

## 2-Dominating Sets And 2-Domination Polynomials of Cycles

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### ABSTRACT

Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph of order  $m$ . Let  $D_2(G, i)$  be the family of 2-dominating sets in  $G$  with cardinality  $i$ . The polynomial  $D_2(G, x) = \sum_{i=\gamma_2(G)}^m d_2(G, i)x^i$  is called the 2-domination polynomial of  $G$ . In this paper we obtain a recursive formula for  $d_2(C_m, i)$ . Using this recursive formula we construct the 2-domination polynomial,  $D_2(C_m, x) = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor}^m d_2(C_m, i)x^i$ , where  $d_2(C_m, i)$  is the number of 2-dominating sets of  $C_m$  of cardinality  $i$  and some properties of this polynomial have been studied.

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph of order  $m$ . For any vertex  $v \in V$ , the open neighbourhood of  $V$  is the set  $N(v) = \{u \in V / uv \in E\}$  and the closed neighbourhood of  $V$  is the set  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For a set  $S \subseteq V$ , the open neighbourhood of  $S$  is  $N(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} N(v)$  and the closed neighbourhood of  $S$  is  $N[S] = N(S) \cup S$ .

A set  $D \subseteq V$  is a dominating set of  $G$  if  $N[D] = V$  or equivalently, every vertex in  $V - D$  is adjacent to at least one vertex in  $D$ .

The domination number of a graph  $G$  is defined as the minimum cardinality taken over all dominating sets  $D$  of vertices in  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma(G)$ .

We use the notation  $\lceil x \rceil$  for the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$  and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  for the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Also, we denote the set  $\{1, 2, 3 \dots m\}$  by  $[m]$ , throughout this paper.

## II. 2-DOMINATING SETS OF CYCLES

In this section, we state the 2-domination number of cycle and some of its properties

### Definition 2.1:

Let  $G$  be a simple graph of order  $m$  with no isolated vertices. A subset  $D \subseteq V$  is a 2-dominating set of the graph  $G$ , if every vertex  $v \in V - D$  is adjacent to at least 2 vertices in  $D$ . The minimum cardinality taken over all 2-dominating sets of  $G$  is called the 2-domination number and is denoted by  $\gamma_2(G)$ .

### Lemma 2.2:

Let  $C_m$  be the cycle with  $m$  vertices, then its 2-domination number is  $\gamma_2(C_m) = \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$ .

### Lemma 2.3:

Let  $C_m$ ,  $m \geq 5$  be the cycle with  $|V(C_m)| = m$ . Then,  $d_2(C_m, i) = 0$  if  $i < \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > m$  and  $d_2(C_m, i) > 0$  if  $\left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq m$ .

### Proof:

If  $i < \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > m$ , then there is no 2-dominating set of cardinality  $i$ .

Therefore,  $D_2(C_m, i) = \phi$ .

By Lemma 2.2, the cardinality of the minimum 2-dominating set is  $\left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$ .

Therefore,  $d_2(C_m, i) > 0$  if  $i \geq \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $i \leq m$ .

Hence, we have,  $d_2(C_m, i) = 0$  if  $i < \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$  or  $i > m$  and  $d_2(C_m, i) > 0$  if  $\left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil \leq i \leq m$ .

### Lemma 2.4 :

Let  $C_m$ ,  $m \geq 5$  be the cycle with  $m$  vertices.

(i) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ , then  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ .

(ii) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$ , then  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$ .

(iii) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ , then  $D_2(C_m, i) = \phi$ .

(iv) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$ , then  $D_2(C_m, i) \neq \phi$ .

### Proof:

(i) Let  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ .

Then by Lemma 2.3,

$$i-1 > m-1 \text{ or } i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \text{ and } i-1 > m-3 \text{ or } i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil.$$

Therefore,  $i-1 > m-1$  or  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil$ .

Hence,  $i-1 > m-2$  or  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rceil$  holds.

Hence,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ .

by Lemma 2.3, then

we have,  $i-1 > m-2$  or  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rceil$ .

If  $i-1 > m-2$ , then  $i-1 > m-3$ .

Therefore,  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ , a contradiction.

If  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rceil$ , then  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil$  holds.

Therefore,  $d_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$ , a contradiction.

Hence,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$ .

(iii) Since  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ ,  
by Lemma 2.3,

$$i-1 > m-1 \text{ or } i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor \text{ and } i-1 > m-2 \text{ or } i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rfloor.$$

Therefore,  $i-1 > m-1$  or  $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

Therefore,  $i > m$  or  $i < \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

Hence,  $d_2(C_m, i) = \phi$ .

(iv) By hypothesis,

$$\left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i-1 \leq m-1 \text{ and } \left\lfloor \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i-1 \leq m-2.$$

Therefore,  $\left\lfloor \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i-1 \leq m-1$ .

Therefore,  $\left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i \leq m$  holds.

Hence,  $D_2(C_m, i) \neq \phi$ .

**Lemma 2.5 :**

If  $D_2(C_m, i) \neq \phi$ , then for every  $m \geq 5$ , we have,

(i)  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$  iff  $m = 2k-1$  and  $i = k$  for some  $k \geq 3$ .

(ii)  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$  iff  $i = m$ .

(iii)  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$  iff  $i = m-1$ .

(iv)  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$  iff  $\left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq m-2$

**Proof:**

(i) Assume  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$ .

Since,  $D_2(C_m, i-1) = \phi$ ,

by Lemma 2.3,  $i-1 > m-1$  or  $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

If  $i-1 > m-1$ , then  $i > m$ , which implies  $D_2(C_m, i) = \phi$ , which is a contradiction.

Therefore,  $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ .

That is,  $i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor$  ----- (1)

Since,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$ , we have

$$\left\lfloor \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i-1 \leq m-2 \text{ and } \left\lfloor \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i-1 \leq m-3.$$

Therefore,  $\left\lfloor \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i-1 \leq m-3$ .

Therefore,  $\left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i$  ----- (1)

From (1) and (2)

$$\text{We get } \left\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \right\rfloor \leq i \leq \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

This inequality is true only when  $m = 2k-1$  and  $i = k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 3$ .

Conversely, assume that  $m = 2k-1$  and  $i = k$

Therefore,  $m-1 = 2k-2$  and  $i-1 = k-1$ .

$$\text{Therefore, } k = \frac{m+1}{2}$$

We have,  $i-1 = k-1$

$$= \frac{m-1}{2} < \left\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

Therefore,  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$ .

Also,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = D_2(C_{2k-3}, k-1) \neq \phi$ , since,  $\left\lceil \frac{2k-3}{2} \right\rceil = \lceil k - 3/2 \rceil = k-1$ .

$D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = D_2(C_{2k-5}, k-1) \neq \phi$ , since,  $\left\lceil \frac{2k-5}{2} \right\rceil = \lceil k - 5/2 \rceil = k-2$ .

(ii) Assume  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ .

Since,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ ,

Then by Lemma 2.3,

We have  $i-1 > m-2$  or  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rceil$  and  $i-1 > m-3$  or  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil$

Therefore,  $i-1 > m-2$  or  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil$ .

If  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil$ , then  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$  holds.

Therefore, by Lemma 2.3,

$D_2(C_m, i) = \phi$ , which is a contradiction.

So, we have,  $i-1 > m-2$

Therefore,  $i \geq m$  -----(1)

Also, since  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,

We have  $\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-1$

Therefore,  $i \leq m$  -----(2)

From (1) and (2) we get,  $i = m$

Conversely, if  $i = m$ ,

$D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = D_2(C_{m-2}, m-1) = \phi$

$D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = D_2(C_{m-3}, m-1) = \phi$

$D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = D_2(C_{m-1}, m-1) \neq \phi$

(iii) Assume that,  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ .

Since,  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ ,

then by Lemma 2.3,  $i-1 > m-3$  or  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil$ .

If  $i-1 < \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil$ , then  $i < \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$  holds.

Therefore,  $D_2(C_m, i) = \phi$ , which is a contradiction.

Therefore,  $i-1 > m-3$ .

Therefore,  $i \geq m-1$  -----(1)

Since,  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,

We have  $\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-1$  and  $\left\lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-2$ .

Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-2$ .

Therefore,  $i \leq m-1$  -----(2).

From (1) and (2) we get,

$$i = m - 1.$$

Conversely,

suppose  $i = m - 1$ ,

Then,  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = D_2(C_{m-1}, m-2) \neq \phi$ ,

$D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = D_2(C_{m-2}, m-2) \neq \phi$  and

$D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = D_2(C_{m-3}, m-2) = \phi$ .

(iv) Assume that,  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$ .

Then by Lemma 2.3, we have,

$$\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-1, \left\lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-2 \text{ and } \left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-3.$$

Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-3$

Hence,  $\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i \leq m-2$

Conversely,

suppose  $\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil + 1 \leq i \leq m-2$ .

Then,  $\left\lceil \frac{m-1}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-3$ ,

Therefore,  $\left\lceil \frac{m-2}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-2$ ,  $\left\lceil \frac{m-3}{2} \right\rceil \leq i-1 \leq m-3$ .

From these we obtain,

$D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) \neq \phi$ .

**Theorem 2.6:**

For every  $m \geq 5$  and  $i > \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$ ,

(i)  $D_2(C_{2m}, m) = \{1,3,5,\dots,2m-1\} \cup \{2,4,6,\dots,2m\}$ .

(ii) If  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ , then  $D_2(C_m, i) = D_2(C_m, m) = \{1,2,3,\dots,m\} = [m]$ .

(iii) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$ , and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ , then  $D_2(C_m, m-1) = \{[m]-\{x\} / x \in [m]\}$ .

(iv) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  then,

$D_2(C_m, i) = \{ \{X \cup \{m-1\} \text{ if } m-3 \in X\} \cup \{X \cup \{m\} \text{ if } m-2 \in X\} / X \in D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \}$

(v) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$

then,  $D_2(C_m, i) = \{Y \cup \{m\} / Y \in D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)\}$

(vi) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$

then,  $D_2(C_m, i) = \{ \{X \cup \{m-1\} \text{ if } m-3 \in X\} \cup \{X \cup \{m\} \text{ if } m-2 \in X\} \cup \{Y \cup \{m-1\} \text{ if } m-2 \in Y\} \cup \{Y \cup \{m\} \text{ if } m-1 \in Y\} \}$

Where  $X \in D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$  and  $Y \in D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$ .

**Proof:**

(i) For every  $m \geq 5$ ,  $D_2(C_{2m}, m) = \{1,3,5,\dots,2m-1\} \cup \{2,4,6,\dots,2m\}$ .

(ii) Since  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ , by Lemma 2.6 (ii),  $i = m$ .

Therefore,  $D_2(C_m, i) = D_2(C_m, m) = [m]$ .

(iii) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-3}, i-1) = \phi$ .

Then,  $D_2(C_m, i) = D_2(C_m, m-1) = \{[m]-\{x\} / x \in [m]\}$ .

(iv) Let  $X$  be a 2-dominating set of  $C_{m-2}$  with cardinality  $i-1$ . All the elements of  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$  end with  $m-3$  or  $m-2$ . Therefore,  $m-3 \in X$ , adjoin  $m-1$  with  $X$  and when  $m-2 \in X$  adjoin  $m$  with  $X$ . Hence, every  $X$  of  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$  belongs to  $D_2(C_m, i)$  by adjoining  $m-1$  and  $m$ .

(v) Let  $Y$  be a 2-dominating set of  $C_{m-1}$  with cardinality  $i-1$ . All the elements of  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$  end with  $m-1$ . Adjoin  $m$  with  $Y$ . Hence, every  $Y$  of  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$  belongs to  $D_2(C_m, i)$  by adjoining  $m$  only.

(vi) The construction of  $D_2(C_m, i)$  from  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$  and  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$

Let  $X$  be a 2-dominating set of  $C_{m-2}$  with cardinality  $i-1$ . All the elements of  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$  ends with  $m-3$  or  $m-2$ . Therefore,  $m-3 \in X$ , adjoin  $m-1$  with  $X$  and when  $m-2 \in X$  adjoin  $m$  with  $X$ . Hence, every  $X$  of  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$  belongs to  $D_2(C_m, i)$  by adjoining  $\{m-1\}$  or  $\{m\}$  only. Now let us consider  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$ , Here all the elements of  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$  end with  $m-2$  or  $m-1$ . Now let  $Y$  be 2-dominating set of  $C_{m-1}$  with cardinality

$m-1$ .

Here all the elements of  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$  ends with  $m-2$  or  $m-1$ . Therefore, when  $m-2 \in Y$ , adjoin  $m-1$  with  $Y$  and when  $m-1 \in Y$ , adjoin  $m$  with  $Y$ . Hence, every  $Y$  of  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$  belongs to  $D_2(C_m, i)$  by adjoining  $\{m-1\}$  or  $\{m\}$ .

**Theorem 2.7:**

If  $D_2(C_m, i)$  is the family of the 2-dominating sets of  $C_m$  with cardinality  $i$ , where  $i \geq \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$ . Then  $d_2(C_m, i) = d_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) + d_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$ .

**Proof:**

From Theorem 2.6, we consider all the four cases as given below, where  $i \geq \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil$ .

(i) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$  and  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$ , then  $D_2(C_m, i) = \phi$ .

(ii) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) = \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  then,

$$D_2(C_m, i) = \{ \{X \cup \{m-1\} \text{ if } m-3 \in X \} \cup \{X \cup \{m\} \text{ if } m-2 \in X\} / X \in D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \}.$$

(iii) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) = \phi$  then,  $D_2(C_m, i) = \{Y \cup \{m\} / Y \in D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)\}$

(iv) If  $D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) \neq \phi$ ,  $D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1) \neq \phi$  then

$$D_2(C_m, i) = \{ \{X \cup \{m-1\} \text{ if } m-3 \in X \} \cup \{X \cup \{m\} \text{ if } m-2 \in X\} \cup \{Y \cup \{m-1\} \text{ if } m-2 \in Y\} \cup \{Y \cup \{m\} \text{ if } m-1 \in Y\} \}$$

Where  $X \in D_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$  and  $Y \in D_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)$ .

From the above construction we obtain that

$$d_2(C_m, i) = d_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) + d_2(C_{m-2}, i-1).$$

### III. 2-DOMINATION POLYNOMIALS OF CYCLES

**Definition 3.1 :** Let  $D_2(C_m, i)$  be the family of 2-dominating sets of  $C_m$  with cardinality  $i$  and let  $d_2(C_m, i) = |D_2(C_m, i)|$ . Then, the 2-domination polynomial  $D_2(C_m, x)$  of  $C_m$  is defined as,

$$D_2(C_m, x) = \sum_{i=\gamma_2(C_m)}^m d_2(C_m, i)x^i$$

where  $\gamma_2(C_m)$  is the 2-domination number of  $C_m$ .

**Theorem 3.2 :**

For every  $m \geq 5$ ,

$$D_2(C_m, x) = x [D_2(C_{m-1}, x) + D_2(C_{m-2}, x)] \text{ with the initial values}$$

$$D_2(C_3, x) = x^3 + 3x^2$$

$$D_2(C_4, x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2$$

**Proof:**

We have  $d_2(C_m, i) = d_2(C_{m-1}, i-1) + d_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(C_m, i)x^i &= d_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)x^i + d_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)x^i \\ \sum d_2(C_m, i)x^i &= \sum d_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)x^i + \sum d_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)x^i \\ &= x \sum d_2(C_{m-1}, i-1)x^{i-1} + x \sum d_2(C_{m-2}, i-1)x^{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$D_2(C_m, x) = xD_2(C_{m-1}, x) + xD_2(C_{m-2}, x)$$

$$D_2(C_m, x) = x [D_2(C_{m-1}, x) + D_2(C_{m-2}, x)], \text{ with the initial values}$$

$$D_2(C_3, x) = x^3 + 3x^2$$

$$D_2(C_4, x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2$$

We obtain  $d_2(C_m, i)$ , for  $2 \leq m \leq 15$  as shown in table 1

**TABLE 1**  
 $d_2(C_m, i)$ , the number of 2-dominating sets of  $C_m$  with cardinality  $i$

$m \setminus i$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$C_3$	3	1												
$C_4$	2	4	1											
$C_5$	0	5	5	1										
$C_6$	0	2	9	6	1									
$C_7$	0	0	7	14	7	1								
$C_8$	0	0	2	16	20	8	1							
$C_9$	0	0	0	9	30	27	9	1						
$C_{10}$	0	0	0	2	25	50	35	10	1					
$C_{11}$	0	0	0	0	11	55	77	44	11	1				
$C_{12}$	0	0	0	0	2	36	105	112	54	12	1			
$C_{13}$	0	0	0	0	0	13	91	182	156	65	13	1		
$C_{14}$	0	0	0	0	0	2	49	196	294	210	77	14	1	
$C_{15}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	140	378	450	275	90	15	1

In the following Theorem, we obtain some properties of  $d_2(C_m, i)$ .

**Theorem 3.3:**

The following properties hold for the coefficients of  $D_2(C_m, x)$ .

- (i)  $d_2(C_m, m) = 1$ , for every  $m \geq 3$ .
- (ii)  $d_2(C_m, m-1) = m$ , for every  $m \geq 3$ .
- (iii)  $d_2(C_m, m-2) = \frac{1}{2}[m^2-3m]$ , for every  $m \geq 4$ .
- (iv)  $d_2(C_m, m-3) = \frac{1}{6}[m^3-9m^2+20m]$ , for every  $m \geq 6$ .
- (v)  $d_2(C_m, m-4) = \frac{1}{24}[m^4-18m^3+107m^2-210m]$ , for every  $m \geq 8$ .
- (vi)  $d_2(C_{2m}, m) = 2$ , for every  $m \geq 4$ .
- (vii)  $d_2(C_{2m-1}, m) = 2m-1$ , for all  $m \geq 5$ .
- (viii)  $d_2(C_{2m}, m+1) = m^2$ ,  $m \geq 2$ .

**CONCLUSION**

In this paper, the 2-domination polynomials of cycle has been derived by identifying its 2-dominating sets. It also helps us to characterize the 2-dominating sets of cardinality  $i$ . We can generalize this study to any power of cycle and some interesting properties can be obtained via the roots of the 2-domination polynomial of  $C_m$ .

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