

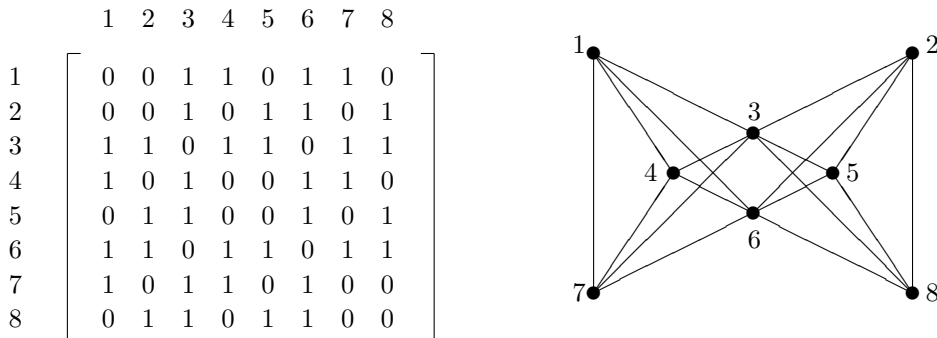
## DOMINATIONS ON BIPARTITE STEINHAUS GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we give an upper bound for dominations of Steinhaus graphs, and the domination numbers of the bipartite Steinhaus graphs. Also, we give an upper bound for Nordhaus-Gaddum type result for the bipartite Steinhaus graphs.

### 1. Introduction

A *Steinhaus graph*  $G$  is a labeled graph  $G$  of order  $n$  whose adjacency matrix  $A(G) = (a_{i,j})$  satisfy the Steinhaus property :  $a_{i,j} = a_{i-1,j-1} + a_{i-1,j} \pmod{2}$  for each  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . The first row in  $A(G)$  is called the *generating string* of  $G$ . It is obvious that there are exactly  $2^{n-1}$  Steinhaus graphs of order  $n$ . The vertices of a Steinhaus graph are usually labeled by their corresponding row numbers (see Figure 1).



**Figure 1** Steinhaus graph with the generating string 00110110

In this paper,  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the floor of  $x$  and  $\lceil x \rceil$  is the ceiling of  $x$ . We denote  $\log_2(x)$  by  $lg(x)$ . We now present Pascal's rectangle modulo two (see Figure 2). The rows of the rectangle are labelled  $R_1^*, R_2^*, \dots$ , and so the  $k$ th element

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of  $R_n^*$  is 0 if  $k > n$  and is  $\binom{n-1}{k-1} \pmod{2}$  if  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . We denote  $R_{n,k}$  by the string formed by the first  $k$  elements of  $R_n^*$  and we set  $R_n = R_{n,n}$ .

$$\begin{array}{l}
 R_{1,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \\
 R_{2,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \\
 R_{3,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \\
 R_{4,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \\
 R_{5,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \\
 R_{6,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \\
 R_{7,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \\
 R_{8,8} \rightarrow 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1
 \end{array}$$

**Figure 2** Pascal’s rectangle of length 8

Also, if  $k$  is a positive integer, then let  $K = 2^{\lceil \lg(k) \rceil}$  and  $T = R_{K-k+1,K}$ . If  $T$  is a string of zeros and ones, then  $T^k$  is the string  $T$  concatenated with itself  $k - 1$  times. For example, if  $T = 10$ , then  $T^4 = 10101010$ . In [3], the generating strings for bipartite Steinhaus graphs are described as follows.

**Theorem 1.1.** ([3]) *A Steinhaus graph is bipartite if and only if its generating string is a prefix of either  $0^k T^{i2^m} 0^{K2^m}$  or  $0^k T^{2^j} 0^m$  for each positive integer  $k$ , positive odd integer  $i$  larger than 1, non-negative integers  $j, m$ .*

Moreover, the tight upper bound and a recurrence formula for the numbers of bipartite Steinhaus graphs are studied in [3].

A set  $S \subseteq V(G)$  of a graph  $G$  is a *dominating set* if every vertex not in  $S$  is adjacent to a vertex in  $S$ . The *domination number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set. A dominating set of  $G$  of cardinality  $\gamma(G)$  is called a  $\gamma$ -set. It is studied domination numbers of Steinhaus graphs in [8].

**Theorem 1.2.** ([8]) *For any nontrivial Steinhaus graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices,*

$$\gamma(G) \leq \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil,$$

*with equality holds if and only if  $G$  is the path  $P_n$ .*

## 2. Domination numbers of bipartite Steinhaus graphs

First, we consider all bipartite Steinhaus graphs  $G$  whose generating string is a prefix of  $0^k T^{i2^j}$  for some positive integer  $k$ , positive odd integer  $i$  and

nonnegative integer  $j$ . Then if  $k = 1$  or  $n - 1$ ,  $G$  is isomorphic to  $K_{1,n-1}$ . So,  $\gamma(G) = 1$ . Otherwise, it is clear that  $\{k, k + 1\}$  is a  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$ . So,  $\gamma(G) = 2$ . Therefore, we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *If a bipartite Steinhaus graph  $G$  has the generating string which is a prefix of  $0^k T^{i2^j}$  for some positive integer  $k$ , positive odd integer  $i$  and nonnegative integers  $j$ , then*

$$\gamma(G) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = 1, n - 1; \\ 2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

From now on, assume that  $G$  with adjacent matrix,  $(a_{i,j})$  has the generating string  $a_{1,1}, a_{1,2} \cdots a_{1,n}$ . Let us start from Lucas's Theorem (See [9]).

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $p$  be prime, and let  $n = \sum a_i p^i$  and  $m = \sum b_i p^i$  be the  $p$ -ary expansions of positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ . Then*

$$\binom{n}{m} \equiv \binom{a_0}{b_0} \binom{a_1}{b_1} \cdots \pmod{p}.$$

Since the entry  $a_{i,j}$  in the matrix  $A(G)$  is given by  $a_{i,j} \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{i-l} \binom{i-l}{k} a_{l,j-k} \pmod{2}$  for all  $1 \leq l \leq \frac{i}{2}$ , we get the following lemma by applying  $p = 2$  in Theorem 2.2.

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $i, j, r$  are nonnegative integers, with  $i, j \geq 1$ , then*

$$a_{i+2^r, j+2^r} \equiv a_{i,j} + a_{i, j+2^r} \pmod{2}.$$

From now on, let  $l, m$  be positive integers, and denote that  $L = 2^{\lceil \lg(l) \rceil}$ . Observe that in Pascal's rectangle modulo two, the number of ones in  $R_{i,L}$  is at most  $\frac{L}{4}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq L$  except  $i = \frac{L}{2}, L - 1, L$ . For convenience, we divide nontrivial bipartite Steinhaus graphs into three cases for  $k = 1, 2$  and  $k \geq 3$  respectively. Consider the case  $k = 1$ . Let  $G$  be a bipartite Steinhaus graph with generating string  $01^l 0^m$ . Then since  $a_{1,j} = 0$  for  $j \geq l + 2$ , we get the following facts by Lemma 2.3;

Fact 1. For  $1 \leq i < j$ ,  $a_{i,j} = a_{i+L, j+L}$ .

Fact 2. For  $2 \leq i \leq L + 1$ ,  $(a_{i,j})_{i < j}$  is given by as follow;

$$(a_{i,j}) = \begin{cases} 0^{l-i} R_{i-1,L}, & \text{if } 2 \leq i \leq l + 1; \\ \text{surfix of } R_{i-1,L} \text{ deleted by first } L - l \text{ entries,} & \text{if } l + 2 \leq i \leq L + 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, by applying the above observation and two Facts we get the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.4.** *If  $G$  has the generating string  $01^l 0^m$ , then an upper bound for maximal degree of  $G$ ,  $\Delta(G)$  is given by as follows;*

(1) *If  $l = L - 1$ ,  $\Delta(G) = 2L - 2 = 2l$ .*

(2) *If  $l = L$ ,  $\Delta(G) = l + 1$ .*

(3) *Otherwise,  $\Delta(G) \leq \frac{3l}{2}$ .*

The following theorem concerns the domination numbers of  $G$  for  $k = 1$ . Denote that for a vertex  $s$  of  $G$ ,  $N(s)$  is the set of vertices which are adjacent to  $s$ . In the following theorems, we assume that  $G$  has  $n$ -vertices.

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $G$  has the generating string  $01^l0^m$ , then*

$$\gamma(G) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil, & \text{if } l = 1; \\ \lceil \frac{n+1}{4} \rceil, & \text{if } l = 2; \\ \lceil \frac{n-1}{2l+1} \rceil + 1, & \text{if } l+1 \text{ is a power of two, } l \geq 3; \\ \lceil \frac{n-1}{l} \rceil + 1, & \text{if } l \text{ is a power of two, for } l \geq 4; \\ \lceil \frac{2(n-1)}{L} \rceil + 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* First, for  $l = 1$ ,  $G$  is the path  $P_n$ . So,  $\gamma(G) = \lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$ . Next, for  $l = 2$ , observe that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $P_2 \times P_{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$  or  $P_2 \times P_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} - \{n+1\}$ . Construct  $S$  as follow;

$$S = \begin{cases} \{1, 6, 9, 14, \dots, n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{4}; \\ \{2, 4, 10, 13, \dots, n\}, & \text{if } n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Then it is clear that  $S$  dominate the vertex set of  $G$ . Since the degree of each vertex in  $S - \{1, n\}$  is 3 which is maximal, for all  $s \in S - \{1, n\}$ ,  $N(s)$ 's are pairwise disjoint. Therefore,  $S$  is a  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$ . So,  $\gamma(G) = |S| = \lceil \frac{n+1}{4} \rceil$ .

Next, if  $l+1$  is a power of two, then  $S = \{1, l+2, 3l+4, \dots\}$  dominates the vertex set of  $G$ . Since the degree of each vertex in  $S - \{1\}$  is  $2l+1$  which is maximal by (1) in Lemma 2.4, for all  $s \in S - \{1\}$ ,  $N(s)$ 's are pairwise disjoint. Therefore,  $S$  is a  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$ . So,  $\gamma(G) = |S| = \lceil \frac{n-1}{2l} \rceil + 1$ .

Next, if  $l$  is a power of two, then the set  $S = \{1, l+1, 2l+1, \dots\}$  dominates the vertex set of  $G$ . Since the degree of each vertex in  $S - \{1\}$  is  $l+1$  which is maximal by (2) in Lemma 2.4, for all  $s \in S - \{1\}$ ,  $(N(s) - \{s-1\})$ 's are pairwise disjoint. Therefore,  $S$  is a  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$ . So,  $\gamma(G) = |S| = \lceil \frac{n-1}{l} \rceil + 1$ .

Finally, if  $l, l+1$  are not a power of two, then  $S = \{1, \frac{l}{2}+1, L+1, \frac{3L}{2}+1, 2L+1, \dots\}$  dominates the vertex set of  $G$ . It is straightforward to show that  $S$  is a  $\gamma$ -set of  $G$ . So,  $\gamma(G) = |S| = \lceil \frac{2(n-1)}{L} \rceil + 1$ . □

**Theorem 2.6.** *If  $G$  has the generating string which is  $00(10)^{j2^r}0^m$  for some nonnegative integer  $r$  and positive odd integer  $j$ , then*

$$\gamma(G) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil, & \text{if } j = 1, r = 0; \\ \lceil \frac{n-2}{2^r} \rceil, & \text{if } j = 1, r \geq 1; \\ \lceil \frac{n-2}{J2^{r-1}} \rceil + 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $J = 2^{\lceil \lg(j) \rceil}$ .

*Proof.* It is clear that the induced subgraph  $G - 1$  is a bipartite graph with generating string  $01^l0^m$  which is one of  $l = 2$  or  $l$  is a power of two or  $l$  is a

multiple of two but not a power of two as in the Theorem 2.5. So, by Theorem 2.5, the proof is completed.  $\square$

For  $k \geq 3$ ,  $T = R_{K-k+1, K}$ . So, the generating string of a bipartite Steinhau graph is  $0^k T^{j2^r} 0^m$  for some nonnegative integer  $r$  and positive odd integer  $j$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *If  $k \geq 3$  and  $G$  has the generating string  $0^k T^{j2^r} 0^m$  for some nonnegative integer  $r$  and positive odd integer  $j$ , then*

$$\gamma(G) = \begin{cases} \left\lceil \frac{n-k}{K2^r} \right\rceil, & \text{if } j = 1 ; \\ \left\lceil \frac{2(n-k)}{KJ2^r} \right\rceil + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* It is clear that the induced subgraph  $G - \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is a bipartite graph with generating string  $01^l 0^m$ . So, by Theorem 2.5, the proof is completed.  $\square$

Since the domination number of any nontrivial bipartite graph is 2, we get the following Nordhaus-Gaddum type result.

**Corollary 2.8.** *For any nontrivial bipartite Steinhau graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices,*

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(G) + \gamma(\overline{G}) &\leq \left\lceil \frac{n+6}{3} \right\rceil \\ \gamma(G)\gamma(\overline{G}) &\leq \left\lceil \frac{2n+3}{3} \right\rceil \end{aligned}$$

*with equality if and only if  $G = P_n$ .*

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