

Domination and Packing in Graph Products

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Cartesian Product

Given graphs G and H , the Cartesian product $G \square H$ has vertex set

$$V(G) \times V(H).$$

(g_1, h_1) is adjacent to (g_2, h_2) in $G \square H$ if

- g_1g_2 is an edge of G and $h_1 = h_2$; or
- $g_1 = g_2$ and h_1h_2 is an edge of H .

For $h \in V(H)$, the fiber G^h is the subgraph of $G \square H$ induced by

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The fiber gH is the subgraph of $G \square H$ induced by

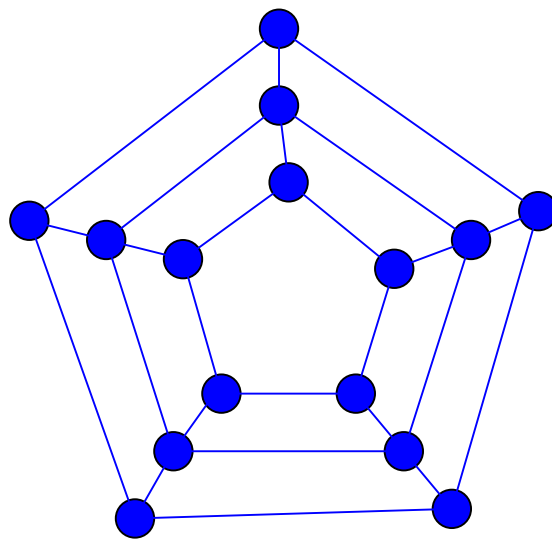
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Product Graphs - Structure and Recognition
(Imrich & Klavžar, 2000)

Cartesian: $G \square H$

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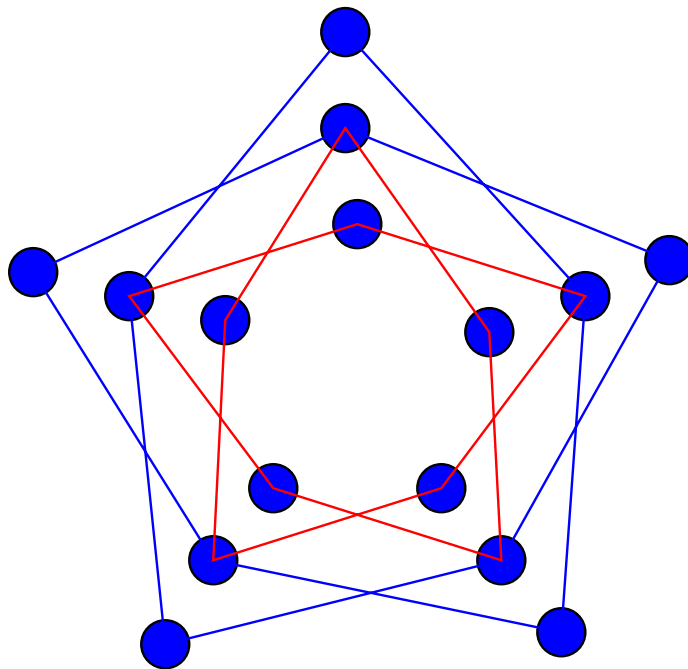
Direct Product: $G \times H$

$$V(G \times H) = V(G) \times V(H)$$

(g_1, h_1) is adjacent to (g_2, h_2) in $G \times H$ if

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A set $P \subseteq V(G)$ is a **paired dominating set** if P is a dominating set and the subgraph of G induced by P contains a perfect matching. The **paired domination number** is the minimum cardinality, $\gamma_{pr}(G)$, of a paired dominating set in G .

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$$\sigma(G \oplus H) = \sigma(G)\sigma(H)$$

a. for some H ?

b. for all H ?

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In fact,

Vizing's Conjecture: $\gamma(G)\gamma(H) \leq \gamma(G \square H)$

We say **Vizing's conjecture holds** for G if the above inequality holds for every H .

Conjecture outstanding since 1968.

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Note that the second condition means that K has $\gamma(K)$ cliques that cover $V(K)$.

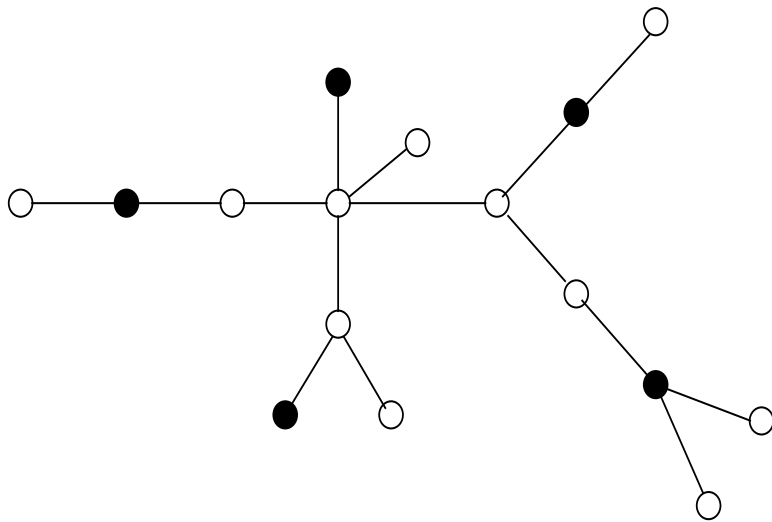
A set $A \subseteq V(G)$ is a **2-packing** in G if for every $x \neq y$ in A , the closed neighborhoods $N[x]$ and $N[y]$ are disjoint. (Equivalently, $d(x, y) > 2$.) The **2-packing number** is the maximum cardinality, $\rho_2(G)$, of a 2-packing in G .

In any graph G , $\rho_2(G) \leq \gamma(G)$ since any dominating set intersects every closed neighborhood.

Theorem: (Meir & Moon, 1975) For any tree T , $\rho_2(T) = \gamma(T)$.

Corollary: If T is a tree, then for every H

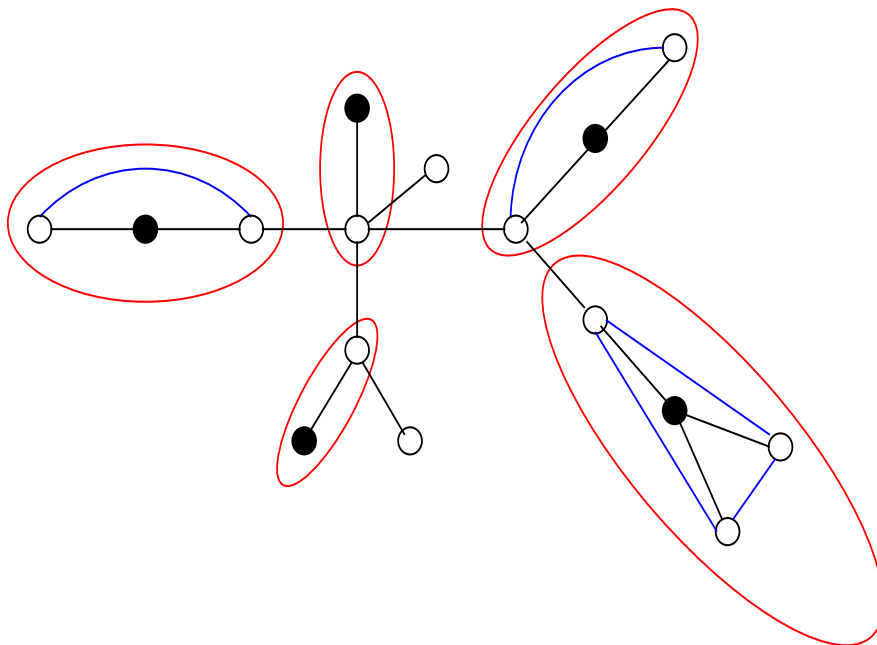
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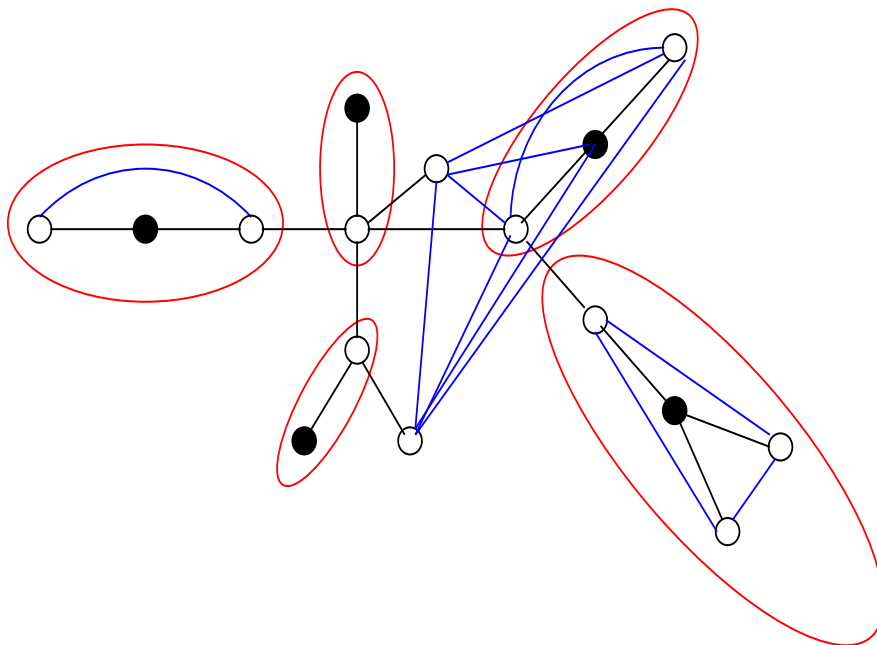
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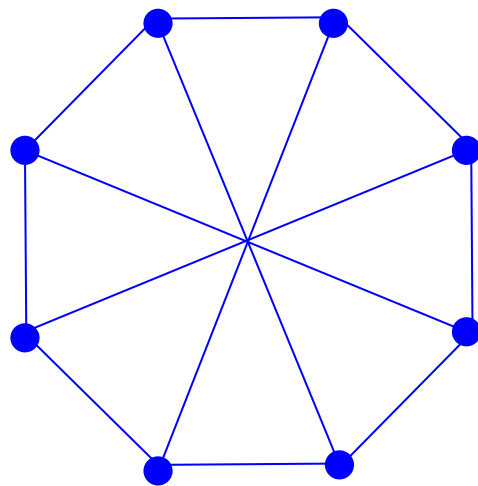
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Other conditions on G that imply that Vizing's conjecture holds for G :

- (B. & G., 1979) G is a cycle.
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 $\rho_2(G) = \gamma(G)$
- (Hartnell & D.R., 1995)
 $\rho_2(G) + 1 = \gamma(G)$
- (Liang Sun, 2004) $\gamma(G) = 3$
- (unpublished) $\chi(\overline{G}) \leq 4$
- (Ron Aharoni & Tibor Szabo, 2005) G is chordal

Note: It is not all that easy to find graphs G such that

- Vizing's conjecture holds for G , and
- the condition from the theorem of Barcalkin & German does **not** hold for G .



V. Is there a constant $0 < k < 1$ such that

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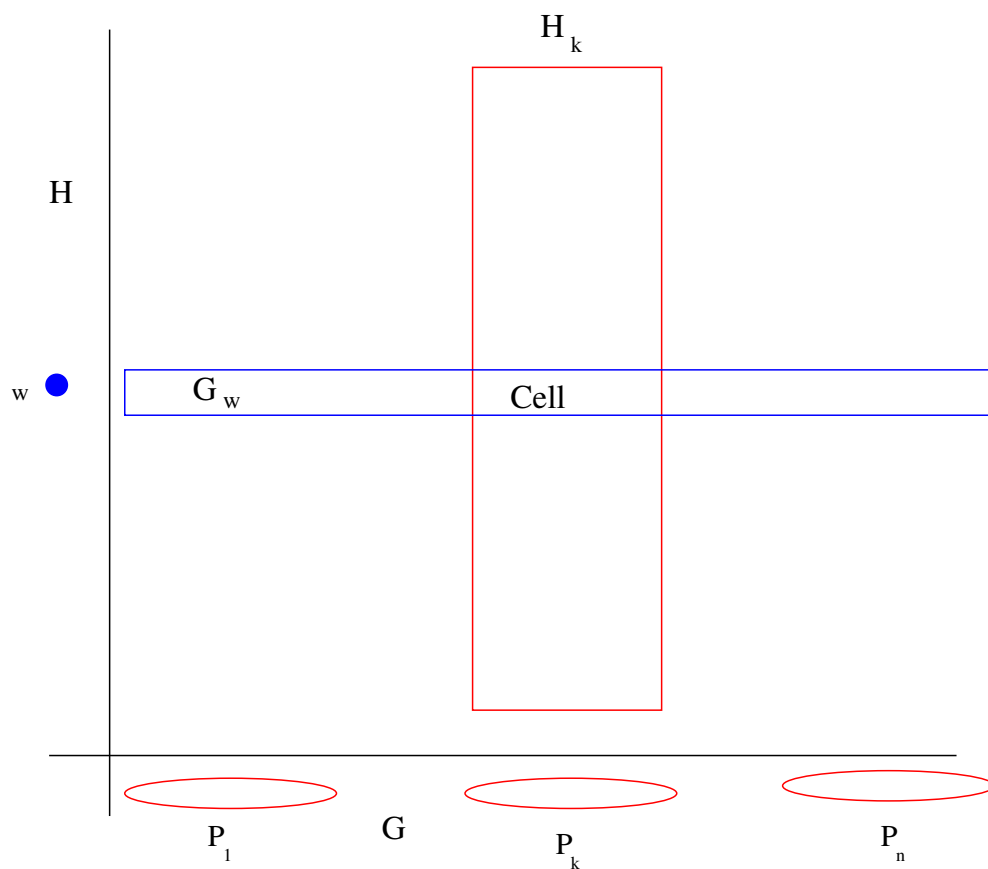
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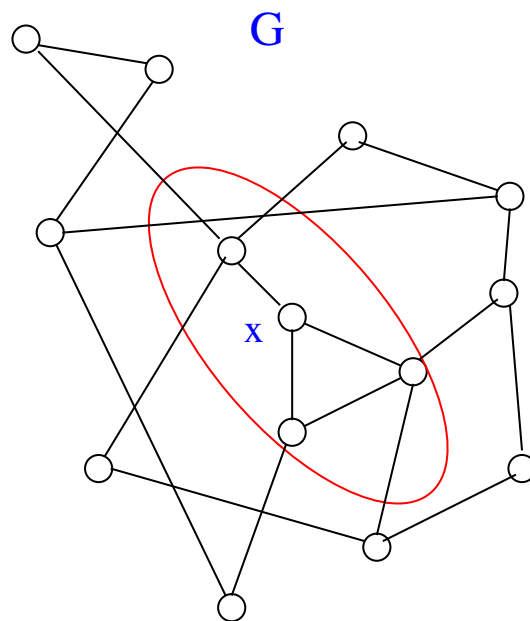
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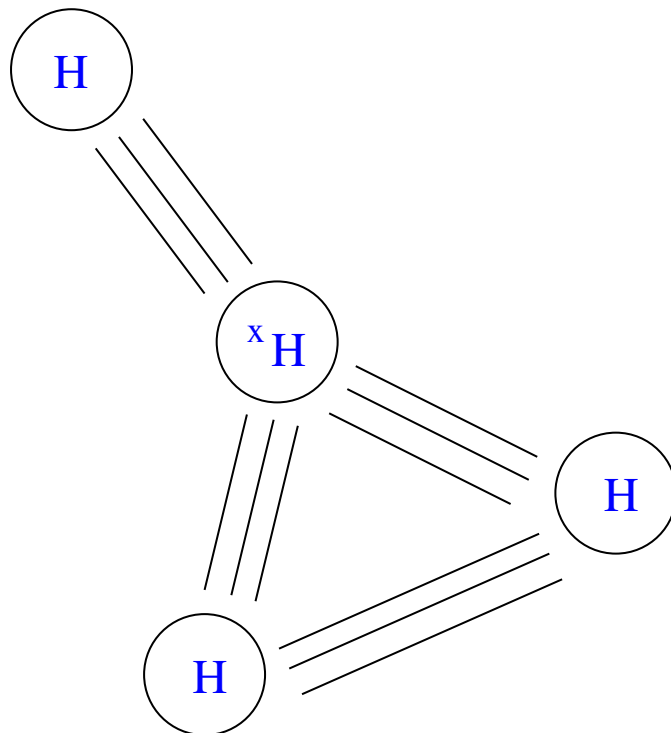
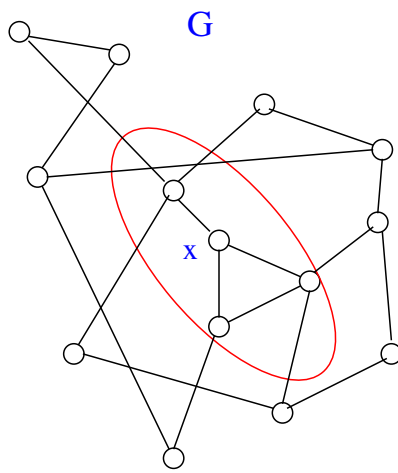
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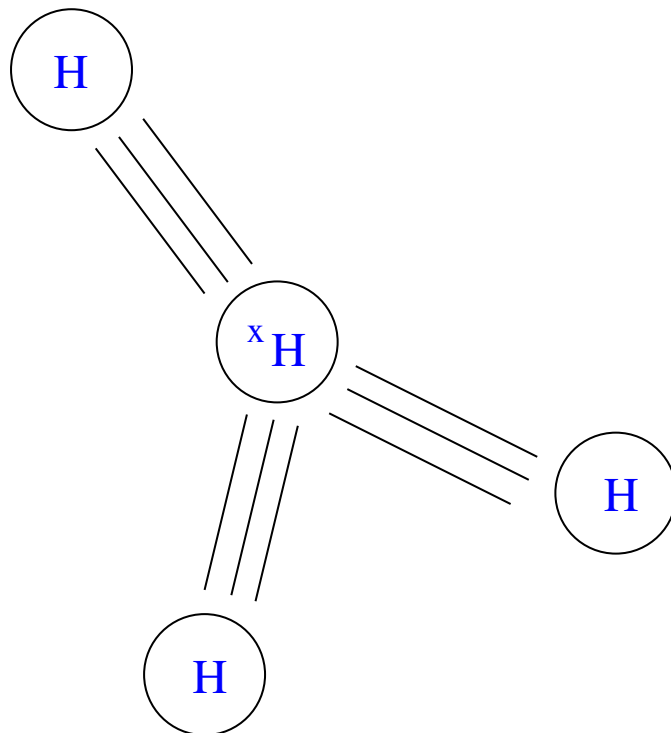
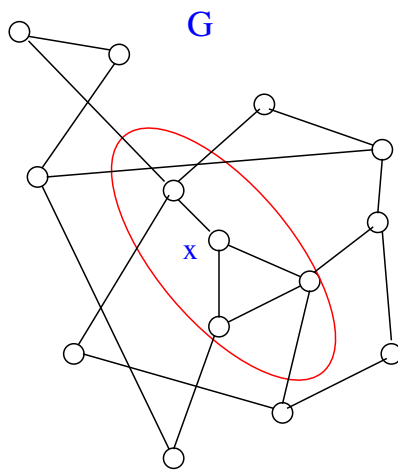
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There is no constant $K > 1$ such that for all G, H

$$\gamma(G \square H) < K \cdot \gamma(G)\gamma(H).$$

Example:

$$\gamma(K_n \square K_n) = n \cdot \gamma(K_n)\gamma(K_n).$$

Summary
2-Packing & Domination on \square

- $\rho_2(G) \leq \gamma(G)$ for every graph G .
- $\rho_2(G)\gamma(H) \leq \gamma(G \square H)$ for every H .
- $\rho_2(T) = \gamma(T)$ for every tree T .

Domination in Direct Products

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$$\gamma(G \times H) \geq \gamma(G)\gamma(H).$$

From

$\gamma_t(G) \leq 2\gamma(G)$ (immediate) and

γ_t is submultiplicative on \times (later)

follows

Observation:

$$\gamma(G \times H) \leq \gamma_t(G \times H) \leq \gamma_t(G)\gamma_t(H) \leq 4\gamma(G)\gamma(H)$$

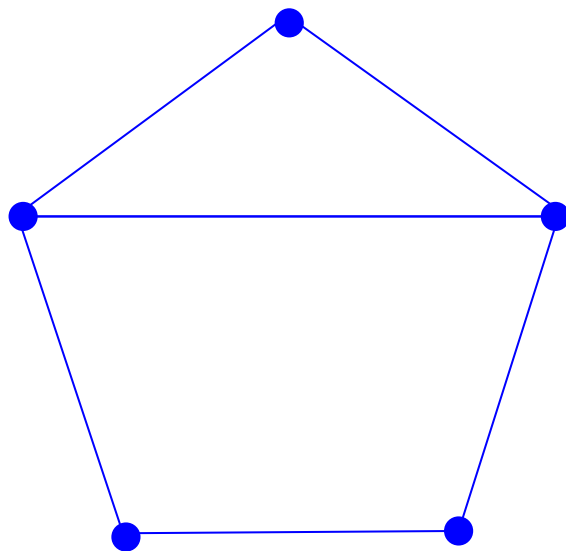
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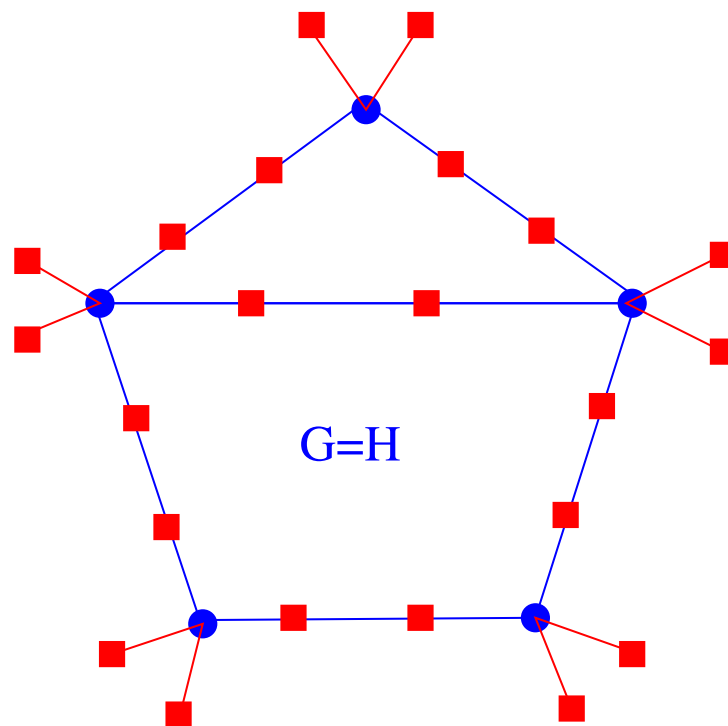


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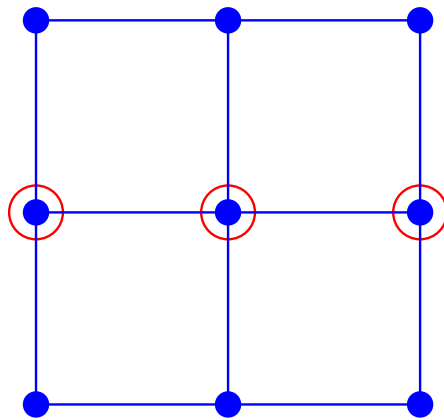
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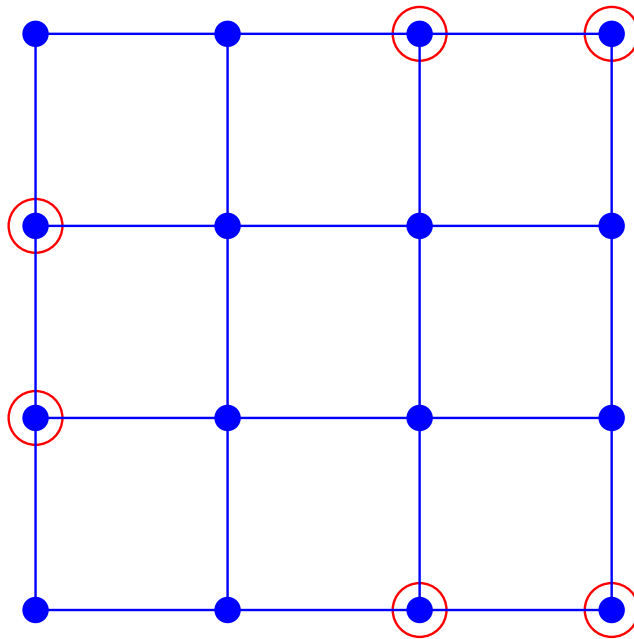
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6 pairwise disjoint open neighborhoods

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Equality occurs $\Leftrightarrow \gamma_t(T) = 2\gamma(T)$ and $H = n K_2$.

We know of **no** graphs G and H such that

$$\frac{1}{6}\gamma_t(G)\gamma_t(H) \leq \gamma_t(G \square H) < \frac{1}{2}\gamma_t(G)\gamma_t(H)$$

Is it the case that for all graphs with no isolated vertices

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Total Domination in Direct Products

A is a total dominating set of G and B is a total dominating set of H

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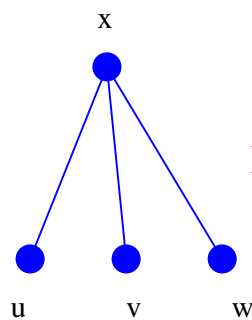
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Let D be a total dominating set of $G \times H$,
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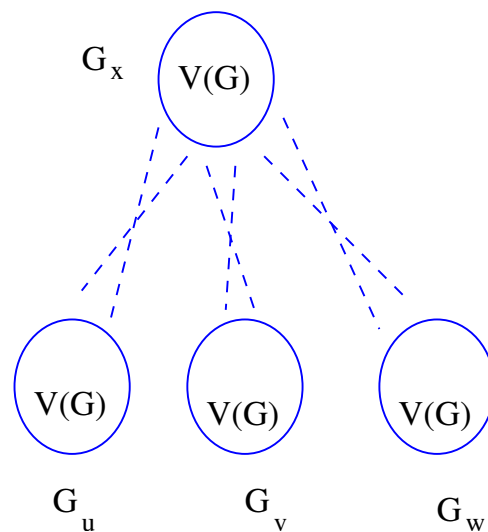
D totally dominates $G_x = \{(g, x) \mid g \in V(G)\}$

\Rightarrow

$$|D \cap (G_u \cup G_v \cup G_w)| \geq \gamma_t(G)$$



$$N(x) = \{u, v, w\}$$



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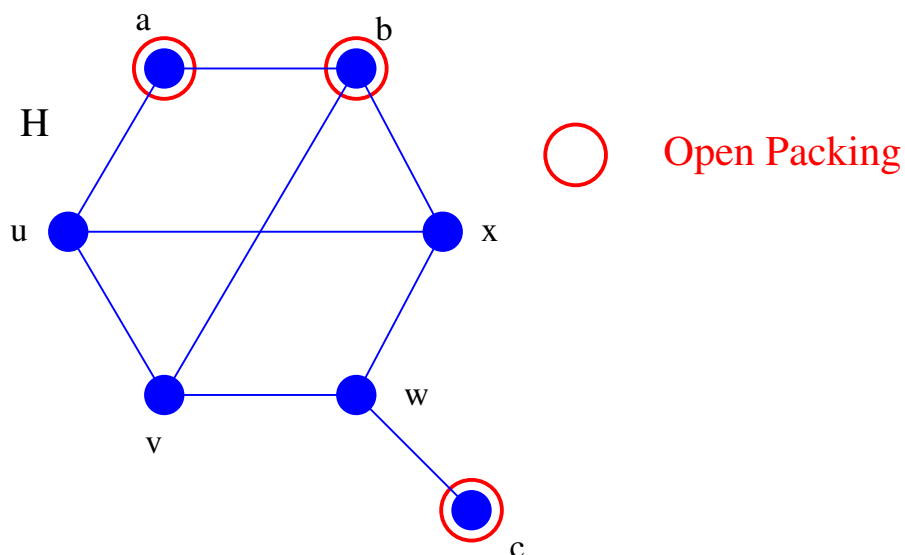
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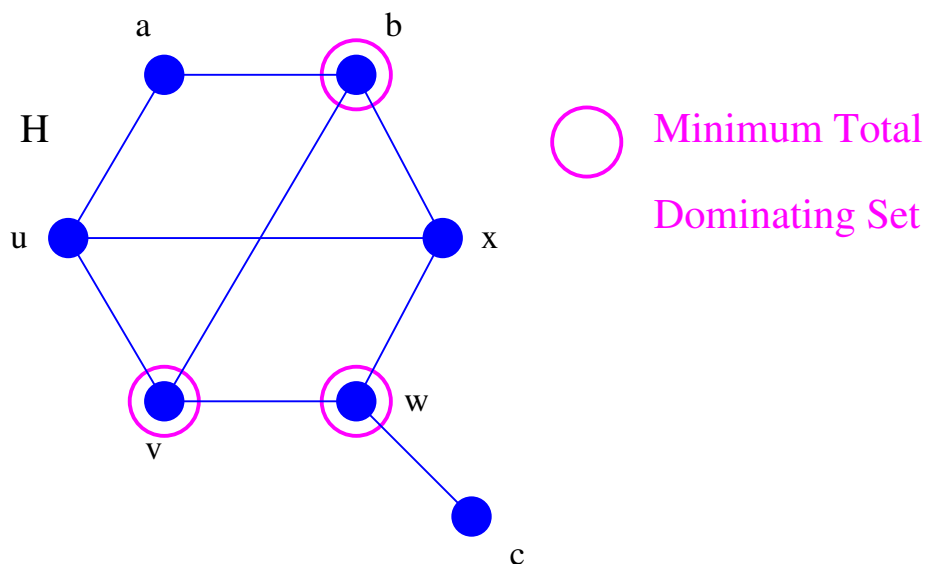


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Observation: For every G , $\rho^{\circ}(G) \leq \gamma_t(G)$.

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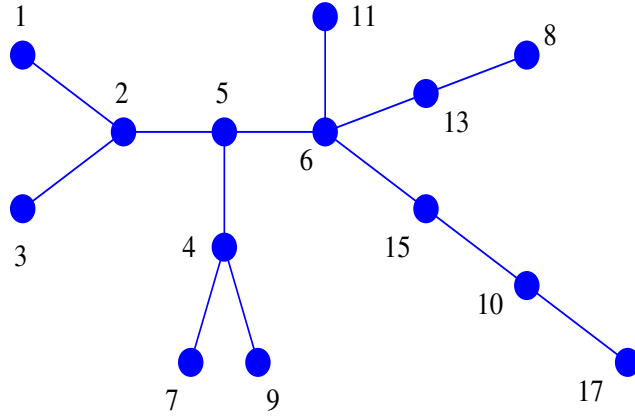
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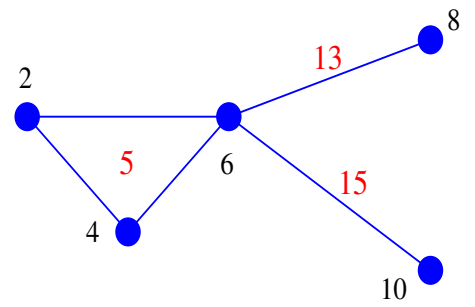
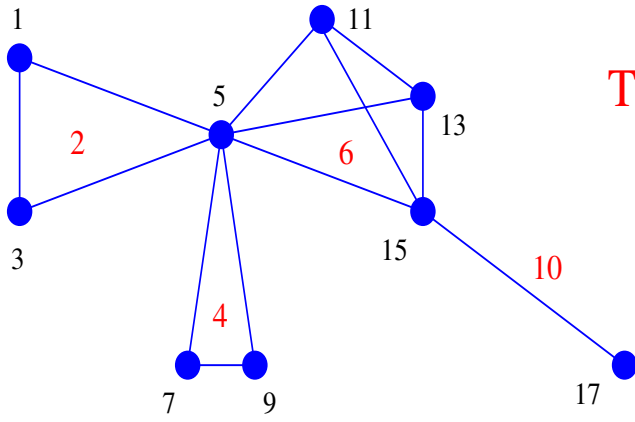
For $G = (V, E)$ let G' be the intersection graph on the collection of open neighborhoods of G .

- $\rho^{\circ}(G) = \alpha(G')$ (α = independence number)
- $\gamma_t(G) =$ the minimum number of open neighborhoods that contain (cover) $V(G)$.

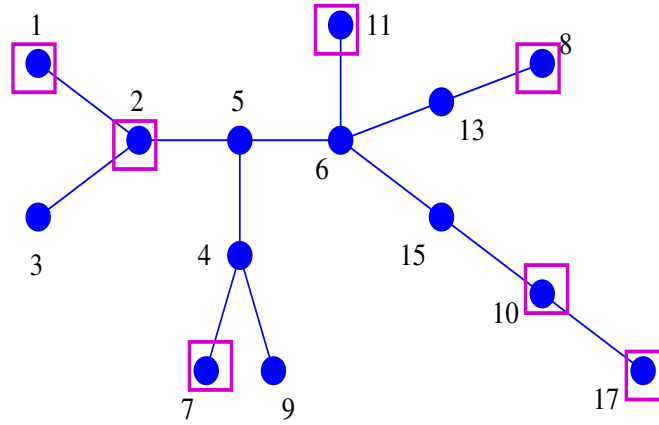
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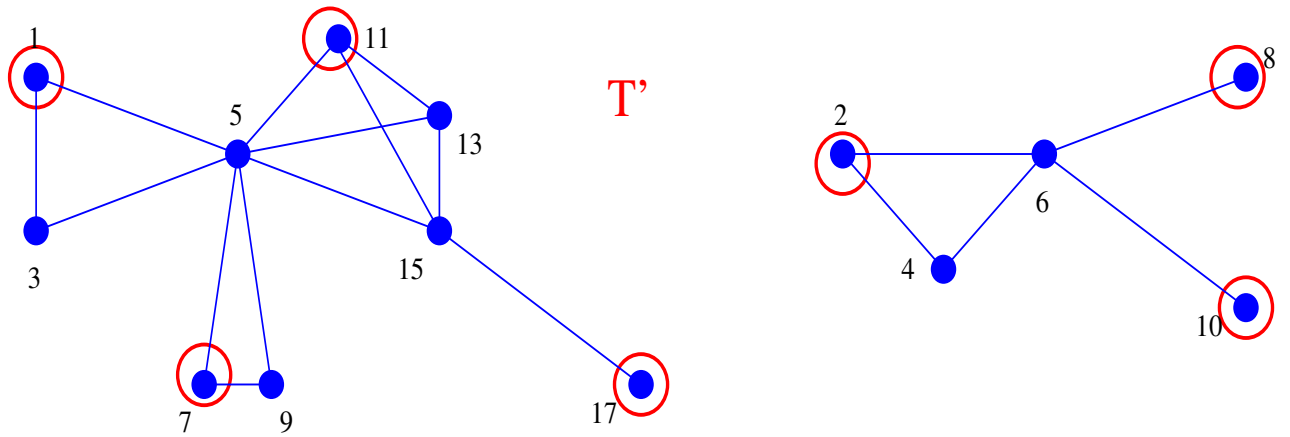
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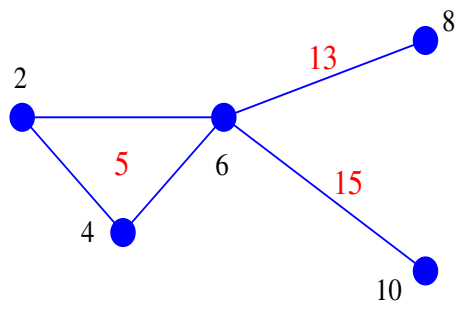
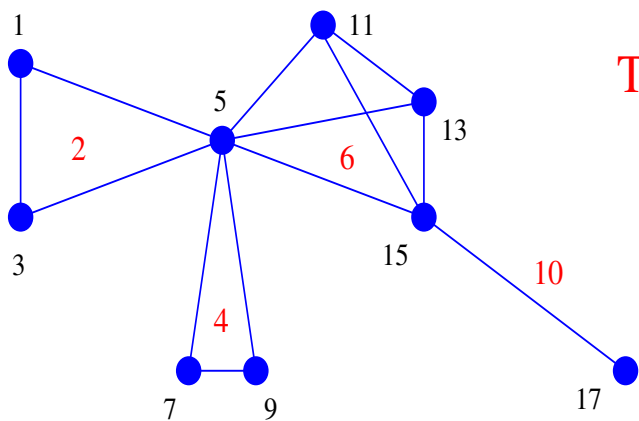
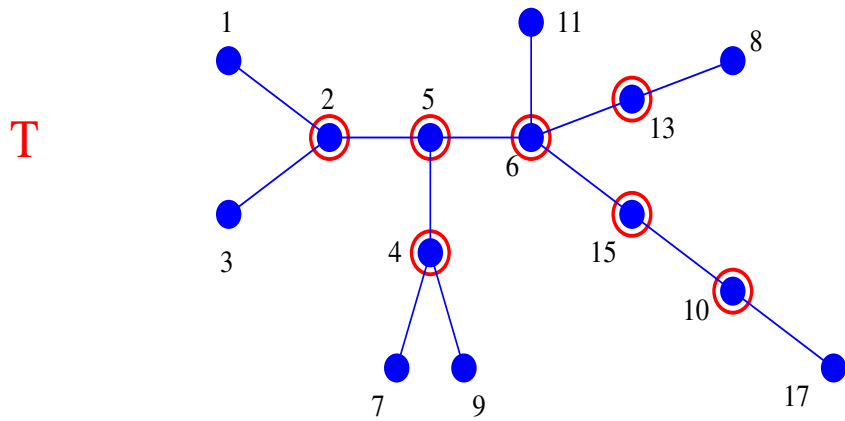


{ 1, 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17 } is maximum open packing in T



T'

{ 1, 7, 11, 17, 2, 8, 10 } is maximum independent set in T'



{ 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 13, 15 } is a total dominating set of T

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Their proof is by induction on the order of T .

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Proof (Sketch)

- For any clique M of T' there is a vertex a of T such that $M \subseteq N_T(a)$.
- $\gamma_t(T) =$ minimum number of cliques of T' that cover $V(T')$.
- T' is a chordal (and hence perfect) graph.
- $\overline{T'}$ is perfect.
- $\rho^{\circ}(T) = \alpha(T') = \omega(\overline{T'}) = \chi(\overline{T'})$
- $\chi(\overline{T'}) =$ minimum number of independent sets that cover $\overline{T'} =$ minimum number of cliques that cover $V(T') = \gamma_t(T)$.

Corollary: If T is any nontrivial tree, then for any H

$$\gamma_t(T \times H) = \gamma_t(T)\gamma_t(H).$$

“direct grids”

$$\gamma_t(P_n \times P_m) = \gamma_t(P_n)\gamma_t(P_m)$$

(Example:)

$$\gamma_t(P_{17} \times P_{12}) = \gamma_t(P_{17})\gamma_t(P_{12}) = 9 \cdot 6 = 54$$

Corollary: For every H ,

$$\gamma_t(C_{4n} \times H) = \gamma_t(C_{4n})\gamma_t(H) = 2n\gamma_t(H).$$

Summary

Open Packing & Total Domination on \times

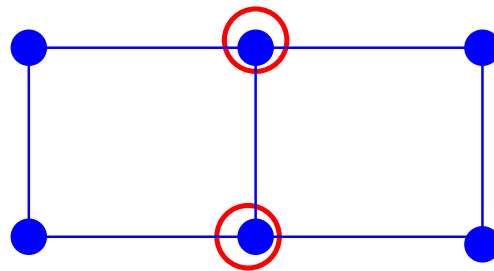
- $\rho^{\circ}(G) \leq \gamma_t(G)$ for every graph G .
- $\rho^{\circ}(G)\gamma_t(H) \leq \gamma_t(G \times H)$ for every H .
- $\rho^{\circ}(T) = \gamma_t(T)$ for every tree T .

Paired-Domination in Cartesian Products

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γ_{pr} is **not** supermultiplicative on \square .

$$\gamma_{\text{pr}}(P_2 \square P_3) = 2 < 2 \cdot 2 = \gamma_{\text{pr}}(P_2) \gamma_{\text{pr}}(P_3)$$



γ_{pr} is **not** submultiplicative on \square .

$$\gamma_{\text{pr}}(K_n \square K_n) \geq n > 2 \cdot 2 = \gamma_{\text{pr}}(K_n) \gamma_{\text{pr}}(K_n)$$

Proposition:(Haynes, Slater 1998)

$$\gamma_{\text{pr}}(G) \leq 2\gamma(G)$$

Observation:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma_{\text{pr}}(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(H) &\leq 4\gamma(G)\gamma(H) \\ &\leq 8\gamma(G\Box H) \quad \text{Clark, Suen} \\ &\leq 8\gamma_{\text{pr}}(G\Box H)\end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\frac{1}{8}\gamma_{\text{pr}}(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(H) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G\Box H)$$

What is largest constant $\frac{1}{8} \leq k < 1$ such that

$$k \cdot \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(H) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G\Box H) ?$$

A set $A \subseteq V(G)$ is a **3-packing** in G if for every $x \neq y$ in A , $d(x, y) > 3$. The **3-packing number** is the maximum cardinality, $\rho_3(G)$, of a 3-packing in G .

Lemma: For any G with no isolated vertices,

$$\gamma_{\text{pr}}(G) \geq 2\rho_3(G).$$

Theorem: For any tree T ,

$$\gamma_{\text{pr}}(T) = 2\rho_3(T).$$

Theorem: For any G and H with no isolated vertices,

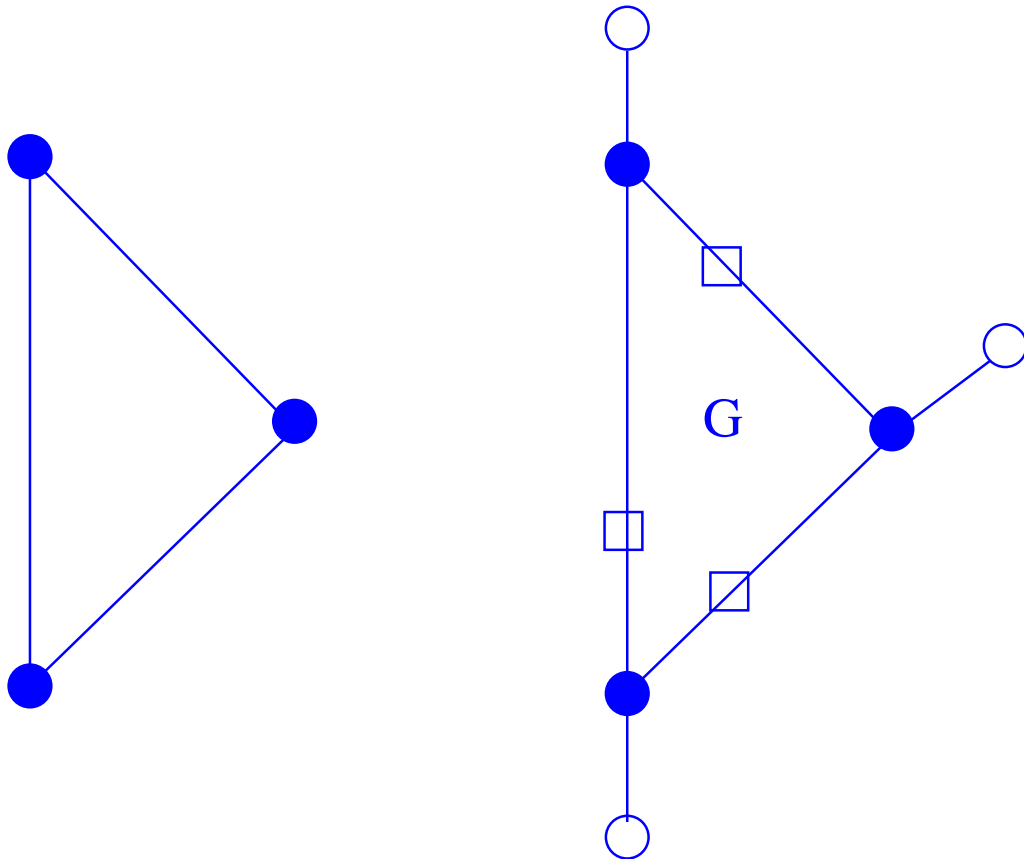
$$\rho_3(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(H) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G \square H).$$

Corollary: If G and H have no isolated vertices and $\gamma_{\text{pr}}(G) = 2\rho_3(G)$, then

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(H) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G \square H),$$

and this bound is sharp.

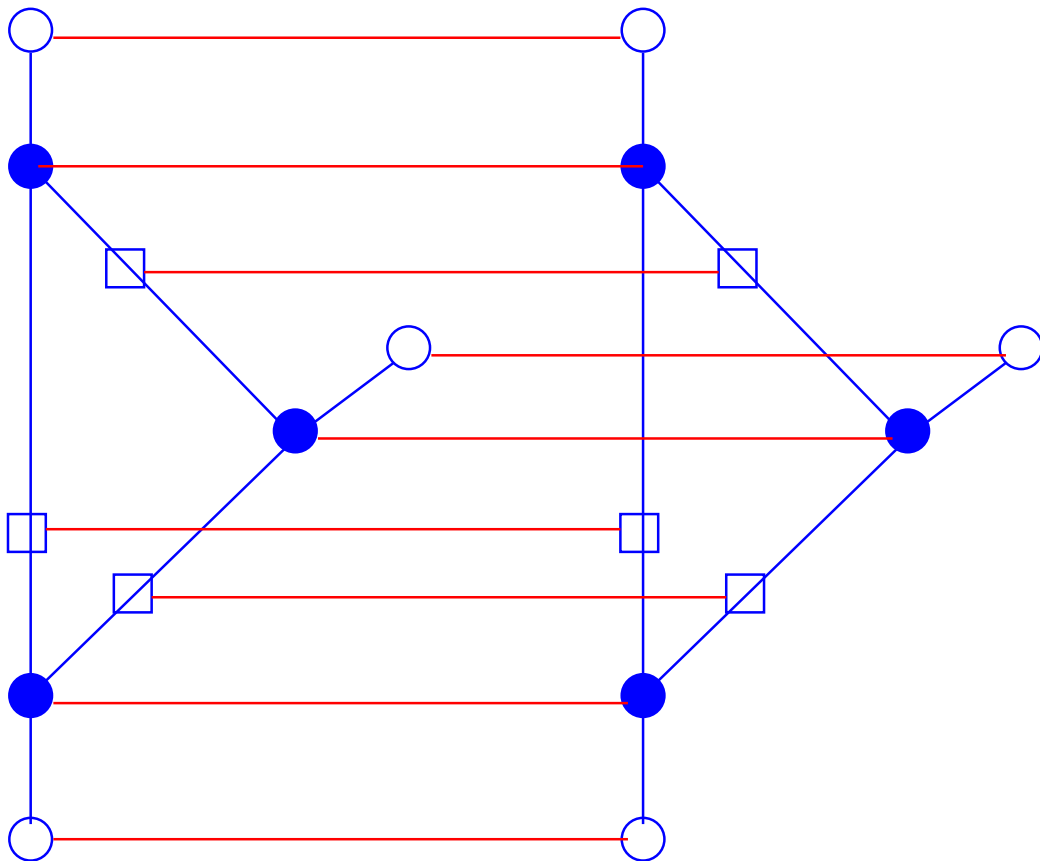
$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G) \gamma_{\text{pr}}(K_2) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G \square K_2)$$



Subdivide each edge and add one leaf neighbor to each original vertex to get G .

$$\gamma_{\text{pr}}(G) = 6 = 2 \cdot 3 = 2 \cdot \rho_3(G)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(K_2) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G \square K_2)$$



● Minimum paired-dominating set

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(K_2) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 6 \cdot 2 = 6 = \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G \square K_2)$$

Summary

3-Packing & Paired-Domination on \square

- $2\rho_3(G) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G)$ for every graph G .
- $\rho_3(G)\gamma_{\text{pr}}(H) \leq \gamma_{\text{pr}}(G\square H)$ for every H .
- $2\rho_3(T) = \gamma_{\text{pr}}(T)$ for every tree T .

Open Problems and Questions

- Prove Vizing's Conjecture:

$$\gamma(G)\gamma(H) \leq \gamma(G \square H).$$

- Improve the bound of Clark and Suen.
That is, find a constant $k > \frac{1}{2}$ such that

$$\gamma(G \square H) \geq k \cdot \gamma(G)\gamma(H).$$

- Find the largest constant k such that for all G and H with no isolated vertices

$$k \cdot \gamma_t(G)\gamma_t(H) \leq \gamma_t(G \square H).$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \gamma_t(G)\gamma_t(H) \leq \gamma_t(G \square H)?$$

Open Problems and Questions

- Find other pairs of packing, ρ' , and domination, γ' , invariants together with a graph product, \oplus , such that
 - $\rho'(G) \leq \gamma'(G)$ for every graph G .
 - $\rho'(G)\gamma'(H) \leq \gamma'(G \oplus H)$ for every H .
 - $\rho'(T) = \gamma'(T)$ for every tree T .