

## Vertex Domination Critical in Circulant Graphs

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**Abstract.** A graph  $G$  is vertex domination critical if for any vertex  $v$  of  $G$ , the domination number of  $G - v$  is less than the domination number of  $G$ . We call these graphs  $\gamma$ -critical if domination number of  $G$  is  $\gamma$ . In this paper, we determine the domination and the total domination number of  $Cir(n, A)$  for two particular generating sets  $A$  of  $Z_n$ , and then study  $\gamma$ -critical in these graphs.

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### 1. Introduction

A vertex in a graph  $G$  dominates itself and its neighbors. A set of vertices  $S$  in a graph  $G$  is a dominating set, if each vertex of  $G$  is dominated by some vertex of  $S$ . The domination number  $\gamma(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of a dominating set of  $G$ . A dominating set  $S$  is called a total dominating set if each vertex  $v$  of  $G$  is dominated by some vertex  $u \neq v$  of  $S$ . The total domination number of  $G$ , denoted by  $\gamma_t(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a total dominating set of  $G$ .

We denote the open neighborhood of a vertex  $v$  of  $G$  by  $N_G(v)$ , or just  $N(v)$ , and its closed neighborhood by  $N[v]$ . For a vertex set  $S \subseteq V(G)$ ,  $N(S) = \cup_{v \in S} N(v)$  and  $N[S] = \cup_{v \in S} N[v]$ . So, a set of vertices  $S$  in  $G$  is a dominating set, if  $N[S] = V(G)$ . Also,  $S$  is a total dominating set, if  $N(S) = V(G)$ . For notation and graph theory terminology in general we follow [3]. Rashmanlou and Pal et al. [5-17] studied different kinds of fuzzy graphs. We call a dominating set of cardinality  $\gamma(G)$ , a  $\gamma(G)$  – set and a total dominating set of cardinality  $\gamma_t(G)$ , a  $\gamma_t(G)$  – set. A graph  $G$  is called vertex domination critical if  $\gamma(G - v) < \gamma(G)$ , for every vertex  $v$  in  $G$ . For references on the vertex domination critical graphs see [1,2,3].

Jafari Rad [4], determines the domination number and the total domination number of graph  $Cir(n, \{1, 3\})$ , for any integer  $n$ , and then study  $\gamma$  – criticality in  $Cir(n, \{1, 3\})$ .

Let  $n \geq 7$  be a positive integer. The circulant graph  $Cir(n, A)$  where  $A = \{1, n - 1, 3, n - 3, 5, n - 5, \dots, 2k - 1, n - (2k - 1), 2k + 1, n - (2k + 1)\}$  is the graph with vertex set  $\{v_0,$

$v_l, \dots, v_{n-1}$ }, and edge set  $\{\{v_i, v_{i+j}\} : i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}, j \in \{1, n-1, 3, n-3, \dots, 2k+1, n-(2k+1)\}\}$ ,  $k$  is an integer such that  $0 \leq k < \lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \rfloor$ .

Let  $n \geq 9$  be a positive integer. The circulant graph  $Cir(n, B)$  where  $B = \{1, n-1, 2, n-2, 4, n-4, \dots, 2k, n-2k, 2k+2, n-(2k+2)\}$  is the graph with vertex set  $\{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ , and edge set  $\{\{v_i, v_{i+j}\} : i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}, j \in \{1, n-1, 2, n-2, \dots, 2k+2, n-(2k+2)\}\}$ ,  $k$  is an integer such that  $0 \leq k < \lfloor \frac{n-5}{4} \rfloor$ .

All arithmetic on the indices is assumed to be modulo  $n$ .

In this paper, we first determine the domination number and the total domination number in the circulant graphs  $Cir(n, A)$  and  $Cir(n, B)$  for any integer  $n$ , and then study  $\gamma$ -criticality and  $\gamma_t(G)$ -criticality in these class of graphs.

For two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  in a graph  $G$  we denote the distance between  $x$  and  $y$  by  $d_G(x, y)$ , or just  $d(x, y)$ .

## 2. Domination and total domination

Let  $G$  be a circulant graph with  $n$  vertices. Let cycle  $C = C(G)$  be the subgraph of  $G$  with vertex set  $\{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$  and edge set  $\{\{v_i, v_{i+1}\} : i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}\}$ . For a subset  $S \subseteq V(G)$  with at least three vertices, we say that  $x, y \in S$  are *consecutive* if there is no vertex  $z \in S$  such that  $z$  lies between  $x$  and  $y$  in  $C$ . For two consecutive vertices  $x, y$  in a subset of vertices  $S$ , we define  $|x - y| = d_C(x, y)$ . So,  $|x - y|$  equals to the number of edges in a shortest path between  $x$  and  $y$  in the cycle  $C$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** For any integer  $n \geq 7$ ,

$$\gamma(Cir(n, A)) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor + 1n \equiv 4, 6, 8, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{2k+3} \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma(G)$ -set of  $G = Cir(n, A)$ . Any vertex of  $G$  dominates  $2k+3$  vertices of  $G$  including itself, so  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor$ .

We claim that if  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+3}$ , for an integer  $t$  such that  $2 \leq t \leq k+1$ , then  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor + 1$ .

To see this, assume to the contrary that  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+3}$ , and  $|S| = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor$ . There are two consecutive vertices  $v_l, v_{l'} \in S$  such that  $|l - l'| < 2k+3$ . Let  $v_{l''} \neq v_l$  be a consecutive vertex of  $v_{l'}$ . Without loss of generality assume that  $|v_{l''} - v_l| = 2k+3+2t$ . Then there are  $2k+2+2t$  possibilities for  $v_{l'}$  to lies between  $v_l$  and  $v_{l''}$ . In each possibly there exists a vertex between  $v_l$  and  $v_{l''}$  which is not dominated by  $\{v_l, v_{l'}, v_{l''}\}$ , a contradiction. Hence, for  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+3}$ ,  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor + 1$ .

Now it is sufficient to get a dominating set  $S$  of required cardinality. We consider the following cases:

1. For  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{2k+3}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(2k+3)i} : 0 \leq i < \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-2}\}$ .

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2. For  $n \equiv 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{2k+3}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(2k+3)i}: 0 \leq i < \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-1}\}$ .

3. For  $n \equiv 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{2k+3}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(2k+3)i}: 0 \leq i < \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor\}$ .

In each of the above cases,  $S$  is a dominating set for  $Cir(n, A)$  of cardinality  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor + 1$  when  $n \equiv 4, 6, 8, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{2k+3}$ , and of cardinality  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor$  when  $n \equiv 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{2k+3}$ . Hence, the result follows. ■

**Theorem 2.2.** For any integer  $n \geq 9$ ,

$$\gamma(Cir(n, B)) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor + 1, & n \equiv 6, 8, 10, \dots, 2k+4 \pmod{2k+5} \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma(G)$ -set of  $G = Cir(n, B)$ . Any vertex of  $G$  dominates  $2k+5$  vertices of  $G$  including itself, so  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor$ .

We claim that if  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+5}$ ,  $t$  is an integer such that  $3 \leq t \leq k+1$ , then  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor + 1$ . To see this, assume to the contrary that  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+5}$ , and  $|S| = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor$ . There are two consecutive vertices  $v_l, v_{l'} \in S$  such that  $|l - l'| < 2k+5$ . Let  $v_{l''} \neq v_l$  is a consecutive vertex of  $v_{l'}$ . Without loss of generality we assume that  $|v_{l''} - v_l| = 2k+5+2t$ . Then there are  $2k+4+2t$  possibilities for  $v_{l''}$  to lie between  $v_l$  and  $v_{l'}$ . In each possibility there exists a vertex between  $v_l$  and  $v_{l''}$  which is not dominated by  $\{v_l, v_{l'}, v_{l''}\}$ , a contradiction. Hence, for  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+5}$ ,  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor + 1$ .

Now it is sufficient to get a dominating set  $S$  of required cardinality. We consider the following cases:

1. For  $n \equiv 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, \dots, 2k+4 \pmod{2k+5}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(2k+5)i}: 0 \leq i < \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-3}\}$ .

2. For  $n \equiv 6, 8, 10, \dots, 2k+4 \pmod{2k+5}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(2k+5)i}: 0 \leq i < \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor\}$ .

In each of the above cases  $S$  is a dominating set for  $Cir(n, B)$  of cardinality  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor + 1$  when  $n \equiv 6, 8, \dots, 2k+4 \pmod{2k+5}$ , and of cardinality  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor$  when  $n \equiv 6, 8, 10, \dots, 2k+4 \pmod{2k+5}$ .

Hence, the result follows. ■

**Theorem 2.3.** For any integer  $n \geq 7$ ,

$$\gamma_t(Cir(n, A)) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{2n}{4k+4} \rfloor + 1 & n \equiv 2, 4, 6, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{4k+4} \\ \lfloor \frac{2n}{4k+4} \rfloor & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_t$ -set of  $G = Cir(n, A)$ . Note that  $|A| = 2k+2$  and  $G$  is  $2k+2$ -regular. From the definition of the total domination number, it follows that  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+2} \rfloor \leq \gamma_t(G)$ ,  $\gamma_t(G) = |S|$ .

For  $n \equiv 2j \pmod{4k+4}$ ,  $j$  is an integer such that  $0 \leq j < 2k+2$ , we have

$$\lceil \frac{n}{2k+2} \rceil = \lceil \frac{2n}{4k+4} \rceil, \text{ so } \lceil \frac{2n}{4k+4} \rceil \leq \gamma_t(G).$$

For  $n \equiv 2j \pmod{4k+4}$ ,  $j$  is an integer such that  $0 \leq j < 2k+1$ ,  $n$  can be written as  $n = (4k+4)l + 2j = 2((2k+2)l + j)$ , which  $l$  is integer and  $n$  is an even number. We partite  $V(G)$  into two disjoint sets  $I_1 = \{v_1, v_3, v_5, v_7, \dots, v_{n-3}, v_{n-1}\}$  and  $I_2 = \{v_0, v_2, v_4, v_6, \dots, v_{n-4}, v_{n-2}\}$ . Note that  $|I_1| = |I_2| = (2k+2)l + j$ . For any  $x \in I_1$ ,  $N(x) \subseteq I_2$ , for any  $y \in I_2$ ,  $N(y) \subseteq I_1$ . It follows that  $G$  is a balanced bipartite graph with bipartition sets  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ . We can write  $S = S_1 \cup S_2$ , such that  $S_1 \subseteq I_2$ ,  $S_2 \subseteq I_1$ ,  $I_i$  is dominated by  $S_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 2$  and  $|S_1| = |S_2|$ .

$$\text{If } 0 < j \leq k+1, \text{ then } |S_1| = |S_2| \geq \lceil \frac{(2k+2)l+j}{2k+2} \rceil = l+1 \text{ and } \gamma_t(G) = |S| = |S_1| + |S_2| \geq 2 \lceil \frac{(2k+2)l+j}{2k+2} \rceil = 2l+2. \text{ On the other hand } 2l+2 = \lceil \frac{(4k+4)(2l)+4j}{4k+4} \rceil + 1, \text{ and so } \gamma_t(G) \geq \lceil \frac{(4k+4)(2l)+4j}{4k+4} \rceil + 1.$$

$$\text{If } k+2 \leq j \leq 2k+1, \text{ then } |S_1| = |S_2| \geq \lceil \frac{(2k+2)l+j}{2k+2} \rceil = l+1 \text{ and } \gamma_t(G) = |S| = |S_1| + |S_2| \geq 2 \lceil \frac{(2k+2)l+j}{2k+2} \rceil = 2l+2. \text{ On the other hand } 2l+2 = \lceil \frac{(4k+4)(2l)+4j}{4k+4} \rceil, \text{ and so } \gamma_t(G) \geq \lceil \frac{(4k+4)(2l)+2j}{2k+2} \rceil.$$

$$\text{If } j=0, \text{ then } |S_1| = |S_2| \geq \lceil \frac{(2k+2)l}{2k+2} \rceil = l \text{ and } \gamma_t(G) = |S| = |S_1| + |S_2| \geq 2 \lceil \frac{(2k+2)l}{2k+2} \rceil = 2l. \text{ On the other hand } 2l = \lceil \frac{(4k+4)2l}{4k+4} \rceil, \text{ and so } \gamma_t(G) \geq \lceil \frac{(4k+4)2l}{4k+4} \rceil.$$

Now it is sufficient to define a total dominating set  $S$  of required cardinality. We consider the following cases:

1. For  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4k+4}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(4k+4)i+2k+1}, v_{(4k+4)i+4k+2} : 0 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{4k+4} \rceil\}$ .
2. For  $n \equiv 1, 3, 5, 7, \dots, 2k+1 \pmod{4k+4}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(4k+4)i+2k+1}, v_{(4k+4)i+4k+2} : 0 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{4k+4} \rceil\} \cup \{v_0\}$ .
3. For the cases  $n \equiv 2, 4, 6, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{4k+4}$  and  $n \equiv 2k+3, 2k+4, 2k+5, 2k+6, \dots, 4k+2, 4k+3 \pmod{4k+4}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(4k+4)i+2k+1}, v_{(4k+4)i+2k+2} : 0 \leq i < \lceil \frac{n}{4k+4} \rceil\} \cup \{v_{n-2k}, v_{n-(2k+1)}\}$ .

In each of the above cases  $S$  is a total dominating set of  $Cir(n, A)$ , cardinality of  $S$  is  $\lceil \frac{n}{2k+2} \rceil + 1$  when  $n \equiv 2, 4, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{4k+4}$ , and cardinality of  $S$  is  $\lceil \frac{n}{2k+2} \rceil$  when  $n \equiv 2, 4, 6, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{4k+4}$ . Hence, the result follows. ■

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G=Cir(n,B)$  with  $k \geq 3$  and  $G[S]$  has no isolated vertices. If  $|S|$  is even, then  $S$  dominates at most  $(2k+3)|S|$  vertices of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G$  with  $|S|=t$ , where  $t$  is even. Any two adjacent vertices of  $S$  dominate  $4k+6$  vertices of  $G$  including themselves.  $S$  dominates at most  $(4k+6)\binom{|S|}{2} = (2k+3)|S|$  vertices of  $G$ . ■

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G=Cir(n,B)$  with  $k \geq 3$  and  $G[S]$  has no isolated vertices. If  $|S|$  is odd, then  $S$  dominates at most  $(2k+3)|S| - (k+1)$  vertices of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G$  with  $|S|=t$ , where  $t$  is odd. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $G[S]$  has  $d = \binom{|S|-3}{2} + 1$  components  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_d$  where  $|V(G_1)|=3$  and  $|V(G_i)|=2$  for  $i=2, 3, 4, \dots, d$ . Let  $V(G_1)=\{x, y, z\}$ , then  $\{x, y, z\}$

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dominates at most  $5k+8$  vertices of  $G$ .  $S$  dominates at most  $(4k+6)\left(\frac{|S|-3}{2}\right) + 5k + 8 = (2k+3)t-(k+1)$  vertices of  $G$ . ■

**Theorem 2.4.** For any integer  $n \geq 21$  and  $k \geq 3$ ,

$$\gamma_t(\text{Cir}(n, B)) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \right\rfloor + 1, & n \equiv 3, 4, 5, 6, \dots, 2k+3 \pmod{4k+6} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \right\rfloor & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_t$ -set of  $G = \text{Cir}(n, B)$ . It follows from Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.2 that  $|S| \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \right\rfloor$ .

We claim that if  $n \equiv 3, 4, 5, \dots, 2k+3 \pmod{4k+6}$  and  $S$  is a total dominating for  $G$ , then  $|S| \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \right\rfloor + 1$ .

To see this, assume to the contrary that  $|S| = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \right\rfloor$ . We have  $n = (4k+6)l + j$ , where  $l$  is a positive integer,  $j \in \{3, 4, 5, \dots, 2k+3\}$  then  $|S| = \left\lfloor \frac{(4k+6)l + j}{2k+3} \right\rfloor = 2l + 1$  is an odd number. So, the induced subgraph  $G[S]$  has an odd component  $H$  with at least three vertices. We proceed to prove the following facts.

(i) Any component of  $G[S]$  has at most three vertices.

Assume to the contrary that  $G_1$  is a component of  $G[S]$  and  $G_1$  has at least 4 vertices. Without loss of generality assume that  $G_1$  has 4 vertices. Then  $S$  dominates at most  $6k+10 + (4k+6)\left(\frac{|S|-3-4}{2}\right) + 5k + 8 = (4k+6)l - k$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

(ii)  $H$  is the only odd component of  $G[S]$ .

Assume to the contrary that  $H' \neq H$  is a component of  $G[S]$  with  $|V(H')|$  odd. It follows from fact (i) that  $|V(H')| = 3$ . Since  $|S|$  is odd, there is another component  $H''$  with three vertices. Now  $S$  dominates at most  $(4k+6)\left(\frac{|S|-3-3-3}{2}\right) + 3(5k+8) = (4k+6)l - k$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

For  $n \equiv k+3, k+4, k+5, \dots, 2k+3 \pmod{4k+6}$  and we have  $V(H) = \{v_f, v_g, v_p\}$  and  $S$  dominates  $(4k+6)\left(\frac{|S|-3}{2}\right) + 5k + 8 = (4k+6)l + k + 2$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

For  $n \equiv 3, 4, 5, \dots, k+2 \pmod{4k+6}$ . We have  $n = (4k+6)l + j$ , where  $l$  is a positive integer,  $j \in \{3, 4, 5, \dots, k+2\}$ . It follows from facts that  $G[S]$  has  $l = \left(\frac{|S|-3}{2}\right) + 1$  components  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_l$  where  $|V(G_i)| = 2$  for  $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, l$  and  $|V(G_1)| = 3$ . Any two adjacent vertices of  $S$  dominates at most  $4k+6$  consecutive vertices of  $V(G)$ .

$V(G)$  can be partitioned into  $l$  subset  $I_1 = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{4k+5}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{v_{4k+6}, v_{4k+7}, v_{4k+8}, \dots, v_{8k+11}\}$ ,  $I_3 = \{v_{8k+12}, v_{8k+13}, \dots, v_{12k+17}\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $I_{l-1} = \{v_{(4k+6)(l-2)}, v_{(4k+6)(l-2)+1}, \dots, v_{(4k+6)(l-1)-1}\}$ ,  $I_l = \{v_{(4k+6)(l-1)+1}, v_{(4k+6)(l-1)+2}, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$ .

Note that,  $|I_i| = 4k+6$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, l-1$  and  $4k+9 \leq |I_l| \leq 5k+8$ .

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $I_1$  is dominated by  $\{v_{2k+2}, v_{2k+3}\}$  of  $S$  and  $I_2$  is dominated by  $\{v_{6k+8}, v_{6k+9}\}$ , then each of  $I_i$  is by two adjacent vertices of  $S$ . Then, vertices  $I_l$  ( $4k+9 \leq |I_l| \leq 5k+8$ ) is dominated by three consecutive vertices of  $S$ . In

each possibility there exists at least one vertex in  $I_l$  which is not dominated by this three vertices, a contradiction. This completes the claim.

Now it is sufficient to define a total dominating set  $S$  of required cardinality.

We consider the following case:

1. For  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4k+6}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(4k+6)m+2k+2}, v_{(4k+6)m+2k+3} : 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{4k+6} \rfloor\}$ .
2. For  $n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{4k+6}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(4k+6)m+2k+2}, v_{(4k+6)m+2k+3} : 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{4k+6} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-3}\}$ .
3. For  $n \equiv 3, 4, 5, \dots, 4k+5 \pmod{4k+6}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(4k+6)m+2k+1}, v_{(4k+6)m+2k+2} : 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{4k+6} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-(2k+2)}, v_{n-(2k+1)}\}$ . ■

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G=Cir(n,B)$  with  $k=2$  and  $G[S]$  has no isolated vertices. If  $|S|$  is even, then  $S$  dominates at most  $7|S|$  vertices of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be subset of vertices of  $G$  with  $|S|=t$ , where  $t$  is even. Any two adjacent vertices of  $S$  dominate 14 vertices of  $G$  including them selves.  $S$  dominates at most  $14(\frac{|S|}{2}) = 7|S|$  vertices of  $G$ . ■

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G=Cir(n,B)$ ,  $k=2$  and  $G[S]$  has no isolated vertices. If  $|S|$  is odd, then  $S$  dominates at most  $7|S|-2$  vertices of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be subset of vertices of  $G$  with  $|S|=t$ , where  $t$  is odd. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $G[S]$  has  $d = (\frac{|S|-3}{2}) + 1$  components  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_d$ , where  $|V(G_1)|=3$  and  $|V(G_i)|=2$  for  $i=2, 3, 4, \dots, d$ . let  $V(G_1)=\{x, y, z\}$ , then  $\{x, y, z\}$  dominates at most 19 vertices of  $G$ .  $S$  dominates at most  $14(\frac{|S|-3}{2}) + 19 = 7(|S|-3)+19 = 7|S|-2$  vertices of  $G$ . ■

**Theorem 2.5.** For any integer  $n \geq 17$  and  $k=2$ ,

$$\gamma_t(Cir(n, B)) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{7} \rfloor + 1 & n \equiv 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \pmod{14} \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{7} \rfloor & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_t$ -set of  $G = Cir(n, B)$ . It follows from Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 2.4 that  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{7} \rfloor$ .

We claim that if  $n \equiv 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \pmod{14}$  and  $S$  is a total dominating for  $G$ , then  $|S| \geq \lfloor \frac{n}{7} \rfloor + 1$ .

To see this, assume to the contrary that  $|S| = \lfloor \frac{n}{7} \rfloor$ . We have  $n = 14l + j$ , where  $l$  is a positive integer,  $j \in \{3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Then  $|S| = \lfloor \frac{14l+j}{7} \rfloor = 2l + 1$  is an odd number. So, the induced subgraph  $G[S]$  has a component  $H$  with at least three vertices. We proceed to prove following facts.

- i. Any component of  $G[S]$  has at most three vertices.

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Assume to the contrary that  $G_1$  is a component of  $G[S]$  and  $G_1$  has at least 4 vertices. Without loss of generality assume that  $G_1$  has 4 vertices. Then  $S$  dominates at most  $19 + (14) \left( \frac{|S|-3-4}{2} \right) + 24 = 14l + 1$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

**ii.**  $H$  is the only odd component of  $G[S]$ .

Assume to the contrary that  $H' \neq H$  is a component of  $G[S]$  with  $|V(H')|$  odd. It follows from fact **i** that  $|V(H')|=3$ . Since  $|S|$  is odd, there is another component  $H''$  with three vertices. Now  $S$  dominates at most

$$14 \left( \frac{|S|-3-3-3}{2} \right) + 3(19) = 14l + 1 \text{ vertices of } G, \text{ a contradiction.}$$

For  $n \equiv 6, 7 \pmod{14}$  and we have  $V(H) = \{v_p, v_q, v_r\}$  and  $S$  dominates  $14 \left( \frac{|S|-3}{2} \right) + 19 = 14l + 5$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

For  $n \equiv 3, 4, 5 \pmod{14}$ . We have  $n = 14l + j$ , where  $l$  is a positive integer,  $j \in \{3, 4, 5\}$ . It follows from facts that  $G[S]$  has  $l = \left( \frac{|S|-3}{2} \right) + 1$  components

$G_1, G_2, \dots, G_l$  where  $|V(G_i)|=2$  for  $i=2, 3, 4, \dots, l$  and  $|V(G_1)|=3$ . Any two adjacent of  $S$  at most 14 consecutive vertices of  $V(G)$ .

$V(G)$  can be partition into  $l$  subsets  $I_1 = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{14}\}$ ,  $I_2 = \{v_{15}, v_{16}, \dots, v_{28}\}$ ,  $I_3 = \{v_{29}, v_{30}, \dots, v_{42}\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $I_{l-1} = \{v_{(14)(l-2)+1}, v_{(14)(l-2)+2}, \dots, v_{(14)(l-1)}\}$ ,  $I_l = \{v_{(14)(l-1)+1}, v_{(14)(l-1)+2}, \dots, v_n\}$ .

Note that,  $|I_i| = 14$  for  $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, l-1$  and  $17 \leq |I_l| \leq 19$ .

Without loss of generality we may assume that  $I_1$  is dominated by  $\{v_7, v_8\}$  of  $S$  and  $I_2$  is dominated by  $\{v_{21}, v_{22}\}$ , then each of  $I_i$  is by two adjacent vertices of  $S$ . Vertices  $I_i$  ( $17 \leq |I_i| \leq 19$ ) is dominated by three consecutive vertices. In each possibility there exists at least one vertex in  $I_i$  which is not dominated by this three vertices, a contradiction.

This completes the claim.

Now it is sufficient to define a total dominating set  $S$  of required cardinality.

We consider the following case:

1. For  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{14}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(14)m+7}, v_{(14)m+8} : 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{14} \rfloor\}$ .
2. For  $n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{14}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(14)m+7}, v_{(14)m+8} : 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{14} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-2}\}$ .
3. For  $n \equiv 3, 4, 5, \dots, 13 \pmod{14}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(14)m+7}, v_{(14)m+8} : 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{14} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-6}, v_{n-5}\}$ . ■

**Note 1.** For any two adjacent vertices  $v_a$  and  $v_b$  of  $G = Cir(n, B)$ ,  $k=1$  and  $n \geq 13$ . We have the following:

**i.** If  $|v_a - v_b| = 1$ , then  $v_a$  and  $v_b$  dominate 10 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.

**ii.** If  $|v_a - v_b| = 2$ , then  $v_a$  and  $v_b$  dominate 9 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.

**iii.** If  $|v_a - v_b| = 4$ , then  $v_a$  and  $v_b$  dominate 11 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.

Therefore, any two adjacent vertices of  $G$  dominate at most 11 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.

**Note 2.** Let  $G_1$  be a component of  $\gamma_t$ -set such that  $G_1$  has three vertices  $v_a, v_b, v_c$ , we have the following:

**i.** If  $|v_a - v_b| = |v_b - v_c| = 1$  then  $G_1$  dominates 11 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.

**ii.** If  $|v_a - v_b| = |v_b - v_c| = 2$  then  $G_1$  dominates 11 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.

- iii. If  $|v_a - v_b|=1, |v_b - v_c|=2$  then  $G_1$  dominates 14 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.
  - iv. If  $|v_a - v_b|=4, |v_b - v_c|=2$  then  $G_1$  dominates 13 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.
  - v. If  $|v_a - v_b|=|v_b - v_c|=4$  then  $G_1$  dominates 15 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.
- Therefore, any three vertices of  $G$  belong to a component dominate at most 15 vertices of  $G$  including themselves.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G=Cir(n, B)$  with  $k = 1$  and  $G[S]$  has no isolated vertices. If  $|S|$  is even, then  $S$  dominates at most  $11\binom{|S|}{2}$  vertices of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G$  with  $|S|=t$ , where  $t$  is even. Any two adjacent vertices of  $S$  dominate 11 vertices of  $G$  including themselves. So  $S$  dominates at most  $11\binom{|S|}{2}$  vertices of  $G$ . ■

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G=Cir(n, B)$ ,  $k = 1$  and  $G[S]$  has no isolated vertices. If  $|S|$  is odd, then  $S$  dominates at most  $\binom{|S|-3}{2}11 + 15$  vertices of  $G$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a subset of vertices of  $G$  with  $|S|=t$ , where  $t$  is odd. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $G[S]$  has  $d = \binom{|S|-3}{2} + 1$  components  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_d$ , where  $|V(G_1)|=3$  and  $|V(G_i)| = 2$  for  $i = 2, 3, 4, \dots, d$ . Let  $V(G_1)=\{x, y, z\}$ , then  $\{x, y, z\}$  dominates at most 15 vertices of  $G$ . So  $S$  dominates at most  $\binom{|S|-3}{2}11 + 15$  vertices of  $G$ . ■

**Theorem 2.6.** For any integer  $n \geq 13$  and  $k = 1$ ,

$$\gamma_t(Cir(n, B)) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{2n}{11} \rceil + 1n \equiv 3, 5, 10 \pmod{11} \\ \lceil \frac{2n}{11} \rceil \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a  $\gamma_t$ -set of  $G = Cir(n, B)$ . It follows from Lemma 2.5 and Lemma 2.6 that  $|S| \geq \lceil \frac{2n}{11} \rceil$ . In the next we prove two claims as following.

**Claim 1.** If  $n \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{11}$  and  $S$  is a total dominating set for  $G$ , then  $|S| \geq \lceil \frac{2n}{11} \rceil + 1$ .

Let  $n \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{11}$  and let  $S$  be a total dominating set for  $G$ . Assume to the contrary that  $|S| = \lceil \frac{2n}{11} \rceil$ . We have  $n = 11l + j$ , where  $l$  is a positive integer,  $j \in \{3, 5\}$ . Then  $|S| = \lceil \frac{22l+2j}{11} \rceil = 2l+1$  is an odd number. So, the induced subgraph  $G[S]$  has an odd component  $H$  with at least three vertices. We proceed to following facts.

(i) Any component of  $G[S]$  has at most three vertices.

Assume to the contrary that  $G_1$  is a component of  $G[S]$  and  $G_1$  has at least 4 vertices. Without loss of generality assume that  $G_1$  has 4 vertices. Then  $S$  dominates at most  $15 + (11)\binom{|S|-3-4}{2} + 20 = 11l + 2$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

(ii)  $H$  is the only odd component of  $G[S]$ .

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Assume to the contrary that  $H' \neq H$  is a component of  $G[S]$  with  $|V(H')|$  odd. Then  $|V(H')|=3$ . Since  $|S|$  is odd, there is another component  $H''$  with three vertices. Now  $S$  dominates at most  $11\left(\frac{|S|-3-3-3}{2}\right) + 3(15) = 11l + 1$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

For  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$  and we have  $V(H) = \{v_p, v_q, v_r\}$  and  $S$  dominates  $11\left(\frac{|S|-3}{2}\right) + 15 = 11l + 4$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

When  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$ . We have  $n = 11l + 3$ , where  $l$  is a positive integer.

According to note 1,  $\{v_5, v_9\}$  dominate 11 vertices.  $N(\{v_5, v_9\}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{13}\} - \{v_2, v_{12}\}$  and  $v_{12}$  is dominated by  $v_{16}$ ,  $N(\{v_{16}, v_{20}\}) = \{v_{12}, v_{13}, \dots, v_{24}\} - \{v_{13}, v_{23}\}$  and  $v_{23}$  is dominated by  $v_{27}$ ,  $N(\{v_{27}, v_{31}\}) = \{v_{23}, v_{24}, \dots, v_{35}\} - \{v_{24}, v_{34}\}$ , we continue this process and  $N(\{v_{(l-2)11+5}, v_{(l-2)11+9}\}) = \{v_{11l-21+1}, v_{11l-20}, \dots, v_{11l-9}\} - \{v_{11l-20}, v_{11l-10}\}$ , So  $\{v_{11l-8}, v_{11l-7}, v_{11l-6}, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n\} \cup \{v_2, v_{11l-10}\}$  is dominated by three vertices. In each possibility there exists at least one vertex in Last subset which is not dominated by this 3 vertices, a contradiction.

This completes the Claim 1.

**Claim 2.** If  $n \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$  and let  $S$  be a total dominating set for  $G$ , then  $|S| \geq \lceil \frac{2n}{11} \rceil + 1$ .

Assume to the contrary that  $|S| = \lceil \frac{2n}{11} \rceil$ . We have  $n = 11l + 10$  where  $l$  is a positive integer.

Then  $|S| = \lceil \frac{22l+20}{11} \rceil = 2l+2$  is an even number. We have any

component of  $G$  has at least two vertices. Now we are proving any component of  $G$  has exactly two vertices.

Assume to the contrary that  $G_1$  is a component of  $G$  and it has at least 3 vertices.

Let  $G_1$  has 3 vertices. So  $|S|$  is an even number, there exist  $G_1' \neq G_1$  is a component of  $G[S]$  with  $|V(G_1')|$  is odd, then at least  $|V(G_1')|$  is 3. If  $|V(G_1')|=3$ , then  $S$  dominates at most

$11\left(\frac{|S|-3-3}{2}\right) + 2(15) = 11l + 8$  vertices of  $G$ , a contradiction.

So the induced subgraph  $G[S]$  has components with two vertices. It follows from Note 1 and process of case 2,  $S = \{v_5, v_9, v_{16}, v_{20}, v_{27}, v_{31}, \dots, v_{(l-1)11+5}, v_{(l-1)11+9}, v_{11l+5}, v_{n-1}\}$ . We have  $N(\{v_5, v_9\}) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{13}\} - \{v_2, v_{12}\}$ ,  $N(\{v_{16}, v_{20}\}) = \{v_{12}, v_{13}, \dots, v_{24}\} - \{v_{13}, v_{23}\}$ ,  $N(\{v_{27}, v_{31}\}) = \{v_{23}, \dots, v_{35}\} - \{v_{24}, v_{34}\}$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $N(\{v_{(l-1)11+5}, v_{(l-1)11+9}\}) = \{v_{(l-1)11+1}, \dots, v_{11l-17}\} - \{v_{(l-2)11+2}, v_{11l-16}\}$ ,  $N(\{v_{11l+5}, v_{11l+9}\}) = \{v_{11l+1}, \dots, v_3\} - \{v_{11l+2}, v_2\}$  and  $v_2$  is not dominated by  $S$ , a contradiction.

This completes the Claim 2.

Now it is sufficient to define a total dominating set  $S$  of required cardinality. We consider the following case:

1. For  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(11)m+5}, v_{(11)m+9}; 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{11} \rfloor\}$ .
2. For  $n \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{11}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(11)m+5}, v_{(11)m+9}; 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{11} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-2}\}$ .
3. For  $n \equiv 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 \pmod{11}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(11)m+5}, v_{(11)m+9}; 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{11} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-3}\}$ .
4. For  $n \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(11)m+5}, v_{(11)m+9}; 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{11} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-4}\}$ .
5. For  $n \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$ ,  $S = \{v_{(11)m+5}, v_{(11)m+9}; 0 \leq m < \lfloor \frac{n}{11} \rfloor\} \cup \{v_{n-2}, v_{n-3}, v_{n-5}\}$ . ■

**Theorem 2.7.** For  $n \geq 7$ ,  $Cir(n, A)$  is  $\gamma$ -critical if and only if  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{2k+3}$ .

**Proof.** First we show that if  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{2k+3}$  that  $G$  is  $\gamma$ -critical. Let  $x$  be a vertex of  $G = Cir((2k+3)l+4, A)$ , for some positive integer  $l$ . Since  $G$  is transitive, we assume that  $x = v_{n-2}$ . It is easy to see that  $S = \{v_{(2k+3)i}: 0 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor\}$  is a dominating set for  $G - x$ . It follows that  $\gamma(G - x) \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor < \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor + 1 = \gamma(G)$ . Hence,  $G$  is  $\gamma$ -critical.

Suppose now that  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{2k+3}$ , we show that  $G$  is not  $\gamma$ -critical. Let  $T$  be a subset of vertices with  $|T| < \gamma(G)$ . Without loss of generality we let  $|T| = \gamma(G) - 1$ . We show that any  $|T|$  vertices of  $G$  dominate at most  $n - 2$  vertices of  $G$ .

We consider the following cases:

1. For  $n \equiv 4, 6, 8, \dots, 2k+2 \pmod{2k+3}$ , by Theorem 2.1  $\gamma(G) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor$ .

If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2k+3}$ , then  $n = (2k+3)l$  for some integer  $l$ . It follows that  $\gamma(G) = l$ . Now  $T$  dominates at most  $(2k+3)(l-1) \leq n - 2$  vertices of  $G$ . Similarly, for  $n \equiv 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, \dots, 2k+1 \pmod{2k+3}$ ,  $T$  dominates at most  $(2k+3)(l-1) \leq n - 2$  vertices of  $G$ .

We assume that  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2k+3}$ . There is an integer  $l$  such that

$$n = (2k+3)l + 1, |T| = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor - 1 = l.$$

If there are two consecutive vertices  $x, y$  in  $T$  such that  $|x - y| < 2k+3$ , then  $N_G(x) \cap N_G(y) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\{x, y\}$  dominates at most  $4k+5$  vertices of  $G$  and  $T \setminus \{x, y\}$  dominates at most  $(2k+3)(l-2)$  vertices of  $G$ . So,  $T$  dominates at most  $n - 2$  vertices of  $G$ .

It remains to assume that for any two consecutive vertices  $a, b$  in  $T$ ,  $|a - b| \geq 2k+3$ . In this case, there are two consecutive vertices  $x, y$  in  $T$  such that  $|x - y| > 2k+3$ . Then there exist two vertices  $u, v$  lie between  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ , and  $T$  does not dominate  $\{u, v\}$ . So,  $T$  dominates at most  $n - 2$  vertices of  $G$ , which is a contradiction.

2. For  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+3}$ ,  $t$  is an integer with  $3 \leq t \leq k+1$  by Theorem 2.1,  $\gamma(G) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+3} \rfloor + 1$ . There are two consecutive vertices  $v_i, v_i' \in S$  such that  $|i - i'| < 2k+3$ . Let  $v_i'' \neq v_i$  be a consecutive vertex of  $v_i'$ . Without loss of generality we assume that  $|v_i'' - v_i| = 2k+3+2t$ . Then there are  $2k+2+2t$  possibilities for  $v_i'$  to lie between  $v_i$  and  $v_i''$ . In each possibility there exists at least two vertex between  $v_i$  and  $v_i''$  which is not dominated by  $\{v_i, v_i', v_i''\}$ .

So,  $T$  dominates at most  $n - 2$  vertices of  $G$ , which is a contradiction. ■

**Theorem 2.8.** For  $n \geq 9$ ,  $Cir(n, B)$  is  $\gamma$ -critical if and only if  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{2k+5}$ .

**Proof:** First we show that if  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{2k+5}$  that  $G$  is  $\gamma$ -critical. Let  $x$  be a vertex of  $G = Cir((2k+5)l+6, A)$  for some positive integer  $l$ . Since  $G$  is transitive, we assume that  $x = v_{n-3}$ . It is easy to see that  $S = \{v_{(2k+5)i}: 0 \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor\}$  is a dominating set for  $G - x$ . It follows that  $\gamma(G - x) \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor < \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor + 1 = \gamma(G)$ . Hence,  $G$  is  $\gamma$ -critical.

Suppose now, that  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{2k+5}$ . We show that  $G$  is not  $\gamma$ -critical. Let  $T$  be a subset of vertices with  $|T| < \gamma(G)$ . Without loss of generality we let  $|T| = \gamma(G) - 1$ . We show that any  $|T|$  vertices of  $G$  dominate at most  $n - 2$  vertices of  $G$ .

We consider the following cases:

1. For  $n \equiv 8, \dots, 2k+2, 2k+4 \pmod{2k+5}$ , by Theorem 2.2,  $\gamma(G) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor$ .

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If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{2k+5}$ , then  $n = (2k+5)l$  for some integer  $l$ . It follows that  $\gamma(G) = l$ . Now,  $T$  dominates at most  $(2k+5)(l-1) \leq n-2$  vertices of  $G$ . Similarly for  $n \equiv 2,3,4,5,7,9,11, \dots, 2k+3 \pmod{2k+5}$ ,  $T$  dominates at most  $(2k+5)(l-1) \leq n-2$  vertices of  $G$ . We assume that  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{2k+5}$ . There is an integer  $l$  such that  $n = (2k+5)l+1$ . Without loss of generality we let  $|T| = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor - 1 = l$ .

If there are two consecutive vertices  $x, y$  in  $T$  such that  $|x - y| < 2k+5$ , then  $N_G(x) \cap N_G(y) \neq \emptyset$ . Hence,  $\{x, y\}$  dominates at most  $4k+9$  vertices of  $G$  and  $T \setminus \{x, y\}$  dominates at most  $(2k+5)(l-2)$  vertices of  $G$ . So,  $T$  dominates at most  $n-2$  vertices of  $G$ .

It remains to assume that for any two consecutive vertices  $a, b$  in  $T$ ,  $|a - b| \geq 2k+5$ . In this case there are two consecutive vertices  $x, y$  in  $T$  such that  $|x - y| > 2k+5$ . Then there exist two vertices  $u, v$  lie between  $x$  and  $y$  in  $C$ , and  $T$  does not dominate  $\{u, v\}$ . So,  $T$  dominates at most  $n-2$  vertices of  $G$ , which is a contradiction.

2. For  $n \equiv 2t \pmod{2k+5}$ ,  $t$  is an integer with  $4 \leq t \leq k+2$ , by Theorem 2.2,  $\gamma(G) = \lfloor \frac{n}{2k+5} \rfloor + 1$ . There are two consecutive vertices  $v_i, v_i' \in S$  such that  $|l - l'| < 2k+5$ . Let  $v_i'' \neq v_i$  be a consecutive vertex of  $v_i'$ . Without loss of generality we assume that  $|v_i'' - v_i| = 2k+5+2t$ . Then there are  $2k+4+2t$  possibilities for  $v_i'$  to lie between  $v_i$  and  $v_i''$ . In each possibility there exists at least two vertex between  $v_i$  and  $v_i''$  which is not dominated by  $\{v_i, v_i', v_i''\}$ .

So,  $T$  dominates at most  $n-2$  vertices of  $G$ , which is a contradiction. ■

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