



## Unique Metro Domination of Square of Cycles

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**Abstract:** A dominating set  $D$  of  $G$  which is also a resolving set of  $G$  is called a metro dominating set. A metro dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G(V, E)$  is a unique metro dominating set (in short an UMD-set) if  $|N(v) \cap D| = 1$  for each vertex  $v \in V - D$  and the minimum cardinality of an UMD-set of  $G$  is the unique metro domination number of  $G$  denoted by  $\gamma_{\mu\beta}(G)$ . In this paper, we determine unique metro domination number of  $C_n^2$  graphs.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

All the graphs considered in this paper are simple, connected and undirected. The length of a shortest path between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a graph  $G$  is called the distance between  $u$  and  $v$  and is denoted by  $d(u, v)$ . For a vertex  $v$  of a graph,  $N(v)$  denote the set of all vertices adjacent to  $v$  and is called open neighborhood of  $v$ . Similarly, the closed neighborhood of  $v$  is defined as  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph. For each ordered subset  $S = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k\}$  of  $V$ , each vertex  $v \in V$  can be associated with a vector of distances denoted by  $\Gamma(v/S) = (d(v_1, v), d(v_2, v), \dots, d(v_k, v))$ . The set  $S$  is said to be a resolving set of  $G$ , if  $\Gamma(v/S) \neq \Gamma(u/S)$ , for every  $u, v \in V - S$ . A resolving set of minimum cardinality is a *metric basis* and cardinality of a metric basis is the *metric dimension* of  $G$ . The  $k$ -tuple,  $\Gamma(v/S)$  associated to the vertex  $v \in V$  with respect to a metric basis  $S$ , is referred as a code generated by  $S$  for that vertex  $v$ . If  $\Gamma(v/S) = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k)$ , then  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_k$  are called components of the code of  $v$  generated by  $S$  and in particular  $c_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , is called  $i^{\text{th}}$ -component of the code of  $v$  generated by  $S$ .

A dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G(V, E)$  is the subset of  $V$  having the property that for each vertex  $v \in V - D$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $uv$  is in  $E$ . A dominating set  $D$  of  $G$  which is also a resolving set of  $G$  is called a *metro dominating set*. A metro dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G(V, E)$  is a *unique metro dominating set* (in short an UMD - set) if  $|N(v) \cap D| = 1$  for each vertex  $v \in V - D$  and the minimum of cardinalities of UMD-sets of  $G$  is the *unique metro domination number* of  $G$  denoted by  $\gamma_{\mu\beta}(G)$ .

Consider  $C_n, n \geq 4$  labelled as  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  in anticlockwise direction. Join  $v_i$  to  $v_{i+2}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 2, v_{n-1}$  to  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  to  $v_2$ . The resulting graph is denoted by  $C_n^2$ .

**Lemma 1:** For any positive integer  $n, \gamma_{\mu\beta}(C_n^2) \geq \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil$ .

**Proof:** A vertex  $v_i$  dominates five vertices  $v_i, v_{i-1}, v_{i-2}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}$ . Therefore, if  $D$  is a minimal dominating set then  $|D| \geq \frac{n}{5}$ . Hence we have  $\gamma(C_n^2) \geq \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil$ .

**Definition 1. [8]** Consider a set  $S$  with two or more vertices of the graph  $G$  and let  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  be two distinct vertices of  $S$ . Further, let  $P$  and  $P'$  denote two distinct  $v_i v_j$ -paths in  $G$ . If either  $P$  or  $P'$ , say  $P$  contains only two vertices of  $S$  namely  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , then we refer to  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  as neighboring vertices of  $S$ . Then the set of all the vertices of  $P - \{v_i, v_j\}$  is called a gap of  $S$  determined by  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  and denoted by  $\eta_S(v_i, v_j)$  if the following hold

1.  $v_i, v_j$  are neighboring vertices in  $S$  and  
 2. No vertex in  $S$  is adjacent to any vertex in  $P - \{v_i, v_j\}$ .

**Definition 2.** [8]The minimum number of vertices in the gap is called the order of the gap, denoted by  $o(\eta_S(v_i, v_j))$

**Lemma 2:**For  $n = 5k$ ,  $\gamma(C_n^2) = \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil$ .

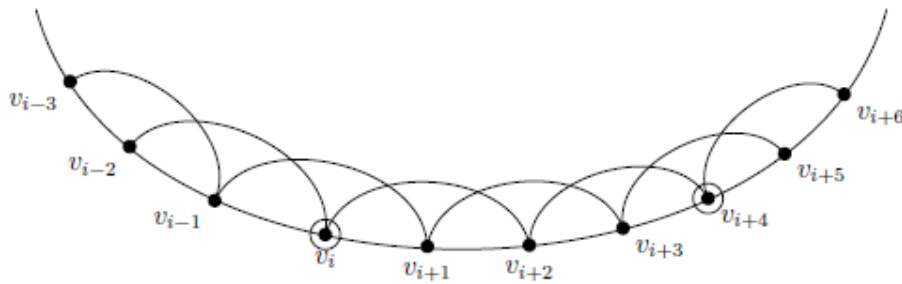
**Proof:**Let  $n = 5k$ . Then  $D = \{v_3, v_8, v_{13}, \dots, v_{5k-2}\}$  is a minimal dominating set. Further  $|D| = k = \frac{n}{5}$ .  $D$  is a dominating set of minimum cardinality, From Lemma 1,  $\gamma(C_n^2) = k = \frac{n}{5}$ .

When  $n = 5k + 1$ , then by Lemma 1,  $|D| > k$ . If  $v_i \in D$  then  $D$  contains  $v_i, v_{i+5}, v_{i+10}, \dots, v_{i+n-6}$ . The gap between  $v_{i+n-6}$  and  $v_i$  with respect to  $C_n$  is of order 5. Hence we include one more vertex into  $D$ . Any one of  $v_{i+n-5}, v_{i+n-4}, v_{i+n-3}, v_{i+n-2}, v_{i+n-1}$  can be included in  $D$ . Thus  $|D| = k + 1$  and  $\frac{n}{5} < |D| < \frac{n}{5} + 1$ .

Now consider the cases,  $n = 5k + 2, 5k + 3, 5k + 4$ . In these cases  $D$  contains  $v_i, v_{i+5}, v_{i+10}, \dots, v_{i+n-6}$  and the gap between  $v_{i+n-6}$  and  $v_i$  with respect to  $C_n$  is of order greater than 4. Therefore one more vertex to be included in  $D$ . Thus,  $|D| = k + 1$  and  $\frac{n}{5} < |D| < \frac{n}{5} + 1$ . Hence we have  $\gamma(C_n^2) = \lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil$ .

**Lemma 3:** Let  $D$  be a unique dominating for  $C_n^2$ . If  $v_i$  and  $v_j \in D$  have a gap of order less than 4 with respect to  $C_n$  then  $D = V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v_i, v_j \in D$ ,  $j > i$  and gap between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  with respect to  $C_n$  is of order less than 4. Suppose the order of the gap is 3. Then  $v_{i+2}$  is dominated by  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+4} = v_j$ . Hence domination is not unique. We include  $v_{i+2}$  in  $D$ . But if  $v_{i+2} \in D$  then  $v_{i+1}$  and  $v_{i+3}$  are not uniquely dominated. Hence we include  $v_{i+1}$  and  $v_{i+3}$  in  $D$ . Again  $v_{i-1}$  is dominated by  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  and likewise  $v_{i+5}$  is dominated by  $v_{i+4}$  and  $v_{i+3}$ . So we have to include  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+5}$  in  $D$ . Proceeding like this we conclude that all gaps will be reduced to 0 order. Hence  $D=V$ . Similarly if the gap is of order 2 or order 1, then  $D$  is not a UMD set and to make  $D$  an UMD set, we need to have  $D=V$ .



**Lemma 4:**Let  $D$  be a unique dominating for  $C_n^2$ , then the gap with respect to  $C_n$  between any two vertices in  $D$  is of order less than 5. If  $v_i$  and  $v_j \in D$  have a gap of order less than 4 with respect to  $C_n$  then  $D = V$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v_i, v_j \in D$ ,  $j > i$ . If the gap is of order 5, then  $j = i + 6$ . We observe that  $v_{i+3}$  is not dominated by any vertex in  $D$ . Hence  $D$  is not a dominating set, a contradiction. Similarly if gap is of order greater than 5, we get a contradiction.

If gap between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  with respect to  $C_n$  is of order 4, then  $j = i + 5$  and  $v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, v_{i+3}, v_{i+4}$  are uniquely dominated by  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ . Hence we have

**Lemma 4:** If all gaps are of order 4, then  $D$  is a unique dominating set.

**Proof:** Let  $D = \{v_{5p+1} | p \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq p < k\}$ . Then  $D$  is a unique dominating set for  $C_n^2, n = 5k, k \geq 3$ . We observe that  $d(v_1, v_j) = d(v_1, v_{j+1}) = \frac{j-i+1}{2} = d(v_1, v_{n-j+2}) = d(v_1, v_{n-j+1})$  where  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  is even. However  $d(v_6, v_{n-j+2}) = \left(\frac{6+j}{2}\right) - 1$  and  $d(v_6, v_{n-j+1}) = \frac{6+j}{2}$ . Hence  $d(v_6, v_{n-j+2}) \neq d(v_6, v_{n-j+1})$ . When  $j > 6, d(v_6, v_j) = \left(\frac{j-6}{2}\right) + 1$ . Hence  $d(v_6, v_j) \neq d(v_6, v_{j+1})$ . Therefore codes generated by  $\{v_1, v_6\}$  are distinct to

all the vertices  $v_j, 6 < j \leq n$ . For  $v_2, v_3, v_4$  and  $v_5$  codes generated by  $\{v_1, v_6, v_{11}\}$  are (1,2,5),(1,2,4),(2,1,4) and (2,1,3). Hence  $\{v_1, v_6, v_{11}\}$  resolves all vertices of  $C_n^2, n \geq 15$ .

Therefore  $D = \{v_{5p+1} | p \in \mathbb{N}, 0 \leq p < k\}$  is a UMD set and hence we have

**Theorem 3:**

$$\gamma_{\mu\beta}(C_n^2) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{5}, & \text{when } n = 5k, k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 3 \\ n, & \text{for all other } n \end{cases}$$

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