

## $i(G)$ -Graph - $G(i)$ Of Some Special Graphs

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**Abstract:** The  $i(G)$ -graph is defined as a graph whose vertex set correspond 1 to 1 with the  $i(G)$ -sets of  $G$ . Two  $i(G)$ -sets say  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are adjacent in  $i(G)$  if there exists a vertex  $v \in S_1$ , and a vertex  $w \in S_2$  such that  $v$  is adjacent to  $w$  and  $S_1 = S_2 - \{w\} \cup \{v\}$  or equivalently  $S_2 = S_1 - \{v\} \cup \{w\}$ . In this paper we obtain  $i(G)$ -graph of some special graphs.

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### I. Introduction

By a graph we mean a finite, undirected, connected graph without loops and multiple edges. For graph theoretical terms we refer Harary [12] and for terms related to domination we refer Haynes et al. [14].

A set  $S \subseteq V$  is said to be a dominating set in  $G$  if every vertex in  $V - S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . The domination number of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality taken over all dominating sets of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ . A subset  $S$  of the vertex set in a graph  $G$  is said to be independent if no two vertices in  $S$  are adjacent in  $G$ . The maximum number of vertices in an independent set of  $G$  is called the independence number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\beta_0(G)$ . Any vertex which is adjacent to a pendent vertex is called a support. A vertex whose degree is not equal to one is called a non-pendent vertex and a vertex whose degree is  $p-1$  is called a universal vertex. Let  $u$  and  $v$  be (not necessarily distinct) vertices of a graph  $G$ . A  $u-v$  walk of  $G$  is a finite, alternating sequence  $u = u_0, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n, u_n = v$  of vertices and edges beginning with vertex  $u$  and ending with vertex  $v$  such that  $e_i = u_{i-1}, u_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ . The number  $n$  is called the length of the walk. A walk in which all the vertices are distinct is called a path. A closed walk  $(u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n)$  in which  $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  are distinct is called a cycle. A path on  $p$  vertices is denoted by  $P_p$  and a cycle on  $p$  vertices is denoted by  $C_p$ .

Gerd H. Frickle et. al [11] introduced  $\gamma$ -graph. The  $\gamma$ -graph of a graph  $G$  denoted by  $G(\gamma) = (V(\gamma), E(\gamma))$  is the graph whose vertex set corresponds 1-to-1 with the  $\gamma$ -sets. Two  $\gamma$ -sets say  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are adjacent in  $E(\gamma)$  if there exist a vertex  $v \in S_1$  and a vertex  $w \in S_2$  such that  $v$  is adjacent to  $w$  and  $S_1 = S_2 - \{w\} \cup \{u\}$  or equivalently  $S_2 = S_1 - \{u\} \cup \{w\}$ . Elizabeth et.al [10] proved that all graphs of order  $n \leq 5$  have connected  $\gamma$ -graphs and determined all graphs  $G$  on six vertices for which  $G(\gamma)$  is connected. We impose an additional condition namely independency on  $\gamma$ -sets and study  $i(G)$ -graphs denoted by  $G(i)$ . The  $i(G)$ -graph is defined as a graph whose vertex set correspond 1 to 1 with the  $i(G)$ -sets of  $G$ . Two  $i(G)$ -sets say  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are adjacent in  $i(G)$  if there exists a vertex  $v \in S_1$ , and a vertex  $w \in S_2$  such that  $v$  is adjacent to  $w$  and  $S_1 = S_2 - \{w\} \cup \{v\}$  or equivalently  $S_2 = S_1 - \{v\} \cup \{w\}$ . In this paper we obtain  $i(G)$ -graph of some special graphs.

### II. Main Results

**Definition 2.1** A set  $S \subset V$  is said to be independent if no two vertices in  $S$  are adjacent. The minimum cardinality of a maximal independent dominating set is called the independent domination number and is denoted by  $i(G)$ . A maximal independent dominating set is called a  $i(G)$ -set.

**Definition 2.2** Consider the family of all independent dominating sets of a graph  $G$  and define the graph

$G(i) = (V(i), E(i))$  to be the graph whose vertices  $V(i)$  correspond 1-1 with independent dominating sets of  $G$  and two sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are adjacent in  $G(i)$  if there exists a vertex  $v \in S_1$ , and  $w \in S_2$  such that (i)  $v$  is adjacent to  $w$  and (ii)  $S_1 = S_2 - \{w\} \cup \{v\}$  and  $S_2 = S_1 - \{v\} \cup \{w\}$ .

**Proposition 2.3** If a graph  $G$  has a unique  $i(G)$ -set then  $G(i) \cong K_1$  and conversely.

**Corollary 2.4**  $K_{1,n}(i) = K_1$ .

**Proof.** Since the central vertex of  $K_{1,n}$  is the only  $i(G)$ -set,  $K_{1,n}(i) = K_1$ .

**Proposition 2.5**  $\overline{K_n}(i) \cong K_1$ , whereas  $K_n(i) \cong K_n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be the set of vertices of  $K_n$ . Each singleton set  $S_i = \{v_i\}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  is an element of  $V(i)$  and each pair  $(S_i, S_j), (1 \leq i, j \leq n)$  form an edge in  $K_n(i)$ . Hence  $K_n(i) \cong K_n$ . Since the set of all vertices of  $\overline{K_n}$  is the only independent dominating set of  $\overline{K_n}, \overline{K_n}(i) \cong K_1$ .

**Proposition 2.6** For  $1 \leq m \leq n$ ,

$$K_{m,n}(i) \cong \begin{cases} K_2 & \text{if } m = n = 1 \\ \overline{K_2} & \text{if } m = n \text{ and } m \geq 2 \\ K_1 & \text{if } m < n \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $S_1 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_m\}$  and  $S_2 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  be the bipartition of  $K_{m,n}$ .

If  $m = n = 1$ ,  $\{u_1\}$  and  $\{v_1\}$  are the  $i(G)$  sets and clearly  $K_{m,n}(i) = K_2$ .

If  $m = n$  and  $m \geq 2$ ,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the only two independent dominating sets of  $K_{m,n}$  and they are non-adjacent vertices of  $K_{m,n}(i)$ . Hence  $K_{m,n}(i) = \overline{K_2}$  for all values of  $m$ . If  $m < n$ ,  $S_1$  is the only  $i(G)$ -set and so  $K_{m,n}(i) \cong K_1$ .

**Proposition 2.7**  $C_{3k+2}(i) \cong C_{3k+2}$ .

**Proof. Case(i).  $k = 1$**

Let the cycle be  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_1)$ .

$S_1 = \{v_1, v_3\}, S_2 = \{v_1, v_4\}, S_3 = \{v_2, v_4\}, S_4 = \{v_2, v_5\}, S_5 = \{v_3, v_5\}$  are the 5  $i(G)$ -sets of  $C_5$  and  $C_5(i)$  is the cycle  $(S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5, S_1)$ .

**Case(ii).  $k = 2$**

Let the cycle be  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6, v_7, v_8, v_1)$ .

$S_1 = \{v_1, v_4, v_7\}, S_2 = \{v_1, v_4, v_6\}, S_3 = \{v_1, v_3, v_6\}, S_4 = \{v_2, v_5, v_8\}, S_5 = \{v_2, v_5, v_7\}, S_6 = \{v_2, v_4, v_7\}, S_7 = \{v_3, v_6, v_8\}$  are the 8  $i(G)$ -sets of  $C_8$  and  $C_8(i)$  is the cycle  $(S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, S_5, S_6, S_7, S_8, S_1)$ .

**Case(iii).** Let the vertices of the cycle be  $(v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{3k+2}, v_1)$

We know that  $i(C_{3k+2}) = k + 1$ .  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k+1}\}$  and  $S_2 = \{v_1, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k}\}$  are two  $i(G)$ -sets of  $C_{3k+2}$ .

Now finding the first vertex of  $S_1$  and changing the other vertices of  $S_1$  we get  $S_3 = \{v_1, v_3, v_6, v_9, \dots, v_{3k-3}, v_{3k}\}$ . Now fixing the first two vertices of  $S_1$  and changing the other vertices of  $S_1$  we get  $S_4 = \{v_1, v_4, v_6, v_9, \dots, v_{3k-3}, v_{3k}\}$ . Proceeding like this, fixing the first  $k - 1$  vertices and changing the  $k^{th}$  vertex alone we get  $S_{k+1} = \{v_1, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k-5}, v_{3k-3}, v_{3k}\}$ . Now consider the two

*i(G)*-sets  $S_{k+2} = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+2}\}$  and  $S_{k+3} = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-4}, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+1}\}$ .

As before, fixing the first vertex and changing from the  $2^{nd}, 3^{rd}$  vertices upto  $k^{th}$  of  $S_{k+3}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} S_{k+4} &= \{v_2, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k-5}, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k+1}\}, \\ S_{k+5} &= \{v_2, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k-5}, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k+1}\}, \\ &\vdots \\ S_{2k+2} &= \{v_2, v_5, v_8, v_{11}, \dots, v_{3k-4}, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k+1}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now consider  $S_{2k+3} = \{v_3, v_6, v_9, \dots, v_{3k}, v_{3k+2}\}$ . As before, fixing the first vertex and changing from the  $2^{nd}, 3^{rd}, 4^{th}$  vertices of  $S_{2k+3}$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} S_{2k+4} &= \{v_3, v_5, v_8, v_{11}, \dots, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+2}\} \\ S_{2k+5} &= \{v_3, v_5, v_8, v_{11}, \dots, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+2}\} \\ &\vdots \\ S_{3k+2} &= \{v_3, v_6, v_9, v_{12}, \dots, v_{3k-3}, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+2}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_{3k+2}$  are *i(G)*-sets of  $C_{3k+2}$ . Here  $S_1$  is adjacent  $S_2$  and  $S_{k+4}$ .  $S_2, S_3, S_4, \dots, S_k$  are adjacent to preceding and succeeding vertices.  $S_{k+1}$  is adjacent to  $S_2$  and  $S_k$ .  $S_{k+2}$  is adjacent to  $S_{k+3}$  and  $S_{2k+4}$ .  $S_{k+3}$  is adjacent to  $S_{k+2}$  and  $S_{2k+2}$ .  $S_{k+4}$  is adjacent to  $S_{k+5}$  and  $S_1$ .  $S_{k+5}, S_{k+6}, S_{k+7}, \dots, S_{2k+1}$  are adjacent to the preceding and succeeding vertices.  $S_{2k+2}$  is adjacent to  $S_{2k+1}$  and  $S_{k+3}$ .  $S_{2k+3}$  is adjacent to  $S_3$  and  $S_{3k+2}$ .  $S_{2k+4}$  is adjacent to  $S_{k+2}$  and  $S_{2k+5}$ .  $S_{2k+5}, S_{2k+6}, S_{2k+7}, \dots, S_{3k+1}$  are adjacent to the preceding and succeeding vertices.  $S_{3k+2}$  is adjacent to  $S_{3k+1}$  and  $S_{2k+3}$ .

Thus we get a cycle  $(S_1, S_2, S_{k+1}, S_k, S_{k+1}, \dots, S_3, S_{2k+3}, S_{3k+2}, S_{3k-1}, S_{3k}, \dots, S_{2k+4}, S_{k+2}, S_{k+3}, S_{2k+2}, S_{2k+1}, S_{2k}, \dots, S_{k+4}, S_1)$

which is isomorphic to  $C_{3k+2}$ .

**Proposition 2.8** For  $k \geq 2, C_{3k}(i) \cong \overline{K_3}$

Proof. Since each  $C_{3k}$  for  $k \geq 3$  has 3 disjoint *i(G)*-sets,  $C_{3k}(i) \cong \overline{K_3}$ .

**Proposition 2.9**  $P_{3k}(i) \cong \overline{K_1}$

Proof. Since paths  $P_{3k}$  of order  $3k$  have a unique *i(G)*-set,  $P_{3k}(i) \cong \overline{K_1}$ .

**Proposition 2.10**  $P_{3k+2}(i) \cong P_{k+2}$

Proof. Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{3k+2}$  be the vertices of  $P_{3k+2}$ . We have  $i(P_{3k+2}) = k+1$ .  $S_1 = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k+2}\}, S_2 = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-4}, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+1}\}$  are two *i(G)*-sets of  $P_{3k+2}$ . Now fixing the first vertex and varying from the  $2^{nd}, 3^{rd}, 4^{th}, \dots, k^{th}$  vertices we get the following *i(G)*-sets.

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= \{v_2, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k+1}\} \\ S_4 &= \{v_2, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k+1}\} \\ &\vdots \\ S_{k+1} &= \{v_2, v_5, v_8, v_{11}, \dots, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+1}\} \end{aligned}$$

Also  $S_{k+2} = \{v_1, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k+1}\}$  is an *i(G)*-set of  $P_{3k+2}$ .

Thus there are  $k+2$  *i(G)*-sets of  $P_{3k+2}$ . It is obvious that  $S_1$  is adjacent to  $S_2$  alone and  $S_{k+2}$  is adjacent to  $S_3$  alone.  $S_{k+1}$  is adjacent to  $S_2$  and  $S_k$ .  $S_3, S_4, S_5, \dots, S_k$  are adjacent to the preceding and succeeding vertices. Thus we get a path of length  $P_{k+2}$ . Hence  $P_{3k+2}(i) \cong P_{k+2}$ .

**Definition 2.11** Grid graph is the cartesian product of 2 paths.

The cartesian product of 2 paths  $P_m$  and  $P_n$  is denoted by  $P_m WP_n$  or  $P_m \times P_n$ .

**Proposition 2.12** For  $k \geq 2, (P_2 WP_{2k+1})(i) \cong \overline{K_2}$ .

**Proof.**  $P_2 WP_{2k+1}(i)$  for  $k \geq 2$  has only two disjoint  $i(G)$ -sets. Therefore  $(P_2 WP_{2k+1})(i) \cong \overline{K_2}$ .

The structure of  $i(G)$ -graphs of paths and cycles of order  $3k+1$  can be determined. Assume that the vertices in each of these graphs have been labelled  $1, 2, 3, \dots, 3k+1$ . For  $G = P_{3k+1}$  or  $G = C_{3k+1}, S = \{1, 4, 7, \dots, 3k+1\}$  is a  $i(G)$ -set of size  $k+1$ . In each case, 1 and  $3k+1$  have one external private neighbour while the other numbers of  $S$  have two non adjacent external private neighbours. So  $S_1 - \{1\} \cup \{2\}$  and  $S - \{3k+1\} \cup \{3k\}$  are  $i(G)$ -sets. Further if  $S'$  is an  $i(G)$ -set for  $G = P_{3k+1}$  or  $G = C_{3k+1}$  and vertex  $i$  has exactly one external private neighbour,  $j = i+1$  or  $j = k-1$ , then  $S' = \{i\} \cup \{j\}$  is an  $i(G)$ -set. Let us refer to the process of changing from a  $i(G)$ -set  $S'$  to the  $\gamma$ -set  $S' - \{i\} \cup \{j\}$  as a swap. We see that each swap defines an edge in  $G(i)$ .

**Definition 2.13** We define a step grid  $SG(k)$  to be the induced subgraph of the  $k \times k$  grid graph  $P_k WP_k$  that is defined as follows:

$$SG(k) = (V(K), E(K)) \quad \text{where} \quad V(K) = \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i, j \leq k, i + j \leq k + 2\} \quad \text{and} \\ E(K) = \{(i, j), (i', j') : i = i', j' = j + 1, i' = i + 1, j = j\}.$$

**Theorem 2.14** If  $G = P_{3k+1}$  or  $G = C_{3k+1}$  then  $G(i)$  is connected.

**Proof.** Each independent dominating set  $X$  of  $P_{3k+1}$  is some number of swaps of sets of type 1 ( $X - \{i\} \cup \{i+1\}$ ) or sets of type 2 ( $X - \{i\} \cup \{i-1\}$ ) from  $S$ . Alternatively we can perform swaps from  $S$  to  $X$ . Thus each vertex in  $P_{3k+1}(i)$  can be associated with an ordered pair  $(i, j)$  where  $i$  is the number of swaps of type 2 needed to convert  $S$  to  $X$ . Thus vertex 1 and  $3k+1$  in  $P_{3k+1}$  can be swapped with at most one external private neighbour. However each vertex can be swapped at most once in either direction. Thus the conditions on the ordered pair  $(i, j)$  are  $1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq k, i + j = 2$ . If  $q = i+1$  and  $r = j+1$ , we have  $1 \leq q \leq k+1, 1 \leq r \leq k+1$  and  $q+r \leq (k+1)+2$ .

Thus every  $i(G)$ -set of  $G = P_{3k+1}$  or  $G = C_{3k+1}$  is some number of swaps from the  $i(G)$ -set  $S = \{1, 4, 7, \dots, 3k+1\}$ . Hence  $G(i)$  is connected for these graphs.

**Theorem 2.15**  $P_{3k+1}(i)$  is isomorphic to a step grid of order  $k$  with 2 pendent edges where the pendent vertices correspond to the  $i(G)$ -sets  $\{v_1, v_3, v_6, \dots, v_k\}$  and  $\{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+1}\}$ .

**Proof.** We know that  $i(P_{3k+1}) = k+1$ . Consider the  $i(G)$ -set  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_4, v_7, \dots, v_{3k+1}\}$  of  $P_{3k+1}$ . Fixing the first vertex of  $S_1$  and changing from the  $2^{nd}, 3^{rd}, 4^{th}, \dots, k^{th}$  vertex of  $S_1$  we get,

$$S_2 = \{v_1, v_3, v_6, v_9, \dots, v_{3k}\}$$

$$S_3 = \{v_1, v_4, v_6, v_9, \dots, v_{3k}\}$$

$$S_4 = \{v_1, v_4, v_7, v_9, \dots, v_{3k}\}$$

⋮

$$S_{k+1} = \{v_1, v_4, v_7, v_{10}, \dots, v_{3k}\}.$$

Now consider  $S_{k+2} = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+1}\}$ . Now fixing the first and last vertices of  $S_{k+2}$  and changing the  $k^{th}$  vertex  $(k-1)^{th}$  vertex alone,  $k^{th}$  vertex  $(k-1)^{th}$  vertex (2 vertices),

...,  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ , ...,  $(k-1)^{th}$ ,  $k^{th}$  vertices,  $(k-1)$  vertices, we get  $(k-1)$  *i(G)*-sets. They are

$$S_{k+3} = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-5}, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k+1}\}$$

$$S_{k+4} = \{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-4}, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k+1}\}$$

⋮

$$S_{2k+1} = \{v_2, v_4, v_7, \dots, v_{3k-5}, v_{3k-2}, v_{3k+1}\}$$

Now fixing the first vertex of  $S_{k+2}$  and changing the remaining vertices including the last vertex as before we get  $kC_2$ *i(G)*-sets. Let us denote these  $kC_2$  *i(G)* sets by (3). Thus the total number of *i(G)*-sets of

$$P_{3k+1} = 2k + 1 + kC_2 = 2k + 1 + \frac{k(k-1)}{2} = \frac{k^2 + 3k + 2}{2}. \text{ Of these } \frac{k^2 + 3k + 2}{2} \text{ } i(G) \text{ sets, } S_1 \text{ gets deg}$$

2,  $S_2$  gets deg 1 and the remaining  $(k-1)$  vertices of (1) get deg 3.  $S_{k+2}$  gets deg 1, remaining  $(k-1)$  vertices of (2) get deg 3. Of the  $kC_2$  vertices of (3),  $(k-1)C_2$  get deg 4, remaining  $[kC_2 - (k-1)C_2 = k-1]$  vertices get deg 2.

Thus these  $\frac{k^2 + 3k + 2}{2}$  vertices are connected in  $P_{3k+1}(i)$  and they form the step grid of order  $k$  with 2 pendent vertices  $\{v_1, v_3, v_6, v_9, \dots, v_{3k}\}$  and  $\{v_2, v_5, v_8, \dots, v_{3k-1}, v_{3k+1}\}$ .

**Theorem 2.16** For any triangle free graph  $G$ ,  $G(i)$  is triangle free.

**Proof.** Suppose  $G(i)$  contains a triangle of 3 vertices corresponding to *i(G)*-sets  $S_1, S_2$  and  $S_3$ . Since  $(S_1, S_2)$  corresponds to an edge in  $G(i)$ ,  $S_2 = S_1 - \{x\} \cup \{y\}$  for some  $x, y \in V(G)$  such that  $(x, y) \in E(G)$ . Further since  $(S_2, S_3)$  corresponds to an edge in  $G(i)$ ,  $S_3 = S_2 - \{c\} \cup \{d\}$  for some  $c, d \in V(G)$  such that  $(c, d) \in E(G)$ . However  $S_3 = S_2 - \{c\} \cup \{d\} = S_1 - \{x, c\} \cup \{y, d\}$ . But since  $(S_2, S_3)$  corresponds to an edge in  $G(i)$ ,  $S_3 = S_2 - \{a\} \cup \{b\}$  for some  $a, b \in V(G)$  such that  $(a, b) \in E(G)$ . Since  $S_3$  is not two swap away from  $S_1$ , it must be the case  $x = a, c = y$  and  $b = d$ . But this implies that  $(x, y), (x, b)$  and  $(y, b)$  are edges in  $E(G)$ , a contradiction since  $G$  is triangle free. Thus for any triangle free graph  $G$ , there is no  $K_3$  induced subgraph in  $G(i)$ .

**Corollary 2.17** For any tree  $T$ ,  $T(i)$  is triangle free.

**Theorem 2.18** For any tree  $T$ ,  $T(n)$  is  $C_n$ -free for any odd  $n \geq 3$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $T(i)$  contains a cycle  $C$  of  $k \geq 3$  vertices where  $k$  is odd. Let  $x$  be the vertex in  $C$  and let  $S$  be the *i(G)*-set corresponding to the vertex  $x$ . Let  $y$  and  $z$  be the two vertices on  $C$  of distance  $m = \frac{k-1}{2}$  swaps away from  $x$  with corresponding *i(G)*-sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . That is there is a path  $P_1$  corresponding to a series of vertex swaps say  $x_1$  for  $y_1$ ,  $x_2$  for  $y_2, \dots, x_m$  for  $y_m$  so that  $S_1 = S - X \cup Y$  where  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m\}$  and  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_m\}$ . Likewise there is a path  $P_2$  corresponding to a series of vertex swaps say  $w_1$  for  $z_1, w_2$  for  $z_2, \dots, w_m$  for  $z_m$  so that  $S_2 = S - W \cup Z$  where  $W = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_m\}$  and  $Z = \{z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_m\}$ . However since  $(y, z) \in E(T(i)), S_2 = S_1 - \{a\} \cup \{b\}$  for some  $a, b \in V(T)$ . Thus this must be the case that the set  $X = W - \{w_j\} \cup \{x_j\}$  and  $Y = Z - \{z_j\} \cup \{y_j\}$ . This implies that  $S_2 = S_1 - \{y_j\} \cup \{x_j\}$  and

$(x_j, y_j) \in E(T(i))$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Since  $x_j$  was swapped for  $y_j$  and  $x_k$  was swapped for  $y_k$  in  $P_1$ , we also know that  $(x_j, y_j) \in E(T(i))$  and  $(x_k, y_k) \in E(T(i))$ . Now both  $x_j$  and  $y_j$  are in  $S_2$ . So there exists a swap  $x_l$  for  $y_l$  in  $P_2$  such that  $(x_l, y_l) \in E(T(i))$ . However in path  $P_1$ ,  $x_l$  was swapped for  $y_l$  and thus  $(x_l, y_l) \in E(T(i))$ . Similarly  $y_l \in S_2$ , so there exists some  $x_s$  so that in path  $P_2$ ,  $x_s$  was swapped for  $y_l$ . We can continue to find the alternating path  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  swaps. But since  $m$  is finite, we reach a vertex  $y_q$  which swapped with  $x_j$  in  $P_2$ , thus creating a cycle in  $T$  and contradicting the fact that  $T$  is cycle-free. Hence  $T(i)$  is free of odd cycle.

**Theorem 2.19** Every tree  $T$  is the  $i$ -graph of some graph.

**Proof.** Let us prove the theorem by induction on the order  $n$  of a tree  $T$ . The trees  $T = K_1$  and  $T = K_2$  are the  $i$ -graphs of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  respectively.

Let us assume that the theorem is true for all trees  $T$  of order at most  $n$  and let  $T'$  be a tree of order  $n+1$ . Let  $v$  be a leaf of  $T'$  with support  $u$ .  $T' - v$  is a tree of order  $n$ . By induction we know that the tree  $T' - v$  is the  $i$ -graph of some graph say  $G$ . Let  $i(G) = k$  and  $S_u = \{u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_k\}$  be the  $i(G)$ -set of  $G$  corresponding to the vertex  $u$  in  $T' - v$ .

Construct a new graph  $G'$  by attaching  $k$  leaves to the vertices in  $S_u$  say  $S'_u = \{u'_1, u'_2, u'_3, \dots, u'_k\}$ . Now add a new vertex  $x$  and join it to each of the vertices in  $S'_u$ . Finally attach a leaf  $y$  adjacent to  $x$ . Then every  $i(G)$ -set of the new graph  $G$  must either be of the form  $S \cup \{x\}$  for any  $i(G)$ -set  $S$  in  $G$  or the one new  $i(G)$ -set  $S_u \cup \{y\}$ .

$S_u \cup \{x\}$  is adjacent to  $S_u \cup \{y\}$  in the graph  $i$ -graph of  $G'$ . Also the vertex corresponding to the  $i(G)$ -set  $S_u \cup \{y\}$  is adjacent only to the vertex corresponding to the  $i(G)$ -set  $S_u \cup \{x\}$  and the  $i(G)$ -set  $S_u \cup \{y\}$  corresponding to the vertex  $v$  in  $T'$ . Thus the  $i$ -graph of the graph  $G''$  is isomorphic to the tree  $T'$ .

**$i$ -graph sequence:** From a given graph we can construct the  $i$ -graph repeatedly that is  $G \xrightarrow{i} G(i) \xrightarrow{i} G(i)(i)$  etc. We can also see that often the sequence ends with  $K_1$ . We can list some examples of the phenomenon.

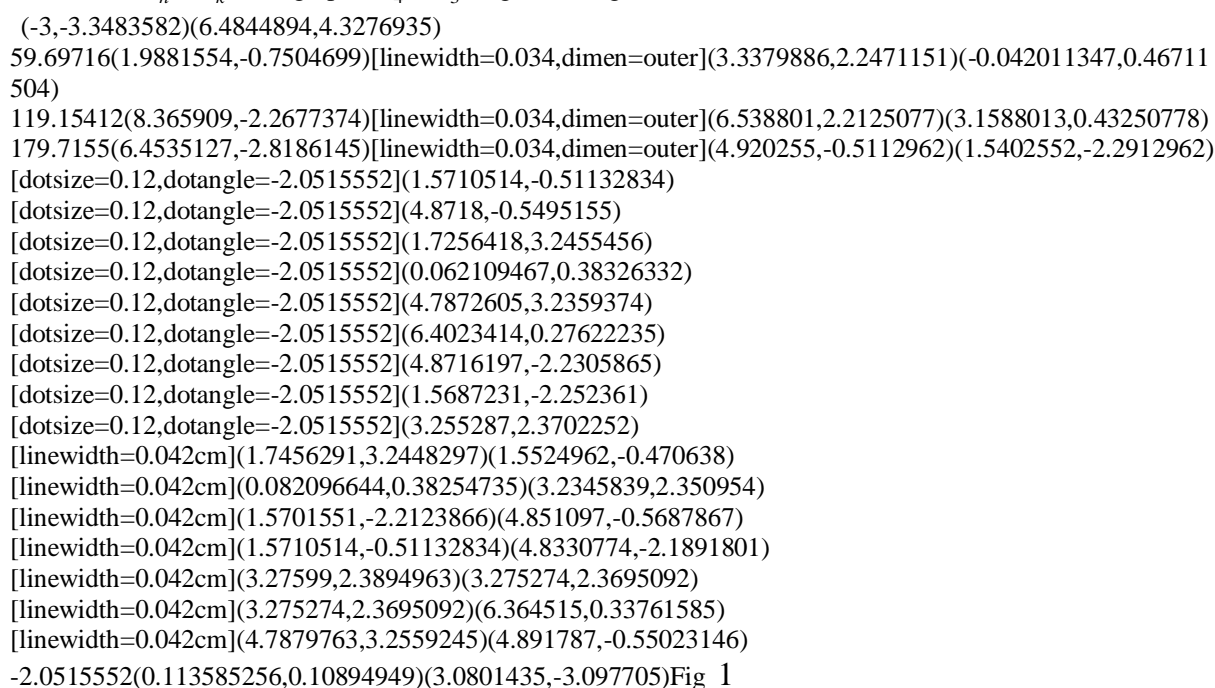
- (1).  $K_{1,n} \xrightarrow{i} K_1$
- (2).  $C_{3k} \xrightarrow{i} \overline{K_3} \xrightarrow{i} K_1$
- (3).  $\overline{K_n} \xrightarrow{i} K_1$
- (4).  $P_4 \xrightarrow{i} P_3 \xrightarrow{i} K_i$
- (5).  $P_2WP_3 \xrightarrow{i} \overline{K_3} \xrightarrow{i} K_1$  the sequence can be infinite.
- (6).  $P_2WP_6 \xrightarrow{i} P_3 \cup P_4 \xrightarrow{i} K_1$  the sequence can be infinite.
- (7).  $P_2WP_{2k+1} \xrightarrow{i} \overline{K_2} \xrightarrow{i} K_1$  the sequence can be infinite.

Although all the  $i$ -graph sequences terminated after a small number of steps, for some graph the sequence can be infinite.

For example

1.  $K_n \xrightarrow{i} K_n \xrightarrow{i} K_n \xrightarrow{i} \dots$
2.  $C_{3k+2} \xrightarrow{i} C_{3k+2} \xrightarrow{i} C_{3k+2} \xrightarrow{i} \dots$
3.  $P_3WP_3 \xrightarrow{i} C_8 \xrightarrow{i} C_8 \xrightarrow{i} \dots$

**Definition 2.20** Let us define a new class of graph as follows. These graphs are combinations of cycles and complete graphs. Consider  $C_k$ , the cycle on  $k$  vertices  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k)$ . If  $k$  is odd, we replace each edge  $(x_i, x_{(i+1) \pmod k}) \in E(C_k)$ ,  $i \leq i \leq k$  with a complete graph of size  $n$ . That is we add vertices  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n-2}$  and all possible edges corresponding to these vertices and  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$ . This is repeated for each of the original edges in  $C_k$ . If  $k$  is even, we replace one vertex  $x_1$  with a complete graph  $K_n$  and add edges from  $X_k$  and  $K_2$  to each vertex in the added  $K_n$ . Then for each of the edge  $(x_i, x_{(i+1) \pmod k})$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq k-1$  we make the same replacement as we did when  $k$  is odd. We call the graph formed in this manner as  $K_n \circ C_k$ . The graph  $K_4 \circ C_3$  is given in fig 5.3.



**Proposition 2.21**  $(K_n \circ C_k)(i) \cong kK_{n-2}$ .

**Proof.** We only prove the case when  $n$  is odd since the graph  $(K_n \circ C_k)$  consists of  $kK_n$  subgraphs arranged along an odd cycle  $C_k$ . We choose vertices that will dominate the vertices in each  $K_n$  subgraph. This is minimally accomplished by choosing the vertices that are on the inner cycle. Each of these two vertices dominate two adjacent  $K_n$  subgraphs. Let  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_k$  be the vertices of the inner cycle and  $a_{i1}, a_{i2}, a_{i3}, \dots, a_{in_2}$  be the vertices of  $K_n$  drawn on the edge  $v_i v_j$  of the cycle  $C_k$ . Then  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, \dots, v_{k-2}, a_{k-1,1}\}$ ,  $S_2 = \{v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_{k-1}, a_{k-1}\}$  and  $S_3 = \{v_3, v_5, v_7, \dots, v_k, a_{11}\}$  are three  $i(G)$  sets of  $K_n \circ C_k$  with cardinality =  $\frac{k+1}{2}$ . Since there are 2 vertices  $v_{k-2}$  and  $v_1$  of  $S_1$ , the

vertices of  $K_n$  drawn on the edge  $v_{k-1} v_k$  is not determined by the first  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  vertices of  $S_1$ . Hence any one

of the vertices of that  $K_n$  except  $v_{k-1}$  and  $v_k$  should be an element of  $S_1$ . Hence  $a_{k-1}$  and  $v_k$  dominates that  $K_n$ . There are  $n-2$  choices for the last vertex of  $S_1$ . Now, varying the last vertex of  $S_1$ , these  $n-2$   $i(G)$  sets including  $S_1$  and these  $n-2$   $i(G)$  sets are adjacent with each other and they form a  $K_{n-2}$ . Now fixing the first vertex of  $S_1$  and changing from the  $2^{nd}$  vertex, we get the  $i(G)$  set  $S_4 = \{v_1, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_{k-1}, a_{2,1}\}$ . Now changing from the  $3^{rd}, 4^{th}, 5^{th}, \dots, \frac{k-1}{2}$  vertices we get  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  number of  $K_{n-2}$  graph. Thus with  $v_1$  as the first vertex we get  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  number of  $K_{n-2}$  graphs. Similarly using  $S_2$  we get  $\frac{k-1}{2}$  number of  $K_{n-2}$  graph. Now changing the last vertex of  $S_3$  by allowing all  $n-2$  choices for it we get a  $K_{n-2}$  graph. Thus the total number of  $K_{n-2}$  graph =  $\frac{k-1}{2} + \frac{k-2}{2} + 1 = k$ . Therefore  $(K_n \circ C_k)(i) = kK_{n-2}$ .

**To find the number of independent dominating sets of the comb:**

Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  be the supports and  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the corresponding pendent vertices of the comb  $Cb_n$ . In each  $i(G)$  -set, let us arrange the pendants and supports individually in the ascending order of suffixes.  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is the only  $i(G)$ -set with  $n$  pendent vertices. Hence the  $i(G)$ -set with no support is 1. The  $i(G)$  - sets with only one support are  $\{v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n, u_1\}, \{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n, u_2\}, \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n, u_2\}, \dots, \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}, u_n\}$

**To find the number of independent dominating sets with 2 supports:**

The  $i(G)$  - sets with  $u_1$  as first support are  $\{v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2\}, \{v_2, v_3, v_5, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_4\}, \{v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_5\}, \dots, \{v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_{n-1}, u_1, u_n\}$ . Thus we get  $n-2$   $i(G)$ - sets with  $u_1$  as first support.

The  $i(G)$  - sets with  $u_2$  as first support are  $\{v_1, v_3, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n, u_2, u_4\}, \{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n, u_2, u_5\}, \dots, \{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_{n-2}, v_{n-1}, u_2, u_n\}$ . Thus there are  $n-3$   $i(G)$  - sets with  $u_2$  as first support. Proceeding like this we see that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-3}, v_{n-1}, u_{n-2}, u_n\}$  is the only  $i(G)$ - set with  $u_{n-2}$  as first support.

Hence the total number of  $i(G)$  - sets with 2 supports are  $(n-2) + (n-3) + (n-4) + \dots + 3 + 2 + 1 = \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$ .

Here we see that  $Cb_3$  is the smallest comb having  $i(G)$ -sets with 2 supports.

**To find the number of independent dominating sets with 3 supports:**

$Cb_5$  is the smallest comb containing  $i(G)$ -sets with 3 supports and  $\{v_2, v_4, u_1, u_3, u_5\}$  is the only  $i(G)$ -set with 3 supports. For sake of brevity we use the following notation. We denote supports only. For example let us denote  $\{v_2, v_4, u_1, u_3, u_5\}$  by  $\{u_1, u_3, u_5\}$ .

For the comb  $Cb_n$ , the  $i(G)$  -set with first support  $u_1$  and second support  $u_3$  are  $\{u_1, u_3, u_5\}, \{u_1, u_3, u_6\}, \{u_1, u_3, u_7\}, \dots, \{u_1, u_3, u_n\}$  i.e, here we fix the first 2 supports and vary the third support. Thus we get  $n-4$   $i(G)$ -sets. Now fixing  $u_1$  and  $u_4$  as the first 2 supports and varying the third support we get the



*i(G)* -sets  $\{u_1, u_4, u_6\}$ ,  $\{u_1, u_4, u_7\}$ ,  $\{u_1, u_4, u_8\}$ , ...,  $\{u_1, u_4, u_n\}$ . Thus we get  $n-5$  *i(G)* -sets. Proceeding like this we get  $\{u_1, u_{n-2}, u_n\}$  is the only *i(G)*-set with  $u_1$  as the first support and  $u_{n-2}$  as the second support. Hence the number of *i(G)* -sets with  $u_1$  as the first support is  $(n-4) + (n-5) + (n-6) + \dots + 2 + 1 = \frac{(n-4)(n-3)}{2}$ .

Now fixing  $u_2$  and  $u_4$  as the first 2 supports and varying the third support we get  $n-5$  *i(G)*-sets. Similarly by fixing  $u_2$  and  $u_5$  as the first 2 supports and varying the third support we get  $n-6$  *i(G)*-sets. Proceeding like this, by fixing  $u_2$  and  $u_{n-2}$  as the first 2 supports we get only one *i(G)*-set. Hence the number of *i(G)*-sets with first support  $u_2$  is  $(n-5) + (n-4) + (n-3) + \dots + 2 + 1 = \frac{(n-5)(n-4)}{2}$ .

Continuing in a similar way, by fixing  $u_{n-4}$  and  $u_{n-2}$  as the first two supports we get only one *i(G)*-set. Thus the total number of *i(G)*-sets with 3 supports is

$$= \frac{(n-4)(n-3)}{2} + \frac{(n-5)(n-4)}{2} + \frac{(n-6)(n-5)}{2} + \dots + \frac{2 \times 1}{2} \tag{1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=5}^n (k-4)(k-3)$$

Hence the number of *i(G)*-sets of  $Cb_5, Cb_6, Cb_7, Cb_8, Cb_9, \dots$  are 1,4,10,20,35,....

**To find the number of independent dominating sets with 4 supports.**

$Cb_7$  is the smallest comb having *i(G)*-set with 4 supports.

For the comb, the number of *i(G)*-sets with  $u_1, u_3, u_5$  as first 3 supports =  $n-7$ .

The number of *i(G)*-sets with  $u_1, u_3, u_{n-2}$  as first 3 supports = 1.

Hence the number of *i(G)*-sets with  $u_1$  and  $u_3$  as first two supports =  $\frac{(n-5)(n-6)}{2}$ .

Similarly number of *i(G)*-set with  $u_1$  and  $u_4$  as the first 2 supports =  $\frac{(n-6)(n-7)}{2}$

Number of *i(G)*-sets with  $u_1, u_{n-5}$  as first 2 supports = 3.

Number of *i(G)*-sets with  $u_1, u_{n-4}$  as first 2 supports = 1.

Therefore number of *i(G)*-sets with  $u_1$  as first support.

$$= \frac{(n-6)(n-5)}{2} + \frac{(n-7)(n-6)}{2} + \frac{(n-8)(n-7)}{2} + \dots + 6 + 3 + 1 \tag{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=7}^9 (k-6)(k-5)$$

Similarly number of *i(G)*-sets with first support  $u_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=7}^{n-1} (k-6)(k-5)$ .

Number of *i(G)*-sets with first support  $u_3 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=7}^{n-2} (k-6)(k-5)$ .

Proceeding like this we get the number of *i(G)*-sets with first support  $n-7$  is 3 and the number of *i(G)*-sets

with first support  $n-6$  is 1. Hence the total number of  $i(G)$  -sets with 4 supports is  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=7}^n (k-6)(k-5) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=7}^{n-1} (k-6)(k-5) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=7}^{n-2} (k-6)(k-5) + \dots + 6 + 3 + 1$ . Hence the number of  $i(G)$ -sets of  $Cb_7, Cb_8, Cb_9, \dots$  are 1,5,15,35,....

**To find the smallest comb with only one  $i(G)$ -set with 5 supports:**

$Cb_9$  is the smallest comb with only one  $i(G)$ -set with 5 supports. For the comb  $Cb_7$ , the number of  $i(G)$  -sets with  $u_1, u_3, u_5, u_7$  as first 4 supports is  $n-8$ . The number of  $i(G)$  -sets with  $u_1, u_3, u_5, u_8$  as first 4 supports is  $n-9$ .

The number of  $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_1, u_3, u_5, u_7$  as first 4 supports is 1. Thus the the number of  $i(G)$ -sets with first 3 vertices  $u_1, u_3, u_5; u_1, u_3, u_6; u_1, u_3, u_7 \dots, u_1, u_3, u_{n-4}$  are  $\frac{(n-8)(n-7)}{2}, \frac{(n-9)(n-8)}{2}, \frac{(n-10)(n-9)}{2}, \dots, 1$

Therefore number of  $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_1, u_3$  as first 2 supports =  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^n (k-8)(k-7)$ .

Similarly number of  $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_1, u_3$  as first 2 supports =  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-1} (k-8)(k-7)$

⋮

Number of  $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_1, u_{n-6}$  as first 2 supports is 1.

Number of  $i(G)$  -sets with first support  $u_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^n (k-8)(k-7) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-1} (k-8)(k-7) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-2} (k-8)(k-7) + \dots + 10 + 4 + 1$ .

Similarly number of  $i(G)$  -sets with  $u_2$  as first support =  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-1} (k-8)(k-7) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-2} (k-8)(k-7) + \dots + 10 + 4 + 1$

⋮

Number of  $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_2$  as first support is 1.

Therefore total number of  $i(G)$  -sets with 5 supports is  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=9}^n (k-8)(k-7) + \frac{2}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-1} (k-8)(k-7) + \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-2} (k-8)(k-7) + \frac{4}{2} \sum_{k=9}^{n-3} (k-8)(k-7) + \dots + (n-10)6 + (n-9)4 + (n-8)1$ .

Thus the total number of  $i(G)$ -sets of  $Cb_9, Cb_{10}, Cb_{11}, Cb_{12}, \dots$  with 5 supports are 1,6,21,56,...

By a similar method we can find the number of  $i(G)$ -sets of the comb with more number of supports.

**Note 2.22** Consider the sequence 1,4,10,20,35,56,84,120,165,.... (1)

This is the sequence of number of  $i(G)$  -sets of the comb with 3 supports. Let  $t_1 = 1, t_2 = 4, t_3 = 10, t_4 = 20, \dots$ . The partial sums of the sequence are

$$S_1 = t_1 = 1$$

$$S_2 = t_1 + t_2 = 1 + 4 = 5$$

$$S_3 = t_1 + t_2 + t_3 = 1 + 4 + 10 = 15$$

$$S_4 = t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4 = 1 + 4 + 10 + 20 = 35$$

⋮

Thus the sequence of partial sums of the sequence (1) is 1,5,15,35,.... (2)

The terms of this sequence represents the number of *i(G)*-sets with 4 supports of the comb.

The sequence of partial sums of the sequence (2) are 1,6,21,56,... (3).

The terms of this sequence represent the number of *i(G)*-sets with 5 supports of the comb.

The sequence of partial sums of the sequence (3) are 1,7,28,84,210,... The terms of the sequence represent the number of *i(G)*-sets with 6 supports of the comb.

Thus if the number of *i(G)*-sets with *n* supports is known, the number of *i(G)*-sets with *n + 1* supports can be found out.

**Note 2.23**

1. Let us denote the partial sums of the sequence of number of *i(G)*-sets with *k* supports by  $S_{k_1}, S_{k_2}, S_{k_3}, \dots$

Then  $S_{3,1} = 1, S_{3,2} = 4, S_{3,3} = 10, S_{3,4} = 20, \dots$

$S_{4,1} = 1, S_{4,2} = 5, S_{4,3} = 15, S_{4,4} = 35, \dots$

$S_{5,1} = 1, S_{5,2} = 6, S_{5,3} = 21, S_{5,4} = 56, \dots$  and so on.

2. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the comb  $Cb_n$  with 2 supports = number of *i(G)*-sets of the comb  $Cb_{n-1}$  with 2 supports +  $(n-2) = \frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n-3) + (n-2)$ .

3. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the comb  $Cb_n$  with 3 supports =  $S_{3,n-5} + \frac{1}{2}(n-3)(n-4)$ .

4. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the comb  $Cb_n$  with 4 supports =  $S_{3,n-6} + S_{4,n-7}$ .

5. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the comb  $Cb_n$  with 5 supports =  $S_{4,n-8} + S_{5,n-9}$ .

6. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the comb  $Cb_n$  with 6 supports =  $S_{5,n-10} + S_{6,n-11}$ . and so on.

**Theorem 2.24** Let us denote the graph  $Cb_n(i)$  by  $G_n$ . Then order of  $G_n$  = order of  $G_{n-1}$  + order of  $G_{n-2}$ .

**Proof.** We know that  $Cb_n$  has  $2n$  vertices and  $i(Cb_n) = n$ . Also the maximum number of supports in an

$$i(G)\text{-set of } Cb_n = \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil.$$

Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  be the supports and  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the pendent vertices of the comb  $Cb_n$ . Then  $o(G_n) =$  Number of *i(G)* sets with *n* pendants + Number of *i(G)*-sets with *n - 1* pendants + Number of

*i(G)* -sets with *n - 2* pendants + ... + Number of *i(G)* -sets with  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  pendants

$$= 1 + n + \frac{1}{2}(n-1)(n-2) + S_{3,n-4} + S_{4,n-6} + S_{5,n-8} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 i.e)o(G_n) &= 1+n+\frac{1}{2}(n-1)(n-2)+S_{3,n-4}+S_{4,n-6}+S_{5,n-8}+\dots \\
 &= 1+[(n-1)+1]+[\frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n-3)+(n-2)]+ \\
 &[S_{3,n-5}+\frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n-3)]+(S_{3,n-6}+S_{4,n-7})+ \\
 &(S_{4,n-8}+S_{5,n-9})+(S_{5,n-10}+S_{6,n-11}+\dots+ \\
 &= 1+[(n-1)+\frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n-3)+(S_{3,n-6}+S_{4,n-7})+ \\
 &(S_{4,n-8}+S_{5,n-9})+(S_{5,n-10}+S_{6,n-11})+\dots+ \\
 &= 1+[(n-1)+\frac{1}{2}(n-2)(n-3)+(S_{3,n-5}+S_{4,n-7})+ \\
 &S_{5,n-9}+\dots]+[1+(n-2)+\frac{1}{2}(n-3)(n-4)+S_{3,n-6}+ \\
 &S_{4,n-8}+S_{5,n-10}+\dots \\
 &= O(G_{n-1})+O(G_{n-2})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3}$$

**Example 2.25** When  $n = 1$ ,  $Cb_1 \cong K_2$  and

$$|Cb_1(i)| = 2 = 1+1$$

$$|Cb_2(i)| = 3 = 1+2$$

$$|Cb_3(i)| = 5 = 1+3+1 = 1+(2+1)+1 = (1+2)+(1+1)$$

$$|Cb_4(i)| = 8 = 1+4+3 = 1+(3+1)+(1+2) = (1+3+1)+(1+2)$$

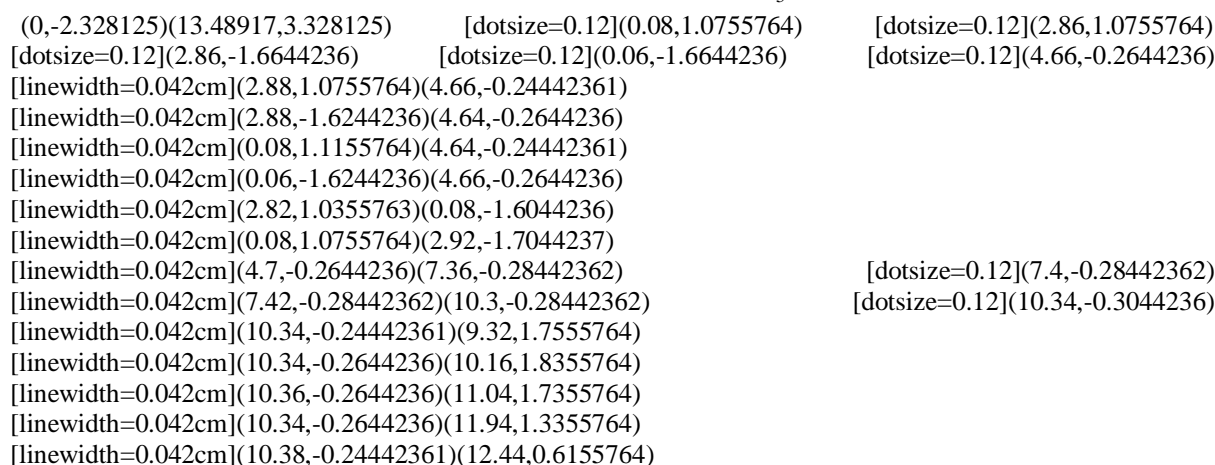
$$|Cb_5(i)| = 13 = 1+5+6+1 = 1+(4+1)+(3+3)+1 = (1+4+3)+(1+3+1)$$

$$|Cb_6(i)| = 21 = 1+6+10+4 = 1+(5+1)+(6+4)+(1+3) = (1+5+6+1)+(1+4+3) \text{ and so on.}$$

**Theorem 2.26** For any complete graph  $H$ , there exists a graph  $G \circledast H$  such that  $G(i) \cong H$ .

**Proof.** Let  $H$  be a complete graph with vertices  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$ . By construction, let us prove that there exists a graph  $G \circledast H$  such that  $G(i) \cong H$ . To form  $G$ , we add a star  $K_{1,s}$  of order  $s+1$  with vertices  $p_1, p_2, p_3 \dots p_{s+1}$ , center  $p_2$  and  $s \geq 3$  and add an edge joining any one of the leaf of  $K_{1,s}$  to a vertex  $v_i$  of  $H, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Since no vertex of  $G$  is adjacent to any other vertex,  $i(G) \geq 2$ . Obviously  $X_i = \{p_2, v_i\}, 1 \leq i \leq n$  is an  $i(G)$ -set for  $G$ , since each  $v_i$  dominates all the other vertices of  $K_{1,s}$ . Since  $p_2$  is the only vertex of  $K_{1,s}$  which dominates all the vertices of  $K_{1,s}$  there are no other  $i(G)$ -sets for  $G$ . Hence  $X_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  are the only  $i(G)$ -sets for  $G$ .

Each  $i(G)$ -set differs by only one vertex as  $p_2$  appears in every  $i(G)$ -set of  $G$ . Hence  $G(i) \cong H$ . The following figure shows the construction of the graph  $G$  with  $H \cong K_5$  so that  $G(i) \cong H$ .



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 $p_3$  (10.0987015,2.1396875)  $p_4$  (11.178701,2.0796876)  $p_5$  (12.398702,1.4796875)  $p_6$   
 (12.978702,0.6596875)  $p_7$  (12.998701,-0.3003125)  $p_8$  (12.818703,-1.2403125)  $p_9$   
 (10.168701,-2.1003125)  $p_{s+1}$  [linewidth=0.032,dimen=outer](2.84,1.1355762)(0.02,-1.6844236)

**Corollary 2.27** Every complete graph  $H$  of order  $n$  is the  $i$ -graph  $G$  of order  $n + m$  where  $m \geq 3$ .

**Definition 2.28** A graph obtained by attaching a pendent edge to each vertex of the  $n$ -cycle is called a crown. Let us denote it by  $G_n$  and  $G_n = C_n \mathbf{e}K_1$ . Hence a crown  $G_n$  has  $2n$  vertices.

Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the cycle(supports) and  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the corresponding pendent vertices. It is obvious that  $i(G_n) = n$ . In the  $i(G)$ -set of  $G_n$ , let us arrange the pendent vertices and supports in the increasing order of the suffixes. Note that maximum number of supports in any  $i(G)$ -set of  $G_n = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

**To find the number of independent dominating sets of a crown:**

As  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is the only  $i(G)$ -set with  $n$  pendent vertices, the number of  $i(G)$ -set with no support is 1.

The sets  $\{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n, u_1\}, \{v_1, v_3, \dots, v_n, u_2\}, \dots, \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}, u_n\}$  are the  $n$   $i(G)$ -sets with only one support. Hence the number of  $i(G)$ -sets with one support is  $n$ .

The  $i(G)$ -sets containing 2 supports with  $u_1$  as the first support are  $\{v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, u_1, u_3\}, \{v_2, v_3, v_5, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_4\}, \dots, \{v_2, v_3, v_4, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_{n-1}\}$ . Thus we get  $n - 3$   $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_1$  as the first support.

The  $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_2$  as the first support are  $\{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_n, u_2, u_4\}, \{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_6, v_7, \dots, v_n, u_2, v_5\}, \dots, \{v_1, v_3, v_4, v_5, \dots, v_{n-2}, u_2, u_n\}$ . Thus there are  $n - 3$   $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_2$  as the first support.

The  $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_3$  as the first support are  $\{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n, u_3, u_5\}, \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_n, u_3, u_6\}, \dots, \{v_1, v_2, v_4, v_5, v_6, \dots, v_{n-1}, u_3, u_n\}$ . Thus there are  $n - 4$   $i(G)$ -sets with  $u_3$  as the first support. Hence the number of  $i(G)$ -sets with 2 supports is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (n - 3) + [(n - 3) + (n - 4) + (n - 5) + \dots + 1] \\
 &= n - 3 + \frac{(n - 3)(n - 2)}{2} \tag{4} \\
 &= \frac{2n - 6 + n^2 - 5n + 6}{2} = \frac{n^2 - 3n}{2} \dots\dots\dots(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$G_4$  is the smallest crown with  $i(G)$ -sets containing 2 supports. Hence substituting  $n - 4, 5, 6, \dots$  in (1) we get the sequence 2, 5, 9, 14, 20, 27, 35, 44, 54, 65, 77, 90, \dots\dots\dots(2)

ie)the terms in the sequence (2) represent the number of  $i(G)$ -sets of the crown  $G_4, G_5, G_6, \dots$ . Let

$t_1 = 2, t_2 = 5, t_3 = 9, t_4 = 14, t_5 = 20, t_6 = 27, t_7 = 35, t_8 = 44, t_9 = 54, t_{10} = 65, t_{11} = 77, t_{12} = 90, \dots$

Consider the sequence of partial sums of (2).

$S_1 = 2, S_2 = 7, S_3 = 16, S_4 = 30, S_5 = 50, S_6 = 77, S_7 = 112, S_8 = 156, S_9 = 210, S_{10} = 275, \dots$

ie)the sequence of partial sums of (2) is 2,7,16,30,50,77,112,156,.....(3)

The terms of (3) represent the number of *i(G)*-sets of the crown  $G_6, G_7, G_8, \dots$  with 3 supports . The sequence of partial sums of (3) is 2,9,25,55,105,182,.....(4)

The terms of this sequence represent the number of *i(G)*-sets of the crown  $G_8, G_9, G_{10}, \dots$  with 4 supports. In a similar manner the number of *i(G)*-sets of the crown with more number of supports can be found out.

**Note 2.29**

1. We denote the partial sums of the sequence of number of *i(G)* -sets with *k* -supports by  $S_{k,1}, S_{k,2}, S_{k,3}, \dots$

Then

$S_{2,1}=2, S_{2,2}=5, S_{2,3}=9, S_{2,4}=14, S_{2,5}=20, S_{2,6}=27, S_{2,7}=35, \dots, S_{3,1}=2, S_{3,2}=7, S_{3,3}=16, S_{3,4}=30, S_{3,5}=50, S_{3,6}=77, S_{3,7}=112, S_{3,8}=156, \dots, S_{4,1}=2, S_{4,2}=9, S_{4,3}=25, S_{4,4}=55, S_{4,5}=105, S_{4,6}=182, S_{4,7}=294, \dots$

2. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the crown  $G_n$  with 2 supports =  $S_{2,n-4} + n - 2$ .
3. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the crown  $G_n$  with 3 supports =  $S_{3,n-6} + S_{2,n-5}$ .
4. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the crown  $G_n$  with 4 supports =  $S_{4,n-8} + S_{3,n-7}$ .
5. Number of *i(G)*-sets of the crown  $G_n$  with 5 supports =  $S_{5,n-10} + S_{4,n-9}$  . and so on.

**Theorem 2.30** Let  $G_n$  be a crown of order *n* . Then  $G_n(i) =$  order of  $G_{n-1}(i) +$  order of  $G_{n-2}(i)$

**Proof.** Let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the cycle and  $v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n$  be the corresponding pendent vertices.  $O(G_n(i)) =$  Number of *i(G)* sets with *n* pendants + Number of *i(G)*-sets with *n* - 1 pendants +

Number of *i(G)*-sets with *n* - 2 pendants + ... + Number of *i(G)*-sets with  $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor$  pendants. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 O(G_n(i)) &= 1 + n + S_{2,n-3} + S_{3,n-5} + S_{4,n-7} + S_{5,n-9} + \dots + S_{3,n-(n-1)} \\
 &= 1 + [(n-1) + 1] + [S_{2,n-4} + (n-2)] + (S_{3,n-6} + S_{2,n-5}) \\
 &+ (S_{4,n-8} + S_{3,n-7}) + (S_{5,n-10} + S_{4,n-9} + \dots + \\
 &= 1 + [(n-1) + (S_{2,n-4} + S_{3,n-6}) + (S_{4,n-8}) + \dots + 1 + \\
 &[(n-2) + (S_{2,n-5} + S_{3,n-7}) + S_{4,n-9} + \dots] \\
 &= O(G_{n-1}(i)) + O(G_{n-2}(i))
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2.31** When  $n = 3$  ,  $|G_n(i)| = 4 = 1 + 3$

When  $n = 4$  ,  $|G_n(i)| = 7 = 1 + 4 + 2 = 1 + (3 + 1) + 2 = (1 + 3) + (1 + 2)$

When  $n = 5$  ,  $|G_n(i)| = 11 = 1 + 5 + 5 = 1 + (4 + 1) + (2 + 3) = (1 + 4 + 2) + (1 + 3)$

When  $n = 6$  ,  $|G_n(i)| = 18 = 1 + 6 + 9 + 2 = 1 + (5 + 1) + (5 + 4) + 2 = (1 + 5 + 5) + (1 + 4 + 2)$

When  $n = 7$  ,  
 $|G_n(i)| = 29 = 1 + 7 + 14 + 7 = 1 + (6 + 1) + (9 + 5) + (2 + 5) = (1 + 6 + 9 + 12) + (1 + 5 + 5)$

When  $n = 8$  ,  
 $|G_n(i)| = 47 = 1 + 8 + 20 + 16 + 2 = 1 + (7 + 1) + (14 + 6) + (7 + 9) + 2 = (1 + 7 + 14 + 7) + (1 + 6 + 9 + 2)$

When

$$n = 9$$

$|G_n(i)| = 76 = 1 + 9 + 27 + 30 + 9 = 1 + (8+1) + (20+7) + (16+14) + (2+7) = (1+8+20+16+2) + (1+7+1+7)$   
and so on.

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