

## Double Domination Number of Subgroup Lattice of a Group

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### Abstract

A subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_n)$  is a diagram that includes all the subgroups of the group  $Z_n$  and then if  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of  $Z_n$  with  $H \subsetneq K$  and there is no subgroup  $J$  such that  $H \subsetneq J \subsetneq K$ , then  $K$  appear above  $H$  and a segment is drawn connecting  $H$  and  $K$ . The graph of subgroups lattice is denoted by  $\Sigma(Z_n)$ . A subset  $D^d$  of  $V(\Sigma Z_n)$  is double dominating set of  $\Sigma(Z_n)$  if for every vertex  $\langle [v] \rangle \in V(\Sigma(Z_n))$ ,  $|N[\langle [v] \rangle] \cap D^d| = 2$ , that is  $\langle [v] \rangle$  in  $D^d$  and has at least one neighbour in  $D^d$  or  $\langle [v] \rangle \in V(\Sigma(Z_n) - D^d$  and has at least two neighbours in  $D^d$ . The double domination number  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_p))$  in subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_n)$  is a minimum cardinality of double dominating set. In this paper some upper and sharp bounds on  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_p))$  are obtained

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### 1. Introduction

All graphs considered here are simple that is finite, undirected and loopless. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph with vertex set  $V$  and edge set  $E$ . The open neighbourhood  $N(v)$  of the vertex  $v$  consists of vertices adjacent to  $v$ ,  $N(v) = \{u \in V: (u, v) \in E\}$  and the closed neighbourhood of  $v$  is  $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$ . The concept of subgroup lattice of a graph was introduced in [1]. A subgroup lattice provides a visual depiction of the subgroup structure of a group. A subgroup lattice is a diagram that includes all the subgroups of the group and if  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of  $G$  with  $H \subsetneq K$  and there is no subgroup  $J$  such that  $H \subsetneq J \subsetneq K$ , then  $K$  appear above  $H$  and a segment is drawn connecting  $H$  and  $K$ . The graph of subgroup lattice in denoted by  $\Sigma(Z_n)$ . A subset  $D^d$  of  $V(G)$  is a double dominating set of  $G$  if for every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ ,  $|N[v] \cap D^d| \geq 2$ , that is  $v$  is in  $D^d$  and has at least one neighbor in  $D^d$  or  $v$  is in  $V(G) - D^d$  and has at least two neighbors in  $D^d$ . In this paper I give some upper and sharp

bounds of double domination number of subgroup lattice of a group. For a survey on the area of double domination in graphs I refer the reader to [1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12].

## 2. Preliminary Definitions

Some preliminary definitions of graph theory and algebra for more details the reader is referred to [2, 3, 4].

**Definition:** A group  $\langle G, * \rangle$  is a set  $G$ , closed under a binary operation  $*$ , such that following axioms are satisfied:

(i) **Closure axiom:**  $\forall a, b \in G \Rightarrow a * b \in G$ .

(ii) **Associativity law:**  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c) \forall a, b, c \in G$ .

(iii) **Existence of identity:**  $\exists$  an element  $e \in G$ , called identity such that  $a * e = e * a = a \forall a \in G$ .

(iii) **Existence of Inverse:** Corresponding to every  $a \in G, \exists a^{-1} \in G$  such that  $a^{-1} * a = a * a^{-1} = e$ . This  $a^{-1}$  is called inverse of  $a$ .

**Definition:** Let  $\langle G, * \rangle$  be a group. A non-empty subset  $H$  of  $G$  is said to be a subgroup of  $G$  if  $\langle H, * \rangle$  is itself a group we write this as  $H \leq G$  and read that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

**Definition 2.3:** The cycle  $C_n, n \geq 3$ , consist of  $n$  vertices  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and edges  $\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_3\}, \dots, \{v_n, v_1\}$ .

**Definition 2.4:** Deleting an edge from a cycle graph  $C_n$  a path graph of order  $n$  is obtained and a path graph of order  $n$  is denoted by  $P_n$ .

**Definition 2.5:** The ladder graph  $L_n$  is defined by  $L_n = P_n \times K_2$  where  $P_n$  is path with  $n$  vertices and  $\times$  denotes the Cartesian product and  $K_2$  is a complete graph with two vertices.

**Definition 2.6:** The complement or inverse of a graph  $G$  is a graph  $H$  on the same vertices such that distinct vertices of  $H$  are adjacent if and only if they are not adjacent in  $G$ .

## 3. SUBGROUP LATTICE OF A GROUP AND SOME EXAMPLES

In this Section we observe some examples.

**Examples:** Consider  $Z_n$ , the group of integers modulo  $n$ .

(i) Let us construct the subgroup lattice of group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = p, p$  is prime number.

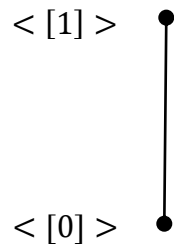


Figure 3.1(i)  $\Sigma(Z_p)$

**Theorem 3.1:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_p)$ , where  $p$  is prime,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_p)) = 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_p)) = \{\langle [0] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle\}$  be the set of vertices of  $\Sigma(Z_p)$ . Let  $\langle [0] \rangle$  and  $\langle [1] \rangle$  be two vertices of a graph  $\Sigma(Z_n)$  and they are adjacent if and only if  $\langle [0] \rangle \subsetneq \langle [1] \rangle$ .  $D^d = \{\langle [1] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle\}$  be the minimal double dominating set. Since each and every vertex of  $D^d$  has one neighbour in  $D^d$ , therefore  $D^d$  is the double dominating set with double domination number 2. Hence  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_p)) = 2$ .

(ii) Let us construct the subgroup lattice of group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = p^2$ .

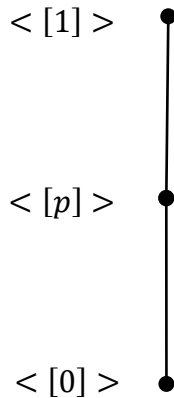


Figure 3.2(ii)  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2})$

**Theorem 3.2:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2})$ , where  $p$  is prime,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^2})) = 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_p)) = \{\langle [0] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle\}$  be the set of vertices and  $E(\Sigma(Z_n)) = \{(\langle [0] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle), (\langle [p] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle)\}$  be the set of edges of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2})$ . Let  $D^d = \{\langle [0] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle\}$  be the minimal double domination set. Since each and every vertex of  $D^d$  has one neighbourhood in  $D^d$  and there is no single vertex other than other than vertices of  $D^d$ , therefore  $D^d$  is the minimal double set with the domination number 3. Hence  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_p)) = 3$ .

(iii) Let us construct the subgroup lattice of group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = p^3$ . Now  $\Sigma(Z_{p^3})$  is given in

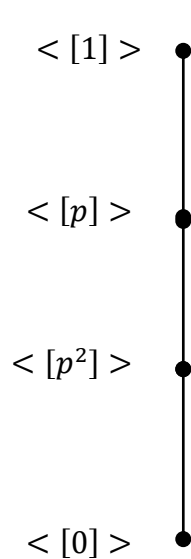


Figure 3.3(iii)  $\Sigma(Z_{p^3})$

**Theorem 3.3:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{p^3})$ , where  $p$  is prime,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^3})) = 4$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^3})) = \{ \langle [0] \rangle, \langle [p^2] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle \}$  be the set of vertices of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^3})$ . Let  $V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^3})) = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [p^2] \rangle \}$  and  $V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^3})) = \{ \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$  be the two independent set of vertices of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^3})$ . Let  $D^d = V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^3})) \cup V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^3}))$  be the double dominating set of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^3})$  such that  $|N[\langle [v] \rangle] \cap D^d| \geq 1 \forall \langle [v] \rangle \in D^d$ . Thus  $|D^d| = |V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^3})) \cup V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^3}))|$ . Hence  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^3})) = 4$ .

(iv) Let us construct the subgroup lattice of group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = p^4$ .

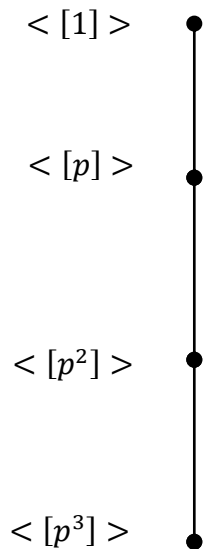


Figure 3.4(iv)  $\Sigma(Z_{p^4})$

**Theorem 3.4:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{p^4})$ , where  $p$  is prime,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^4})) = 4$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^4})) = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [p^2] \rangle, \langle [p^3] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$ ,  $E(\Sigma(Z_{p^4})) = \{ (\langle [0] \rangle, \langle [p^3] \rangle), (\langle [p^3] \rangle, \langle [p^2] \rangle), (\langle [p^2] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle), (\langle [p] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle) \}$  be the set of vertices and edges of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^4})$ . Let  $D^d = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [p^3] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$  be the minimal double dominating set of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^4})$  such that the vertex  $\langle [p^2] \rangle \in V(\Sigma(Z_{p^4})) - D^d$  is adjacent to  $\langle [p] \rangle$  and  $\langle [p^3] \rangle$  of  $D^d$  and  $|N \langle [p^2] \rangle \cap D^d| = 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^4})) = 4$ .

(v) Let us construct the subgroup lattice of group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = p^5$ .

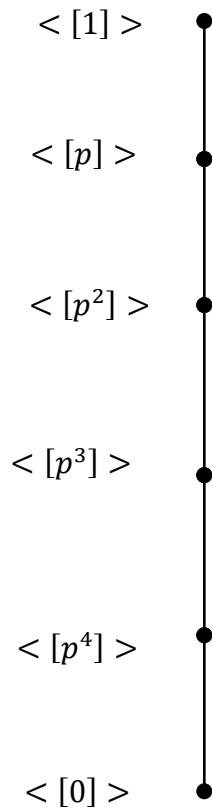


Figure 3.5 (v)  $\Sigma(Z_{p^5})$

**Theorem 3.5:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{p^5})$ , where  $p$  is prime,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) = 5$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [p^2] \rangle, \langle [p^3] \rangle, \langle [p^4] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$  be the set of vertices of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^5})$ . Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) = V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [p^2] \rangle, \langle [p^4] \rangle \} \cup (\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) = \{ \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [p^3] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$ . Let  $D^d = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [p^2] \rangle, \langle [p^4] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \} = V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) \cup V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) - \{ \langle [p^3] \rangle \}$  be the minimal double dominating set of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^5})$  such that  $|N \langle [p^3] \rangle \cap D^d| = 2$ . Clearly  $|D^d| = |V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^5}))| \cup |V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^5}))| - 1$ . Hence  $\chi(\Sigma(Z_{p^5})) = 5$ .

**Observation 1:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{p^n})$ , where  $p$  is prime,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^n})) \leq n$ .

(vi) Let us construct the subgroup lattice of group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct odd prime numbers and  $p < q$ .

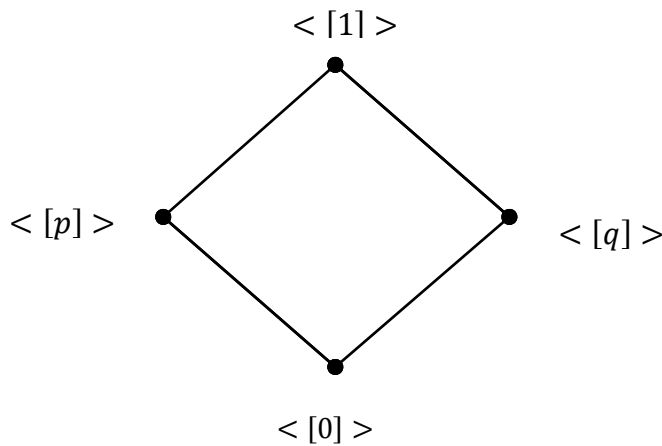


Figure 3.6(vi)  $\Sigma(Z_{pq})$

**Theorem 3.6:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{pq})$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct odd prime numbers and  $p < q$ ,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{pq})) = 3$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_{pq})) = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [q] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$  and  $E(\Sigma(Z_{pq})) = \{ (\langle [0] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle), (\langle [0] \rangle, \langle [q] \rangle), (\langle [p] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle), (\langle [q] \rangle, \langle [1] \rangle) \}$  be the set of vertices and edges of  $\Sigma(Z_{pq})$ . Let  $D^d = \{ \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [q] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$  be the minimal double dominating set such that the vertex  $\langle [1] \rangle \in V(\Sigma(Z_{pq})) - D^d$  has two neighbour in  $D^d$  that is  $|N \langle [1] \rangle \cap D^d| = 2$ . Hence  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{pq})) = 3$ .

(vii) Let us construct the subgroup lattice of a group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = p^2q$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct prime.

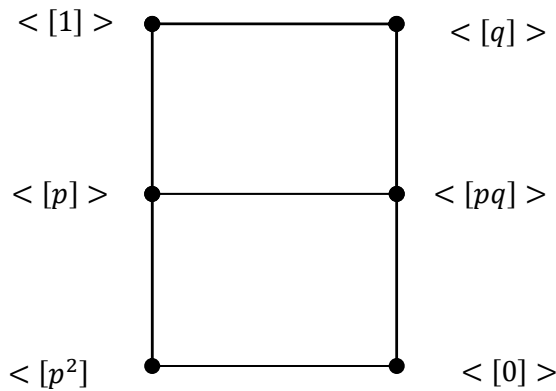


Figure 3.7 (vii)  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})$

**Theorem 3.7:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct prime,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = 4$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{<[1]>, <[p]>, <[p^2]>, <[q]>, <[pq]>, <[0]>\}$  be the set of vertices of and  $E(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{(<[u]>, <[v]>): <[u]> \subsetneq <[v]>\}$  be the set of edges of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})$  where  $<[u]>$  and  $<[v]>$  belong to  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q}))$ . Let  $V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{<[1]>, <[p^2]>\}$  and  $V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{<[q]>, <[0]>\}$  be the set of vertices of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})$ . Let  $D^d = \{<[1]>, <[p^2]>, <[q]>, <[0]>\} = V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) \cup V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q}))$  be the minimal double dominating set of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})$  such that any vertex  $<[v]> \in V(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) - D^d$  has two neighbours in  $D^d$  and  $|N[<[v]>] \cap D^d| = 2$ . Therefore  $D^d$  is the double dominating set with double domination number 4. Hence  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = 4$ .

(viii) Let us we construct subgroup lattice of a group  $Z_n$ , where  $n = 2p$ ,  $p$  is prime and  $p > 2$ .

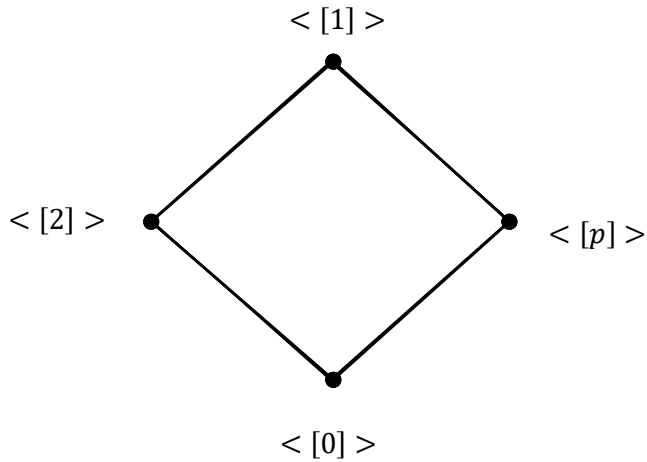


Figure 3.8 (viii)  $\Sigma(Z_{2p})$

**Theorem 3.8:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{2p})$ , where  $p$  is prime and  $p > 2$ ,  $\gamma_{ad}(\Sigma(Z_{2p})) = 3$ .

**Proof:** The result follows from theorem 3.6.

(ix) Let us we construct the subgroup lattice for a graph  $Z_n$  where  $n = 3p$ ,  $p$  is prime and  $p > 3$

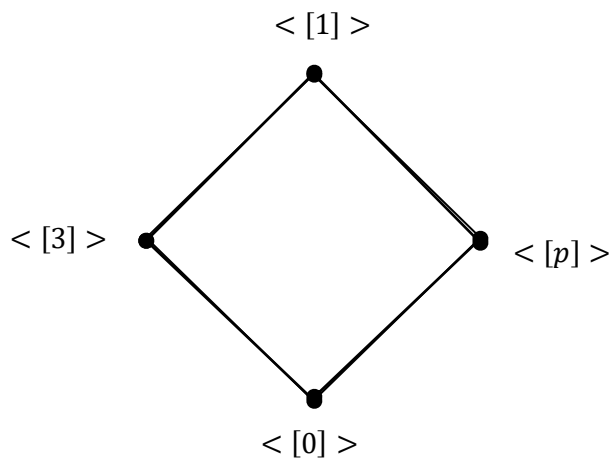


Figure 3.9 (ix)  $\Sigma(Z_{3p})$

**Theorem 3.9:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{3p})$ , where  $p$  is prime and  $p > 3$ ,  $\gamma_{ad}(\Sigma(Z_{3p})) = 3$ .



**Proof:** The result follows from theorem 3.6.

(x) Let us construct the subgroup lattice for a graph  $Z_n$ , where  $n = 4p$ ,  $p$  is prime and  $p > 4$ .

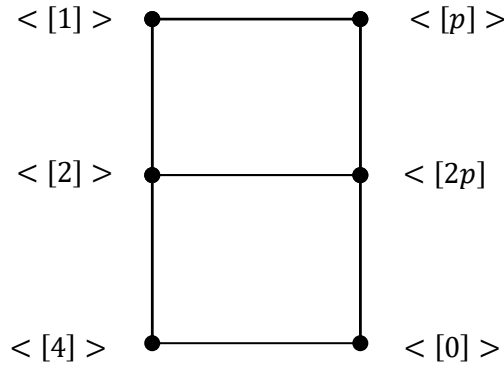


Figure 3.10 (x)  $\Sigma(Z_{4p})$

**Theorem 3.10:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{4p})$ , where  $p$  is prime and  $p > 5$ ,  $\gamma_{da}(\Sigma(Z_{4p})) = 4$ .

**Proof:** The result follows from theorem 3.7.

(xi) Let us construct the subgroup lattice for the graph  $Z_n$ , where  $n = 8p$ ,  $p$  is prime and  $p > 8$ .

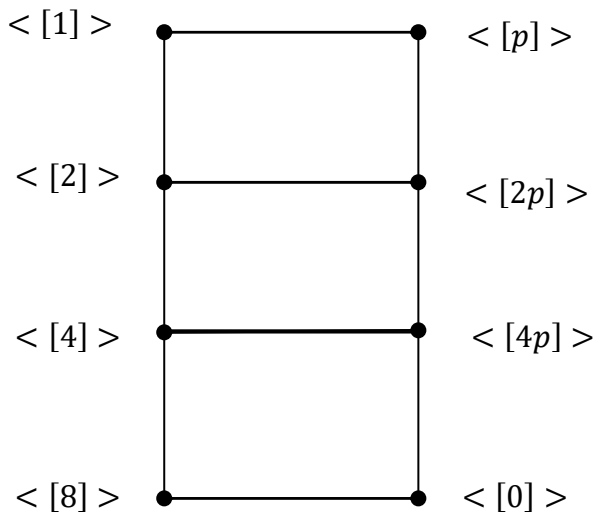


Figure 3.11 (xi)  $\Sigma(Z_{8p})$

**Theorem 3.11:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{8p})$ , where  $p$  is prime and  $p > 8$ ,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{8p})) = 5$ .

**Proof:** Let  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [2] \rangle, \langle [4] \rangle, \langle [8] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [2p] \rangle, \langle [2q] \rangle, \langle [4p] \rangle, \langle [0] \rangle \}$  be the set of vertices and  $E(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{ (\langle [u] \rangle, \langle [v] \rangle) : \langle [u] \rangle \subsetneq \langle [v] \rangle \}$  be the set of edges of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})$  where  $\langle [u] \rangle$  and  $\langle [v] \rangle$  belong to  $V(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q}))$ . Let  $V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [4] \rangle, \langle [8] \rangle \}$  and  $V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) = \{ \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [4p] \rangle \}$  be the set of vertices of  $\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})$ . Let  $D^d = \{ \langle [1] \rangle, \langle [4] \rangle, \langle [8] \rangle, \langle [p] \rangle, \langle [4p] \rangle \} = V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) \cup V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q}))$  be the minimal double dominating set of  $\Sigma(Z_{8p})$  such that any vertex  $\langle [v] \rangle \in V(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) - D^d$  has two neighbours in  $D^d$  and  $|N[\langle [v] \rangle] \cap D^d| = 2$ . It is clear that  $|D^d| = |V_1(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q})) \cup V_2(\Sigma(Z_{p^2q}))| = 5$ . Hence  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{8p})) = 5$ .

(xi) Let us construct the subgroup lattice for a group  $Z_p$ , where  $p = 2^n, n > 2$ .

a) Let  $n = 3, \Sigma(Z_{2^3})$  b) Let  $n = 4, \Sigma(Z_{2^4})$  c) Let  $n = 5, \Sigma(Z_{2^5})$

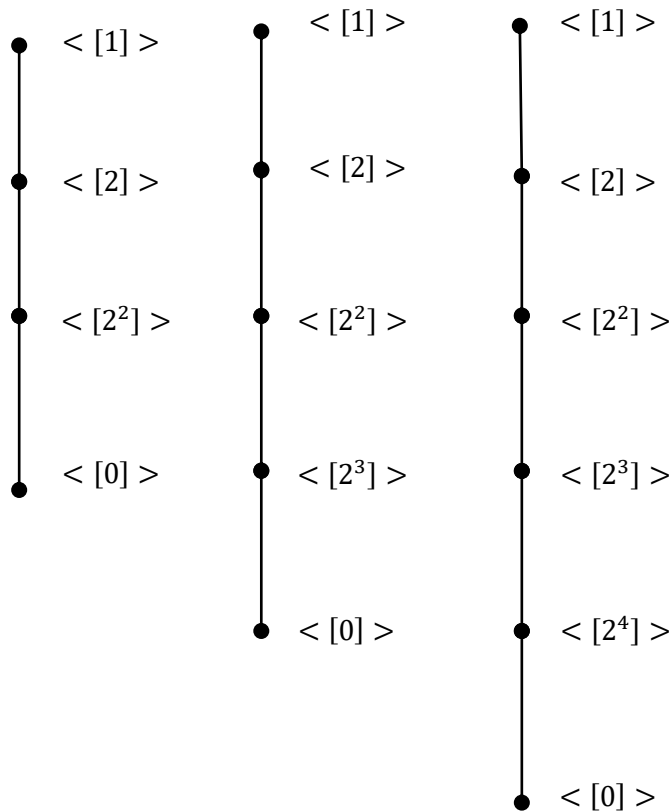


Figure 3.12 (xii)  $\Sigma(Z_{2^n})$

**Theorem 3.12:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{2^n})$ , where  $n > 2$ ,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{2^n})) \leq n + 1$ .

**Proof:** By applying theorem 3.3, theorem 3.4 and theorem 3.5 we get the result.

(xiii) Let us we construct the subgroup lattice for the group  $Z_p$ , where  $p = 3^n$ ,  $n > 3$ . a) Let  $n = 4$ ,  $\Sigma(Z_{3^4})$  b) Let  $n = 5$ ,  $\Sigma(Z_{3^5})$ , c) Let  $n = 6$ ,  $\Sigma(Z_{3^6})$

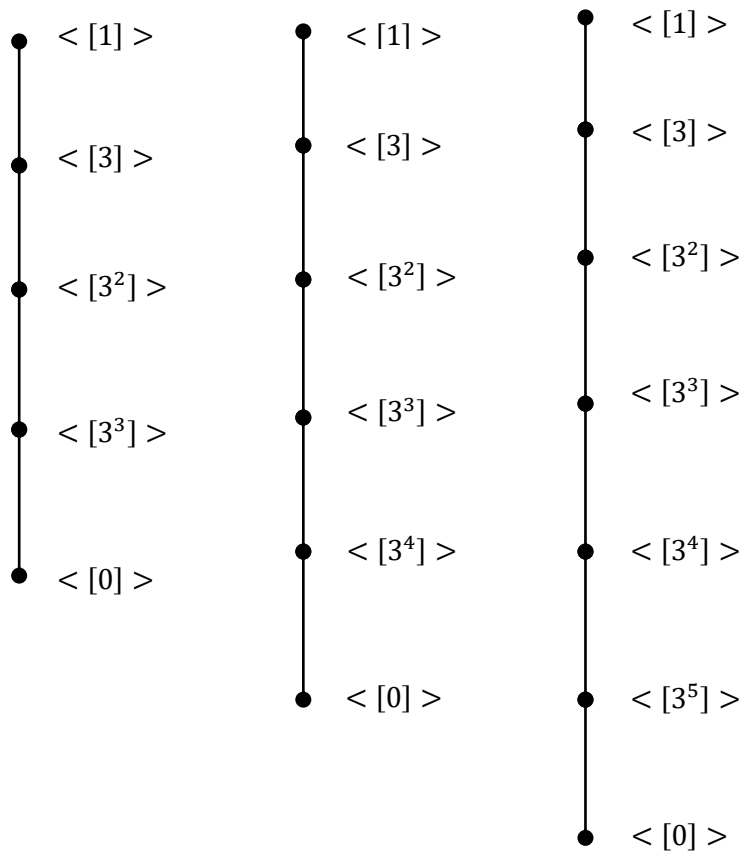


Figure 3.13 (xiii)  $\Sigma(Z_{3^n})$

**Theorem 3.13:** For the subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_{3^n})$ , where  $n > 3$ ,  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_{3^n})) \leq n$ .

**Proof:** By applying theorem 3.3, theorem 3.4 and theorem 3.5 we get the result

#### 4. NORDHAUS-GADDUM TYPE RESULT

**Theorem 4.1:** For any subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_n)$  with  $t = \langle [v] \rangle \geq 2$  vertices

$$1) \gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_n)) + \gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(\bar{Z}_n)) \leq 2t$$

$$2) \gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_n))\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(\bar{Z}_n)) \leq t^2.$$

## CONCLUSION

Double Domination is a particular type of domination and the double domination in subgroup lattice  $\Sigma(Z_n)$  is relative new research area of domination theory. In this paper some upper and sharp bounds on  $\gamma_{dd}(\Sigma(Z_p))$  are obtained and Nordhaus-Gaddum type result are also obtained.

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