

# Roman and $k$ -rainbow Domination of Degree Splitting Graph

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**Abstract** Consider a graph  $G(V, E)$  with vertex partition  $V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_t \cup T$  where each  $S_i$  is a set with minimum two vertices having the same degree and  $T = V \setminus \cup S_i$ . The degree splitting graph  $DS(G)$  is obtained from  $G$  by adding vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t$  and joining  $w_i$  to each vertex of  $S_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq t$ ). In this research article we characterize roman domination number of degree splitting graph  $\gamma_R(DS(G))$  and we obtain roman domination number and  $k$ -rainbow domination number of degree splitting graphs. Also we establish many bounds on  $\gamma_R(DS(G))$  and  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G))$  in terms of elements of  $G$ .

## 1 Introduction

In this paper we consider finite, simple and undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  with vertex set  $V = V(G)$  and edge set  $E = E(G)$ . The number of edges incident on the vertex  $v$  is called degree of a vertex  $d(v)$ . The minimum and maximum degree of  $G$  is denoted by  $\delta = \delta(G)$  and  $\Delta = \Delta(G)$  respectively. If the degree of each vertex is  $r$  then the graph is called  $r$ -regular graph i.e. if  $\forall v \in V(G), d(v) = r$ . For any vertex  $v \in V$ , the open neighborhood  $N(v) = \{u \in V(G) \setminus uv \in E(G)\}$  and the closed neighborhood  $N[v] = N(v) \cup v$ . A connected acyclic graph is called tree. We denote  $K_n$  for complete graph with  $n$  vertices,  $C_n$  for a cycle of length  $n$ ,  $P_n$  for a path of length  $n$ . For notation and graph theory terminology we refer [1].

The concept of Roman domination number was introduced by Cockayne and et.al, and has been well studied by many authors [3, 5, 6]. A Roman dominating function (RDF) on graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  such that whenever  $f(v) = 0$  there exist a neighboring vertex  $u$  of  $v$  such that  $f(u) = 2$ . The weight of  $f$  is  $w(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} f(v)$ . The minimum weight of RDF of  $G$  is called the roman domination number  $\gamma_R(G)$ . A roman dominating function  $f$  can be represented by the ordered partition  $(V_0, V_1, V_2)$  of  $V$ , where  $V_i = \{v \in V | f(v) = i\}$ . Clearly the weight  $w(f) = |V_1| + 2|V_2|$ .

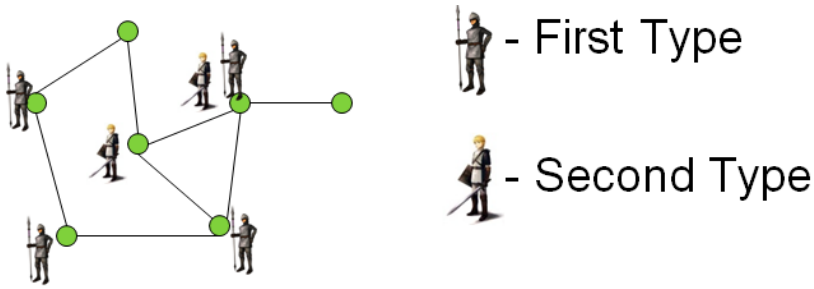
**Proposition 1.1.** ([5]) For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_R(G) \leq 2\gamma(G)$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** ([4]) If  $G$  is a connected graph with  $n$  vertices, then  $\gamma_R(G) \leq 4n/5$ .

In this paper we consider another variation of domination that is  $k$ -rainbow domination number. In the year 2003, M. A. Henning introduced and studied [8, 9] the application of  $k$ -rainbow domination number. Assume that there are  $k$  different type of guards and for each vertex we assign an arbitrary subset of these guards. If any vertex is not assigned by any type of guards (an empty set) then it should have all type of guards in its neighboring locations and this assignment is known as  $k$ -rainbow dominating function (kRDF). On the other hand, a  $k$ -rainbow dominating function of a graph  $G$  is a function  $f : V(G) \rightarrow P(\{1, \dots, k\})$  such that for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$  with  $f(v) = \emptyset$  then we have

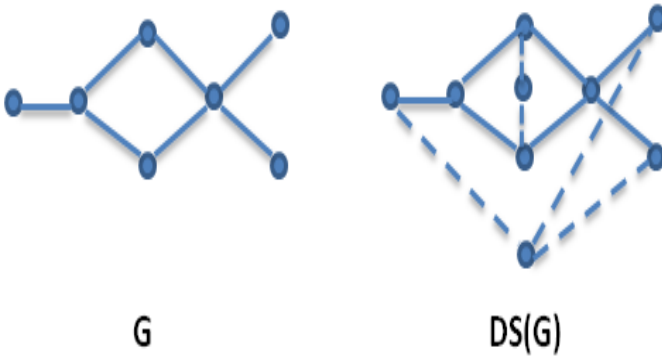
$$\bigcup_{u \in N(v)} f(u) = S.$$

The weight  $w(f)$  is the sum of cardinality of  $f(v)$ . Mathematically  $w(f) = \sum_{v \in V(G)} |f(v)|$ . The minimum weight of a kRDF is called the  $k$ -rainbow domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_{rk}(G)$ .



**Figure 1.** Example for 2-rainbow dominating function. Here  $\gamma_{2r}(G) = 4$ .

In 2004, R. Ponraj and S Somasundaram defined degree splitting graph [2]. Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph with vertex partition  $V = S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \dots \cup S_t \cup T$  where each  $S_i (1 \leq i \leq t)$  is a set of minimum two vertices having the same degree and  $T = V \setminus \cup S_i$ . The degree splitting graph of  $G$  is denoted by  $DS(G)$  is obtained from  $G$  by adding vertices  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t$  and joining  $w_i$  to each vertex of  $S_i (1 \leq i \leq t)$ .



**Figure 2.** Example of Degree Splitting Graph.

Later B. Basavangouda, P. V. Patil and S. M. Hosamani [7] worked on Domination in Degree Splitting graph. They studied variation in domination from the graph  $G$  to the degree splitting graph  $DS(G)$ . They established  $\gamma(DS(G)) \leq \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil$ ,  $\gamma(DS(G)) \leq |W_i \cup T|$ . Also they worked on Domatic number of  $DS(G)$  found some bounds.

In this article, initially we determine numerical value of roman domination and k-rainbow domination number for some graphs. We also obtain some bounds for  $\gamma_R(DS(G))$  and  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G))$ .

## 2 Roman Domination Number of Degree Splitting Graph

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $G = P_n$  be a path on  $n$  vertices, then

$$\gamma_R(DS(P_n)) = 4$$

*Proof.* Let  $G = P_n$  be a path with  $V(G) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the two partition of  $V(G)$  such that  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_n\}$  and  $S_2 = \{v_i : 2 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ . Clearly  $DS(G)$  is obtained by adding two vertices  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  to  $V(G)$  and connecting two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  to  $w_1$  and all vertices of  $\{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  to  $w_2$ . Then  $|V(DS(G))| = n + 2$  and  $|E(DS(G))| = 2n + 1$ . Let us define a roman dominating function  $g : V(DS(P_n)) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  with minimum weight such that  $f(v_i) = 0, f(w_1) = f(w_2) = 2$ , Hence  $\gamma_R(DS(P_n)) = 4$ .

□

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $G$  be any  $r$  regular graph then  $\gamma_R(DS(G)) = 2$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $G$  be any  $r$ -regular graph with vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then  $DS(G) = G + K_1$  and  $\Delta(DS(G)) = p - 1$ . Let us define roman dominating function  $f : V(DS(G)) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2\}$  with minimum weight such that  $f(v_i) = 0, \forall v \in V(G)$  and  $f(w_1) = 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) = 2$ . □

**Theorem 2.3.** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2 | w_i \cup T |$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be any graph with  $p$  vertices. By the definition of degree splitting of graph  $DS(G)$ ,  $V(DS(G)) = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t, T\}$  where each  $S_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  and  $T$  is as defined in the definition.

Case 1:  $T = \emptyset$  Since each  $w_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  is independent in  $DS(G)$  and clearly the set containing each  $w_i$  will be the maximal independent set in  $DS(G)$ . Hence  $\gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2 | w_i |$

Case 2:  $T \neq \emptyset$ . Clearly there exist at least one vertex  $v_i$  in  $G$  of degree  $r$  and no other vertex of same degree i.e.  $v_i \notin S_i; 1 \leq i \leq t$ . Since  $G$  is induced subgraph of  $DS(G)$ , to define roman dominating function  $f(v_i \neq 0)$ . Hence

$$\gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2 | w_i \cup T | .$$

□

**Theorem 2.4.** *For any graph  $G$  with  $p$  vertices,  $\gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2 \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil$ .*

*Proof.* To prove the results we have the following cases.

Case 1: If  $T = \emptyset$ , then  $G$  has atmost  $S_i \leq \frac{p}{2}$ . Hence  $w_i \leq \frac{p}{2}$ . Therefore by previous Theorem , we get,

$$\gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2. | w_i | \leq 2 \frac{p}{2} \leq 2 \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil .$$

Case 2: If  $T \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $G$  has atmost  $S_i \leq \frac{p}{2} - T$ . Hence  $w_i \leq \frac{p}{2} - T$ . We have,

$$\gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2. | w_i + T | \leq 2 | \frac{p}{2} - T + T | \leq 2 \leq \frac{p}{2} 2 \leq \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil .$$

□

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $G$  be any graph then  $\gamma_R(G). \gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2 | w_i |$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be any graph with  $p$  vertices. By the definition of degree splitting of graph  $DS(G)$ ,  $V(DS(G)) = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t, T\}$  where each  $S_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  and  $T$  is as defined in the definition.

Since each  $w_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  is independent in  $DS(G)$  and clearly the set containing each  $w_i$  will be the maximal independent set in  $DS(G)$ . Hence  $\gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq 2 | w_i |$

$$\gamma_R(G). \gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq \gamma_R(G). 2 | w_i | .$$

□

**Theorem 2.6.** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_R(G). \gamma_R(DS(G)) \leq \frac{8.p.(p+1)}{5}$*

*Proof.* E. J. Cockayne et al. [5] showed that  $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_R(G) \leq 2\gamma(G)$ , for any connected graph  $G$  with  $p$  vertices. Clearly by [2] we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_R(G). \gamma_R(DS(G)) &\leq 2.\gamma(G). 2.\gamma(DS(G)) \\ &\leq 4.\gamma(G). \gamma(DS(G)) \\ &\leq 4.\gamma(G). \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil \\ &\leq 4. \frac{4p}{5}. \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil \\ &\leq 16. \frac{p}{5}. \frac{p+1}{2} \\ &\leq \frac{8.p.(p+1)}{5} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $G$  be any graph then  $\gamma_R(G) \leq \gamma_R(DS(G))$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $G$  be graph of order  $n$ ,  $\gamma_R(G) = \gamma_R(DS(G))$  iff  $G = K_n$

### 3 $k$ -rainbow Domination Number of Degree Splitting Graph

**Lemma 3.1.** If  $K_n$  be a complete graph with  $n$  vertices then  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(K_n)) = \min\{k, n + 1\}$ .

Proof: Since complete graph  $K_n$  is  $(n - 1)$ -regular graph hence  $DS(K_n)$  is obtained by adding one vertex  $w_1$  and connecting each vertex of  $K_n$  to  $w_1$ . Therefore  $DS(K_n) = K_{n+1}$ .  $\gamma_{rk}(K_n) = \min\{k, n\}$ , so  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(K_n)) = \min\{k, n + 1\}$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** If  $C_n$  be a cycle of length  $n$  then  $\gamma_{rk}(C_n) = \min\{k, n + 1\}$ .

Proof: Clearly  $DS(C_n) = W_{n+1}$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{rk}(C_n) = \min\{k, n + 1\}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** If  $K_{m, n}$  be a complete bipartite graph ( $m \neq n$ ) and  $\gamma_{rk}(K_{m, n}) = \gamma_{rk}$  then  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(K_{m, n})) \leq \gamma_{rk} + 2$ .

Proof: The complete bipartite graph  $K_{m, n}$  is  $(n, m)$ -regular graph. The degree splitting graph  $DS(K_{m, n})$  contains  $V(DS(K_{m, n})) = V(K_{m, n}) \cup w_1 \cup w_2$  and each vertex  $v_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , joins  $w_1$  and each vertex  $u_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , joins  $w_2$ . Hence  $DS(K_{m, n}) = K_{m+1, n+1} - w_1 w_2$ . Let  $f$  be a  $k$ -rainbow dominating function with minimum weight  $\gamma_{rk}$  of  $K_{m, n}$ . Let us define the  $k$ -rainbow dominating function  $g : V(DS(K_{m, n})) \rightarrow P(\{1, \dots, k\})$  such that  $g(v_i) = f(v_i), \forall v_i \in V(K_{m, n})$  and  $|g(w_1)| \leq |g(w_2)| \leq 1$ . Hence  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(K_{m, n})) \leq \gamma_{rk} + 2$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** If  $G = P_n$  be a path on  $n$  vertices, then

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(P_n)) = \begin{cases} \gamma_{rk} + 2 & \text{if } n = k \\ \gamma_{rk} + 1 & \text{if } n < k \\ k + 3 & \text{if } n > k. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $G = P_n$  be a path with  $V(G) = \{v_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are subset of  $V(G)$  such that  $S_1 = \{v_1, v_n\}$  and  $S_2 = \{v_i : 2 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$ . Clearly  $DS(G)$  is obtained by adding two vertices  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  to  $V(G)$  and connecting two vertices  $v_1$  and  $v_n$  to  $w_1$  and all vertices of  $\{v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  to  $w_2$ . Then  $|V(DS(G))| = n + 2$  and  $|E(DS(G))| = 2n + 1$ . Now  $f : V(P_n) \rightarrow P(\{1, \dots, k\})$  be a  $k$ -rainbow dominating function with minimum weight  $\gamma_{rk}$ . Let us define a  $k$ -rainbow dominating function  $g : V(DS(P_n)) \rightarrow P(\{1, \dots, k\})$  with minimum weight the following cases arises,

Case 1:  $n = k$ .

Since  $|f(v_i)| = 1, g(v_i) = f(v_i) \forall v_i \in V(P_n)$  and  $|g(w_1)| = |g(w_2)| = 1$ . Hence

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(P_n)) = \gamma_{rk} + 2. \quad (3.1)$$

Case 2:  $n > k$

Clearly  $d(w_2) = n - 2$ . Hence  $|g(w_1)| = |g(v_1)| = |g(v_n)| = 1$  and  $g(w_2) = \{1, \dots, k\}$   $g(v_i) = \emptyset \forall 2 \leq v_i \leq n$ . Hence

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(P_n)) = k + 3. \quad (3.2)$$

case 3:  $n < k$

Here  $g(v_i) = f(v_i) \forall v_i \in V(P_n)$   $|g(w_1)| = 1$  and  $g(w_2) = \emptyset$  Hence

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(P_n)) = \gamma_{rk} + 1. \quad (3.3)$$

From equations (2), (3) and (4),

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(P_n)) = \begin{cases} \gamma_{rk} + 2 & \text{if } n = k \\ \gamma_{rk} + 1 & \text{if } n < k \\ k + 3 & \text{if } n > k. \end{cases}$$

□

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $G$  be any  $r$  regular graph then  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) = k$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $G$  be any  $r$ -regular graph with vertex set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$ . Then  $DS(G) = G + K_1$  and  $\Delta(DS(G)) = p - 1$ . Let us define  $k$ -rainbow dominating function  $f : V(DS(G)) \rightarrow P(1, 2, \dots, k)$  with minimum weight such that  $f(v_i) = \emptyset, \forall v \in V(G)$  and  $f(w_i) = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) = k$ . □

**Theorem 3.6.** *For any graph  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k |w_i \cup T|$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be any graph with  $p$  vertices. By the definition of degree splitting of graph  $DS(G)$ ,  $V(DS(G)) = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t, T\}$  where each  $S_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  and  $T$  is as defined in the definition.  
 Case 1:  $T = \emptyset$  Since each  $w_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  is independent in  $DS(G)$  and clearly the set containing each  $w_i$  will be the maximal independent set in  $DS(G)$ . Hence  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k |w_i|$   
 Case 2:  $T \neq \emptyset$ . Clearly there exist at least one vertex  $v_i$  in  $G$  of degree  $r$  and no other vertex of same degree i.e.  $v_i \notin S_i; 1 \leq i \leq t$ . Since  $G$  is induced subgraph of  $DS(G)$ , to define  $k$ -rainbow dominating function  $f(v_i \neq \emptyset)$ . Hence

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k |w_i \cup T|. \tag{3.4}$$

□

**Theorem 3.7.** *For any graph  $G$  with  $p$  vertices,  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil$ .*

*Proof.* To prove the results we have the following cases.

Case 1: If  $T = \emptyset$ , then  $G$  has atmost  $S_i \leq \frac{p}{2}$ . Hence  $w_i \leq \frac{p}{2}$ . Therefore by Theorem 3.7, we get,

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k. |w_i| \leq k \frac{p}{2} \leq k \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil.$$

Case 2: If  $T \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $G$  has atmost  $S_i \leq \frac{p}{2} - T$ . Hence  $w_i \leq \frac{p}{2} - T$ . We have,

$$\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k. |w_i + T| \leq k | \frac{p}{2} - T + T | k \leq \frac{p}{2} k \leq \lceil \frac{p}{2} \rceil.$$

□

**Theorem 3.8.** *Let  $G$  be any graph then  $\gamma_{rk}(G) \cdot \gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k |w_i|$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  be any graph with  $p$  vertices. By the definition of degree splitting of graph  $DS(G)$ ,  $V(DS(G)) = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t, T\}$  where each  $S_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  and  $T$  is as defined in the definition.

Since each  $w_i, 1 \leq i \leq t$  is independent in  $DS(G)$  and clearly the set containing each  $w_i$  will be the maximal independent set in  $DS(G)$ . Hence  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq k |w_i|$

$$\gamma_{rk}(G) \cdot \gamma_{rk}(DS(G)) \leq \gamma_{rk}(G) \cdot k |w_i|. \tag{3.5}$$

□

### 4 Concluding Remarks

In this article we have mainly focused on finding the roman and  $k$  rainbow domination number for degree splitting graph. We obtained some bounds for  $\gamma_R(DS(G))$  and  $\gamma_{rk}(DS(G))$ . The derived results in this paper can be extended to study the roman domination number for  $DS(P(n, 2)), (DS(P(n, 3)), DS(C_n \square C_m), DS(C_n \square P_m)$  and  $DS(P_n \square P_m)$ .

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