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# Power Domination Parameters in Honeycomb-Like Networks



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**Abstract** A set  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is called a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V(G) \setminus S$  is adjacent to some vertex in  $S$ . A set  $S$  is said to be a power dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in the system is monitored by the set  $S$  following a set of rules for power system monitoring. The power domination number of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a power dominating set of  $G$ . In this paper, we obtain the power domination number for triangular graphs, pyrene networks, circum-pyrene networks, circum-trizene networks, generalized honeycomb torus and honeycomb rectangular torus.

## 1 Introduction

**Definition 1 ([1])** For  $v \in V(G)$ , the open neighbourhood of  $v$ , denoted as  $N_G(v)$ , is the set of vertices adjacent with  $v$ ; and the closed neighbourhood of  $v$ , denoted by  $N_G[v]$ , is  $N_G(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For a set  $S \subseteq V(G)$ , the open neighbourhood of  $S$  is defined as  $N_G(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} N_G(v)$ , and the closed neighbourhood of  $S$  is defined as  $N_G[S] = N_G(S) \cup S$ . For brevity, we denote  $N_G(S)$  by  $N(S)$  and  $N_G[S]$  by  $N[S]$ .

**Definition 2 ([1])** For a graph  $G(V, E)$ ,  $S \subseteq V$  is a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex in  $V \setminus S$  has at least one neighbour in  $S$ . The domination number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ .

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**Definition 3 ([2])** Let  $G(V, E)$  be a graph, and let  $S \subseteq V(G)$ . We define the sets  $M^i(S)$  of vertices monitored by  $S$  at level  $i$ ,  $i \geq 0$ , inductively as follows:

1.  $M^0(S) = N[S]$ .
2.  $M^{i+1}(S) = M^i(S) \cup \{w : \exists v \in M^i(S), N(v) \cap (V(G) \setminus M^i(S)) = w\}$ .

If  $M^\infty(S) = V(G)$ , then the set  $S$  is called a power dominating set of  $G$ . The minimum cardinality of a power dominating set in  $G$  is called the power domination number of  $G$  written  $\gamma_p(G)$ .

The power domination has been well studied for trees [1], product graphs [4], block graphs [3], interval graphs and so on. In fact, the problem has been shown to be NP-complete even when restricted to bipartite graphs and chordal graphs [1].

## 2 Main Results

In this section, we solve the power domination problem for triangular graphs, pyrene network, circum-pyrene network, circum-trizene network, generalized honeycomb torus and honeycomb rectangular torus. In 2013 Ferrero et al. [5] proved the following lemma which shows the power domination number for honeycomb mesh network  $HM(n)$ .

**Lemma 1** *If  $G$  is the honeycomb mesh network  $HM(n)$  of dimension  $n$ , then  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{2n}{3} \right\rceil$ .*

The following lemma establishes a critical subgraph  $H$  of  $G$  in the sense that  $H$  contains at least one vertex of any power dominating set.

**Lemma 2** *Let  $G$  be a graph and  $H$  as shown in Fig. 1a be a subgraph  $G$  with  $\deg_H w_i = \deg_G w_i = 2$ ,  $\forall i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8$ . Then  $H$  is a critical subgraph of  $G$ .*

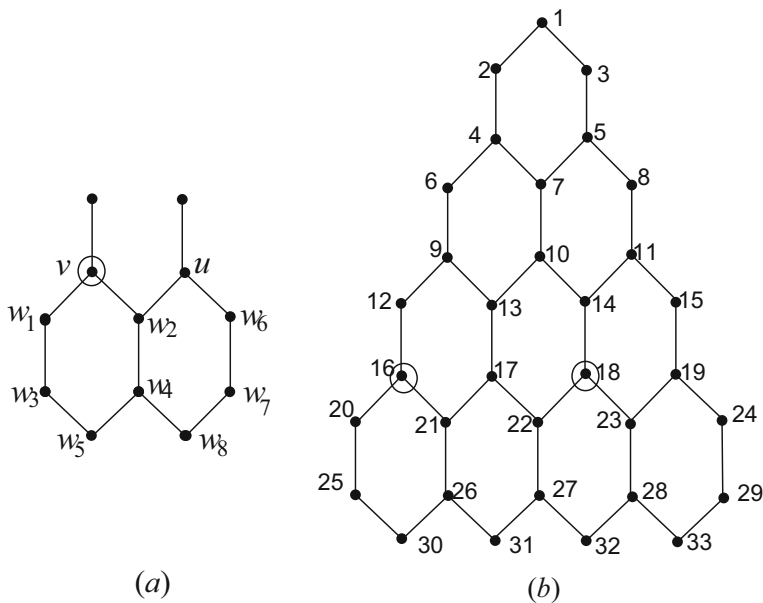
*Proof* Neither  $u$  nor  $v$ , when monitored, can further monitor any of  $w_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8$ , as  $\deg_H u = \deg_H v = 3$ .

**Definition 4 ([8])** Let  $n$  be a non-negative integer. A triangle graph of order  $n$ ,  $TG_n$ , is defined in the following way:  $TG_1$  is a hexagon. When  $n \geq 2$ ,  $TG_n$  is built according to the following step:

Draw  $n$  rows of regular hexagons of the same size within an equilateral triangle (which is called the framework of  $TG_n$ ) so that the first row consists of one hexagon, the second row consists of two hexagons and the  $n$ th row consists of  $n$  hexagons. Set all the vertices of these hexagons to be the vertices of  $TG_n$ , and set all the sides of these hexagons to be the edges of  $TG_n$ .

**Lemma 3** *Let  $G$  be a triangle graph  $TG_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ .*

*Proof* In  $TG_n$ , there are  $\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$  critical subgraphs, each isomorphic to  $H$  as described in Lemma 2.2. Therefore,  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil$ .



**Fig. 1** (a) Circled vertices indicate a power dominating set of critical subgraph  $H$  induced by  $G$  (b) power dominating set of  $TG_4$

### Power Domination Algorithm in Triangular Graph

**Input** Triangular graph  $TG_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

**Algorithm** Name the vertices of  $TG_n$ ,  $n \geq 2$  as 1 to  $n^2 + 4n + 1$  sequentially from left to right, row wise beginning with the top most row.

- (i) Select  $S_2 = \{4\}$  in  $TG_2$ .
- (ii) Let  $S_3 = \{9, 11\}$  in  $TG_3$ .
- (iii) Inductively select  $S_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} n^2 + 2(k-1)$  in  $TG_n$ .

**Output**  $\gamma_p(TG_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

**Proof of Correctness**  $S_4$  is a power dominating set of  $TG_4$  with  $|S_4| = 2$ . Now  $M^0(S_4) = N[S_4] = \{16, 20, 21, 12, 18, 22, 23, 14\}$ . See Fig. 1b. At least one vertex  $v \in M^0(S_4)$  satisfies  $|N[v] \setminus M^0(S_4)| = 1$ . Proceeding inductively, for every vertex  $v \in M^i(S_4)$ ,  $|N[v] \setminus M^i(S_4)| = 1$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , at every inductive step  $i$ ,  $i \geq 1$ . Now  $S_n = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} n^2 + 2(k-1)$  is a power dominating set of  $TG_n$ . This implies that  $\gamma_p(TG_n) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ , hence the proof.

**Theorem 1** Let  $G$  be a triangle graph  $TG_n$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

## 2.1 Power Domination in Pyrene Network

Pyrene is an alternant polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) and consists of four fused benzene rings, resulting in a large flat aromatic system. It is a colourless or pale yellow solid which forms during incomplete combustion of organic materials and therefore can be isolated from coal tar together with a broad range of related compounds. In the last four decades, a number of research works have been reported on both the theoretical and experimental investigation of pyrene concerning its electronic structure, *UV*-vis absorption and fluorescence emission spectrum. Indeed, this polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon exhibits a set of many interesting electrochemical and photophysical attributes, which have resulted in its utilization in a variety of scientific areas. Like most PAHs, pyrene is used to make dyes, plastics and pesticides. Figure 2b depicts the graph of circum-pyrene (1). Circum-pyrene(2) is obtained by adding a layer of hexagons to the boundary of circum-pyrene (1). Inductively, circum-pyrene ( $n$ ) is obtained from circum-pyrene( $n - 1$ ) by adding a layer of hexagons around the boundary of circum-pyrene ( $n - 1$ ). Similar construction follows for circum-trizene ( $n$ ) [6]. See Fig. 3b.

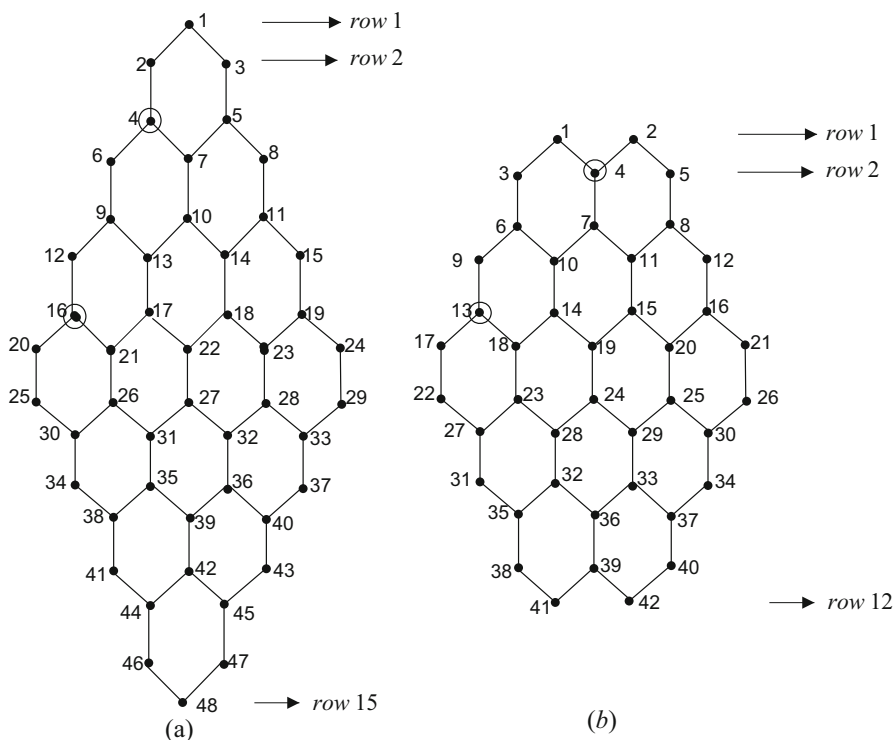
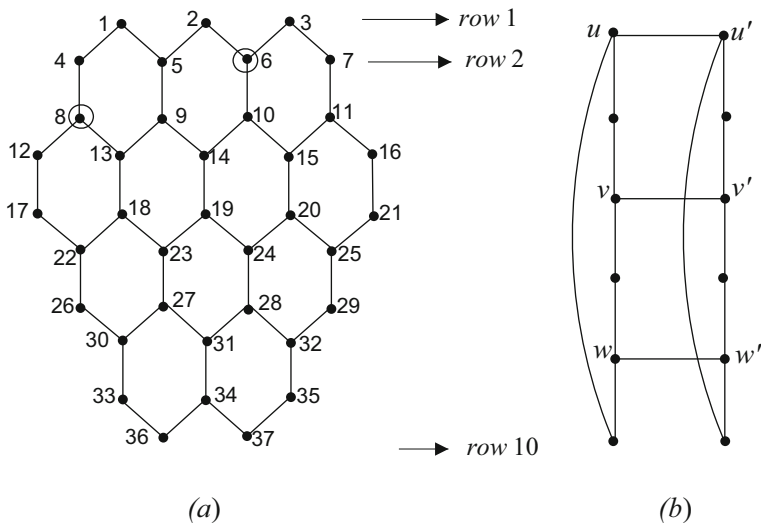


Fig. 2 (a) Power dominating set of  $PY(4)$ , (b) power dominating set of circum-pyrene(1)



**Fig. 3** (a) Circled vertices constitute a power dominating set of circum-trizene(1), (b) critical subgraph  $H$  of  $G$

**Lemma 4** Let  $G$  be a pyrene network  $PY(n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

*Proof* In  $PY(n)$ , there are  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$  critical subgraphs, each isomorphic to  $H$  as described in Lemma 2.2. Therefore,  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

### Power Domination Algorithm in Pyrene Network

**Input** Pyrene network  $PY(n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$ .

**Algorithm** Name the vertices of  $PY(n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$  as 1 to  $2n^2 + 4n$  sequentially from left to right, row wise beginning with the topmost row. Let  $P^*$  denote the path induced by the edges of the hexagons that are not boundary edges of any other hexagon. Select  $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$  vertices of degree 3 in  $P^*$ , which are at distance 4 apart on  $P^*$ . See Fig. 2a.

**Output**  $\gamma_p(PY(n)) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

**Proof of Correctness**  $S_4$  is a power dominating set of  $PY(4)$  with  $|S_4| = 2$ . Now  $M^0(S_4) = N[S_4] = \{4, 6, 7, 2, 16, 20, 21, 12\}$ . See Fig. 2a. At least one vertex  $v \in M^0(S_4)$  satisfies  $|N[v] \setminus M^0(S_4)| = 1$ . Proceeding inductively, for every vertex  $v \in M^i(S_4)$ ,  $|N[v] \setminus M^i(S_4)| = 1$ ,  $i \geq 3$ , at every inductive step  $i$ ,  $i \geq 1$ . Now  $S_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} (2i)^2$  is a power dominating set of  $PY(n)$ . This implies that  $\gamma_p(PY(n)) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ , hence the proof.

**Theorem 2** Let  $G$  be a pyrene network  $PY(n)$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ .

**Lemma 5** Let  $G$  be a circum-pyrene( $n$ ),  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) \geq n + 1$ .

*Proof* In circum-pyrene( $n$ ), there are  $2n + 2$  critical subgraphs, each isomorphic to  $H$  as described in Lemma 2.2. Therefore,  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{2n+2}{2} \right\rceil = n + 1$ .

### Power Domination Algorithm in Circum-Pyrene

**Input** Circum-pyrene( $n$ ),  $n \geq 1$ .

**Algorithm** Name the vertices of circum-pyrene( $n$ ),  $n \geq 1$  as 1 to  $6n^2 + 20n + 16$  sequentially from left to right, row wise beginning with the first row. Consider  $2n + 2$  hexagons in the outer most layer of the circum-pyrene( $n$ ). Let  $P^*$  denote the path induced by the edges of the hexagons that are not boundary edges of any other hexagon. Select  $n + 1$  vertices of degree 3 in  $P^*$ , which are at distance 5 apart on  $P^*$ .

**Output**  $\gamma_p(\text{circum-pyrene}(n)) = n + 1$ .

**Proof of Correctness**  $S(1)$  is a power dominating set of circum-pyrene(1) with  $|S(1)| = 2$ . Now  $M^0(S(1)) = N[S(1)] = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 13, 17, 18, 9\}$ . See Fig. 2b. At least one vertex  $v \in M^0(S(1))$  satisfies  $|N[v] \setminus M^0(S(1))| = 1$ . Proceeding inductively, for every vertex  $v \in M^i(S(1))$ ,  $|N[v] \setminus M^i(S(1))| = 1$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , at every inductive step  $i$ ,  $i \geq 2$ . Now  $S(n) = n + 1$  is a power dominating set of circum-pyrene( $n$ ). This implies that  $\gamma_p(G) = n + 1$ , hence the proof.

**Lemma 6** Let  $G$  be a circum-trizene( $n$ ),  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) \geq n + 1$ .

*Proof* In circum-trizene( $n$ ), there are  $2n + 2$  critical subgraphs, each isomorphic to  $H$  as described in Lemma 2.2. Therefore,  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \left\lceil \frac{2n+2}{2} \right\rceil = n + 1$ .

### Power Domination Algorithm in Circum-Trizene

**Input** Circum-trizene( $n$ ),  $n \geq 1$ .

**Algorithm** Name the vertices of circum-trizene( $n$ ),  $n \geq 1$  as 1 to  $6n^2 + 18n + 13$  sequentially from left to right, row wise beginning with the first row. Consider  $2n + 2$  hexagons in the outer most layer of the circum-trizene( $n$ ). Let  $P^*$  denote the path induced by the edges of the hexagons that are not boundary edges of any other hexagon. Select  $n + 1$  vertices of degree 3 in  $P^*$ , which are at distance 5 apart on  $P^*$ .

**Output**  $\gamma_p(\text{circum-trizene}(n)) = n + 1$ .

**Proof of Correctness**  $S(1)$  is a power dominating set of circum-trizene(1) with  $|S(1)| = 2$ . Now  $M^0(S(1)) = N[S(1)] = \{6, 2, 3, 10, 8, 4, 12, 13\}$ . See Fig. 3a. At least one vertex  $v \in M^0(S(1))$  satisfies  $|N[v] \setminus M^0(S(1))| = 1$ . Proceeding inductively, for every vertex  $v \in M^i(S(1))$ ,  $|N[v] \setminus M^i(S(1))| = 1$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , at every inductive step  $i$ ,  $i \geq 2$ . Now  $S(n) = n + 1$  is a power dominating set of circum-trizene( $n$ ). This implies that  $\gamma_p(G) = n + 1$ , hence the proof.

**Theorem 3** Let  $G$  be a circum-pyrene( $n$ ) or a circum-trizene( $n$ ),  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) = n + 1$ .

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**Lemma 7** Let  $H$  be as shown in Fig. 3b. Then  $\gamma_p(H) = 1$ .

*Proof* Let  $S$  be a power dominating set of  $H$ . We claim that  $|S| = 1$ . Suppose not, let  $H$  be the subgraph that does not contain any member of  $S$ . If any vertex of  $H$  is monitored, then  $v$  is adjacent to two unmonitored vertices of  $H$ , a contradiction. See Fig. 3b.

#### 3.1 Honeycomb Rectangular Torus

**Definition 5 ([7])** Assume that  $m$  and  $n$  are positive even integers. The honeycomb rectangular torus  $HReT(m, n)$  is the graph with the node set  $\{(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i < m, 0 \leq j < n\}$  such that  $(i, j)$  and  $(k, l)$  are adjacent if they satisfy one of the following conditions:

1.  $i = k$  and  $j = l \pm 1 \pmod{n}$ ; and
2.  $j = l$  and  $k = i - 1 \pmod{m}$  if  $i + j$  is even.

**Definition 6 ([7])** Assume that  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers where  $n$  is even. Let  $d$  be any integer such that  $(m - d)$  is an even number. The generalized honeycomb rectangular torus  $GHT(m, n, d)$  is the graph with the node set  $\{(i, j) \mid 0 \leq i < m, 0 \leq j < n\}$  such that  $(i, j)$  and  $(k, l)$  are adjacent if they satisfy one of the following conditions:

1.  $i = k$  and  $j = l \pm 1 \pmod{n}$
2.  $j = l$  and  $k = i - 1$  if  $i + j$  is even and
3.  $i = 0, k = m - 1$ , and  $l = j + d \pmod{n}$  if  $j$  is even.

Obviously, any  $GHT(m, n, d)$  is a three-regular bipartite graph. We can label those nodes  $(i, j)$  white when  $i + j$  is even or black otherwise.

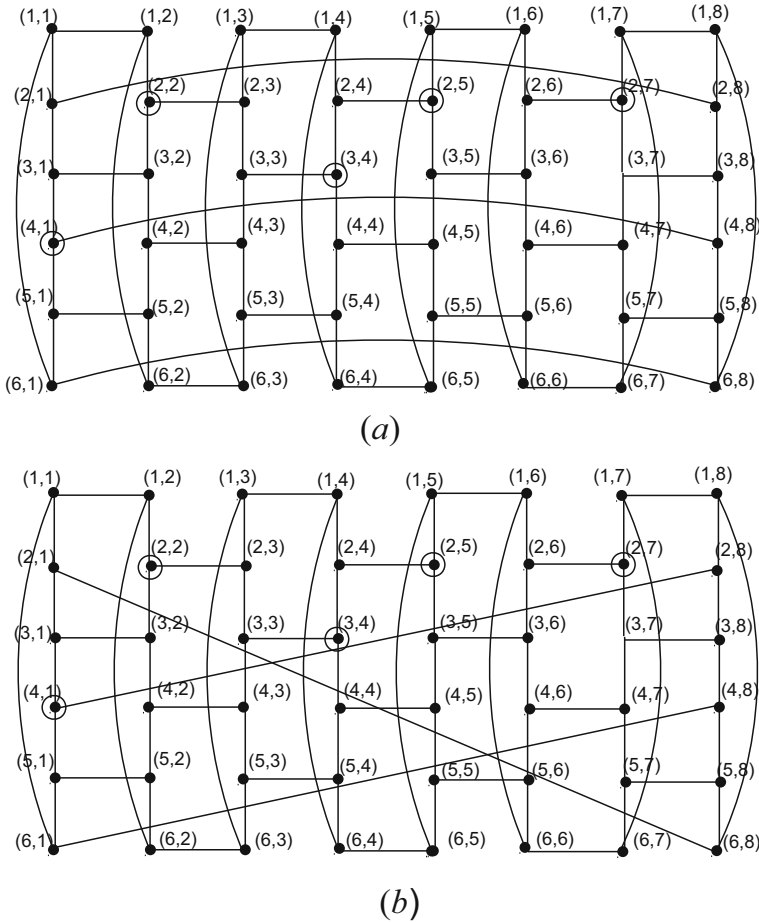
**Lemma 8** Let  $G$  be a  $HReT(m, n)$ ,  $m, n$  are even  $m \geq 6, n \geq 8$  and  $m \leq n$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$ .

*Proof* In  $HReT(m, n)$ , there are  $\frac{n}{2}$  critical subgraphs, each isomorphic to  $H$  as described in Lemma 3.1. Therefore,  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$ .

#### Power Domination Algorithm in Honeycomb Rectangular Torus

**Input** The honeycomb rectangular torus  $HReT(m, n)$ ,  $m, n$  is even  $m \geq 6, n \geq 8$  and  $m \leq n$ .





**Fig. 4** Circled vertices constitute a power dominating set. (a) Honeycomb rectangular torus  $HReT(6, 8)$ . (b) Honeycomb rectangular torus  $GHT(6, 8, 2)$

**Algorithm** Name the vertices in the  $i$ th row,  $j$ th column position as  $(i, j)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , and select the vertices  $\bigcup_{j=5}^{n-1} (2, j) \cup \{(2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1)\}$  in  $S$ .

**Output**  $\gamma_p(HReT(m, n)) = \frac{n}{2} + 1$ .

**Proof of Correctness** Let  $S$  be a power dominating set of  $HReT(m, n)$  with  $|S| = \frac{n}{2} + 1$ . Then  $M^0(S) = N[v] = \{(i, j), (2, k), (2, 2), (1, 2), (3, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4), (4, 4), (4, 1), (5, 1), (3, 1), (4, n)\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, j = 5, 7, \dots, n - 1, k = 4, 6, \dots, n - 2$ . See Fig. 4a. At least one vertex  $v \in M^0(S(1))$  satisfies  $|N[v] \setminus M^0(S(1))| = 1$ . Proceeding inductively, for every vertex  $v \in M^i(S)$ ,  $|N[v] \setminus M^i(S)| = 1$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , at every inductive step  $i, i \geq 1$ .

Now  $S = \bigcup_{j=5}^{n-1} (2, j) \cup \{(2, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1)\}$  is a power dominating set of  $(HReT(m, n))$ . This implies that  $\gamma_p(G) = \frac{n}{2} + 1$ , hence the proof.

**Lemma 9** *Let  $G$  be a generalized honeycomb rectangular torus  $GHT(m, n, d)$ ,  $m \geq 6$ ,  $n \geq 8$ ,  $m \leq n$ . Then  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$ .*

*Proof* In  $GHT(m, n, d)$ , there are  $\frac{n}{2}$  vertex-disjoint copies of  $H$  as described in lemma 3.1. Therefore,  $\gamma_p(G) \geq \frac{n}{2}$ .

**Theorem 4** *Let  $G$  be a honeycomb rectangular torus  $HReT(m, n)$  or a generalized honeycomb rectangular torus  $GHT(m, n, d)$ ,  $m \geq 6$ ,  $n \geq 8$ ,  $m \leq n$ . Then  $\frac{n}{2} \leq \gamma_p(G) \leq \frac{n}{2} + 1$ .*

## 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we have obtained the power domination number for triangular graphs, pyrene networks, circum-pyrene networks, circum-trizene networks, honeycomb rectangular torus and generalized honeycomb torus network.

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