

## INTERIOR DOMINATING SETS AND INTERIOR DOMINATION POLYNOMIALS OF CENTIPEDES

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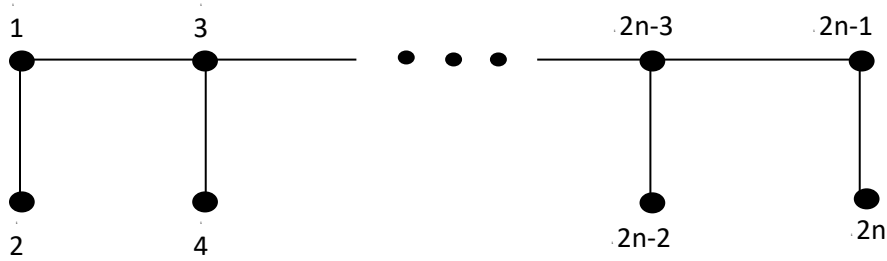
**Abstract:** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a undirected graph, without loop and multiple edges. Let  $P_n^*$  be the centipede with  $2n$  vertices.  $P_n^*$  is  $P_n \circ K_1$ . We denote the graph granted from  $P_n^*$  by deleting the vertex labeled  $2n$  as  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$ . Let  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  and  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$  be the family of interior dominating sets of  $G$  with cardinality  $j$ . Let  $d_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = |D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)|$  and  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = |D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)|$ . In this paper, we grant a recursive formula for  $d_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  and  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$ . Using this recursive formula, we create the polynomial  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, x) = d_{Id}(P_n^*, j)x^j$  where  $j = n$  and also we create a polynomial  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, x) = d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)x^j$  where  $j = n - 1$  which we investigate interior domination polynomial of  $P_n^*$ ,  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$  and grant some properties of this polynomial.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a undirected graph, without loop and multiple edges. A non empty set  $D \subseteq V$  is a dominating set of  $G$ , if every vertex  $V - D$  is adjacent to minimum one vertex in  $D$ . The cardinality of minimum dominating set is named as the domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ [4]. A vertex  $v$  is an interior vertex of  $G$  if for every vertex  $u$  distinct from  $v$ , there exists a vertex  $w$  such that  $v$  lies between  $u$  and  $w$ . A set  $D \subseteq V(G)$  is an interior dominating set if  $D$  is a dominating set of  $G$  and every vertex  $v$  interior vertex of  $G$ . Any pendent vertices will not be a member in interior set of a graph.  $\gamma_{Id}(G)$  denoted as the cardinality of minimum interior dominating set. Let  $P_n^*$  be the centipede with  $2n$  vertices get by adjoining a single pendent edge to each vertex of a path  $P_n$ . Write that  $P_n^*$  is  $P_n \circ K_1$ . We denote the graph granted from  $P_n^*$  by deleting the vertex labeled  $2n$  as  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$  [3]. In this paper we investigate interior domination polynomial of  $P_n^*$ ,  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$  and grant some properties of this polynomial.

**Example 1.1**Figure 1. Centipede  $P_n^*$ **2. Interior Dominating Sets Of  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$** 

**Lemma: 2.1** Let  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$  be the centipede with  $2n - 1$  vertices for every  $n \geq 2$ .

(a)  $\gamma_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}) = n - 1$

(b)  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$  is empty iff  $j > n - 1$  or  $j < n - 1$

(c)  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$  is non empty iff  $j = n - 1$

Lemma (2.2) and (2.3) follows from the lemma 2.1 (b) and (c)

**Lemma 2.2** If  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1) \neq \varphi$  then  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) \neq \varphi$ .

**Lemma 2.3** If  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) \neq \varphi$  then  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1) \neq \varphi$  iff  $j = n - 1$ .

**Theorem 2.4** For every  $n \geq 2$ ,  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1) \neq \varphi$  then  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = \{\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 3\}\}$ .

**Proof:** Since  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1) \neq \varphi$

From lemma (2.3) we have  $j = n - 1$

Therefore  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, n - 1) = \{\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 3\}\}$ .

**3. Interior Dominating Sets Of  $P_n^*$** 

**Lemma: 3.1** Let  $P_n^*$  be the centipede with  $2n$  vertices for every  $n \geq 2$ .

(a)  $\gamma_{Id}(P_n^*) = n$

(b)  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  is empty iff  $j > n$  or  $j < n$

(c)  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  is non empty iff  $j = n$

Lemma (3.2) and (3.3) follows from the lemma 3.1 (b) and (c)

**Lemma 3.2** If  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1) \neq \varphi$  then  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j) \neq \varphi$ .

**Lemma 3.3** If  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j) \neq \varphi$  then  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1) \neq \varphi$  iff  $j = n$ .

**Theorem 3.4** For every  $n \geq 2$ ,  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1) \neq \varphi$  then  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = \{\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 1\}\}$ .

**Proof:** Since  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j - 1) = \varphi$  and  $D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1) \neq \varphi$

From lemma (3.3) we have  $j = n$

Therefore  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = D_{Id}(P_n^*, n) = \{\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 1\}\}$ .

#### 4. Interior Domination Polynomials Of $P_n^* - \{2n\}$

**Definition 4.1** Let  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$  be the family of interior dominating sets of a centipede  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$  with cardinality  $j$  and Let  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = |D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)|$ . Then the interior domination polynomial  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, x)$  of  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$  is defined as  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, x) = d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)x^j$  where  $j = n - 1$

##### Theorem 4.2

(a) If  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, x)$  is the family of interior dominating sets with cardinality  $j$  of  $P_n^* - \{2n\}$  then

$$d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1)$$

$$\text{where } d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = |D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)|.$$

(b) For every  $\geq 2$ ,  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, x) = x[D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, x)]$

##### Proof

(a) From theorem (2.4) we have  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = \{\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 3\}\}$ .

$$\text{Therefore } |D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)| = |D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1)|$$

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(b) We have  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j) = d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1)$

$$d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)x^j = d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1)x^j$$

$$\Sigma d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)x^j = \Sigma d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, j - 1)x^j \\ = x[D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^* - \{2n - 2\}, x)].$$

#### 5. Interior Domination Polynomials Of $P_n^*$

**Definition 5.1** Let  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  be the family of interior dominating sets of a centipede  $P_n^*$  with cardinality  $j$  and Let  $d_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = |D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)|$ . Then the interior domination polynomial  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, x)$  of  $P_n^*$  is defined as  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, x) = d_{Id}(P_n^*, j)x^j$  where  $j = n$

##### Theorem 5.2

(a) If  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, x)$  is the family of interior dominating sets with cardinality  $j$  of  $P_n^*$

$$\text{then } d_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1)$$

$$\text{where } d_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = |D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)|.$$

(b) For every  $\geq 2$ ,  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, x) = x[D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, x)]$

##### Proof

(a) From theorem (3.4) we have  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = \{\{1, 3, 5, \dots, 2n - 1\}\}$ .

$$\text{Therefore } |D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)| = |D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1)|$$

$$\text{Therefore } d_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1)$$

$$\text{where } d_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = |D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)|.$$

(b) We have  $d_{Id}(P_n^*, j) = d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1)$

$$d_{Id}(P_n^*, j)x^j = d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1)x^j$$

$$\Sigma d_{Id}(P_n^*, j)x^j = \Sigma d_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, j - 1)x^j \\ = x[D_{Id}(P_{n-1}^*, x)].$$

We obtain  $d_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  and  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$  for  $2 \leq n \leq 5$  as shown in table (1)

**Table 1 :  $(P_n^*, j)$  and  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$**

j/n	1	2	3	4	5
$P_2^* - \{4\}$	1				
$P_2^*$	0	1			
$P_3^* - \{6\}$	0	1			
$P_3^*$	0	0	1		
$P_4^* - \{8\}$	0	0	1		
$P_4^*$	0	0	0	1	
$P_5^* - \{10\}$	0	0	0	1	
$P_5^*$	0	0	0	0	1

In the following theorem we include some properties of  $d_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  and  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$ .

### Theorem 5.3

The following properties hold for the coefficients of  $D_{Id}(P_n^*, j)$  and  $D_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, j)$ .

- (i)  $d_{Id}(P_n^*, n) = 1$ , for every  $n \geq 2$
- (ii)  $d_{Id}(P_n^* - \{2n\}, n - 1) = 1$ , for every  $n \geq 2$

### Proof

Proof is obvious

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper we have described the interior dominating sets and some properties of interior domination polynomials of centipedes.

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