

## CONNECTED TOTAL DOMINATING SETS AND ITS POLYNOMIAL OF $K_n \times P_r$

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### ABSTRACT

*In this paper, we are going to study the connected total domination polynomial of  $K_n \times P_r$ . The connected total domination polynomial of a graph  $G$  of order  $n$  is defined  $D_{ct}(G, i) = \sum_{i=\gamma_{ct}(G)} d_{ct}(G, i) x^i$ , where  $d_{ct}(G, i)$  is the number of connected total dominating sets of  $G$  with size  $i$  and  $\gamma_{ct}(G)$  is the connected total domination number of  $G$ .*

**Keywords:** Connected total dominating set, connected total domination number, connected total domination polynomial.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph of order  $n$ . For any vertex  $v \in V$ , the open neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N(v) = \{u \in V / uv \in E\}$  and the closed neighborhood of  $v$  is the set  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For a set  $S \subseteq V$ , the open neighborhood of  $S$  is  $N(S) = \bigcup N(v)$  and the closed neighborhood of  $S$  is  $N[S] = N(S) \cup S$ . A set  $S \subseteq V$  is a connected total dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex  $v \in V$  is adjacent to atleast one element of  $S$  and the induced sub graph  $\langle S \rangle$  is connected. The connected total domination number  $\gamma_{ct}(G)$  is called a  $\gamma$ -set.

The polynomial,  $D_{ct}(G, x) = \sum_{i=\gamma_{ct}(G)} d_{ct}(G, i) x^i$  is defined as connected total domination polynomial of  $G$ .

where  $d_{ct}(G, i)$  is the number of connected total dominating sets with size  $i$ .

### 2. CONNECTED TOTAL DOMINATION POLYNOMIALS

**Definition: 2.1** A graph  $G$  consists of a pair  $(V(G), E(G))$ , where  $V(G)$  is a non empty finite set whose elements are called points (or) vertices and  $E(G)$  is a set of unordered pairs of distinct elements of  $V(G)$ . The elements of  $E(G)$  are called lines or edges of the graph  $G$ .

**Definition: 2.2** If  $e = \{u, v\}$  is an edge of a graph  $G$ , written  $e = uv$ , we say that  $e$  joins the vertices  $u$  and  $v$ . Also we say that  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent vertices,  $u$  and  $v$  are incident with  $e$ . If two vertices are not joined, then we say that they are not-adjacent.

**Definition: 2.3** The graph  $G$  is complete if every two distinct vertices of  $G$  are adjacent. A complete graph with  $n$  vertices is denoted by  $K_n$ .

**Definition: 2.4** A walk of a graph  $G$  is an alternating sequence of points and lines  $v_0, x_1, v_1, x_2, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, x_n, v_n$  beginning and ending with points such that each line  $x_i$  is incident with  $v_{i-1}$  and  $v_i$ . A walk is called a path if all its points are distinct.

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**Definition: 2.5** A subset  $S$  of vertices in a graph  $G$  is said to be a dominating set, if every vertex  $v \in V - S$  is adjacent to atleast one element of  $S$ . A dominating set of  $G$  is said to be a total dominating set, if every vertex  $v \in V$  is adjacent to atleast one element of  $S$ .

**Definition: 2.6** A total dominating set of  $G$  is said to be a connected total dominating set, if the induced sub graph  $\langle S \rangle$  of  $G$  is connected.

**Theorem: 2.7** Let  $G = K_n \times P_2$ , then the total connected domination polynomial of  $G$  is,

$$D_{ct}(G, x) = nx^2[1 + x]^{2(n-1)} - n \left[ 2(n-1)\overline{C}_1 - 2 \right] x^{2n-1} - (n-1)x^{2n} + 2x^n[1 + x]^n$$

**Proof:**  $G_1 = K_n$  be the complete graph with  $n$  vertices,  $G_2 = P_2$ , its product  $G = G_1 \times G_2$  is given in figure 1.1.

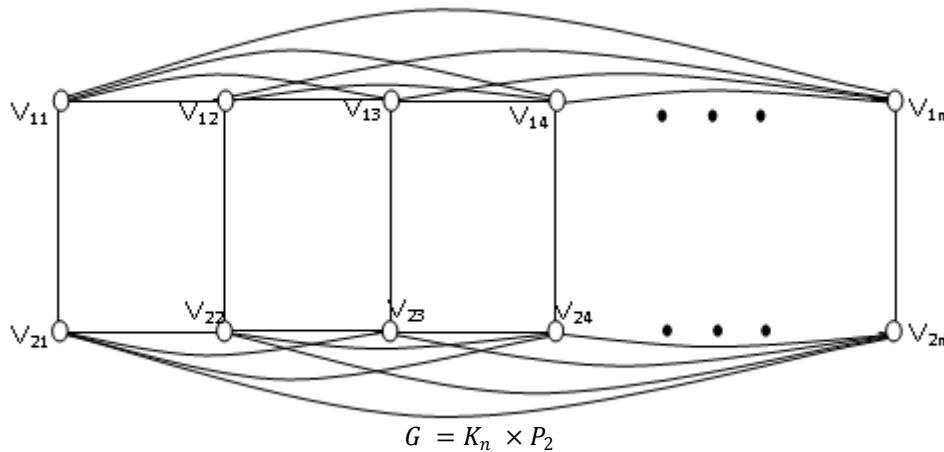


Figure 1.1

The vertices of  $G$  are denoted by  $\{v_{11}, v_{12}, \dots, v_{1n}, v_{21}, v_{22}, \dots, v_{2n}\}$

Let,  $S_i = \{V_{ki} / k = 1, 2; i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  
 $T_j = \{V_{jk} / j = 1, 2; k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality 2 are,

$$D_{ct}(G, 2) = \{\{S_i\} / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, 2) = n$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality 3 are,

$$D_{ct}(G, 3) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j\} / i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, 3) = n \left[ 2(n-1)\overline{C}_1 \right]$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality 4 are,

$$D_{ct}(G, 4) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k\} / i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, k\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, 4) = n \left[ 2(n-1)\overline{C}_2 \right]$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality 5 are,

$$D_{ct}(G, 5) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, x_l\} / i, j, k, l = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, k, l\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, 5) = n \left[ 2(n-1)\overline{C}_3 \right]$

Proceeding in this way, we get

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $n$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, n) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, \dots, x_t\} / i, j, k, \dots, t = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, k, \dots, t\} \cup \{\{T_j\} / j = 1, 2\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, n) = n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{n-2}} \right] + 2$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $n + 1$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, n+1) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, \dots, x_t, x_{t+1}\} / i, j, k, \dots, t+1 = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ i \neq j, k, \dots, t+1\} \\ \cup \{T_j \cup \{x_k\} / \{x_k\} \notin T_j, \ j = 1, 2; \ k = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ j \neq k\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, n+1) = n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{n-1}} \right] + 2(nC_1)$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $n + 2$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, n+2) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, \dots, x_{t+2}\} / i, j, k, \dots, t+2 = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ i \neq j, k, \dots, t+2\} \\ \cup \{T_j \cup \{x_k, x_l\} / \{x_k, x_l\} \notin T_j, \ j = 1, 2; \ k, l = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ j \neq k, l\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, n+2) = n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_n} \right] + 2(nC_2)$

Proceeding in this way, we get

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $2n - 2$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, 2n-2) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, \dots, x_t, \dots, x_\alpha\} / i, j, \dots, \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ i \neq j, \dots, \alpha\} \\ \cup \{T_j \cup \{x_k, x_l, \dots, x_\alpha\} / \{x_k, x_l, \dots, x_\alpha\} \notin T_j, \ j = 1, 2; \ k, l, \dots, \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ j \neq k, l, \dots, \alpha\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, 2n-2) = n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{2(n-1)-2}} \right] + 2(nC_{n-2})$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $2n - 1$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, 2n-1) = \{S_i - \{x_i\} / \{x_i\} \in S_i; \ i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, 2n-1) = 2n$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $2n$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, 2n) = 1$$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, 2n) = 1$

Hence, the total connected domination polynomial of  $G$  is,

$$D_{ct}(G, x) = nx^2 + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_1} \right] x^3 + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_2} \right] x^4$$

$$\dots + \left[ n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{(n-2)}} \right] + 2 \right] x^n + \left[ n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{(n-1)}} \right] + 2(nC_1) \right] x^{n+1} \\ \dots + \left[ n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{2(n-1)-2}} \right] + 2(nC_{n-2}) \right] x^{2n-2} + 2nx^{2n-1} + x^{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{ct}(G, x) = \left[ \begin{aligned} &nx^2 + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_1} \right] x^3 + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_2} \right] x^4 + \dots + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{(n-2)}} \right] x^n \\ &+ n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{(n-1)}} \right] x^{n+1} + \dots + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{2(n-1)-2}} \right] x^{2n-2} + 2nx^{2n-1} + x^{2n} \\ &+ [2x^n + 2(nC_1)x^{n+1} + \dots + 2(nC_{n-2})x^{2n-2}] \end{aligned} \right]$$

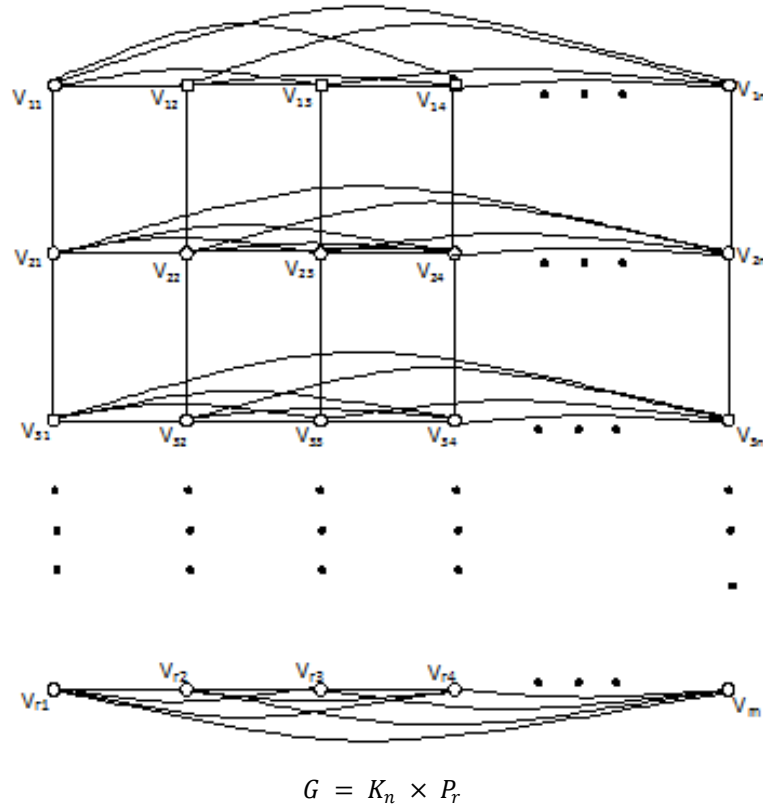
$$\Rightarrow D_{ct}(G, x) = \left[ \begin{aligned} &nx^2 + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_1} \right] x^3 + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_2} \right] x^4 + \dots + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{(n-2)}} \right] x^n \\ &+ n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{(n-1)}} \right] x^{n+1} + \dots + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{2(n-1)-2}} \right] x^{2n-2} + n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{2(n-1)-1}} \right] x^{2n-1} \\ &+ n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_{2(n-1)}} \right] x^{2n} - n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_1} - 2 \right] x^{2n-1} - (n-1)x^{2n} \\ &+ [2x^n + 2(nC_1)x^{n+1} + \dots + 2(nC_{n-2})x^{2n-2}] \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{ct}(G, x) = nx^2[1+x]^{2(n-1)} - n \left[ \overline{2(n-1)C_1} - 2 \right] x^{2n-1} - (n-1)x^{2n} + 2x^n[1+x]^n$$

**Theorem: 2.8** Let  $G = K_n \times P_r$ , then the total connected domination polynomial of  $G$  is,

$$D_{ct}(G, x) = nx^r [1 + x]^{r(n-1)} - n[r(n-1)C_1 - r] x^{rn-1} - (n-1)x^{rn} + (r-2)[n(n-1)]x^{r+1}[1+x]^{(n-2)r} + x^{(r-2)n}[1+x]^{2n} \text{ for some } r > 2.$$

**Proof:**  $K_n$  be the complete graph with  $n$  vertices,  $P_r$  is a path of length  $r$ . Then its product  $G = K_n \times P_r$  is given in figure 1.2



**Figure: 1.2**

The vertices of  $G$  is denoted by  $\{V_{ij} / i = 1, 2, \dots, r; j = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Let,  $S_i = \{V_{ki} / k = 1, 2, \dots, r; i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $T_j = \{V_{jk} / j = 1, 2, \dots, r; k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $r$  are,  
 $D_{ct}(G, r) = \{\{S_i\} / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Therefore,  $d_{ct}(G, r) = n$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $r + 1$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, r + 1) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j\} / i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n; i \neq j\} \cup \{S_i - \{v_{ki}\} \cup \{v_{kj}\} / k = 1, 2, \dots, r; i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n; i \neq j\}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } d_{ct}(G, r + 1) = n[r(n-1)C_1] + (r-2)[n(n-1)]$$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $r + 2$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, r + 2) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k\} / i, j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n; i \neq j, k\} \cup \{S_i \cup S_j - \{v_{ki}, v_{kj}\} \cup \{x_i\} / k = 1, 2, \dots, r; i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n; i \neq j\}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } d_{ct}(G, r + 2) = n[r(n-1)C_2] + (r-2)[n(n-1)][(n-2)rC_1]$$

Proceeding in this way, we get

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $(r-2)n$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, (r-2)n) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, \dots, x_t\} / i, j, k, \dots, t = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, k, \dots, t\} \\ \cup \{S_i \cup S_j - \{v_{ki}, v_{kj}\} \cup \{x_i, \dots, x_t\} / k = 1, 2, \dots, r; \quad i, j, \dots, t = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, \dots, t\} \\ \cup \{T_j\} / j = 1, 2, \dots, r\}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } d_{ct}(G, (r-2)n) = n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n-r)}}] + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r-1)}}] + 1$$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $\overline{(r-2)n} + 1$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, \overline{(r-2)n} + 1) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, \dots, x_t, x_{t+1}\} / i, j, k, \dots, t+1 = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, k, \dots, t+1\} \\ \cup \{S_i \cup S_j - \{v_{ki}, v_{kj}\} \cup \{x_i, \dots, x_{t+1}\} / k = 1, 2, \dots, r; \quad i, j, \dots, t+1 = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, \dots, t+1\} \\ \cup \{T_j \cup \{x_k\} / \{x_k\} \notin T_j; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, r; \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad j \neq k\}$$

Therefore,

$$d_{ct}(G, \overline{(r-2)n} + 1) = n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n+1-r)}}] \\ + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r)}}] + (2n)C_1$$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $\overline{(r-2)n} + 2$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, \overline{(r-2)n} + 2) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, \dots, x_{t+2}\} / i, j, k, \dots, t+2 = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, k, \dots, t+2\} \cup \\ \{S_i \cup S_j - \{v_{ki}, v_{kj}\} \cup \{x_i, \dots, x_{t+2}\} / k = 1, 2, \dots, r; \quad i, j, \dots, t+2 = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, \dots, t+2\} \\ \cup \{T_j \cup \{x_k, x_l\} / \{x_k, x_l\} \in T_j; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, r; \quad k, l = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad j \neq k, l\}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } d_{ct}G, \overline{(r-2)n} + 2) = n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n+2-r)}}] \\ + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r+1)}}] + (2n)C_2$$

Proceeding in this way, we get

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $rn - 2$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, rn - 2) = \{S_i \cup \{x_j, x_k, \dots, x_t, \dots, x_\alpha\} / i, j, k, \dots, \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, k, \dots, \alpha\} \cup \\ \{S_i \cup S_j - \{v_{ki}, v_{kj}\} \cup \{x_i, x_j, \dots, x_\alpha\} / k = 1, 2, \dots, r; \quad i, j, \dots, \alpha = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad i \neq j, \dots, \alpha\} \cup \\ \{T_j \cup \{x_k, x_l, \dots, x_\alpha\} / \{x_k, x_l, \dots, x_\alpha\} \notin T_j; \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, r; \quad k, l = 1, 2, \dots, n; \quad j \neq k, l, \dots, \alpha\}$$

Therefore,

$$d_{ct}G, (rn - 2) = n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{r(n-1)-2}}] + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [\overline{(n-2)rC_{(n-2)-(n-2)}}] + (2n)C_{2n-2}$$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $rn - 1$  are,

$$D_{ct}G, (rn - 1) = \{S_i - \{x_i\} / \{x_i\} \in S_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } d_{ct}(G, rn - 1) = rn$$

The total connected dominating set with cardinality  $rn$  are,

$$D_{ct}(G, rn) = 1$$

$$\text{Therefore, } d_{ct}(G, rn) = 1$$

Hence the total connected domination polynomial of G is

$$D_{ct}(G, x) = nx^r + [n[\overline{r(n-1)C_1}] + (r-2)[n(n-1)]] x^{r+1} \\ + [n[\overline{r(n-1)C_2}] + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [(n-2)rC_1]] x^{r+2} + \\ \dots + [n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n-r)}}] + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r-1)}}] + 1] x^{(r-2)n} \\ + [n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n+1-r)}}] + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r)}}] + 2nC_1] x^{\overline{(r+2)n}+1} \\ + \dots + [n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{r(n-1)-2}}] + (r-2)[n(n-1)] [\overline{(n-2)rC_{(n-2)-(n-2)}}] + 2nC_{2n-2}] x^{rn-2} + rnx^{rn-1} + x^{rn}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{ct}(G, x) = \left[ nx^r + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_1}]x^{r+1} + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_2}]x^{r+2} + \dots + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n-r)}}]x^{(r-2)n} \right. \\ \left. + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n+1-r)}}]x^{(r-2)n+1} + \dots + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{r(n-1)-2}}]x^{r(n-1)-2} + rx^{r(n-1)-1} + x^{r(n-1)} \right] \\ + \left[ (r-2)[n(n-1)]x^{r+1} + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_1}]x^{r+2} \right. \\ \left. + \dots + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r-1)}}]x^{(r-2)n} \right. \\ \left. + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r)}}]x^{(r-2)n+1} \right. \\ \left. + \dots + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_{(n-2)-(n-2)}}]x^{r(n-1)-1} \right] \\ + \left[ x^{(r-2)n} + 2nC_1x^{(r-2)n+1} + \dots + 2nC_{2n-2}x^{r(n-1)-1} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{ct}(G, x) = \left[ nx^r + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_1}]x^{r+1} + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_2}]x^{r+2} + \dots + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n-r)}}]x^{(r-2)n} \right. \\ \left. + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{(r-2)(n+1-r)}}]x^{(r-2)n+1} + \dots + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{r(n-1)-2}}]x^{r(n-1)-2} + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{r(n-1)-1}}]x^{r(n-1)-1} \right. \\ \left. + n[\overline{r(n-1)C_{r(n-1)}}]x^{r(n-1)} - n[\overline{r(n-1)C_1} - r]x^{r(n-1)-1} - (n-1)x^{r(n-1)} \right] \\ + \left[ (r-2)[n(n-1)]x^{r+1} + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_1}]x^{r+2} \right. \\ \left. + \dots + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r-1)}}]x^{(r-2)n} \right. \\ \left. + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_{(r-2)(n-r)}}]x^{(r-2)n+1} \right. \\ \left. + \dots + (r-2)[n(n-1)][\overline{(n-2)rC_{(n-2)-(n-2)}}]x^{r(n-1)-1} \right] \\ + \left[ x^{(r-2)n} + 2nC_1x^{(r-2)n+1} + \dots + 2nC_{2n-2}x^{r(n-1)-1} \right]$$

$$D_{ct}(G, x) = nx^r [1+x]^{r(n-1)} - n[\overline{r(n-1)C_1} - r]x^{r(n-1)-1} - (n-1)x^{r(n-1)} + (r-2)[n(n-1)]x^{r+1}[1+x]^{(n-2)r} + x^{(r-2)n} [1+x]^{2n} \text{ for some } r > 2.$$

Hence the Proof.

The following Table represents the coefficients of the total domination polynomial of  $G = K_n \times P_2$  for all  $n < 8$ .

$d_{ct}(G, i)$ $G$	$x^2$	$x^3$	$x^4$	$x^5$	$x^6$	$x^7$	$x^8$	$x^9$	$x^{10}$	$x^{11}$	$x^{12}$	$x^{13}$	$x^{14}$	$x^{15}$	$x^{16}$
$K_3 \times P_2$	3	14	24	6	1										
$K_4 \times P_2$	4	24	62	88	72	8	1								
$K_5 \times P_2$	5	40	140	282	360	300	160	10	1						
$K_6 \times P_2$	6	60	270	720	1262	1524	1290	760	300	12	1				
$K_7 \times P_2$	7	84	462	1540	3465	5546	6482	5586	3535	1610	504	14	1		
$K_8 \times P_2$	8	112	728	2912	8008	16016	24026	27472	24080	16128	8148	3024	784	16	1

Table: 2.1

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