n_2 - 1 \equiv 1. \end{cases}$$

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.

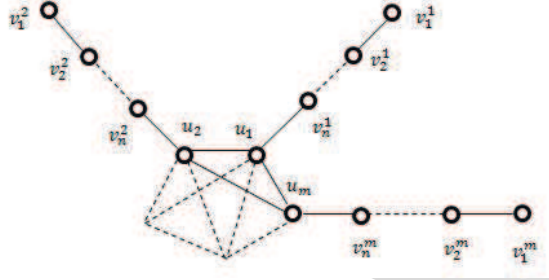


Figure 5: The lollipop flower graph

**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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