

RESULTS ON ISOLATE RINGS DOMINATION IN SOME GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. The set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is said to be an isolate rings dominating set of a graph G if it is both an isolate dominating set of G and a rings dominating set of G . The minimum cardinality of an isolate rings dominating set is called the isolate rings domination number of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{0ri}(G)$. An isolate rings dominating set S of G is called γ_{0ri} -set of G . This study examined the isolate rings dominating set of certain graphs, including those derived from the join and corona of two graphs. In addition, the isolate rings domination numbers for these graphs were determined, and graphs without isolate rings dominating sets were also explored.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1958, Claude Berge [4] introduced the concept of the coefficient external stability, which eventually became known as domination. From then, the concept of domination in graphs has expanded and became phenomenal until today due to its richness in research investigations and application in various physical models. Due to the numerous applications and opportunities, the science of domination began to grow for research purposes.

When Ariola [2] established the binary operation of isolate domination in graphs, Hamid and Balamurugan [13] instantly developed and generalized the isolate domination. This idea opened up a wide range of study opportunities, and as a result, many graph theorists have emerged and made some interesting studies about the variants of isolate domination. Rajesekar and Kani Bala in [16] presented the k -isolate domination number of total graphs, and Armada and Hamja in [3] explored the perfect isolate domination in graphs where they introduced the dominating set to be both perfect and isolate

at the same time. Caay and Hernandez [6] studied the Perfect equitable isolate domination of some graphs where they gave characterizations of a dominating set to be perfect, equitable and isolate at the same time as an extension of the work of Caay and Arugay in [7] about the perfect equitable domination in graphs. Additionally, Caay, et.al in [8], studied the notion of equitable isolate domination in graphs.

On the other hand, a new concept of domination, known as Rings domination in graphs, has been introduced by Abed and Al-Here [1]. As one of the latest developments in the field, there is currently limited literature available on this topic. However, interest in this concept is growing. For instance, Caay [5] recently introduced the notion of Equitable rings domination in graphs, where the dominating set is defined to be both equitable and rings at the same time, and the same author together with Dondoyano in [9] studied the notion of perfect rings domination in graphs where a dominating set needs to be perfect and rings at the same time. Additionally, Caay and Necessito [15] have recently presented a study that explores and characterizes dominations in graphs as rings convex.

This research aims to introduce the concept of Isolate rings domination in graphs, where the set serves as both an isolate dominating set and a rings dominating set. This study aims to investigate the presence of this concept in different graphs and provides characterizations of these graphs. Furthermore, the paper intends to extend the results to binary operations, including the join and corona product of graphs.

PRELIMINARIES AND WORKING DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, this study will consider a graph $G = (V(G), E(G))$ to be connected simple graph. In other words, the graphs have no loops and multiple edges. The set of vertices of G and the set of edges of G are denoted by $V(G)$ and $E(G)$, respectively.

Given $v \in V(G)$, the neighborhood of v is the set $N_G(v) = \{u \in V(G) : uv \in E(G)\}$. Given $D \subseteq V$, the set $N_G(D) = N(D) = \bigcup_{v \in D} N_G(v)$ and the set $N_G[D] = N[D] = D \cup N(D)$ are the *open neighborhood* and the *closed neighborhood* of D , respectively.

In this paper, we denote $\Delta(G)$ and $\delta(G)$ to be the minimum and maximum degree of G , respectively.

Theorem 1. [10] *A graph G is a cyclic graph if and only if every vertex of G is adjacent to two vertex.*

Definition 1. [10] *A **spanning subgraph** of a graph G is a subgraph obtained by deleting some edges of G with the same vertex set.*

Example 1. *A cycle C_n is a spanning subgraph of a complet graph K_n .*

Definition 2. [14] *The **join** $G + H$ of the two graphs G and H is the graph with vertex.*

$$V(G + H) = V(G) + V(H)$$

and the edge set

$$E(G + H) = E(G) \cup E(H) \cup \{uv : u \in V(G), v \in V(H)\}$$

Definition 3. [11] The *corona* $G \circ H$ of two graphs G and H is the graph obtained by taking one copy of G of order n and n copies of H , and then joining the i th vertex of G to every vertex in the i th copy of H .

In [4], a subset S of $V(G)$ is a *dominating set* of G if for every $v \in V(G) \setminus S$, there exists $u \in S$ such that $uv \in E(G)$. That is, $N[S] = V(G)$. The minimum cardinality of the dominating set S of G is called a *domination number* of G and is denoted by $\gamma(G)$. In this case, S is called γ -set of G . In this paper, if u is in a dominating set S , and $v \in V(G) \setminus S$ such that $uv \in E(G)$, then we say u dominates v .

Theorem 2. [3] Let G_1 and G_2 be any connected graphs. Then

$$\gamma(G_1 + G_2) = \begin{cases} 1, & \gamma(G_1) = 1 \text{ or } \gamma(G_2) = 1 \\ 2, & \gamma(G_1) \neq 1 \text{ and } \gamma(G_2) \neq 1. \end{cases}$$

In [13], a dominating set $S \subseteq V(G)$ is said to be an *isolate dominating set* of G if there exists $u \in S$ such that $uv \notin E(G)$ for all $v \in S$. The minimum cardinality of an equitable dominating set S of G is called an *isolate domination number* of G and is denoted by $\gamma_0(G)$. In this case, we say S a γ_0 -set of G . In this paper, if u is in an isolate dominating set S , and $v \in V(G) \setminus S$ such that $uv \in E(G)$, then we say u isolate dominates v .

Theorem 3. [13] A dominating set S of G is a *minimal dominating set* if and only if for every $u \in S$, u is an isolate of $\langle S \rangle$. In particular, $S = \{u\}$ is a γ -set of G if and only if S is a γ_0 -set of G .

In [1], a dominating S of G is a *rings dominating set* of G if every $v_1 \in V(G) \setminus S$ is adjacent to at least two other vertices in $V(G) \setminus S$. The minimum cardinality of the rings dominating set S of G is called a *rings domination number* of G and is denoted by $\gamma_{ri}(G)$. In this case, S is called γ -set of G . In this paper, if u is in a rings dominating set S , and $v \in V(G) \setminus S$ such that $uv \in E(G)$, then we say u rings dominates v .

Remark 1. [1] For a γ_{ri} -set S of G of order n , we have

- i. the order of G is $n \geq 4$.
- ii. for each $v \in V(G) \setminus S$, the $\deg(v) \geq 3$.
- iii. $1 \leq |S| \leq n - 1$.
- iv. $3 \leq |V(G) \setminus S| \leq n - 1$.
- v. $1 \leq \gamma_{ri}(G) \leq |S| \leq n - 3$.

In the context of domination, there are some graphs at which the isolate domination number and the rings domination number coincide. Consider a complete graph of order 5 in Figure 3. Note $\{a\}$ is a γ_0 -set of K_5 and it is also a γ_{ri} -set of K_5 . Thus, $\gamma_0(K_5) = \gamma_{ri}(K_5) = 1$.

Now, the working definition is established in the event that $\gamma_0(G) = \gamma_{ri}(G)$ for any graph G .

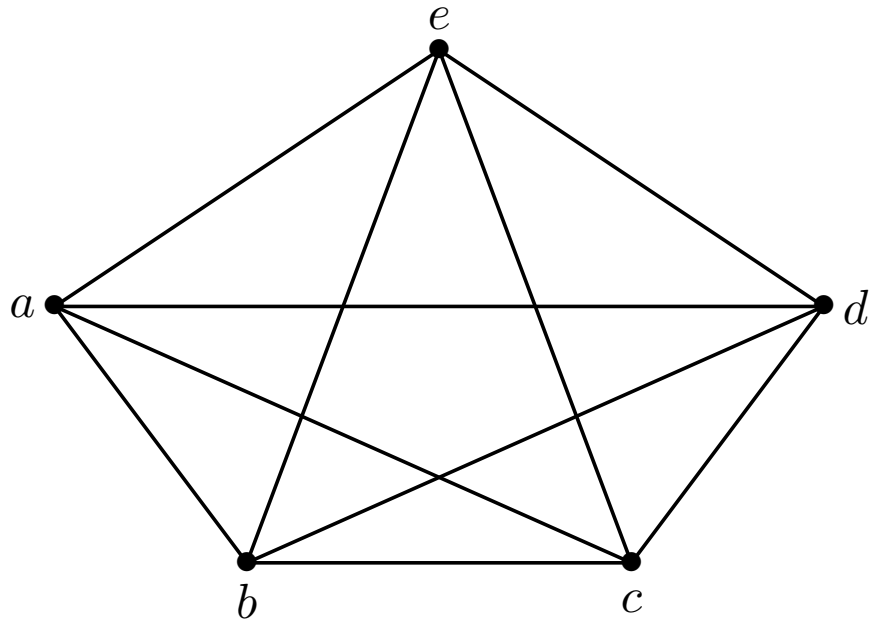


FIGURE 1. A complete graph of order 5.

Definition 4. A dominating set $S \subsetneq V(G)$ is an *isolate rings dominating set* of G if there exists $u \in S$ such that $uv \notin E(G)$ for all $v \in S$, and for every $w_i \in V(G) \setminus S$, there exists $w_j, w_k \in V(G) \setminus S$ such that $w_i w_j, w_i w_k \in E(G)$, $i \neq j \neq k$.

Remark 2. If u is an isolate rings dominating set S , and $v \in V(G) \setminus S$ such that $uv \in E(G)$, then we say u *isolate rings dominates* v .

Example 2. Consider the graph G in Figure 2. Note that $\{a, g\}$ is a γ_0 -set of G . Also, $V(G) \setminus \{a, g\} = \{b, c, d, e, g\}$, and each element of $V(G) \setminus \{a, g\}$ is adjacent to at least two elements in $V(G) \setminus \{a, g\}$. Thus $\{a, g\}$ is also a γ_{ri} -set of G . Hence, $\{a, g\}$ is a γ_{0ri} -set of G . Therefore, $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = 2$.

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The following results are easy to prove.

Theorem 4. Let G be a graph of order n . Then $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = 1$ if and only if there exists $u \in V(G)$ such that $\deg(u) = n - 1$ and $\deg(v) \geq 3$, for all $v \in V(G)$ with $u \neq v$.

Example 3. Consider the graph G in Figure 3.

Note that $\deg(b) = 4$ and $\deg(a) = \deg(c) = \deg(d) = \deg(e) = 3$. Thus, $\{b\}$ is a γ_{0ri} -set and so, $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = 1$.

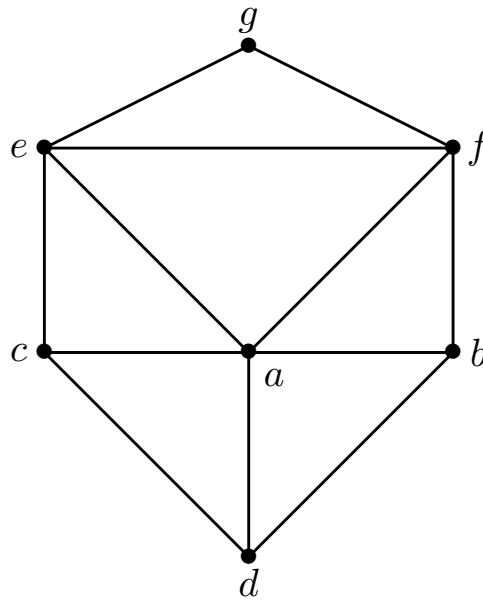


FIGURE 2. Graph G

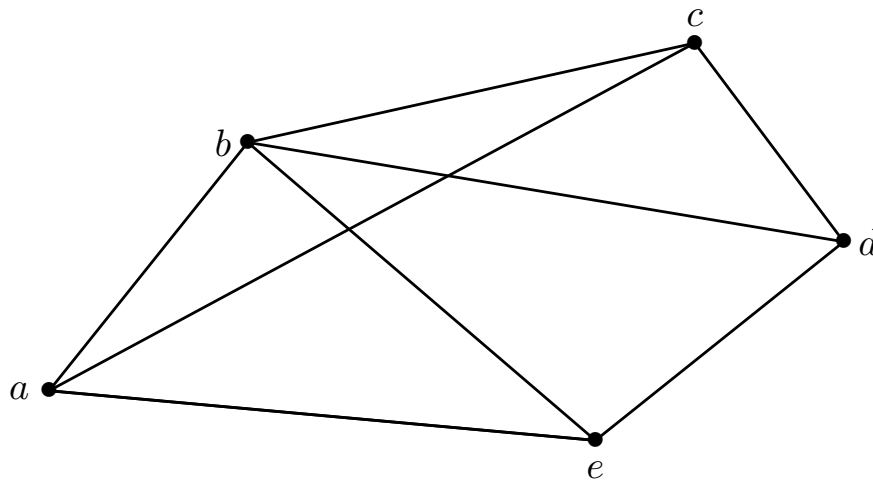


FIGURE 3. Graph G

Theorem 5. *If S is a dominating set, or an isolate dominating set, or a rings dominating set of G with $|S| = 1$, then S is an isolate rings dominating set of G . In particular, $\gamma(G) = \gamma_0(G) = \gamma_{ri}(G) = 1$ if and only if $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = 1$.*

Theorem 6. *There does not exist a γ_{0ri} -set of a tree graph T_n of order n . In particular, no γ_{0ri} -set exists in path P_n .*

Proposition 1. *There does not exist a γ_{0ri} -set of a cycle C_n*

Proposition 2. Given a wheel graph W_n , $n \geq 4$, $\gamma_{0ri}(W_n) = 1$.

The next results follow directly from the definition of perfect isolate dominating set.

Theorem 7. Let $S \subseteq V(G)$ be a rings dominating set of G . Then S is an isolate rings dominating set if and only if there exists a partition $S_i \subset S$ such that $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$, for all partitions $S_j \subset S$.

Proposition 3. If $\gamma_{ri}(G) = c$ where $c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and if S is a γ_{ri} -set of G such that $\langle S \rangle$ has an isolated vertex, then $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = c$.

Proposition 4. If $\gamma_0(G) = c$ where $c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and if S is a γ_0 -set of G such that $V(G) \setminus S$ has an induced subgraph $G' \cong C_k$, then $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = c$.

Theorem 8. Let $G = K_{P_1, \dots, P_k}$ be a complete k -partite graphs such that $k \geq 4$. Then

$$\gamma_{0ri}(G) = \min\{|P_i| : P_i \text{ is the vertex partition of } G\}.$$

Proof. Let P_t be a partition of $G = K_{P_1, \dots, P_k}$, $k \geq 4$, such that

$$|P_t| = \min\{|P_i| : P_i \text{ is a partition of } G\}.$$

Let $u_i^{(t)}$ be a vertex u_i in the partition P_t . Then $u_i^{(t)} u_j^{(s)} \in E(G)$, for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, |P_i|$, and for all $s = 1, \dots, k$, $s \neq t$. Note the all vertices $u_j^{(s)} \neq u_i^{(t)}$ is adjacent to all vertices in P_q , $q \neq s$ and $q \neq t$. Since $k \geq 4$, it follows that $\deg(u_j^{(s)}) \geq 2$ in $V(G) \setminus P_t$. This means that $u_i^{(t)}$ rings dominates $u_j^{(s)}$, $s \neq t$. Since $u_i^{(t)} u_h^{(t)} \notin E(G)$, for all $u_h^{(t)} \in P_t$, $h \neq i$, it implies that $u_i^{(t)}$ isolates from all other vertices $u_h^{(t)}$. Hence, P_t isolates rings dominates all vertices in $V(G) \setminus P_t$. Since $|P_t| \leq |P_s|$, for all $s \neq t$, P_t is the minimal γ_{0ri} -set of G . Therefore, $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = |P_t|$. This proves the claim. \square

Corollary 1. Given $G = K_{P_1, \dots, P_k}$ with $k \geq 4$, if there exists a vertex partition P_i for some i such that $|P_i| = 1$, then $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = 1$.

Corollary 2. There does not exist γ_{0ri} -set of $G = K_{P_1, \dots, P_k}$ for $k \leq 3$, with at least two partitions contain one vertex.

3. BINARY OPERATIONS

Theorem 9. Let G_1 and G_2 be any graphs with $\gamma(G_1) = 1$ or $\gamma(G_2) = 1$. Then $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 + G_2) = 1$.

Proof. By Theorem 2, $\gamma(G_1 + G_2) = 1$. By Theorem 5, $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 + G_2) = 1$. \square

Corollary 3. Let G_1 and G_2 be arbitrary graphs such that they don't have γ_{0ri} -sets. Then $G_1 + G_2$ has a γ_{0ri} -set if and only if either G_1 is a trivial graph and $\delta(G_2) \geq 2$, or G_2 is a trivial graph and $\delta(G_1) \geq 2$.

The following propositions are obvious results.

Proposition 5. $\gamma_{0ri}(G) = 1$ for the following graphs G :

- i. Wheel graph, $G = W_n = K_1 + C_{n-1}$, $n \geq 4$.
- ii. Windmill graph $G = W_m^n = K_1 + nC_{n-1}$, $m \geq 4$.

Proposition 6. There does not exist a γ_{0ri} -set of a star graph, $S_n = K_1 + \overline{K_{n-1}}$, $n \geq 3$.

Proof. Let S_1 be a γ_{0ri} -set of G_1 . Then there exists $u_1 \in S_1$ such that $u_1u_i \notin E(G_1)$, for all $u_i \in S_1$ and $i \neq 1$. Furthermore, there exists $v_1 \in V(G_1) \setminus S_1$ such that $v_1v_k, v_1v_j \in E(G_1)$, for some $v_k, v_j \in V(G_1) \setminus S_1$, $j \neq k$. Similarly, if S_2 is a γ_{0ri} -set of G_1 , then there exists $x_1 \in S_2$ such that $x_1x_i \notin E(G_2)$, for all $x_i \in S_2$ and $i \neq 1$. Moreover, there exists $y_1 \in V(G_2) \setminus S_2$ such that $y_1y_s, y_1y_t \in E(G_1)$, for some $y_s, y_t \in V(G_2) \setminus S_2$, $s \neq t$.

Consider $u_j \in S_1$. Then u_j dominates $x_j \in V(G_2)$. If $x_j \in V(G_2) \setminus S_2$, then x_j is adjacent to at least two vertices in $V(G_2) \setminus S_2$. In this case, u_j isolate rings dominates x_j . If $x_j \in S_2$, then x_j is adjacent to at least one vertex in $y_h \in V(G_2) \setminus S_2$. But there exists $v_k \in V(G_1) \setminus S_1$ such that $v_kv_h \in E(G_1 + G_2)$, for some k . This means x_j is adjacent to at least two vertices outside S_1 . That is, u_j isolate rings dominates x_j . Hence S_1 is enough to isolate rings dominate all other vertices in $G_1 + G_2$ outside S_1 , whenever $|S_1| \leq |S_2|$. Therefore, S_1 is the minimum γ_{0ri} -set of $G_1 + G_2$. Consequently, $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 + G_2) = \min\{|S_1|, |S_2|\}$. \square

Theorem 10. Let G_1 and G_2 be any graphs, and let S be a γ_{0ri} -set of G_2 such that $S \subsetneq V(G_2)$. Then there exists a γ_{0ri} -set of $G_1 \circ G_2$. Moreover, $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 \circ G_2) \leq |V(G_2)||S|$.

Proof. Let $S \subsetneq V(G_2)$ be a γ_{0ri} -set of G_2 . Then there exists $u_i \in V(G_2) \setminus S$ such that $u_iv_j, u_iw_k \in E(G_2)$, for some $v_j, w_k \in V(G_2) \setminus S$. Let $g_i \in V(G_1)$. Then for some i , $g_iu_j(i) \in E(G_1 \circ G_2)$ for all vertices u_j in some i th copy of G_2 . This means that if $S^{(i)}$ is the i th copy of γ_{0ri} -set S of G_2 , then g_i is dominated by $g' \in S^{(i)}$. Since $S^{(i)}$ is a γ_{0ri} -set of the i th copy of S , there exist $u_i, v_j, w_k \in [S^{(i)}]^c$. Hence g' isolate rings dominates g . This means $S^{(i)}$ isolate rings dominates $g_i \in V(G_1)$, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, |V(G_1)|$.

Hence, $\bigcup_{i=1}^{|V(G_1)|} S^{(i)}$ is a γ_{0ri} -set of $G_1 \circ G_2$. Consequently, we have

$$\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 \circ G_2) \leq \left| \bigcup_{i=1}^{|V(G_1)|} S^{(i)} \right| = |V(G_1)| \cdot |S|.$$

This proves the claim. \square

Theorem 11. Let G_1 and G_2 be any graphs of orders at least four such that $\Delta(G_2) = |V(G_2)| - 1$ and $\delta(G_2) \geq 2$. Then $G_1 \circ G_2$ has a γ_{0ri} -set. Moreover, $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 \circ G_2) = |V(G_1)|$.

Proof. If $\Delta(G_2) = |V(G_2)| - 1$, then there exists only one vertex $u \in V(G_2)$ such that $u_i \in E(G_2)$, for all u_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, |V(G_2)| - 1$. Since $\delta(G_2) \geq 2$, it follow that $\deg(u_i) \geq 2$, for all $u_i \neq u$. Hence, each

u_i is adjacent to atleast one $u_j \in V(G_2) \setminus \{u\}$, $i \neq j$. Thus, each u_i is adjacent to atleast two vertices in $V(G_1 \circ G_2) \setminus \{u\}$. If $w_k^{(i)} \in V(G_1)$, then $w_k^{(i)}$ is adjacent to all vertices in the i th copy of G_2 . Hence, u isolate rings dominates u_i and w_k . Since there are $|V(G_1)|$ copies of u , by Theorem 10, $\bigcup_{i=1}^{|V(G_1)|} \{u\}^{(i)}$ is a γ_{0ri} -set of $G_1 \circ G_2$, where $\{u\}^{(i)}$ denotes the i th copy of single-ton subset containing vertex u of G_2 . Therefore, $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 \circ G_2) = |V(G_1)| \cdot |\{u\}| = |V(G_1)|$. \square

Theorem 12. Let $G = K_{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n}$ be a complete m -partite graph whose partitions are denoted by P_j , $j = 1, \dots, n$. If $n \geq 4$, then

$$\gamma_{0ri} = \min\{|P_j|, j = 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Proof. Let $n \geq 4$ and consider $v_i^{(j)}$ be the i th vertex in P_j , where $j = 1, \dots, n$. Then $v_i^{(j)}v_k^{(s)} \in E(G)$, for some $s \neq j$ and for all $k \in \{1, \dots, |P_s|\}$. But $v_i^{(j)}v_t^{(j)} \notin E(G)$, for some $t \neq i$. Thus, we consider

$$S = \{v_i^{(j)} | i = 1, \dots, t, \dots, |P_j|\}.$$

Note that $v_i^{(s)}$ is adjacent to all other vertices except vertices in P_j . This means that S is γ -set. Also, $v_k^{(s)}$ is adjacent to all other vertices in P_w , where $w \neq j$ and $m \geq 4$. It implies that S is γ_{0ri} -set. Lastly, since S is a minimal partition, therefore,

$$S = \min\{|P_j|, j = 1, \dots, m\}.$$

\square

Theorem 13. Let G_1 and G_2 be any graphs. If S_1 and S_2 are γ_{0ri} -sets of G_1 and G_2 respectively, then

$$\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 + G_2) = \min\{|S_1|, |S_2|\}.$$

Proof. Let S_1 and S_2 be the γ_{0ri} -sets of G_1 and G_2 , respectively. Since all vertices of S_1 are adjacent to all vertices of S_2 in $S_1 + S_2$, and all vertices of S_2 are adjacent to all vertices of S_1 in $S_1 + S_2$, it follows that S_1 and S_2 are isolate rings dominating sets of $S_1 + S_2$. Hence, $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 + G_2) = \min\{|S_1|, |S_2|\}$. \square

Theorem 14. Let G_1 and G_2 be any graphs such that G_2 has a γ_{0ri} -set. Then $G_1 \circ G_2$ has a γ_{0ri} -set.

Proof. If G_2 has a γ_{0ri} -set, say S_1 , then $V(G_2) \setminus S_1$ is a subgraph of some C_k , for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Let S_i be a γ_{0ri} -set of the i th copy of G_2 in $G_1 \circ G_2$. Since S_i is a dominating set, S_i dominates $u_i \in V(G_1)$, where u_i is adjacent to all vertices in the i th copy of G_2 . Since $V(G_2) \setminus S_1$ is a subgraph of some cycle C_k , for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, it follows that every vertices of the i th copy of G_2 excluding S_i , are adjacent to at least two vertices excluding S_i . Hence, u_i is adjacent to at least two vertices of the i th copy of G_2 excluding S_i . Thus, S_i is also γ_{0ri} -set. Since S_i are mutually disjoint, $\bigcup_{i=1}^{|V(G_1)|} S_i$ is also a γ_{0ri} -set. Hence, the claim is proven. Consequently, $\gamma_{0ri}(G_1 \circ G_2) = |V(G_1)| |S|$, where S is γ_{0ri} -set of G_2 . \square

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Building on the study of the binary operation of isolate domination in graphs by Ariola [2], the generalization of isolate domination introduced by Hamid and Balamarugan [13], and the introduction of the concept of rings domination in graphs by Abed and Al-Here [1], the authors developed and introduced the concept of isolate rings dominating sets in certain graphs. The characterizations of these sets under binary operations, such as the join and corona of two graphs, were also shown. In addition, the authors examined the existence of the isolate rings dominating sets of some graphs and some binary operations. For future research, the authors recommend to further investigate this parameter to identify exact values of some graphs and some binary operations in graphs other than join and corona. Furthermore, the authors also suggest exploring the relationship of isolate rings domination with other domination parameters.

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