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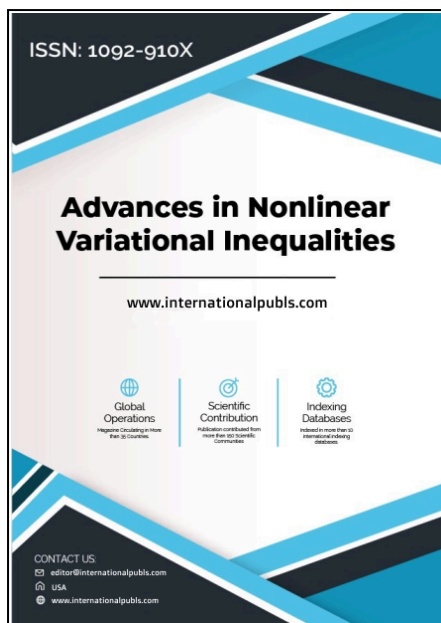
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## Relatively Prime Domination Number in Triangular Snake Graphs

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### Abstract:

A set  $S \subseteq V$  is said to be relatively prime dominating set if it is a dominating set with at least two elements and for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $S$ ,  $(\deg_{f_0}(u), \deg_{f_0}(v)) = 1$  and the minimum cardinality of a relatively prime dominating set is called relatively prime domination number and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G)$ . If there is no such pair exist, then  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G) = 0$ . For a finite undirected graph  $G(V, E)$  and a subset  $V$ , the switching of  $G$  by  $V$  is defined as the graph  $(V, E')$  which is obtained from  $G$  by removing all edges between  $V$  and its complement  $V - V$  and adding as edges all non-edges between  $V$  and  $V - V$ . This article delves into the discussion of the relatively prime domination number on triangular snake graphs and their complements. The findings reveal that for triangular snake graphs, the relatively prime domination number  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v)$  equals either 2 or 3. Similarly, for alternate triangular snake graphs, the  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v)$  is determined to be 2 or 3. In the case of double triangular snake graphs, the relatively prime domination number  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v)$  is established as 2, 3, 4, or 6, while for double alternate triangular snake graphs, it is 2, 3, or 4. Notably, the complements of alternate triangular, double triangular, and double alternate triangular snake graphs exhibit a relatively prime domination number of 2.

**Keywords:** Dominating Set, Domination Number, Relatively Prime Dominating Set, Relatively Prime Dominating Number

## 1. Introduction

By a graph  $G = (V, E)$  we mean a finite undirected graph without loops and multiple edges. The order and size of  $G$  are denoted by  $p$  and  $q$  respectively. For graph theoretical terms, we refer to Harary [2] and for terms related to domination we refer to Haynes [7]. A subset  $S$  of  $V$  is said to be a dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $S$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set in  $G$ . Berge [1] and Ore [6] formulated the concept of domination in graphs. It was further extended to define many other dominations related parameters in graphs. In 2017, C. Jayasekaran and A. Jancy Vini [3] have introduced the concept of relatively prime domination number in graph theory. Let  $G$  be a non-trivial graph. A set  $S \subseteq V$  is said to be a relatively prime dominating set if it is a dominating set and for every pair of vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in  $S$  such that  $(d(u), d(v)) = 1$ . The minimum cardinality of a relatively prime dominating set is called the relatively prime domination number and it is denoted by  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G)$ . Further they have introduced the concept of relatively prime dominating polynomial in [4]. Switching in graphs was introduced by Lint and Seidel [5]. For a

finite undirected graph  $G(V, E)$  and a subset  $\sigma \subseteq V$ , the switching of  $G$  by  $\sigma$  is defined as the graph  $G^\sigma(V, E')$  which is obtained from  $G$  by removing all edges between  $\sigma$  and its complement  $V - \sigma$  and adding as edges all non-edges between  $\sigma$  and  $V - \sigma$ . For  $\sigma = \{v\}$ , we write  $G^v$  instead of  $G^{\{v\}}$  and the corresponding switching is called as vertex switching. In this paper we determine the relatively prime domination number  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v)$  and  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(\bar{G})$ , where  $G$  is a triangular snake graph.

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** The triangular snake is obtained from the path  $P_n$  by replacing each edge of the path by a triangle  $C_3$ . It is denoted by  $T_n$ .

**Definition 2.2.** An alternate triangular snake is obtained from a path  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  by joining  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  (alternately) to a new vertex  $a_i$ . It is denoted by  $A(T_n)$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A double triangular snake consists of two triangular snakes that have a common path. It is denoted by  $D(T_n)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A double alternate triangular snake consists of two alternate triangular snakes that have a common path. It is denoted by  $A(D(T_n))$ .

## 3. Relatively Prime Domination Number of Triangular Snake Graphs

In this section we have discussed the relatively prime domination number for snake graphs.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G$  be the triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices, where  $p = 2n+1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then for  $p \neq 5$ ,  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v) = 2$  or  $3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices, where  $p = 2n+1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Let the vertices in the path be  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and the vertices in the triangle be  $u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Then  $d(v_i) = 4$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $d(v_1) = d(v_m) = 2$ ,  $d(u_i) = 2$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Let  $v$  be any vertex in  $G$ . We have the following cases.

**Case 1:**  $v = u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$

Without loss of generality, let  $v = u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ . Then  $d(v) = p-3$ . Since,  $v$  covers all the vertices of  $G^v$  except the two vertices, namely  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Then  $d(v_i) = 1$  if  $v_i$  is an initial vertex, otherwise 3. Similarly,  $d(v_{i+1}) = 1$  if  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex, otherwise 3. Note that,  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  are adjacent in  $G$ . If  $v_i$  is an initial vertex, then  $\{v, v_i\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v) = 2$ . If  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex, then  $\{v, v_{i+1}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v) = 2$ . Now, we consider that neither  $v_i$  is an initial vertex nor  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex. Then  $d(v_i) = d(v_{i+1}) = 3$ . Since  $|V| = 2n+1$ ,  $d(v)$  is always even. If  $d(v)$  is not a multiple of 3, then  $\{v, v_i\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{\text{rpd}}(G^v) = 2$ . Suppose  $d(v)$  is a multiple of 3. Then we cannot take the vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  together. So, we consider the vertices which are adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Since,  $d(u_i) = 3$  and thus we cannot take these vertices and hence we consider the vertices in the path. Let them be  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+2}$ . Then  $d(v_{i-1}) = 3$ , if it is an initial vertex, otherwise 5. Similarly,  $d(v_{i+2}) = 3$ , if it is an end vertex, otherwise 5. If  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+2}$  is an initial and end vertex respectively, then relatively prime dominating set does not exist. Otherwise degree is 5. To cover the vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ , we must take the vertices  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+2}$ . It is not possible to take these vertices. Thus relatively prime dominating set does not exist.

**Case 2:**  $v$  is an initial or end vertex of the path.

Without loss of generality, let it be  $v_1$ . Then  $d(v_1) = p-3$  in  $G^v$ . This vertex covers all the vertices of  $G^v$  except two vertices, namely  $v_2$  and  $u_1$ . Here  $d(u_1) = 1$  and  $d(v_2) = 3$ . Since  $u_1$  and  $v_2$  are adjacent

in  $G$  and  $(d(u_1), d(v_2)) = (p-3, 1) = 1$ . Therefore,  $\{v, u_1\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ .

**Case 3:**  $v$  is any internal path vertex.

Then  $d(v_i) = p-5$ . This vertex covers all the vertices of  $G^v$  except four vertices, namely  $v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, u_i$ , and  $u_{i-1}$ . Then  $d(u_i) = d(u_{i-1}) = 1$  and  $d(v_{i-1}) = 1$ , if  $v_{i-1}$  is an initial vertex, otherwise 3. Similarly,  $d(v_{i+1}) = 1$ , if  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex, otherwise 3. Since  $u_i$  and  $v_{i-1}, u_{i+1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  are adjacent in  $G$ , then  $\{v, u_i, u_{i+1}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $G$  be the alternate triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices, where  $p = 3n, n \geq 2$ . Then for  $p \neq 6$ ,  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$  or 3.

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be an alternate triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices, where  $p = 3n, n \geq 2$ . Let the vertices in the path be  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , where  $v_1$  and  $v_m$  denotes the initial and end vertex of the path and the remaining vertices in the triangle be  $u_1, u_3, \dots, u_{m-1}$ . Clearly,  $d(v_i) = 3, 2 \leq i \leq m-1$  and  $d(v_1) = d(v_m) = 2$ . Also  $d(u_1) = d(u_3) = \dots = d(u_{m-1}) = 2$ . Let  $v$  be any vertex in an alternate triangular snake graph. We consider the following cases.

**Case 1:**  $v$  is any vertex from  $\{u_1, u_3, \dots, u_{m-1}\}$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $v = u_i, i = 1, 3, \dots, m-1$ . Then in  $G^v, d(u_i) = p-3$ . This vertex  $u_i$  covers all the vertices in  $G^v$  other than the two vertices which are adjacent to  $u_i$  in  $G$  and the two vertices are  $v_k$  and  $v_{k+1}$ .

**Case1.1:**  $v_k$  is an initial vertex.

Then  $d(v_k) = 1$  and  $d(v_{k+1}) = 2$ . Note that  $v_k$  and  $v_{k+1}$  are adjacent in  $G^v$ . Hence the two vertices  $u_i$  and  $v_k$  covers all the vertices of  $G^v$  and  $(d(u_i), d(v_k)) = (p-3, 1) = 1$ . Thus,  $\{u_i, v_k\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$  in this case.

**Case 1.2:**  $v_{k+1}$  is a end vertex.

Proof same as Case 1.1.

**Case 1.3:** Neither  $v_k$  is an initial vertex nor  $v_{k+1}$  is a end vertex.

Then  $d(v_k) = d(v_{k+1}) = 2$ . To cover the vertex  $v_k$ , either we have to take  $v_k$  or a vertex which is adjacent to  $v_k$ . Let the vertex which is adjacent to  $v_k$  be  $v_{k-1}$  and  $d(v_{k-1}) = 3$ . Since  $p-3$  is multiple of 3, we cannot take the vertex  $v_{k-1}$ . Hence the only possibility vertex is  $v_k$ . Note that, if  $n$  is odd, then  $p-3$  is even and hence  $(p-3, 2) = 2$ . Therefore, relatively prime dominating set does not exist in this case. If  $n$  is even, then  $p-3$  is odd and so  $(p-3, 2) = 1$ . Therefore, relatively prime dominating set is  $\{u_i, v_k\}$  and  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$  in this case too.

**Case 2:**  $v$  is an initial vertex or an end vertex of a path.

Without loss of generality, let  $v = v_1$ . Then in  $G^v, d(v_1) = p-3$ . This vertex  $v_1$  covers all the vertices in  $G^v$  except the two vertices which are adjacent to  $v_1$  in  $G$ , i.e.,  $v_1$  is not adjacent to  $u_1$  and  $v_2$ . Note that in  $G^v, d(u_1) = 1$  and  $d(v_2) = 2$  and in  $G^v$ , the vertices  $u_1$  and  $v_2$  are adjacent. Hence, the two vertices  $v_1$  and  $u_1$  covers all the vertices of  $G^v$  and  $(d(v_1), d(u_1)) = (p-3, 1) = 1$ . Therefore,  $\{v_1, u_1\}$  is the relatively prime domination set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ .

**Case 3:**  $v$  is any internal path vertex.

Without loss of generality, let  $v = v_i$ , where  $i \neq 1, m$ . Then  $d(v_i) = p-4$ . The vertex  $v_i$  covers all the vertices in  $G^v$  other than the three vertices which are adjacent to  $v_i$  in  $G$ , say  $u_i, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}$ . Then either

$v_{i-1}$  and  $u_i$  are adjacent or  $v_{i+1}$  and  $u_i$  are adjacent. Without loss of generality, let us take  $v_{i-1}$  and  $u_i$  are adjacent. Since  $d(u_i)=1$ , we have left with only one vertex to cover, i.e., the vertex  $v_{i+1}$ . To cover the vertex  $v_{i+1}$ , either we have to choose this vertex or a vertex which is adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$ . In  $G^v$ , the vertex adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$  are  $v_{i+2}$  and  $u_{i+2}$ . Note that if  $p$  is odd, then  $d(v_i)$  is odd and if  $p$  is even, then  $d(v_i)$  is even. In  $G^v$ ,  $d(v_{i+1}) = 2$  and  $d(v_{i+1}) = d(u_{i+2}) = 3$ . Since  $v_{i+1}$  is adjacent to  $v_i$  in  $G$  and  $v_{i+2}$  and  $u_i$  are not adjacent to  $v_i$  in  $G$ . Suppose that  $p$  is odd, then we take the vertex  $v_{i+1}$ , since  $(d(v_i), d(v_{i+1})) = (p-4, 2) = 1$ . Therefore, the relatively prime dominating set is  $\{v_i, u_i, v_{i+1}\}$  and thus  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$ . Otherwise, that is, if  $p$  is even, then we cannot choose the vertex  $v_{i+1}$ . The remaining possibilities are either  $v_{i+1}$  or  $u_{i+2}$ . But degree of both the vertices is three. Since  $d(v_i) = p-4$  is even and  $|V| = 3n$ , it cannot be a multiple of 3. Hence the set  $\{v_i, u_i, v_{i+2}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and thus relatively prime domination number is 3.

**Observation 3.3.** Let  $G$  be an alternate triangular snake graph with 6 vertices. Then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G) = 2$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $G$  be a double triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices, where  $p = 3n+1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2, 3, 4$  or  $6$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a double triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices. Let the vertices in the path be  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and the vertices in the upper triangle be  $u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and the vertices in the lower triangle be  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  such that  $3m-2 = p$ . Then  $d(v_1) = d(v_m) = 3$  and  $d(v_i) = 6$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $d(u_i) = d(w_i) = 2$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Let  $v$  be any vertex in the double triangular snake graph. The following cases arise.

**Case 1:**  $v$  is either  $u_i$  or  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$

Without loss of generality, let  $v = u_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ . In  $G^v$ ,  $d(v) = p-3$ . This vertex  $v$  covers all the vertices in  $G^v$ , except the two vertices, say  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Note that  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  are adjacent in  $G^v$ . Hence to cover the vertices  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$ , either we can take anyone of  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$  or choose a vertex which is adjacent to both  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Since  $G$  is a double triangular snake graph, the vertex  $w_i$  is adjacent to  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Then  $d(w_i) = 3$ . Now, since  $|V| = 3n+1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , the degree of the vertex  $v$ , cannot be a multiple of 3 and so  $(p-3, 3) = 1$ . Hence the relatively prime dominating set is  $\{v, w_i\}$  and thus  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$  in this case.

**Case 2:**  $v$  is an initial or an end vertex of a path.

Without loss of generality, Let  $v = v_1$ . Then  $d(v_1) = p-4$  in  $G^v$ . This vertex  $v_1$  covers all the vertices except three vertices, namely  $u_1, w_1$  and  $v_2$ . Then  $d(u_1) = 1 = d(w_1)$  and  $d(v_2) = 5$ . Note that the vertex  $v_2$  has adjacency with the vertices  $u_1$  and  $w_1$ . If  $d(v_1)$  is not multiple of 5, then we can take the set  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  as relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$  in this case; if  $d(v_1)$  is multiple of 5, then take the set  $\{v_1, u_1, w_1\}$  as relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$  in this case.

**Case 3:**  $v$  is any internal path vertex.

Then  $d(v_i) = 6$  in  $G$ ,  $d(v_i) = p-7$  in  $G^v$ . Since  $|V| = 3n+1$ ,  $d(v_i)$  is a multiple of 3. Note that this vertex  $v_i$  is a midpoint for 4 triangle in  $G$ . This vertex  $v_i$  covers all the vertices of  $G^v$ , other than the six vertices, namely  $v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, u_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, w_{i-1}$ , and  $w_{i+1}$ . Then  $d(u_{i-1}) = d(u_{i+1}) = d(w_{i-1}) = d(w_{i+1}) = 1$ . And  $d(v_{i-1}) = 2$  if  $v_{i-1}$  is an initial vertex; otherwise  $d(v_{i-1}) = 5$ . Similarly  $d(v_{i+1}) = 2$  if  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex; otherwise  $d(v_{i+1}) = 5$ .

**Case 3.1:**  $v_{i-1}$  is an initial vertex.

Note that the vertex  $v_{i-1}$  is adjacent to both the vertices  $u_{i-1}$  and  $w_{i-1}$ . Similarly, the vertex  $v_{i+1}$  is adjacent to both the vertices  $u_{i+1}$  and  $w_{i+1}$ . If  $d(v)$  is even, then we cannot take the vertex  $v_{i-1}$ . Hence

the set  $\{v_i, u_{i-1}, w_{i-1}, v_{i+1}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 4$  in this case. If  $d(v)$  is odd and a multiple of 5, then the set  $\{v_i, v_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, w_{i+1}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 4$  in this case also.

**Case 3.2:**  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex.

Similar to Case 3.1.

**Case 3.3:** Neither  $v_{i-1}$  is an initial vertex nor  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex.

Then  $d(v_{i-1}) = d(v_{i+1}) = 5$ . If  $d(v)$  is even and not a multiple of 5, then the set  $\{v_i, v_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, w_{i+1}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 4$  in this case. If  $d(v)$  is odd and a multiple of 5, then the set  $\{v_i, v_{i-1}, u_{i-1}, w_{i-1}, u_{i+1}, w_{i+1}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 6$  in this case.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $G$  be a double alternate triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices, where  $p = 4n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2, 3$  or  $4$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a double alternate triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices. Let the vertices in the path be  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$  where  $v_1$  and  $v_m$  denote the initial vertex and end vertex respectively and the vertices in the upper triangle be  $u_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$  and the vertices in the lower triangle be  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Then  $d(v_i) = 4$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $d(u_i) = d(w_i) = 2$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$ . Let  $v$  be any vertex in  $G$ . We have the following cases.

**Case 1:**  $v = u_i$  or  $w_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m-1$

Without loss of generality, let  $v = u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ . Then in  $G^v$ ,  $d(v) = p-3$ . This vertex covers all the vertices of  $G$  except two vertices, namely  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  in the path. Note that  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  are adjacent in  $G^v$ . Since  $|V| = 4n$ ,  $d(v) = p-3$  is always odd. We have the following subcases.

**Case 1.1:**  $v_i$  is an initial vertex.

Then  $d(v_i) = 2$ . Therefore  $(p-3, 2) = 1$  and these two vertices covers all the vertices of  $G^v$ . Hence the vertices  $v$  and  $v_i$  satisfies the condition for being a relatively prime dominating set. Therefore  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ .

**Case 1.2:**  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex.

Same as Case 1.1.

**Case 1.3:** Neither  $v_i$  is an initial vertex nor  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex.

Then  $d(v_i) = d(v_{i+1}) = 3$ . If  $d(v)$  is not a multiple of 3, then the set  $\{v, v_i\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and so  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$  in this case. Suppose that  $d(v)$  is a multiple of 3. Note that degree of each vertex in the path except the four vertices  $v_1, v_m, v_i, v_{i+1}$  is 5;  $d(v_i) = d(v_{i+1}) = 3$ ;  $d(v_1) = d(v_m) = 4$ . Since  $d(v)$  is a multiple of 3, we cannot take the vertices of  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Also, we cannot take the vertex in the lower triangle which is adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ , since degree of that vertex is 3. So, we consider the vertices of degree 5 which are adjacent to  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Since they are in the path, we have to take the two vertices, one from the left side of  $v_i$  and the other from the right side of  $v_{i+1}$ . Since both the vertex has degree 5, we cannot cover the two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ . Hence relatively prime dominating set does not exist in this case.

**Case 2:**  $v$  is an initial vertex or an end vertex of a path.

Without loss of generality, let  $v = v_1$ . Then  $d(v) = p-4$ . This vertex covers all the vertices of  $G^v$ , except three vertices, namely  $u_1, w_1$  and  $v_2$ . Since  $G$  is a double alternate triangular snake graph,  $u_1$  and  $v_2$ ,

$w_1$  and  $v_2$  are adjacent in  $G^v$ . Also  $d(u_1) = d(w_1) = 1$  and  $d(v_2) = 3$ . If  $d(v)$  is not multiple of 3, then the set  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 2$ . Otherwise, the set  $\{v, u_1, w_1\}$  satisfies all the conditions for being a relatively prime dominating set. Therefore,  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$  in this case.

**Case 3:**  $v$  is any internal path vertex of a path.

Without loss of generality, let  $v = v_i$ ,  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1$ . Then  $d(v) = p-5$ . This vertex cover all the vertices of  $G^v$ , namely  $v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}, u_i$  and  $w_i$ . Then  $d(v_{i-1}) = 2$  if  $v_{i-1}$  is an initial vertex, otherwise 3. Similarly,  $d(v_{i+1}) = 2$  if  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex, otherwise 3. Also  $d(u_i) = d(w_i) = 1$ . Since  $|V| = 4n$ ,  $d(v) = p-5$  is always odd. We have the following subcases.

**Case 3.1:**  $v_{i-1}$  is an initial vertex.

Then  $d(v_{i-1}) = 2$ . If  $d(v)$  is not multiple of 3, then the set  $\{v, v_{i-1}, v_{i+1}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$ . Suppose  $d(v)$  is multiple of 3, then we cannot take the vertex  $v_{i+1}$ . To cover the vertex  $v_{i+1}$ , we have to consider a vertex which is adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$ . Since degree of each vertex in the set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{m-1}\}$  other than  $u_i$  and  $w_i$  is three, we cannot take any vertex from this set. Consider the vertex in the path which is adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$ , say  $v_{i+2}$ . Note that  $d(v_{i+2}) = 5$ . Therefore, if  $d(v)$  is not multiple of 5, then the set  $\{v, v_{i-1}, v_{i+2}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and so  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$ . If  $d(v)$  is multiple of 3 and 5, then relatively prime dominating set does not exist.

**Case 3.2:**  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex.

Same as Case 3.1.

**Case 3.3:** Neither  $v_{i-1}$  is an initial vertex nor  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex.

Then  $d(v_{i-1}) = d(v_{i+1}) = 3$ . Hence we cannot take these vertices together to obtain a relatively prime dominating set. Consider the vertex in the path which is adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$ , say  $v_{i+2}$ . If  $v_{i+2}$  is an end vertex, then  $d(v_{i+2}) = 4$ , otherwise 5. Therefore, if  $v_{i+2}$  is an end vertex and  $d(v)$  is not a multiple of 3, then  $\{v_i, v_{i-1}, v_{i+2}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$ . Otherwise, the set  $\{v_i, v_{i+2}, u_i, w_i\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and thus  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 4$ . Therefore, assume that the vertex adjacent to  $v_{i-1}$  is not an initial vertex and the vertex adjacent to  $v_{i+1}$  is an end vertex. If  $d(v)$  is not a multiple of 3 and 5, then the set  $\{v_i, v_{i-1}, v_{i+2}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 3$ . If  $d(v)$  is a multiple of 3 not a multiple of 5, then the set  $\{v_i, u_i, w_i, v_{i+2}\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set and hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(G^v) = 4$ . If  $d(v)$  is a multiple of 3 and 5, then relatively prime dominating set does not exist.

#### 4. Relatively Prime Domination Number on Complement of Triangular Snake Graphs

In this section we have shown that the relatively prime domination number for complement of snake graphs is 2.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $G$  be an alternate triangular snake graph. Then for  $p \neq 6$ ,  $\gamma_{rpd}(\bar{G}) = 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be an alternate triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices,  $p > 6$ . Let the vertices in  $G$  be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$ . In an alternate triangular snake graph, the degree of each vertex is either 2 or 3. Hence in the complement of alternate triangular snake graph  $\bar{G}$ , degree of each vertex is either  $p-3$  or  $p-4$ . Consider a vertex which has degree  $p-3$ , say  $v_i$  in  $\bar{G}$ . Then it does not have any adjacency with two vertices say  $v_k$  and  $v_l$ . Now, we choose a vertex in  $\bar{G}$  which has degree  $p-4$  and have adjacency with the vertices  $v_k$  and  $v_l$ , say  $v_j$ . Such a vertex is always exist, since  $|V| \geq 6$ . Clearly, the two vertices  $v_i$



and  $v_j$  covers all the vertices of  $\bar{G}$ , and  $(d(v_i), d(v_j)) = (p-3, p-4)=1$ . Hence, the set  $\{v_i, v_j\}$  satisfies all conditions for being the relatively prime dominating set. Thus  $\gamma_{rpd}(\bar{G}) = 2$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $G$  be a double triangular snake graph. Then for  $p \neq 7$ ,  $\gamma_{rpd}(\bar{G}) = 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a double triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices. Let the vertices in  $G$  be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$ . In  $G$ , degree of each vertex is either 2, 3 or 6 and thus degree of each vertex in  $\bar{G}$  is  $p-3$ ,  $p-4$  or  $p-7$ . First we choose a vertex of degree  $p-3$ , say  $v_i$ . This vertex covers all vertices of  $\bar{G}$ , except two vertices, say  $v_k$  and  $v_l$ . Next, we choose a vertex of degree  $p-4$  such that it has adjacent with the two vertices  $v_k$  and  $v_l$ , say  $v_j$ . Such a vertex always exists, since  $|V| \geq 6$ . Clearly these two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  cover all vertices of  $\bar{G}$  and  $(d(v_i), d(v_j)) = (p-3, p-4) = 1$ . Hence  $\{v_i, v_j\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set. Thus,  $\gamma_{rpd}(\bar{G}) = 2$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** For any double alternate triangular snake graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{rpd}(\bar{G}) = 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $G$  be a double alternate triangular snake graph with  $p$  vertices. Let them be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p$ . In double alternate triangular snake graph  $G$ , the degree of each vertex is either 2, 3 or 4 and hence in the complement of double alternate triangular snake graph  $\bar{G}$ , degree of each vertex is either  $p-3$ ,  $p-4$  or  $p-5$ . Choose a vertex of degree  $p-3$ , say  $v_i$ . This vertex cover all vertices of  $\bar{G}$ , except the two vertices, say  $v_k$  and  $v_l$ . Now, choose a vertex of degree  $p-4$  such that it has adjacent with the vertices  $v_k$  and  $v_l$ . Such a vertex always exists, as  $|V| \geq 6$  and let it be  $v_j$ . Note that, these two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  cover all the vertices of  $\bar{G}$  and  $(d(v_i), d(v_j)) = (p-3, p-4) = 1$ . Therefore,  $\{v_i, v_j\}$  is a relatively prime dominating set. Hence  $\gamma_{rpd}(\bar{G}) = 2$ .

## 5. Conclusion

Dominations in graph theory is a wide area with more applications to real life which helps the researchers to get more ideas to manage the problems in real life situation. The standard purpose of the paper is to explain the significance of dominating sets and relatively prime domination number. We have examined the idea of relatively prime dominations in various types of triangular snake graphs and also their complements.

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