# SOME RESULTS ON DISJUNCTIVE TOTAL DOMINATION NUMBER

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Abstract : In this paper, we discuss about the relationship between 2-dominating set, b-disjunctive dominating set and disjunctive total dominating set. We prove the realization theorems based on b-disjunctive total domination number and domination number. Also, we determine the value of b-disjunctive total domination number for some graphs especially for hypercube.

## Index Terms – domination number, b-disjunctive domination number, b-disjunctive total domination number, hypercube.

## I. INTRODUCTION

A set *S* dominates vertex *v* if *v* is either in *S* or adjacent to (joined by an edge to) some vertex of *S*. For a graph *G*, a set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is a dominating set [5] of *G* if every vertex not in *S* is adjacent to *S*. The domination number,  $\gamma$  (G), is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. In 2009, Dankelmann et al. [3] concentrated the case where the domination of a vertex reduces as distance [1] increases. Motivated by these ideas, the concept of *b*-disjunctive dominating sets was introduced by Goddard et al.[4] in 2014. To extend this concept with total dominating set, Henning et al. [6] established the concept of disjunctive total domination in 2016 and at the same year, Pandey et al. [7] developed the concept of *b*-disjunctive total domination. First we see about some known parameters.

**Definition 1.1.** [2] Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs with disjoint vertex sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  and edge sets  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively. If  $|V_1| = p_1$  and  $|V_2| = p_2$ , then their *corona*  $G_1 \circ G_2$  is obtained by taking one copy of  $G_1$  of order  $p_1$  and  $p_1$  copies of  $G_2$  and then joining the *i*<sup>th</sup> vertex of  $G_1$  to every vertex in the *i*<sup>th</sup> copy of  $G_2$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [2] Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two graphs with disjoint vertex sets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  and edge sets  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  respectively. Then their *cartesian product*  $G_1 \square G_2$  has vertex set  $V(G_1) \times V(G_2)$  and  $u = (u_1, u_2)$  and  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  are adjacent in  $G_1 \square G_2$  whenever  $\{u_1 = v_1 \text{ and } u_2 v_2 \in E(G_2)\}$  or  $\{u_2 = v_2 \text{ and } u_1 v_1 \in E(G_1)\}$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [2] The hypercube or *n*-cube  $Q_n$  is defined recursively by  $Q_1 = K_2$  and  $Q_n = K_2 \square Q_{n-1}$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [3] A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  of vertices in a graph *G* is called a *dominating set* if every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  is either an element of *S* or adjacent to an element of *S*. A dominating set *S* is a *minimal dominating set* of *G* if no proper subset  $S' \subset S$  is a dominating set. The minimum cardinality of a dominating set of *G* is called the *domination number* of *G*. It is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$  and the corresponding dominating set is called a  $\gamma$ -set of *G*.

**Definition 1.5.** [4] For a graph G, a set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is a *b*-dominating set of G if every vertex v not in S has at least b neighbours in S. The minimum cardinality of a *b*-dominating set is the *b*-domination number of G. It is denoted by  $\gamma_b(G)$ .

**Definition 1.6.** [4] For a graph *G* and a positive integer *b*, a set *S* of vertices in a graph is said to be a *b*-disjunctive dominating set (*b*DDS) if every vertex *v* not in *S* is either adjacent to a vertex of *S* or there are at least *b* vertices of *S* within distance 2 of *v* (or both). For a graph *G*, the minimum cardinality of a *b*-disjunctive dominating set is the *b*-disjunctive domination number, denoted by  $\gamma_b^d(G)$ .

**Definition 1.7.** [6] A set *S* of vertices in *G* is a *disjunctive total dominating set* of *G* if every vertex is adjacent to a vertex of *S* or has at least two vertices in *S* at distance 2 from it. The *disjunctive total domination number*,  $\gamma_t^d(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of such a set.

**Definition 1.8.** [7] Let G = (V, E) be a connected graph with at least two vertices. For a fixed positive integer b > 1, a set  $D \subseteq V$  is called a *b*-disjunctive total dominating set (bDTDS) of G if for every vertex  $v \in V$ , v is either adjacent to a vertex of D or has at least b vertices in D at distance 2 from it. The minimum cardinality of a b-disjunctive total dominating set of G is called the *b*-disjunctive total domination number of G and is denoted by  $\gamma_b^{td}(G)$ .

### II. Main Results.

First we discuss about the relationships of various disjunctive domination number of a graph.

**Theorem 2.1.** Every 2-dominating set is a *b*-disjunctive dominating set.

**Proof.** Let S be a 2-dominating set. Then every vertex v not in S has at least 2 neighbours in S. That is, every vertex v not in S is adjacent to a vertex of S. Therefore, S is a b-disjunctive dominating set.

**Theorem 2.2**. For any graph G,  $\gamma_2^d(G) \le \gamma_t^d(G)$ .

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**Proof.** Let S be a disjunctive total dominating set of G. Then every vertex is adjacent to a vertex of S or has at least two vertices in S at distance 2 from it. Then every vertex v not in S is either adjacent to a vertex of S or there are at least 2 vertices of S within distance 2 of v. Therefore, S is a 2-disjunctive dominating set.

**Observation 2.3**. For any graph G, the following hold. (i). When b = 2,  $\gamma_b^d(G) = \gamma_b^{td}(G)$  and (ii).  $\gamma_b^{td}(G) \le \gamma_{b+1}^{td}(G)$ . In particular,  $\gamma_t^d(G) \le \gamma_b^{td}(G)$  for any *b*.

**Lemma 2.4.** If v is a support vertex of a graph G with exactly one neighbour w that is not a leaf, then there is a  $\gamma_b^{td}(G)$ -set that contains v. Also, if d(w) = 2, then there is a  $\gamma_b^{td}(G)$  - set which contains both v and w where v is a support vertex.

**Proof.** Let S be a  $\gamma_b^{td}(G)$ -set. Since v is a support vertex in a graph G with exactly one neighbour w that is not a leaf, to bdisjunctively dominate the leaf neighbours of v, at least b leaf neighbours of v belong to S. But to get the b-disjunctive dominating set with minimum cardinality, we can replace all the leaf neighbours of v in S with the vertex v. Therefore,  $v \in S$ . Further if d(w)= 2 and  $w \notin S$ , then at least one leaf neighbor of v belongs to S in order to totally dominate or disjunctively totally dominate v. We can replace such a leaf neighbor of v in S with the vertex w.

**Lemma 2.5.** [4] For  $b \ge 3$ ,  $\gamma_b^d(C_n) = \gamma(C_n) = \left|\frac{n}{2}\right|$ .

The following Theorem 2.6 describes the realization theorem of b-disjunctive domination number and domination number.

**Theorem 2.6.** For any two positive integers b and y, if b = y, then there exists a connected graph G with  $\gamma_b^d(G) = \gamma(G) = b$  and if b < y, then there exists a connected graph G with  $\gamma_b^d(G) = \gamma_t^d(G) = b$  and  $\gamma(G) = y, b \ge 2$ .

**Proof.** For  $b = y = k \ge 1$ , let G be the cycle of 3k vertices. Then by Lemma 2.5,  $\gamma_b^d(G) = \gamma(G) = \frac{3k}{3} = 3$ . For b < y, let G be the graph of order 2y obtained from the Corona product of  $K_y$  and  $K_1$ . Every vertex of  $K_y$  form the minimal dominating set with minimum cardinality. Therefore,  $\gamma(G) = y$ . Since  $d(u, v) \leq 2$  for all  $u \in V(K_v)$  and  $v \in V(G) - V(K_v)$ , for  $2 \leq b < 0$ y,  $\gamma_b^d(G) = b = \gamma_t^d(G)$ .



Notation 2.7. [4] Let v be the vertex of a graph. Then  $N_1(v)$  is the set of vertices which are at distance one from v and  $N_2(v)$  is the set of vertices which are at distance two from v.

The following Theorem 2.8 determines the disjunctive total domination number of  $P_2 \square C_n$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $P_2 \square C_n$ ,  $n \ge 3$  be a graph. Then  $\gamma_t^d(P_2 \square C_n) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 0,3 \pmod{4} \\ \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  **Proof.** Consider the Cartesian product  $P_2 \square C_n$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the outer and inner cycle in  $P_2 \square C_n$ . Then  $|V(P_2 \square C_n)| = 2n$  and  $|E(P_2 \square C_n)| = 3n$ . For  $n \ge 3$ , let  $S = \{v_1, u_1, v_5, u_5, \dots, v_{4i+1}, u_{4i+1}\} \cup \{v_n, u_n\}$  if  $n \equiv 0,3 \pmod{4}$ . Since each vertex in  $P_2 \square C_n$  is either in S or adjacent to at least otherwise  $\{v_1, u_1, v_5, u_5, \dots, v_{4i+1}, u_{4i+1}\}$  otherwise one vertex in S or there are at least two vertices in S at distance two from it, S is a disjunctive total dominating set of  $P_2 \square C_n$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_2^d(P_2 \square C_n) \le |S| = \begin{cases} \left[\frac{n}{4}\right] + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 0,3 \pmod{4} \\ \left[\frac{n}{4}\right] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ . Since any vertex removal from S affects the disjunctive total

property, S is a minimum disjunctive dominating set.

The following Theorem 2.9 gives the lower bound for *b*-disjunctive total domination number of the graph  $P_2 \square C_n$ . **Theorem 2.9.** Let  $P_2 \square C_n$ ,  $n \ge 3$  be a graph. Then for  $b \ge 3$ ,  $\gamma_b^{td}(P_2 \square C_n) \ge \begin{cases} \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + 1 & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  **Proof.** Consider the Cartesian product  $P_2 \square C_n$ . Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the outer cycle and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices

of the inner cycle in  $P_2 \square C_n$ . Then  $|V(P_2 \square C_n)| = 2n$  and  $|E(P_2 \square C_n)| = 3n$ . For  $b \ge 3$  and  $n \ge 3$ , let  $S = \begin{cases} \{v_1, u_3, v_5, u_7, \dots, v_{4i+1}, u_{4i+3}\} & \text{if } n \equiv 0,3(mod \ 4) \\ \{u_3, v_5, u_7, v_9 \dots, v_{4j-1}, u_{4j+1}\} \cup \{v_1, v_2\} & \text{if } n \equiv 2(mod \ 4) \end{cases}$  where  $0 \le i \le \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor$ ,  $1 \le j \le \left\lceil \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rceil$  and  $1 \le k \le \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rceil$  with  $\{u_3, v_5, u_7, v_9 \dots, v_{4k-1}, u_{4k+1}\} \cup \{v_1\}$  if  $n \equiv 1(mod \ 4)$ 

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 $|S| = \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + 1$  for  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$  and  $|S| = \left[\frac{n}{2}\right]$  for otherwise. Each vertex in V – S is adjacent to at least one vertex in S or there are at least *b* vertices in S at distance two from it. We enlarge S to *b*DTDS by adding some vertices of V –S. Therefore,  $\gamma_b^d(P_2 \square \left(\left[\frac{n}{2}\right] + 1\right)$  if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ 

$$|C_n| \ge |S| = \begin{cases} |\frac{1}{2}| + 1 & \text{if } n = 2(n) \\ \frac{|n|}{2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Next, we discuss about the *b*-disjunctive total domination number of the graph hypercube  $Q_n$ . For that, we have the following observations.

**Observation. 2.10** (i) . For  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ ,  $\gamma_t^d(Q_1) = 2$  and (ii). For  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$ ,  $\gamma_t^d(Q_2) = 4$ .

The following Theorem 2.11 determines the disjunctive total domination number of the hypercube.

**Theorem 2.11.** Let  $Q_n$  be the hypercube. Then for  $5 \le n \le 8$ ,  $\gamma_t^d(Q_n) = 2^{n-3}$ .

**Proof.** Consider the hypercube  $Q_n$ . Let  $v_1^i, v_2^i, ..., v_8^i$  be the vertices of the cube  $Q_4$  which are in the 1<sup>st</sup> column and in the *i*<sup>th</sup> row of  $Q_n$  and  $u_1^i, u_2^i, ..., u_8^i$  be the vertices of the cube  $Q_4$  in the 2<sup>nd</sup> column and in the *i*<sup>th</sup> row of  $Q_n$  where  $1 \le i \le 2^{n-4}$ . Then  $|V(Q_n)| = 2^n$  and  $|E(Q_n)| = n 2^{n-1}$ . For  $5 \le n \le 8$ , let  $S = \{v_1^1, v_1^2, ..., v_1^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{u_7^1, u_7^2, ..., u_7^{2^{n-4}}\}$  with  $|S| = 2^{n-3}$ . Since each vertex in  $Q_n$  is either in S or adjacent to a vertex in S or there are at least 2 vertices of S within distance two from it, S is a disjunctive total dominating set of  $Q_n$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_t^d(Q_n) \le 2^{n-3}$ . Let  $W = \{w_1, w_2, ..., w_k\}$  be a minimum disjunctive total dominating set of  $Q_n$ . Let  $v \in W$ . Each vertex in  $Q_n$  can dominate itself and five distinct vertices in  $N_1(v)$  and contribute  $\frac{1}{2}$  to six

distinct vertices in  $N_2(v)$ . Since |W| = k, we get  $k = 2^{n-3}$ . That is,  $|W| = k = 2^{n-3} = |S|$ . Therefore, S is a minimum disjunctive total dominating set of  $Q_n$ .

The following Theorem 2.12 and 2.13 establish the *b*-disjunctive total domination number of  $Q_n$  if the value of n is between 5 and 8 and  $b \ge 3$ .

**Theorem 2.12.** Let  $Q_n$  be the hypercube. Then for  $5 \le n \le 8$ ,  $\gamma_3^{td}(Q_n) = 3(2^{n-4})$ .

**Proof.** Consider the hypercube graph  $Q_n$ . Let  $v_1^i, v_2^i, ..., v_8^i$  be the vertices of the cube  $Q_4$  which are in the 1<sup>st</sup> column and in the *i*<sup>th</sup> row of  $Q_n$  and  $u_1^i, u_2^i, ..., u_8^i$  be the vertices of the cube  $Q_4$  in the 2<sup>nd</sup> column and in the *i*<sup>th</sup> row of  $Q_n$  where  $1 \le i \le 2^{n-4}$ . Then  $|V(Q_n)| = 2^n$  and  $|E(Q_n)| = n 2^{n-1}$ . For disjunctive total dominating set and for  $5 \le n \le 8$ , let  $S = \{v_1^1, v_1^2, ..., v_1^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{u_1^1, u_1^2, ..., u_1^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{v_1^1, v_2^1, ..., v_7^{2^{n-4}-1}\} \cup \{u_7^2, u_7^4, ..., u_7^{2^{n-4}}\}$  with  $|S| = 3(2^{n-4})$ . Since each vertex in  $Q_n$  is either in S or adjacent to a vertex in S or there are at least 3 vertices of S within distance two from it. Therefore,  $\gamma_3^{td}(Q_n) \le 3(2^{n-4})$ . Let  $W = \{w_1, w_2, ..., w_k\}$  be a minimum 3DTDS of  $Q_n$ . Let  $v \in W$ . Each vertex in  $Q_n$  can dominate itself and n distinct vertices in  $N_1(v)$  and contribute  $\frac{1}{3}$  to n(n-1) distinct vertices in  $N_2(v)$ . Also,  $(k-2^{n-4})$  distinct vertices in  $N_1(v)$ . Also,  $(k-2(2^{n-4}))$  distinct vertices in  $N_1(v)$  and another one of  $2^{n-4}$  distinct vertices in W can contribute  $\frac{1}{3}$  to six distinct vertices in  $N_2(v)$ . Since |W| = k, we get  $4(k-2^{n-4}) + 5(2^{n-4}) + 0(k-2(2^{n-4})) + 1(2^{n-4}) + 2(2^{n-4}) = 2^n$ . This implies  $4k + (2^{n-4}) + 3(2^{n-4}) = 2^n$  and hence  $k = 3(2^{n-4})$ . That is,  $|W| = k = 3(2^{n-4}) = |S|$ . Therefore, S is a minimum 3DTDS of  $Q_n$ . Hence  $\gamma_3^{td}(Q_n) = 3(2^{n-4})$ .

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $Q_n$  be the hypercube. Then for  $5 \le n \le 8$  and  $b \ge 4$ ,  $\gamma_b^{td}(Q_n) = 2^{n-2}$ .

**Proof.** Consider the hypercube graph  $Q_n$ . Let  $v_1^i, v_2^i, ..., v_8^i$  be the vertices of the cube  $Q_4$  which are in the 1<sup>st</sup> column and in the *i*<sup>th</sup> row of  $Q_n$  and  $u_1^i, u_2^i, ..., u_8^i$  be the vertices of the cube  $Q_4$  in the 2<sup>nd</sup> column and in the *i*<sup>th</sup> row of  $Q_n$  where  $1 \le i \le 2^{n-4}$ . Then  $|V(Q_n)| = 2^n$  and  $|E(Q_n)| = n 2^{n-1}$ . For  $5 \le n \le 8$ , we construct the vertex set *S* of  $Q_n$  as follows.  $S = \{v_1^1, v_1^2, ..., v_1^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{u_1^1, u_1^2, ..., u_1^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{v_1^1, v_2^2, ..., v_7^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{u_1^1, u_1^2, ..., u_1^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{v_1^1, v_2^1, ..., v_2^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{u_1^1, u_2^2, ..., u_7^{2^{n-4}}\} \cup \{u_1^1, u_2^2, ..., u_8^{2^{n-4}}\}$ . Let  $V \in W$ . Each vertex in *S* or there are at least *b* vertex is in *N*<sub>1</sub>(*v*) and co

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