

# Hop domination number of Tadpole graph $T_{m,n}$

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## Abstract

Let  $T_{m,n}$  be a tadpole graph. A set  $S_h \subseteq V(T_{m,n})$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,n}$  if for all  $v$  in  $V - S_h$ , there exists  $u$  in  $S_h$  such that  $d(u, v) = 2$ . The minimum cardinality of a hop dominating set of  $G$  is called the hop domination number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n})$ . In this paper, we have discussed about the hop domination number of tadpole graph.

**Keywords:** hop-domination, hop-domination number, Tadpole graph, neighbourhood.

## 1. Introduction

[6] The Tadpole graph (Truszczynski 1984) or Kite graph (Kim and park 2006) is the graph obtained by joining a cycle graph to a path graph with a bridge. It is denoted by  $T_{m,n}$ . The Tadpole graph  $T_{m,1}$  is called as m-pan graph and in particular  $T_{3,1}$  and  $T_{4,1}$  are called as paw graph and Banner graph respectively. The generalised Tadpole Graph is

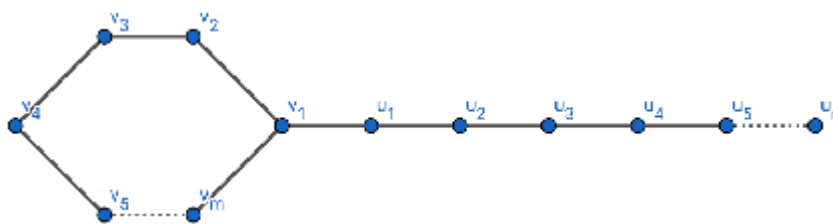


Fig. 1.1

Let us denote the vertices of a Tadpole graph as two distinct sets:

- (i) Refer the vertices of the cycle graph  $C_m$  as  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  and
- (ii) The Vertices of the Path graph  $P_n$  as  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$

$\therefore$  The vertices of  $T_{m,n}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} V(T_{m,n}) &= V(C_m) \cup V(P_n) \\ &= \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\} \end{aligned}$$

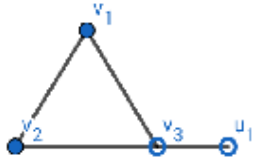
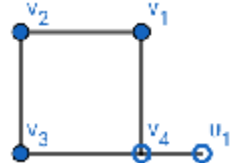
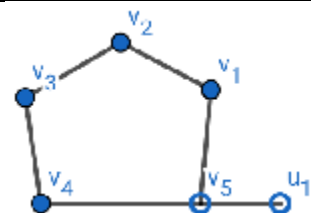
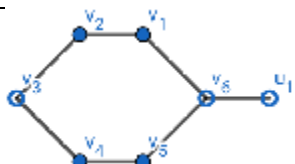
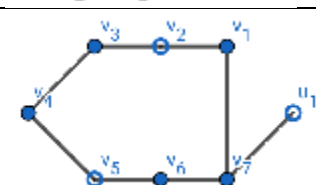
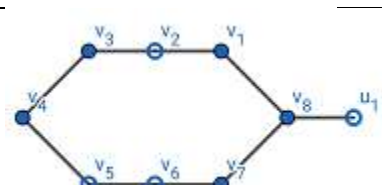
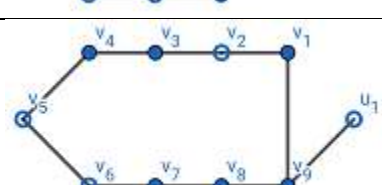
**Theorem 1.1 ([11] p.546):** A dominating set  $D$  of a graph  $G$  is minimal iff for each vertex  $v \in D$ , one of the following conditions satisfied,

- (i) There exists a vertex  $u \in V - D$  such that  $N(u) \cap D = \{v\}$
- (ii)  $v$  is an isolated vertex in  $D$ .

[3] A subset  $S_h$  of  $V(T_{m,n})$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,n}$  if for all  $v$  in  $V - S_h$ , there exists  $u$  in  $S_h$  such that  $d(u, v) = 2$ . The minimum cardinality of a hop dominating set of  $G$  is called the hop domination number of  $G$

and is denoted by  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n})$ . For any vertex  $v \in V(T_{m,n})$ , the open neighbourhood of  $v$  is the set  $N(v) = \{u \in V(T_{m,n}) | uv \in E(T_{m,n})\}$  and the closed neighbourhood is  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . For a set  $S_h \subseteq V(T_{m,n})$ , the open neighbourhood of  $S_h$  is  $N(S_h) = \bigcup_{v \in S_h} N(v)$  and the closed neighbourhood is  $N[S_h] = N(S_h) \cup S_h$ . A set  $S_h \subseteq V(T_{m,n})$  is hop dominating set if  $N[S_h] = V(T_{m,n})$ .

**2. Diagrammatic discussion on Hop domination number of Tadpole Graph**

S.No.	Pan Graph ( $P_n$ )	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$n=3, P_3$		2
2	$n=4, P_4$		2
3	$n=5, P_5$		2
4	$n=6, P_6$		3
5	$n=7, P_7$		3
6	$n=8, P_8$		4
7	$n=9, P_9$		4

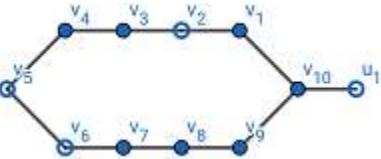

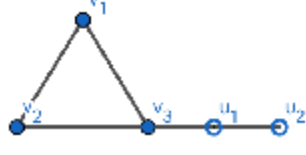
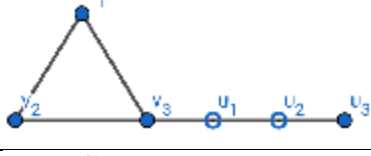
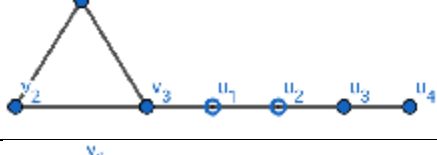
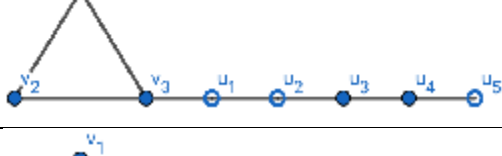
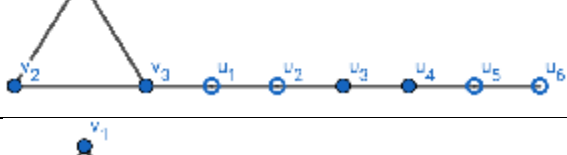
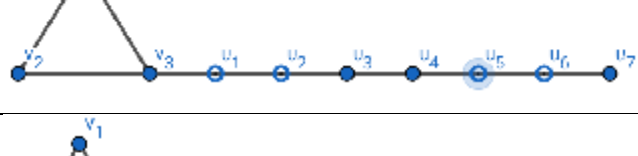
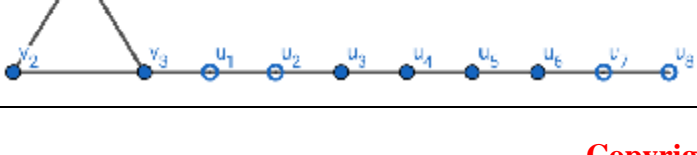
8	$n=10, P_{10}$		4
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Table 2.1: Pan Graph( $P_n$ )

S.No.	Tadpole Graph ( $T_{m,n}$ ), $m = 3$	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$n=1, T_{3,1}$ (paw graph)		2
2	$n=2, T_{3,2}$		2
3	$n=3, T_{3,3}$		2
4	$n=4, T_{3,4}$		2
5	$n=5, T_{3,5}$		3
6	$n=6, T_{3,6}$		4
7	$n=7, T_{3,7}$		4
8	$n=8, T_{3,8}$		4

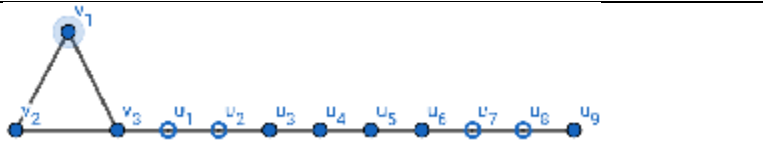
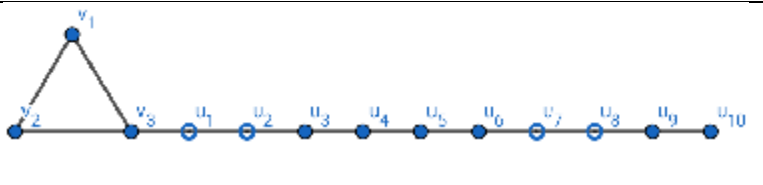
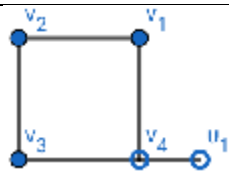
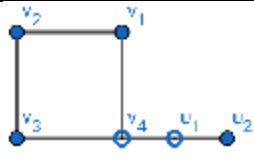
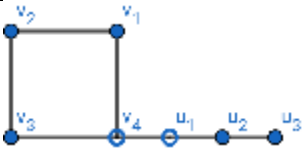
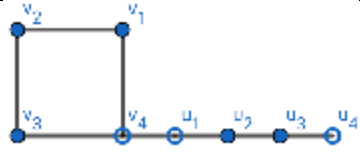
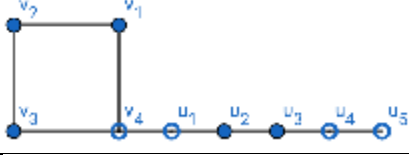

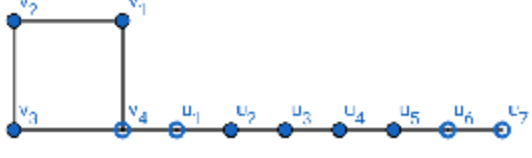
9	$n=9, T_{3,9}$		4
10	$n=10, T_{3,10}$		4

Table 2.2: Tadpole Graph  $(T_{m,n}), m = 3$

S.No.	Tadpole Graph $(T_{m,n}), m = 4$	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$n=1, T_{4,1}$ (Banner graph)		2
2	$n=2, T_{4,2}$		2
3	$n=3, T_{4,3}$		2
4	$n=4, T_{4,4}$		3
5	$n=5, T_{4,5}$		4
6	$n=6, T_{4,6}$		4
7	$n=7, T_{4,7}$		4

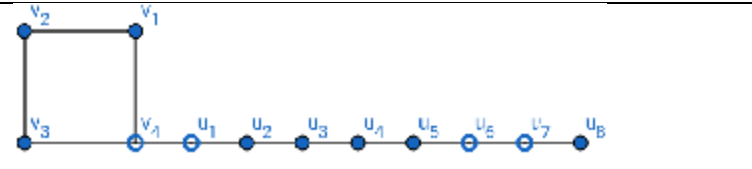
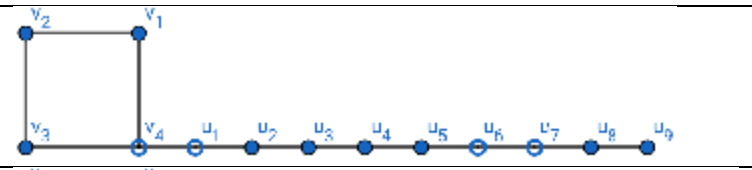
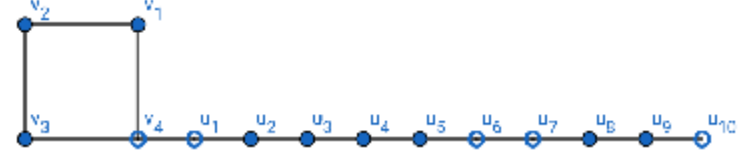
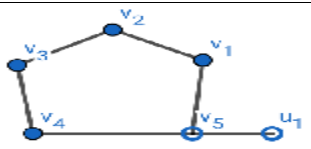
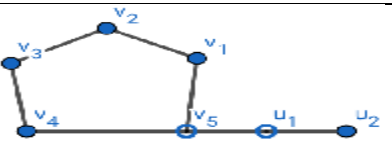
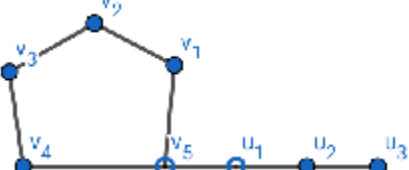
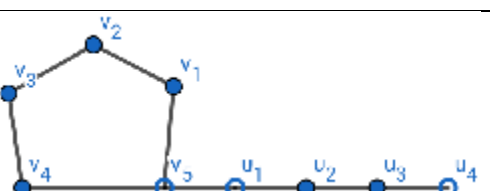
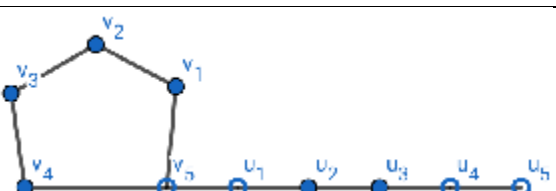
8	$n=8, T_{4,8}$		4
9	$n=9, T_{4,9}$		4
10	$n=10, T_{4,10}$		5

Table 2.3: Tadpole Graph  $(T_{m,n}), m = 4$

S. No	Tadpole Graph $(T_{m,n}), m = 5$	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$n=1, T_{5,1}$		2
2	$n=2, T_{5,2}$		2
3	$n=3, T_{5,3}$		2
4	$n=4, T_{5,4}$		3
5	$n=5, T_{5,5}$		4

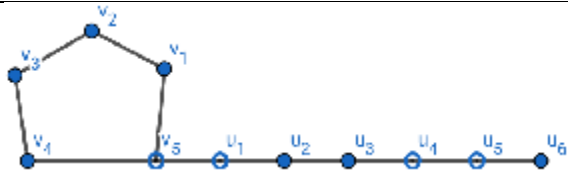
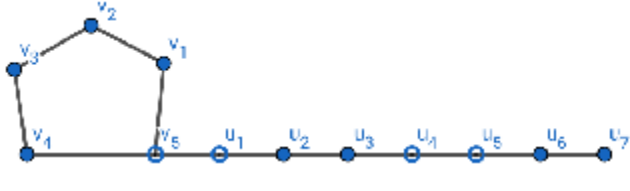
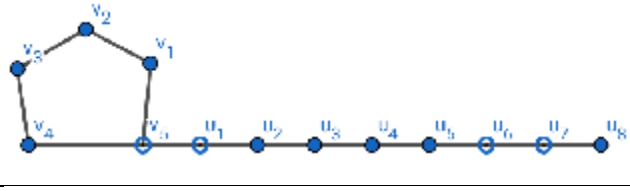
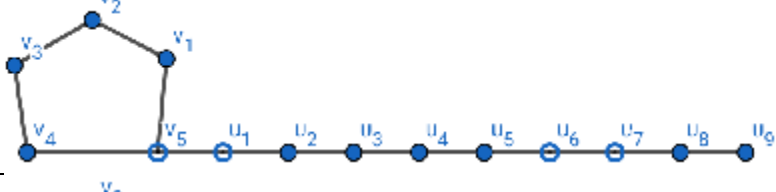

6	$n=6, T_{5,6}$		4
7	$n=7, T_{5,7}$		4
8	$n=8, T_{5,8}$		4
9	$n=9, T_{5,9}$		4
10	$n=10, T_{5,10}$		5

Table 2.4: Tadpole Graph  $(T_{m,n}), m = 5$

### 3. Results on Hop domination number of Tadpole graph $T_{m,n}$

**Theorem 3.1:** For  $m$ -pan graph, the hop domination number is given by

$$\gamma_h = \begin{cases} 2p & \text{iff } m = 6p \\ 2p + 1 & \text{if } m = 6p + 1 \\ 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 2 \leq r \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(1.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case(i):** If  $m=6p$ .

$$\text{Let } S_h = \{c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4} | k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}. \quad \rightarrow (1)$$

If  $v = c_{6k-5}$ , then atleast one vertex of  $\{p_1, c_{m-1}, c_{6k-3}, c_{6k-7} | k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$  is not hop dominating with any vertex in  $S_h'$ . If  $v = c_{6k-4}$ , then atleast one vertex of  $\{c_m, c_{6k-6}, c_{6k-2} | k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$  is not hop dominated by any vertex in  $S_h'$ . Therefore,  $S_h'$  is not a hop dominating set. Hence  $S_h$  is the minimum. Since for each  $k, 1 \leq k \leq p$ , there exists  $c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4}$  in  $|S_h| = 2p$ .  $\gamma_h(T_{m,1}) = 2p$  if  $m = 6p$ .

Conversely, If  $\gamma_h(T_{m,1}) = 2p = |S_h|$ , where  $S_h$  is given by an equation (1). Hence  $V - S_h = \{c_{6k-2}, c_{6k-3}, c_{6k-6}, c_{6k-7}, p_1 \mid k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$ .  $|V - S_h| = 4p + 1$ . We know that  $V = (V - S_h) \cup S_h$ , therefore  $|V| = 4p + 1 + 2p = 6p + 1$ . Hence  $m = 6p$ .

Thus  $\gamma_h(T_{m,1}) = 2p$  iff  $m = 6p$ .

**Case(ii):** If  $m=6p+1$ .

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4}, c_{m-2} \mid k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$ .

If  $v = c_{6k-5}$  or  $c_{6k-4}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from the above case(i) or else if  $v = c_{m-2}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $c_{m-2}$ . Hence  $S_h'$  is not a hop dominating set. Thus  $S_h$  is minimum and for each  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq p$ , there exists  $c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4}$  in  $S_h$  and there exists  $c_{m-2}$  in  $S_h$  independent of  $k$ . Therefore  $|S_h| = 2k + 1$ .  $\gamma_h(T_{m,1}) = 2p + 1$  if  $m = 6p + 1$ .

**Case(iii):** If  $m=6p+2$ .

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4}, c_{m-2}, c_{m-3} \mid k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$ .

If  $v = c_{6k-5}$  or  $c_{6k-4}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from the above case(i) or else if  $v = c_{m-2}$  or  $c_{m-3}$  there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $c_{m-2}$  or  $c_{m-3}$  respectively. Hence  $S_h'$  is not a hop dominating set. Thus  $S_h$  is minimal hop dominating set and for each  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq p$ , there exists  $c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4}$  in  $V - S_h$  and there exists  $c_{m-2}, c_{m-3}$  in  $S_h$  independent of  $k$ . Therefore  $|S_h| = 2k + 2$ .

**Case(iv):** If  $m=6p+3$ .

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4}, c_{m-2}, c_{m-3} \mid k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$ .

If  $v = c_{6k-5}$  or  $c_{6k-4}$  or  $c_{m-2}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from the above case(i) and case (iii) or if  $v = c_{m-3}$  there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{m-3}$  in  $V - S_h'$ . Therefore  $|S_h| = 2k + 2$ .

**Case (v):** If  $m=6p+4$  and  $6p+5$ .

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6k-5}, c_{6k-4} \mid k = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from case(i) and  $|S_h| = 2(2p + 1) = 2p + 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_h(T_{m,1}) = 2p + 2$  if  $m = 6p + r, 2 \leq r \leq 5$ .

Let us indicate the vertices of  $T_{m,n}$  as two sets first to refer the vertices of cycle graph  $C_m$  as  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$  and the second to refer the vertices of path graph  $P_n$  as  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ . So the vertices of  $T_{m,n}$  is denoted as  $V(T_{m,n}) = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\} \cup \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ . Let the dominating set of  $T_{m,n}$  be  $S_h$ .

**Theorem 3.2:** When  $m=6p$ , the hop domination of a tadpole graph  $T_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 2 \\ 2p + 2k + 1 & \text{if } n = 6k + 3 \\ 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, r = 4, 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$

such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case(i):** If  $n=6k$

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q-2}, c_{6q-3}, p_{6s-2}, p_{6s-2} | q = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$

If  $v = c_{6q-2}$ , then there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q-4}$  and  $c_{6q}$ . If  $v = c_{6q-3}$ , then there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q-5}$  and  $c_{6q-1}$ . If  $v = c_{6s-2}$ , then there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6s-4}$  and  $c_{6s}$ . If  $v = c_{6s-3}$ , then there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6s-1}$  and  $c_{6s-5}$ .

Thus  $S_h'$  is not minimal hop dominating set. Hence  $S_h$  is the minimal hop dominating set.

**Case(ii):** If  $n=6k+1$

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q-5}, c_{6q-4}, p_{6s-1}, p_{6s-2} | q = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$

If  $v = c_{6q-5}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q-3}, c_{6q-7}$ . In particular, If  $q = 1$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{m-1}, c_3$  and  $p_1$ . If  $v = c_{6q-4}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q-2}$  and  $c_{6q-6}$ . In particular, If  $q = 1$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_m$  and  $c_4$ . If  $v = p_{6s-1}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{6s-3}$  and  $p_{6s+1}$ . If  $v = p_{6s-2}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{6s-4}$  and  $p_{6s}$ .

Thus  $S_h'$  is not minimal hop dominating set. Hence  $S_h$  is the minimal hop dominating set.

**Case(iii):**  $n=6k+2$

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q}, c_{6q-1}, p_{6s}, p_{6s-1} | q = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } s = 1, 2, \dots, p\}$

(i) If  $v = c_{6q}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q+2}$  and  $c_{6q-2}$ . In particular, If  $v = c_m$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_2, c_{m-2}$  and  $p_2$ . (ii) If  $v = c_{6q-1}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q+1}$  and  $c_{6q-3}$ . In particular, If  $v = c_{m-1}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_1, c_{m-3}$  and  $p_1$ . (iii) If  $v = p_{6s}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{6s-2}$  and  $p_{6s+2}$ . If  $v = p_{6s-1}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{6s-3}$  and  $p_{6s+1}$ .

In the above cases (i), (ii) and (iii) for each  $q, 1 \leq q \leq m$ , there exists  $c_i$  and  $c_{i+1}$  in  $S_h$  and for each  $s, 1 \leq s \leq p$ , there exists  $p_i$  and  $p_{i+1}$  in  $S_h$ , hence  $|S_h| = 2p + 2k$ .

Thus  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = 2p + 2k$  if  $m = 6p$  and  $n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 2$ .

**Case(iv):** If  $n=6k+3$ .

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_{6s}, p_{6s+1} | q = 0, 1, \dots, m \text{ and } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p\}$

(i): If  $v = c_1$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_3$ . (ii): If  $v = c_{6q}$ , proof follows from (i) of case(iii). (iii): If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q-1}, c_{6q+3}$ . (iv): If  $v = p_{6s}$ , the proof follows from (iii) of case(iii). (v): If  $v = p_{6s+1}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{6s-1}, p_{6s+3}$ .



Hence  $S_h'$  is not minimum. Thus  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2k + 1$ .

Thus  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = 2p + 2k + 1$  if  $m = 6p$  and  $n = 6k + 3$ .

**Case(v):** If  $n=6k+4$ .

Let  $S_h = \{c_1, c_2, c_{6q+1}, c_{6q+2}, p_{6s+1}, p_{6s+2} | q = 0, 1, \dots, m \text{ and } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

(i): If  $v = c_1$ , the proof follows from (i) of case(iv). (ii): If  $v = c_2$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_4$ . (iii): If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ , the proof follows from (iii) of case(iv). (iv): If  $v = c_{6q+2}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q}$  and  $c_{6q+1}$ . (v): If  $v = p_{6s+1}$ , the proof follows from (v) of case(iv). (vi): If  $v = p_{6s+2}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{6s}$  and  $p_{6s+4}$ .

**Case(vi):** If  $n=6k+5$

Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3}, p_{6s+2}, p_{6s+3} | q = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1 \text{ and } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

(i): If  $v = c_{6q+2}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q+4}$  and  $c_{6q}$ . (ii): If  $v = c_{6q+3}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_{6q+5}$  and  $c_{6q+1}$ . (iii): If  $v = p_{6s+2}$ , the proof follows from (iv) of case(v). (iv): If  $v = p_{6s+3}$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{6s+5}, p_{6s+1}$ .

In case (v) and (vi),  $S_h'$  is not minimum. Thus  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2k + 2$  if  $m = 6p$  and  $n = 6p + r, r = 4$  and 5.

Thus  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = 2p + 2k + 2$  if  $m = 6p$  and  $n = 6p + r, r = 4$  and 5.

**Theorem 3.3:** When  $m = 6p + 1$ , the hop domination of a tadpole graph,  $T_{m,n}$  is given by,  

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 1 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 2 \\ 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 3 \leq r \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case(i):**  $n=6k$ ., Let  $S_h = \{c_1, c_{6q-2}, c_{6q-1}, p_{6s-3}, p_{6s-2} | q = 1, 2, \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

If  $v = c_1$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_1$ . If  $v = c_{6q-2}$  or  $c_{6q-1}$  or  $p_{6s-3}$  or  $p_{6s-2}$ , the proof follows from case(i) of theorem (3.3). Thus  $S_h'$  is not minimal.

**Case(ii):**  $n=6k+1$ . Let  $S_h = \{c_2, c_{6q-1}, c_{6q}, p_{6s-1}, p_{6s-2} | q = 1, 2, \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

If  $v = c_2$ , there is no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_2$ . If  $v = c_{6q}$  or  $c_{6q-1}$ , the proof follows from case(iii) of theorem (3.3). If  $v = p_{6s-3}$  or  $p_{6s-2}$ , the proof follows from case(ii) of theorem (3.3).

Therefore,  $S_h'$  is not minimal.

**Case(iii):**  $n= 6k+2$ . Let  $S_h = \{c_1, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_{6s}, p_{6s-1} | q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

If  $v = c_1$  or  $c_{6q}$  or  $c_{6q+1}$  or  $p_{6s}$ , the proof follows from case(iv) of theorem (3.3). If  $v = p_{6s-1}$ , the proof follows from subcase (iv) of case(iii) of theorem (3.3).

Therefore,  $S_h'$  is not minimal. Hence  $S_h$  is hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2k + 1$  if  $n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 2$ .

**Case(iv):**  $n=6k+3$ . Let  $S_h = \{c_3, c_4, c_{6q-4}, c_{6q-5}, p_{6s}, p_{6s+1} | q = 2, \dots, p + 1 \text{ \& } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

If  $v = c_3$  or  $c_4$ , the proof follows from case(v) of theorem (3.3). If  $v = c_{6q-4}$  or  $c_{6q-5}$ , the proof follows from case(iii) of theorem (3.3). If  $v = p_{6s}$  or  $p_{6s+1}$ , the proof follows from case(iv) of theorem (3.3).

**Case(v):**  $n=6k+4$ . Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q-3}, c_{6q-4}, p_{6s+1}, p_{6s+2} | q = 1, 2, \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

If  $v = c_{6q-3}$ , the minimality of  $D$  follows from case(i) of theorem (3.3) or else if  $v = c_{6q-4}$ , it follows from case (ii) of theorem(3.3). If  $v = p_{6s+1}$  or  $p_{6s+2}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from case(iv) of theorem(3).

**Case(vi):**  $n=6k+5$ . Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q-2}, c_{6q-3}, p_{6s+2}, p_{6s+3} | q = 1, 2, \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .

If  $v = c_{6q-2}$  or  $c_{6q-3}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from case(i) of theorem(3.3). If  $v = p_{6s+2}$  or  $p_{6s+3}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from case(vi) of theorem (3.3).

Hence  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2k + 2$  if  $n = 6k + r, 3 \leq r \leq 5$ . Thus when  $m=6p+1, \gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 1 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 2 \\ 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 3 \leq r \leq 5. \end{cases}$

**Theorem 3.4:** When  $m = 6p + 2$ , the hop domination of  $T_{m,n}$  is given

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 4 \\ 2p + 2k + 3 & \text{if } n = 6k + 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):** If  $n = 6k, S_h = \{c_1, c_2, c_{6q-1}, c_{6q}, p_{6s-3}, p_{6s-2} / q = 1, 2 \dots \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 1, 2, \dots \dots, k\}$

**Case (ii):** If  $n = 6k + 1, S_h = \{c_2, c_3, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_{6s-2}, p_{6s-1} / q = 1, 2 \dots \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 1, 2, \dots \dots, k\}$

**Case (iii):** If  $n = 6k + 2, S_h = \{c_3, c_4, c_{6q+1}, c_{6q+2}, p_{6s-1}, p_{6s} / q = 1, 2 \dots \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 1, 2, \dots \dots, k\}$

**Case (iv):** If  $n = 6k + 3, S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3}, p_{6s}, p_{6s+1} / q = 0, 1, \dots \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 0, 1, \dots \dots, k\}$

**Case (v):** If  $n = 6k + 4, S_h = \{c_{6q-3}, c_{6q-2}, p_{6s+1}, p_{6s+2} / q = 1, 2 \dots \dots, p \text{ \& } s = 0, 1, 2, \dots \dots, k\}$

When  $m = 6p + 2$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows as the previous theorem and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2k + 2$  if  $n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 4$ .

**Case (vi):**  $n = 6k + 5, S_h = \{c_1, c_{6q-1}, c_{6q-2}, p_{6s+2}, p_{6s+3} / q = 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

When  $m = 6p + 2$  and  $n = 6k + 5$ , the  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set as of from the previous theorems and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2k + 3$ .

Thus when  $m = 6p + 2, \gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 4 \\ 2p + 2k + 3 & \text{if } n = 6k + 5. \end{cases}$

**Theorem 3.5:** When  $m = 6p + 3$ , the hop domination of  $T_{m,n}$  is given

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 4 \\ 2p + 2k + 4 & \text{if } n = 6k + 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:**

Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):** If  $n = 6p, S_h = \{c_2, c_3, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_{6s-3}, p_{6s-2} / q = 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (ii):** If  $n = 6p + 1, S_h = \{c_{6q+1}, c_{6q+2}, p_{6s-2}, p_{6s-1} / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (iii):** If  $n = 6p + 2, S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3}, p_{6s-1}, p_{6s} / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (iv):** If  $n = 6p + 3, S_h = \{c_{6q-3}, c_{6q-2}, p_{6s}, p_{6s+1} / q = 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0, 1, \dots, k\}$

**Case (v):** If  $n = 6p + 4, S_h = \{c_{6q-2}, c_{6q-1}, p_{6s+1}, p_{6s+2} / q = 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (vi):** If  $n = 6p + 5, S_h = \{c_1, c_2, c_{6q-1}, c_{6q}, p_{6s+2}, p_{6s+3} / q = 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

When  $m = 6p + 3$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows as theorem (2) & (3) and  $|S_h| = \gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 4 \\ 2p + 2k + 4 & \text{if } n = 6k + 5. \end{cases}$

**Theorem 3.6:** When  $m = 6p + 4$ , the hop domination of a tadpole graph  $T_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 3 \\ 2p + 2k + 3 & \text{if } n = 6k + 4 \\ 2p + 2k + 4 & \text{if } n = 6k + 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):** If  $n = 6p, S_h = \{c_{6q+1}, c_{6q+2}, p_{6s-3}, p_{6s-2} / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (ii):** If  $n = 6p + 1$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3}, p_{6s-2}, p_{6s-1} / q = 0,1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1,2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (iii):** If  $n = 6p + 2$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q+3}, c_{6q+4}, p_{6s-1}, p_{6s} / q = 0,1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1,2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (iv):** If  $n = 6p + 3$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q+4}, c_{6q+5}, p_{6s}, p_{6s+1} / q = 0,1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1,2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (v):** If  $n = 6p + 4$ ,  $S_h = \{c_2, c_{6q-1}, c_{6q}, p_{6s+1}, p_{6s+2} / q = 1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0,1,2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (vi):** If  $n = 6p + 5$ ,  $S_h = \{c_1, c_2, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_{6s+1}, p_{6s+2} / q = 1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0,1, \dots, k\}$

When  $m=6p+4$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows as in theorem (3.2) & (3.3) and

$$|S_h| = \gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 3 \\ 2p + 2k + 3 & \text{if } n = 6k + 4 \\ 2p + 2k + 4 & \text{if } n = 6k + 5. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.7:** When  $m = 6p + 5$ , the hop domination of  $T_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 3 \\ 2p + 2k + 4 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, r = 4 \text{ and } 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):** If  $n = 6p$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3}, p_{6s-3}, p_{6s-2} / q = 0,1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1,2, \dots, k\}$

**Case (ii):** If  $n = 6p + 1$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q+3}, c_{6q+4}, p_{6s-2}, p_{6s-1} / q = 0,1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1,2 \dots, k\}$

**Case (iii):** If  $n = 6p + 2$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q+4}, c_{6q+5}, p_{6s-1}, p_{6s} / q = 0,1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 1,2 \dots, k\}$

**Case (iv):** If  $n = 6p + 3$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q}, c_{6q-1}, p_{6s}, p_{6s+1} / q = 1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0,1,2 \dots, k\}$

**Case (v):** If  $n = 6p + 4$ ,  $S_h = \{c_2, c_3, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_{6s+1}, p_{6s+2} / q = 1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0,1,2 \dots, k\}$

**Case (vi):** If  $n = 6p + 5$ ,  $S_h = \{c_{6q+3}, c_{6q+4}, p_{6s+2}, p_{6s+3} / q = 0,1,2 \dots, p \ \& \ s = 0,1,2 \dots, k\}$

When  $m = 6p + 5$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows as in theorem (2) and (3), Hence

$$|S_h| = \gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2k + 2 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 3 \\ 2p + 2k + 4 & \text{if } n = 6k + r, r = 4 \text{ and } 5. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.8:** For  $n = 2$  the hop domination of a Tadpole graph  $T_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,2}) = \begin{cases} 2p & \text{if } m = 6p \\ 2p + 1 & \text{if } m = 6p + 1 \\ 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 2 \leq r \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):**  $m = 6p$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q}, c_{6q-1} / q = 1, 2, \dots k\}$

- (a) If  $v = c_{6q}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_2, p_2, c_{6q+2}, c_{6q-2}\}$ .  
 (b) If  $v = c_{6q-1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_1, p_1, c_{6q+1}, c_{6q-3}\}$

Thus  $S_h'$  is not minimum. Hence  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p$ .

**Case (ii):**  $m = 6p + 1$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_3, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1} / q = 1, 2, \dots k\}$

- (a) If  $v = c_3$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $c_3$ . (b) If  $v = c_{6q}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_1, p_1, c_{6q+2}, c_{6q-2}\}$ . (c) If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_2, p_2, c_{6q+3}, c_{6q-1}\}$ .

Thus  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 1$ .

**Case (iii):**  $m = 6p + 2$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+1}, c_{6q+2} / q = 0, 1, \dots k\}$ .

- (a) If  $v = c_{6q+2}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q+1}, c_{6q-1}$  or  $p_1\}$ .  
 (b) If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q}, c_{6q+4}$  or  $p_2\}$

Thus  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2$

**Case (iv):**  $m = 6p + 3$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3} / q = 0, 1, \dots k\}$

- (a) If  $v = c_{6q+2}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q}, c_{6q+4}, p_1\}$ .  
 (b) If  $v = c_{6q+3}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q-1}, c_{6q+5}, p_2\}$ .

Thus  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2$

**Case (v):**  $m = 6p + 4$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+3}, c_{6q+4} / q = 0, 1, \dots k\}$

- (a) If  $v = c_{6q+3}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q-1}, c_{6q+5}, p_1\}$ .  
 (b) If  $v = c_{6q+4}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $D'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q-2}, c_{6q+6}, p_2\}$ .

Thus  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2$ .

**Case (vi):**  $m = 6p + 5$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+4}, \frac{c_{6q+5}}{q} / q = 0, 1, \dots k\}$

- (a) If  $v = c_{6q+4}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q-2}, c_{6q+6}, p_1\}$ .  
 (b) If  $v = c_{6q+5}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with at least one of the vertex of  $\{c_{6q-3}, c_{6q+7}, p_2\}$ .

Thus  $S_h$  is the hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2$

$$\text{Thus, } \gamma_h(T_{m,2}) = \begin{cases} 2p & \text{if } m = 6p \\ 2p + 1 & \text{if } m = 6p + 1 \\ 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 2 \leq r \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.9:** For  $n = 3$ , the hop domination of a Tadpole graph  $T_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,3}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 1 & \text{if } m = 6p \\ 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 1 \leq r \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):**  $m = 6p$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_1 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots k\}$

(a) If  $v = c_{6q}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with atleast one of the vertices such as of  $\{c_2, c_{6q+2}, c_{6q-2}, p_2\}$ . (b) If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with atleast one of the vertices such as of  $\{c_{6q-3}$  and  $c_{6q-1}\}$ . (c) If  $v = p_3$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with atleast one of the vertices such as of  $\{c_1, c_{m-1}$  and  $p_3\}$

Thus  $S_h$  is the minimal hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 1$

**Case (ii):**  $m = 6p + 1$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_1 / q = 0, 2, \dots k\}$

(a) If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with atleast one of the vertex such as of  $\{c_{6q-1}, c_{6q+1}, c_2, p_2\}$ . (b) If  $v = c_{6q+2}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with atleast one of the vertices such as of  $\{c_{6q}$  and  $c_{6q+4}\}$ . (c) If  $v = p_1$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with atleast one of the vertices such as of  $\{c_1, c_{m-1}$  and  $p_3\}$

Thus  $S_h$  is the minimal hop dominating set and  $|D| = 2p + 2$

**Case (iii):**  $m = 6p + 2$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3}, p_1 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots k\}$

**Case (iv):**  $m = 6p + 3$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+3}, c_{6q+4}, p_1 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots k\}$

**Case (v):**  $m = 6p + 4$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+4}, c_{6q+5}, p_1 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots k\}$

**Case (vi):**  $m = 6p + 5$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_1 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots k\}$

The Proof of case (iii) to (vi) follows same as previous cases. Thus  $S_h$  is the minimal hop-dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2$

$$\text{Thus for } n = 3, \gamma_h(T_{m,3}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 1 & \text{if } m = 6p \\ 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 1 \leq r \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.10:** For  $n = 4$ , the hop domination of a Tadpole graph  $T_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,4}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 0 \leq r \leq 3 \\ 2p + 3 & \text{if } m = 6p + 4 \\ 2p + 4 & \text{if } m = 6p + 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such

that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):**  $m = 6p$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+1}, c_{6q+2}, p_1, p_2 / q = 0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$

(a) If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_{6q-1}$  and  $c_{6q+3}\}$ . (b) If  $v = c_{6q+2}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_{6q}$  and  $c_{6q+4}\}$ . (c) If  $v = p_1$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $\{p_3\}$ . (d) If  $v = p_2$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $\{p_4\}$

Thus  $S_h$  is the minimal hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2k + 2$

**Case (ii):**  $m = 6p + 1$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+4}, c_{6q+5}, p_1, p_2 / q = 0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$

The Proof is similar to case (i) and  $|D| = 2p + 2$

**Case (iii):**  $m = 6p + 2$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+3}, c_{6q+4}, p_1, p_2 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$

The Proof is similar to case (i) and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2$

**Case (iv):**  $m = 6p + 3$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+4}, c_{6q+5}, p_1, p_2 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k-1\}$

The Proof is similar to case (i) and  $|S_h| = 2p + 2$

**Case (v):**  $m = 6p + 4$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_2, c_{6q-1}, c_{6q}, p_1, p_2 / q = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

(a) If  $v = c_2$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_2\}$ . (b) If  $v = c_{6q-1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_{6q-3}$  and  $c_{6q+1}\}$ . (c) If  $v = c_{6q}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_{6q-2}$  and  $c_{6q+2}\}$ . (d) If  $v = p_1$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $\{p_3\}$ . (e) If  $v = p_2$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $\{p_4\}$

Thus  $S_h$  is the minimal hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 3$

**Case (vi):**  $m = 6p + 5$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_2, c_3, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_1, p_2 / q = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

(a) If  $v = c_2$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_2\}$ . (b) If  $v = c_3$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_3\}$ . (c) If  $v = c_{6q}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_{6q-2}$  and  $c_{6q+2}\}$ . (d) If  $v = c_{6q+1}$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $\{c_{6q-1}$  and  $c_{6q+3}\}$ . (e) If  $v = p_1$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $\{p_3\}$ . (f) If  $v = p_2$ ,  $\exists$  no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating with  $\{p_4\}$

Thus  $S_h$  is the minimal hop dominating set and  $|S_h| = 2p + 4$

Hence when  $n = 4$ ,  $\gamma_h(T_{m,4}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 0 \leq r \leq 3 \\ 2p + 3 & \text{if } m = 6p + 4 \\ 2p + 4 & \text{if } m = 6p + 5 \end{cases}$

**Theorem 3.11:** For  $n = 5$ , the hop domination of a Tadpole graph  $T_{m,n}$  is given by

$$\gamma_h(T_{m,4}) = \begin{cases} 2p + 2 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, r = 0, 1 \\ 2p + 3 & \text{if } m = 6p + 2 \\ 2p + 5 & \text{if } m = 6p + r, 3 \leq r \leq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from theorem(3.1) using the contrary of this theorem. If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then there exists  $v \in S_h$  such that  $S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $T_{m,1}$ . Therefore for all  $u \in N'[v]$  there exists  $v' \in u \in N'[v] - \{v\}, v' \in N'[v]$ .

**Case (i):** If  $m = 6p$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+2}, c_{6q+3}, p_2, p_3 / q = 0, 1, \dots k - 1\}$

**Case (ii):** If  $m = 6p + 1$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+3}, c_{6q+4}, p_2, p_3 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots k - 1\}$

**Case (iii):** If  $m = 6p + 2$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+4}, c_{6q+5}, p_2, p_3 / q = 0, 1, 2, \dots k - 1\}$

**Case (iv):** If  $m = 6p + 3$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_3, c_{6q-1}, c_{6q}, p_2, p_3 / q = 1, 2, \dots k\}$

**Case (v):** If  $m = 6p + 4$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_2, c_3, c_{6q}, c_{6q+1}, p_2, p_3 / q = 1, 2, \dots k\}$

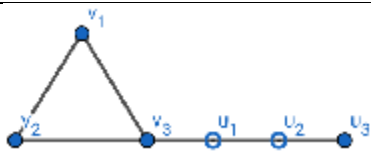
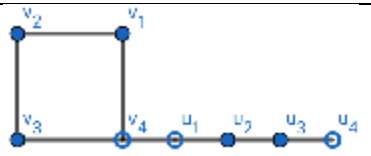
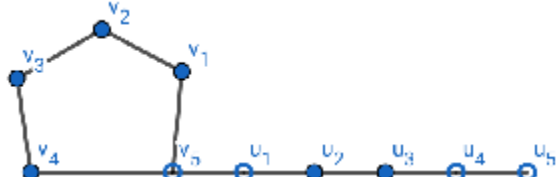
**Case (vi):** If  $m = 6p + 5$ , Let  $S_h = \{c_{6q+1}, c_{6q+2}, p_2, p_3 / q = 0, 1, \dots k\}$ . The proof follows as the previous theorem.

**Theorem 3.12:**  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m})$  iff  $m = n$ .

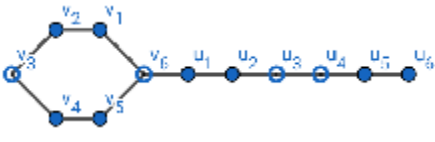
**Proof:** Let  $m = n$ , then  $T_{m,n}$  and  $T_{n,m}$  are same graphs. Hence  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m})$ . On the other hand, assume  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m})$ , suppose if  $m \neq n$ , then by theorems(-- )  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) \neq \gamma_h(T_{n,m})$ . Thus  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m})$  iff  $m = n$ .

**Corollary:**  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m}) = m - 1$  (or)  $n - 1$  iff  $m = n$ , where  $m = n = 3, 4, 5$ . and  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m}) \leq m - 1$  (or)  $n - 1$  iff  $m = n$ , where  $m = n = 6$ .

**Proof:**

S.No.	Tadpole Graph $(T_{m,n}), m = n$	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$m=n=3, T_{3,3}$		2 or (n-1)
2	$m=n=4, T_{4,4}$		3 or (n-1)
3	$m=n=5, T_{5,5}$		4 or (n-1)



4	$m=n=6, T_{6,6}$		4 or $\leq(n-1)$
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From the table we get  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m}) = m - 1$  (or)  $n - 1$  iff  $m = n$ , where  $m = n = 3,4,5$ . And  $\gamma_h(T_{m,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{n,m}) \leq m - 1$  (or)  $n - 1$  iff  $m = n$ , where  $m = n = 6$ .

**4. Conclusion:** In this paper, we have found the hop domination number of Tadpole graph and derived some theorems on it.

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