

## On Designs arising from Corona Product $H \circ K_3$

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we determine the partially balanced incomplete block designs and association scheme which are formed by the minimum dominating sets of the graphs  $C_3 \circ K_3$ , we determine the number of minimum dominating sets of graph  $G = C_n \circ K_3$  and prove that the set of all minimum dominating sets of  $G = C_n \circ K_3$  forms a partially balanced incomplete block design with two association scheme. Finally we generalize the results for the graph  $H \circ K_3$ .

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### I. Introduction

By a graph, we mean a finite undirected graph without loops or multiple lines. For a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , let  $V$  and  $E$  respectively denote the vertex set and the edge set of graph  $G$ . For any vertex  $u \in V$ ,  $N(u) = \{v \in V : u v \in E\}$  is called the open neighbourhood of  $u$  in  $V$ , and the closed neighbourhood of  $u$  in  $G$  is  $N[u] = N(u) \cup \{u\}$ . The degree of  $u$  in  $G$ ,  $\deg(u) = |N(u)|$ . The open Neighborhood of a set of vertices  $S$  in  $G$  is

$N(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} N(v)$  and the closed neighbourhood of the set  $S$  is

$N[S] = N(S) \cup S$ . A subset  $D \subseteq V$  is called dominating set of  $G = (V, E)$  if

$N[D] = V$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set.

A dominating set  $D$  is called minimal dominating set if no proper subset  $S \subset D$

is a dominating set.

The PBIBD with  $m$ -association scheme which are arising from dominating sets has been studied extensively by many for example see [8],[1]. In this paper, We study the PBIBD and the association scheme which can be obtained from the minimum dominating sets in  $(C_n \circ K_3)$  graph. Finally we generalize the results for the graph  $H \circ K_3$ .

### II. PBIBD arising from minimum dominating sets of $(C_n \circ K_3)$

**Definition1.** Given  $v$  objects a relation satisfying the following conditions is said to be an association scheme with  $m$  classes:

(i) Any two objects are either first associates, or second associates...., or  $m$ th associates, the relation of association being symmetric.

(ii) Each object  $\alpha$  has  $n_i$   $i$ th associates, the number  $n_i$  being independent of  $\alpha$ .

(iii) If two objects  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are  $i$ th associates, then the number of objects which are  $j$ th associates of  $\alpha$  and  $k$ th associates of  $\beta$  is  $p_{jk}^i$

and is independent of the

pair of  $i$ th associates  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Also  $p_{jk}^i = p_{kj}^i$

If we have association scheme for the  $v$  objects we can define a PBIBD as the following definition.

**Definition2.** The PBIBD design is arrangement of  $v$  objects into  $b$  sets (called blocks) of size  $k$  where  $k < v$  such that

(i) Every object is contained in exactly  $r$  blocks.

(ii) Each block contains  $k$  distinct objects.

(iii) Any two objects which are  $i$ th associates occur together in exactly  $\lambda_i$  blocks.



Elements	First Associates	Second Associates
$v_1$	$v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}$	$v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_1^I$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}$	$v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_1^{II}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}$	$v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_1^{III}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}$	$v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_2$	$v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_2^I$	$v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_2^{II}$	$v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_2^{III}$	$v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$
$v_3$	$v_3^I, v_3^{II}, v_3^{III}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}$
$v_3^I$	$v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}$
$v_3^{II}$	$v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}$
$v_3^{III}$	$v_3, v_3^I, v_3^{II}$	$v_1, v_1^I, v_1^{II}, v_1^{III}, v_2, v_2^I, v_2^{II}, v_2^{III}$

Table 1:

**Theorem 4.** Let  $G \approx (C_n \square K_3)$ . Then the number of minimum dominating sets of  $G$  is  $4^n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $G \approx (C_n \circ K_3)$ . Then  $\gamma(G) = n$ . We need to find out all the sets of size  $n$ . For this, we have many possibilities :

**case1.** All the vertices of the minimum dominating set are from inside that is from  $C_n$ . Then there is only one minimum dominating set.

**case2.** The vertices of minimum dominating set i.e, not from the vertices of  $C_n$ . The number of ways to select minimum dominating sets of size  $n$  from outside is  $3n$ .

**case3.** We select some vertices of minimum dominating sets from inside and some from outside. So we start by selecting one vertex from inside and  $(n - 1)$

vertices from outside. There are  $\binom{n}{1} 3^{n-1}$  ways. Similarly 2 vertex from inside

$(n - 2)$  vertices from outside. There are  $\binom{n}{2} 3^{n-2}$  ways. By continuing in same way till  $(n - 1)$  vertices from inside and one from outside, there are  $\binom{n}{n-1} 3$  ways.

Hence the total number of minimum dominating sets is

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 3^n + \binom{n}{1} 3^{n-1} + \binom{n}{2} 3^{n-2} + \dots + \binom{n}{n-1} 3 + 1 \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} 3^{n-i} \\
 &= 4^n.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $G \cong (C_n \circ K_3)$ . Any two vertices in  $G$  either belong to zero minimum dominating set or  $4^{n-2}$  minimum dominating sets.

**Proof.** By labeling the vertices of the graph  $G$  as  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_1^a, v_1^b, v_1^c, v_2^a, v_2^b, v_2^c, \dots, v_n^a, v_n^b, v_n^c\}$

Where  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  are the vertices of  $C_n$  and  $\{v_1^a, v_1^b, v_1^c, v_2^a, v_2^b, v_2^c, \dots, v_n^a, v_n^b, v_n^c\}$  are the vertices of the copies  $K_3$ .

Suppose  $A = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $B = \{v_1^a, v_1^b, v_1^c, v_2^a, v_2^b, v_2^c, \dots, v_n^a, v_n^b, v_n^c\}$ .

Let  $u, v$  be any two vertices, we have the following cases:

Case1.  $u$  and  $v$  belong to  $A$  then there are  $4^{n-2}$  minimum dominating sets containing  $u$  and  $v$ .

Case2.  $u$  and  $v$  belong to  $B$  then there are  $4^{n-2}$  ways to select minimum dominating sets containing  $u$  and  $v$ .

Case3. Let  $u \in A$  and  $v \in B$  we have two subcases:

Case(i). Let  $u$  and  $v$  in the same triangle then there does not exist any minimum dominating sets containing  $u$  and  $v$ .

Case(ii). If  $u$  and  $v$  are from the different triangle then there are  $4^{n-2}$  ways to select minimum dominating sets.

**Theorem6.** Let  $G \cong (C_n \circ K_3)$ . Then every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  contained in  $4^{n-1}$  Minimum dominating sets.

**Proof.** Let  $G \cong (C_n \circ K_3)$ . The vertices of  $G$  can be partitioned into  $n$  sets, each set containing 3 vertex as the triangles  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \dots, \Delta_n$ . Let  $v \in V(G)$  be any vertex such that  $v \in \Delta_i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Any minimum dominating set containing  $v$  will contain  $(n-1)$  vertices from the other triangle  $\Delta_j$  where  $i \neq j$ . But it is not allowed to take two vertex from the same triangle so we need to take one vertex from each triangle.

Hence the ways to select  $n-1$  vertices from the  $\Delta_j$  triangles  $i \neq j$  is  $4^{n-1}$ .

Finally, we can generalize Theorem 6 as following.

**Theorem7.** For any graph  $G \cong (H \circ K_3)$ , there is PBIBD and association scheme associate with  $G$  as the following parameters,

$(v=4n, k=n, r=4^{n-1}, b=4^n, \lambda_1=0, \lambda_2=4^{n-2})$  and

$$P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11}^1 & p_{12}^1 \\ p_{21}^1 & p_{22}^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 4(n-1) \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11}^2 & p_{12}^2 \\ p_{21}^2 & p_{22}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ 3 & 4(n-2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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