

## Total restrained domination subdivision number for Cartesian product graph

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### Abstract

In this paper we determine the total restrained dominating set and the total restrained domination subdivision number for Cartesian product graph.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph on the vertex set  $V$ . In a graph  $G$ , A set  $D \subseteq V$  is a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V - D$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $D$ . The domination number of a graph  $G$  [ $\gamma(G)$ ] is the minimum size of a dominating set of vertices in  $G$ . The domination subdivision number of a graph  $G$  is the minimum number of edges that must be subdivided in order to increase the domination number of a graph and is denoted by  $sd_{\gamma}(G)$ . A set  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G(V, E)$  is called total restrained dominating set if every vertex  $v \in V$  is adjacent to an element of  $S$  and every vertex of  $V - S$  is adjacent to the vertex in  $V - S$ .

The Cartesian product of  $G$  and  $H$  [ $G \times H$ ] is the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \times V(H)$  specified by putting  $(u, v)$  adjacent to  $(u', v')$  if and only if (i)  $u = u'$  and  $vv'$  belongs to  $E(H)$ , or (ii)  $v = v'$  and  $uu'$  belongs to  $E(G)$ . Domination number of Cartesian products is further studied in [2], [3], [4], [8], [9] and [10]. The subdivision graph of  $G$  is a graph which is obtained by subdividing each edge of  $G$  exactly once and is denoted by  $S(G)$ . The domination subdivision number of a graph  $G$  is the minimum number of edges that must be subdivided in order to increase the domination number of a graph [14] and is denoted by  $sd_{\gamma}(G)$ .

The total restrained domination in graphs was introduced in [15]. A set  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G(V,E)$  is called a total restrained dominating set if every vertex  $v \in V$  is adjacent to an element of  $S$  and every vertex of  $V - S$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $V - S$ . The total restrained domination number of a graph  $G[\gamma_{rt}(G)]$  is the minimum cardinality of a total restrained dominating set in  $G$ . For a detailed literature on domination one can refer [6, 7]. Haynes et al. [5] showed that  $1 \leq sd\gamma_t(G) \leq 4$ . for any grid graph  $P_{n,m}$ . We use the following known results for the present work.

**Theorem 1.1.** [12] For  $n \geq 4$ , we have  $\gamma_t(P_{n,n}) = \gamma_t(P_{n-4,n-4}) + \gamma_t(C_{4n-4})$  and

$$\gamma_t(P_{n,n}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n^2 + 2n}{4} & \text{if } n \equiv 0,2 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{n^2 + 2n + 1}{4} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \frac{n^2 + 2n - 3}{4} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.2.** [12] For a graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_t(G) = \gamma_{tr}(G)$  if and only if  $G$  has a  $\gamma_t(G)$  set such that  $G[V(G) - S]$  has no isolated vertex.

**Theorem 1.3.** [12]

- 1) For any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{n,n}) = \gamma_t(P_{n,n})$ .
- 2) For any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{n,n+2}) = \gamma_t(P_{n,n+2})$ .
- 3) For any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{2n-1,n}) = \gamma_t(P_{2n-1,n})$ .
- 4) For any  $n \geq 2$ , and  $m \equiv n \pmod{n+1}$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{n,m}) = \gamma_t(P_{n,m})$ .
- 5) For any  $n \geq 8$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{8,n}) = \gamma_t(P_{8,n})$ .
- 6) For any  $n \geq 6$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{6,n}) = \gamma_t(P_{6,n})$ .
- 7) For any  $n \geq 5$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{5,n}) = \gamma_t(P_{5,n})$ .
- 8) For any  $n \geq 4$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_{4,n}) = \gamma_t(P_{4,n})$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** [13] For  $n \geq 2$ ,

$$sd\gamma_t(P_{2,n}) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \equiv 0,2 \pmod{3} \\ 2, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.5.** [13] For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $sd\gamma_t(P_{3,n})=1$ .

**Theorem 1.6.** [13] For  $n \geq 4$ ,

$$sd\gamma_t(P_{4,n}) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \equiv 0,2 \pmod{5} \\ 2, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{5}. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.7.** [13] For  $n, m \geq 3$ ,  $sd\gamma_t(P_{m,n}) \leq 3$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** [13] For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\gamma_{tr}(P_2 \times P_n) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{n+2}{3} \right\rceil$  and  $\gamma_t(P_2 \times P_n) = \gamma_t(P_2 \times P_{n-3}) + 2$ .

**Theorem 1.9.** [13] For any graph  $\gamma_t(P_4 \times P_n) = \gamma_t(P_4 \times P_{n-5}) + 6$ .

## 2 Main Results

In this section we determine the value of the total restrained domination subdivision number of  $P_n \times P_n$  for  $n \geq 4$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $G$  be the Cartesian product graph of  $P_n \times P_n$  of order  $n \geq 4$ , Then  $\text{sd}\gamma_{\text{tr}}(G) = 1$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be the Cartesian product graph of  $P_n \times P_n$  of order  $n \geq 4$ .

Consider  $V(G) = \{(u_1, v_1), (u_1, v_2), (u_1, v_3), \dots, (u_1, v_n)$

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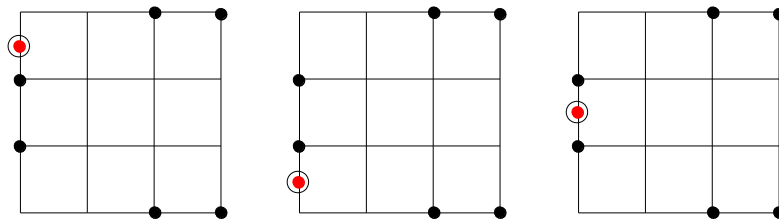
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$(u_n, v_1), (u_n, v_2), (u_n, v_3), \dots, (u_n, v_n)\}$ .

Let  $D_n$  be a total restrained dominating set of  $(P_n \times P_n)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_n$  be a total restrained dominating set of the first row  $\mathcal{R}_1$ , first column  $\mathcal{C}_1$ , last row  $\mathcal{R}_n$  and last column  $\mathcal{C}_n$  of  $(P_n \times P_n)$ . Let  $(P_n \times P_n)'$  be the graph that is obtained from  $(P_n \times P_n)$  by subdividing the edge  $(u_i, v_j)(u_{i+1}, v_j)$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$  with the vertex  $x$ . Let  $D'$  be the total restrained dominating set of  $(P_n \times P_n)'$ . We show that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{\text{tr}}((P_n \times P_n)) = 1$ . We prove the theorem by considering the following cases.

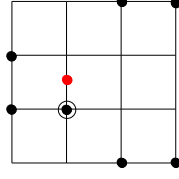
**Case (i):** For  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Put  $n = 4$ . Let  $D$  be a total restrained dominating set of  $(P_4 \times P_4)$ . We show that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{\text{tr}}((P_4 \times P_4)) = 1$ . We have  $\gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_4 \times P_4) = 6$  [see Figure 3].



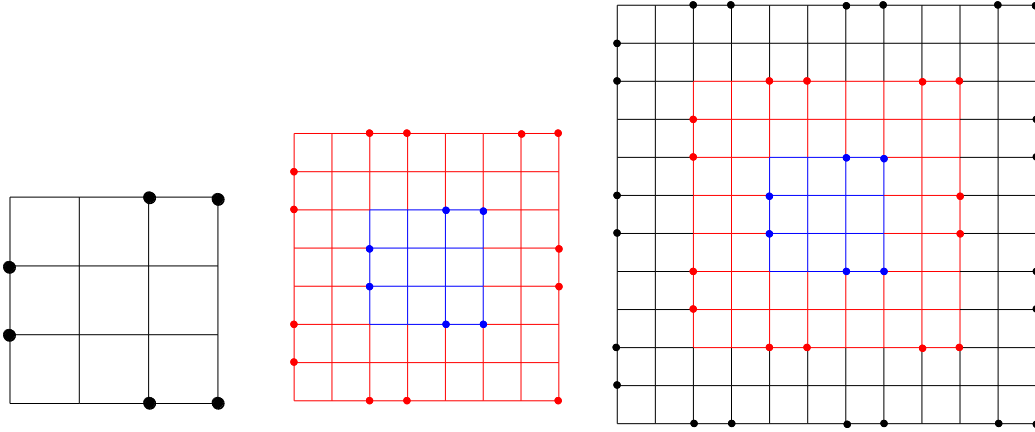
**Figure 1:**  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$ .

If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$ , then the last two columns of  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$  is a block  $B$ . We need four vertices for totally restrained domination of block  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the first column of  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$  we need three vertices and then  $x \in D'$  [see Figure 1]. The second column of  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$  can be totally restrained dominated from the adjacent columns of block  $B$  and the first column of  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$ . We get  $\gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_4 \times P_4)' = 7 > \gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_4 \times P_4)$ . Therefore, the domination number is increased by subdividing one edge. Hence we proved that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{\text{tr}}((P_4 \times P_4)) = 1$ .



**Figure 2:**  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$

If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$ . The last two columns of  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$  is a block  $B$ . We need four vertices for totally restrained domination of block  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the first column of  $(P_4 \times P_4)'$  we need two vertices and for the second column we need one vertex [see Figure 2]. We get  $\gamma_{tr}(P_4 \times P_4)' = 7 = \gamma_{tr}(P_4 \times P_4) + 1 > \gamma_{tr}(P_4 \times P_4)$ . Therefore, the domination number is increased by subdividing one edge and we get  $sd\gamma_{tr}((P_4 \times P_4)) = 1$ .



**Figure 3:** Total restrained dominating set of  $P_4 \times P_4$ ,  $P_8 \times P_8$  and  $P_{12} \times P_{12}$ .

Now we construct  $P_n \times P_n$  from  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ ,  $n \geq 8$  by adding two columns (two rows) at the first and two columns (two rows) at the last of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ , respectively [see Figure 3]. The union of the first row, the first column, the last row and the last column of  $P_n \times P_n$  is a cycle of length  $4n - 4$ . Consider  $D_n = D_{n-4} \cup \mathfrak{D}_n$  where  $D_{n-4}$  is the totally restrained dominating set of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ .

By Theorem 1.1 and Theorem 1.3, we have  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) = \frac{n^2+2n}{4}$  if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

In this case  $n \geq 4$  and for  $\mathfrak{D}_n = \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_n \cup \mathcal{C}_n$  where

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{(u_1, v_3), (u_1, v_4), (u_1, v_7), (u_1, v_8), \dots, (u_1, v_{n-5}), (u_1, v_{n-4}), (u_1, v_{n-1}), (u_1, v_n)\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_n = \{(u_n, v_3), (u_n, v_4), (u_n, v_7), (u_n, v_8), \dots, (u_n, v_{n-5}), (u_n, v_{n-4}), (u_n, v_{n-1}), (u_n, v_n)\}$$

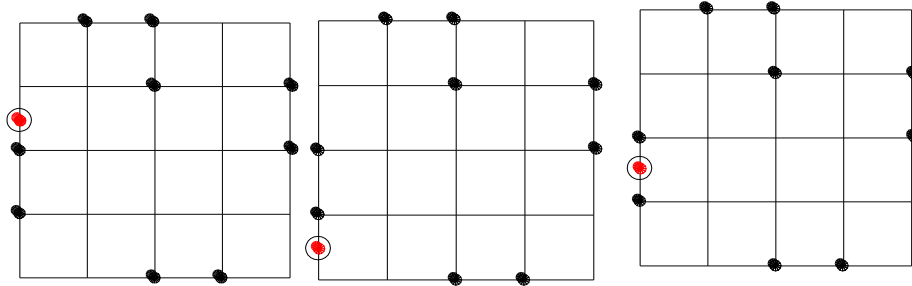
$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \{(u_2, v_1), (u_3, v_1), (u_6, v_1), (u_7, v_1), \dots, (u_{n-6}, v_1), (u_{n-5}, v_1), (u_{n-2}, v_1), (u_{n-1}, v_1)\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_n = \{(u_1, v_n), (u_4, v_n), (u_5, v_n), \dots, (u_{n-8}, v_n), (u_{n-7}, v_n), (u_{n-4}, v_n), (u_{n-3}, v_n), (u_n, v_n)\}.$$

Then we know that  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + \gamma_{tr}(\mathfrak{D}_n)$ . Let  $(P_n \times P_n)'$  be the graph obtained from  $(P_n \times P_n)$  by subdividing an edge with one vertex. We can prove  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + 1 + \gamma_{tr}(\mathfrak{D}_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) + 1$ . [Since  $\gamma_{tr}(P_4 \times P_4)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_4 \times P_4) + 1$ ]. Hence we get  $sd\gamma_{tr}((P_n \times P_n)) = 1$  for  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

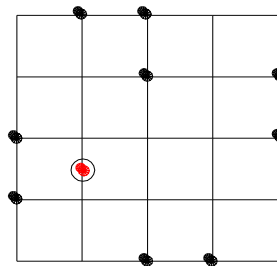
**Case (ii):** If  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 4)$ .

Put  $n = 5$ . Let  $D$  be the total restrained dominating set of  $(P_5 \times P_5)$ . We show that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{\text{tr}}((P_5 \times P_5)) = 1$ .



**Figure 4:**  $(P_5 \times P_5)'$

If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$ , then the last three columns of  $(P_5 \times P_5)'$  is a block  $B$ . We need six vertices for totally restrained domination of block  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the second column of  $(P_5 \times P_5)'$  we need one vertex and for the first column of  $(P_5 \times P_5)'$  we need three vertices. Then we get  $x \in D'$  [see Figure 4]. We get  $\gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_5 \times P_5)' = 10 > \gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_5 \times P_5)$  [since  $\gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_5 \times P_5) = 9$ ]. Therefore, the domination number is increased by subdividing one edge. Hence we proved that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{\text{tr}}((P_5 \times P_5)) = 1$ .



**Figure 5:**  $(P_5 \times P_5)'$ .

If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$ . The last three columns of  $(P_5 \times P_5)'$  is a block  $B$ . We need six vertices for totally restrained domination of  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the first column of  $(P_5 \times P_5)'$  we need two vertices and for the second column we need two vertices [see Figure 5]. We get  $\gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_5 \times P_5)' = 7 = \gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_5 \times P_5) + 1 > \gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_5 \times P_5)$ . Therefore the domination number is increased by subdividing one edge. Hence we proved that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{\text{tr}}((P_5 \times P_5)) = 1$ .

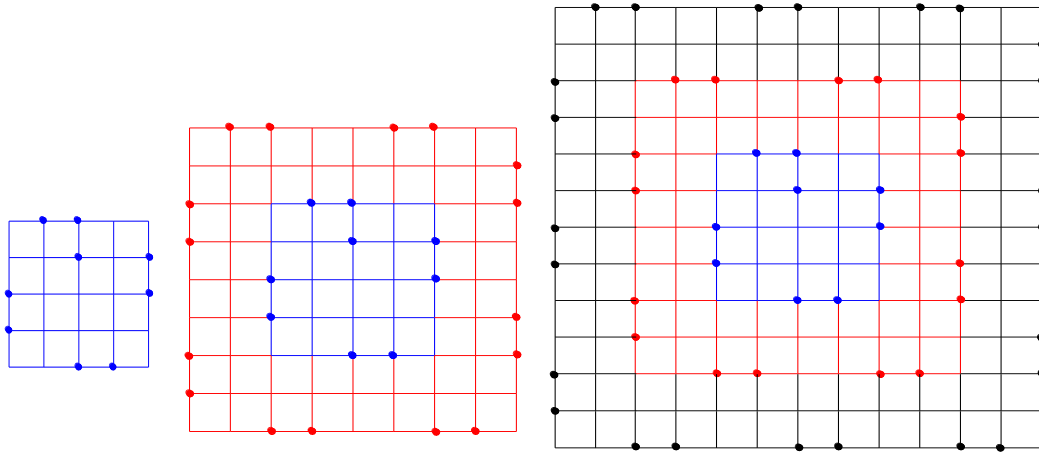
Now we construct  $P_n \times P_n$  from  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ ,  $n \geq 9$  by adding two columns (two rows) at the first and two columns (two rows) at the last of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ , respectively [see Figure 6]. The union of the first row, the first column, the last row and the last column of  $P_n \times P_n$  is a cycle of length  $4n - 4$ . Consider  $D_n = D_{n-4} \cup \mathcal{D}_n$  where  $D_{n-4}$  is the totally restrained dominating set of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ .

By Theorem 1.1 and 1.3, we have  $\gamma_{\text{tr}}(P_n \times P_n) = \frac{n^2+2n+1}{4}$  if  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 4)$ .

In this case  $n \geq 4$  and for  $\mathcal{D}_n = \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_n \cup \mathcal{C}_n$  where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_1 &= \{ (u_1, v_3), (u_1, v_4), (u_1, v_7), (u_1, v_8), \dots, (u_1, v_{n-6}), (u_1, v_{n-5}), (u_1, v_{n-2}), (u_1, v_{n-1}) \} \\ \mathcal{R}_n &= \{ (u_n, v_2), (u_n, v_3), (u_n, v_6), (u_n, v_7), \dots, (u_n, v_{n-7}), (u_n, v_{n-6}), (u_n, v_{n-3}), (u_n, v_{n-2}) \} \\ \mathcal{C}_1 &= \{ (u_2, v_1), (u_3, v_1), (u_6, v_1), (u_7, v_1), \dots, (u_{n-7}, v_1), (u_{n-6}, v_1), (u_{n-3}, v_1), (u_{n-2}, v_1) \} \\ \mathcal{C}_n &= \{ (u_3, v_n), (u_4, v_n), (u_7, v_n), (u_8, v_n), \dots, (u_{n-6}, v_n), (u_{n-5}, v_n), (u_{n-2}, v_n), (u_{n-1}, v_n) \}. \end{aligned}$$

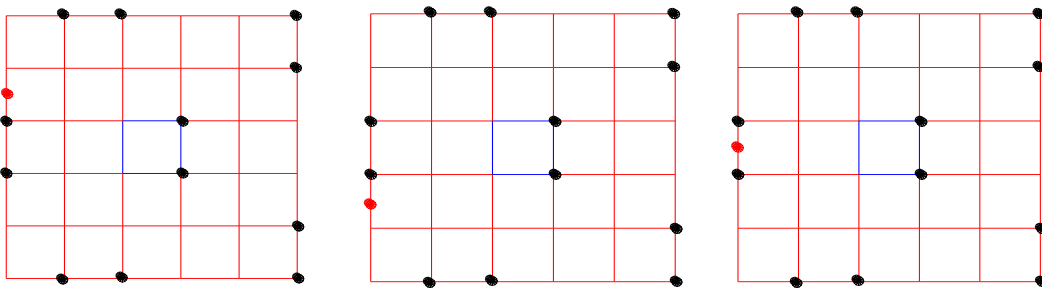
Then we know that  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + \gamma_{tr}(\mathcal{D}_n)$ . Let  $(P_n \times P_n)'$  be the graph that is obtained from  $(P_n \times P_n)$  by subdividing an edge with one vertex. Clearly we can prove  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + 1 + \gamma_{tr}(\mathcal{D}_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) + 1$  [ $\because \gamma_{tr}(P_5 \times P_5)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_5 \times P_5) + 1$ ]. Thus we proved that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{tr}((P_n \times P_n)) = 1$  for  $n \equiv 1(\text{mod } 4)$ .



**Figure 6:** Total restrained dominating set of  $P_5 \times P_5$ ,  $P_9 \times P_9$  and  $P_{13} \times P_{13}$ .

**Case (iii):** If  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$

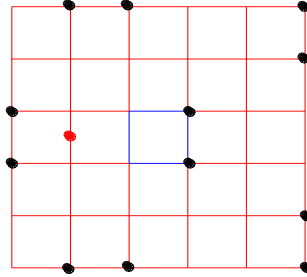
Put  $n = 6$ . Let  $D$  be the total restrained dominating set of  $(P_6 \times P_6)$ . We show that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{tr}((P_6 \times P_6)) = 1$ . We have  $\gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6) = 12$ .



**Figure 7:**  $(P_6 \times P_6)'$

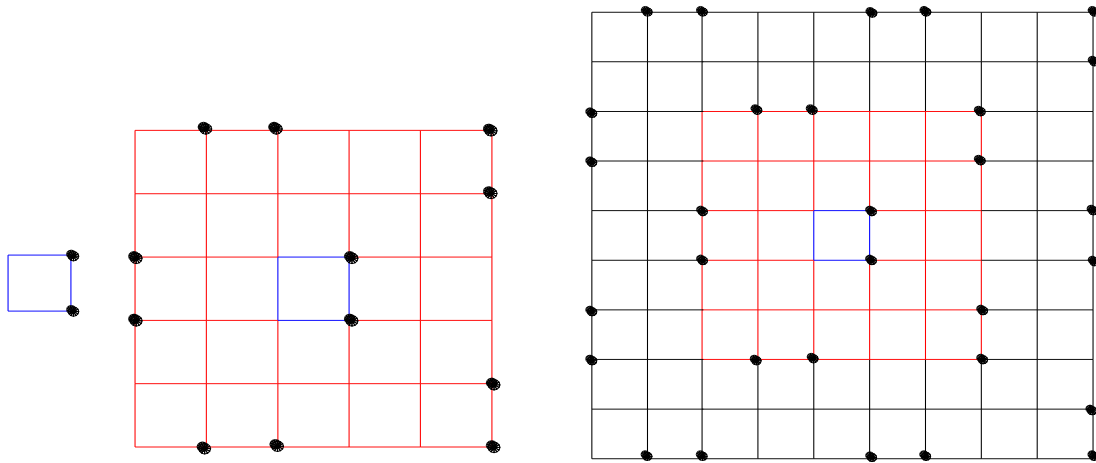
If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$  then the last four columns of  $(P_6 \times P_6)'$  is a block  $B$ . We need eight vertices for totally restrained domination of the block  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the second column of  $(P_6 \times P_6)$  we need two vertices and for the first column of  $P_6 \times P_6$  we need three vertices. Then  $x \in D'$  [see Figure 7]. We get  $\gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6)' = 13 > \gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6)$  [since  $\gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6) = 12$ ]. Therefore the

domination number is increased by subdividing one edge. Hence we proved that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{tr}((P_6 \times P_6)) = 1$ .



**Figure 8:**  $(P_6 \times P_6)'$ .

If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$ . The last four columns of  $(P_6 \times P_6)'$  is a block  $B$ . We need eight vertices for totally restrained domination of block  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the first column of  $P_6 \times P_6$  we need two vertices and for the second column of  $(P_6 \times P_6)$  we need three vertices [see Figure 8]. We get  $\gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6)' = 13 = \gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6) + 1 > \gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6)$ . Therefore, the domination number is increased by subdividing one edge. Hence we proved that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{tr}((P_6 \times P_6)) = 1$ .



**Figure 9:** Total restrained dominating set of  $P_2 \times P_2, P_6 \times P_6, P_{10} \times P_{10}$ .

Now we construct  $P_n \times P_n$  from  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ ,  $n \geq 10$  by adding two columns (two rows) at the first and two columns (two rows) at the last of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$  respectively [see Figure 9]. The union of the first row, the first column, the last row and the last column of  $P_n \times P_n$  is a cycle of length  $4n - 4$ . Consider  $D_n = D_{n-4} \cup \mathcal{D}_n$  where  $D_{n-4}$  is the totally restrained dominating set of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ .

By Theorem 1.1 and 1.3, we have  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) = \frac{n^2+2n}{4}$  if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ .

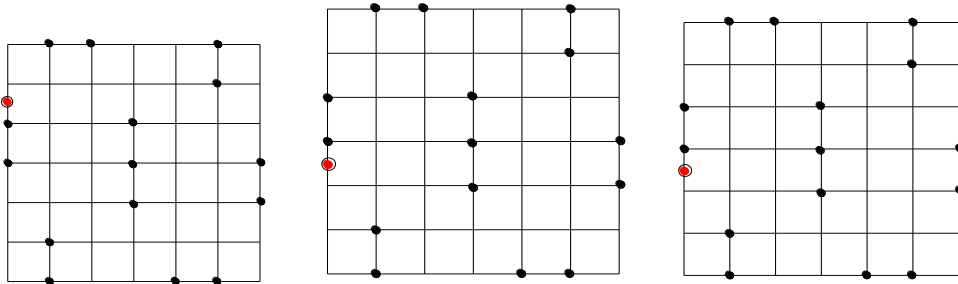
In this case  $n \geq 4$  and for  $\mathcal{D}_n = \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_n \cup \mathcal{C}_n$  where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_1 &= \{ (u_1, v_2), (u_1, v_3), (u_1, v_6), (u_1, v_7), \dots, (u_1, v_{n-8}), (u_1, v_{n-7}), (u_1, v_{n-4}), (u_1, v_{n-3}), (u_1, v_n) \} \\ \mathcal{R}_n &= \{ (u_n, v_2), (u_n, v_3), (u_n, v_6), (u_n, v_7), \dots, (u_n, v_{n-8}), (u_n, v_{n-7}), (u_n, v_{n-4}), (u_n, v_{n-3}), (u_n, v_n) \} \\ \mathcal{C}_1 &= \{ (u_3, v_1), (u_4, v_1), (u_7, v_1), (u_8, v_1), \dots, (u_{n-7}, v_1), (u_{n-6}, v_1), (u_{n-3}, v_1), (u_{n-2}, v_1) \} \\ \mathcal{C}_n &= \{ (u_1, v_n), (u_2, v_n), (u_5, v_n), (u_6, v_n), \dots, (u_{n-5}, v_n), (u_{n-4}, v_n), (u_{n-1}, v_n), (u_n, v_n) \} . \end{aligned}$$

Then we know that  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + \gamma_{tr}(\mathcal{D}_n)$ . Let  $(P_n \times P_n)'$  be the graph that is obtained from  $(P_n \times P_n)$  by subdividing an edge with one vertex. We can prove  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + 1 + \gamma_{tr}(\mathcal{D}_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) + 1$ . [since  $\gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_6 \times P_6) + 1$ ]. Then we get  $\text{sd}\gamma_{tr}((P_n \times P_n)) = 1$  for  $n \equiv 2(\text{mod } 4)$ .

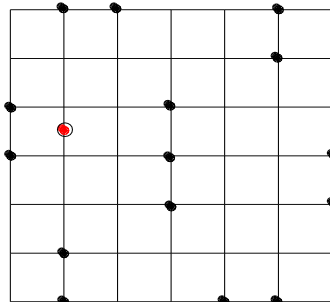
**Case (iv):** If  $n \equiv 3(\text{mod } 4)$ .

Put  $n = 7$ . Let  $D$  be the total restrained dominating set of  $(P_7 \times P_7)$ . We show that  $\text{sd}\gamma_{tr}((P_7 \times P_7)) = 1$ .



**Figure 10:**  $(P_7 \times P_7)'$ .

If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$  or  $(u_i, v_j) \in D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \in D$  then the last five columns of  $(P_7 \times P_7)'$  is a block  $B$ . we need ten vertices for totally restrained domination of block  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the first and second column of  $(P_7 \times P_7)$  we need three vertices. Then we get  $x \in D'$  [see Figure 10]. We get  $\gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7)' = 16 > \gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7)$  [since  $\gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7) = 15$ ]. Therefore the domination number is increased by subdividing one edge and we get  $\text{sd}\gamma_{tr}((P_7 \times P_7)) = 1$ .

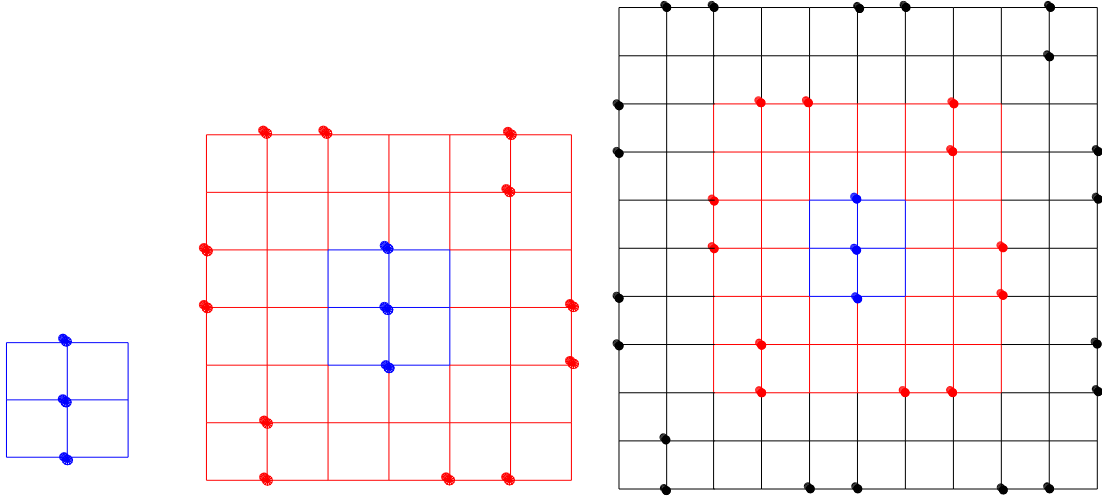


**Figure 11:**  $(P_7 \times P_7)'$ .

If  $(u_i, v_j) \notin D$  and  $(u_{i+1}, v_j) \notin D$  then the last five columns of  $(P_7 \times P_7)'$  is a block  $B$ . We need ten vertices for totally restrained domination of  $B$ . To totally restrained dominate the first column of  $P_7 \times P_7$  we need two vertices and for the second column of  $(P_7 \times P_7)$  we need four vertices [see



Figure 11]. We get  $\gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7)' = 16 = \gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7) > \gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7)$ . Therefore the domination number is increased by subdividing one edge. Hence we proved that  $sd\gamma_{tr}((P_7 \times P_7)) = 1$ .



**Figure 12:** Total restrained dominating set of  $P_3 \times P_3$ ,  $P_7 \times P_7$  and  $P_{11} \times P_{11}$ .

Now we construct  $P_n \times P_n$  from  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ ,  $n \geq 11$  by adding two columns (two rows) at the first and two columns (two rows) at the last of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$  respectively [see Figure 12]. The union of the first row, the first column, the last row and the last column of  $P_n \times P_n$  is a cycle of length  $4n - 4$ . Consider  $D_n = D_{n-4} \cup \mathcal{D}_n$  where  $D_{n-4}$  is the totally restrained dominating set of  $P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}$ .

By Theorem 1.1 and 1.3, we have  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) = \frac{n^2+2n-3}{4}$  if  $n \equiv 3(mod 4)$ .

In this case  $n \geq 4$  and for  $\mathcal{D}_n = \mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{C}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_n \cup \mathcal{C}_n$  where

$$\mathcal{R}_1 = \{ (u_1, v_2), (u_1, v_5), (u_1, v_6), \dots, (u_1, v_{n-5}), (u_1, v_{n-2}), (u_1, v_{n-1}) \}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_n = \{ (u_n, v_2), (u_n, v_3), (u_n, v_6), \dots, (u_n, v_{n-5}), (u_n, v_{n-4}), (u_n, v_{n-1}) \}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \{ (u_4, v_1), (u_5, v_1), (u_8, v_1), (u_9, v_1), \dots, (u_{n-7}, v_1), (u_{n-6}, v_1), (u_{n-3}, v_1), (u_{n-2}, v_1) \}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_n = \{ (u_3, v_n), (u_4, v_n), (u_7, v_n), (u_8, v_n), \dots, (u_{n-8}, v_n), (u_{n-7}, v_n), (u_{n-4}, v_n), (u_{n-3}, v_n) \}.$$

Then we know that  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + \gamma_{tr}(\mathcal{D}_n)$ . Let  $(P_n \times P_n)'$  be the graph that is obtained from  $(P_n \times P_n)$  by subdividing an edge with one vertex. We can prove  $\gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_{n-4} \times P_{n-4}) + 1 + \gamma_{tr}(\mathcal{D}_n) = \gamma_{tr}(P_n \times P_n) + 1$  [Since  $\gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7)' = \gamma_{tr}(P_7 \times P_7) + 1$ ]. Hence we get  $sd\gamma_{tr}((P_n \times P_n)) = 1$  for  $n \equiv 3(mod 4)$ .

From all the above four cases we get  $sd\gamma_{tr}((P_n \times P_n)) = 1$ . ■

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