

## Total Dominator Color Class Total Dominating Sets in Necklace Graph, Hurdle Graph and F-Tree Graph

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**Abstract:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a finite, undirected and connected graph with minimum degree at least one. A proper coloring  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $G$  is said to be a total dominator color class total dominating set of  $G$  if each vertex properly dominates a color class in  $\mathcal{C}$  and each color class in  $\mathcal{C}$  is properly dominated by a vertex in  $V(G)$ . A total dominator color class total dominating set  $D$  of  $G$  is a minimal total dominator color class total dominating set if no proper subset of  $D$  is a total dominator color class total dominating set of  $G$ . The total dominator color class total domination number is the minimum cardinality taken over all minimal total dominator color class total dominating sets in  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(G)$ . Here we obtain  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(G)$  for Necklace graph, Hurdle graph and F-tree graph.

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### 1. Introduction

All graphs considered in this paper are finite, undirected graphs with minimum degree at least one and we follow standard definitions of graph theory as found in [9]. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected graph with no isolated vertices. The open neighborhood  $N(v)$  of a vertex  $v \in V(G)$  consists of the set of all vertices adjacent to  $v$ . The closed neighborhood of  $v$  is  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For a set  $S \subseteq V$ , the open neighborhood  $N(S)$  is defined to be  $\bigcup_{v \in S} N(v)$ , and the closed neighborhood of  $S$  is  $N[S] = N(S) \cup S$ . For any set  $H$  of vertices of  $G$ , the induced subgraph  $\langle H \rangle$  is the maximal subgraph of  $G$  with vertex set  $H$ . A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set if every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ .

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A dominating set  $S$  is called a minimal dominating set if no proper subset of  $S$  is a dominating set of  $G$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all minimal dominating sets of  $G$ . A  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$  is any minimal dominating set with cardinality  $\gamma$ . A proper coloring of  $G$  is an assignment of colors to the vertices of  $G$  such that adjacent vertices have different colors. The smallest number of colors for which there exists a proper coloring of  $G$  is called chromatic number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\chi(G)$ . A total dominator coloring of  $G$  is a proper coloring of  $G$  with the extra property that every vertex in  $G$  properly dominates a color class. The total dominator chromatic number is denoted by  $\chi_{td}(G)$ . This notion was introduced by A. Vijayalekshmi et al [10]. A color class dominating set of  $G$  is a proper coloring  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $G$  with the extra property that every color classes in  $\mathcal{C}$  is dominated by a vertex in  $G$ . A color class dominating set  $\mathcal{C}$  is said to be a minimal color class dominating set if no proper subset of  $\mathcal{C}$  is a color class dominating set of  $G$ . The color class domination number of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all minimal color class dominating sets of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{\chi}(G)$ . This notion was introduced by A. Vijayalekshmi et al [4].

A dominator color class dominating set of  $G$  is a proper coloring  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $G$  with the extra property that each vertex  $v$  in  $G$  is dominated by a color class  $\mathcal{C}_1 \in \mathcal{C}$  and each color class  $\mathcal{C}_1 \in \mathcal{C}$  is dominated by a vertex in  $G$ . The dominator color class domination

number of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all dominator color class dominating sets in  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_X^d(G)$ . This notion was introduced by A.Vijayalekshmi et al [5]. A proper coloring  $\mathcal{C}$  of  $G$  is said to be a total dominator color class total dominating set of  $G$  if each vertex properly dominates a color class in  $\mathcal{C}$  and each color class in  $\mathcal{C}$  is properly dominated by a vertex in  $V(G)$ . A total dominator color class total dominating set  $D$  of  $G$  is a minimal total dominator color class total dominating set if no proper subset of  $D$  is a total dominator color class total dominating set of  $G$ . The total dominator color class total domination number is the minimum cardinality taken over all minimal total dominator color class total dominating sets in  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_X^{td}(G)$ . This notion was introduced by A.Vijayalekshmi et al [6]. The join  $G_1 + G_2$  of graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  with disjoint vertex set  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  and edge sets  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively, is the graph union  $G_1 \cup G_2$  together with each vertex in  $V_1$  is adjacent to every vertices in  $V_2$ . A necklace graph denoted by  $Ne_n$  is a cubic halin graph obtained by joining a cycle with all vertices of degree 1 of a caterpillar (also called a comb) having  $n$  vertices of degree 3 and  $n+2$  vertices of degree 1. A hurdle graph formed from a Path graph( $P_n$ ) by adding pendant edge to each internal vertex of the path, resulting in  $n-2$  "hurdles". A F-tree  $F(P_n)$  is a graph obtained from path  $n \geq 3$  vertices by appending two pendant edges one to an end vertex and the other to a vertex adjacent to an end vertex.

We shall use the following observation from [6]

**Theorem:A**

Let  $G$  be  $P_n$  or  $C_n$ . Then for  $n \geq 5$ ,

$$\gamma_X^{td}(P_n) = \gamma_X^{td}(C_n) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ 2 \lfloor \frac{n+2}{3} \rfloor & \text{if } n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

**2.Main Results**

**Theorem:2.1**

Let  $Ne_n$  be a necklace graph of order  $n$ . Then

$$\gamma_X^{td}(Ne_n) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{4(n+1)}{3} \rfloor + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \lfloor \frac{4(n+1)}{3} \rfloor + 2 & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lfloor \frac{4(n+1)}{3} \rfloor & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:**

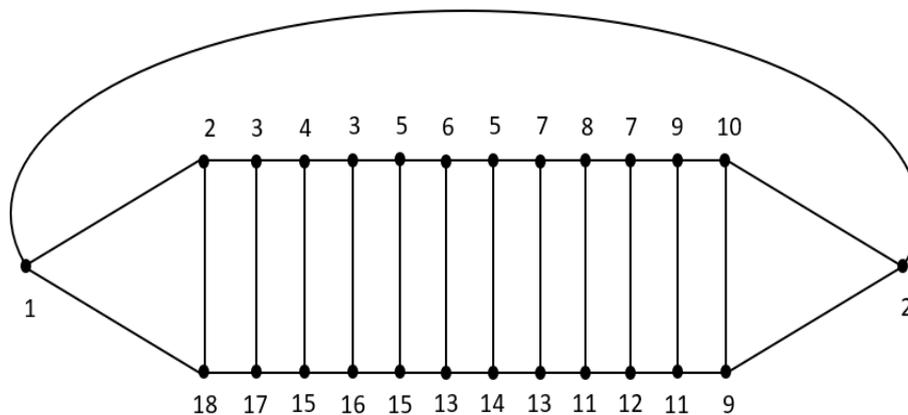
Let  $V(Ne_n) = \{u, v, u_i, v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $\deg(u)=\deg(v)=3$  and  $\deg(u_i)=\deg(v_i)=2$ , for every  $i=1,2,3,\dots,n$ .

We consider 3 cases.

**Case:1** When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Assign distinct colors say  $1,2, \lfloor \frac{4(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 1$  and  $\lfloor \frac{4(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 2$  to the vertices  $\{u\}, \{u_1, v\}, \{v_{n-1}, u_n\}$  and  $\{v_n\}$  respectively. Assign distinct colors say  $2i+1$  and  $2i+2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq (\frac{n}{3} - 1)$  to the vertices say  $\{u_{3i-1}, u_{3i+1}\}$  and  $\{u_{3i}\}$  and for  $(\frac{n}{3} + 1) \leq i \leq (\frac{n}{3} + 2)$  to the vertices  $\{v_{3i-1}, v_{3i+1}\}$  and  $\{v_{3i}\}$  respectively, we obtain a  $\gamma_X^{td}$ -coloring of  $Ne_n$ .

$$\text{So } \gamma_X^{td}(Ne_n) = \lfloor \frac{4(n+1)}{3} \rfloor + 1$$

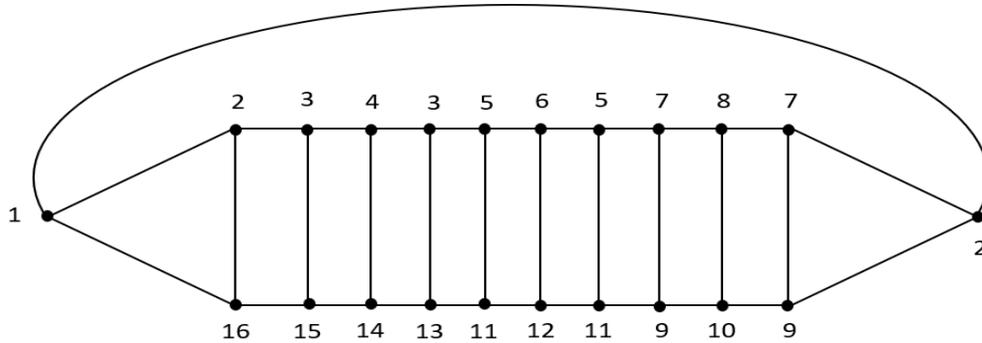


**Figure 1**  $\gamma_X^{td}(Ne_{12}) = 18$

**Case:2** When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Assign same coloring of 1 and 2 to the same vertices in case (1). Also we assign distinct colors say  $2i+1$  and  $2i+2$  to the vertices  $\{u_{3i-1}, u_{3i+1}\}$  and  $\{u_{3i}\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \left(\frac{n}{3}\right)$  and to the

vertices  $\{v_{3i-1}, v_{3i+1}\}$  and  $\{v_{3i}\}$  for  $\left(\frac{n}{3} + 1\right) \leq i \leq \left(\frac{n}{3} + 2\right)$ , we obtain a  $\gamma_X^{td}$ - coloring of  $Ne_n$ . Thus  $\gamma_X^{td}(Ne_n) = \left\lfloor \frac{4(n+1)}{3} \right\rfloor + 2$

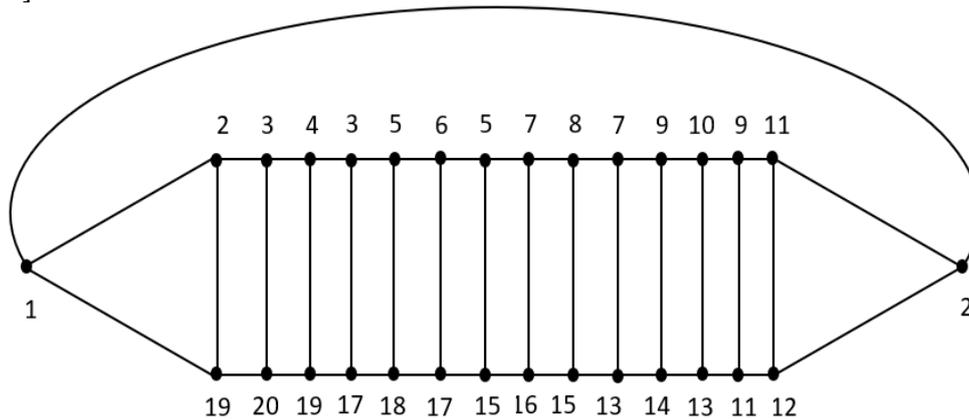


**Figure:2**  $\gamma_X^{td}(Ne_{10}) = 16$

**Case:3** When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Assign distinct colors say 1, 2,  $\left\lfloor \frac{4(n+1)}{3} \right\rfloor - 1$  and  $\left\lfloor \frac{4(n+1)}{3} \right\rfloor$  to the vertices say

$\{u_j\}, \{u_1, v_1\}, \{u_n, v_n\}$  and  $\{v_j\}$  respectively. Since  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and as in Case (2),  $\gamma_X^{td}(Ne_n) = \gamma_X^{td}(Ne_{n-1}) + 2 = \frac{4(n+1)}{3}$



**Figure:3**  $\gamma_X^{td}(Ne_{14}) = 20$

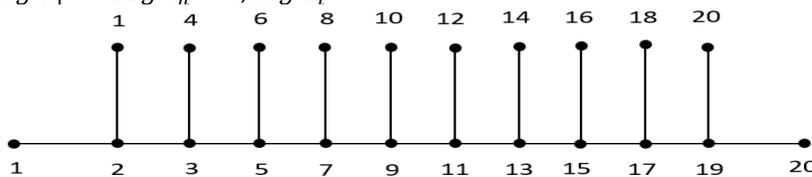
**Theorem:2.2**

For a Hurdle graph,  $\gamma_X^{td}(Hd_n) = 2n - 4, n \geq 3$

**Proof:**

Let  $V(Hd_n) = \{u_i, v_j / 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n - 2\}$  with  $deg u_1 = deg v_n = 2, deg u_i =$

$3, 2 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $deg v_j = 1, 1 \leq j \leq n - 2$ . Assign distinct colors say  $2i (1 \leq i \leq n - 2)$  and  $2j - 1 (2 \leq j \leq n - 3)$  to the vertices say  $\{u_{i+1}\}$  and  $\{v_j\}$  respectively. Also assign distinct colors say 1 and  $2n - 4$  to the vertices say  $\{u_1, v_1\}$  and  $\{u_n, v_{n-2}\}$ , we obtain a  $\gamma_X^{td}$ - coloring of  $Hd_n$ . So  $\gamma_X^{td}(Hd_n) = 2n - 4, n \geq 3$



**Figure:4**  $\gamma_X^{td}(Hd_{12}) = 20$

**Theorem:2.3**

For a F-tree graph,  $\gamma_X^{td}(F(P_n)) =$   

$$\begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor + 2 & \text{if } n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \\ \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 2 & \text{if } n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \end{cases}$$

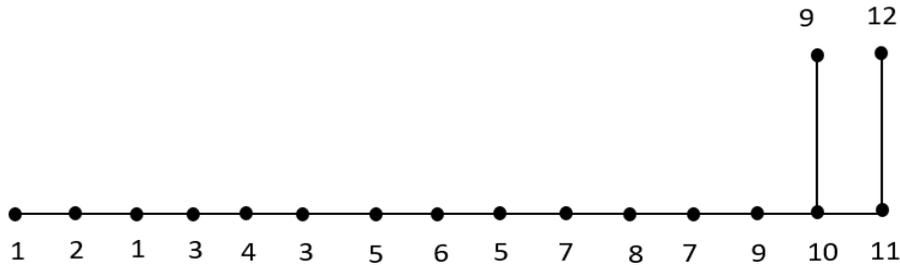
**Proof:**

Let  $V(F(P_n)) = \{u_i, v_1, v_2 / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  with  $V(P_n) = \{u_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are pendant vertices adjacent to  $u_{n-1}$  and  $u_n$  respectively.

We consider 2 cases.

**Case :1** When  $n \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3)$

As in the same  $\gamma_X^{td}(P_{n-3})$  together with four distinct colors say  $\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor - 1, \lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor, \lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor + 1$  and  $\lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor + 2$  to the vertices say  $\{u_{n-2}, v_n\}, \{v_{n-2}\}, \{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_2\}$  respectively, we obtain a  $\gamma_X^{td}$ -coloring of  $F(P_n)$ . Thus  $\gamma_X^{td}(F(P_n)) = \lfloor \frac{2n}{3} \rfloor + 2$



**Figure:5**  $\gamma_X^{td}(F(P(15))) = 12$

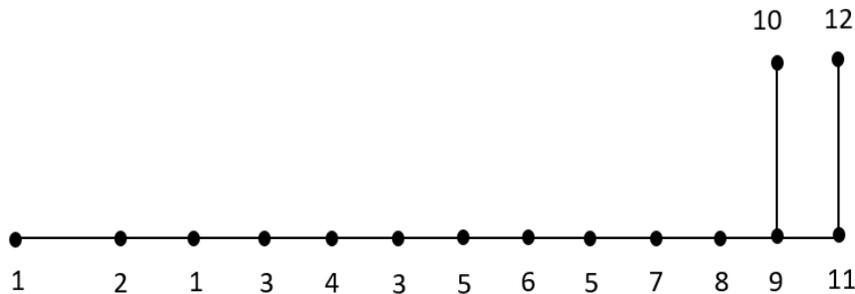
**Case:2** When  $n \not\equiv 0(\text{mod } 3)$

We consider 2 subcases.

**Subcase:2.1** When  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3)$

Since  $n-4 \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3)$ . As in the same  $\gamma_X^{td}$ -coloring of  $P_{n-4}$  together with six distinct colors say

$\lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor - 3, \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor - 2, \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor - 1, \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor, \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 1$  and  $\lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 2$  to the vertices say  $\{u_{n-3}\}, \{u_{n-2}\}, \{u_{n-1}\}, \{v_1\}, \{u_n\}$  and  $\{v_2\}$  respectively, we get a  $\gamma_X^{td}$ -coloring of  $F(P_n)$ . Thus  $\gamma_X^{td}(F(P_n)) = \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 2$



**Figure:6**  $\gamma_X^{td}(F(P(13))) = 12$

**Subcase:2.2** When  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 3)$

As in the same  $\gamma_X^{td}$ -coloring of  $P_{n-2}$  together with four distinct colors say  $\lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor - 1, \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor, \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 1$  and  $\lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 2$  to the

vertices say  $\{v_2\}, \{u_n\}, \{v_1\}$  and  $\{u_{n-1}\}$  respectively, we get a  $\gamma_X^{td}$ -coloring of  $F(P_n)$ . Thus  $\gamma_X^{td}(F(P_n)) = \lfloor \frac{2(n+2)}{3} \rfloor + 2$

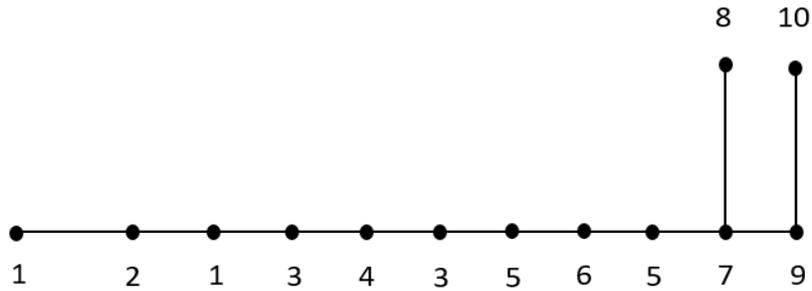


Figure 7  $\gamma_x^{td}(F(P(11))) = 10$

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