

**BOLD SIGNED TOTAL DOMINATION FOR  $K_{m,n,p}$ ,  $C_{m,n}$  and  $W_n$  GRAPHS**

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**Abstract:** A set  $D$  is a subset of  $V(G)$  is called dominating or total dominating set in  $G$ , if  $D \cap N[v] \neq \emptyset$  or  $D \cap N(v) \neq \emptyset$ , respectively for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ . The minimum number of vertices of a dominating set or of a total dominating set in  $G$  is called the domination number  $\gamma(G)$  or the total domination number  $\gamma_t(G)$ , respectively of  $G$ . If  $v$  is a vertex of a graph  $G$ , then  $N(v)$  is its open neighbourhood, (i.e.) the set of all vertices adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ . A mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{-2, 1\}$ , where  $V(G)$  is the vertex set of  $G$ , is called a Bold Signed Total Dominating Function (BSTDF) on  $G$ , if  $w(f) = \sum_{x \in N(v)} f(x) \geq 1$  for each  $v \in V(G)$ .  $\min\{ \sum_{x \in V(G)} f(x) : f \text{ is a BSTDF} \}$  is called the bold signed total domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{bst}(G)$ . The bold signed total domination number of a graph is a certain variant of the domination number.  $\gamma_{bst}(G)$  are found for the graphs  $K_{m,n,p}$ ,  $C_{m,n}$  and  $W_n$  and independent proofs are obtained.

**Keywords:** Bold signed total dominating function, Bold signed total domination number, Dominating function, Domination number.

**Introduction:** In this paper we study the bold signed total domination number of a graph and using the notation as in [2]. We consider finite undirected graphs without loops and multiple edges [1]. The vertex set of a graph  $G$  is denoted by  $V(G)$ . If  $v \in V(G)$ , then the open neighbourhood  $N(v)$  of  $v$  in  $G$  is the set of all vertices which are adjacent to  $v$  in  $G$ . Further, the closed neighbourhood of  $v$  in  $G$  is defined as  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . Let  $f$  be a mapping of  $V(G)$  into set of real numbers, let  $S$  is a subset of  $V(G)$ . Then we denote  $f(S) = \sum_{x \in S} f(x)$ . Further, the weight of  $f$  is  $w(f) = f(V(G)) = \sum_{x \in V(G)} f(x)$ . We will study the concept, from the definition. A function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{-2, 1\}$  is called a Bold Signed Dominating Function (shortly BSDF) of  $G$ , if  $f(N[v]) \geq 1$  for each  $v \in V(G)$ . The minimum of  $w(f) = f(V(G)) = \sum_{x \in V(G)} f(x)$ , taken over all BSDF of  $G$ , is the bold signed domination number  $\gamma_{bs}(G)$  of  $G$ . Similarly, a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{-2, 1\}$  is called a Bold Signed Total Dominating Function (shortly BSTDF) of  $G$ , if  $f(N(v)) \geq 1$  for each  $v \in V(G)$ . The minimum of  $w(f) = f(V(G)) = \sum_{x \in V(G)} f(x)$ , taken over all BSTDF of  $G$ , is the bold signed total domination number  $\gamma_{bst}(G)$  of  $G$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $G$  be a complete 3-partite graph with tripartition  $[V_1 : V_2 : V_3]$ . Let  $f: V \rightarrow \{-2, 1\}$  be a bold signed total dominating function. Let  $r_1, r_2$  and  $r_3$  be the possible number of vertices, assigned with value -2 in the respective sets  $V_1, V_2, V_3$  and whose respective cardinality be  $n_1, n_2$ , and  $n_3$  such that  $n_1+n_2+n_3 = 3n$ . Then  
 (i)  $n_1+n_2 \geq 3(r_1+r_2)+1$ ,  
 (ii)  $n_1+n_3 \geq 3(r_1+r_3)+1$ ,  
 (iii)  $n_2+n_3 \geq 3(r_2+r_3)+1$  and (iv) bold signed total domination number is  $\gamma_{bst}(G) = n_1+n_2+n_3 - 3 \lfloor \frac{r_1+r_2+r_3}{2} \rfloor$   
 where  $n$  is any positive integer.

**Proof:** Let  $V_i = \{v_{ij}\}$ ,  $j=1$  to  $n_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Now  $|V_i| = n_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $f : V \rightarrow \{-2, 1\}$  be a bold signed total dominating function in  $G$ .

$r_1, r_2$  and  $r_3$  are the possible number of vertices in  $G$  takes the value -2 in the respective vertex sets  $V_1, V_2, V_3$ . Further we have  $\sum_{v \in N(u)} f(v) \geq 1$ , for all  $u \in V$ .----- [1].

**Case (i):  $u \in V_1$ .** Then  $u$  has  $n_2+n_3$  adjacent vertices in  $G$  ( Since all the vertices of both  $V_2$  and  $V_3$  are adjacent to every vertex of  $V_1$ ). Therefore  $N(u)$  contains  $n_2+n_3$  vertices. Now  $u$  is either -2 or 1 and further,  $r_2$  vertices are assigned with -2 in  $V_2$  and  $r_3$  vertices are assigned with -2 in  $V_3$ . Therefore  $n_2-r_2+n_3-r_3-2r_2-2r_3 \geq 1$  (since by eqn.[1]).  
 (i.e.)  $n_2+n_3-3r_2-3r_3 \geq 1$ .  
 (i.e.)  $n_2+n_3 \geq 3(r_2+r_3)+1$ . -----[2]

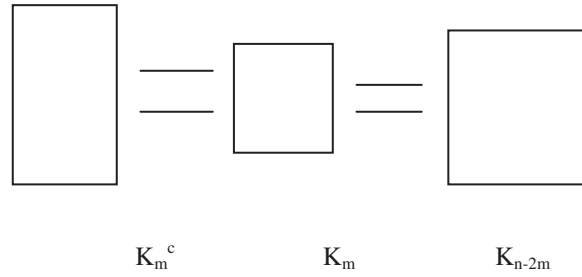
**Case (ii):  $u \in V_2$ .** Then  $u$  has  $n_1+n_3$  adjacent vertices in  $G$  ( Since all the vertices of both  $V_1$  and  $V_3$  are adjacent to every vertex of  $V_2$ ). Therefore  $N(u)$  contains  $n_1+n_3$  vertices. Now  $u$  is either -2 or 1 and further,  $r_1$  vertices are assigned with -2 in  $V_1$  and  $r_3$  vertices are assigned with -2 in  $V_3$ . Therefore  $n_1-r_1+n_3-r_3-2r_1-2r_3 \geq 1$  (since by eqn.[1]).  
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**Case (iii):  $u \in V_3$ .** Then  $u$  has  $n_1+n_2$  adjacent vertices in  $G$  ( Since all the vertices of both  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are adjacent to every vertex of  $V_3$ ). Therefore  $N(u)$  contains  $n_1+n_2$  vertices. Now  $u$  is either -2 or 1 and further,  $r_1$  vertices are assigned with -2 in  $V_1$  and  $r_2$  vertices are assigned with -2 in  $V_2$ . Therefore  $n_1-r_1+n_2-r_2-2r_1-2r_2 \geq 1$  (since by eqn.[1]).  
 (i.e.)  $n_1+n_2-3r_1-3r_2 \geq 1$ .  
 (i.e.)  $n_1+n_2 \geq 3(r_1+r_2)+1$ . -----[4]

By solving the equations [2], [3], and [4], we get the values for  $r_1, r_2$ , and  $r_3$  in fractions. Take the integral values of  $r_1, r_2$  and  $r_3$  such that any 2 of equations [2], [3] and [4] are satisfied and  $\lfloor \frac{r_1+r_2+r_3}{2} \rfloor$  also satisfied.

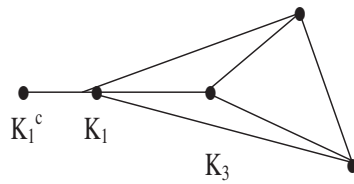
Hence  $\gamma_{bst}(G) = n_1+n_2+n_3 - 3 \lfloor \frac{r_1+r_2+r_3}{2} \rfloor$ .

**Definition:** For  $1 \leq m \leq (n/2)$ , let  $C_{m,n}$  [1] denote the graph  $K_m \vee (K_m^c + K_{n-2m})$ , depicted in Figure.

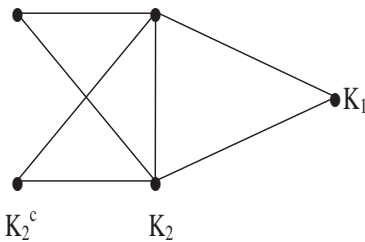


**Example:**

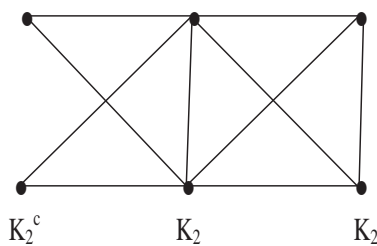
1.  $C_{1,5} = K_1 \vee (K_1^c + K_3)$



2.  $C_{2,5} = K_2 \vee (K_2^c + K_1)$



3.  $C_{2,6} = K_2 \vee (K_2^c + K_2)$



**Theorem:**

Prove that  $\gamma_{bst}(C_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 3s+2 \\ 4 & \text{if } n = 3s+1 \\ 3 & \text{if } n = 3s, \end{cases}$

for all  $n \geq 3$  and  $s$  is any positive integer.

**Proof:** We know that  $C_{m,n} = K_m \vee (K_m^c + K_{n-2m})$ . Every vertex in the part  $K_m$  is adjacent to every other vertices of  $C_{m,n}$ . Let  $r$  be the number of vertices assigned with  $-2$  in  $C_{m,n}$ .

We know that

$w(f) = \sum_{x \in V(G)} f(x)$  and  $\sum_{x \in N(v)} f(x) \geq 1$  for all  $v \in V(G)$ .

Therefore  $(n-1-r)-2r \geq 1$ . (i.e.)  $3r \leq n-2$ . (i.e.)  $r \leq (n-2)/3$ .

Since  $r$  is an integer,

$r \leq \begin{cases} (n-2)/3 & \text{if } n = 3s+2 \\ (n-2)/3 - 2/3 & \text{if } n = 3s+1 \\ (n-2)/3 - 1/3 & \text{if } n = 3s. \end{cases}$

Therefore  $w(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} f(v)$   
 $= m+m+n-2m-r-2r = n-3r$ .

That is,

$$w(f) \geq \begin{cases} n - 3[(n-2)/3] = 2 & \text{if } n = 3s+2 \\ n - 3[(n-2)/3 - 2/3] = 4 & \text{if } n = 3s+1 \\ n - 3[(n-2)/3 - 1/3] = 3 & \text{if } n = 3s. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\gamma_{bst}(C_{m,n}) = \min w(f) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 3s+2 \\ 4 & \text{if } n = 3s+1 \\ 3 & \text{if } n = 3s, \end{cases}$$

for all  $n \geq 3$  and  $s$  is any positive integer.

**Theorem:** For a wheel  $W_n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , we have  $\gamma_{bst}(W_n) = n$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $W_n$  be a wheel,  $n \geq 4$ . Let  $r$  be the number of vertices assigned with  $-2$ . (i.e.)  $n-r$  vertices assigned with  $1$ .

**Case (i):** Any vertex  $v$  other than the centre vertex.

Since  $N(v)$  contains only 3 vertices in  $W_n$ ,  $f(N(v)) = 3-r-2r \geq 1$ . (i.e.)  $3-3r \geq 1$ . (i.e.)  $3r \leq 2$ . (i.e.)  $r \leq 2/3$ .

Since  $r$  is an integer,  $r = 0$ .

Therefore all the vertices are assigned with  $1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{bst}(W_n) = \min w(f) = n$ .

**Case (ii):** Vertex  $v$  is the centre vertex.

Here  $N(v)$  contains  $n-1$  vertices in  $W_n$ .

Therefore  $f(N(v)) = (n-1-r)-2r \geq 1$ . (i.e.)  $3r \leq n-2$ . (i.e.)  $r \leq (n-2)/3$ .

Since  $W_n$  has atleast 4 vertices,  $r \leq 2/3$  and  $r \leq (n-2)/3$ .

Hence  $r = 0$ .

Therefore all the vertices are assigned with  $1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{bst}(W_n) = \min w(f) = n$ .

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