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# Degree coprime domination and degree noncoprime domination in graphs

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**Abstract**---Let G(V, E) be a finite, undirected, simple graph without isolated vertices. A dominating set D of V(G) is called a *degree coprime dominating set* of G if for every  $v \in V - D$ , there exist a vertex  $u \in D$ such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) = 1$ . The minimum cardinality of a degree coprime dominating set is called the *degree coprime domination number* of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_{cp}(G)$ . A dominating set Dof V(G) is called a *degree non-coprime dominating set* of G if for every  $v \in V - D$ , there exist a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) \neq 1$ . The minimum cardinality of a degree non-coprime dominating set is called the *degree non-coprime domination number* and is denoted by  $\gamma_{ncp}(G)$ . We obtain the degree coprime domination number for some graphs.

*Keywords*---degree coprime dominating set, degree non-coprime dominating set, degree coprime domination number, degree non-coprime domination number.

## Introduction

Let G(V, E) be a finite, undirected, simple graph without isolated vertices. The domination is the most interesting concept in graph theory. Berge introduce the concept domination number. In 1962, O Ore used the same concept, dominating set and domination number in graph theory. In 1970's more researchers worked on that concept besides to improve. As their result, there are more types of dominating sets [2] till now. There are so many applications using the concept

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dominating set and domination number. Let G = (V, E) be an undirected simple graph. A subset *D* of vertices of *G* is a dominating set if every vertex in V - D is adjacent to atleast one vertex in *D*. The degree of a vertex *v* of a graph *G* is number of edges incident with *v* and is denoted by *deg v*. If all vertices of a graph *G* have the same degree then *G* is called regular graph. In this paper we introduce the concept, degree coprime dominating set and degree coprime domination number. Due to the comparison of degree *D* and V - D the dominating set shrinked to the coprime dominating set. Further we refer [1, 3, 4]

#### Degree coprime dominating set

Definition 2.1 A dominating set D of a graph G is called a degree coprime dominating set of G if for every  $v \in V - D$ , there exist a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  and (deg u, deg v) = 1. The minimum cardinality of a degree coprime dominating set is called the degree coprime domination number of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_{cp}(G)$ .

Definition 2.2 A degree coprime dominating set D is said to be minimal if no proper subset of D is a degree coprime dominating set of G. Example: Consider a graph G as follows,





The minimal degree coprime dominating sets are  $\{v_1, v_3, v_5, v_7\}$  and  $\{v_2, v_4, v_6, v_8\}, \gamma_{cp}(G) = 3$ .

Observation: We observe that the degree coprime domination number of any graph *G* is lies between 1 and |V(G)|. That is,  $1 \le \gamma_{cp}(G) \le n$ .

Theorem 2.3 Let  $P_n$  be a path of order n. Then  $\gamma_{cp}(P_n) = n - 2$ , if  $n \ge 3$ .

Proof: Let  $P_n$  be a path of order n and  $V(P_n) = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  such that  $v_i v_{i+1} \in E(P_n)$  for all i = 1, 2, 3, ..., n - 1. Then  $deg \ v_1 = deg \ v_n = 1$  and  $deg \ v_i = 2$  for i = 2, 3, ..., n - 1. If n = 3 then  $\gamma_{cp}(P_3) = 1 = n - 2$ . Let  $D = \{v_2, v_3, ..., v_{n-1}\}$  be a dominating set. Since  $(deg \ v_i, deg \ v_1) = (deg \ v_i, deg \ v_n) = (2, 1) = 1$  for all  $v_i \in D$ , D is coprime dominating set of  $P_n$ .  $\gamma_{cp}(P_n) \leq |D| = n - 2$ . Suppose if  $\gamma_{cp}(P_n) < n - 2$ . Let D be a  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of  $P_n$ . Then there exist  $u \in V - D$  such that  $deg \ u = 2$ , since  $n \geq 4$ . Clearly  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) \neq 1$  for any  $v \in D$ , which is contradiction. Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(P_n) = n - 2$ .

Remark 2.4 If n = 2 then  $\gamma_{cp}(P_n) = \gamma_{cp}(K_2) = 1$ .

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Theorem 2.5 Let  $W_n$  be a wheel of order n. Then  $\gamma_{cp}(W_n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if}(n-1,3) = 1 \\ n & \text{if}(n-1,3) \neq 1. \end{cases}$ Proof: Let  $W_n$  be a wheel of order n. Let  $V(W_n) = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  such that deg  $v_1 =$ n - 1. Then deg  $v_i = 3$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. Case 1: If (n - 1,3) = 1Let  $D = \{v_1\}$  be a dominating set. Then  $(deg v_1, deg v_i) = (n - 1, 3) = 1$  for all  $v_i \in V_i$ V - D. So that D is degree coprime dominating set of  $W_n$ . Thus  $\gamma_{cp}(W_n) \leq |D| = 1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(W_n) = 1$ .

Case 2: If  $(n - 1,3) \neq 1$ 

Clearly  $\gamma_{cp}(W_n) \leq n$ . Suppose  $\gamma_{cp}(W_n) < n$ . Let D be  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of  $W_n$ . Then V - D has at least one vertex *u* such that  $deg \ u = n - 1$  or  $deg \ u = 3$ .

Sub case i: If deg u = n - 1 then there exist  $v \in D$  such that deg v = 3. This implies that  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) \neq 1$ , which is contradiction.

Sub case ii: If deg u = 3 then there exist  $v \in D$  such that deg v = 3 or n - 1. This implies that  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) \neq 1$ , which is contradiction. Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(W_n) = n$ .

Theorem 2.6 Let  $F_n$  be a fan of order  $n(n \ge 4)$ .

Then  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if}(n-1,3) = 3 \text{ and } (n-1,2) = 2\\ 2, & \text{if}(n-1,3) \neq 3; (n-1,2) = 2 \text{ and } n = 5\\ 3, & \text{if}(n-1,3) \neq 3; (n-1,2) = 2 \text{ and } n > 5\\ n-2, & \text{if}(n-1,3) = 3 \text{ and } (n-1,2) \neq 2\\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

Proof: Let  $F_n$  be a fan of order  $n(n \ge 4)$ . Let  $V(F_n) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  such that deg  $v_1 =$ n-1 and  $v_i v_{i+1} \in E(G)$  for all  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ . Then deg  $v_i = 2$  for all i = 1, n and deg  $v_i = 3$  for all i = 3, 4, ..., n - 1.

Case 1: If (n - 1,3) = 3 and (n - 1,2) = 2Clearly  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) \leq n$ . Suppose  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) < n$ . Let *D* be a  $\gamma_{cp}$  – set of  $F_n$ . Then there exist at least one vertex  $u \in V - D$  such that  $deg \ u = n - 1$  or  $deg \ u = 3$  or  $deg \ u = 2$ . Then there exist  $v \in D$  such that  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) \neq 1$ , which is contradiction to D is  $\gamma_{cp}$  – set of  $F_n$ . Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) = n$ .

Case 2: If  $(n - 1,3) \neq 3$ ; (n - 1,2) = 2 and n = 5Let  $D = \{v_3, v_4\}$  be a dominating set. Since  $(deg \ v_i, deg \ v_i) = 1$  for all  $v_i \in D$  and  $v_i \in D$ V - D, D is degree coprime dominating set of  $F_5$ .

Case 3: If  $(n - 1,3) \neq 3$ ; (n - 1,2) = 2 and n > 5Let  $D = \{v_1, v_2, v_n\}$  be a dominating set. Since deg v = 3 for all  $v \in V - V$  $D, (deg \ u, deg \ v) = 1$ , for all  $u \in D$ . Therefore D is degree coprime dominating set. Thus  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) \leq |D| = 3$ . Suppose  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) < 3$ . let *D* be a  $\gamma_{cp}$  – set of  $F_n$ .

Sub case i: If  $v_1 \in D$  then there exist another vertex  $u \in D$  such that either deg u =2 or deg u = 3. Hence there exist a vertex  $v \in V - D$  such that either deg v = 2 or deg v = 3 respectively. This implies that  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) \neq 1$ , which is a contradiction to D is  $\gamma_{cp}$  – set of  $F_n$ .

Sub case ii: If  $v_1 \notin D$  then there exist a vertex  $v \in V - D$  such that no vertex in D can dominates v, since n > 5. Therefore D is not dominating set, which is contradiction. Hence  $\gamma_{cv}(F_n) = 3$ .

Case 4: If (n - 1,3) = 3 and  $(n - 1,2) \neq 2$ 

If n = 4 then the  $\gamma_{cp}$  – sets are  $\{v_1, v_3\}$  and  $\{v_2, v_4\}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(F_4) = 2 = n - 2$ . If n > 4, let  $D = \{v_1, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  be a dominating set. Since  $(\deg v_i, \deg v_j) = 1$  for all  $v_i \in D$  and  $v_j \in V - D$ , D is degree coprime dominating set of  $F_n$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) \le n - 2$ . Suppose  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) \le n - 2$ . Let D be a  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of  $F_n$ . If  $v_1 \in D$  then there exist a vertex  $v \in V - D$  such that  $\deg v = 3$ . If  $v_1 \notin D$  then there exist a vertex  $v \in D$  such that  $\deg v = 3$ . Both cases are leads to the contradiction that  $(\deg v_1, \deg v) = 3 \neq 1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{cp}(F_n) = n - 2$ .

Case 5: If  $(n - 1,3) \neq 3$  and  $(n - 1,2) \neq 2$ Let  $D = \{v_1\}$  be a dominating set such that  $deg \ v_1 = n - 1$ . Since  $(deg \ v_1, deg \ v_i) = (n - 1,2) = 1$  for all i = 2, n and  $(deg \ v_1, deg \ v_i) = (n - 1,3) = 1$  for all i = 3,4,...,n - 1, D is a degree coprime dominating set. Hence  $\gamma_{cv}(F_n) = 1$ .

Theorem 2.7 Let  $K_{m,n}(2 \le m \le n)$  be a complete bipartite graph of order m + n. Then  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if}(m,n) = 1 \\ m+n, & \text{if}(m,n) \ne 1 \end{cases}$ Proof: Let  $K_{m,n}$  be a complete bipartite graph with bipartition (U,V) where U =

 $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}, V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then deg  $u_i = n$ , deg  $v_j = m$  for all  $u_i \in U$  and  $v_j \in V$ .

Case 1: If (m, n) = 1

Let  $D = \{v_k, v_l\}$ , for some  $1 \le k \le m, 1 \le l \le n$ . Clearly, D is a dominating set, then  $(\deg u_k, \deg v_j) = (n, m) = 1$  for all  $v_j \in V - D$  and  $(\deg v_l, \deg u_i) = 1$  for all  $u_i \in V - D$ . So that D is degree a coprime dominating set of  $K_{m,n}$ . Thus  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) \le |D| = 2$ . Suppose  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) < 2$ . Let D be a  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of  $K_{m,n}$ . Then either  $D = \{u\}$  or  $D = \{v\}$  for  $u \in U$  and  $v \in V$ . Then there exist a vertex v either in U or in V such that no vertex of D can be dominate the vertex v. Clearly, D is not a dominating set. Thus  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) \ge 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) = 2$ .

Case 2: If  $(m, n) \neq 1$ Clearly,  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) \leq m + n$ . Suppose if  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) < m + n$ , let *D* be a  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of  $K_{m,n}$ . Then V - D has atleast one vertex *u* such that  $deg \ u = m$  or  $deg \ u = n$ . Then there exist  $v \in D$  such that  $(deg \ u, deg \ v) \neq 1$ , which is contradiction. Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{m,n}) = m + n$ .

Theorem 2.8 Let  $K_{1,n}$  be a star of order n + 1. Then  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{1,n}) = 1$ . Proof: Let  $K_{1,n}$  be a star of order n + 1 and  $V(K_{1,n}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n+1}\}$  such that deg  $v_1 = n$ . Let  $D = \{v_1\}$  be a dominating set. Since  $(deg \ v_1, deg \ v_i) = 1$  for all  $v_i \in V - D$ , D is a degree coprime dominating set of  $K_{1,n}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(K_{1,n}) = 1$ .

Theorem 2.9 Let *G* be any graph order *n*. Then  $\gamma_{cp}(G \circ K_1) = n$ .

Proof: Let *G* be any graph of order *n*.  $G \circ K_1$  be product of a graph *G* and  $K_1$ . Let  $V(G \circ K_1) = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_n, v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  such that  $deg \ v_i = 1$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. Let  $D = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  be a dominating set. Since  $(deg \ v_i, deg \ u_j) = 1$  for all  $v_i \in D$  and  $u_j \in V - D$ , *D* is a degree coprime dominating set of  $G \circ K_1$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{cp}(G \circ K_1) \le n$ . Suppose  $\gamma_{cp}(G \circ K_1) < n$ . Let *D* be a  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of  $(G \circ K_1)$ . Then there exist a vertex  $v \in V - D$  ( $v \in V(G)$  or  $v \in V(G \circ K_1) - V(G)$ ) such that no vertex of *D* can be dominate

the vertex v, which is a contradiction to D is a  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of  $(G \circ K_1)$ . Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(G \circ K_1) = n$ .

Theorem 2.10 If *G* is regular graph of order n(n > 2) then  $\gamma_{cp}(G) = n$ . Proof: Let *G* be a regular graph of order *n*. Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_n\}$  such that deg  $v_i = k$ , for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. Clearly,  $\gamma_{cp}(G) \le n$ . Suppose  $\gamma_{cp}(G) < n$ , let *D* be a  $\gamma_{cp} - set$  of *G* then there exist  $u \in V - D$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$  for  $v \in D$ . Therefore (deg v, deg u) = k, which is contradiction. Hence  $\gamma_{cp}(G) = n$ .

Corollary 2.11 Let  $C_n$  be a cycle of order n. Then  $\gamma_{cp}(C_n) = n$ . Corollary 2.12 Let  $K_n$  be a complete graph of order n. Then  $\gamma_{cp}(K_n) = n$ .

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