

# Hop domination number of Lollipop graph, Barbell graph and Book graph

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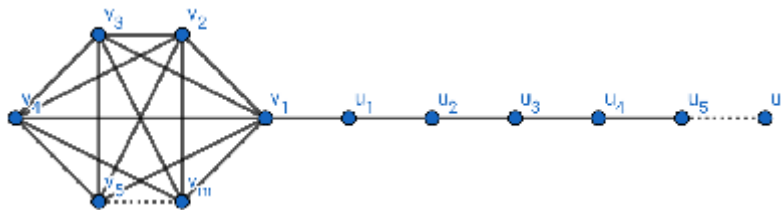
**ABSTRACT**

Let  $G$  be a Lollipop graph or Barbell graph or Book graph. A set  $S_h \subseteq V(G)$  is a hop dominating set of  $G$  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  $\gamma_h(G)$ . In this paper, we have discussed about the hop domination number of Lollipop graph, Barbell graph and Book graph.

**KEYWORDS:** hop-domination, hop-domination number, Lollipop graph, Barbell graph and Book graph.

**I. Introduction**

[3] A set  $S_h \subseteq V(G)$  is a hop dominating set of  $G$  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  $\gamma_h(G)$ . [7] The Lollipop graph is the graph obtained by joining a complete graph to a path graph with a bridge. It is denoted by  $L_{m,n}$  or  $L(m, n)$ . The hop-domination number of  $L_{m,n}$  is denoted by  $\gamma_h(L_{m,n})$ . The generalised Lollipop Graph ( $L_{m,n}$ ) is



**Fig. 1.1**

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

- (i) Refer the vertices of the complete graph  $k_m$  as  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots v_m\}$  and
- (ii) The Vertices of the Path graph  $p_n$  as  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots p_n\}$

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

$$V(L_{m,n}) = V(k_m) \cup V(p_n) \\ = \{v_1, v_2, \dots v_m, p_1, p_2, \dots p_n\}.$$

[6] The book graph is the Cartesian product of  $S_{m+1} \times P_2$  where  $S_{m+1}$  is a star graph and  $P_2$  is a path graph on two vertices. It is denoted by  $B_{m,n}$ . The hop-domination number of  $B_{m,n}$  is denoted by  $\gamma_h(B_{m,n})$ .

[8] A  $(2,n)$  Barbell graph is obtained by connecting two copies of a complete graph  $n(K_n)$  by a bridge. It is denoted by  $B(n, n)$  or  $B(K_n, K_n)$ . The hop domination number of  $B(K_n, K_n)$  is denoted by  $\gamma_h(B(K_n, K_n))$ . Generalised Barbell Graph ( $B_{n,n}$ ) is

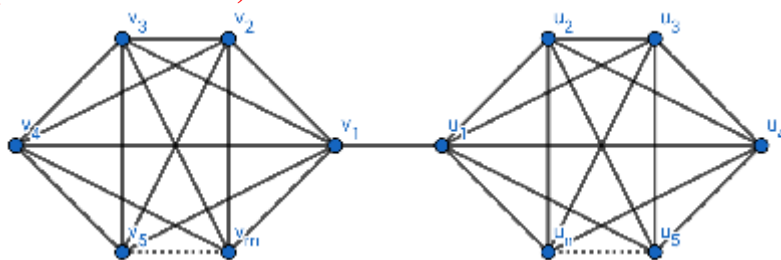


Fig. 1.2

**Theorem 1.1(Ref [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  $D$ .

**2. Diagrammatic discussion on Hop domination Number of Lollipop Graph, Book Graph and Barbell Graph**

S.No.	Lollipop Graph ( $L_{m,n}$ ), $m = 3$	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$n=1, L_{3,1}$		2
2	$n=2, L_{3,2}$		2
3	$n=3, L_{3,3}$		2
4	$n=4, L_{3,4}$		2
5	$n=5, L_{3,5}$		3
6	$n=6, L_{3,6}$		4

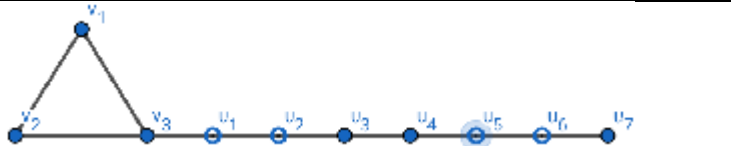
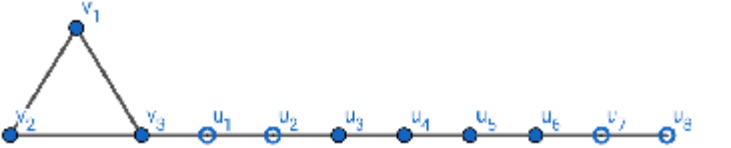
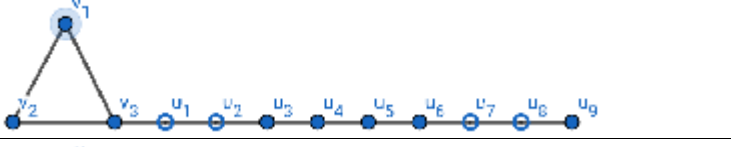
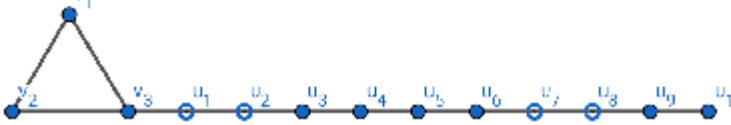
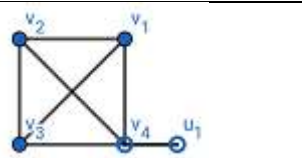
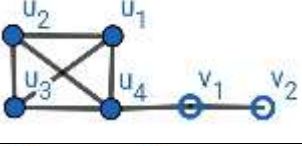
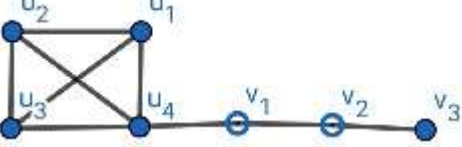
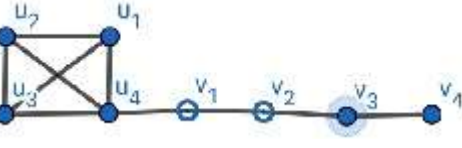
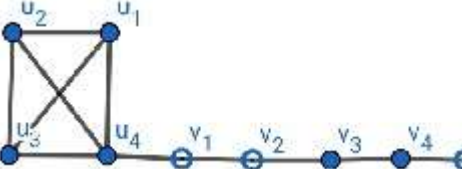

7	$n=7, L_{3,7}$		4
8	$n=8, L_{3,8}$		4
9	$n=9, L_{3,9}$		4
10	$n=10, L_{3,10}$		4

Table 2.1: Lollipop Graph ( $L_{m,n}$ ),  $m = 3$

S.No.	Lollipop Graph ( $L_{m,n}$ ), $m = 4$	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$n=1, L_{4,1}$		2
2	$n=2, L_{4,2}$		2
3	$n=3, L_{4,3}$		2
4	$n=4, L_{4,4}$		2
5	$n=5, L_{4,5}$		3
6	$n=6, L_{4,6}$		4

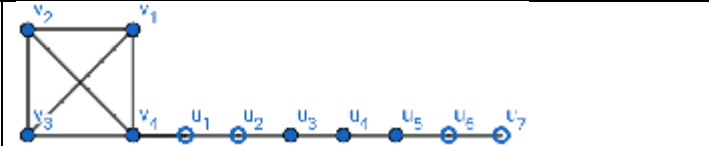
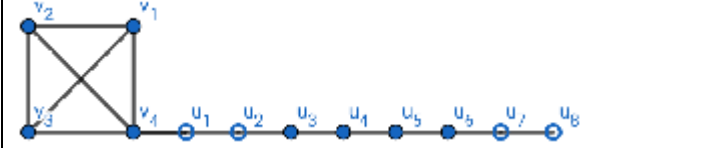

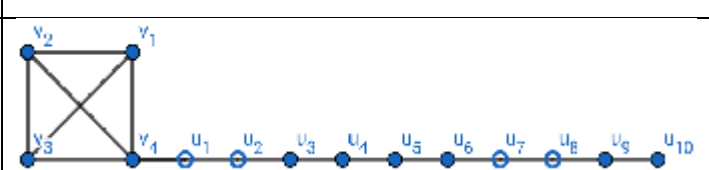

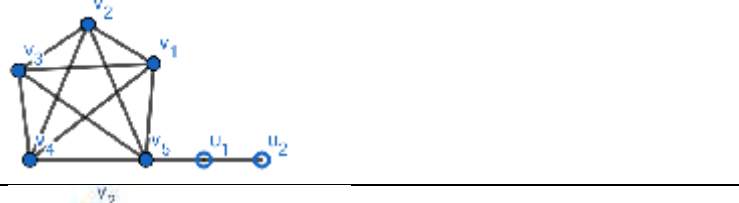
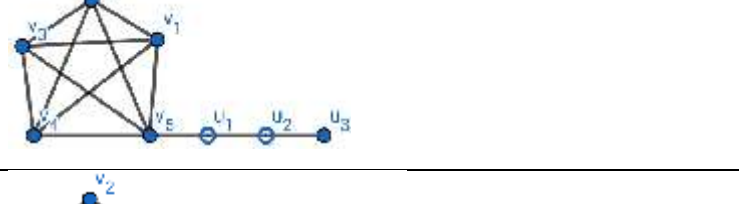
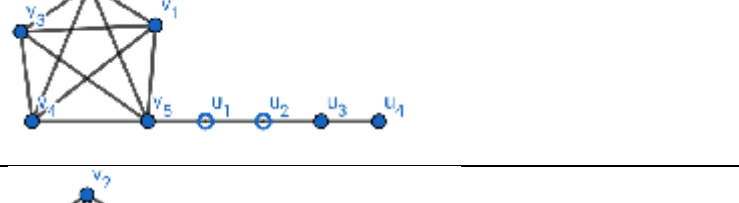
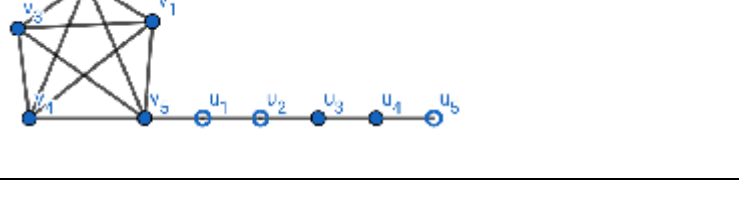
7	$n=7, L_{4,7}$		4
8	$n=8, L_{4,8}$		4
9	$n=9, L_{4,9}$		4
10	$n=10, L_{4,10}$		4

Table 2.2: Lollipop Graph  $(L_{m,n}), m = 4$

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

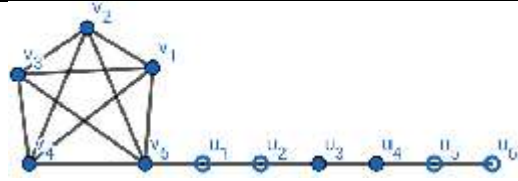
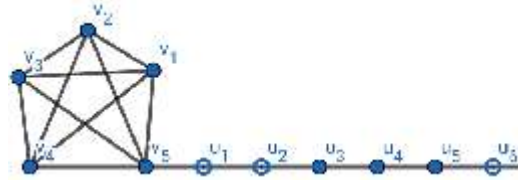
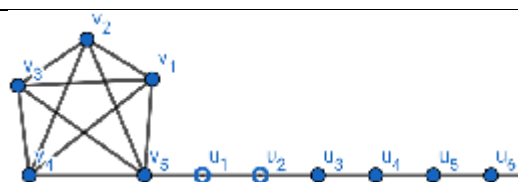


6	$n=6, L_{5,6}$		4
7	$n=7, L_{5,7}$		4
8	$n=8, L_{5,8}$		4
9	$n=9, L_{5,9}$		4
10	$n=10, L_{5,10}$		4

Table 2.3: Lollipop Graph ( $L_{m,n}$ ),  $m = 5$

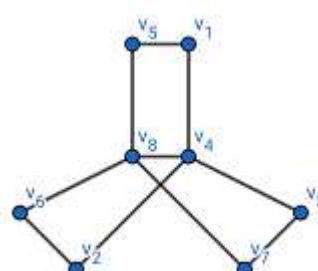
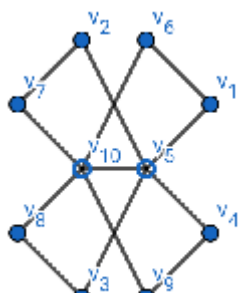
S.No.	Hop dominating set	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$S_h = \{v_4, v_8\}$		2
2	$S_h = \{v_5, v_{10}\}$		2

Table 2.4: Book Graph ( $B_{m,n}$ )


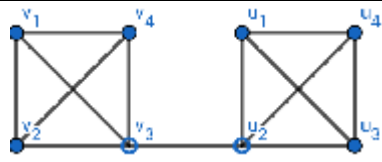
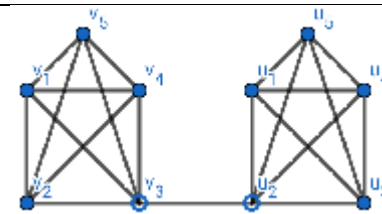
S.No.	Barbell Graph $(B_{n,n})$	Graph	$\gamma_h(G)$
1	$B(3,3)$ or $B(K_3, K_3)$		2
2	$B(4,4)$ or $B(K_4, K_4)$		2
3	$B(5,5)$ or $B(K_5, K_5)$		2

Table 2.5: Barbell Graph  $(B_{n,n})$

**3. Results on Hop domination number of Lollipop Graph  $(L_{m,n})$ , Barbell Graph  $(B_{n,n})$  and Book Graph  $(B_{m,n})$**

**Theorem 3.1:** The hop domination of a lollipop graph  $L_{m,n}$  is given by

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

**Proof:**

Let  $S_h$  be the hop dominating set of  $L_{m,n}$ . The minimality of the set  $S_h$  follows from theorem (1.1) by using the contrary of the theorem.

If  $S_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set then  $\exists v \in S_h : S_h' = S_h - \{v\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $L_{m,n}$ .

Therefore,  $\forall u \in N'[V], \exists v' \in S_h - \{v\}, v' \in N'[V]$

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

Let  $S_h = \{p_{6m-5}, p_{6m-4}, \dots, p_{n-1}, p_n / m = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$

**Subcase (a):** If  $V = \{p_{6m-5} / m = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$  then either  $N[V_m]$  or atleast one vertex of the form  $p_{6m-7}$  or  $p_{6m-3}$  are not hop dominated by any vertex in  $S_h'$ .

**Subcase (b):** If  $V = \{p_{6m-4} / m = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$  then either  $[V_m]$  or atleast one vertex of the form  $p_{6m-6}$  or  $p_{6m-2}$  are not hop dominated by any vertex in  $S_h'$ .

**Subcase (c):** If  $V = \{p_n\}$  or  $\{p_{n-1}\}$  then no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominates  $p_n$  and  $p_{n-1}$ . Therefore,  $N'[S_h'] \neq V$ . So  $S_h'$  is not a hop dominating set. Hence  $S_h$  is minimum.

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

Let  $S_h = \{p_{6m-5}, p_{6m-4}, p_{n-2}, p_{n-1} / m = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . If  $v = p_{6m-5}$  or  $p_{6m-4}$  or  $p_{n-1}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from Case (i) or else if  $v = p_{n-2}$  there exist no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_n$ . Therefore,  $S_h'$  is not a hop dominating set. Hence  $S_h$  is minimum.

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

Let  $S_h = \{p_{6m-5}, p_{6m-4}, p_{n-2}, p_{n-1}\}$ . If  $v = p_{6m-5}$  or  $p_{6m-4}$ , the minimality of  $S_h$  follows from Case (i) or else if  $v = p_{n-2}$ , it follows from Case (ii). If  $v = p_{n-3}$ , there exist no vertex in  $S_h'$  hop dominating  $p_{n-1}$ . Hence  $S_h'$  is not a hop dominating set. Thus  $S_h$  is minimum.

**Case (iv):** If  $n = 6k + 3$  and  $n = 6k + 4$ .

Let  $S_h = \{p_{6m-5}, p_{6m-4}, p_{n-2}, p_{n-3} / m = 1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from Case (iii). Therefore, For each  $m$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq k \exists p_{6m-5}$  &  $p_{6m-4}$  in  $S_h$  &  $\exists$  two  $p_i$ 's in  $S_h$  independent of  $m$  in  $V - S_h$ . Therefore,  $|S_h| = 2k + 2$ . Thus  $\gamma_h(L_{m,n}) = 2k + 2$  if  $n = 6k + r, 0 \leq r \leq 4$ .

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

Let  $S_h = \{p_{6m-5}, p_{6m-4}, p_n / m = 1, 2, \dots, k + 1\}$ . The minimality of  $S_h$  follows from Case (i). Here for each  $m$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq k + 1$  there exists  $p_{6m-5}$  and  $p_{6m-4}$  in  $S_h$  and there exists  $p_n$  in  $S_h$  independent  $m$ . therefore,  $|S_h| = 2(k + 1) + 1 = 2k + 3$ .

Thus  $\gamma_h(L_{m,n}) = 2k + 3$  if  $n = 6k + 5$ .

**Theorem 3.2:**  $\gamma_h(L(m, 2)) = \gamma_h(L(m, 3)) = \gamma_h(L(m, 4)) = 2$ .

**Proof:**

L(3,2)	$S_h = \{v_1, v_2\}$	$\gamma_h(L(3,2))=2$	
L(3,3)	$S_h = \{v_1, v_2\}$	$\gamma_h(L(3,3))=2$	
L(3,4)	$S_h = \{v_1, v_2\}$	$\gamma_h(L(3,4))=2$	
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In general, let  $S_h = \{v_1, v_2\}$ . Now we have to prove the minimality of  $S_h$ . Suppose if  $S_h$  is not minimum, the proper subset  $S'_h$  of  $S_h$  must be the hop dominating set of  $L(m, n)$ , where  $m=3,4,5,\dots$  and  $n=2,3,4$ . For  $n=2$ , If  $v \in S_h$  that is either  $v = v_1$  or  $v = v_2$ . If  $v = v_1$ , then  $S'_h = S_h - v = v_2$ , the vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1}$  are not hop dominated. Hence  $S'_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set. Else if  $v = v_2$ , then  $S'_h = S_h - v = v_1$ , the vertices  $u_m, v_2$  and  $v_4$  are not hop dominated. Hence  $S'_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set. Hence a proper subset of  $S_h$  is not minimal hop dominating set. Thus  $S_h$  is the minimum. Hence  $\gamma_h(L(m, 2)) = 2$ . The proof follows as the above for  $\gamma_h(L(m, 3)) = \gamma_h(L(m, 4)) = 2$ .

**Theorem 3.3:**  $\gamma_h(L(m, 5)) = 3, m = 3,4,5, \dots$

**Proof:**

L(3,5)	$S_h = \{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$	$\gamma_h(L(3,5))=3$	
L(4,5)	$S_h = \{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$	$\gamma_h(L(4,5))=3$	
L(5,5)	$S_h = \{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$	$\gamma_h(L(5,5))=3$	

In general, Let  $S_h = \{v_1, v_2, v_5\}$  is a hop dominating set of  $L(m, 5)$ . Now we have to prove the minimality of  $S_h$ . Suppose if  $S_h$  is not minimum, the proper subset  $S'_h$  of  $S_h$  must be the hop dominating set of  $L(m, 5)$ , where  $m=3,4,5,\dots$ . If  $v \in S_h$  that is either  $v = v_1$  or  $v = v_2$  or  $v = v_5$ . If  $v = v_1$ , then  $S'_h = S_h - v = \{v_2, v_5\}$ , the vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1}$  are not hop dominated. Hence  $S'_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set. If  $v = v_2$ , then  $S'_h = S_h - v = \{v_1, v_5\}$ , the vertices  $u_m, v_2, v_4$  are not hop dominated. Hence  $S'_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set. And if  $v = v_5$ , then  $S'_h = S_h - v = \{v_1, v_2\}$ , the vertex  $v_5$  is not hop dominated. Hence  $S'_h$  is not a minimal hop dominating set. Hence a proper subset of  $S_h$  is not minimal hop dominating set. Thus  $S_h$  is the minimum. Hence  $\gamma_h(L(m, 5)) = 3, m = 3,4,5, \dots$

**Theorem 3.4:**  $\gamma_h(L(m, n)) = m$  iff  $n = 0$ .

**Proof:** If  $n = 0$  in  $L_{m,n}$ , then the graph is a complete graph with  $m$  vertices. We know that,  $\gamma_h(K_m) = m$ . Hence  $\gamma_h(L(m, n)) = m$  if  $n = 0$ . Conversely assume  $\gamma_h(L(m, n)) = m$ . Now we have to prove that  $n = 0$ . On the contrary if  $n \neq 0$ ,  $\gamma_h(L(m, n))$  is given by theorem 3.1. That is,  $\gamma_h(L(m, n)) \neq m$  which contradicts our assumption. Then  $n = 0$ . Hence  $\gamma_h(L(m, n)) = m$  iff  $n = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.5:** For  $m \geq 3$ , the hop domination number of book graph  $B_m$  is 2. (i.e.,  $\gamma_h(B_m) = \gamma_h(S_{m+1} \times P_2) = 2$ ).



**Proof:**

Let  $V(B_m) = \{v_1, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}, \dots, v_{2m+1}, v_{2m+2}\}$ . Note that  $v_{m+1}$  and  $v_{2(m+1)}$  refer to the center of these two stars from fig.(ref. table 4) we have given the hop domination set of this graph as follows:  $S_h = \{v_{m+1}, v_{2(m+1)}\}$ . It is very easy to prove the minimality of this set. Suppose  $S_h$  is not minimum this implies that there is a proper subset hop dominating  $B_m$ .

If  $v \in S_h$  i.e., either  $v = v_{m+1}$  or  $v = v_{2(m+1)}$ . If  $v = v_{m+1}$ , Let  $S'_h = S_h - v$  we have all the vertices that adjacent to v not hop dominating with the vertex  $v_{2(m+1)} = S_h - v = S'_h$ . Therefore  $S'_h$  is not hop dominating set. Similarly for  $v = v_{2(m+1)}$ .

So  $S_h$  chosen in this way ensures that there is no proper subset of S hop dominates  $B_m$ .

$\therefore S_h$  is minimum.  $\gamma_h(B_m) = \gamma_h(S_{m+1} \times P_2) = |S_h| = 2$ .

**Theorem 3.6:** The hop domination number of a Barbell graph  $B(N, n)$  given by,  $\gamma_h(B(N, n)) = 2$  if  $N = 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $B(2, n)$  be a Barbell graph. We know that, it has  $2n$  vertices and  $2 \binom{n}{2} + 1$  edges. Let  $V(B(2, n)) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$ . We know that, in a Barbell graph, 2 cliques are connected by an edge. Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices of the first clique and  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  be the vertices of the other clique. These two cliques are connected by an edge from any  $v_i$  to  $u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , that is the edge between two cliques is

$$\{(v_1, u_1) \text{ (or) } (v_1, u_2) \text{ (or) } \dots \text{ (or) } (v_1, u_n) \\
(v_2, u_1) \text{ (or) } (v_2, u_2) \text{ (or) } \dots \text{ (or) } (v_2, u_n) \\
\vdots \\
(v_n, u_1) \text{ (or) } (v_n, u_2) \text{ (or) } \dots \text{ (or) } (v_n, u_n)\}$$

Without loss of generality, we may choose it as  $(v_1, u_1)$ . Hence  $S_h = \{v_1, u_1\}$  as  $u_1$  is hop dominates all  $v_i$ 's except  $v_1$  and  $v_1$  is hop dominates all  $u_i$ 's except  $u_1$ . Also  $v_1$  &  $u_1$  hop dominates itself.

Now we have to check the minimality of  $S_h$ . Suppose on the contrary, if the above chosen  $S_h$  is not minimum, then there exists a proper subset of  $S'_h$  of  $S_h$ , hop dominating  $B(2, n)$ .

If  $v \in S'_h$ , then either  $v = v_1$  (or)  $v = u_1$ . If  $v = v_1$  then  $S_h - v = \{u_1\}$ , then  $v_1$  not hop dominates  $u_1$  or else if  $v = u_1$  then  $S_h - v = \{v_1\}$ , then  $u_1$  not hop dominates  $v_1$ . Hence no proper subset of  $S_h$  hop dominates  $B(2, n)$ . Thus  $S_h$  is minimum. Therefore,  $\gamma_h(B(2, n)) = 2$ .

**Result:**  $\gamma_h(L_{3,n}) = \gamma_h(T_{3,n})$ .

**Proof:** Since a cycle with 3 vertices and a clique with 3 vertices are same graphs,  $L_{3,n} = T_{3,n}$ . Hence the hop domination number of these graphs are also equal.

**4. Conclusion**

In this paper, we have found the hop domination number of Lollipop graph, Book graph and Barbell graph and derived some theorems on it.

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