On the upper total domination number of Cartesian products of graphs

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Abstract

In this paper we continue the investigation of total domination in Cartesian products of graphs first studied in *Graphs Combin.* **21** (2005), 63–69. A set *S* of vertices in a graph *G* is a total dominating set of *G* if every vertex in *G* is adjacent to some vertex in *S*. The maximum cardinality of a minimal total dominating set of *G* is the upper total domination number of *G*, denoted by $\Gamma_t(G)$. We prove that the product of the upper total domination numbers of any graphs *G* and *H* without isolated vertices is at most twice the upper total domination number of their Cartesian product; that is, $\Gamma_t(G)\Gamma_t(H) \leq 2\Gamma_t(G \Box H)$.

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