

## NON-SPLIT PERFECT TRIPLE CONNECTED DOMINATION NUMBER OF SEMI PRODUCT OF PATHS AND CYCLES

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**ABSTRACT.** Recently the concept of non-split Perfect Triple connected domination number was introduced by G. Mahadevan et.al., and obtained many interesting results along with some product related graphs. A subset  $S$  of  $V$  of a non-trivial graph  $G$  is said to be non-split perfect triple connected dominating set, if  $S$  is a triple connected dominating set and  $\langle V-S \rangle$  is connected and has at least one perfect matching. The minimum cardinality taken over all non-split perfect triple connected dominating sets in  $G$  is called the non-split perfect triple connected domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{nsptc}(G)$ . In this paper, we investigate this parameter for various semi product of paths and cycles

### 1. INTRODUCTION

By a graph we mean a finite, simple, connected and undirected graph  $G(V, E)$ , where  $V$  denotes its vertex set and  $E$  its edge set. Unless otherwise stated, the graph  $G$  has  $p$  vertices and  $q$  edges. We denote a path on  $m$  vertices by  $P_m$ . The concept of triple connected graphs was introduced by J. Paulraj Joseph et.al., A graph  $G$  is said to be triple connected if any three vertices lie on a path in  $G$ . A dominating set  $S$  is said to be triple connected dominating set, if the subgraph  $\langle S \rangle$  is triple connected. The minimum cardinality taken over all triple

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connected dominating sets is called the triple connected domination number of a graph  $G$  and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{tc}(G)$ . The concept of non-split perfect triple connected domination number was introduced by G. Mahadevan et. al., A subset  $S$  of  $V$  of a non-trivial graph  $G$  is said to be non-split perfect triple connected dominating set, if  $S$  is a triple connected dominating set and the induced subgraph  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is connected and has a perfect matching. The minimum cardinality taken over all non-split perfect triple connected dominating sets is called the non-split perfect triple connected domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{nsptc}(G)$ . In [3], the authors find the Non-Split Perfect Triple Connected Domination number on Different Product of Paths. Motivated by the above, in this paper we find the non-split perfect triple connected domination number of semi product of paths and cycles.

For further reference see [1, 2, 4, 5].

## 2. SEMI STRONG PRODUCT OF PATHS

In this section we find the non-split perfect triple connected domination number of the semi strong product of paths. We recall the existing definition of Semi strong product of graphs: The Semi strong product of the graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is denoted by  $G| \times |H$ , whose vertex set is  $V(G) \times V(H)$ . Two vertices  $(g, h)$  and  $(g', h')$  are adjacent in  $G| \times |H$  if  $gg' \in E(G)$  and  $hh' \in E(H)$  (or)  $h = h'$  and  $gg' \in E(G)$ . That is  $V(G| \times |H) = \{(g, h) \mid g \in (G) \text{ and } h \in (H)\}$ ,  $E(G| \times |H) = \{(g, h)(g', h') \mid gg' \in E(G) \text{ and } hh' \in E(H) \text{ (or) } h = h' \text{ and } gg' \in E(G)\}$ . The number of vertices in the Semi Strong product of  $G| \times |H$  is  $|V(G)| |V(H)|$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** For any  $n \geq 3$ , we have  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_2| \times (P_n)) = \begin{cases} n, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ n + 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

*Proof.* Let  $P_2$  and  $P_n$  be the paths on 2 vertices and  $n$  vertices respectively. Then the semi strong product of  $P_2$  and  $P_n$  is denoted by  $P_2| \times |P_n$  has  $2n$  vertices. Here  $V(P_2| \times |P_n) = \{(u_i, v_j) \mid 1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

**Case 1:**  $n$  is even. Consider the set  $S = \{(u_k, v_l) \mid k = 1, l = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n-1 \text{ and } k = 2, l = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $|S| = n$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2| \times |P_n$ .

Here every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $P_2| \times |P_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_n$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle = P_n$ , which is connected. Here  $n$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect

matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_2 \times |P_n|) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$  which is minimum.

**Case 2:**  $n$  is odd.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n \text{ and } k = 2, l = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n - 1, n\}$ . Then  $|S| = n + 1$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$ .

Here every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_{n+1}$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle = P_{n-1}$ , which is connected. Here  $n - 1$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_2 \times |P_n|) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \times |P_n|$  which is minimum. Hence

$$\gamma_{nsptc}(P_2 \times |P_n|) = \begin{cases} n, & n \text{ is even} \\ n + 1, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}.$$

□

**Observation 2.1.** *If there exists a Triple connected dominating set  $S$  in  $P_m \times |P_n|$ , then  $\langle V - S \rangle$  neither connected nor has a perfect matching. Hence, for any  $m, n \geq 3$ ,  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_m \times |P_n|)$  does not exist.*

### 3. SEMI STRONG PRODUCT OF CYCLES

In this section we find the non-split perfect triple connected domination number of the semi strong product of cycles.

**Theorem 3.1.** *For any  $3 \leq n$  we have  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_3 \times |C_n|) = n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $C_3$  and  $C_n$  be the cycles on 3 vertices and  $n$  vertices respectively. Then the semi strong product of  $C_3$  and  $C_n$  is denoted by  $C_3 \times |C_n|$  has  $3n$  vertices.

Here  $V(C_3| \times |C_n) = \{(u_i, v_j) / 1 \leq i \leq 3, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

**Case 1:**  $n$  is odd.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n \text{ and } k = 2, l = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n-1\}$ . Then  $|S| = n$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ .

Here every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_n$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle$ , is connected. Here  $2n$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_3| \times |C_n) = |S|$ . For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$  which is minimum.

**Case 2:**  $n$  is even.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 3, 5, \dots, n-1 \text{ and } k = 2, l = 2, 4, 6, \dots, n\}$ . Then  $|S| = n$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ .

Here every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_n$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle$ , is connected. Here  $2n$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_3| \times |C_n) = |S|$ . For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_3| \times |C_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_3| \times |C_n$  which is minimum. Hence  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_3| \times |C_n) = n$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** For any  $n \geq 4$ , we have

$$\gamma_{nsptc}(C_4| \times |C_n) = \begin{cases} 2\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 2\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $C_4$  and  $C_n$  be the cycles on 4 vertices and  $n$  vertices respectively. Then the semi strong product of  $C_4$  and  $C_n$  is denoted by  $C_4| \times |C_n$  has  $4n$  vertices. Here  $V(C_4| \times |C_n) = \{(u_i, v_j) / 1 \leq i \leq 4, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

**Case 1:**  $n$  is odd.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1; k = 2, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; k = 3, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1 \text{ and } k = 4, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2\}$ . Then  $|S| = 2\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_4| \times |C_n$ .

Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_4 \times C_n$ . Also  $|S| = P_2 \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V-S \rangle$  is connected. Here  $4n - 2\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$  is even,  $\langle V-S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_4 \times C_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_4 \times C_n) = |S|$ . For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V-S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_4 \times C_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_4 \times C_n$  which is minimum.

**Case 2:**  $n$  is even.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; k = 2, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1; k = 3, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 2 \text{ and } k = 4, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2\}$ . Then  $|S| = 2\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_4 \times C_n$ . Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_4 \times C_n$ . Also  $|S| = P_2 \lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V-S \rangle$  is connected. Here  $4n - 2\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil$  is even,  $\langle V-S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_4 \times C_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_4 \times C_n) = |S|$ . For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V-S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_4 \times C_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_4 \times C_n$  which is minimum. Hence

$$\gamma_{nsptc}(C_4 \times C_n) = \begin{cases} 2\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, & n \text{ is odd} \\ 2\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil, & n \text{ is even} \end{cases}.$$

□

**Theorem 3.3.** For any  $m, n \geq 5$  we have,

$$\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \times C_n) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + 1, & m, n \text{ are odd and } m \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil), & m \text{ is odd} \\ \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  be the cycles on  $m$  vertices and  $n$  vertices respectively. Then the semi strong product of  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  is denoted by  $C_m \times C_n$  has  $mn$  vertices. Here  $V(C_m \times C_n) = \{(u_i, v_j) / 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

**Case 1:**  $m, n$  are odd and  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1; k = 2, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; k = 3, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1; k = 4, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2, 1, \dots \text{ and } k = m, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2\}$ .

Then  $|S| = \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + 1$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ .

Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_{\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil}(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + 1$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle$ , is connected. Here  $mn - [\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + 1]$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \times |C_n|) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$  which is minimum.

**Case 2:**  $n$  is even.

Consider the set  $tS = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1; k = 2, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; k = 3, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1; k = 4, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2, 1; \dots \text{ and } k = m, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2\}$ . Then  $|S| = \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil)$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_{\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil}(\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil)$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle$ , is connected. Here  $mn - [\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil)]$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \times |C_n|) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$  which is minimum.

**Case 3:**

Consider the set  $tS = \{(u_k, v_l) : k = 1, l = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1; k = 2, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; k = 3, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil + 1; k = 4, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil; \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2, 1; \dots \text{ and } k = m, l = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1, \dots, 2\}$ . Then  $|S| = \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_{\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil}(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle$ , is connected. Here  $mn - [\lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)]$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \times |C_n|) = |S|$

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_m \times |C_n|$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \times |C_n|$  which is minimum Hence

$$\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \times |C_n|) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + 1, & m, n \text{ are odd and } m \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil), & m \text{ is odd} \\ \lceil \frac{m}{2} \rceil (\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

□

#### 4. SEMI LEXICO GRAPHIC PRODUCT OF PATHS

In this section we find the non-split perfect triple connected domination number of the semi lexico graphic product of paths. We recall the existing definition of Semi lexico graphic product of graphs: The Semi lexico graphic product of the graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is denoted by  $G \odot H$ , whose vertex set is  $V(G) \times V(H)$ . Two vertices  $(g, h)$  and  $(g', h')$  are adjacent in  $G \odot H$  if  $gg' \in E(G)$  (or)  $h = h'$  and  $gg' \in E(G)$ . That is  $V(G \odot H) = \{(g, h) \mid g \in (G) \text{ and } h \in (H)\}$ ,  $E(G \odot H) = \{(g, h)(g', h') : gg' \in E(G) \text{ (or) } h = h' \text{ and } gg' \in E(G)\}$ . The number of vertices in the Semi lexico graphic product of  $G \odot H$  is  $|V(G)||V(H)|$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** For any  $n \geq 3$ , we have  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_2 \odot P_n) = 4$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P_2$  and  $P_n$  be the paths on 2 vertices and  $n$  vertices respectively Then the semi lexicographic product of  $P_2$  and  $P_n$  is denoted by  $P_2 \odot P_n$  has  $2n$  vertices. Here  $V(P_2 \odot P_n) = \{(u_i, v_j) \mid 1 \leq i \leq 2, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_1, v_1), (u_1, v_2), (u_2, v_1), (u_2, v_2)\}$ . Then  $|S| = 4$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \odot P_n$ . Here every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $P_2 \odot P_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = C_4$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle$  is connected. Here  $2n - 4$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \odot P_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_2 \odot P_n) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $P_2 \odot P_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_2 \odot P_n$  which is minimum. Hence  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_2 \odot P_n) = 4$ . □

**Theorem 4.2.** For any  $3 \leq m \leq n$  and  $m$  is even, we have  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_m \odot P_n) = m$ .

*Proof.* Let  $P_m$  and  $P_n$  be the paths on  $m$  vertices and  $n$  vertices respectively. Then the semi lexicographic product of  $P_m$  and  $P_n$  is denoted by  $P_m \odot P_n$  has  $mn$  vertices. Here  $V(P_m \odot P_n) = \{(u_i, v_j) : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_i, v_1) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Then  $|S| = m$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_m \odot P_n$ . Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $P_m \odot P_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_m$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V-S \rangle = P_m \odot P_{(n-1)}$  is connected. Here  $m(n-1)$  is even,  $\langle V-S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_m \odot P_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_m \odot P_n) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V-S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $P_m \odot P_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $P_m \odot P_n$  which is minimum. Hence  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_m \odot P_n) = m$ .  $\square$

**Note:** If  $m$  is odd, then for any triple connected dominating set  $S$  in  $P_m \odot P_n$ ,  $\langle V-S \rangle$  has no perfect matching. This gives that  $\gamma_{nsptc}(P_m \odot P_n)$  doesn't exist.

## 5. SEMI LEXICO GRAPHIC PRODUCT OF CYCLES

In this section we find the non-split perfect triple connected domination number of the semi lexico graphic product of cycles.

**Theorem 5.1.** For any  $3 \leq m \leq n$ , we have

$$\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \odot C_n) = \begin{cases} m+1, & m \text{ is odd, } n \text{ is even} \\ m, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  be the cycles on  $m$  vertices and  $n$  vertices respectively. Then the semi lexicographic product of  $C_m$  and  $C_n$  is denoted by  $C_m \odot C_n$  has  $mn$  vertices. Here  $V(C_m \odot C_n) = \{(u_i, v_j) : 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ .

**Case I:**  $m$  is odd and  $n$  is even.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_i, v_1), (u_2, v_n) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Then  $|S| = m+1$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ .

Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = P_{(m-2)} \cup P_3$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected

set.  $\langle V - S \rangle = C_m \odot C_{(n-2)} \cup P_n - 1$  is connected. Here  $m(n-1) - 1$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \odot C_n) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_m \odot C_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$  which is minimum. Hence  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \odot C_n) = m + 1$

**Case II:**  $m$  is odd and  $n$  is odd.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_i, v_1) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Then  $|S| = m$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ .

Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = C_m$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle = C_m \odot C_n - 1$  is connected. Here  $m(n-1)$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \odot C_n) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_m \odot C_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$  which is minimum. Hence  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \odot C_n) = m$ .

**Case III:**  $m$  is even and  $n$  is even or  $n$  is odd.

Consider the set  $S = \{(u_i, v_1) : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . Then  $|S| = m$ .

**Claim:**  $S$  is a non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ .

Here every vertex in  $V-S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . This gives that  $S$  is a dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ . Also  $\langle S \rangle = C_m$ ,  $S$  is a triple connected set.  $\langle V - S \rangle = C_m \odot C_n - 1$  is connected. Here  $m(n-1)$  is even,  $\langle V - S \rangle$  has a perfect matching. Therefore  $S$  is non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$ .

**Claim:**  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \odot C_n) = |S|$ .

For any cases,  $|S'| < |S|$ ,  $\langle V - S' \rangle$  has an odd number of vertices, it has no perfect matching in  $C_m \odot C_n$ . Therefore  $S$  is the non-split perfect triple connected dominating set in  $C_m \odot C_n$  which is minimum. Hence  $\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \odot C_n) = m$ .

$C_n) = m$ . Therefore

$$\gamma_{nsptc}(C_m \circ C_n) = \begin{cases} m+1, & m \text{ is odd, } n \text{ is even} \\ m, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

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