

# TOTAL $k$ -DOMINATION IN CARTESIAN PRODUCT OF COMPLETE GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a finite undirected graph. A set  $S$  of vertices in  $V$  is said to be total  $k$ -dominating if every vertex in  $V$  is adjacent to at least  $k$  vertices in  $S$ . The total  $k$ -domination number,  $\gamma_{kt}(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of a total  $k$ -dominating set in  $G$ . In this work we study the total  $k$ -domination number of Cartesian product of two complete graphs which is a lower bound of the total  $k$ -domination number of Cartesian product of two graphs. We obtain new lower and upper bounds for the total  $k$ -domination number of Cartesian product of two complete graphs. Some asymptotic behaviors are obtained as a consequence of the bounds we found. In particular,  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{\gamma_{kt}(G \square H)}{n} : G, H \text{ are graphs of order } n \right\} \leq 2 \left( \left\lceil \frac{k}{2} \right\rceil^{-1} + \left\lfloor \frac{k+4}{2} \right\rfloor^{-1} \right)^{-1}$ . We also prove that the equality is attained if  $k$  is even. The equality holds when  $G, H$  are both isomorphic to the complete graph,  $K_n$ , with  $n$  vertices. Furthermore, we obtain closed formulas for the total 2-domination number of Cartesian product of two complete graphs of whatever order. Besides, we prove that, for  $k = 3$ , the inequality above is improvable to  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_{3t}(K_n \square K_n)/n \leq 11/5$ .