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# K-Metro domination number of slanting ladder graph

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**Abstract**--A  $k$ -dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G = G(V, E)$  is called Metro dominating set of  $G$ . If for every pair of vertices  $u, v$  there exists a vertex  $w$  in  $D$  such that  $d(u, w) \neq d(v, w)$ . The K-Metro domination number of slanting ladder graph  $(\gamma_{\beta_k}(S(L_n)))$ , is the order of smallest  $K$ -dominating set of  $S(L_n)$  which serves as a metric set. In this paper we calculate K-Metro domination number of slanting ladder graph  $(\gamma_{\beta_k}(S(L_n)))$ .

**Keywords**--Dominating set, K-Dominating set, Domination number, Locating dominating set, Metric dimension, Metro dominating set.

## 1 Introduction

Every graph considered here are simple, finite, undirected and connected. A graph  $G = (V, E)$  and  $u, v \in V$ ,  $d_G(u, v)$  is denoted as distance between  $u$  and  $v$  in  $G$ . We refer [5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13] for the works on metro domination. A set  $S \subseteq V$  is called resolving set if for every  $u, v \in V$  there exist  $w \in S$ , such that  $d(u, w) \neq d(v, w)$ . The resolving set with minimum cardinality is called metric basis and its cardinality is called metric dimension and it is denoted by  $\beta(G)$ .

A set  $D$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is called a dominating set of  $G$ , If every vertex in  $V - D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ , The minimum number cardinality of a dominating set in  $G$  is called the domination number of  $G$  and denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ . A dominating set  $D$  of  $V(G)$  having the property that for each pair of vertices  $u, v$  there exists a vertex  $w$  in  $D$  such that  $d(u, w) \neq d(v, w)$  is called the metro dominating set of  $G$  or simply  $MD$ - set. The minimum cardinality of a metro dominating set of  $G$  is called metro domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_\beta(G)$ .

Metro domination number introduced by B.Sooryanarayan and Raghunath.P[12]. A subset  $D$  of  $V(G)$  is  $k$ -dominating in  $G$  if every vertex of  $V - D$  has at least  $k$  neighbours in  $D$ . The cardinality of minimum  $k$ -dominating set is called  $k$ -domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_k(G)$ . A dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is called metro dominating set of  $G$  if for each pair of vertices  $u, v$  there exists a vertex  $w$  in  $D$  such that  $d(u, w) \neq d(v, w)$ .

**Corollary 1.1:** For any integer  $n$ ,  $\beta[S(L_n)] = 2$

**Corollary 1.2:** For any integer  $n$ ,  $\gamma[S(L_n)] = \left\lfloor \frac{n+4}{2} \right\rfloor$

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1:** For any integer  $n$ ,  $\gamma_{\beta_3}[S(L_n)] = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{6} \right\rceil$ ,  $n \geq 13$ , where  $n \neq 12l, l \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = S(L_n)$  be an slanting ladder graph on  $2n$  vertices with  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{(v_i, v_{i+1}), (v_i, v_{i+1})(u_i, u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ , with for each  $i$ ,  $u_i, v_i$  the only edges between two paths  $W = V - D$ , Now each  $v_i \in W$  is either adjacent to any of the vertex  $D$  or at least at a distance 3 from at least one of the vertex  $D$ . Any vertex  $v_k \in D$ , will dominates at least 7 vertexes including itself. Since the metric dimension of slanting ladder graph is 2,  $D$  itself serves as a metric set.

Thus  $\gamma_{\beta_3}[S(L_n)] \geq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{6} \right\rceil$  (1)

We find a set  $D$  as follows

$$D_1 = \{u_{12l-3} : l \geq 13\} n \equiv 9 \pmod{12}$$

$$D_2 = \{v_{12l-8} : l \geq 13\} n \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$$

We note that  $D$  is also dominating set for  $S(L_n)$  and also  $D$  will serves as metric set of  $S(L_n)$  as in 1.1.

Thus  $\gamma_{\beta_3}[S(L_n)] \leq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{6} \right\rceil$  (2)

From equation (1) and (2),  $\gamma_{\beta_3}[S(L_n)] = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{6} \right\rceil, n \geq 13$ .

**Example:** The 3-metro domination number of slanting ladder graph 3

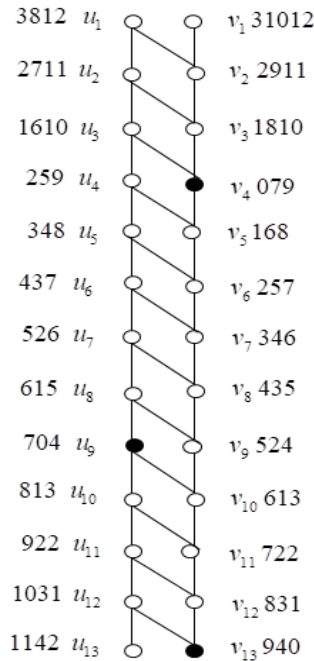


Figure 1:  $\gamma_{\beta_3}[S(L_{13})] = 3$

**Theorem 2.2:** For any integer  $n$ ,  $\gamma_{\beta_4}[S(L_n)] = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{8} \right\rceil, n \geq 17$ , where  $n \neq 16l, l \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = S(L_n)$  be an slanting ladder graph on  $2n$  vertices with  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and

$E(G) = \{(v_i, v_{i+1}), (v_i, v_{i+1})(u_i, u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ , with for each  $i$ ,  $u_i, v_i$  the only edges between two paths  $W = V - D$ , Now each  $v_i \in W$  is either adjacent to any of the vertex  $D$  or at least at a distance 4 from at least one of the vertex  $D$ . Any vertex  $v_K \in D$ , will dominates at least 9 vertex including itself. Since the metric dimension of slanting ladder graph is 2,  $D$  itself serves as a metric set.

Thus  $\gamma_{\beta_4}[S(L_n)] \geq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{8} \right\rceil$  (1)

We find a set  $D$  as follows

$$D_1 = \{u_{16l-4} : l \geq 17\} n \equiv 12 \pmod{16}$$

$$D_2 = \{v_{16l-4} : l \geq 17\} n \equiv 5 \pmod{16}$$

We note that  $D$  is also dominating set for  $S(L_n)$  and also  $D$  will serves as metric set of  $S(L_n)$  as in 1.1.

Thus  $\gamma_{\beta_4}[S(L_n)] \leq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{8} \right\rceil$  (2)

From equation (1) and (2),  $\gamma_{\beta_4}[S(L_n)] = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{8} \right\rceil, n \geq 17$ .

**Example:** The 4-metro domination number of slanting ladder graph is 3

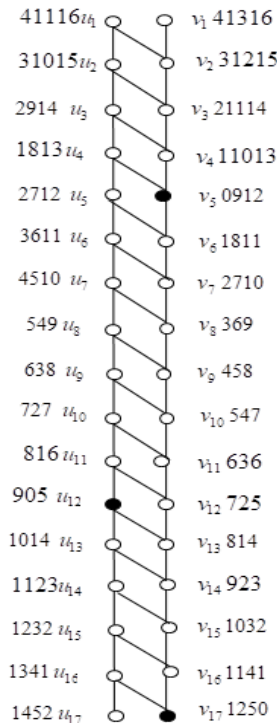


Figure 2:  $\gamma_{\beta_4}[S(L_{17})] = 3$

**Theorem 2.3:** For any integer  $n$ ,  $\gamma_{\beta_K}[S(L_n)] \leq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2K} \right\rceil$ ,  $n \geq 4K+1$ , where  $n \neq 4Kl, l \geq 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G = S(L_n)$  be an slanting ladder graph on  $2n$  vertices with  $V(G) = \{u_i, v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{(v_i, v_{i+1}), (v_i, v_{i+1})(u_i, u_{i+1}) : 1 \leq i \leq n-1\}$ , with for each  $i$ ,  $u_i v_i$  the only edges between two paths  $W = V - D$ , Now each  $v_i \in W$  is either adjacent to any of the vertex  $D$  or at least at a distance 2 from at least one of the vertex  $D$ . Any vertex  $v_K \in D$ , will dominates at least  $4K+1$  vertex including itself. The lower bound of  $S(L_n)$  of order  $n = (4K+1)l$  for some  $l \geq 1$ .

We defines a set  $D$  as follows

$$D_1 = \{u_{4Kl-K} : l \geq 1\} n \equiv 3K \pmod{2(K+1)}$$

$$D_2 = \{v_{4Kl-3K+1} : l \geq 1\} n \equiv K+1 \pmod{2(K+1)}$$

We note that  $D$  is also  $k$ -dominating set for  $S(L_n)$  and also  $D$  will serves as metric set of  $S(L_n)$  as in 1.1.

$$\text{Thus, } \gamma_{\beta_K}[S(L_n)] \leq \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2K} \right\rceil, n \geq 4K+1.$$

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