

Dominating Sets and Domination Polynomials of Square of Ladder

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Abstract— Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph. A set $S \subseteq V$ is a dominating set of G , if every vertex in $V-S$ is adjacent to atleast one vertex in S . Let L_n^2 be the square of Ladder graph and let $D(L_n^2, i)$ denote the family of all dominating sets of L_n^2 with cardinality i . Let $d(L_n^2, i) = |D(L_n^2, i)|$. In this paper, we obtain a recursive formula for $d(L_n^2, i)$ and study the dominating sets of L_n^2 . Using this formula,

we construct the polynomial, $D(L_n^2, i) = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^n d(L_n^2, i)x^i$ which we call domination polynomial of L_n^2 and some properties of this polynomial are studied.

Index Terms— domination set, domination number, domination polynomials.

1 INTRODUCTION

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a simple graph of order $|V| = n$. For any vertex $v \in V$, the open neighbourhood of v is the set $N(v) = \{u \in V / uv \in E\}$ and the closed neighbourhood of v is the set $N[v] = N(v) \cup \{v\}$. For a set $S \subseteq V$, the open neighbourhood of S is $N(S) = \cup_{v \in S} N(v)$ and the closed neighbourhood of S is $N[S] = N(S) \cup S$. A set $S \subseteq V$ is a dominating set of G , if $N[S] = V$, or equivalently, every vertex in $V-S$ is adjacent to atleast one vertex in S . The domination number of a graph G is defined as the minimum size of a dominating set of vertices in G and it is denoted as $\gamma(G)$.

Definition: 1.1

The Second power of a graph with the same set of vertices as G and an edge between two vertices if and only if there is a path of length atmost 2 between them.

Definition: 1.2

Consider two paths $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k]$ and $[b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k]$, join each pair of vertices $a_i, b_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ with a new path. The resulting graph is called a ladder, and the path between are called its rungs.

As usual we use $\lfloor x \rfloor$ for the largest integer less than or equal to x and $\lceil x \rceil$ for the smallest integer greater than or equal to x . Also, we denote the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ by $[n]$, throughout this paper.

2 DOMINATING SETS OF SQUARE OF LADDER

For the construction of the dominating sets of the square of ladder, L_n^2 , we need to investigate the dominating sets of $L_n^2 - \{2n\}$. In this section we investigate dominating sets of L_n^2 . Let $D(L_n^2, i)$ be the family of dominating sets of L_n^2 with cardinality i . We shall find recursive formula for $|D(L_n^2, i)|$. We need the following lemmas to obtain the result of this section:

Lemma 2.1:

$$\gamma(L_n^2) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil$$

Proof: By theorem in [5]

Lemma 2.2

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$i) \quad \gamma(L_n^2) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil + 1$$

$$ii) \quad \gamma(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil + 1$$

$$iii) \quad D(L_n^2, i) = \Phi \text{ if and only if } i < \left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil + 1 \text{ or } i > 2n$$

$$iv) \quad \gamma(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \Phi \text{ if and only if } i < \left\lceil \frac{n}{4} \right\rceil + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i > 2n - 1$$

Proof: It follows from the definition of domination number and lemma 2.1.

Lemma 2.3

$$i) \quad \text{If } D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi, \text{ then } D(L_n^2, i) = \Phi.$$

$$ii) \quad \text{If } D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

and $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$, then $D(L_n^2, i) \neq \Phi$.

Proof

i) Since, $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv),
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-1$, $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-2$,
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-3$,

$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-4$, $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-5$,
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-6$
 and $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-8$.

Therefore, we have $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-1$

Therefore, $i < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 2$ or $i > 2n$

That is $i < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i > 2n$

Therefore, $D(L_n^2, i) = \Phi$.

ii) Since, $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 and $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$, by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv),
 We have
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-1$, $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-2$, $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-3$,
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-4$, $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$

or $i-1 > 2n-5$,
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-6$ and
 $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-8$.

From the above inequalities, we have $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-1$ and
 $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-8$.

As $i-1 \leq 2n-8$, $i-1 \leq 2n-1$.
 Therefore, $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ and $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-8$.

Therefore, $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$.
 Therefore $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 2 \leq i < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 2$.

But $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 2$
 Therefore, $i \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$
 Therefore, $D(L_n^2, i) \neq \Phi$.

Theorem 2.4
 For every n

i) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ iff $i=2n$.

ii) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$ $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ iff $i=2n-1$

iii) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$ $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ iff $i=2n-2$

iv) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi \text{ iff } i=2n-3$$

v) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ iff $i=2n-4$.

Proof:

i) (\Rightarrow) Since $D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv)

We have

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-2, \quad i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-3, \quad i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-4,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-5, \quad i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-6 \text{ and}$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-8.$$

Thus, from the above inequalities, we have

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1 \text{ and } i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-2.$$

Since $i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$, $i-1 \not\leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$.

Therefore, $i-1 > 2n-2$. Therefore $i-1 \geq 2n-1$.

But $i-1 \leq 2n-1$. Therefore $i-1 = 2n-1$.

Therefore $i=2n$.

Conversely,

Assume $i=2n$

Therefore, $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) = D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-1) \neq \Phi$;

$$D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-2;$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-3;$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-4;$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, 2n-1)$$

$$= \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-5;$$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-6;$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-8.$$

ii) (\Rightarrow) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv)

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1, \quad \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2 \text{ and}$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-3, \quad i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-4, \quad i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-5,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-6,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-8.$$

Thus, from above inequalities, we have

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-3.$$

Since $i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$, $i-1 \not\leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$. Therefore,

$$i-1 > 2n-3.$$

Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-2$.

But $i-1 \leq 2n-2$.

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-2$.

Therefore $i=2n-1$.

(\Leftarrow) Conversely,

Assume $i=2n-1$

Therefore, $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, 2n-1) \neq \Phi$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi$$

$$\text{, since } 2n-2 > 2n-3 \quad D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-2 > 2n-4$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-2 > 2n-5$$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since}$$

$$2n-2 > 2n-6$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-2 \succ 2n-8.$$

iii) (\Rightarrow) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 and $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi,$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi,$ by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv)

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1, \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2,$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3 \quad (1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-4, \\ i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-5, \\ i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-6, \\ i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-8 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

From the above inequalities (2) we have $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or

$$i-1 \succ 2n-4$$

Since $i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 \notin \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$ Therefore

$$i-1 \succ 2n-4.$$

Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-3.$ But $i-1 \leq 2n-3.$

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-3.$

Therefore $i=2n-2.$

Converse is obvious

The proof is as above

iv) (\Rightarrow) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi \text{ and } D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1, \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2,$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3, \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4$$

(1)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-5 \\ i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-6 \\ i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-8 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(2)

From the above inequalities (2) we have $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or

$$i-1 \succ 2n-5.$$

Since $i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 \notin \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$ Therefore

$$i-1 \succ 2n-5.$$

Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-4.$ But $i-1 \leq 2n-4.$

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-4.$

Therefore, $i=2n-3.$

Converse is obvious.

The proof is as above

v) (\Rightarrow) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq$
 $\Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)$
 $\neq \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)$
 $= D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1, \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2,$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3, \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4,$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-5 \text{ and}$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 \succ 2n-6, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 \succ 2n-8.$$

From the above inequalities we have $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or

$$i-1 \succ 2n-6.$$

Since $i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 \notin \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$ Therefore

$$i-1 \succ 2n-6.$$

Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-5.$ But $i-1 \leq 2n-5.$

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-5.$ There fore $i=2n-4.$

Theorem2.5

- i) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, then
 $D(L_n^2, i) = \{X \cup \{2n\} / X \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$.
- ii) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 and $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ then
 $D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$
- iii) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, then
 $D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$
- iv) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$, then
 $D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\}$
- v) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$

- $\{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$
-
- $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
-
- $\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$
-
- $\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
-
- $\{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\}$
- vi) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ then
 $D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_6 \cup \{2n-5\} / X_6 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)\}$
- vii) If $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$,
 $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$, $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ then
 $D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_6 \cup \{2n-5\} / X_6 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_7 \cup \{2n-6\} \cup \{2n-1, 2n-4\} / X_7 \in D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)\}$

Proof:

- i) By theorem 3(i), $i=2n$. Since in this case $D(L_n^2, i) = \{[2n]\}$
 and $D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i-1) = \{[2n-1]\}$, then we have the result.
- ii) By theorem 3(ii), $i=2n-1$. Since in this case

$$D(L_n^2, i) = \{[2n] - \{x\} / x \in [2n]\},$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = \{[2n-1] - \{x\} / x \in [2n-1]\} \text{ and}$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-2) = \{[2n-2]\} \text{ then}$$

$$D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$$

iii) Let

$$Y_1 = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_3 = \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

$$\text{Obviously } Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \subseteq D(L_n^2, i)$$

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n\}, \text{ for some } X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i)$$

, that is $Y \in Y_1$.

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-1\}, \text{ for some } X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)$$

that is $Y \in Y_2$. Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n-2\}, \text{ for some } X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)$$

, that is $Y \in Y_3$. Therefore we have proved

$$D(L_n^2, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3.$$

Therefore we have

$$D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

iv) Let

$$Y_1 = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_3 = \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_4 = \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$\text{Obviously } Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \subseteq D(L_n^2, i)$$

(2.1)

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n\} \text{ for some } X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i), \text{ that}$$

is $Y \in Y_1$.

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-1\}, \text{ for some } X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)$$

that is $Y \in Y_2$.

Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n-2\}, \text{ for some } X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)$$

, that is $Y \in Y_3$.

Now suppose that $2n-3 \in Y$, $2n-2 \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, we can write

$$Y = X_4 \cup \{2n-3\}, \text{ for some } X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)$$

, that is $Y \in Y_4$.

Therefore we have proved

$$D(L_n^2, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4.$$

(2.2)

Hence, from (2.1) and (2.2)

$$D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\}$$

Let the

$$Y_1 = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_3 = \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_4 = \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_5 = \{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\}$$

$$\text{Obviously } Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5 \subseteq D(L_n^2, i)$$

(2.3)

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n\}, \text{ for some } X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i), \text{ that is}$$

$Y \in Y_1$.

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-1\}, \text{ for some } X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)$$

that is $Y \in Y_2$.

Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n-2\}, \text{ for some } X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)$$

, that is $Y \in Y_3$.

Suppose that $2n-3 \in Y$, $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2 \notin Y$ then we can write

$$Y = X_4 \cup \{2n-3\}, \text{ forsome } X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1).$$

If $2n-3 \notin Y$, $2n-4 \in Y$ and any one of $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_5 - \{2n-3\} \cup \{2n-4, k, k \text{ is any on of } 2n, 2n-1, 2n-2\},$$

$$\text{forsome } X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)$$

$$D(L_n^2, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5$$

(2.4)

Therefore we have proved

$$D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\}$$

vi)

Let the

$$Y_1 = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_3 = \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_4 = \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_5 = \{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_6 = \{X_6 \cup \{2n-5\} / X_6 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$\text{Obviously } Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5 \cup Y_6 \subseteq D(L_n^2, i) \quad (2.5)$$

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n\}, \text{ forsome } X_1 \in D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i)$$

,that is $Y \in Y_1$.

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-1\}, \text{ forsome } X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)$$

that is $Y \in Y_2$.

Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n-2\}, \text{ forsome } X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)$$

,that is $Y \in Y_3$.

Suppose that $2n-3 \in Y$, $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2 \notin Y$ then we can write

$$Y = X_4 \cup \{2n-3\}, \text{ forsome } X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)$$

If $2n-4 \in Y$, $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2, 2n-3 \notin Y$ and then $2n-5 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_5 \cup \{2n-4\}, \text{ forsome } X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)$$

If $2n-4 \notin Y$ then exactly two of and any one of $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2, 2n-3 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_6 - \{2n-4\} \cup \{i, k\} i, k \text{ indicates the exactly two elements}$$

$$\text{forsome } X_6 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)$$

$$D(L_n^2, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5 \cup Y_6$$

(2.6)

Therefore we have proved

$$D(L_n^2, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_6 \cup \{2n-5\} / X_6 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)\}$$

vii)

Let the

$$Y_1 = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_3 = \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_4 = \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_5 = \{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_6 = \{X_6 \cup \{2n-5\} / X_6 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_7 = \{X_7 - \{2n-6\} \cup \{2n-1, 2n-4\} / X_7 \in D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)\}$$

Obviously

$$Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5 \cup Y_6 \cup Y_7 \subseteq D(L_n^2, i) \quad (2.7)$$

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n, 2n-1, 2n-2, 2n-3\}, \text{ forsome } X_1 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)$$

,that is $Y \in Y_1$.

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-2, 2n-3\}, \text{ forsome } X_2 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)$$

that is $Y \in Y_2$.

.Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n\}, \text{ forsome } X_3 \in D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1), X_3 \text{ is ends with } n-1$$

,that is $Y \in Y_3$.

Suppose that $2n-3 \in Y$, $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2 \notin Y$ then we can write

$Y = X_4 \cup \{2n-1\}$, for some $X_3 \in D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)$, X_4 is ends with n

If $2n-4 \in Y$ $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2, 2n-3, \notin Y$ and then $2n-5 \in Y$, then we can write

$Y = X_5 \cup \{2n-2\}$, for some $X_5 \in D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)$, X_5 is ends with $n-3$

If $2n-6 \notin Y$ and exactly two of $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2, 2n-3, 2n-4, 2n-5 \in Y$, then we can write

$Y = X_7 - \{2n-6\} \cup \{i, k\}$, k indicates the exactly two elements of $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2, 2n-3, 2n-4, 2n-5$ for some $X_7 \in D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)$

Hence

$$D(L_n^2, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5 \cup Y_6 \cup Y_7 \quad (2.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(L_n^2, i) = & \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \cup \\ & \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup \\ & \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup \\ & \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup \\ & \{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\} \cup \\ & \{X_6 \cup \{2n-5\} / X_6 \in D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1)\} \cup \\ & \{X_7 - \{2n-6\} \cup \{2n-1, 2n-4\} / X_7 \in D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)\} \end{aligned}$$

3 Domination sets of $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i)$

For the construction of $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i)$, we consider,

$$\begin{aligned} & D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1), D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1), D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1), \\ & D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1), \\ & D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1), D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) \text{ and } D(L_{n-4}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.1

i) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) =$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi, \text{ then } D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i) = \Phi$$

ii) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) =$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi \text{ and}$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) \neq \Phi \text{ then } D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i) \neq \Phi$$

Proof

Since $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) =$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi, \text{ by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv),}$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-2, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-3, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-4, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$$

or $i-1 > 2n-5,$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-6, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$i-1 > 2n-8.$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-9$$

Therefore, we have $i < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 2$ or $i-1 > 2n-2$

That is $i < \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i > 2n-1$

Therefore, $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \Phi.$

ii) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) =$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi \text{ and}$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) \neq \Phi, \text{ by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv),}$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-2, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$i-1 > 2n-3,$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-4, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$i-1 > 2n-5,$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-6,$$

$$\text{and } \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-7.$$

From the above inequalities, we have

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-2 \text{ and } \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-7.$$

$$i-1 \leq 2n-8, i-1 > 2n-2.$$

Therefore, $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ and $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-7$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$$

Therefore, $\left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 2 \leq i < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 2,$

Since, $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 2$

We have, $i \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$

Therefore, $D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i) \neq \Phi.$

Theorem 3.2

For every n, $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$

i) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) =$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi \quad D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi \text{ iff } i=2n.$$

ii) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi \text{ iff } i=2n-1$$

iii) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi,$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi \text{ and } D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi \text{ iff } i=2n-2$$

iv) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi,$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) \neq \Phi \text{ and } D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi \text{ iff } i=2n-3$$

v) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq$

$$\Phi, D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) \neq \Phi \quad D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi \text{ and}$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{(n-4)}^{*2} - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi \text{ iff } i=2n-4.$$

Proof: $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$

i) $(\Rightarrow) D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi, \text{ by lemma 2.2(iii),(iv),}$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2 \text{ and}$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-3, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-5,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-4, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-5,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-6,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-8.$$

Thus, from above inequalities, we have

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2 \text{ and } i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-2.$$

$$\text{Since } i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 \notin \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$$

Therefore, $i-1 > 2n-2$. Therefore $i-1 \geq 2n-1$.

But $i-1 \leq 2n-1$.

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-1$.

Therefore $i=2n$.

Conversely,
 Assume $i=2n$

Therefore, $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) = D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-1) \neq \Phi$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-1) =$$

$$\Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-3 \quad D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since } 2n-1 > 2n-4$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$$

, since $2n-1 > 2n-5$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since}$$

$$2n-1 > 2n-6$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since}$$

$$2n-1 > 2n-8$$

$$D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, 2n-1) = \Phi,$$

since $2n-1 > 2n-9$.

ii) (\Rightarrow) Assume $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D(L_{(n-2)}^{*2} - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi.$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1 \text{ and}$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-3, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$$

or $i-1 > 2n-4,$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-5, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$$

or $i-1 > 2n-6,$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-8.$$

Thus, from above, inequalities, we have

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2 \text{ and } i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-3.$$

$$\text{Since } i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$$

Therefore, $i-1 > 2n-3.$

Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-2.$

But $i-1 \leq 2n-2.$

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-2.$

Therefore $i=2n-1.$

Conversely,

Assume $i=2n-1$

$$\text{Therefore, } D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) = D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since}$$

$$2n-2 > 2n-4,$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi$$

, since $2n-2 > 2n-5,$

$$D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since}$$

$$2n-2 > 2n-6,$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-1) = \Phi, \text{ since}$$

$$2n-2 > 2n-8,$$

$$D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, 2n-1) = \Phi,$$

since $2n-2 > 2n-9.$

iii) (\Rightarrow) Assume $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) \neq \Phi$

$$, D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi \text{ and}$$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1, \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2,$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-4, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-5,$$

$$i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or } i-1 > 2n-6, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-7.$$

Thus, from above inequalities

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3 \text{ and } i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \text{ or}$$

$$i-1 > 2n-4.$$

$$\text{Since } i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$$

Therefore, $i-1 > 2n-4.$

Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-3.$

But, $i-1 \leq 2n-3.$

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-3.$

Therefore, $i=2n-2.$

Proof is similar to above.

iv) (\Rightarrow) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$

$$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$$

$$D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^{*2}, i-1) \neq \Phi \text{ and } D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$$

$$D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$D(L_{(n-4)-\{2n-8\}}^{*2}, i-1) = \Phi$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1, \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2,$$

$\left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3$
 $\left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-5,$
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-6, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-8.$
 Thus, from above, inequalities
 $\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4$ and $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-5.$
 Since $i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 \not< \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$
 Therefore, $i-1 > 2n-5.$ Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-4.$
 But, $i-1 \leq 2n-4.$
 Therefore $i-1 = 2n-4.$
 Therefore $i=2n-3.$

Proof is similar to above

v) (\Rightarrow) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$

$D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^{*2}, i-1) \neq \Phi,$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{(n-4)-\{2n-8\}}^{*2}, i-1) = \Phi$
 $\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-1, \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-2,$
 $\left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-3$
 $\left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-4, \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-5,$
 $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or $i-1 > 2n-6, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-8.$

Thus, from above, inequalities, we have

$\left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \leq i-1 \leq 2n-5$ and $i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1$ or
 $i-1 > 2n-6.$

Since $i-1 \geq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, i-1 < \left\lfloor \frac{n-4}{4} \right\rfloor + 1.$

Therefore, $i-1 > 2n-6.$ Therefore, $i-1 \geq 2n-5.$

But, $i-1 \leq 2n-5.$

Therefore, $i-1 = 2n-5.$

Therefore, $i=2n-4.$

Proof is similar to above.

Theorem 3.3

For every n

- i) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and
 $D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^2, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{(n-4)-\{2n-8\}}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ then
 $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X \cup \{2n\} / X \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\}$
- ii) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 and
 $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = D(L_{(n-4)-\{2n-8\}}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 then
 $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1)\}$
- iii) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 $, D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and
 $D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^2, i-1) = \Phi, D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) =$
 $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) = \Phi$
 $D(L_{(n-4)-\{2n-8\}}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ then
 $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\}$
- iv) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 and $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) = D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) =$
 $D(L_{(n-4)-\{2n-8\}}^2, i-1) = \Phi$ then
 $D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1)\} \cup$
 $\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^2, i-1)\}$
- v) If $D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-1)-\{2n-2\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi,$
 $D(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi, D(L_{(n-2)-\{2n-4\}}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$
 $D(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) \neq \Phi$ and $D(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) =$

$$D(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, i-1) = \Phi \text{ then}$$

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{(n-3)}^2, i-1)\}$$

Proof:

i) By theorem 3(i), $i=2n$. Since in this case $D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i) = \{[2n]\}$ and $D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1) = \{[2n-1]\}$, then we have the result.

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X \cup \{2n\} / X \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1)\}$$

ii) By theorem 3(ii), $i=2n-1$. Since in this case

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{[2n] - \{x\} / x \in [2n]\}, D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1) =$$

$$\{[2n-1] - \{x\} / x \in [2n-1]\} \text{ and}$$

$$D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-2) = \{[2n-2]\} \text{ then}$$

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$$

iii) Let

$$Y_1 = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_3 = \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$\text{Obviously } Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \subseteq D(L_n^2, i)$$

(3.1)

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n\}, \text{ for some } X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1), \text{ that is}$$

$$Y \in Y_1.$$

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-1\}, \text{ for some } X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)$$

that is $Y \in Y_2$.

Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n-2\}, \text{ for some } X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)$$

, that is $Y \in Y_3$.

Therefore we have proved

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3.$$

(3.2)

Therefore we have

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)\}$$

iv) Let

$$Y_1 = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_2 = \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_3 = \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)\}$$

$$Y_4 = \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\}$$

Obviously $Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \subseteq D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i)$

(3.3)

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n\}, \text{ for some } X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1), \text{ that is}$$

$$Y \in Y_1.$$

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-1\}, \text{ for some } X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)$$

that is $Y \in Y_2$.

Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n-2\}, \text{ for some } X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1), \text{ that}$$

is $Y \in Y_3$.

Now suppose that $2n-3 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-2 \notin Y$, we can write

$$Y = X_4 \cup \{2n-3\}, \text{ for some } X_4 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)$$

, that is $Y \in Y_4$.

Therefore, we have proved

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4$$

(3.4)

Hence

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) = \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)\} \cup$$

$$\{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\}$$

v) Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_1 &= \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \\
 Y_2 &= \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n\}, i-1)\} \\
 Y_3 &= \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)\} \\
 Y_4 &= \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \\
 Y_5 &= \{X_5 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_5 \in D(L_{(n-3)}^2, i-1)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Obviously $Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5 \subseteq D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, i)$
 (3.5)

Now, let $Y \in D(L_n^2, i)$. If $2n \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_1 \cup \{2n\}, \text{ for some } X_1 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1), \text{ that is } Y \in Y_1.$$

If $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_2 \cup \{2n-1\}, \text{ for some } X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) \text{ that is } Y \in Y_2.$$

Now suppose that $2n-2 \in Y$, $2n \notin Y$ and $2n-1 \notin Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_3 \cup \{2n-2\}, \text{ for some } X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1), \text{ that is } Y \in Y_3.$$

Now suppose that

$2n-5 \in Y$, $2n-3 \notin Y$ and $2n-4 \notin Y$, we can write

$$Y = X_4 \cup \{2n-3\}, \text{ for some } X_4 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)$$

suppose that $2n-3 \in Y$, $2n, 2n-1,$

$2n-2 \notin Y$ then we can write

$$Y = X_4 \cup \{2n-3\}, \text{ for some } X_4 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)$$

If $2n-4 \in Y$, $2n, 2n-1, 2n-2, 2n-3, \notin Y$ and then $2n-5 \in Y$, then we can write

$$Y = X_5 \cup \{2n-4\}, \text{ for some } X_5 \in D(L_{(n-3)}^2, i-1)$$

$$D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) \subseteq Y_1 \cup Y_2 \cup Y_3 \cup Y_4 \cup Y_5$$

(3.6)

Therefore, we have proved

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) &= \{X_1 \cup \{2n\} / X_1 \in D(L_{n-1}^2, i-1)\} \cup \\
 &\quad \{X_2 \cup \{2n-1\} / X_2 \in D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1)\} \cup \\
 &\quad \{X_3 \cup \{2n-2\} / X_3 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1)\} \cup \\
 &\quad \{X_4 \cup \{2n-3\} / X_4 \in D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1)\} \cup \\
 &\quad \{X_5 \cup \{2n-4\} / X_5 \in D(L_{(n-3)}^2, i-1)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

4 Domination polynomial of a square Ladder (L_n^2).

Let $D(L_n^2, X) = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^n d(L_n^2, i) x^i$ be the domination polynomial of a Ladder L_n^2 . In this section, we study this polynomial.

Theorem 4.1

i) If $D(L_n^2, i)$ is the family of dominating sets with cardinality i of L_n^2 , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(L_n^2, i) &= d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) + d(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) + \\
 &\quad d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) + d(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) + \\
 &\quad d(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) + d(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) + d(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)
 \end{aligned}$$

ii) For every $n \geq 7$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(L_n^2, x) &= x [D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, x) + \\
 &\quad D(L_{n-1}^2, x) + D(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, x) - \{2n-2\}, x) \\
 &\quad D(L_{n-2}^2, x) + D(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, x) + D(L_{n-3}^2, x) + D(L_{n-4}^2, x)
 \end{aligned}$$

with the initial values

$$D(L_1^2, x) = x^2 + 2x, D(L_2^2, x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x,$$

$$D(L_{3-\{6\}}^2, x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x,$$

$$D(L_3^2, x) = x^6 + 6x^5 + 15x^4 + 20x^3 + 15x^2 + 2x,$$

$$D(L_4^2 - \{8\}, x) = x^7 + 7x^6 + 21x^5 + 35x^4 + 30x^3 + 18x^2 + 2x,$$

$$D(L_4^2, x) = x^8 + 8x^7 + 28x^6 + 56x^5 + 70x^4 + 53x^3 + 18x^2,$$

$$D(L_5^2 - \{10\}, x) = x^9 + 9x^8 + 36x^7 + 84x^6 + 126x^5 + 121x^4 + 67x^3 + 21x^2$$

Proof: It follows from theorem 2.7

$$d(L_n^2, i) = d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) + d(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) + d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) +$$

$$d(L_{(n-2)}^2, i-1) + d(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) + d(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) + d(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)$$

$$\sum d(L_n^2, i) x^i = \sum d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) x^i + \sum d(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) x^i +$$

$$\sum d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) x^i + \sum d(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) x^i +$$

$$\sum d(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) x^i + \sum d(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) x^i + \sum d(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) x^i$$

$$\sum d(L_n^2, i) x^i = x \sum d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) x^{i-1} + x \sum d(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) x^{i-1} +$$

$$x \sum d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) x^{i-1} + x \sum d(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) x^{i-1} +$$

$$x \sum d(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) x^{i-1} + x \sum d(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) x^{i-1} + x \sum d(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) x^{i-1}$$

$$\sum d(L_n^2, i) x^i = x \left[\sum d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i-1) x^{i-1} + \sum d(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) x^{i-1} +
 \right.$$

$$\left. \sum d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i-1) x^{i-1} + \sum d(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) x^{i-1} +
 \right.$$

$$\left. \sum d(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i-1) x^{i-1} + \sum d(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) x^{i-1} +
 \right.$$

$$\left. \sum d(L_{n-4}^2, i-1) x^{i-1} \right]$$

$$D(L_n^2, x) = x \left[D(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, x) + D(L_{n-1}^2, x) + D(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, x) \right. \\ \left. D(L_{n-2}^2, x) + D(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, x) + D(L_{n-3}^2, x) + D(L_{n-4}^2, x) \right]$$

Theorem 4.2

i) If $S_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^n d(L_n^2, i)$,
 $T_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i)$ and $R_n = S_n + T_n$
 then for every $n \geq 5$,
 $R_n = T_{n-1} + S_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + S_{n-2} + T_{n-3} + S_{n-3} + S_{n-4}$
 with initial values
 $T_4 = 465, S_4 = 234, T_3 = 119, S_3 = 59, T_2 = 31, S_2 = 15$ and $S_1 = 3$.

Proof

i) By theorem 3.1, we have

$$S_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^n d(L_n^2, i)$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^n [d(L_{n-1}^2, i) + d(L_{n-2}^2, i) + d(L_{n-3}^2, i) + d(L_{n-4}^2, i)]$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} [d(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) + d(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) + d(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) + d(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)]$$

$$S_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} d(L_{n-1}^2, i-1) + \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} d(L_{n-2}^2, i-1) + \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} d(L_{n-3}^2, i-1) + \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} d(L_{n-4}^2, i-1)$$

$$S_n = S_{n-1} + S_{n-2} + S_{n-3} + S_{n-4}$$

Also,

$$T_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i)$$

$$T_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-1} [d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) + d(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i) + d(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i)]$$

$$T_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-2} [d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) + d(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i) + d(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i)]$$

$$T_n = \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-2} d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, i) + \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-2} d(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, i) + \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \rfloor + 1}^{n-2} d(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, i)$$

$$T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3}$$

Hence

$$R_n = T_{n-1} + S_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + S_{n-2} + T_{n-3} + S_{n-3} + S_{n-4}$$

Theorem 4.3

The following properties hold for the coefficients of $D(L_n^2, X)$ and $D(L_{n-\{2n\}}^2, X)$

- i) $d(L_n^2, 2n) = 1$
- ii) $d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-1) = 1$
- iii) $d(L_n^2, 2n-1) = 2n$
- iv) $d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-2) = 2n-1$
- v) $d(L_n^2, 2n-2) = n(2n-1)$
- vi) $d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-3) = (n-1)(2n-1)$
- vii) $d(L_n^2, 2n-3) = \frac{2n(n-1)(2n-1)}{3}$
- viii) $d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-4) = \frac{(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3)}{3}$

Proof:

i) By induction on n.

The result is true for n=1

Therefore (i) and (ii) holds.

ii) Similar to (i)

iii) By induction on n.

The result is true for n=2.

Now suppose that the result is true for all numbers less than ' n ' and we prove it for n.

By theorem (3.1)

$$d(L_n^2, 2n-1) = d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-2) + d(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-2) + d(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-2) \\ + d(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-2) + d(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, 2n-2) + \\ d(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-2) + d(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-2)$$

$$= 2n-1+1+0+0=2n.$$

iv) By induction on n.

The result is true for n=2.

Now suppose that the result is true for all numbers less than ' n ' and we prove it for n.

By theorem (3.1)

$$d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-2) = d(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-3) \\ + d(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, 2n-3) +$$

$$d(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-4}^2 - \{2n-8\}, 2n-3)$$

$$= 2(n-1)+1+0+0=2n-1.$$

v) By induction on n.

The result is true for n=2.

Now suppose that the result is true for all numbers less than ' n ' and we prove it for n.

By theorem (3.1)

$$d(L_n^2, 2n-2) = d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-1}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-3) \\ + d(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-2}^2 - \{2n-4\}, 2n-3) + \\ d(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-3) + d(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-3)$$

$$= (n-1)(2n-1)+2n-2+1+0+0$$

$$= 2n^2 - 3n + 1 + 2n - 1 = 2n^2 - n = n(2n-1).$$

Hence the proof.

vi) By induction on n.

The result is true for n=2.

Now suppose that the result is true for all numbers less than ' n ' and we prove it for n.

By theorem (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-3) &= \\
 d(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-4) + d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-4) &+ \\
 d(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-4) + d(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, 2n-4) &+ \\
 d(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-4) + d(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-4) + d(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, 2n-4) & \\
 &= (n-1)(2(n-1)-1) + 2(n-1) + 1 + 0 \\
 &= (n-1)(2n-3) + 2(n-1) + 1 \\
 &= (n-1)(2n-3+2) + 1 = (n-1)(2n-1) + 1 \\
 &= 2n^2 - 3n + 1 = (n-1)(2n-1).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof.

vii) By induction on n.

The result is true for n=2.

Now suppose that the result is true for all numbers less than 'n' and we prove it for n.

By theorem (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-4) &= \\
 d(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-5) + d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-5) &+ \\
 d(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-5) + d(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-5) + d(L_{(n-4)}^2 - \{2n-8\}, 2n-5) & \\
 &= \frac{(n-1)(2(n-1)-1)(2(n-1)-2)}{3} + (n-2)(2(n-1)-1) + \\
 2(n-2) + 1 & \\
 &= \frac{(n-1)(2n-3)(2n-4)}{3} + (n-2)(2n-3) + 2(n-2) + 1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-3)(2n-4) + 3(n-2)(2n-3) + 6(n-2) + 3] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-3)(2n-4) + 3(n-2)(2n-3) + 3[2(n-2) + 1]] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-3)(2n-4) + 3(n-2)(2n-3) + 3[2(n-2) + 1]] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-3)(2n-4) + 3(2n-3)[n-2+1]] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-3)(2n-4) + 3(2n-3)(n-1)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-3)[2n-4+3]] \\
 &= \frac{(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3)}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof.

viii) By induction on n.

The result is true for n=2.

Now suppose that the result is true for all numbers less than 'n' and we prove it for n.

By theorem (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(L_n^2, 2n-3) &= d(L_n^2 - \{2n\}, 2n-4) + d(L_{n-1}^2, 2n-4) + d(L_{(n-1)}^2 - \{2n-2\}, 2n-4) \\
 &+ d(L_{n-2}^2, 2n-4) + d(L_{(n-2)}^2 - \{2n-4\}, 2n-4) +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(L_{n-3}^2, 2n-4) + d(L_{n-4}^2, 2n-4) & \\
 &= \frac{(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3)}{3} + (n-1)(2(n-1)-1) + (2(n-1)-1) + 1 \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3) + 3(n-1)(2n-3) + 3(2n-3) + 3] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3) + 3(n-1)(2n-3) + 3[2n-3+1]] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3) + 3(n-1)(2n-3) + 3(2n-2)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3) + 3(n-1)(2n-3) + 6(n-1)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3) + 3(n-1)[2n-3+2]] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)(2n-3) + 3(n-1)(2n-1)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)[2n-3+3]] \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} [(n-1)(2n-1)2n] \\
 &= \frac{n(2n-1)(2n-2)}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

| i | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
|------------------------------------|---|----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|----|----|
| n | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² - {4} | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² | 4 | 6 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² - {6} | 5 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² | 2 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² - {8} | 2 | 18 | 35 | 35 | 21 | 7 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² | 0 | 18 | 53 | 70 | 56 | 28 | 8 | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² - {10} | 0 | 21 | 67 | 121 | 126 | 84 | 36 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² | 0 | 15 | 89 | 189 | 247 | 210 | 120 | 45 | 10 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| L _n ² - {12} | 0 | 16 | 96 | 269 | 431 | 256 | 330 | 165 | 55 | 11 | 1 | | | | | | |
| L _n ² | 0 | 8 | 109 | 364 | 700 | 887 | 586 | 495 | 220 | 66 | 12 | 1 | | | | | |
| L _n ² - {14} | 0 | 8 | 103 | 444 | 1033 | 1568 | 1666 | 1080 | 715 | 286 | 78 | 13 | 1 | | | | |
| L _n ² | 0 | 2 | 101 | 537 | 1472 | 2600 | 3234 | 2946 | 1795 | 1001 | 364 | 91 | 14 | 1 | | | |
| L _n ² - {16} | 0 | 2 | 85 | 586 | 1908 | 3961 | 5756 | 6146 | 4931 | 2795 | 1265 | 455 | 115 | 15 | 1 | | |
| L _n ² | 0 | 0 | 69 | 636 | 2459 | 5848 | 9711 | 11903 | 11080 | 7877 | 3960 | 1520 | 570 | 130 | 16 | 1 | |
| L _n ² - {18} | 0 | 0 | 56 | 623 | 2877 | 7945 | 15159 | 21312 | 22826 | 18854 | 12026 | 5479 | 1880 | 700 | 146 | 17 | 1 |

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