



# Total dominator color class total dominating sets in ladder and mobius ladder graph

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## Abstract

Let  $G$  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 ladder graph and mobius ladder 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 [8]. 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  $\cup_{v \in S} N(v)$ , 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 sub graph 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  $S$ .

A dominating set  $S$  is called a minimal dominating set if no proper subset of  $S$  is a dominating set of  $G$ . The domina-

tion 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 [9]. 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 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 [4].

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class domination number of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all dominator color class dominating sets in  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(G)$ . This notion was introduced by [5]. For any two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , we define the cartesian product, denoted by  $G \times H$ , to be the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \times V(H)$  and edges between two vertices  $(u_1, v_1)$  and  $(u_2, v_2)$  are adjacent iff either  $u_1 = u_2$  and  $v_1 v_2 \in E(H)$  or  $u_1 u_2 \in E(G)$  and  $v_1 = v_2$ . A ladder graph can be defined as  $P_2 \times P_n$ , where  $n \geq 2$  and is denoted by  $L_n$ . A mobius ladder graph  $M_n$  is a graph obtained from the ladder graph  $P_2 \times P_n$  by joining the opposite end points of the two copies of  $P_n$ .

two new colors, say  $n + 1$  &  $n + 2$  to the vertices  $\{v_n\}$  &  $\{v_{2n}\}$  respectively, we obtain a  $\gamma_{\chi}^d$ -coloring of  $L_p$ . Thus  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(L_p) = n + 2$ .

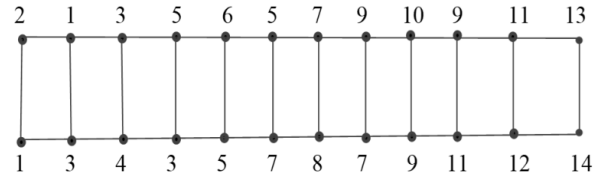


Figure 2.  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(L_{12}) = 14$

## 2. Main Results

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**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a 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  $D$  is a minimal total dominator color class total dominating set if no proper subset of  $D$  of  $G$  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  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(G)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $L_p$  be a ladder graph of order  $2n$ . Then  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(L_p) = \begin{cases} n + 2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ n + 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

*Proof.* Let  $L_p = L_{2n} = P_2 \times P_n$  and let  $V(L_p) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}, \dots, v_{2n}\}$  with  $\deg(v_i) = 2$  for  $i = 1, n, (n + 1), 2n$  and  $\deg(v_j) = 3$  for  $j \neq i$ . We take  $N(v_i) = \{v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, v_{i+n}\}$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, (n - 1)$  and  $N(v_j) = \{v_{j-1}, v_{j+1}, v_{j-n}\}$  for  $j = (n + 2), (n + 3), \dots, (2n - 1)$ . We consider two cases.

Case (i): When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

The vertices  $\{v_{4i+1}\} (1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor)$  receive distinct colors, say  $4i + 2$  and the vertices  $\{v_{n+4i-1}\} (1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor)$  receive distinct colors, say  $4i$  respectively. Assign colors, say  $n$  and  $(n + 1)$  to the vertices  $\{v_{n-1}, v_{2n}\}$  &  $\{v_n\}$  if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and the vertices  $\{v_n, v_{2n-1}\}$  &  $\{v_{2n}\}$  if  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  respectively. Assign distinct colors, say  $(4i - 1)$  &  $(4i + 1)$   $(1 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor)$  to the vertices  $\{v_{4i-1}, v_{n+4i-2}, v_{n+4i}\}$  and  $\{v_{4i}, v_{4i+2}, v_{n+4i+1}\}$  respectively, we attain a  $\gamma_{\chi}^d$ -coloring of  $L_p$ , so  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(L_p) = n + 1$ . Case (ii): When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

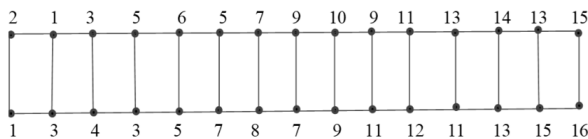


Figure 1.  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(L_{15}) = 16$

When  $n - 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  & by case (i),  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(L_{n-1}) = n$ . Assign

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $M_n$  be a mobius ladder graph with  $n \geq 5$ . Then

$$\gamma_{\chi}^d(M_n) = \begin{cases} n + 2 & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ n + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4} \\ n & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $M_n$  be a mobius ladder graph with  $V(M_n) = \{u_i, v_i / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . We take

$$N(u_i) = \{u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, v_i / i = 2, 3 \dots (n - 1)\}$$

$$N(v_i) = \{v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, u_i / i = 2, 3 \dots (n - 1)\}$$

$$N(u_1) = \{u_2, v_1, v_n\}$$

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$$N(v_n) = \{u_n, u_1, v_{n-1}\}$$

We consider 3 cases.

Case (i): When  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Assign colors, say 1 & 2 to the vertices  $\{u_n\}$  &  $\{v_1, u_{n-1}, v_n\}$  respectively. Also assign colors say  $(n - 1), n, (n + 1)$  &  $(n + 2)$  to the vertices  $\{u_{n-3}\}, \{u_{n-2}\}, \{v_{n-2}\}$  &  $\{v_{n-1}\}$  respectively. Assign colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$   $(i = 2, 4, 6 \dots \frac{n}{2} - 2)$  to the vertices  $\{u_{2i-3}, v_{2i-2}, u_{2i-1}\}$  &  $\{u_{2i-2}\}$  respectively. Again receive colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$   $(i = 3, 5 \dots \frac{n}{2} - 1)$  to the vertices  $\{v_{2i-3}, u_{2i-2}, v_{2i-1}\}$  &  $\{v_{2i-2}\}$  respectively, we obtain a  $\gamma_{\chi}^d$ -coloring of  $M_n$ . So  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(M_n) = n + 2$ .

Case (ii): When  $n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$

Assign colors 1 & 2 to the same vertices as in case (i). We consider 2 subcases.

Subcase 2.1. When  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ :

Assign colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$   $(i = 2, 4, 6 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$  to the vertices  $\{u_{2i-3}, v_{2i-2}, u_{2i-1}\}$  &  $\{u_{2i-2}\}$  respectively. Also assign colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$   $(i = 3, 5 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1)$  to the vertices  $\{v_{2i-3}, u_{2i-2}, v_{2i-1}\}$  &  $\{v_{2i-2}\}$  respectively. In addition, that assign two distinct colors say  $n$  and  $n + 1$  to the vertices  $\{v_{n-2}\}$  &  $\{v_{n-1}\}$ , we get a  $\gamma_{\chi}^d$ -coloring of  $M_n$ . Thus  $\gamma_{\chi}^d(M_n) = n + 1$ .

Subcase 2.2. When  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ :

Assign colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$   $(i = 2, 4, 6 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1)$  to the vertices  $\{u_{2i-3}, v_{2i-2}, u_{2i-1}\}$  &  $\{u_{2i-2}\}$  respectively. Also assign colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$   $(i = 3, 5 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 2)$  to the vertices  $\{v_{2i-3}, u_{2i-2}, v_{2i-1}\}$  &  $\{v_{2i-2}\}$  respectively. In addition that assign 4 distinct colors say  $n - 2, n - 1, n$  and  $n + 1$  to the



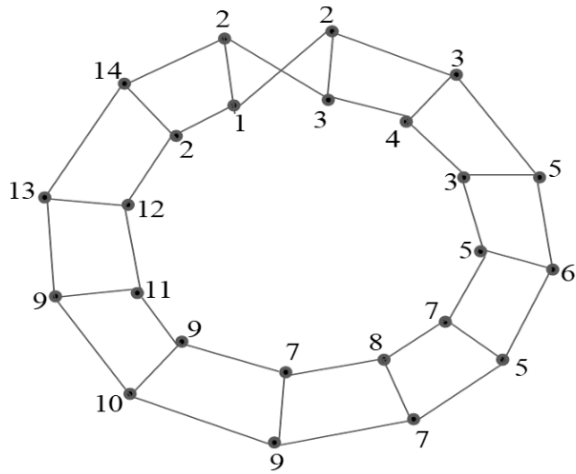


Figure 3.  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(L_{12}) = 14$

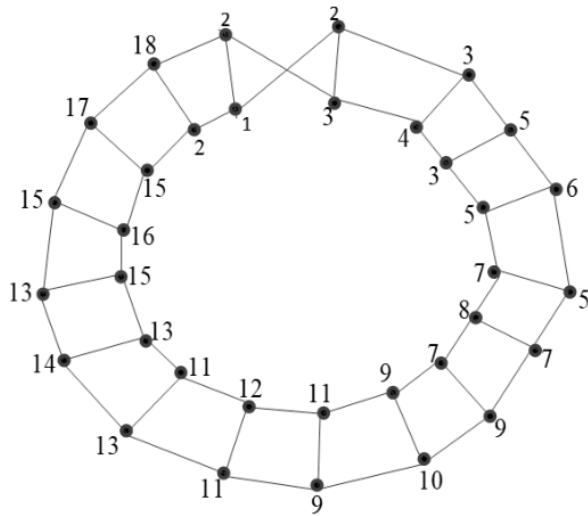


Figure 4.  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(L_{17}) = 18$

vertices  $\{v_{n-4}, u_{n-3}\}, \{v_{n-3}\}, \{u_{n-2}, v_{n-1}\}$  &  $\{v_{n-2}\}$  respectively, we attain a  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}$ -coloring of  $M_n$ . Hence  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(M_n) = n + 1$

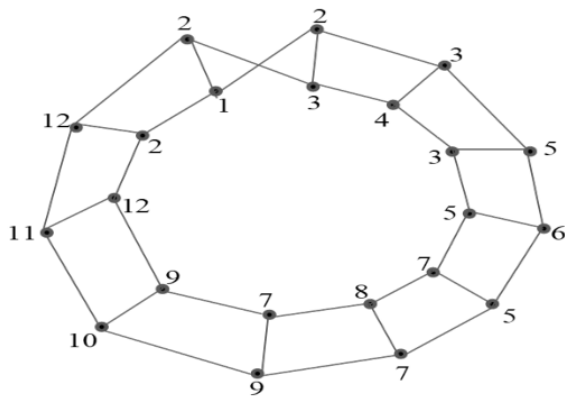


Figure 5.  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(L_{11}) = 12$

Case (iii): When  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ :

Assign colors 1&2 to the same vertices as in case (i). We assign colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$  ( $i = 2, 4, 6 \dots \frac{n}{2} - 1$ ) to the same vertices as in case (i) & assign colors, say  $2i - 1$  &  $2i$  ( $i = 3, 5 \dots \frac{n}{2}$ ) to the same vertices as in case (i). We get the required result hence  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(M_n) = n$

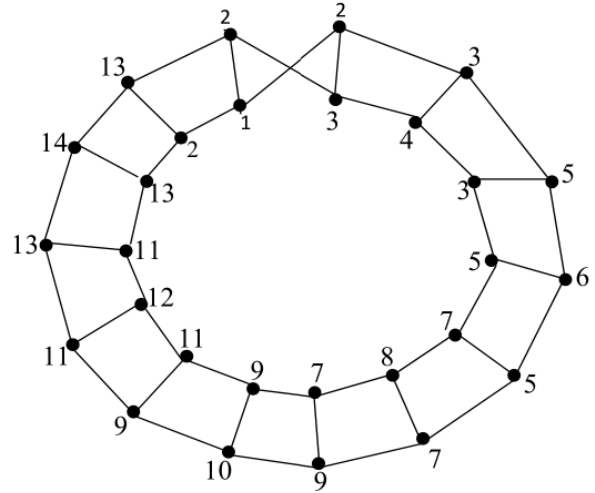


Figure 6.  $\gamma_{\chi}^{td}(L_{14}) = 14$

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