

## GLOBAL 2-RAINBOW DOMINATION IN GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. A 2-rainbow dominating function (2RDF)  $g : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  ( where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  is the power set of the set of two colors  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ) of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is defined to be satisfying the condition that for every vertex  $v \in V$  with  $g(v) = \phi$  we have  $\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} g(u) = A$ . The minimum value of  $w(g) = \sum_{v \in V} |f(v)|$  among all such functions  $g$  of  $G$  is called the 2-rainbow domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{r2}(G)$ . A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a global dominating set of a graph  $G$  if  $S$  dominates both  $G$  and its complement  $\bar{G}$ . The minimum cardinality  $\gamma_g(G)$  of a global dominating set of  $G$  is called the global domination number of the graph  $G$ . In this paper, we introduce the global 2-rainbow domination number  $\gamma_{gr2}(G)$  of a graph  $G$ , study some of its properties, determine its exact values for some specific graphs and we characterize the graphs  $G$  with  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$ , where  $p$  is the number of vertices of  $G$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

All graphs considered here are finite, undirected without loops and multiple edges. For a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , let  $V$  and  $E$  denote the set of all vertices and edges of  $G$  with  $|V| = p$  and  $|E| = q$ , respectively. The open neighborhood and the closed neighborhood of a vertex  $v \in V$  are defined by  $N(v) = \{u \in V : uv \in E\}$  and  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ , respectively. The cardinality of  $N(v)$  is called the degree of the vertex  $v$  and denoted by  $deg(v)$  in  $G$ . The maximum and the minimum degrees in  $G$  are denoted respectively by  $\Delta(G)$  and  $\delta(G)$ . That is  $\Delta(G) = \max_{v \in V} |N(v)|$ ,  $\delta(G) = \min_{v \in V} |N(v)|$ . For more terminology and notations about graph, we refer the reader to [1, 10].

A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called dominating set if for every vertex  $v \in V - D$ , there exists a vertex  $u \in D$  such that  $v$  is adjacent to  $u$ . The minimum cardinality of a dominating set in  $G$  is called the domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ . For more details about domination of graphs, we refer the reader to [11].

In [14], the concept of domination of a graph  $G$  has extended to be a domination of the graph  $G$  and its complement  $\bar{G}$  and is called the global domination of  $G$ . A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a global dominating set of a graph  $G$  if  $S$  dominates both  $G$  and its

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complement  $\overline{G}$ . The minimum cardinality  $\gamma_g(G)$  of a global dominating set of  $G$  is called the global domination number of the graph  $G$ .

The Roman domination of graphs has introduced in [6]. A function  $f : V \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  is called a Roman dominating function (RDF) of a graph  $G$ , if each vertex  $v \in V$  with  $f(v) = 0$  is adjacent to at least one vertex  $u \in V$  for which  $f(u) = 2$ . The minimum weight  $w(f) = \sum_{x \in V} f(x)$  among all the RDFs of  $G$  is called the Roman domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_R(G)$ . In [13], the authors have extended the concept of global domination number to the Roman domination number  $\gamma_{gR}(G)$  of a graph  $G$  and study some of its properties.

**Proposition 1**[13] For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_g(G) \leq \gamma_{gR}(G) \leq 2\gamma_g(G)$ .

The rainbow domination of graphs has introduced in [2] and has been studied extensively by several authors in [3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16]. A 2-rainbow dominating function (2RDF) on a graph  $G$  is a function  $g : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  (where  $\mathcal{P}(A)$  is the power set of the set of two colors  $A = \{1, 2\}$ ) satisfying the condition that for every vertex  $v \in V$  with  $g(v) = \phi$  we have  $\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} g(u) = A$ . The weight  $w(g)$  or simply  $g(V(G))$  of a function  $g$  is defined by  $g(V(G)) = \sum_{v \in V} |g(v)|$ . The 2-rainbow domination number  $\gamma_{r2}(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is defined to be the minimum value of  $g(V(G))$  among all the 2RDFs  $g$  of  $G$ . In this paper, we introduce the global 2-rainbow domination number of a graph  $G$  that we denote it by  $\gamma_{gr2}(G)$  as follows: we define a global 2-rainbow dominating function (G2RDF)  $f : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  on  $G$  to be a 2RDF for both  $G$  and  $\overline{G}$ . The global 2-rainbow domination number  $\gamma_{gr2}(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum value of  $w(f) = f(V(G)) = \sum_{v \in V} |f(v)|$  among all the G2RDFs  $f$  of  $G$ .

## 2. NOTATION AND DEFINITIONS

The distance between two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a connected graph  $G$  is the number of edges in a shortest path connecting them. The eccentricity of a vertex  $v$  is the greatest distance between  $v$  and any other vertex and denoted by  $e(v)$ . The diameter  $diam(G)$  of  $G$  is the greatest eccentricity of a vertex in  $G$ .

The union of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$  is the graph obtained by combine their vertex sets and edge sets, namely  $G \cup H = (V(G) \cup V(H), E(G) \cup E(H))$ . The Cartesian product of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , where  $|V(G)| = p_1$ ,  $|V(H)| = p_2$  and  $|E(G)| = q_1$ ,  $|E(H)| = q_2$  is denoted by  $G \square H$  has the vertex set  $V(G) \times V(H)$  and, two vertices  $(u, u')$  and  $(v, v')$  are connected by an edge if and only if either ( $[u = v$  and  $u'v' \in E(H)]$ ) or ( $[u' = v'$  and  $uv \in E(G)]$ ). The corona product  $G \circ H$  of two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ , where  $|V(G)| = p_1$ ,  $|V(H)| = p_2$  and  $|E(G)| = q_1$ ,  $|E(H)| = q_2$  is the graph obtained by taking  $|V(G)|$  copies of  $H$  and joining each vertex of the  $i$ -th copy with vertex  $u \in V(G)$ .

A maximal complete subgraph of a graph  $G$  is called a clique. The clique number  $\omega(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is the maximum order among the complete subgraphs of  $G$ . A set  $S$  of vertices is called independent if no two vertices in  $S$  are adjacent. Throughout this paper, we denote to the path, cycle, complete and wheel graphs by  $P_p, C_p, K_p$  and  $W_p$ , respectively.  $K_{r,m}$  is the complete bipartite graph on  $r + m$  vertices.

## 3. SOME PROPERTIES

**Definition 1** A global 2-rainbow dominating function of a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a function  $f$  that assigns to each vertex a set of colors from the set  $A = \{1, 2\}$

such that for each vertex  $v \in V$  with  $f(v) = \phi$  we have  $\bigcup_{u \in N_G(v)} f(u) = A$  and  $\bigcup_{u \in N_{\overline{G}}(v)} f(u) = A$ , where  $N_{\overline{G}}(v)$  is the open neighborhood set of  $v$  in  $\overline{G}$ . The global 2-rainbow domination number  $\gamma_{gr2}(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum of  $w(f) = f(V(G)) = \sum_{v \in V} |f(v)|$  over all such functions of  $G$ .

For a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , let  $f : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  be a G2RDF of  $G$  and let  $(V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  be the partition of  $V$  induced by  $f$ , where  $V_\phi = \{v \in V : f(v) = \phi\}$ ,  $V_{\{1\}} = \{v \in V : f(v) = \{1\}\}$ ,  $V_{\{2\}} = \{v \in V : f(v) = \{2\}\}$  and  $V_A = \{v \in V : f(v) = A\}$ . Clearly that there exists a one to one correspondence between the functions  $f : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  and the ordered partition  $(V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  of  $V$ . Thus we will write  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$ .

**Proposition 2** For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_g(G) \leq \gamma_{gr2}(G) \leq \gamma_{gR}(G) \leq 2\gamma_g(G)$ .

**Proof.** By using Proposition 1, we need only to prove that  $\gamma_g(G) \leq \gamma_{gr2}(G)$  and  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) \leq \gamma_{gR}(G)$ . Let  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  be a  $\gamma_{gr2}$ -function of  $G$ . Then clearly that  $V_{\{1\}} \cup V_{\{2\}} \cup V_A$  dominates  $V_\phi$ , so  $V_{\{1\}} \cup V_{\{2\}} \cup V_A$  is a global dominating set of  $G$ . Thus

$$\gamma_g(G) \leq |V_{\{1\}} \cup V_{\{2\}} \cup V_A| \leq |V_{\{1\}}| + |V_{\{2\}}| + |V_A| \leq |V_{\{1\}}| + |V_{\{2\}}| + 2|V_A| = \gamma_{gr2}(G).$$

For the other inequality, suppose  $f = (V_0, V_1, V_2)$  be a  $\gamma_{gR}$ -function of  $G$ . Define the function  $h : V \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  by

$$h(v) = \begin{cases} \phi, & v \in V_0; \\ \{1\} \text{ or } \{2\}, & v \in V_1; \\ A, & v \in V_2. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that the function  $h$  is a G2RDF of  $G$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) \leq w(h) = |V_1| + 2|V_2| = \gamma_{gR}(G)$ .

**Proposition 3** Let  $G$  be a graph. Then  $\gamma_g(G) = \gamma_{gr2}(G)$  if and only if  $G = K_p$  or  $G = \overline{K_p}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $\gamma_g(G) = \gamma_{gr2}(G)$ . Let  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  be a  $\gamma_{gr2}$ -function of  $G$ . Then  $|V_{\{1\}}| + |V_{\{2\}}| + |V_A| = |V_{\{1\}}| + |V_{\{2\}}| + 2|V_A|$  which means  $|V_A| = 0$ . Therefore  $\gamma_g(G) = p$ . Since  $\gamma_g(G) = p$  if and only if  $G = K_p$  or  $G = \overline{K_p}$  (see [14]). Hence the result holds.

The converse is clear.

**Proposition 4** Let  $G$  be a graph. Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = \gamma_{r2}(G)$  if and only if there exists a  $\gamma_{r2}$ -function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  of  $G$  such that for every vertex  $v \in V_\phi$  there exists either a vertex  $u \in V_A$  such that  $u \notin N(v)$  or two vertices  $x \in V_{\{1\}}$ ,  $y \in V_{\{2\}}$  such that  $x, y \notin N(v)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  be a  $\gamma_{r2}$ -function of  $G$ . Suppose  $f$  satisfies the given condition, clearly that  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G$ . Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) \leq \gamma_{r2}(G)$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = \gamma_{r2}(G)$ .

Conversely, we have  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = \gamma_{r2}(G)$ . For any  $\gamma_{r2}$ -function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  of  $G$ , suppose there exists a vertex  $v \in V_\phi$  such that either  $V_A \subseteq N(v)$  or at least  $V_{\{1\}} \subseteq N(v)$ . Then  $\bigcup_{u \in N_{\overline{G}}(v)} f(u) \neq A$ . Therefore,  $\gamma_{r2}(G) < \gamma_{gr2}(G)$ , a contradiction. Hence the result holds.

**Proposition 5** For any graph  $G$  of order  $p \geq 4$  with  $\Delta(G) = p - 1$  and  $\delta(G) = 1$ , we have  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = 4$ .

**Proof.** Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vertices of  $G$  such that  $deg(u) = p - 1$  and  $deg(v) = 1$ . Define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(u) = f(v) = A$  and  $f(x) = \phi, \forall x \in V(G) \setminus \{u, v\}$ . Clearly that  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  is a G2RDF of  $G$  with a minimum weight because we cannot assign more than  $p - 2$  vertices by  $\phi$  in  $G$  under a function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = 4$ .

**Observation 1** For any graph  $G$  on  $p \geq 4$  vertices,  $4 \leq \gamma_{gr2}(G) \leq p$ .

4. EXACT VALUES OF SOME SPECIFIC GRAPHS

In this section, we determine the exact values of  $\gamma_{gr2}$  for some standard graphs like paths, cycles, complete, complete bipartite and wheel graphs and also for  $G \square K_2, G \circ \overline{K_n}$ , where  $G$  is a connected graph and  $\overline{K_n}$  is the null graph with  $n$  vertices.

**Proposition 6** [3]

- (1)  $\gamma_{r2}(P_p) = \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor + 1$ .
- (2) For  $p \geq 3, \gamma_{r2}(C_p) = \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor + \lceil \frac{p}{4} \rceil - \lfloor \frac{p}{4} \rfloor$ .

**Theorem 1**

- (1)  $\gamma_{gr2}(P_p) = \begin{cases} p, & p = 2, 3, 4; \\ 4, & p=5; \\ \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor + 1, & p \geq 6. \end{cases}$
- (2)  $\gamma_{gr2}(C_p) = \begin{cases} p, & p = 3, 4; \\ 4, & p=5; \\ \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor + \lceil \frac{p}{4} \rceil - \lfloor \frac{p}{4} \rfloor, & p \geq 6. \end{cases}$
- (3)  $\gamma_{gr2}(K_p) = p$ .
- (4)  $\gamma_{gr2}(K_{r,m}) = 4$ , where  $r + m \geq 4$ .
- (5) For  $p \geq 5, \gamma_{gr2}(W_p) = \begin{cases} 5, & p = 5, 7, 8, 9; \\ 4, & p = 6; \\ 6, & p \geq 10. \end{cases}$

**Proof.** We only prove (5) and (1)–(4) are obvious. Let  $V(W_p) = \{v, v_1, \dots, v_{p-1}\}$ , where  $v$  is the center vertex and let  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  be a  $\gamma_{gr2}$ -function of  $W_p$ . For  $p = 5$ , we define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(u) = \{1\}$  for all  $u \in V(W_p)$  and for  $p = 7$ , we define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v) = \{1\}, f(v_1) = f(v_4) = A$  and  $f(u) = \phi$  for all  $u \in V(W_p) \setminus \{v, v_1, v_4\}$  and for  $p = 8$ , we define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v) = f(v_1) = \{1\}, f(v_2) = f(v_4) = f(v_7) = \{2\}$  and  $f(v_3) = f(v_5) = f(v_6) = \phi$ , also when  $p = 9$ , we define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v) = f(v_1) = \{1\}, f(v_2) = f(v_5) = f(v_8) = \{2\}$  and  $f(u) = \phi$  for all  $u \in V(W_p) \setminus \{v, v_1, v_2, v_5, v_8\}$ . It is clear that,  $f$  is a  $\gamma_{gr2}$ -function of  $W_p$  with  $w(f) = 5$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(W_p) = 5$ , for  $p = 5, 7, 8, 9$ .

Now, for  $p = 6$ , we define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v) = f(v_1) = \{1\}, f(v_2) = f(v_5) = \{2\}$  and  $f(v_3) = f(v_4) = \phi$ , which is a  $\gamma_{gr2}$ -function of  $W_6$  with  $w(f) = 4$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(W_6) = 4$ . Finally, for  $p \geq 10$ , we define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v) = f(v_1) = A, f(v_2) = f(v_{p-1}) = \{2\}$  and  $f(u) = \phi$

for all  $u \in V(W_p) \setminus \{v, v_1, v_2, v_{p-1}\}$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(W_p) = 6$ , for  $p \geq 10$ .

Rainbow domination in a graph  $G$  has a natural connection with the study of  $\gamma(G \square K_k)$  with  $k \geq 1$ . If the vertex set of  $K_k$  is  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ , then there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of  $k$ -rainbow dominating functions of  $G$  and the dominating sets of  $G \square K_k$ . For a given  $k$ -rainbow dominating function of  $G$  the set

$$D_f = \bigcup_{v \in V} \left( \bigcup_{i \in f(v)} \{(v, x_i)\} \right),$$

is a dominating set of  $G \square K_k$ . The reverse correspondence is clear [2].

**Observation 2**[2] For any graph  $G$  and  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\gamma_{rk}(G) = \gamma(G \square K_k)$ .

Actually, the result in Observation 2, is not always true for  $\gamma_{gr2}(G)$  and  $\gamma_g(G \square K_2)$ . In the following theorem we show that when the equality between  $\gamma_{gr2}(G)$  and  $\gamma_g(G \square K_2)$  holds.

**Theorem 2** Let  $G$  be a connected graph. Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = \gamma_g(G \square K_2)$  if and only if  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = \gamma_{r2}(G)$ .

**Proof.** By using Observation 2, it is enough if we prove that  $\gamma(G \square K_2) = \gamma_g(G \square K_2)$  for any connected graph  $G$ . Since  $G$  is connected, then it is clear that, any  $\gamma$ -set  $D$  of  $G \square K_2$  must contain vertices from the two copies of  $G$  (let us consider  $|G| = n \geq 3$  because  $n = 2$  is trivial). Thus any vertex  $x \in V(G \square K_2) \setminus D$  has at least a vertex  $y \in D$  such that  $y \notin N(x)$  (see Figure 1). Therefore,  $D$  is a global dominating set of  $G \square K_2$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{r2}(G) = \gamma(G \square K_2) = \gamma_g(G \square K_2)$ .

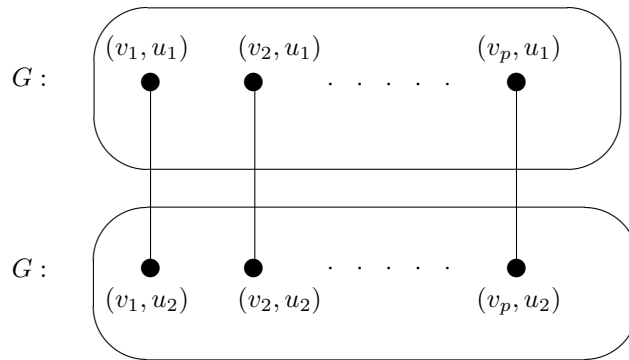


FIGURE 1.  $G \square K_2$ , where  $V(K_2) = \{u_1, u_2\}$

**Theorem 3** For any connected graph  $G$  on  $p \geq 2$  vertices,

$$\gamma_{gr2}(G \circ \overline{K_n}) = \begin{cases} p + \gamma(G), & \text{if } p \geq 3 \text{ and } n = 1; \\ 2p, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  and  $V(\overline{K_n}) = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  as in Figure 2. Without loss of generality, to define a G2RDF of  $G \circ \overline{K_n}$  we have three cases:

**Case 1.** We can define a function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(u_{ij}) = \phi$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $f(v) = A, \forall v \in V(G)$ . Therefore  $f$  is a G2RDF

of  $G \circ \overline{K_n}$  with  $w(f) = 2p$ .

**Case 2.** We can define a function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v) = \{2\}, \forall v \in D, f(v) = \phi, \forall v \in V(G) - D$ , for some  $D \subseteq V(G)$  and for the leaves  $u_{ij}, i = 1, 2, \dots, p, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  by  $f(u_{ij}) = \{2\}$  if  $v_i \in D$  and  $f(u_{ij}) = \{1\}$  if  $v_i \in V(G) - D$ . Clearly that  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G \circ \overline{K_n}$  with  $w(f) = p + |D|$  if and only if  $D$  is a dominating set of  $G$ . Hence, the smallest weight of a function  $f$  in this case is when  $D$  is a  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$ .

**Case 3.** We can define a function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v) = A, \forall v \in D, f(v) = \phi, \forall v \in V(G) - D$ , where  $D \subseteq V(G)$  and  $f(u_{ij}) = \phi$  if  $v_i \in D$  and  $f(u_{ij}) = \{1\}$  if  $v_i \in V(G) - D$ . Therefore,  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G \circ \overline{K_n}$  with  $w(f) = p + |D|$  if and only if  $D$  is a dominating set of  $G$  (note that, if  $\gamma(G) = 1$  with  $|G| = p \geq 3$ , then we have to label at least one vertex of the leaves  $u_{ij}$  by  $\{2\}$  when  $v_i \in V(G) - D$ ). Thus, the smallest weight of a function  $f$  in this case is when  $\gamma(G) = |D|$ .

Hence,

$$\gamma_{gr2}(G \circ \overline{K_n}) = \begin{cases} p + \gamma(G), & \text{if } p \geq 3 \text{ and } n = 1; \\ 2p, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

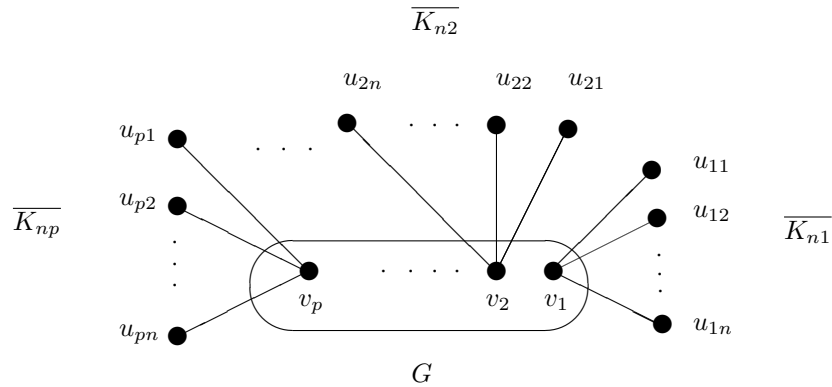


FIGURE 2.  $G \circ \overline{K_n}$

### 5. GRAPHS WITH $\gamma_{gr2} = p$

In this section, we characterize graphs  $G$  with  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$ .

**Proposition 7** For any graph  $G$  on  $p \leq 4$  vertices,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$ .

**Proof.** For all graphs of order  $p \leq 3$  the proof is clear because in this case we cannot define any  $\gamma_{gr2}$ -function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  with  $f(v) = \phi$  for any  $v \in V(G)$ . Suppose now  $p = 4$ . If  $G \cong K_4$ , then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = 4$ . Also, we have the following cases:

**Case 1.** If  $G \cong K_4 - e$  ( $e$  is an edge of  $G$ ), then  $G \cong H_1$  (see Figure 3). Thus for  $H_1$ , we have two options to define a function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  of  $G$  with minimum weight. Either  $f(v_2)$  and  $f(v_4)$  equal to singleton sets and  $f(v_1) = \phi, f(v_3) = A$  and vice versa, or  $f(v_i)$  equal to singleton sets for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$ .

**Case 2.** If  $G \cong K_4 - 2e$ , then either  $G \cong C_4$  or  $G \cong H_2$  (Figure 3). For  $G \cong C_4$ , clearly that  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$  (Theorem 1), and for  $G \cong H_2$ , we have three options to define a function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  with minimum weight. Either  $f(v_3) = A$ ,  $f(v_4) = \phi$  and  $f(v_1), f(v_2)$  equal to different singleton sets, or  $f(v_1) = \phi, f(v_4) = A$  and  $f(v_2), f(v_3)$  equal to different singleton sets (with the same thing for  $f(v_2)$  instead of  $f(v_1)$ ), or  $f(v_i)$  equal to singleton sets for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$ .

**Case 3.** If  $G \cong K_4 - 3e$ , then either  $G \cong P_4$  or  $G \cong S_4$  or  $G \cong C_3 \cup K_1$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$ .

**Case 4.** If  $G \cong K_4 - 4e$ , then either  $G \cong K_2 \cup K_2$  or  $G \cong P_3 \cup K_1$ . Then clearly that,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$ .

Note that all the other graphs of four vertices are clear.

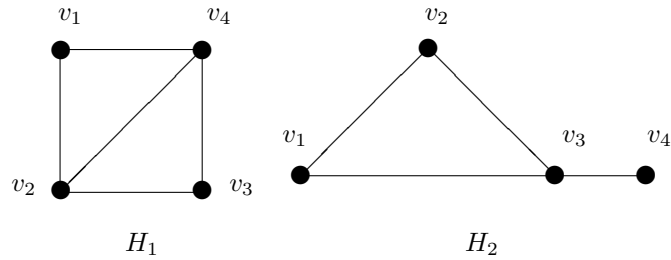


FIGURE 3.  $H_1 \cong K_4 - e$  and  $H_2 \cong K_4 - 2e$

We consider all the graphs from now to the end of the paper to be connected on  $p$  vertices.

**Theorem 4**[13] For any graph  $G$  with  $\gamma_{gr}(G) = p, diam(G) \leq 3$ .

**Theorem 5** Any graph  $G$  on  $p$  vertices with  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$  has diameter less than or equal three.

**Proof.** The proof is straightforward by Proposition 2 and Theorem 4.

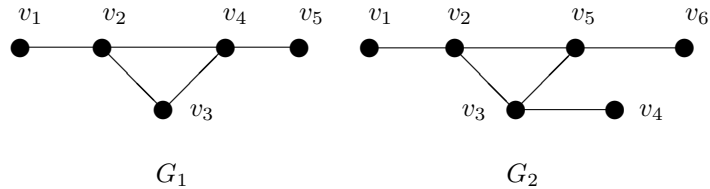


FIGURE 4. Graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$

**Theorem 6** [13] Let  $G$  be a graph with  $diam(G) = 3$ . Then  $\gamma_{gr}(G) = p$  if and only if  $G$  is one of the graphs  $P_4, G_1, G_2$ , where  $G_1, G_2$  are given in Figure 4.

According to Proposition 2 and Theorem 6, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 7** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $\text{diam}(G) = 3$ . Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$  if and only if  $G \cong P_4$ .

**Proof.** By Propositions 2, 7 and Theorem 6, we get the same result about  $P_4$ . But  $\gamma_{gr2}(G_1)$  and  $\gamma_{gr2}(G_2)$  do not equal  $p$ , which we are going to clarify in the following. For  $G_1$  define the function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v_1) = f(v_2) = \{1\}$ ,  $f(v_4) = f(v_5) = \{2\}$  and  $f(v_3) = \phi$  which is a G2RDF of  $G_1$ , then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G_1) \neq p$ , and for  $G_2$  define the function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(v_1) = f(v_4) = \{1\}$ ,  $f(v_5) = f(v_6) = \{2\}$  and  $f(v_2) = f(v_3) = \phi$  which is a G2RDF of  $G_2$ , then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G_2) \neq p$  (see Figure 4).

In the following, we study the graphs  $G$  of  $\text{diam}(G) = 2$ .

**Definition 2** Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with  $\text{diam}(G) = 2$ . We Consider  $F_1 \subseteq V(G)$  induces a maximum clique in  $G$ ,  $F_2 = V(G) \setminus F_1$ , where  $|F_i| = p_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $V(F_1) = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{p_1}\}$ ,  $V(F_2) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{p_2}\}$ .

**Theorem 8** Let  $\omega(G) = 2$ . Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$  if and only if  $G$  is one of the graphs  $P_3$ ,  $C_4$  and  $K_{1,3}$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\text{diam}(G) = 2$  and  $\omega(G) = 2$ , then  $|F_1| = p_1 = 2$ . Therefore,  $G$  is a free-triangle graph of diameter two. Suppose  $p \leq 4$ . Then by Proposition 7 and Theorem 1[part (4)], the result is satisfied for  $C_4$  and  $K_{1,m}$  with  $m = 2$  or  $m = 3$ . For the other free-triangle graphs of diameter two (here  $p \geq 5$ ), we have the following cases:

**Case 1.** Suppose  $G$  has a vertex  $v$  of degree  $p - 1$ . Then  $G \cong K_{1,m}$  with  $m \geq 4$ . In this case we can define a G2RDF of  $G$  with  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) < p$  by labeling the center vertex  $v$  and one of its neighborhood by  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and for all the other vertices in  $G$  by  $\phi$ .

**Case 2.** Suppose now  $G$  has no vertex of degree  $p - 1$ . Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be two non-adjacent vertices in  $G$  which they have a maximum number of common neighbors among all the other vertices in  $G$ . Suppose  $u$  is a common neighbor for  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Then there exist at least two non-adjacent vertices to  $u$  say  $x$  and  $y$  (recall that  $p \geq 5$  and  $\text{diam}(G) = 2$ ). Define the function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(u) = \phi$ ,  $f(v_1) = f(x) = \{1\}$ ,  $f(v_2) = f(y) = \{2\}$  and for all  $w \in V(G) \setminus \{u, v_2, y\}$  by  $f(w) = \{1\}$ , clearly  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G$  with  $w(f) < p$ . Hence the result.

The converse is clear.

**Theorem 9** Let  $\omega(G) \geq 3$  and  $F_2$  induces a clique. Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$  if and only if  $G \cong K_p - e$  or  $\overline{G} \cong p_2 K_2 \cup (p_1 - p_2) K_1$ . Furthermore, if  $\omega(G) = 3$  and  $|F_2| = p_2 = 1$ , then  $G \cong K_4 - e$  or  $G \cong K_4 - 2e$ .

**Proof.** We have  $p_1 \geq 3$ . Thus we will discuss the proof according to  $|F_2| = p_2$  into the following cases:

**Case 1.** Suppose  $p_2 = 1$ . Then  $V(F_2) = \{x\}$ .

- (1) If  $p_1 = 3$ , then  $|G| = 4$ . Thus by Proposition 7, the results  $G \cong K_4 - e$  or  $G \cong K_4 - 2e$  hold (see Figure 3).
- (2) Assume that  $p_1 \geq 4$ . We claim that the vertex  $x$  is non adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $F_1$ . For contrary, suppose  $x$  is non adjacent to two vertices of  $F_1$  say  $y_1, y_2$ . We define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(x) = \phi$ ,  $f(y_1) = \{1\}$ ,  $f(y_2) = \{2\}$ ,  $f(y_3) = \{2\}$  and  $f(y) = \{1\}$  for all  $y \in V(F_1) \setminus \{y_1, y_2, y_3\}$ .



Then  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G$  with  $w(f) < p$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $G \cong K_p - e$ .

**Case 2.** Suppose  $p_2 \geq 2$ . We claim that each vertex of  $F_2$  is non adjacent to exactly one vertex of  $F_1$  and no two vertices of  $F_2$  are non adjacent to the same vertex of  $F_1$ . For contrary, suppose  $x_1$  in  $F_2$  is non adjacent to  $y_1, y_2$  in  $F_1$ . Define  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(x_1) = \phi, f(y_1) = \{1\}, f(y_2) = \{2\}, f(y) = \{1\}$  for all  $y \in V(F_1) \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$  and  $f(x) = \{2\}$  for all  $x \in V(F_2) \setminus \{x_1\}$ . Clearly that  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G$  with  $w(f) < p$ , a contradiction. Now, suppose there exists two vertices  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  of  $F_2$  that are non adjacent to the vertex  $y_1$  of  $F_1$ . Then the induced subgraph  $\langle (F_1 \setminus \{y_1\}) \cup \{x_1, x_2\} \rangle$  is a clique of  $G$  of order  $p_1 + 1$ , which contradicts the maximality of  $F_1$ .

Assume that  $x_i$  is non adjacent to  $y_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p_2$  [recall that  $p_2 \leq p_1$ ]. Therefore,  $deg_G(x_i) = deg_G(y_i) = p_1 + p_2 - 2 = p - 2$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p_2$  and  $deg_G(y_i) = p - 1$  for all  $i = p_2 + 1, p_2 + 2, \dots, p_1$ . Hence,  $\overline{G} \cong p_2 K_2 \cup (p_1 - p_2) K_1$ . The converse is straight forward.

**Theorem 10** Let  $G$  be a connected graph on  $p \geq 5$  vertices. Suppose  $\omega(G) \geq 4$  and  $F_2$  induces an independent subgraph of  $G$ . Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$  if and only if  $G \cong K_p - e$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\omega(G) \geq 4$ , then each vertex  $x_i \in V(F_2), i = 1, 2, \dots, p_2$  has at least one vertex in  $F_1$  which they are non adjacent one to the other.

**Claim 1.** We claim that  $p_2 = 1$ . For contrary, suppose that  $p_2 \geq 2$ . Assume that  $x_1$  is non adjacent to  $y_1$ , we define the function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(x_1) = \phi, f(y_1) = f(y_2) = \{1\}$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = \{2\}$  for all  $x \in V(F_2) \setminus \{x_1\}$  and  $y \in V(F_1) \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$ . Clearly that  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G$  with  $w(f) < p$ , which a contradiction. Then our claim is true. Hence,  $V(F_2) = \{x\}$ .

**Claim 2.** Now, we claim that  $x$  is non adjacent to exactly one vertex in  $F_1$ . This claim has proved in the proof of Theorem 9 (Case 1). Hence,  $G \cong K_p - e$ .

The other side is clear.

**Theorem 11** Let  $\omega(G) = 3$  and  $F_2$  induces an independent subgraph of  $G$ . Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) = p$  if and only if  $G \cong K_4 - e$  or  $G \cong K_4 - 2e$ .

**Proof.** The proof is same as Theorem 10, with some different in Claim 2. Since Claim 1 holds, then  $|G| = 4$ . Thus from the proof of Proposition 7, we have only two graphs satisfy our conditions which are  $G \cong H_1 = K_4 - e$  and  $G \cong H_2 = K_4 - 2e$ . The converse is clear.

**Theorem 12** Let  $\omega(G) \geq 3$  and  $F_2$  be neither induce a clique nor independent. Then  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) \neq p$ .

**Proof.** Since  $F_2$  be neither induce a clique nor independent and  $\omega(G) \geq 3$ , then  $p_2 \geq 3$  and hence each vertex  $x_i \in V(F_2), i = 1, 2, \dots, p_2$  has at least one vertex in  $F_1$  and an other vertex in  $F_2$  which it is non adjacent to both. Suppose  $x_1$  is non adjacent to  $x_2 \in V(F_2)$  and  $y_1 \in V(F_1)$ . We define the function  $f = (V_\phi, V_{\{1\}}, V_{\{2\}}, V_A)$  by  $f(x_1) = \phi, f(y_1) = f(y_2) = \{1\}$  and  $f(x) = f(y) = \{2\}$  for all  $x \in V(F_2) \setminus \{x_1\}$  and  $y \in V(F_1) \setminus \{y_1, y_2\}$ . Clearly that  $f$  is a G2RDF of  $G$  with  $w(f) < p$ . Hence,  $\gamma_{gr2}(G) \neq p$ .

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