



# ON PAIRS OF DISJOINT DOMINATING SETS IN THE COMPOSITION OF GRAPHS

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate pairs of disjoint dominating sets  $A$  and  $B$  in the composition of graph, where  $B$  is either an independent or a total dominating set in the composition of graph.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Throughout this study, we only consider graphs which are finite, simple and undirected. The symbols  $V(G)$  denotes the vertex set and  $E(G)$  denotes the edge set of  $G$ . The order of  $G$  refers to the cardinality of  $V(G)$  and the size of  $G$  refers to the cardinality of  $E(G)$ . The symbol  $|V(G)|$  denotes the order of  $G$  and  $|E(G)|$  denotes the size of  $G$ . If  $|E(G)| = 0$ , then  $G$  is an *empty graph*. An empty graph of order  $n$  is denoted by  $K_n$ . If  $V(G)$  is singleton,  $G$  is called a *trivial graph*.

The *composition*  $G[H]$  of  $G$  and  $H$  is the graph with  $V(G[H]) = V(G) \times V(H)$  and  $(u; v)(u', v') \in E(G[H])$  if and only either  $uu' \in E(G)$  or  $u = u'$  and  $vv' \in E(H)$ . For any  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $G - v$  is the resulting graph after removing from  $G$  the vertex  $v$  and all edges of  $G$  incident to  $v$ .

Two distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $G$  are neighbors in  $G$  if  $uv \in E(G)$ . The closed neighborhood  $N_G[v]$  of a vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is the set consisting of  $v$  and every neighbor of  $v$  in  $G$ . A *dominating set* in  $G$  is any  $S \subseteq V(G)$  for which  $N_G[S] = V(G)$ . The minimum cardinality of a dominating set is called the *domination number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ . Any dominating set in  $G$  of cardinality  $\gamma(G)$  is referred to as a  $\gamma$ -set in  $G$ . A dominating set  $S$  is an *independent dominating set* if  $uv \notin E(G)$  for all  $u, v \in S$ . The minimum cardinality of an independent dominating set is called the *independence domination number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_i(G)$ . Any independent dominating set in  $G$  of cardinality  $\gamma_i(G)$  is referred to as a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G$ . A total dominating set  $S$  if for each  $u \in S$  there is  $v \in S$  such that  $uv \in E(G)$ . The minimum cardinality of a total dominating set is called the *total domination number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_t(G)$ . Any total dominating set in  $G$  of cardinality  $\gamma_t(G)$  is referred to as a  $\gamma_t$ -set in  $G$ . The symbols  $\mathcal{D}(G)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(G)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(G)$  are used to denote the collection of all dominating sets, the collection of all independent dominating sets, and the collection of all total dominating sets in  $G$ , respectively. The reader may refer to [1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 24, 25] for the fundamental concepts of domination theory, and to [3, 12, 25] for its applications.

Domination is one of the most well-studied concepts in graph theory (see [11]). The reader is referred to [1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 24, 25] for the fundamental concepts and recent developments of the domination theory, and to [3, 12, 15, 25] for its various applications.

In 1962, O. Ore gave the classical result which can be stated as follows: *If a graph  $G$  has no isolated vertices and  $S$  is a minimum dominating set, then  $V(G) \setminus S$  is a dominating set in  $G$ .* It has motivated the introduction of the concept of inverse domination (by V.R. Kulli and S.C. Sigarkanti [21]) as well as the concept of disjoint domination (by S.M. Hedetniemi, S.T. Hedetniemi, R.C. Laskar, L. Markus, and P.J. Slater [14]). A subset  $S \subseteq V(G)$  is an *inverse dominating set* in  $G$  if  $S$  is a dominating set in  $G$  and there is a minimum dominating set  $D$  in  $G$  such that  $S \cap D = \emptyset$ . The minimum cardinality of an inverse dominating set in  $G$  is the *inverse domination number* of  $G$ , which is denoted by  $\gamma'(G)$ . A pair  $(S, D)$  of dominating sets in  $G$  is a *dd-pair* if  $S \cap D = \emptyset$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{DD}(G)$  the collection of all dd-pairs in  $G$ . The minimum sum  $|S| + |D|$  among all dd-pairs  $(S, D)$  in  $G$  is the *disjoint domination number* of  $G$ , which is denoted by  $\gamma\gamma(G)$ . That is,

$$\gamma\gamma(G) = \min\{|S| + |D| : (S, D) \in \mathcal{DD}(G)\}.$$

A dd-pair  $(S, D)$  with  $|S| + |D| = \gamma\gamma(G)$  is called a  $\gamma\gamma$ -pair.

Inverse domination is studied further in [9, 19, 22]. Disjoint domination is also further investigated in [13, 15, 16, 20, 23].

## 2 COMPOSITION OF GRAPHS

For any connected graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , if  $S \subseteq V(G[H])$  is a  $\gamma$ -set in  $G[H]$ , then  $S_G$  is a  $\gamma$ -set in  $G$ . Consequently,  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma(G[H])$ .

**Theorem 2.1**[6] *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs. Then  $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} (\{x\} \times T_x) \subseteq V(G[H])$ , where  $S \subseteq V(G)$  and  $T_x \subseteq V(H)$  for every  $x \in S$ , is a dominating set in  $G[H]$  if and only if either*

- (i)  $S$  is a total dominating set in  $G$  or
- (ii)  $S$  is a dominating set in  $G$  and  $T_x$  is a dominating set in  $H$  for every  $x \in S$   $N_G(S)$ .

**Theorem 2.2** [5] *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs. A subset  $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} (\{x\} \times T_x) \subseteq V(G[H])$ , is an independent dominating set in  $G[H]$  if and only if  $S$  is an independent dominating set in  $G$  and  $T_x$  is an independent dominating set in  $H$  for every  $x \in S$ .*

**Corollary 2.3** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs. A subset  $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} (\{x\} \times T_x) \subseteq V(G[H])$ , is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G[H]$  if and only if  $S$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G$  and  $T_x$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $H$  for every  $x \in S$ .*

*Proof :* Suppose that  $C = \bigcup_{x \in S} (\{x\} \times T_x)$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G[H]$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $S$  is an independent dominating set in  $G$  and  $T_x$  is an independent dominating set in  $H$  for each  $x \in S$ . Suppose that  $S^*$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G$ , and let  $D \subseteq V(H)$  be a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $H$ . Define  $C^* = \bigcup_{x \in S^*} (\{x\} \times D)$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $C^*$  is an independent dominating set in  $G[H]$ . Since  $C$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G[H]$ ,  $|C| \leq |C^*|$ . On the other hand,  $|C^*| = |S^*| |D| \leq |S| |D| \leq |C|$ . Thus,  $|C| = |C^*|$  and, consequently,  $|S| = |S^*|$  and  $|D| = |T_x|$  for all  $x \in S$ . This means that  $S$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G$  and  $T_x$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $H$  for every  $x \in S$ . Similar arguments will prove the converse. ■

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected nontrivial graphs such that  $V(H)$  is dominated in  $H$  by a vertex  $v \in V(H)$ . If  $A \subseteq V(G)$  is an inverse independent dominating set in  $G$ , then  $A \times \{v\}$  is an inverse independent dominating set in  $G[H]$ .*

*Proof :* Let  $B \subseteq V(G)$  be a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G$  and  $A \subseteq V(G) \setminus B$  a dominating set in  $G$ . By Corollary 2.3,  $B \times \{v\}$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G[H]$ . Also, by Theorem 2.1,  $A \times \{v\}$  is a dominating set in  $G[H]$ . Since  $(A \times \{v\}) \cap (B \times \{v\}) = \emptyset$ ,  $A \times \{v\}$  is an independent inverse dominating set in  $G[H]$ . ■

**Corollary 2.5** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected nontrivial graphs with  $\gamma(H) = 1$ . Then*

$$\gamma(G) \leq \gamma'_i(G[H]) \leq \gamma'_i(G). \tag{1}$$

Define  $S^\circ = S \setminus N_G(S)$  for any  $S \subseteq V(G)$

**Theorem 2.6** *Let  $G$  and  $H$  be nontrivial connected graphs with  $\gamma(H) = 1$ .*

- (i) *If  $H$  has (at least) two distinct vertices each of which dominates  $V(H)$ , then  $\gamma'_i(G[H]) = \gamma(G)$ .*
- (ii) *If  $H$  has a unique vertex that dominates  $V(H)$ , then*

$$\gamma'_i(G[H]) = \min\{|A| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1) : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{J}(G)$$

$$\text{with } \gamma_i(G) = |B|\}.$$

*Proof:* (i) Suppose that  $H$  has two distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $N_H[u] = V(H) = N_H[v]$ , and let  $A, B \subseteq V(G)$  be  $\gamma$ -set and a  $\gamma_i$ -set, respectively, in  $G$ . Then  $S = A \times \{u\}$  and  $D = B \times \{v\}$  are a  $\gamma$ -set and a  $\gamma_i$ -set, respectively, in  $G[H]$ . Since  $S \cap D = \emptyset$ ,  $S$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G[H]$ . Hence,  $\gamma'_i(G[H]) \leq |S| = |A| = \gamma(G)$ . The desired equality follows from Inequality 1.

Suppose that  $H$  has a unique vertex  $v$  that dominates  $V(H)$ , and let

$$\alpha = \min\{|A| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1) : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{J}(G) \text{ with } \gamma_i(G) = |B|\}.$$

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be a dominating set and  $\gamma_i$ -set, respectively, in  $G$ , and let  $v \in V(H)$  such that  $N_H[v] = V(H)$ . Choose  $w \in V(H) \setminus \{v\}$  and a  $\gamma'$ -set  $C \subseteq V(H)$  in  $H$ . Since  $H$  has a unique dominating set, namely  $\{v\}$ ,  $v \notin C$ .

Define  $D = B \times \{v\}$  and

$$S = (\cup_{u \in A \setminus B} \{(u, v)\}) \cup (\cup_{u \in (A \setminus A^\circ) \cap B} \{(u, w)\}) \cup (\cup_{u \in A^\circ \cap B} (\{u\} \times C)).$$

By Corollary 2.3,  $D$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G[H]$ . Let  $u \in A^\circ$ . Then  $T_u = \{x \in V(H) : (u, x) \in S\}$  is either  $C$  or  $\{v\}$ . In any case,  $T_u$  is a dominating set in  $H$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $S$  is a dominating set in  $G[H]$ . Since  $S \cap D = \emptyset$ ,  $S$  is an inverse independent dominating set in  $G[H]$ . Thus,

$$\gamma'_i(G[H]) \leq |S| = |A| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1).$$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary,  $\gamma'_i(G[H]) \leq \alpha$ .

Let  $(S, D)$  be a di-pair in  $G[H]$  such that  $|D| = \gamma_i(G[H])$  and  $|S| = \gamma'_i(G[H])$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $S = \cup_{u \in A} (\{u\} \times T_u)$  and  $D = \cup_{u \in B} (\{u\} \times T_u)$  for some dominating sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $G$ . More particularly, by Corollary 2.3,  $B$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G$ . Since  $\gamma(H) = 1$ , Corollary 2.3 implies that  $|T_u| = 1$  for all  $u \in B$  and  $|D| = |B| = \gamma_i(G)$ . Since  $S$  is a  $\gamma_i$ -set,  $|T_u| = 1$  for all  $u \in A \setminus B$ , in which case, we may assume that  $T_u = \{v\} \subseteq V(H)$  where  $N_H[v] = V(H)$ . Since  $S \cap D = \emptyset$ , for all  $u \in A^\circ \cap B$ , if  $(u, w) \in D$ , then  $(u, w) \notin S$ . Moreover, in view of Theorem 2.1(ii), for each such  $u$ ,  $T_u = \{x \in V(H) : (u, x) \in S\}$  is a  $\gamma$ -set in  $H$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} |S| &= |\cup_{u \in A \setminus B} (\{u\} \times T_u)| + |\cup_{u \in (A \setminus A^\circ) \cap B} (\{u\} \times T_u)| + |\cup_{u \in A^\circ \cap B} (\{u\} \times T_u)| \\ &\geq |A \setminus (A^\circ \cap B)| + |A^\circ \cap B| \gamma'(H) \\ &= |A| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1) \end{aligned}$$

So that  $\gamma'(G[H]) \geq \alpha$ . ■

**Corollary 2.7** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected nontrivial graphs. Suppose that  $H$  has a unique vertex that dominates  $V(H)$ . Then

(i)  $\gamma'_i(G[H]) = \gamma'_i(G)$  if and only if  $G$  has a  $\gamma'_i$ -set  $A_0$  such that

$$|A_0| \leq |A \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1) + |A|$$

for all dominating sets  $A$  and  $\gamma_i$ -sets  $B$  in  $G$

(ii) If  $\gamma_i(G) = \gamma(G)$ , then  $\gamma'_i(G[H]) = \gamma(G)$ .

*Proof:* (i) Let  $A_0 \subseteq V(G)$  be a  $\gamma'_i$ -set in  $G$  such that  $|A_0| \leq |A \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1) + |A|$  for all dominating sets  $A$  and  $\gamma_i$ -sets  $B$  in  $G$ . By Theorem 2.6 and Inequality 1 in Corollary 2.5,  $\gamma'_i(G) = |A_0| \leq \gamma'_i(G[H]) \leq \gamma'_i(G)$ . The converse is clear.

(ii) Let  $B \subseteq V(G)$  be a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $G$ . Put  $A = B$ . Since  $A^\circ = \emptyset$  and  $\gamma(G) = |A| = |A| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1)$ , Theorem 2.6 implies  $\gamma'_i(G[H]) \leq |A| = \gamma(G)$ . The desired equality follows from Inequality 1 in Corollary 2.5. ■

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected nontrivial graphs with  $\gamma(H) = 1$ .

Then

$$2\gamma(G) \leq \gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) \leq \gamma\gamma_i(G). \quad (2)$$

More precisely,

(i) if  $H$  has (at least) two distinct vertices each of which dominates  $V(H)$ , then  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) = 2\gamma(G)$ ; and

(ii) if  $H$  has a unique vertex that dominates  $V(H)$ , then

$$\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) = \min\{|A| + |B| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1) : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{J}(G)\}.$$

*Proof:* There exists  $v \in V(H)$  such that  $N_H[v] = V(H)$ . Let  $(A, B)$  be a  $\gamma\gamma_i$ -pair in  $G$ . Then  $(A \times \{v\}, B \times \{v\})$  is a  $di$ -pair in  $G[H]$ . Thus,  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) \leq |A \times \{v\}| + |B \times \{v\}| = |A| + |B| = \gamma\gamma_i(G)$ .

If  $H$  has two distinct vertices that both dominate  $V(H)$ , then Theorem 2.6(i) implies

$$2\gamma(G) \leq \gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) \leq \gamma(G[H]) + \gamma'_i(G[H]) = 2\gamma(G).$$

Suppose that  $H$  has a unique vertex  $v$  that dominates  $V(H)$ . Let

$$\alpha = \min\{|A| + |B| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1) : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{J}(G)\}.$$

Let  $w \in V(H) \setminus \{v\}$ ,  $(X, Y)$  a  $di$ -pair in  $H$ , and let  $A$  and  $B$  be a dominating set and an independent dominating set, respectively, in  $G$ . Define

$$S = (\cup_{u \in A \setminus B} \{u, v\}) \cup (\cup_{u \in (A \setminus A^\circ) \cap B} \{u, w\}) \cup (\cup_{u \in A^\circ \cap B} (\{u\} \times X)),$$

and  $D = (\cup_{u \in A^\circ \cap B} (\{u\} \times Y)) \cup (\cup_{u \in B \setminus (A^\circ \cap B)} \{u, v\})$ . By Theorem 2.1,  $S$  is a dominating set in  $G[H]$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $D$  is an independent dominating set in  $G$ . Moreover,  $S \cap D = \emptyset$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) &\leq |S| + |D| \\ &= |A| + |B| + |A^\circ \cap B|(|X| + |Y| - 2). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $X$  and  $Y$  are arbitrary  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) \leq |A| + |B| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma\gamma_i(H) - 2)$ .

Write  $H = K_1 + H^*$ , where  $\gamma(H^*) \geq 2$ . So,  $(\gamma\gamma_i(H) - 2) = \gamma'(H) - 1$ .

Thus,

$$\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) \leq |A| + |B| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1)$$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary,  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) \leq \alpha$ .

To prove the converse, let  $(S, D)$  be a  $\gamma\gamma_i$ -pair in  $G[H]$ . There exists a dominating set  $A$  in  $G$  and an independent dominating set  $B$  in  $G$  such that  $S = \cup_{u \in A} (\{u\} \times T_u)$  and  $D = \cup_{u \in B} (\{u\} \times T_u)$ . If  $A$  is not a total dominating set in  $G$ , then  $T_u$  is a dominating set in  $H$ . Also,  $T_u$  is an independent dominating set in  $H$  for all  $u \in B$ . In particular, for each  $u \in A^\circ \cap B$ ,  $X = \{y \in V(H) : (u, y) \in S\}$  and  $Y = \{y \in V(H) : (u, y) \in D\}$  constitute a  $di$ -pair in  $H$ . Since  $(S, D)$  is a  $\gamma\gamma_i$ -pair in  $G[H]$ , we have for each  $u \in A^\circ \cap B$ ,  $|X| + |Y| \geq \gamma\gamma_i(H)$ . For each  $u \in (A \setminus A^\circ) \cap B$ ,  $\{y \in V(H) : (u, y) \in D\} = \{v\}$ , and for each  $u \in B \setminus A$ ,  $\{y \in V(H) : (u, y) \in D\} = \{v\}$ . Thus,

$$\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) = |S| + |D| \geq |A| + |B| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 2) \geq \alpha.$$

This proves Statement (ii). ■

**Corollary 2.9** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected nontrivial graphs. Suppose that  $H$  has a unique vertex that dominates  $V(H)$ . Then

(i)  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) = \gamma\gamma_i(G)$  if and only if  $G$  has a  $\gamma\gamma_i$ -pair  $(A_0, B_0)$  such that  $|A_0| + |B_0| \leq |A| + |B| + |A^\circ \cap B|(\gamma'(H) - 1)$  for all dominating sets  $A$  in  $G$  and independent dominating sets  $B$  in  $G$ .

(ii) If  $\gamma_i(G) = \gamma(G)$ , then  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[H]) = 2\gamma(G)$ .

**Example 2.10** Let  $G$  be any connected nontrivial graph. Then

(i)  $\gamma_i(G[K_{1,n}]) = \min\{|A| + (n - 1)|A^\circ \cap B| : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{I}(G), |B| = \gamma_i(G)\}$  and  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[K_{1,n}]) = \min\{|A| + |B| + (n - 1)|A^\circ \cap B| : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{I}(G)\}$  for  $n \geq 2$ ;

(ii)  $\gamma_i(G[K_p]) = \gamma(G)$  and  $\gamma\gamma_i(G[K_p]) = 2\gamma(G)$  for  $p \geq 2$ .

**Proposition 2.11** For noncomplete connected graphs  $G$  and  $p \geq 2$ ,

$$\gamma_i(K_p[G]) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \gamma(G) = 1, \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof:* If  $\gamma(G) = 1$ , then  $\gamma_i(K_p[G]) = \gamma(K_p) = 1$ , by Theorem 2.6(i) and Corollary 2.9(ii). Suppose that  $\gamma(G) \geq 2$ . Then  $\gamma(K_p[G]) \geq 2$  and, hence,  $\gamma_i(K_p[G]) \geq 2$ . Let  $D \subseteq V(K_p[G])$  be a  $\gamma_i$ -set in  $K_p[G]$ . By Corollary 2.3,  $D = \cup_{v \in A} \{(u, v)\}$  for some  $\gamma_i$ -set  $A$  in  $G$  and  $u \in V(K_p)$ . Since  $G$  is nontrivial,  $V(G) \setminus A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $y \in V(G) \setminus A$  and put  $S = \{(u, y), (x, y)\}$ , where  $u$  and  $x$  are distinct vertices of  $K_p$ . Since  $S$  is a dominating set in  $K_p[G]$  and  $S \cap D = \emptyset$ ,  $S$  is an inverse independent dominating set in  $K_p[G]$ . Thus  $\gamma_i(K_p[G]) \leq 2$ . ■

**Corollary 2.12** For noncomplete connected graphs  $G$  and  $p \geq 2$ ,

$$\gamma\gamma_i(K_p[G]) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } \gamma(G) = 1, \\ 4, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof:* If  $\gamma(G) = 1$ , then Inequality 2 yields  $\gamma\gamma_i(K_p[G]) = 2$ . Suppose that  $\gamma(G) \geq 2$ . Then  $3 \leq \gamma\gamma_i(K_p[G]) \leq 4$ . If  $\gamma\gamma_i(K_p[G]) = 3$ , then  $\gamma(G) = 1$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $\gamma\gamma_i(K_p[G]) = 4$ . ■

**Theorem 2.13** [6] Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected graphs. Then  $\mathcal{C} = \cup_{x \in \mathcal{S}} (\{x\} \times T_x) \subseteq V(G[H])$ , where  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq V(G)$  and  $T_x \subseteq V(H)$  for each  $x \in \mathcal{S}$ , is a total dominating set in  $G[H]$  if and only if

(i)  $\mathcal{S}$  is a total dominating set in  $G$  or

(ii)  $\mathcal{S}$  is a dominating set in  $G$  and  $T_x$  is a total dominating set in  $H$  for every  $x \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{N}_G(\mathcal{S})$ .

**Theorem 2.14** Let  $G$  and  $H$  be connected nontrivial graphs and  $\gamma(H) = 1$ . Then

(i) if  $H$  has (at least) two distinct vertices each of which dominates  $V(H)$ , then  $\gamma\gamma_t(G[H]) = \gamma(G) + \gamma_t(G)$ ;

(ii) if  $H$  has a unique vertex that dominates  $V(H)$ , then

$$\gamma\gamma_t(G[H]) = \min\{|A| + |B| : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{T}(G)\}.$$

*Proof:* (i) Suppose that  $H$  has distinct vertices  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $\mathcal{N}_H[u] = V(H) = \mathcal{N}_H[v]$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}^* \subseteq V(G)$  be a  $\gamma$ -set and a  $\gamma_t$ -set in  $G$ . Define  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{S} \times \{u\}$  and  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{S}^* \times \{v\}$ . Then  $(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{T})$  is a  $dt$ -pair in  $G[H]$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(G) + \gamma_t(G) &= \gamma(G[H]) + \gamma_t(G[H]) \\ &\leq \gamma\gamma_t(G[H]) \\ &\leq |\mathcal{D}| + |\mathcal{T}| \\ &= \gamma(G) + \gamma_t(G), \end{aligned}$$

and  $\gamma(G) + \gamma_t(G) = \gamma(G) + \gamma_t(G)$ .

(ii) Define  $\alpha = \min\{|A| + |B| : A \in \mathcal{D}(G), B \in \mathcal{T}(G)\}$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{D}(G)$  and  $B \in \mathcal{T}(G)$ . Let  $v \in V(H)$  be such that  $N_H[v] = V(H)$  and  $w \in V(H) \setminus \{v\}$ . Then  $(D; T)$ , where  $D = A \times \{v\}$  and  $T = B \times \{w\}$ , is a  $dt$ -pair in  $G[H]$ . This means that  $\gamma \gamma_t(G[H]) \leq |D| + |T| = |A| + |B|$ . Since  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary,  $\gamma \gamma_t(G[H]) \leq \alpha$ .

Let  $(D; T)$  be a  $\gamma \gamma_t$ -pair in  $G[H]$ . Then  $D = \bigcup_{u \in A} (\{u\} \times T_u)$  and  $T = \bigcup_{u \in B} (\{u\} \times T_u)$  for some dominating sets  $A$  and  $B$  in  $G$  and  $T_u \subseteq V(H)$ . Moreover, by Theorem 2.1, if  $A$  is not a total dominating set in  $G$ , then  $T_u$  is a dominating set for all  $u \in A^\circ$ . Also, by Theorem 2.13, if  $B$  is not a total dominating set in  $G$ , then  $T_u$  is a total dominating set in  $H$  for all  $u \in B^\circ$ . If  $B$  is a total dominating set in  $G$ , then

$$|D| + |T| \geq |A| + |B| \geq \alpha.$$

Suppose that  $B$  is not a total dominating set in  $G$ . For each  $u \in B^\circ$ , if  $T_u = \{y \in V(H) : (u, y) \in T\}$ , then  $|T_u| \geq 2$  so that  $|\bigcup_{u \in B^\circ} (\{u\} \times T_u)| \geq 2|B^\circ|$ . For each  $u \in B^\circ$ , choose  $v(u) \in V(G)$  such that  $uv(u) \in E(G)$ . Define  $C = (B \setminus B^\circ) \cup B^\circ \cup \{v(u) : u \in B^\circ\}$ . Then  $C$  is a total dominating set in  $G$  and

$$|D| + |T| \geq |A| + |C| \geq \alpha.$$

This completely proves the Statement (ii) of the theorem. ■

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