

# Signed Unidomination Number of a Rooted Product Graph of a Path with a Cycle

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**Abstract** - The field of graph theory has grown exponentially in importance in Mathematics. The theory of graph domination has recently emerged as an exciting new area of graph theory research, attracting the attention of a wide range of scientists. The idea Dunbar et al. [3] introduced the concept of a signed dominating function. Siva Parvathi [9] investigates the signed dominating functions of corona product graphs  $C_n \odot K_m$  and  $P_n \odot K_{1,m}$ . In 2019, Aruna [1] defined and studied the signed unidominating function, and the results on the signed unidomination number and the upper signed unidomination number of some corona product graphs are discussed here. Godsil and McKay [4] introduced the rooted product, a new two-graph product denoted by  $G \&H$ , in 1978. Shobha Rani [8] studied by signed edge dominance on a rooted product graph. In this paper, we present the concepts signed unidominating function and upper signed unidomination number of a graph and studied these concepts for a rooted product graph of a path with a cycle.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Due to its applications in various fields of science and technology, graph theory is currently undergoing and being motivated to a greater extent, and it has piqued the interest of many researchers. In their two books [5, 6], Haynes et al. provide an overview and extensive summary of domination in graphs and related topics. The theory of domination in graphs was introduced by Ore [7] and Berge [2], and it has become a popular area of graph theory research in the last three decades. This paper discovers the signed unidomination number and upper signed unidomination number of a rooted product graph of a path with a cycle. This graph also includes the number of minimal signed unidominating functions with maximum weight and the number of signed unidominating functions with minimum weight.

## II. ROOTED PRODUCT OF $P_n$ AND $C_m$

The rooted product of a path  $P_n$  with a cycle  $C_m$  is a graph formed by taking one replica of a  $n$ -vertex graph  $P_n$  and  $n$  replicas of  $C_m$  and then joining the  $i^{\text{th}}$ -vertex of  $P_n$  with any one vertex in  $i^{\text{th}}$  replica of  $C_m$ . Every  $i^{\text{th}}$  vertex of  $P_n$  is merging with any one vertex in every  $i^{\text{th}}$  replica of  $C_m$  to identify the root. The rooted product of two graphs  $P_n$  and  $C_m$  is represented by  $P_n \circ C_m$ , where  $P_n$  has  $n$  vertices and  $C_m$  has  $(m - 1)$  vertices in each replica of the graph  $C_m$ .

The vertices in path  $P_n$  are denoted by  $v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and the vertices of complete graph  $C_m$  are denoted respectively by  $u_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .



### III. SIGNED UNIDOMINATION NUMBER OF $P_n \circ C_m$

Signed unidomination function and number are defined in this section. One gets the signed unidomination number and the minimally weighted signed unidominating functions of  $P_n \circ C_m$ .

**Definition 1:** Suppose  $G(V, E)$  is a connected graph,  $g: V \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  is signed unidominating function is a function if

$$\sum_{u \in N[v]} g(u) \geq 1 \quad \forall v \in V \text{ if } g(v) = 1$$

and  $\sum_{u \in N[v]} g(u) = 1 \quad \forall v \in V \text{ if } g(v) = -1.$

**Definition 2:** It is known as the signed unidomination number of a connected graph  $G(V, E)$  by the formula  $\min\{g(V) / g \text{ is a signed unidominating function}\}.$

It's represented by the identifier  $\gamma_{su}(G)$ . The weight of the signed unidominating function  $g$  is denoted by

$$g(V) = \sum_{u \in V} g(u)$$

**Theorem 3.1:** The following signed unidomination number of rooted product graph  $P_n \circ C_m$  is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{nm}{3} & \text{if } m \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \\ \frac{n(m+2)}{3} & \text{if } m \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3) \\ \frac{n(m+4)}{3} & \text{if } m \equiv 2(\text{mod } 3) \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Consider the rooted product graph  $P_n \circ C_m$ .

State a function  $g: V \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  through

$$g(v_i) = 1$$

$v_i = u_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  where  $u_{ij}$  is merged with the vertex  $v_i$

$$\text{and } g(u_{ij}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3), \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

The vertices of  $P_n$  should have the functional value 1 assigned to them, and the vertices of  $C_m$  should have the functional values assigned in the following order:  $1, 1, -1; 1, 1, -1; \dots$  upto we get set of triple vertices  $u_{ij-1}, u_{ij}, u_{ij+1}$  and the remaining vertices the value 1.

The following scenarios arise when trying to figure out the signed unidomination number for  $P_n \circ C_m$

**Case 1:** Suppose  $m \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3).$

Let  $i \neq 1$  and  $i \neq n$ .

If  $v_i \in P_n$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_i]} g(u) = g(v_{i-1}) + g(v_i) + g(v_{i+1}) + g(u_{i2}) + g(u_{im}) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + (-1) = 3.$$

Let  $i = 1$  and  $i = n$ .

If  $v_1 \in P_n$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_1]} g(u) = g(v_1) + g(v_2) + g(u_{12}) + g(u_{1m}) = 1 + 1 + 1 + (-1) = 2.$$

If  $v_n \in P_n$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_n]} g(u) = g(v_{n-1}) + g(v_n) + g(u_{n2}) + g(u_{nm}) = 1 + 1 + 1 + (-1) = 2.$$

If  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  then  $g(u_{ij}) = 1$  or  $g(u_{ij}) = -1$ .

**Sub Case 1:** Let  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  where  $g(u_{ij}) = 1, g(u_{ij+1}) = -1$ .

If  $g(u_{ij-1}) = 1$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[u_{ij}]} g(u) = g(u_{ij-1}) + g(u_{ij}) + g(u_{ij+1}) = 1 + 1 + (-1) = 1.$$

**Sub Case 2:** Let  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  where  $g(u_{ij}) = -1, g(u_{ij+1}) = 1$ .

If  $g(u_{ij-1}) = 1$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[u_{ij}]} g(u) = g(u_{ij-1}) + g(u_{ij}) + g(u_{ij+1}) = 1 + (-1) + 1 = 1.$$

**Sub Case 3:** Let  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  where  $g(u_{ij}) = 1, g(u_{ij+1}) = 1$ .

If  $g(u_{ij-1}) = -1$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[u_{ij}]} g(u) = g(u_{ij-1}) + g(u_{ij}) + g(u_{ij+1}) = (-1) + 1 + 1 = 1.$$

That is  $g$  is satisfying the conditions of a signed unidominating function.

Hence  $g$  is a signed unidominating function.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } g(V) &= \sum_{u \in P_n} g(u) + \sum_{u \in C_m} g(u) \\ &= \underbrace{(1 + 1 + 1 \dots + 1)}_{(n\text{-times})} + \underbrace{\{(1 + (-1) + 1) + (1 + (-1) + 1) + \dots + (1 + (-1) + 1)\}}_{\substack{(m-3\text{-times}) \\ n\text{-times}}} + (1 + (-1)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= n + \left(\frac{m-3}{3}\right)n + (1 + (-1))n = \frac{nm}{3}.$$

Thus  $g(V) = \frac{nm}{3}$ .

The resulting functions are not signed unidominating functions for all other assignments of functional values 1 and -1 to  $P_n$  and vertices in each copy of  $C_m$ .

As a result, there is only one signed unidominating function, which is the one described above.

Therefore  $\gamma_{su}(P_n \circ C_m) = \frac{nm}{3}$  when  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

**Case 2:** Assume  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Let  $i \neq 1$  and  $i \neq n$ .

If  $v_i \in P_n$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_i]} g(u) = g(v_{i-1}) + g(v_i) + g(v_{i+1}) + g(u_{i2}) + g(u_{im}) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5.$$

Let  $i = 1$  and  $i = n$ .

If  $v_1 \in P_n$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_1]} g(u) = g(v_1) + g(v_2) + g(u_{12}) + g(u_{1m}) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4.$$

If  $v_n \in P_n$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_n]} g(u) = g(v_{n-1}) + g(v_n) + g(u_{n2}) + g(u_{nm}) = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4.$$

As above case we prove for  $u_{ij} \in C_m$ .

That is,  $g$  is a signed unidominating function that meets all the requirements.

Hence  $g$  is a signed unidominating function.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } g(V) &= \sum_{u \in P_n} g(u) + \sum_{u \in C_m} g(u) \\ &= \underbrace{(1 + 1 + 1 \dots + 1)}_{(n\text{-times})} + \underbrace{\{(1 + (-1) + 1) + (1 + (-1) + 1) + \dots + (1 + (-1) + 1)\}}_{\substack{(\frac{m-1}{3}\text{-times}) \\ n\text{-times}}} \\ &= n + \left(\frac{m-1}{3}\right)n = n\left(\frac{m+2}{3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $g(V) = n \binom{m+2}{3}$ .

The resulting functions are not signed unidominating functions for all other assignments of functional values 1 and -1 to  $P_n$  and vertices in each copy of  $C_m$ .

As a result, there is only one signed unidominating function, which is the one described above.

Consequently,  $\gamma_{su}(P_n \circ C_m) = n \binom{m+2}{3}$  is in the event that  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

**Case 3:** Assume  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

As above case we prove for  $v_i \in P_n$ .

If  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  then  $g(u_{ij}) = 1$  or  $g(u_{ij}) = -1$ .

For  $j \neq m$ .

**Sub Case 1:** Let  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  where  $g(u_{ij}) = 1, g(u_{ij+1}) = -1$ .

If  $g(u_{ij-1}) = 1$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[u_{ij}]} g(u) = g(u_{ij-1}) + g(u_{ij}) + g(u_{ij+1}) = 1 + 1 + (-1) = 1.$$

**Sub Case 2:** Let  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  where  $g(u_{ij}) = -1, g(u_{ij+1}) = 1$ .

If  $g(u_{ij-1}) = 1$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[u_{ij}]} g(u) = g(u_{ij-1}) + g(u_{ij}) + g(u_{ij+1}) = 1 + (-1) + 1 = 1.$$

**Sub Case 3:** Let  $u_{ij} \in C_m$  where  $g(u_{ij}) = 1, g(u_{ij+1}) = 1$ .

If  $g(u_{ij-1}) = -1$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[u_{ij}]} g(u) = g(u_{ij-1}) + g(u_{ij}) + g(u_{ij+1}) = (-1) + 1 + 1 = 1.$$

For  $j = m$ .

**Sub Case 4:** Let  $u_{im} \in C_m$  where  $g(u_{im}) = 1, g(v_1) = 1$ .

If  $g(u_{im-1}) = 1$  then

$$\sum_{u \in N[u_{ij}]} g(u) = g(u_{im-1}) + g(u_{im}) + g(v_1) = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3.$$

That is,  $g$  is a signed unidominating function that meets all the requirements.

So  $g$  is a signed unidominating function.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } g(V) &= \sum_{u \in P_n} g(u) + \sum_{u \in C_m} g(u) \\ &= \underbrace{(1 + 1 + 1 \dots + 1)}_{(n\text{-times})} + \underbrace{\{(1 + (-1) + 1) + (1 + (-1) + 1) + \dots + (1 + (-1) + 1)\}}_{\substack{(\frac{m-2}{3}\text{-times}) \\ n\text{-times}}} + 1 \\ &= n + \left(\frac{m-2}{3}\right)n + n = n\left(\frac{m+4}{3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $g(V) = n\left(\frac{m+4}{3}\right)$ .

The resulting functions are not signed unidominating functions for all other assignments of functional values 1 and -1 to  $P_n$  and vertices in each copy of  $C_m$ .

As a result, there is only one signed unidominating function, which is the one described above.

Consequently,  $\gamma_{su}(P_n \circ C_m) = n\left(\frac{m+4}{3}\right)$  is the correct answer in the event that  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** If  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  then the number of signed unidominating functions of  $P_n \circ C_m$  is 1 with minimum weights  $\frac{nm}{3}, \frac{n(m+2)}{3}, \frac{n(m+4)}{3}$  respectively.

**Proof:** Follows by Theorem 3.1.

#### IV. UPPER SIGNED UNIDOMINATION NUMBER OF $P_n \circ C_m$

A minimal signed unidominating function and an upper signed unidomination number are introduced in this section. The number of minimal signed unidominating functions of maximum weight of  $P_n \circ C_m$  and the upper signed unidomination number are determined.

**Definition 1:** Let  $g$  and  $h$  be functions with values ranging from  $V$  to  $\{-1, 1\}$ . We say that  $h < g$  if  $h(u) \leq g(u) \forall u \in V$ , with strict inequality for at least one vertex  $u$ .

**Definition 2:** If for all  $h < g$ ,  $h$  is not a signed unidominating function, the signed unidominating function  $g: V \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  is called a minimal signed unidominating function.

**Definition 3:** The upper signed unidomination number of a graph  $G(V, E)$  is defined as  $\max\{g(V)/g \text{ is a minimal signed unidominating function}\}$ .

$\Gamma_{su}(G)$  is the symbol for it.

**Theorem 4.1:** For a rooted product graph  $P_n \circ C_m$ , the upper signed unidomination number is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{nm}{3} & \text{if } m \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3) \\ \frac{n(m+2)}{3} & \text{if } m \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3) \\ \frac{n(m+4)}{3} & \text{if } m \equiv 2(\text{mod } 3) \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Consider the rooted product graph  $P_n \circ C_m$ .

Describe a function  $g: V \rightarrow \{-1,1\}$  through

$$g(v_i) = 1$$

$v_i = u_{ij}$  for  $i = 1,2, \dots, n$  where  $u_{ij}$  is merged with the vertex  $v_i$

$$\text{and } g(u_{ij}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3), \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1,2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1,2, \dots, m$ .

By Theorem 3.1 shows that  $g$  is a signed unidominating function.

**Case 1:** Assume  $m \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3)$ .

Now we show for the minimality of  $g$ .

Describe a function  $h: V \rightarrow \{-1,1\}$  through

$$h(v_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } v_1 = v_k \in P_n \text{ for some } k, \text{ where } k = 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$v_i = u_{ij}$  for  $i = 1,2, \dots, n$  where  $u_{ij}$  is merged with the vertex  $v_i$

$$\text{and } h(u_{ij}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0(\text{mod } 3), \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1,2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1,2, \dots, m$ .

Suppose  $1 = k$ . Then  $h(v_k) = -1$ .

For  $v_k \in P_n$  we have

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_k]} h(u) = h(v_k) + h(v_2) + h(u_{k2}) + h(u_{km}) = (-1) + 1 + 1 + (-1) = 0 \neq 1.$$

This is the case when a signed unidominating function fails a vertex  $v_k \in P_n$  where  $h(v_k) = -1$  because it is in the vicinity of the vertex. Therefore  $h$  is not a signed unidominating function.

Since  $h$  is defined arbitrarily, there is no  $h < g$  such that  $h$  is a signed unidominating function.

As a result,  $g$  is a minimal signed unidominating function.

$g$  is the only minimal signed unidominating function because assigning the functional values  $-1,1$  to the vertices of  $P_n$  and  $C_m$  in any other way does not make  $g$  any longer a signed unidominating function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } g(V) &= \sum_{u \in P_n} g(u) + \sum_{u \in C_m} g(u) \\
 &= \underbrace{(1 + 1 + 1 \dots + 1)}_{(n\text{-times})} + \underbrace{\{(1 + (-1) + 1) + (1 + (-1) + 1) + \dots + (1 + (-1) + 1)\}}_{\substack{(\frac{m-3}{3}\text{-times}) \\ n\text{-times}}} + (1 + (-1)) \\
 &= n + \left(\frac{m-3}{3}\right)n + (1 + (-1))n = \frac{nm}{3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $g(V) = \frac{nm}{3}$ .

Because  $g$  is the only minimally signed unidominating function, so  $\max\{g(V)\} = \frac{nm}{3}$ .

Consequently  $\Gamma_{su}(P_n \circ C_m) = \frac{nm}{3}$  when  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

**Case 2:** Assume  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Now we demonstrate for the minimality of  $g$ .

Define a function  $h: V \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}$  by

$$h(v_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } v_i = v_k \in P_n \text{ for some } k, \text{ where } k \neq 1, n \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$v_i = u_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  where  $u_{ij}$  is merged with the vertex  $v_i$

$$\text{and } h(u_{ij}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

Suppose  $i = k$ . Then  $h(v_k) = -1$ .

For  $v_k \in P_n$  we have

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_k]} h(u) = h(v_{k-1}) + h(v_k) + h(v_{k+1}) + h(u_{k2}) + h(u_{km}) = 1 + (-1) + 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \neq 1.$$

This is the case when a signed unidominating function fails near a vertex  $v_k \in P_n$  where  $h(v_k) = -1$  because it is a local failure.

Thus  $h$  is not a signed unidominating function.

Since  $h$  is defined arbitrarily, there is no  $h < g$  such that  $h$  is a signed unidominating function.

The function  $g$  is therefore a minimal signed unidominating function.

Other than that, there's no other way to assign the functional values  $-1, 1$  to  $P_n$  and  $C_m$ 's vertices without also creating another signed unidominating function, so  $g$  is the only minimal one.

$$\text{Now } g(V) = \sum_{u \in P_n} g(u) + \sum_{u \in C_m} g(u)$$



$$= \underbrace{(1 + 1 + 1 \dots + 1)}_{(n\text{-times})} + \underbrace{\{(1 + (-1) + 1) + (1 + (-1) + 1) + \dots + (1 + (-1) + 1)\}}_{\substack{(\frac{m-1}{3}\text{-times}) \\ n\text{-times}}}$$

$$= n + \left(\frac{m-1}{3}\right)n = n\left(\frac{m+2}{3}\right).$$

Thus  $g(V) = n\left(\frac{m+2}{3}\right)$ .

Due to the fact that there is only one minimally signed undominating function  $g$ , so  $\max \{g(V)\} = n\left(\frac{m+2}{3}\right)$ .

Consequently,  $\Gamma_{su}(P_n \circ C_m) = n\left(\frac{m+2}{3}\right)$  when  $m \equiv 1(mod 3)$ .

**Case 3:** Suppose  $m \equiv 2(mod 3)$ .

Now we prove for the minimality of  $g$ .

Define a function  $h: V \rightarrow \{-1,1\}$  by

$$h(v_i) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } v_i = v_k \in P_n \text{ for some } k, \text{ where } k \neq 1, n \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$v_i = u_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  where  $u_{ij}$  is merged with the vertex  $v_i$

$$\text{and } h(u_{ij}) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } j \equiv 0(mod 3), \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

Suppose  $i = k$ . Then  $h(v_k) = -1$ .

For  $v_k \in P_n$  we have

$$\sum_{u \in N[v_k]} h(u) = h(v_{k-1}) + h(v_k) + h(v_{k+1}) + h(u_{k2}) + h(u_{km}) = 1 + (-1) + 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \neq 1.$$

This is the case when a signed undominating function fails near a vertex  $v_k \in P_n$  where  $h(v_k) = -1$  because it is a local failure.

So  $h$  is not a signed undominating function.

Since  $h$  is defined arbitrarily, there is no  $h < g$  such that  $h$  is a signed undominating function.

The function  $g$  is therefore a minimal signed undominating function.

Other than that, there's no other way to assign the functional values  $-1, 1$  to  $P_n$  and  $C_m$ 's vertices without also creating another signed undominating function, so  $g$  is the only minimal one.

$$\text{Now } g(V) = \sum_{u \in P_n} g(u) + \sum_{u \in C_m} g(u)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \underbrace{(1 + 1 + 1 \dots + 1)}_{(n\text{-times})} + \underbrace{\{(1 + (-1) + 1) + (1 + (-1) + 1) + \dots + (1 + (-1) + 1)\}}_{\substack{(\frac{m-2}{3}\text{-times}) \\ n\text{-times}}} + 1 \\
 &= n + \left(\frac{m-2}{3}\right)n + n = n\left(\frac{m+4}{3}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $g(V) = n\left(\frac{m+4}{3}\right)$ .

Therefore  $\gamma_{su}(P_n \circ C_m) = n\left(\frac{m+4}{3}\right)$  when  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

**Theorem 4.2:** If  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ ,  $m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $m \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  then the number of minimal signed unidominating functions of  $P_n \circ C_m$  is 1 with maximum weights  $\frac{nm}{3}$ ,  $\frac{n(m+2)}{3}$ ,  $\frac{n(m+4)}{3}$  respectively.

**Proof:** Follows by Theorem 4.1.

### V. CONCLUSION

Graph theoretic properties and dominance parameters of a rooted product graph of a path with a cycle are interesting to investigate. There are two functions of this graph that are signed unidominating and minimal signed unidominating function studied by authors. Further research into the total signed unidominating function and the upper total signed unidominating function of the above rooted graph is aided by an understanding of this graph.

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